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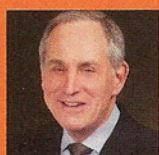
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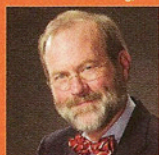
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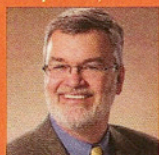
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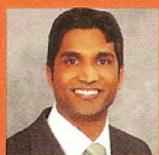
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FAVORITE COUNTERTOP SUPPLIER/INSTALLER

Artisan Concrete Décor

Chase City, (434) 321-3423,
artisanconcreteva.com

Artisan Concrete Décor is owned by husband-and-wife duo Carmela and Anthony Wengraitis. They've built their reputation in Richmond by "creating environmentally responsible custom works of (countertop) art," Carmela says.

2ND (tie) Alpha Stone Solutions, Charles Luck, Custom Kitchens

FAVORITE HOUSECLEANING SERVICE

Molly Maid

8132 Forest Hill Ave., 327-3878,
mollymaid.com

Count Clint Graviet among the country's resourceful English majors who've managed to get jobs amid recession. "I didn't want to go to law school, which is what I'd thought I'd do," says Graviet, owner of Richmond's Molly Maid franchise. Instead, he found a business concerned with dangling cobwebs, not dangling particulates.

2ND: Cleaning by Carolyn

**3RD: (tie) Home Link,
Lucy Alves, The Maids
Home Services**

FAVORITE INTERIOR DESIGNER (TIE)

Debbie Brooks of Posh

13823B Village Place Drive, Midlothian, 794-0333, alwaysposh.com

Debbie Brooks was offering her opinions on arranging furniture long before anyone asked for them. "My dad was an architect, and he said that I grew up telling him where to place things," she says. Decades later, her approach is collaborative. "I really try to extract what [the client's] vision is," she says. "I try to interpret their style."

Susan Jamieson of Bridget Beari Designs

3210 Hawthorne Ave.,
321-4747, bridgetbeari.com

"There is no Bridget," says Jamieson. She named her company after her two beloved but deceased dogs. Now, she says, "I love being incognito." Canines may have inspired her corporate moniker, but there's nothing shaggy about the style she brings to her clients. "I don't follow a lot of trends, and I'm not into shabby chic," she says.

2ND: Kat Liebschwager of Kat

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**3RD: Kathy Corbet of Kathy
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