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In the 8th, race takes civil tone

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In a year of noisy and nasty political campaigns, there's something refreshing and very... Montgomery County about the race in the 8th Congressional District.

There are no negative TV ads slamming the opponent, no name-calling, and no accusations of wrongdoing or incompetence. Nobody is screaming that the incumbent is a bum who's got to go; in fact, the incumbent, Republican Connie Morella, is a heavy favorite.

As for the challenger, Democrat Steven Van Grack, he is cordial and thoughtful at most to a fault, taking pains to point out to voters that his is a positive campaign and that Morella is a friend.

All of which has the voters in an unusual quandary. "They both seem very wonderful," said Marcia Bizar, 72, after emerging from a Morella-Van Grack debate at the Rockville Jewish Community Center last week. "I would like to see them both in Congress."

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