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CITY TEA PARTY EXCLUDES MEDIA RECORDINGS

Chairman: Media at meeting would create 'circus' atmosphere



Republican candidate for the 5th District congressional seat state Sen. Robert Hurt (left) and Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-6th District, will speak at the Lynchburg Tea Party meeting scheduled for Aug. 5. The meeting will be open only to Tea Party members and frequent attendees of meetings.

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The Lynchburg Tea Party plans to exclude the news media and recording devices when two candidates for Congress speak at its next meeting Aug. 5.

State Sen. Robert Hurt, the Republican candidate in the 5th District, and Rep. Bob Goodlatte of the 6th District have agreed to speak at the Tea Party's monthly meeting, to be held in the Monte Carlo restaurant.

Mark Lloyd, chairman of the Lynchburg Tea Party, said the group's members didn't want the media to be present because it would create a "circus"

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arizona immigration law

Political parties wary of ruling

Dems uneasy over fallout; GOP hopes Hispanics don't split

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — On the surface, a judge's decision to block tough provisions of Arizona's immigration law was a defeat for the state's Republican governor and a win for the Democratic Obama administration. But neither party is sure it will play out that way politically, either this fall or beyond.

Keeping the illegal-immigration issue burning might help some Republican candidates, who need a fired-up conservative base, campaign strategists in both parties said Thursday. And the federal ruling might let Republicans campaign for tougher immigration enforcement without embarrassing scenes of police officers demanding documents from U.S. citizens of Hispanic descent, a widely predicted fallout of Arizona's pending law.

But if the GOP appears too zealous, it runs a long-term risk of alienating Hispanic voters, one of the fastest-growing constituencies. A handful of Republicans pounced on U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton's decision Wednesday

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SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE



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Elizabeth Higginbotham makes final touches on the robot she made for the Explore Engineering camp held for high school students at Sweet Briar College. The school is one of only two all-female colleges that offers an engineering degree.

Girls building on engineering skills

Sweet Briar program introduces concepts to high school girls

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AMHERST — Team "Mickey Mouse" wanted its musical robot to play three instruments: a music box, drum and violin string. "Then reality came," said Jessica Harry, who will be a high school sophomore this fall.

Harry and her partner Katherine Baker were forced to cut the violin idea because their Styrofoam Mickey Mouse-inspired robot was becoming too complex to complete during the



Julia Walton (left), of Lynchburg, and Casi Huvard, of Chesterfield, work on soldering together wires for their robot at the Explore Engineering course at Sweet Briar.

one-week "Explore Engineering" course at Sweet Briar College.

Harry and Baker are among 22 high school girls who came to Sweet Briar this week for the introduction to engi-

neering. "We found out a lot of high school kids, boys and girls, don't really know

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Senate probe of Arlington turns up more problems

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Invoking his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination, former Arlington National Cemetery deputy superintendent Thurman Higginbotham refused Thursday to answer U.S. senators' questions about his role in approving millions of dollars' worth of botched contracts at the nation's most venerated burial ground.

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Higginbotham

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