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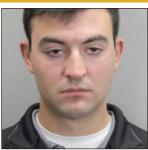
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**Names removed** from Fairfax **County Police** arrest blotter

## **Descano and his deputy get** testy with courthouse security

#### **By Heather Zwicker** FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

ommonwealth Attorney ✓ for Fairfax County Steve Descano and his deputy thought they should be exempt from security screening as a 100 percent security screening of all employees at the Fairfax County Courthouse September 28.

On a typical day courthouse employees aren't subject to thorough screening, but random screening days were recently instituted by the Courthouse Security Committee, chaired by Chief Judge of the Circuit Court Penny Azcarate. On these days everyone coming through the doors - both employees and visitors are screened. "As part of the screenings everyone will be required to walk through a magnetometer, and all bags, briefcases, purses, parcels and electronic devices will be screened by an X-ray machine. Signs are posted at each security checkpoint as an alert to the screenings. These orders will remain in effect until further notice," according to the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office webpage discussing courthouse security.

The incident report detailed Descano and Chief Deputy Commonwealth Attorney (CDCA) Kyle Manikas entered the court-

security personnel that they were required to go through screening. Descano told the officers he shouldn't have to be screened due to being the commonwealth attorney. The officer then informed him that all attorneys were required to be screened.

At this point, Descano threw the umbrella he was holding directly into the X-ray machine and began removing items from his pockets, throwing them into bins to be screened. "Do I really need to go through security?," he asked officers. The officer asked to see his employee ID, which indicated he was an attorney and explained the policy to him again.

When two Fairfax County Police officers bypassed the checkpoint Descano asked why they security officer explained that uniformed law enforcement officers were exempt from security checks. "That's bullsh --!, Descano then told the officer. "Do you know who I am? I'm the top law enforcement officer in Fairfax County."

Manikas also expressed his displeasure and was visibly upset about being screened, according to the incident report. "This is fking bulls--!," he said. As his belongings were being screened by the X-ray, it appeared there was a house and were informed by knife of some kind in a lunch bag. complete.



Sunday - Showers

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Commonwealth Attorney Steve Descano gestures animatedly to a security didn't go through security. The officer in the Fairfax County Courthouse September 28 as his colleague Kyle Manikas looks on

> The officer then told him a further physical search of the bag was necessary and rotated the X-ray screen so Manikas could see the image he was looking at.

> "This is f-ing bullsh--, I know you're doing your job, but this is bullsh--," Manikas told the officer. The officer then opened the bag revealing a butter knife and informed Manikas he could keep the knife and that the security screening was

Then the officer told Descano the security check point was at the request of CS1. As he collected all his scanned personal items, he told the officer "I am CS1's boss, they work for me." He showed the officer his ID badge and leaned towards the officer explaining who he was and why he shouldn't have to be screened for security.

CS1 is Sheriff's Office Facility Security deputies, according to

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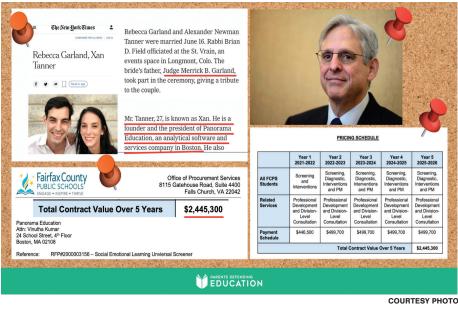
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## declares war on parents, as son-in-law's big tech firm data mines Fairfax **County kids**



By Asra Q. Nomani • SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

This week, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland stunned parents across the coun- $\mathbf{I}$  try, marshaling the powers of the FBI against parents whom school board members deem "threatening." This story hit home with courageous parents in Fairfax County who have been challenging school board members for more than a year over policy decisions about school reopenings, admissions policies, data breaches, porn, and pedophilia in local

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## Vienna native with cystic fibrosis wins big scholarship

Melissa Weiner received a \$25,000 from the AbbVie Scholarship Program

 $M^{\rm elissa}$  Weiner was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis (CF) when she was about two months old. Since then, she's spent her time with varying health issues due to her chronic illness.

Now, her journey with CF has also earned her a scholarship from the AbbVie CF Scholarship program. She said she knew of AbbVie because of the pharmaceutical and fundraising work it does for CF.

She's using the money to help fund her time in the master's program of strategic human resource management at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

"When I got into grad school and started looking for just ways to kind of fund that and share my story at the same time, it was one of the first CF scholarships that popped up. And so, I figured, you know, never hurts to apply. It just kind of worked out really well in my favor. And I'm very thankful that I was able to find it and get everything in on time," she said.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY** 



COURTESY PHOTO Brendan Lynch

### Cyber tip leads to child porn arrest

A 21-year-old man has been arrested and charged with 30 felonies related to the possession and production of child pornography as well as the solicitation of minors.

The investigation began when the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) was notified of potentially illicit images being uploaded to a Dropbox account. NCMEC then notified Virginia State Police who was able to determine the owner of the Dropbox account was in Fairfax County.

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Major Crimes Bureau's Missing and Exploited Children Squad were notified September 16 and immediately assumed the investigation. Detectives executed a search warrant on the Dropbox account and located tens of thousands of child sexual abuse material images and videos. A search warrant was executed September 29 on Brendan Lynch's home in the 9400 block of Mount Vernon Circle in Alexandria. Detectives recovered multiple electronics containing more illicit images and videos. Through a preliminary review of the evidence collected additional images of child sexual abuse material were located.

Detectives were further able to determine Lynch contacted teenage boys through Snapchat, Grindr, and Instagram where he solicited the teens to send illicit photographs and videos.

Lynch was arrested tober 4 and charged with

Solvers by phone - 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

#### Alexandria woman dies after singlevehicle crash

A 62-year-old woman died October 4 following a crash that occurred around 1:56 p.m. at the intersection of Franconia Road and Guilford Drive in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County.

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit preliminarily determined Jeanette Shifflet, of Alexandria, was the driver and lone occupant of a 2015 Buick Encore traveling east on Franconia Road when the vehicle left the roadway and struck two utility poles. Shifflet was taken to an area hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation. Preliminarily, detectives do not believe speed or alcohol were factors in the crash.

Anyone with information about this crash is asked to contact our Crash Reconstruction Unit at 703-280-0543. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone - 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

This is the 12th non-pedestrian related fatality in the County to date in 2021. $\setminus$ 

Year to date, in 2020 there were 8 non-pedestrian related fatalities.



## COURTESY PHOTO William Scott Miller **Detectives continue** to investigate murder a year later

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department

anonymously through Crime Detectives would like to speak lost control, which resulted larceny, destruction of propto anyone with information about this case. Tipsters are asked to contact the Fairfax County Police Department Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 2.

Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone - 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477). Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$100 to \$1,000 dollars if their information leads to an arrest. If you would like to speak to a detective, please leave contact information.



**COURTESY PHOTO Rakibul Fakir** 

### **Alexandria Police** Department investigates murder in Landmark area

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a homicide that occurred September 25, inside a business in the 100 block of S. Van Dorn Street.

Officers were called at approximately 7:45 p.m. for reports of a stabbing inside the BJ's Wholesale Club and discovered an adult male with trauma to the upper body. Officers and responding EMS attempted life-saving efforts, however the male was pronounced dead at the scene.

The adult male suspect remained at the scene until police arrived and was taken into custody without incident. The victim and suspect were known to one another

The victim is identified as Abiy Zemene, 29, from Silver Spring, Md. The suspect, Rakibul Fakir, 33, a City of Alexandria resident, was charged with second-degree murder.

This remains an active investigation. Anyone with inside of the road striking the guardrail.

motorcycle. He was taken to a nearby hospital and pronounced deceased. Detectives found no evidence to indicate alcohol or drugs were factors in the crash as part of their preliminary investigation.

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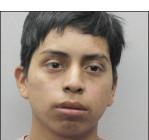


Walter Gonzalez

## Annandale man charged after attempted robbery

Walter Gonzalez, 30, of Annandale approached the victim in the 4200 block of Annandale Road September 28 at 10:01 p.m. and demanded money. When the victim refused, Gonzalez assaulted him and went through his pockets.

Officers located Gonzalez nearby and arrested him. He was charged with attempted robbery and drunk in public. No injuries were reported.



**COURTESY PHOTO** 

in him traveling off the right erty and false identification to law enforcement. The 18-yearold-man was charged with Baker was thrown from the burglary and grand larceny.



**COURTESY PHOTO** Edwin Saravia Man arrested after armed robbery in Annandale

After a dispute in the 4200 block of Annandale Road at 4:06 p.m. September 28, Edwin Saravia, 29, of no fixed address, assaulted the victim. While the victim was on the ground, Saravia produced a knife and took the victim's wallet.

Officers located the suspect nearby and arrested him. He was charged with robbery. No injuries were reported.



CBP discovered 44 pounds of prohibited dried beef in a Cameroon man's baggage.



CBP found 66 pounds of prohibited cow skins in a Nigerian woman's baggage.

**Dulles CBP** agricultural specialists intercept

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), cow skins and dried beef potentially carry highly contagious or deadly animal diseases, such as Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy and Foot and Mouth Disease, which could threaten our nation's cattle and livestock industries. That is why it remains prohibited to import unpermitted meat products from continents that have experienced animal disease.

The Nigerian and Cameroon travelers arrived at Dulles Airport September 7 on a flight from Ethiopia and were separately referred to secondary baggage examinations.

The passenger from Nigeria initially declared that she possessed no agriculture products, but when given another opportunity amended her declaration to include cow skins. During her baggage exam, CBP agriculture specialists discovered 66 pounds of cow skins and a little more than two pounds of wood bark. A closer inspection of the wood bark revealed a live insect larva.

The passenger from Cameroon declared that he was only carrying dried eru, a green leafy African vegetable; however, an x-ray detected anomalies in his baggage. Agriculture specialists inspected his baggage and discovered 44 pounds of dried beef, more than four pounds of wood bark, and soursop leaves, a plant alleged to have healing properties in Africa. Additionally, agriculture specialists discovered numerous insects and potential plant disease.

CBP submitted the insect specimens and plant disease to an entomologist and a pathologist, respectively, from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for identification. That final identification is pending.

CBP seized the prohibited products and released both travelers, who were destined to addresses in Maryland. CBP incinerated the prohibited animal products.

"These interceptions illustrate the very real threat that Customs and Border

four counts of solicitation of a minor, and 26 counts of possession of child pornography. He was taken to the Adult Detention Center and held without bond.

Since 2015 and at the time of the allegations, Lynch was employed with Fairfax County Park Authority as an aquatics instructor at multiple FCPA REC Centers. Through detective's preliminary review of the evidence recovered, none of the identified victims appear to be from Fairfax County or related to Lynch's employment. Anyone with information regarding other cases involving Lynch or any cases of exploitation of chil-Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 6.

Tips can also be submitted

Major Crimes Bureau continue to search for answers for the family of William Scott Miller of Groveton, who was found deceased one year ago.

Detectives determined that the last time family or friends heard from Miller was September 25, 2020. Three days later, a family member went to his apartment to check on him and made the tragic discovery.

Miller resided in the apartment by himself. He was found in his bedroom with multiple stab wounds to the upper body. There was no apparent forced entry into the apartment, and it did not appear that anything was taken.

Detectives continue to dren is asked to contact the process evidence recovered from the scene to include using M-Vac, a technology that extracts DNA from surfaces.

formation about the incident is urged to contact Detective C. Escobar at 703-746.-6819. You can also call the police non-emergency line at 703-746-4444. Tips can be given anonymously.

## Sterling man killed in Herndon motorcycle crash

A 22-year-old Sterling man has died following a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred on Route 28 near the McLearen Road exit in Herndon just prior to midnight September 30.

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit have preliminarily determined that Donald Baker, of Sterling, was traveling northbound on Route 28 on a 2021 Suzuki GSXR 1000r. Baker accelerated then



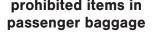
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Pedro Ramos

## **Centreville men** charged with multiple crimes

Pedro Ramos, 21, and Antonio Ramos, 18, both of Centreville, forced entry into Coin Laundry at 7879 Heritage Drive and took property at 1:30 p.m. September 24.

The 21-year-old man was charged with burglary, grand



Threats to our nation's agricultural industries can take many forms. From the deliberate act of agro-terrorism, to the hitchhiking of invasive insect species, to the unintended act posed by travelers who pack prohibited cultural food products in their baggage, the introduction of invasive insects, or plant and animal diseases can severely impact our nation's economic security.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection agriculture specialists at Washington Dulles International Airport must remain steadfast at intercepting all potential threats, such as the recent discovery of a combined 110 pounds of cow skins and dried beef in baggage from Nigeria and Cameroon, respectively.

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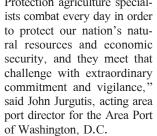
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**COURTESY PHOTO** Park Authority Board Chair Bill Bouie (left) congratulates Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park President Jack Pitzer (center) and Park Manager Nicole Mitchell (right) after presentation of a resolution honoring the site's 60th anniversary.

## Park Board recognizes 60th **Anniversary of Frying** Pan Farm Park

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board recognized the 60th anniversary of Frying Pan Farm Park at its meeting September 22. The Park Board recalled the highlights of the past six decades in a resolution presented to the park's manager and the president of the Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Frying Pan Farm Park becoming a Fairfax County Park Authority site. Over the years, lots of people have asked where the name "Frying Pan" originated from, but no one knows for sure. The name first appeared in a 1728 deed from Lord Fairfax, when Robert "King" Carter bought the land to build a copper mine.

In 1960, the Fairfax County School Board gave the Floris school house and property to the Fairfax County Park Authority. And in 1961, Frying Pan Park was created. Five years later, the Park Authority Board bought Jordan Elasfari, Joshua Sandhu, Kendall Sano, 37 acres of the Kidwell Farm property to establish a work ing farm. Establishment of this site was directly linked to the disappearance of community farms in Fairfax County, as the suburbs and the development of Dulles International Airport changed the community. A movement of sorts took root in Herndon to preserve farm life for educational and historical purposes. Since then, the farm has been thriving with all manner of attractions that draw record crowds. From equestrian Arini Bhargava, Grace events to history, county fairs to a country store, hiking trails and lots of hands-on farm activities, and even a historic carousel and playground, Frying Pan Farm Park has something for everyone. Frying Pan celebrates its 60th anniversary October 16 with food trucks, farm demonstrations, fun photo ops, a tractor parade, a scavenger hunt and more. Come out for this event between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There's no admission fee. The celebration is sponsored in part and supported by the Fairfax County Park Foundation.

honored this year during the Justine Chu, Jeb Cui, pandemic is higher than last year when qualifying test scores were taken in 2019 before COVID-19 hit. The increase serves to indicate consistently high levels of academic achievement remain despite the challenges of the pandemic.

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), which also serves as the Governor's Regional School for Northern Virginia, has 144 semifinalists - almost a third of the school's entire junior class who sat for the PSAT in October 2020 on which the scholarship award is based.

All semifinalists are eligible to compete for 7,500 National Merit Scholarship awards worth more than \$30 million, to be awarded in spring 2022. Semifinalists advance to Finalist standing in the competition by meeting high academic standards and other requirements including a recommendation from their principal.

"I am proud of every student who earned the dis-Semifinalist this year," Dr. Scott Brabrand, superintendent, said. "This year, we have two more semifinalists than we did last year when students took the PSAT before COVID. This strong result is proof that academic standards in FCPS remain high no matter what challenges the pandemic brings. Our students are truly exceptional. We now need to ensure that all our students have the opportunity to succeed at these high levels within our division."

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) 2022 National Merit semifinalists are:

Centreville High School: Choo, Ji Ye Yoon.

Chantilly High School: Gao, Aarthika Krishnan, Isra Satiar, Allison Seo, Yukta Ramanan, Adita Tarigoppula, Noyanika Vattahara, Jessica Yang, Srindhi Yelimati.

## **PEOPLE AND PLACES**

Lauren Delwiche, Michelle Du, Maria Dubasov, Pulak Dugar, Annika Duneja, Michael Fatemi, Jessica Feng, Daniel Frank. Medha Gaddam. Hari Gajjala, Harrish Ganesh, Sameeksha Garg, Eugene Gonzalez, Meghana Gopannagari, Alyssa Gorbaneva, William Graf. Arya Grayeli, Ramya Griddaluri, Pesandi Gunasekera, Sagar Gupta, Sahil Gupta, William Hancock, Garrett Heller. Anna Hsu. David Andrew Huang, Hu. Jennifer Hunsinger, Mirza Hussain, Kareem Jaber, Arjun Jagannathan, Arjun Jagdeesh, Pratyush Jaishanker, Joniel Jerome, Leon Jia, William Jiang, Ayesha Kabduwal, Nitin Kanchinadam, Esha Karlekar, Aarav Khanna, Anuj Khemka, Raffu Khondaker. Darius Kianersi, John Kim, Tae Ha Kim, Anwitha Kollipara, Sudiksha Konanki, Amit Krishnaiyer, Alexander Kuebler, Yoo-Bin Kwon, Andrew Lam, Chaemin tinction of National Merit Lee, Edward Lee, Elliot Lee, Jonathan Lee, Rachel Lewis, Edward Li, Elaine Li, Valerie Li, Yeefay Li, Joshua Lim, Isaac Lin, Michelle Lin, Derek Liu, Michelle Liu, Sheryn Livingstone, Angelina Ly, David Lyons, Darin Mao, Harold Margeta-Cacace, Pranav Mathur, Shreyas Mayya, Aditya Menachery, Autin Mitra, Maria Molchanova, Trishal Muthan, Hasita Nalluri, Tanisha Pagadala, Anjali Pagidi, Akash Pamal, Anya Parekh, Bryant Park, Ian Park, Aishani Patnaik, Akash Piya, Pravalika Putalapattu, Rolina Qu, Elena Rangelov, Rishi Raturi, Mahika Rawat, Elaine Chang, Rachel Isabelle Trini Rogando, **Owen Rollins, Michelle** 

individual schools.

Three types of Merit Scholarship awards will be offered in 2022: National Merit \$2,500 scholarships, corporate-sponsored scholarships, and college-sponsored scholarships.

Merit Scholarship winners will be announced in spring 2022.



Sean Miller receives the 2021 History Teacher of the Year Award from George Washington's Mount Vernon

## **FCPS** teacher receives 2021 **History Teacher of** the Year Award

by George Washington's Mount Vernon.

The award is given each year to one teacher in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area who brings creativity and passion to their teaching, generates a love of learning, and deepens their students' understanding and appreciation of history.

"I love teaching history because it gives me an opportunity to introduce students to the idea that they are active participants in history," Miller said. "In my classes, I get to see students realizing the potential they have to be change agents in unique ways that they enjoy."

Miller, who is in his eighth year teaching at South County, focuses on teaching lessons in an interactive way that students can connect to. He even gives them the opportunity to create Hip-Hop music as a way to express themselves in his class. "I don't want to teach at them, but to put them in situations where they engage in ways they never have before," Miller added. "The moments may last forever in their minds."



**COURTESY PHOTO** John Hart



Kent Smith



Hector Alvarez

## Herndon company names three to leadership positions

Valiant Integrated Services, a Herndon-based tech company, announced the appointment of John Hart as the company's new chief growth officer effective October 1. With more than 25 years of experience in the government contracting industry, Hart will focus on sustaining and continuing organic growth to help unlock the company's unlimited potential. Hart most recently served as vice president of Business Development and Capture for Peraton's Defense Solutions business.

Further poised for continued growth, Valiant also announced a realignment of its business into two clearly defined verticals: Mission Support and Training and Readiness. These

verticals more effectively align Valiant's existing capabilities to position the company for continued growth. This change also reorganizes the new capabilities and programs Valiant added as part of its recent acquisition of Alliance Technical Services.

Effective October 1, Kent Smith leads the Mission Support vertical as general manager and senior vice president after successfully leading and retooling Valiant's operations and maintenance capabilities in the Base Operations Support (BOS), healthcare, construction, and other related markets. Smith has more than 40 years of experience in the government services industry, including senior leadership roles at Fluor Corporation and Del-Jen. Smith's expertise will be vital as Valiant prepares to aggressively pursue new work in the Mission Support space.

Additionally, Hector Alvarez recently joined Valiant to lead the company's Training and Readiness vertical as general manager and senior vice president, effective October 1. Alvarez most recently served as vice president and general manager of Lockheed Martin's U.S. Special Operations Command's Global Sustainment Support Services business. He has more than 35 years of experience in various leadership roles of increasing responsibility at Lockheed Martin, PAE (a Lockheed Martin company), Hughes Aircraft, and General Electric. Alvarez brings a wealth of expertise, experience, and vision to Valiant, which will be instrumental as the company continues to expand its Training and Readiness business and capabilities.

"John, Kent, and Hector all have extensive experience and excellent reputations in the government solutions space,' Dan Corbett, Valiant's chief executive officer, said. "Adding them to the Valiant leadership team positions us well to grow the company by expanding on our innovative, cost-effective approach in support of our customers around the world.'

## **OBITUARIES**



**CLARISSA VILONDO** 

September 22.

Sean Miller, a teacher at South County High School, has been chosen as the 2021 History Teacher of the Year

## Students from 16 FCPS schools named **National Merit** semifinalists

Two hundred fourteen students from 16 high schools from across Fairfax County Public Schools have been named semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for 2022

Hayfield Secondary School: Dan Nguyen.

Herndon High School: Nathan Ho, Jillian Schmid.

Langley High School: Nathan Cao, Binh Huynh, Ryan Jones, Erika Li, Casey Lim, Chan-Ho Oh, William Orr, Elaine Zou.

Madison High School: Aaron Dubois, Anika Gupta, Vaneesha Gupta, Shawn Malik.

Marshall High School: Chamberlain, Matthias Kebede, Zion Kim

McLean High School: Avery Barnett, Jack Deutsch, Nathaniel Garcia, Emilie Kim, Paul Kim, Cynthia Ma, Victor Pan, Songhan Pang, Joyce Qi, Biljon, Kelvin Yuan, Cathy Zhang.

Oakton High School: Anmol Malviya, Anthony Nguyen, Anjana Rajesh, Charles Tatum, Jaden Wang.

South County High School: Ronit Reddy.

South Lakes High School: Caroline Amsbary, Nicole Cheban, Mina Tunley.

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST): Anand Advani, Ryan Angle, Aarav Bajaj, Shaina Banduri, Anirudh Bansal, Saloni Bedi, Sydney Belt, Hai Lun Bian, Shyla Bisht, Ari Bobesh, Elizabeth Brown, Ashley Chen, Caroline Chen, Emily Chen. Justin Chen. Lynelle Chen, Victoria Chen, Joanna Cheng, Aditya The number of students Chezhiyan, Sehyun Choi,

Singh, Shreya Singh, Aarush Sivanesan, Alison Song, Lauren Spehlmann, Candace Sun, Ashwitha Surabhi, Isabella Tian, Rachel Trainer, Erin Tran, Samhita Vinay, Alison Wan, Marina Wang, Max Wang, Melissa Wu, Natalie Wu, Grant Xiao, Manda Xie, Keertana Yalamanchili, Jason Yi, Megan Yu, Albert Zeng, Bowen Zhang, Jason Zhong.

Ru, Amrita Sahu, Jasjeet

Zacharia Shah, Aviraj

West Potomac High School: Geoffrey Dubay, Grant Hamilton, Matthew Morris, Cara Omohundro.

West Springfield High School: Sarah Kim.

Westfield High School: Benjamin Cho, Hannah Ewell, Anika Joshi, Isabelle Lee, Pratham Mehta, Adithi Prasad, Aaryan Rawal.

Woodson High School: Juliana Toro, Stefan Van Aaron Amartuvshin, Ja-Zhua Cheng, Ilse Eskelsen, Enoch Li, Megan Yi.

Approximately 16,000 Arielle Kim, Jayden Liu, high school seniors were named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists for 2022. More than 1.5 million juniors entered the 2022 National Merit program by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which serves as the initial screen of program entrants.

The nationwide pool of semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. The number of semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors. These determinations are made by the National Merit Scholarship themselves. I have the honor

Miller helped design FCPS' new African American History elective and was part of the team that developed the FCPS African American History and Culture for Educators professional development course. FCPS Culturally Responsive Pedagogy Specialist Deborah March has worked alongside Miller for three years and commends his empowering and welcoming approach to learners of all ages.

"Mr. Miller's expertise as a culturally responsive social studies educator, scholar of history, and unwavering advocate for students' needs has fostered important and overdue change in our system, within and well beyond his classroom," March said.

The Mount Vernon History Teacher of the Year receives a cash award of \$5,000 and a fully funded field trip to Mount Vernon for their students.

"I was floored when was notified about the honor," Miller said. "The award affirms my belief that being true to myself is essential to my teaching, and that it resonates with students." He went on to say, "Learning lessons from the past allows them to identify how they can make history Corporation, not FCPS or of teaching future legends."

In Loving Memory Richard Markeloff

Richard Markeloff passed away on September 28, 2021 in his Herndon, VA home at age 61. A physicist, Rich received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin and initially worked at CERN and

FermiLab. Rich greatly enjoyed



tancies in the DC area. At his death, he was a research scientist at Raytheon BBN Technologies.

Fired by an insatiable curiosity, Rich loved learning about the natural world around him. He enjoyed exploring state and national parks, always identifying the flora and fauna by their Latin names. Rich was greatly devoted to Jeannine, his wife of 33 years; a loving father to Mia and Nicholas; and a much-loved younger brother to Robert, Linda, and Sandy.

The date of the memorial service has not yet been announced. In lieu of flowers, Rich's family asks that donations be made in his name to the Natural Resources Defense Council nrdc.org or The Nature Conservancy nature.org.

In loving memory William "Bill" Bryon Link

William "Bill" Bryon Link, 93, of Fairfax, Virginia, passed away on Friday, October 1, 2021, at the Johnson Center at Falcon's Landing. Born March 25, 1928, in Darke, West Virginia, he was

the son of the late Samuel Wesley Link and Grace Lucinda Mills Link. William graduated from Charles Town High School in 1946. That same year he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and was honorably discharged in 1949. He attended West Virginia University and graduated from Shepherd College in 1953. He spent the majority of his career at the Federal Food and Drug Administration, from which he retired in 1985.

William was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Ruby Jean Burton Link.

Left to cherish his memory are his sons, Wesley (Donna), Greg (Karen), and David (Karen); brother Samuel Wesley Link, Jr., (Donna); sister Frances Rebecca Owens; and randchildren, Samantha, Brandon, Adam, Matthew, and Jessica.

In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by three brothers, James Daniel Link, Samuel Wesley Link, and Lawrence Vincent Link; and four sisters, Viola Eloise Edwards, Charlotte Marion Link, Hildred La Hue Frocke, and Betty Geneva Walters.

Guests are asked to wear a mask while indoors.

Visitation will be from 10:00am-11:00am with funeral services starting at 11:00am on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at Adams-Green Funeral Home, 721 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170.

## FCPS requests that released documents be returned

The school district is trying to recover billing invoices which contain sensitive information

#### **By Laura Scudder** FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Fairfax Circuit Judge David Oblon issued an order requiring two Fairfax County residents to stop the dissemination of Fairfax County Public Schools' legal billing invoices obtained through the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

FCPS provided a statement which included the you're trying to advocate for judge's ruling September 30, saying: "The ruling came after the school system learned that certain personal, sensitive and legally protected information was inadvertently released in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. FCPS asked for an injunction prohibiting dissemination of the protected information, which includes confidential student and personnel information involving third parties unrelated to the two county residents. Today's order will remain in place until the court rules on the FCPS request for a preliminary injunction."

## mother of current and former FCPS students, return the documents - and that they might pursue legal action if she does not, according to a letter sent by Hunton non-public information per-Andrews Kurth LLP, the law firm which represents the school district.

"These invoices just show ... the use of taxpayer funds to abuse parents at all levels, whether you're going to a school board meeting or your child," Tisler said.

She also noted that in addition to receiving letters, she has gotten multiple phone calls from the law firm specifically Ryan Bates in regard to returning the documents.

They also asked that Callie Oettinger, who posted several of the documents on specialeducationaction.com, remove the records from the website and refrain from disseminating the records as well, according to another letter sent by the law firm.

The letter stated that the documents were "mistakenly and inadvertently released" by FCPS. The documents, FCPS asked that Debra which are invoices for legal Tisler, who is also the services provided to FCPS by

Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, contain information that could breach the privacy of FCPS community members.

They "contain sensitive, taining to third-parties, including students," according to the letter the law firm sent to Oettinger.

FCPS said in the statement that the district, "provided a corrected set of documents, with appropriate redactions of confidential and legally protected information, to Tisler September 24. FCPS has asked the court for an injunction preventing the defendants from disseminating the records and ordering them to provide a 'full accounting' of all persons to whom they provided the documents."

Tisler said that she filed a FOIA in the first place to see what types of legal help FCPS is pursuing.

"I put a FOIA in for information about legal expenses, you know, the legal invoices, and I gave a date range, because it's extremely inequitable between parents versus the school systems when they're trying to advocate and pursue their rights

through the due process system." Tisler explained.

varying information, from an on social media. One Twitter investigation into Blackboard to matters pertaining to FCPS staff. Each invoice includes the date of service, the timekeeper, a description of the services, and the billable hours.

One invoice, entitled "Investigation into cyber inbillable hours states: "Call with Mr. Foster regarding Board FAQs; call with Mr. Foster and Beth Waller regarding notification strategy; revise letter to employees and applicants; emails regarding FOIA; emails and call with Holly Brady regarding analyzing student files and data question ... because every of the 26 individuals."

Another invoice posted on the website, entitled "Various school board members matters" notes of a "Call with J. Foster and E. Tholen re recall petition," dated for January 29 of this year. In August, a Fairfax Circuit judge dismissed the petition to remove Elaine Tholen from the Fairfax County she was a school board

School Board (FCSB).

The potential preliminary The invoices contain injunction created a backlash user said on September 29 - before the order issued by the Fairfax Circuit Judge - "This is preposterous. Borderline frivolous. Shame on @fcpsnews & @ HuntonAK."

Elizabeth Schultz, a former FCSB member, excident" contains a description plained that FCPS might dated for service Oct. 19, use an outside law firm like 2020. The description for the Hunton Andrews Kurth in addition to in-house counsel because of how large the school system is, noting that in-house lawyers may not have the expertise for every case. But Schultz did wonder exactly why the district turns to outside help so often.

> "That was always my time, of course, you're going to outside counsel, you're increasing the cost to taxpayers. So effectively, you're using the taxpayers' money against the taxpayers. You know, if you do something like you sue a parent, you are using that parent's money to sue them," she said.

> Schultz said that when

member, she attempted to get the board to put information released to people by FOIA on the board's website to increase transparency. She said that once the initial requester got the information and it meets the needs of the request, that information is considered public.

She also noted that, in the case of Tisler and Oettinger, it is the responsibility of FCPS "to decide what's releasable under a Freedom of Information Act request" and that the two Fairfax County parents should not be responsible for the information they received.

"That was your burden. you can't shift a responsibility that you had to construe what is releasable and not, then fail in your duties, then decide, 'Well, I released something that I shouldn't have released,' so now I'm going to sue the people I released it to once it's already in the public domain. And so, I think this is an egregious action by the school system to try to deflect from the fact that they are the ones that committed the mistake in the first place," Schultz said.

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a spokeswoman for the Fairfax County Sheriff. She confirmed they report to the sheriff only.

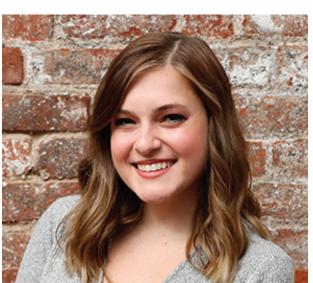
"Both attorneys demonstrated behavior unsuited for an officer of the court " wrote a sheriff's office supervisor in the report. The report concluded that security officers experienced disrespect, curse and abuse, and unprofessional conduct. Both the sheriff's office chain of command and Azcarate were notified.

Descano has been under fire from critics for lenient sentences. In one case the defendant was charged with molesting a young relative for seven years and was

also charged with molesting a second girl. Under a plea deal his sentence was capped at 17 years. Most recently Circuit Court Judge Randy I. Bellows rejected a plea deal for a man accused of repeatedly sexually assaulting a girl. Bellows said the proposed deal did not reflect the gravity of the alleged crimes.

Currently, there are two recall efforts underway for Descano. One was started by Stand Up Virginia in April. The second was started by Virginians for Safe Communities in August.

Repeated calls to the commonwealth's attorney by the Fairfax County Times were not returned.







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The organization selected Weiner as the graduate recipient for the Thriving Student Scholarship for a total award of \$25,000.

"The AbbVie CF Scholarship recognizes exceptional students with cystic fibrosis who demonstrate academic excellence, community involvement, creativity, and the ability to serve as a positive role model for the cystic fibrosis community," the organization's website states.

Every year, the organization awards these students \$3,000, with an addition \$22,000 for people like Weiner, who win the Thriving Student Scholarship.

When she found out that she had gotten the scholarship, Weiner was ecstatic. She said that after facing so much adversity in her life, it can be shocking when good things happen.

"It felt really nice to be rewarded and made it feel like all my hard work mattered, not just when it came to managing my health, but when it came to grades and work and stuff to which I really pushed myself in that regard. So, it felt absolutely incredible to get that call and to feel like I had done something right," she explained.

Weiner, who is from Vienna, earned her bachelor's degree in marketing from Christopher Newport University.

After landing a job at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the human

resources department, she realized that she liked the combination of business and helping others that human resources had to offer.

From there, she looked into programs and found one at St. Joseph's - where both her dad and older brother attended undergrad.

Weiner still resides in the DMV as she still works full time at the EPA while attending graduate school part-time - all in an online format.

For those who also battle chronic illness, Weiner said that having a good support system whenever possible and being kind to yourself is kev.

"I also think finding a rhythm in your life is the best way to do things, and to know how you manage your own care because it is a lot to manage when you're working and doing school," she said.

However, she acknowledged that is has been tough in the past.

"I did feel like in high school, and in college, when I wasn't managing myself and my health as well as I could have been, that it hindered my experience a little bit, because I would sometimes just not feel well and couldn't get up and go to class or couldn't go to, like practice and sorority events. And it just kind of, I guess, made me feel left out that I wasn't handling myself as well as I should have been," Weiner explained.

Now, as part of the routine she has set up in her own life to establish some self-care, Weiner likes to cook and go to the gym.

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#### FCPD WEEKLY RECAPS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

Posted on October 1, 2021 | by FCPD Public Affairs Bureau

CALLS FOR SERVICE SUMMARY

Date Covered: 9/24 - 9/30/21

Total Calls for Service: 7,284

Total Domestic Related Calls for Service: 179

Total Persons Experiencing Mental Health Crisis Calls for Service: 294

Total Crash Calls for Service: 494

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## Names removed from Fairfax **County Police** arrest blotter

#### **By Heather Zwicker** FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Recently the Fairfax County Police removed names from their weekly recap on their blog. The names were of people who had either been arrested or charged with a crime.

The change was implemented in response to the Trust Policy implemented by Fairfax County back in January. The policy prohibits county employees from sharing any information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's citizenship and identify or locate someone of uncertain immigration status. The larger focus behind the policy is that county employees cannot inquire about a person's citizenship status and cannot share any identifying information with federal law enforcement agencies. "This work [Trust Policy] was meant to complement the recently signed General Order that enhanced the Fairfax County Police Department's longstanding restrictions on involvement in civil immigration cases and established clear guidelines for police contact with immigrant communities," said some Board of Supervisors members. "While there are no known instances of employees voluntary sharing information about a resident's immigration status, such policies are no doubt critical steps forward in building community trust and transparency." They explained that it also helps quell fear in the community and makes sure everyone feels comfortable getting assistance from local government. "For several years, the Fairfax County Police Department proactively released weekly arrest data on the department's website. In January of 2021, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted the county's new Trust Policy which outlines how certain information can be shared with the community," said 2nd Lt. James Curry, FCPD Public Affairs Bureau. "After the policy was adopted, a review of the department's proactive public information sharing was to county policy.

conducted by a community group and we were directed to remove the data set in accordance with the policy."

The move comes after immigrant rights and civil liberties group advocated for the change. Their reasoning was that ICE could use the details to target undocumented immigrants for deportation. Two of those advocates said that FCPD was the agency with the biggest trust deficit in Fairfax and claimed they ignored the policy, according to an article published in the Connection newspaper September 22. "FCPD's publication constitutes an unwarranted invasion of privacy and undermines the presumption of innocence to which we are all entitled," said Diane Burkley Alejandro and Luis Aguilar. Alejandro, a social justice attorney and lead advocate for ACLU People Power Fairfax, and Aguilar, the Virginia executive director of CASA, the largest immigrant advocacy group in the mid-Atlantic, helped craft the Trust Policy for Fairfax County. They called the on FCPD to "take down the list of shame."



## **DATA MINING**

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school libraries and contracts with consultants who are data-mining students.

The threat of being put on an FBI watchlist could be enough to dissuade the faint-hearted, but local Fairfax County parents are undeterred. Stacy Langton, a mother who exposed the porn and pedophilia in local school library books, says, "I'm not intimidated. I am not frightened. We are standing up for our kids. That is sacred work." She attended a "Pep Rally for Parents" before Thursday night's school board meeting this week.

And other mothers - who don't want to reveal their names for fear of retaliation from the school system- are digging into a contract, now totaling \$2.4 million, that Fairfax County Public Schools signed this summer with a Boston-based consulting firm, Panorama Education, that brings the national story very close to home. What they have dug up should interest all local taxpayers - and school board members.

It turns out that, in the summer of 2018, U.S. Attorney General Garland's daughter married Xan Tanner, a co-founder of the Big Tech business -Panorama Education - with which Fairfax County Public Schools just inked the controversial contract to conduct a "social and emotional screener."

Panorama Education has built a booming business with school boards, approving rich contracts collecting data on students with "screeners" and "surveys." It is just the tip of the iceberg on a multimillion industry of Big Tech data mining America's kids.

After signing an initial \$1.8 million contract in early June, with plans for a narrow "screener" this year, officials at Fairfax County Public Schools quietly "set up the secure data exchanges" in August to send Panorama Education student data, before even giving parents the choice to opt-out of their student's participation in the contract, according to an email from a school official.

FCPS officials have confirmed to parents that the data transferred data to Panorama, including the name, student ID, school, and grade of students, and they justify the data transfer as part of a process of "quality control." Parents are asking why any information needs to be provided to an outside consultant for whose work they have filled out an "opt-out" form.

Days later, in early September, school district officials inked a new deal, known as "Amendment No. 2," immediately expanding the data-mining project to all of the school district's 180,000 students, at a final total cost of \$2.4 million - a final total that the school district did not announce to the public. It's buried in a list of indistinguishable contracts online. Local parents expressed concern this week that Panorama Education will profit from Garland's outrageous silencing of parents not only in Fairfax County but around the country challenging its data mining of K-12 students. Panorama Education staff gets status as "school officials" so they have the right to private student data under federal law, according to another email

from a Fairfax County school district official.

In an email to a parent, Deborah E. Scott, director of intervention and prevention services at Fairfax County Public Schools, wrote: "FCPS is permitted under the law to share student data with outside vendors who meet the criteria of the 'school official' exception under the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act ('FERPA'). Third-parties who are considered 'school officials' are permitted to receive student data absent parent consent."

Reading the email, local parents cringed at these words: "Absent parent consent."

Later, when a parent asked this week if her son's information had been shared with Panorama, despite her signing an opt-out form, Scott responded: "FCPS set up the secure data exchanges in August after the contract was awarded." The information had already been shared - even before parents were notified about the screener and given a chance to opt-out.

This week, in the face of much criticism, FCPS beefed up its website page about the "screener," while sending emails to parents who had opted out, checking to see if they had made a "mistake."

Why does it matter? Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg is an investor in Panorama Education, which is signing contracts with school boards across the country, providing the company a backdoor to children's most intimate feelings. The company is now a Trojan horse for Big Tech in K-12 schools. A whistleblower this week testified in Congress that Zuckerberg has been exploiting new "growth projects.'

K-12 education is clearly one of those "growth projects."

Under fire for negatively harming the mental health of children, Zuckerberg and Garland's family are now in the business of data mining children's most intimate emotions - and supposedly help children deal with the mental health issues Zuckerberg helped manifest.

Big Tech is now involved in the data mining of the minds of America's kids - with the blessing of school boards.

Panorama Education and Fairfax County Public Schools didn't provide answers to our questions by deadline. On September 23, Fairfax Times published an article about this contract in late September, advising parents where to go to fill out an "opt-out" form. (The deadline is October 8.)

Parents started voicing their opposition. The night of September 23, I spoke to our school board and raised the issue. Six days later, on September 29, the National School Boards Association sent a letter to President Joe Biden, asking for federal intervention against "domestic terrorism and hate crimes" against school boards. On October 4, U.S. Attorney General Garland summoned the FBI to investigate threatening parents.

In a statement, ICE said it's Enforcement and removal operations does not use police blotter data to identify immigration enforcement targets in Fairfax County but that their officers use "intelligence driven leads to identify specific individuals for arrest."

"I'm extremely disappointed that Fairfax County will stop publishing the police blotter which enabled crime maps for each area to be shared online," said Robert P. Muskett, member of the Brookfield Neighborhood Watch Program. "These maps are important tools for neighborhood watch groups and residents."

Crime maps will go dark because the data was used to power them, according to Anthony Guglielmi, FCPD spokesman. But, he said they are exploring other ways to bring back the information without disclosing names which would be contrary

This conflict of interest and violation of student privacy laws should anger all Americans. Garland needs to issue a ceasefire. Recuse himself. Apologize to all of America's parents. And get Big Tech out of K-12 schools.

Asra Q. Nomani is vice president of strategy and investigations at Parents Defending Education. She is a former reporter at the Wall Street Journal. She can be reached at asra@asranomani.com.

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## **Sports**

## FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

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## Week 6 football roundup

#### **By Michael Marrow** FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

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I t was another exciting night of Friday night lights in Fairfax County October 1. Here's the roundup of games from week six.

## Centreville at Woodson

The Centreville Wildcats comfortably defeated the Woodson Cavaliers, consistently putting points on the board each quarter as pace. The final score was and the Lions are 4-0. 43-14. Centreville is 4-1 and Woodson is 2-3.

Both teams headed shutout loss to the West into this game undefeated, but West Springfield came out on top thanks to a star performance by Spartans Potomac is 4-1. backup quarterback Manny Baskerville. The final score was 42-28. The Spartans are defeated the Marshall 5-0 and the Cougars are 4-1

## **Edison at Fairfax**

to the Fairfax Lions, who successfully defended their and the Statesmen are 3-3. home turf for their homecoming game for a final score of Woodson struggled to keep 55-14. The Eagles are 1-5

## Lewis at West Potomac

The Lewis Lancers Oakton at West Springfield suffered a bruising 48-0

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## Madison at Marshall The Madison Warhawks Statesmen, holding the

Statesmen to a single touch-The Edison Eagles fell down. The final score was 33-7. The Warhawks are 4-1

Potomac Wolverines for

West Potomac's homecoming

game. Lewis is 0-5 and West

**Alexandria City at Chantilly** The Chantilly Chargers broke the Alexandria City Titans undefeated streak for a final score of 41-27. Both teams are 4-1.

#### Lightridge at Thomas Jefferson

The Lightridge Bolts handed the Jefferson Colonials their first defeat of the season for a final score of 35-3. The Bolts are 3-3 and the Colonials are 4-1.

### Yorktown at McLean

The Yorktown Patriots rebounded from three previous consecutive losses to defeat the McLean Highlanders in a shutout victory for a score of 42-0. It was an especially strong showing for the Patriots defense, which picked off three passes and held the Highlanders offense to just under 100 yards. Yorktown is 3-3 and McLean is 1-5.

## South Lakes at Lake Braddock

The South Lakes high-scoring match for both teams. After a promising first and Bishop O'Connell is 3-2. quarter for the Seahawks, the South County at Mount Bruins offense took control. The final score was 65-35, Lake Braddock 4-1.

## Annandale at Bishop O'Connell

faced off against the Knights The final score was 52-7. of Bishop O'Connell on The Stallions are 5-0 and the Saturday, October 2 for Majors are 2-4. the two teams' first-ever

the Atoms. Annandale is 1-5 Vernon

The South County making South Lakes 2-3 and Stallions steamrolled the Mount Vernon Majors on October 2 to continue their undefeated streak, leading The Annandale Atoms the Majors 38-0 at halftime.

The Wakefield Warriors

Hornets at Herndon High School, but the game was postponed due to "unforeseeable circumstances" according to a statement posted to the Herndon athletics Twitter account. A new date is TBD.

The Hayfield Hawks, Westfield Bulldogs, Falls Church Jaguars, Justice Wolves, Robinson Rams, and Langley Saxons all had a bye week. The teams are 1-4, 3-2, 0-4, 1-4, 5-0 and

matchup. The game went to were scheduled to play the 0-5, respectively.

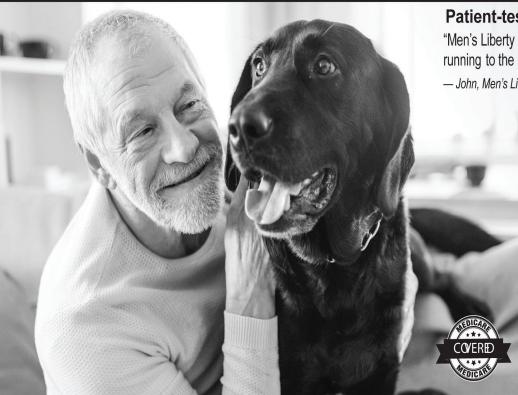
Seahawks were bested by the the Knights, who scored 30 Bruins of Lake Braddock in a points compared to 6 from



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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

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**Explore healthy meal plan options** 

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## **KEYS TO BETTER HEALTH CINDY SANTA ANA**

F or me, eating healthy didn't happen overnight. I took time to extrude my pantry of products containing high fructose corn syrup, soybean oil, canola oil, processed chips, overly-sweetened cookies, and sugary cereals.

But after making those changes and sourcing food from local farms, making my own condiments, growing a nice garden, and paying attention to ingredient labels, my health has never been better at age 52. I lost fifty pounds, got off four medications, and lowered my cholesterol. So, I thought I'd share what we eat as a family of four to help you meal plan.

My breakfast is usually 2 pasture-raised eggs from Whiffletree Farm, some spinach or leftover vegetables, and their sage sausage. Sometimes I make a protein-rich smoothie or chia pudding. My lunches are either a sardine salad or taco (using Siete almond flour tortillas), wraps using Crepini egg wraps with sprouts, turkey, lettuce, tomato, and avocado, or leftovers from the night before.

Recipes for some of the dinners can be found @UnlockBetterHealth on Instagram or my book, Unprocessed Living. I also share a lot of these recipes in my monthly cooking classes too.

#### Snacks:

· 1 medjool date stuffed with walnut halves

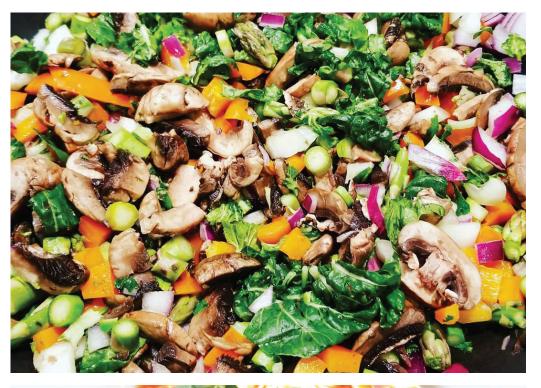
- · Plantain chips with guacamole · Hard-boiled egg
- · Smoked salmon with Kite Hill cream cheese" on Simple Mills cracker
- Sugar snap peas
- Cucumbers with hummus
- · Herbal tea with collagen peptides · Brazil nuts, handful of blueberries
- Dinner:
- · Chicken with stir-fry veggies
- · Zucchini noodles with meat pasta sauce
- · Salmon or Halibut (in a lemon Dijon sauce) with sliced squash
- · Baked Chicken Wings with sweet potato fries
- · Vegetable stir-fry (broccoli, onions, bell peppers, bok choy, and mushrooms) with shrimp
- · Pork Tenderloin with asparagus and quinoa
- Shaved steak (from Whiffletree) with sauteed bell peppers & onions

· Taco Night: various protein options, shredded romaine, fresh salsa, guacamole, chopped cilantro - eaten as lettuce bowls or with a Siete tortilla

· Baked Chicken legs, sweet potato mash, pan-seared broccoli

· Pork Chops, braised collard greens, wild rice

- · Meatloaf cupcakes, mashed potatoes, peas, or green beans
  - Venison chili with kidney beans
- · Lentil Soup with extra chopped kale added
  - Chicken Tikki Masala
  - · Salmon Croquettes
  - · Stuffed bell peppers
- · Chicken Parmesan with roasted broccoli or cauliflower





CINDY SANTA ANA

## How to control asthma at home, work, school and in your community

### **Courtesy of State Point Media**

sthma is a lung dis-A case that makes breathing difficult for over 24 million Americans. While there's no cure, there are steps you can take to help control it so you can lead a normal, healthy life. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Asthma Control Program developed the "six EXHALE strategies" that help contribute to better asthma control.

By putting all six activities into place, you and your loved ones can feel better, avoid the hospital or emergency department, and avoid missing school or work. According to the American Lung Association, here's everything you need to know about the six **EXHALE** strategies:

1. What are the EXHALE strategies? The EXHALE and adults and can be used one at a time or in combination with one another to help you gain better control of asthma. They are:

· Education on asthma self-management

• X-tinguishing smoking and secondhand smoke

· Home visits by asthma asthma control skills as well as help you eliminate asthma triggers in your house

· Achievement of guideyour doctor's advice!

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coordination of care across settings. Be sure all your healthcare providers are on the same page regarding your care.

• Environmental policies or best practices to reduce asthma triggers from indoor, outdoor and occupational sources. Is your home and workplace free of asthma triggers like smoke and pollutants?

2. How can I use the EXHALE strategies on a daily basis? Check out the CDC's guide for people living with asthma on how to use the EXHALE strategies at www. cdc.gov:

· Keep your asthma under control by learning the seven asthma self-management skills. Work with your healthcare provider to develop and maintain an asthma action plan that will remind you what to do when asthma symptoms get worse and how to properly use your medicine.

• Tobacco smoke can strategies are for both children trigger asthma symptoms for many. Limit your exposure to secondhand smoke and support smoke-free policies in your community that help people quit smoking.

> · Work with a nurse or community health worker to help reduce or remove triggers in your home.

· Take your asthma mediexperts who can teach you cines exactly as prescribed and check with your healthcare provider to make sure you're using the inhaler(s) correctly.

• Involve all of your healthlines-based medical manage- care providers in your asthma the Lung HelpLine. Learn ment. This means following care or your child's care so everyone is on the same page. ma-friendly home by visiting, and Bring a copy of your or your lung.org.

child's asthma action plan to each doctor. Also, make sure other caregivers, your child's school or your workplace has a copy too, so they can help in an emergency.

· Make a few home updates to reduce asthma triggers. Remove mold and pests, make your home and vehicles smoke-free and talk with leaders in your community about putting policies in place that help people living with asthma.

3. How can the Lung Association help me? The American Lung Association is implementing the EXHALE strategies in its Promoting Asthma Friendly Environments through Partnerships and Collaborations project. You can learn more about their work and programs by visiting www.lung.org/AFE.

Children and adults living with asthma can also participate in one of the Lung Association's asthma self-management programs, such as Open Airways for Schools, Kickin' Asthma or Breathe Well, Live Well.

Additionally, the Lung Association has many programs and initiatives to help people follow the above tips.

Finally, you can get help quitting smoking or helping someone quit using Lung Association resources, such as Freedom From Smoking, Not on Tobacco (N-O-T) and more about creating an asth-



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esidents of Fairfax County will go to the polls to vote K for their representatives in the Virginia House of Delegates November 2. As one of the biggest counties in the Commonwealth, Fairfax will vote for 17 different districts which are all currently represented by members of the Democratic party. Below are the races in each district and who will face off

against each other:



In District 34, Republican nominee Gary Pan will try to unseat the incumbent Democrat Kathleen Murphy. Pan has lived in Northern Virginia for more than 30 years and has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Lehigh University among other degrees. Pan is president and CEO of Panacea Consulting Inc. and is director of Lucid Technologies, Inc. This will be Pan's second run for the district seat having lost to Murphy in the 2019 general election.

Murphy has represented the district since she first won the seat in 2015 and has served on the House Finance, the General Laws,

and the House Transportation committees. A graduate of American University, Murphy has worked as a senior advisor in the U.S. Department of Commerce and served as president of the consulting firm Johnson, Murphy, & Associates.

In District 35, Republican nominee Kevin McGrath will go against Democratic incumbent Mark Keam who has held the office since 2010. McGrath is a Fairfax native who worked for the CIA from 1978 to his retirement in 2015. McGrath was also a coach for youth soccer, basketball, and baseball teams in the Vienna area for 20 years. He graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Political Science.

His opponent, Keam, is a graduate of the University of California at Irvine as well as the University of Hastings, College of Law. Keam has served as vice-chair of the House

Finance Committee and served the House Courts of Justice and Education committee. He has also worked as a senior advisor for strategic affairs at Verizon.



In District 36, Republican nominee Matt Lang will face off against Democratic incumbent Ken Plum who has held the office since 1982. Lang is a military veteran. He served in the U.S. Marines, Navy Reserve, and most recently the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). Following his time in the military, he was a deputy sheriff in Fairfax and LouInternational Relations and Economics. Brody has also been a copy editor and freelance writer and owns her own business Brody Editing Services which has been in operation since 2000.

Watts, who has held the district seat since 1996, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1962 and has worked as executive director of Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates and as a consultant for the U.S. Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations. Watts currently chairs the House Courts of Justice Committee and is the co-chair of the House Finance Committee.

In District 40, Republican nominee Harold Pyon will go against Democratic incumbent **Dan Helmer** who won his seat after defeating Republican incumbent Tim Hugo in the 2019 general election. Pyon immigrated from Korea over five decades ago settling in Virginia and is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University where he went to school on the G.I. Bill after serving as a medic in the U.S. Army.

Pyon has held many roles in local and state government including serving on the Fairfax County Parks Authority, the Virginia State Board of Elections, the Fairfax County

Small Business Commission, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Helmer is also a U.S. Army veteran who has served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and South Korea and works as a business strategist advising both U.S. government agencies and companies. He currently serves on the Public Safety and Transportation Committees in the General Assembly and is a Rhodes Scholar.

> In District 41, Republican nominee John Wolfe will try to unseat Democratic incumbent Eileen Filler-Corn who has held office since 2010. This will be Wolfe's second run at the district seat, he ran as an Independent in the 2019 general election where he lost to Filler-Corn. Wolfe graduated from Vanderbilt University and later earned his MBA from Wharton.

> Filler-Corn was elected as House Speaker in January 2020, before that she served as House minority leader starting in 2018. Filler-Corn works as an attorney and earned her law degree from the Washington

College of Law. Filler-Corn currently chairs the House Rules Committee in the general assembly.

In District 42, Republican candidate Ed McGovern will face off against Democratic incumbent Kathy Tran who assumed office in 2018. Originally from Philadelphia, Mc-Govern is a retired federal employee having worked with the U.S. Army and various federal departments in resource management. He graduated from Shippensburg University with a degree in Political Science and later earned his master's in Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh. McGovern has been involved in the Northern Virginia community since 1993. Tran came to the United States as a re-



CIA. Maddox has earned degrees from St. John's College and Georgetown University and is an adjunct professor at George Mason University. Maddox also serves as CEO of the consultancy firm Inventive Insights.

Bennett-Parker is currently an at-large member of the Alexandria City Council and serves as vice-mayor. Bennett-Parker coleads Together We Bake, a nonprofit job training and personal development program for under-served women and is the founder of Fruitcycle which tackles the issue of food insecurity. Bennett-Parker has earned degrees from Cornell University and the University of London.



In District 48, Republican nominee Edward Monroe will face off against Democrat R.C. Sullivan Jr. who has held the office since 2014. Monroe was a Fulbright Scholar. He is currently pursuing a master's in Educational Leadership. A native of Pittsburgh, Monroe has worked as a teacher in the DMV area for more than 19 years as well as in the U.S. Peace Corps.

Sullivan has served as president of the Legal Services of Northern Virginia and on the Board of Governors for the Virginia Bar Association. He has earned degrees from Amherst College and the University of Virgi-

nia. Sullivan currently serves as the vice-chair of the Labor and Commerce Committee in the general assembly.

In District 49, Democratic incumbent Alfonso Lopez faces a three-way race going against Republican nominee Timothy Kilcullen and Independent candidate Terry Modglin.

Lopez assumed the office in 2012 and currently serves as minority whip in the General Assembly. Lopez also sits on the House Rules and the Public Safety committees. Lopez holds degrees from Vassar College and Tulane University where he studied environmental law.

Kilcullen is a native of Manhattan, N.Y., and has a degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and later settled in Crystal City. On his campaign website, Kilcullen is listed as an activist with one of his main concerns being the what he calls the preferential treatment of Amazon, Inc.











doun counties. Lang has earned degrees from the Northern Virginia Community College, the American Public University System, and Denver University. He has worked as an international security consultant.

Plum graduated from Old Dominion University in 1965 and the University of

Virginia in 1967. Plum was also an administrator for the Fairfax County Public Schools from 1967 to 1997. Plum currently serves as the chair of the Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources Committee as well as serving on the Appropriations and Public Safety Committees.

In District 37, Republican candidate Kenny Meteiver will try to unseat the Democratic incumbent David Bulova who has held the office since 2006. Originally from Indiana, Meteiver enlisted in the U.S. Army as a combat engineer after the events of September 11. Meteiver left the Army in 2007 and soon moved to Centreville in 2014. He graduates from Indiana University with a degree in Business Administration.

Bulova is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and has worked as a senior planner for AMCE Earth and Environmental Inc. Bulova has also sat on the board

for the Center for Watershed Protection and was a division director and planner for the Northern Virginia Regional Commission. Bulova currently serves as chair of the General Laws committee.



In District 38, Republican nominee Tom Pafford will face off against Democratic incumbent Kaye Kory who has held the district seat since 2010. As a US Air Force officer, Pafford was a political analyst focused on nuclear arms control. Following the Air Force, he ran his own IT business -- clients included local, state, and federal agencies; universities; domestic and overseas companies. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Political Science. Pafford and his family have lived in Fairfax County for more than 25 years now. His wife, Sultana, emigrated from India. They have two boys who are

now in college.

Kory has earned degrees from Miami University, George

Mason University, and University of Iowa. Kory has worked as a program manager, program founder, and manager for the Great Books Program for Seniors for the Fairfax County Department of Community Action. Kory currently serves as the chair for the Counties, Cities, and Towns Committee and sits on the House Finance and Public Safety Committees.

In District 39, the race is being run between Democratic incumbent Vivian Watts and her opponent Republican nominee Maureen Brody. Brody is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a bachelor's in





fugee from Vietnam. She is a graduate of Duke University and the University of Michigan. Tran served as a Presidential Management Fellow as well as assistant director of skills and workforce development at the National Immigration Forum. Tran currently serves on the General Laws and the Health, Welfare, and Institutions committees in the general assembly.

In District 43, Republican nominee Brenton Hammond will face off against Democratic incumbent Mark Sickles who has held office since 2004. Hammond is originally from North Carolina where he earned a degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Hammond has lived in the Northern Virginia area since 2008 and served for eight years as part of the U.S. Secret Service Uniformed Division and currently works as an analyst.

His opponent, Sickles, has served as chairman of the Minority Caucus since 2012 and serves as chair for the Health, Welfare,

and Institutions committee. Sickles has worked as a government and public affairs consultant and in corporate affairs for Weeks Marine, Inc. Sickles has degrees from Clemson University and the Georgia Institute of Technology focusing in industrial management and technology and science policy.

In District 44, Republican candidate Richard Hayden will go against Democratic incumbent Paul Krizek who assumed office in 2016. Hayden has lived and worked in the Washington D.C. area as a law school student and lawyer since 1984. Hayden owns his own law practice which specializes in real estate and business law, he also serves as counsel for Kingstowne, a local settlement company.

His opponent, Krizek, is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University. Krizek has served as chief counsel and vice

president in charge of fundraising for Christian Relief Services Charities Inc. He currently serves on the Appropriations, General Laws, and House Privileges and Elections committees.

In District 45, a new representative will be elected after Democratic incumbent Mark Levine lost his primary to his party's new nominee Elizabeth Bennett-Parker. Levine had held the office since 2015. Bennett-Parker will face off against the Republican nominee J.D. Maddox.

Maddox was born at Fort Belvoir and has served in the U.S. Army for eight years and served as a branch chief in the



Modglin is no stranger to the district as he ran for the same seat as a member of the

Green Party in 2013. Modglin has degrees from Georgetown and American universities and is a veteran of the U.S. Army. Modglin has worked as a national non-profit program manager, the CEO of a consulting firm, and as a retail worker.



In District 53, Republican candidate Sarah White will face off against Democratic incumbent Marcus Simon who has held the office since 2014. White lives in Falls Church and works in the service industry as chief operations officer for YHR Holdings and works with the The Cowboy Café and The Lost Dog Café in their locations in South Arlington, McLean, and Dunn Loring. In addition to being active in area Chambers of Commerce, she serves on the policy board for the National Association of Women Business Owners and is also on the board for Visit Fairfax.

Simon is the current chair of the House Privileges and Elections Committee and serves in the House Rules, General Laws, and the House Courts of Justice committees. Simon has a degree in Middle East studies and journalism from New York University. He has worked as a real estate attorney and for the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps.

In District 67, Republican candidate Bob Frizzelle will face off against Democratic incumbent Karrie Delaney who assumed office in 2018. Frizzelle identifies himself as a moderate Republican, he was also a member the U.S. Air Force Signals Intelligence Corps and a vice-president of Northrup Grumman and Booz Allen Hamilton. He graduated from Duke University with a degree in Political Science.



Delaney has been a member and chairperson of the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council and the Fairfax County Library Board of Trustees. She currently serves on

the House Courts of Justice, the Health, Welfare, and Institutions, and the House Transportation committees. She is also a graduate of the University of South Florida.



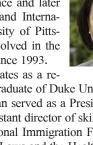


District 86 will see a new representative as Ibraheem Samirah lost his race in the Democratic primary to challenger Irene Shin. Samirah had held the office since 2019. Shin will face off against Republican candidate Julie Perry. Shin is a California native who is a

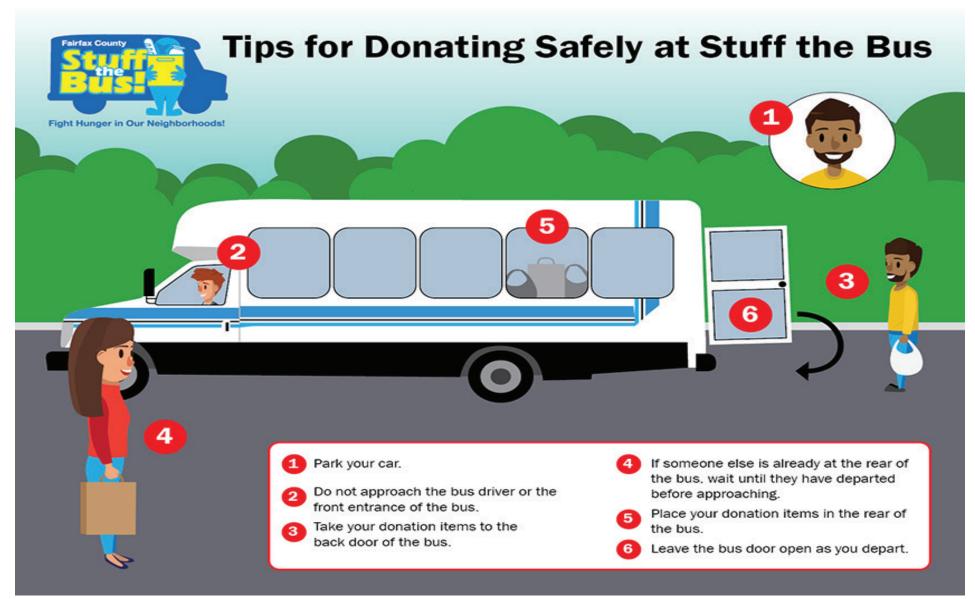
Herndon resident and is the daughter of Korean immigrants and currently works as executive director of the Virginia Civic Engagement Table. Shin has been involved in public service in Virginia since 2014.

Perry, a native of North Dakota, has degrees from the University of Maryland

and West Virginia University and works as a high school history teacher.







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# Fairfax County BOS defers on collective bargaining for county employees

#### **By Rick Horner** FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

n spite of massive support, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has deferred on a collective bargaining policy for employees of the county. ing on May 1, 2021, Fairfax The ordinance does not currently apply to schools but will likely be adopted by the School board once it's passed already have collective bar- ordinance would force the by the Board of Supervisors.

The board held a public hearing on the matter of resents Fairfax County gen-

benefits, and working conditions," said Claire Liu, comand advocacy, and the end to the ban on collective bargain-County workers are close to joining the tens of millions of concerns of information priemployees in 47 states who gaining rights."

SEIU Virginia 512 repcollective bargaining, if the eral employees which include be used to press those emboard were to have made a such professions as nursing, ployees to make decisions in social workers, child edufessionals, maintenance the board of supervisors is workers, and more. If the ordinance as written were to be passed it would set aside \$1 million from the Fiscal Year 2022 Adopted Budget Plan for positions within the county to support collective bargaining for employees. These positions would be posted within the county's Department of Human Resources and the Office of the County Attorney. public hearing, about 60 speakers took the podium to voice their support for the collective bargaining ordinance. Among those who came to support collective bargaining were those who were also concerned with what they saw as detrimental language in the ordinance. According to some of these speakers, the ordinance had very weak protections regarding issues of information privacy, the right to protect anyone who would want to leave a union created un-Federation of Teachers other der the ordinance, and im- with in his newsletter was the balances of power between union members. Those concerned with among others joined the rally such imbalances proposed bers of any union recog-"For decades, county nized under the ordinance York City has spent more that is a part of management than \$65 million annually

power within that union than those with jobs below them. munications and digital lead Concern was also raised of SEIU Virginia 512. "After about voting within those years of tireless organizing unions where the ordinance only calls for a slim majority vote in order for a decision to be made.

Those who spoke with vacy also claimed that the county to release information on employees to the union leaders that could potentially

to being protected by union the removal of such teachers public eye. After the hearing, could go on for months or Herrity commented on its reeven a decade. However, the sults echoing the concerns promised." current ordinance before the many made about the ordiboard does not address FCPS nance as its currently written. is expected to revisit the colemployees.

the ordinance according to transparent, open dialogue in two weeks.

gards have been done behind

The biggest problem with the board didn't opt for a their next meeting scheduled

for a say in their wages, could potentially have more to pay the salaries of such Herrity is that most of the at a committee meeting to fix teachers to stay at home due decisions made in its re- issues with the ordinance as proposed," said Herrity. I contracts. Because of that, closed doors and out of the don't think it's an ordinance that will help our employees get what they're being

> The Board of Supervisors "I'm disappointed that lective bargaining matter at



decision that night it would have necessitated amending cators, mental health pro-Chapter three of the Fairfax County code. This comes after the Virginia General Assembly passed a bill in 2020 which was signed by Governor Ralph Northam which allows local governments and school boards the authority to adopt resolutions or ordinances to allow employees to collectively bargain.

The new law brings collective bargaining back to the Commonwealth for public employees since it was banned in 1977. This would allow employees to negotiate terms of employment with the county regarding issues such as working conditions, pay, shift length, work holidays, discipline, and other related items.

During the public hearing, a collection of various groups rallied outside the Fairfax County Government Center to show their support for collective bargaining. In addition to the Fairfax Education Association and the Fairfax County groups such as NOVA Labor, the NAACP Fairfax Branch, the Catholic Labor Network, to voice their support for the the possibility that the memresolution.

workers have been fighting

the favor of union leadership. At least one member of

not on board with the idea of collective bargaining, that being Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity. In his newsletter from Sept. 30, Herrity describes his opposition to the collective bargaining ordinance on many fronts, outlining potential negative outcomes from the passing of the ordinance which would include increased taxes and costs of services, a reduction in the Back in the inside at the flexibility of those services, a conflict of interest in using taxpayer money to fund such committees, issues that could potentially harm employees and other smaller unions, and other potential issues.

But the greater conflict of interest is that this board has received nearly half a million dollars from unions. "I was really surprised to learn about how much money this Board has received from the local chapters of national unions advocating for collective bargaining," said Herrity.

One issue that Herrity led concept of "rubber rooms" in relation to teachers that are in the process of removal for alleged misconduct or poor performance. In his newsletter, Herrity states that New



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## FCPS unnecessarily keeps healthy kids out of school – test and stay is the solution

## Dear Editor;

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The evidence is overwhelming that keeping students home instead of in school has caused significant learning loss. Yet instead of working to ensure kids are back in school, FCPS continues to hold fast to a 14-day quarantine period for contacts of positive COVID cases. Every week that FCPS delays changing this policy, the number of healthy, quarantined children (already in the thousands) expands dramatically, creating a third year of disrupted learning for children and causing unsustainable burdens on parents and teachers.

FCPS should follow the example of our neighbors in Montgomery County and Arlington County (and

many other areas of the United States and Europe) that use testing to keep healthy children in school. In Montgomery County, when a positive case is identified, the contacts are offered the option of rapid testing and symptom monitoring at school instead of quarantine. Healthy kids, which are the vast majority of so-called "close contacts," can continue inperson learning while the rapid tests help prevent any further spread, eliminating unnecessary missed school. At a minimum, Fairfax County should follow the example of Arlington County, where unvaccinated students can return to school with a negative PCR test that is administered after day 5 from the date of last exposure. This alone would

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cut the unnecessary time away from school in half.

The available science firmly supports the reasonableness of adopting such a policy. A study in the United Kingdom showed that in-school COVID spread was similar in schools quarantining contacts and in those using this "test-tostay" method. The number of in-person instructional days salvaged was immense. In a recent Massachusetts study, test-to-stay was found to have saved approximately 6,677 in-person days in one week alone.

Mired in bureaucratic inertia and relying on false assumptions, FCPS refuses to change its outdated policy. First, and astoundingly, the FCPS leadership does not understand its

own authority. Last year they ignored the Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD) guidance telling them to open schools for in-person learning. This year, however, FCPS has apparently forgotten that it determines operations policies, not the health department. Second, FCHD relies on data that falsely assumes all quarantined students are COVIDinfected. In fact, data shows that number is actually extremely low: from .02% -1.6%. In addition, the risks presented by FCHD are based on a scenario where there is no diagnostic testing and the guarantined person is an adult. Both of these assumptions are wrong, as is FCHD's faulty reliance on this data.

FCPS to continue deferring to a health department, whose opposition to test-tostay is based on faulty risk assumptions coupled with a failure to understand and appreciate the burgeoning crisis created by its recommendations. The school system was given millions of dollars of CARES Act funding to get kids back in school. Virginia has the resources to conduct testing with Virginia School Screening Testing for Assurance ("ViSSTA"), but FCPS continues to ignore it. The resources are there; the students just need district leadership to stop making excuses and take action.

> Fairfax County Parents Association

There is no reason for

## One Fairfax, equity, drag queens and pornography

#### Dear Editor,

Wake up Fairfax. The County's One Fairfax policy and misguided notions of "equity" are now being used to justify bringing drag queens into County libraries and community centers and pornography into our public schools.

In June, the McLean Community Center and Dolly Madison Library cosponsored a Drag Story They [the queens] are there for an agenda." See Fairfax Times, July 19, 2021. MCC's Executive Director justified the event as being "in close alignment with the County's One Fairfax plan for equity." Supervisor John Foust and the MCC's Governing Board seemed to be "all in" with this type of children's programming.

Now we have the case of a mother discovering that Fairfax High School featuring books containing pornographic material, including images, depicting, among other pedophilia things, and fellatio. Who knew? When she brought these books to the attention of the FCPS School Board she was cut off before she concluded her public comment session

remarks. At least one school board member, Karl Frisch, immediately jumped to the defense of the books, claiming they were consistent with the "Board's commitment to LGBTQIA+ students, families, and staff." Although the books appear now to have been "suspended," they will go through a bureaucratic FCPS committee process, including review by a member—you guessed it—of the Equity

## Obscenity/porn gets thumbs-up if has "literary value"

## Dear Editor,

For the past few years all over the United States parents are discovering the shocking reading materials in their school libraries and in their classrooms. Many are asking, How can this be? The U.S. federal government and every state has strict laws against obscenity and child pornography. The Supreme Court has ruled in Reno v. ACLU (1997) that, "transmitting obscenity and child pornography, whether via the Internet or other means, is... illegal under federal law for both adults and juveniles." Supreme Court Case Roth v. U.S. (1957) defined "obscene speech" as that being "utterly without redeeming social importance" in which "to the average person, applying contemporary community standards, the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to prurient interest." Miller v. California (1973) established the standard and determined that obscene materials are not protected by the First Amendment in which a three-part test is applied to define obscenity "appeals to the prurient interest"; "work depicts ... sexual conduct specifically defined by the applicable state law"; and "whether the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.' The intent of these federal laws, state laws, and Supreme Court case law is to protect children from inappropriate content. Then exactly how does this obscene/pornographic content get in our schools? Well, school systems are taking advantage of the loophole created by the Miller v. California Supreme Court case. All they have to do is claim the book or content has "serious literary value," and, voi·là, it's in.

now kosher; all you have to do is slap a label on it as having "literary value." Without the label, there are severe legal consequences.

Virginia Code has a chapter devoted to "Crimes Involving Morals and Decency," and underneath it is Article 5 (28 sections) related to "Obscenity and Related Offenses But, of course, § 18.2-383 delineates exceptions to these crimes to "(1) any library, school, ... institution of higher or education." The Virginia General Assembly in 2016 (HB 516) and 2017 (HB 2191) passed two bills which would have required the Board of Education to write a policy on notification to parents of sexually explicit instructional material, give parents an opportunity to review the material, and find alternative reading materials if parental approval is not provided. The bill passed two years in a row with bipartisan support, only to be vetoed by then Governor Terry McAuliffe both years claiming essentially that he is trusting the schools with the "appropriate literary and artistic works. Here's another head scratcher: On FCPS BoardDocs, Regulation 3007.3, page 4, (4) states, "In grades 9 through the committee may 12. approve excerpts from TV-MA R-rated or programs. The following additional guidelines shall be followed." Section (a) requires "Local School Approval"; "(b) Written notification to parents ..."; and "(c) Written permission must be received from students' parents before viewing.' So there is no parental permission from parents required for their children reading essentially what are R-rated books, but there is for movies?

others, the dilemma is real - questions of whether obscenity laws belong in court (violation of the separation of powers; legislators need to write laws, not courts); difference of opinions as to what constitutes "obscenity"; the conflicting nature of the First Amendment and obscenity laws; the application of community norms; what constitutes "serious literary value"; and, of course, the perennial question of "Who decides?' What we do know is that several Supreme Court cases and Virginia law affirm that parents have fundamental rights. Virginia code § 1-240.1. states, "A parent has a fundamental right to make decisions concerning the upbringing, education and care of the parent's child." It doesn't get any clearer than this. Questions for those who are decrying "banned books," "censorship" and/ "First Amendment or rights": Who decides - parents who have the fundamental rights or the schools? News flash: The laws as evidenced in Supreme Court cases, state court cases, and state laws assert parental rights. Are there any books children should be protected from being exposed to? What's the purpose of G and PG-13 rated movies? Should reading materials at schools be rated? Should schools get loopholes on materials that clearly violate Supreme Court case law, federal laws, and state laws? It's time to have some serious discussions regarding the required reading materials in school English classes, in libraries, and whether they should be rated; the builtin loopholes to getting obscenity/pornography in front of students; the lack of parental involvement; and the difference of opinion of what is or is not "serious literary value."

Hour in which drag queens and a king were invited to read and perform for toddlers. Even a drag queen who was interviewed for a Fairfax Times article that covered the McLean event acknowledged that these types of performances "are not appropriate for children. and Cultural Responsiveness team.

Is this where "One Fairfax" and "equity" are taking the County? Stay tuned. School Board and County elections are coming.

> Richard Porter McLean, VA

## McLean Community Center should not spend \$250,000 on two electric car charging stations

#### Dear Editor,

The McLean Community Center is budgeting \$250,000 to build two charging stations for electric cars in its parking lot. This is a terrible waste of taxpayer money. There is also no clamor for these charging stations right now. If electric cars become popular enough, there will be a network of charging stations, just like gas stations. So these charging stations will be unnecessary. And most users of the MCC live close by. If they have electric cars, they can make their own charging arrangements. Would the MCC put a gas station on its parking lot? Of course not - these charging stations are a vanity project with our taxpayer money. The MCC should stick to its knitting, which is putting on arts and community events.

> Jeffrey K Shapiro McLean, VA

## New leadership is needed within the Employment Commission

#### Dear Editor,

Another slap for the ham-fisted performance of the Northam administration (statues demolished on request). The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) was compelled this time to scrutinize the Virginia Employment Commission, whose ineptitudes, despite a reportedly 1,600-percent increase in staff overtime and an additional 473 full-time employees from January 2000 through August 2021, were given a severe JLARC tongue-lashing. JLARC Chairman "Ken" Plum (D-36) fatuously deplores the inevitable "politicized" finger-pointing, to which Plum himself has never notably been a stranger.

"Application of needed resources and a commitment to meet the challenge are essential," Plum vacuously intones, with no discernible suggestion of practical solutions to the Employment deplorable Commission's efforts (millions of dollars overpayments, 4% in call-answering rate). The standard Plum remedy of lobbing money (someone else's) at the problem with more talk and less action will merely guarantee continued Employment Commission deficiencies and further reallife human costs and misery. New leadership needed.

> Harry Locock Herndon, VA

There you have it, even materials of the lowest common denominator are After reading the opinions of Supreme Court justices in the abovementioned cases, among

Deborah Hommer





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## NextStop Theatre Company presents IAR

## Four local actors sing beloved musical hits

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**By Keith Loria** SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

ll at NextStop The-A atre Company were looking forward to an exciting theatre season when the delta variant started to rear its ugly head, causing some changes that unfortunately needed to be made.

"We had scheduled and announced our whole fall season, doing 'An Act of God,' then "Robin Hood" then "Disaster! The Musical,' but then delta started to hit pretty hard, and we realized it wasn't a great idea to stage these big shows that really do require that we fill the theatre, which was our expectation," explained Evan Hoffmann, producing artistic director for Next-Stop.

In response, it postponed "An Act of God" for a week, though that was a small show to begin with, and the theatre enacted some safety guidelines, including requiring vaccination cards, masks and reducing capacity to 50 percent.

"We started thinking

about 'what can we do?' and admittedly, this was a quick turnaround, but we now have four shows that we're going to be doing that are much smaller productions, with smaller casts," Hoffmann said. "So, we now have this whole new fall season."

The first show of the new plan is "A Familiar Melody," a musical revue that was created for four veteran NextStop musical theatre performers- Alex De Bard, Ricky Drummond, Katie McManus and Marquise White.

"We wanted to bring back folks from a cross-section of our past shows," Hoffmann said. "Katie was in our first musical ever, when we did 'Into the Woods' back in 2014, and has since done several of our musicals and is a fantastic person to work with."

Drummond was the star of NextStop's "The Wedding Singer" and "Urinetown" and also did a parking lot concert at the theatre earlier this year; while White was in a production of "A

Grand Night for Singing" that was done five years ago, and his beautiful voice is known throughout the region.

"Alex De Bard was the female lead of our virtual production of 'First Date,' so she's worked with us before, but actually never performed on our stage," Hoffmann said. "She graduated from Catholic University's theatre program, is an amazing talent, and we knew we had to put her in front of a real audience."

Directed by Ashleigh

King and music directed by Elisa Rosman, the show will include Broadway classics, including songs from "Cinderella," "Ain't Misbehavin'" "Waitress," "Ragtime," "Company," "Little Shop of Horrors," "A Star is Born" and more.

"Almost everything is from musical theatre or movies, and ranges from Cole Porter to 'Waitress' and everything in between," Hoffmann said. "The really great thing about these four

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Visit Fairfax announces

## Karla Bonoff to perform at Wolf Trap



## The singer behind oodles of hits happy to be back on the road

#### **By Keith Loria**

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arla Bonoff fell into K music at a young age and it just seemed that would always be her path.

"It held my attention more than anything else," she said. "Growing up in Los Angeles in the late '60s and early '70s, the exposure to music, and the ability to go out and play clubs, there was just this burgeoning singer/songwriter community; it was compelling and magical."

During those days, Bonoff's musical friends included Jackson Browne, James Taylor and Elton John, and she would go on to form Bryndle, a band with Wendy Waldman, Kenny Edwards and Andrew Gold.

Though Bryndle never made it big, Edwards and Gold would go on to play in Linda Ronstadt's band, and that led to Bonoff writing three songs on the singer's acclaimed "Hasten Down the Wind" album.

Throughout her long career, she has also written hit songs for Bonnie Raitt, Wynonna

Judd and Lynn Anderson.

Aside from writing hits for others, Bonoff also started recording some of her own, including 'I Can't Hold On" and "Home."

Today, she's considered one of the finest singer/songwriters of her generation. She's enjoyed critical acclaim, commercial success, enduring popularity, and the unwavering respect of her peers.

On Oct. 8, Bonoff will play the Barns at Wolf Trap and perform some of her classics.

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## new mobile exclusive craft beverage field guide

## **Courtesy of Visit Fairfax**

Tisit Fairfax, the official tourism organization for Fairfax County, Virginia today announced the launch of Fairfax County's Locally Poured Field Guide, a new mobile-exclusive passport that aims to cross-promote and drive visitation to Fairfax County's craft breweries and wineries in a fun and rewarding way, offering users discounts, deals, and prizes for checking in.

Building on the success of the existing Locally Poured brand for Fairfax County Breweries, this new digital-only Field Guide welcomes Fairfax County's two vineyard wineries and one urban winery to the fold, in addition to the now 12 craft breweries located within the county's jurisdiction.

Available to any beer and wine lover, whether a resident or a visitor, Fairfax County's Locally Poured Field Guide is a free digital passport that is instantly delivered via text and email to a user's phone and offers a variety of redeemable discounts and deals at participating locations upon check-in. The pass can simply be saved to a user's home screen for easy one-tap access and without the need to download any apps.

"We have seen continued growth in Fairfax County's craft beverage scene over the last several years and have been working closely with our local brewers and

winemakers to support their businesses through tourism," said Barry Biggar, President & CEO of Visit Fairfax. "The new Locally Poured Field Guide is an exceptional way to showcase the amazing beer and wine our talented partners craft each and every day, all while giving visitors and residents an incentive to find and enjoy places they may not have previously known about."

To develop this free program, Visit Fairfax partnered with a wellknown technology company in the travel space, Bandwango, whose technology is designed to support experiences created by destinations and market them to visitors and locals.

Using this technology, Visit Fairfax and Bandwango collaborated with Fairfax County's local breweries and wineries to curate exclusive discounts and rewards for Field Guide users, including offers like 50 percent off beer flights and free stickers or pint glasses.

Once a user has signed up for the pass, they must simply show their phone at the brewery taproom or winery tasting room to check-in and redeem the discounts and offers. When a user checks-in at seven of the 15 participating locations, they are eligible to redeem additional prizes and merchandise discounts.

To sign up for Fairfax County's Locally Poured Field Guide or to learn more about the participating wineries and breweries, please visit www.FXVA.com/beer.



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#### **WOLF TRAP**

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"I've played there before and I'm coming back with Nina Gerber, who is a fantastic electric and acoustic guitar player, and we do an unplugged-ish kind of show," Bonoff said. "We'll do songs from all my records and some new stuff."

During the pandemic, Bonoff recorded some Christmas songs just for fun, and by December, she had enough to release her first-ever holiday album. It did well and was even named among The New York Times' best holiday albums for the year.

"That was unexpected," she said. "I was really just looking for something to do, as I had a ton of shows booked and suddenly, those were just gone. A lot of my fall travelling now, including the performance at Wolf Trap, is making up for those lost shows."

Now 69, Bonoff has a large catalogue of songs from her own releases, as

well as those she has written for others. Each song means something special to her, and she finds that audiences all have their own favorite as well.

"People tell me my music means a lot to them. whether they're going through a breakup or a divorce, and I'm really grateful that they have followed me for all these years," Bonoff said.

With the records, "Restless Nights" and "Wild Heart of the Young," released in 1979 and 1982 respectively, Bonoff became a radio staple and one of the most coveted songwriters around.

Ironically, one of her biggest hits is "Personally," a tune she didn't write herself. It's one that Bonoff expects to play at the Wolf Trap show because it's a favorite of hers and one she noted she always enjoys singing.

Her first show back was mid-September and she has a new appreciation for being back in front of an audience.

## "I'm definitely happy to be working again," Bonoff said. "It's been almost two

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years, but the audiences seem just as happy to be back. It's a little subdued, because shows are inside. But the venues have been good at asking for proof of vaccines or negative tests."

This was the longest layoff she has had since she started in the business, and Bonoff admits that it was nice to not constantly be on the road, packing and unpacking, all the time.

"I enjoyed having time hiking and doing things like that, but after a while, it got a little boring and I needed to start recording and performing," she said. "Honestly, I'm up there in age, so I don't know how much longer I will be doing this because it gets harder physically, but I'm grateful to do this right now."

She encourages fans to come out to Wolf Trap and support the venue and live music, and wishes everyone a great fall season ahead.

## **MELODY** CONTINUED FROM PAGE B1

performers is that they are really diverse vocalists. We have songs from the most classic Golden Age musicals to songs from Broadway right now."

A special treat in the show is a number known as "mega mix," sung towards the end of the show, that will allow for a number of great songs to be included.

"We know it's been a long time since people have been able to go to the theatre and feel safe going to

the theatre, and that's been our top priority," Hoffmann said. "Everything about this show is welcoming our audiences back and making them feel safe and comfortable again in a theatre. This is music that people love and recognize and is intended to wrap around the audience like a warm blanket to remind them what live music felt like before the pandemic."

"A Familiar Melody" is playing on weekends through October 17.

Once this show ends, NextStop will turn to the spooky "The Turn of the Screw," a ghost story adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher from the story by Henry James. The staging will run weekends from October 22 through November 7. Following that, stagings of "Fully Committed," and "Every Christmas Story Ever Told and then Some" finish up 2021.

"We're really stressing the safety precautions, and we're looking forward to keep creating art for the community in a safe way," Hoffmann said.

For more information on any of the shows, visit www.nextstoptheatre.org.

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For more information visit

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## **rt News**

evening of original new works featuring Mason School of Theater's talented student playwrights and students in this Mason Arts at Home Walk Visit more than 60 resipremiere. 8 p.m. October 8. Free, but donations are accepted. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3uJvdvf.

Watercolor Workshop Learn to paint still life in watercolor with the help of Artist Dawn Flores. Gain skills in building form, developing color harmony, painting flowers and more. 9:15 a.m.

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Originals! Tune in for an Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria. For more information visit https:// bit.ly/3agiugp.

> Second Saturday Art dent visual artists through the buildings and Arches Gallery. See the group exhibit, Fall formation visit https://bit. Feeling and visit the monthly ly/3ab35Yw. featured artists. 6 to 9 p.m. October 9. Free. Workhouse is an annual showcase recital Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit https://bit. ly/3lfAHLo.

October 9. Cost is \$97. Green comedy and classical theatre Hall, 4373 Mason Pond Dr., tickets must be purchased Paintings features oil and https://bit.ly/3tDS4Ii.

collide in this Wild West Fairfax. For more information on line. Pricing varies. Show. Don't miss these buckaroos taking audience suggestions and turning them into gold. 7:30 p.m. October 9. Tickets are \$10 to \$15. Arts Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. For more in-

**Dewberry Artist Series** of performances by Mason's School of Music faculty featuring vocal, instrumental and piano artists. 3 p.m. October visit https://bit.ly/3AdjA10.

Linda Eder has a repertoire spanning Broadway, standards, pop, country and jazz. 8 p.m. October 14. Tickets start at \$52. The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. For more information visit https://bit.ly/2WK0oKx.

Workhouse Haunt: The Collection Get ready for terror at the outdoor walkthrough haunted trail. 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7 to 10 p.m. Sundays. Through https://bit.ly/3mvRj0L. Calamity Improv Sketch 10. Center for the Arts Concert November 6. Timed-entry

Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit https:// bit.ly/3olE4SZ.

Drawing and Investigating Owls Draw owl feathers, eggs, talons, skulls, taxidermy mounts and more. Go on a hike to learn about their habitats. 6:30 p.m. October 14. Cost is \$23. Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St., Annandale. For more information visit

Seeing the Life Through For more information visit

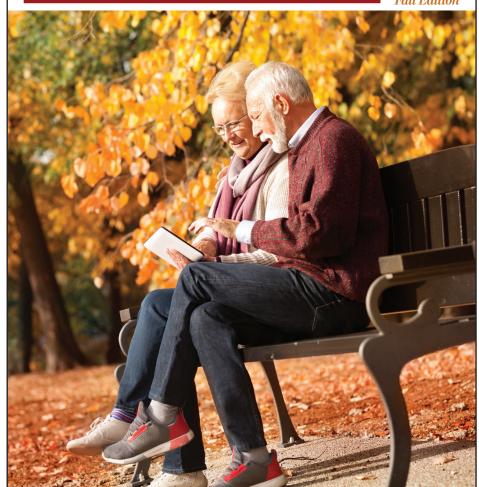
## **Community Information**

variety of vendors to purchase \$12. Lake Fairfax, 1400 Lake Annandale and Herndon. For produce, pastries, bread, Fairfax Drive, Reston, For more information visit https:// meat and more. 8 a.m. to more information visit https:// bit.lv/3kYWyGU. noon. Fridays through Nov. 12. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean. cludes themed activities in-For more information visit cluding vendors, artist demos, program comes to your home https://bit.ly/3fK9H2t. 3 to 7 p.m. Fridays through Oct. 29. 5844-5862 Kingstowne Center, Alexandria. For more information visit https://bit. Lorton. For more information ly/34lWuHG. **Growing and Protecting** a Park Forest Walk with the to use and old-fashioned cipark resource manager and learn about how this 650acre parks is kept healthy and thriving. 1 p.m. October 8. Cost is \$8. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Rd., Chantilly. For more information visit https://bit. Colvin Run Rd., Great Falls. ly/3BeDGJB. Campfire Wagon Ride https://bit.ly/3ldtgeN. Experience an intimate after-hours experience as day in their best costume to parturns to night and enjoy a ticipate in the pet costume bonfire before or after the ride. Timeslots available from dog trick demonstrations 5:15 to 6:55 p.m. October 8 and 9. Cost is \$8. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Rd., Herndon. For more Madison Blvd., McLean. For information visit https://bit. more information visit https:// ly/3aeriNu. Fall Festival Come out to visit artisans, enjoy food, children's activities and three stages of music and entertainment for all ages. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. October 9. Free. Old Town Fairfax, 3999 University Dr., Fairfax. For more information visit https:// For more information visit bit.ly/3liZ7Dy. **Birding for Beginners** Learn about the birds and booths from local vendors on gain some basic identification skills. The program be- through late fall in local gins with a discussion. 9:30 county parks McCutcheon,

Farmers' Markets Visit a a.m. October 9. The cost is Oak Marr, Wakefield,



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Community Market infood, entertainment and more. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. October 9. Free. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, visit https://bit.ly/3hTCNiO.

Cider Making Learn how der press and make your own cider. Bring 50 to 100 prewashed apples and tightly sealable containers for transporting cider. 11 a.m. October 10. Cost is \$60 per family. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 For more information visit

Pet Fest Dress your pet parade, see dog agility and and more. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 10. Free. McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley bit.ly/2YlFBNA.

Introduction to Astronomy This interactive presentation provides an introduction to some fundamentals for astronomy and the universe. 7:30 p.m. October 13. Cost is \$8. Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Rd., Great Falls. https://bit.ly/3uKRRTW.

Farmers Markets Visit Wednesdays and Thursdays

## **ONGOING**

Air & Scare at Home This with online downloadable activities, challenges, live digital programming and some sc-air-y business. Through October 31. For more information visit https://s. si.edu/2ZERDT8

St. Mark's ESL English as a second language program is looking for new students and volunteers. Classes will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings through December 7. Students register online https://bit.ly/ StMarkRegistrationFall2021. For more information call 703-980-9380 or 703-242-7449.

Virtual Mental Help Events and Support **Recovery Program** Solutions of Virginia holds a variety of free online events and support groups each week. Meet new friends, stay healthy and fit, participate in art therapy and more. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3vokjut.

Help Children in Need through volunteer work with Assistance League. Learn more at https://bit. ly/305C3ge.

Volunteer Fairfax has volunteer opportunities and donation needs. Please visit https://bit.ly/3b169oZ for more information.

Meals on Wheels needs drivers, coordinators, and co-coordinators. Apply at http://bit.ly/2DGfhme.

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## ADORABLE ADOPTABLES THE FELINE FOUNDATION

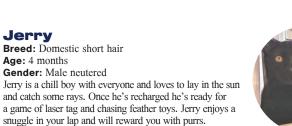
See these pets and more at: www.ffgw.org

## Terry

Jerry

Age: 4 months Gender: Male neutered

Breed: Domestic short hair Age: 4 months Gender: Male neutered Terry is a darling little guy who loves his treats. Sometimes he's not sure if he should play with them or eat them, but either way, they get his attention. This handsome tuxedo guy is a cuddly lap cat and will supply you with hours of entertainment.



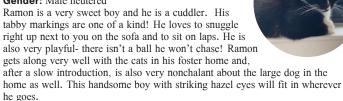
## Guacamole

Breed: Domestic short hair

Breed: Domestic long hair Age: 3 years Gender: Male neutered Guacamole would love a home where he can be king of the castle and get all of the attention. He's prefer to be a solo cat but wouldn't mind a canine companion. He enjoys cuddles and snuggling up on your chest and tucking his head under your chin if you let. He likes sleeping by your side at night.

## Ramon

Breed: Domestic short hair Age: 3 months Gender: Male neutered



## Stripey

Breed: Domestic short hair Age: 5 years Gender: Female spayed Stripey was rescued from a rural shelter. She's very sweet and loves being pet. She's been enjoying playtime and lap time in her foster home. As you can see by those stunning emerald eyes, she's a beautiful blend of brown tabby and poise. Looking for a companion while you work -Stripey has been a fantastic kitty to have around during this pandemi





**BODNAE PRODUCTIONS / PEXELS** 

## Camping with your dog, paw 3

### By Abby! Noah! SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Woofs! Camping is a pawsome adventure with your human. I have been pawing a few articles about preparing to go camping and what to pack so you don't overpack these past few weeks. Pawlease read our previous articles at https://bit. ly/3Bgdez3. Paws, this week, we share a few more

tips for your camping adventure. Barkingly, as with most adventures when Noah and I get to go on, we select a few favorite stylin' leashes and collars to take with us. Paws, most campgrounds require dogs to always be leashed, we bring a few extras as back-ups. Barks, you never know when a collar or leash might break or get disgustingly filthy so it's good to have a change. Kind of like a change of clothing for humans, you know. Woofs.

Paws, to occupy ourselves during our trip, Noah and I pack a few of our favorite toys. Since it's pawssible we'll get dirty at the campsite, our toys might too, so we leave our favorites, the stuffies, at home. We've got a few Kong Safestix's made of durable materials, which are pawfect outdoor toys, among others too.

Paws, inclement weather can be a challenge. Noah and I love the rain and getting as wet as we pawssibly can. Paws, pack rough weather gear such as raincoats and umbrellas to help "enjoy" those heavy rains. Paws, extra-large towels are pawsome for drying off your dog before going inside the tent.

And, finally, paws, if you have never taken an adventure with your dog, take a practice trip before adventuring too far. Go for a road trip, making sure your pups enjoys riding in a vehicle. Some dogs don't; others love it. Does your dog enjoy the outdoors? Spend time outside to determine their interest. Does your dog obey voice commands and do well on leash walks? Take a few long walks to train and teach voice commands. A backyard campout will give you a good idea about how your dog will behave. Keep your dog leashed the whole time.

Remember to always keep your dog secure, pack their First Aid Kit, medications especially for allergies, and more treats than you think you will ever need.

Paws, have a barkingly grand camping adventure with your dog.

## About us!

WOOF! MEOW! Do you enjoy our articles?

Sunbeam

Breed: Domestic short hair Age: 3 months Gender: Male neutered Sunbeam was rescued from a rural shelter along with his mom and brother. He's enjoying life in his foster home but is ready to spread sunshine in a new forever home. He loves people, cats and playtime. Don't miss out on this darling!





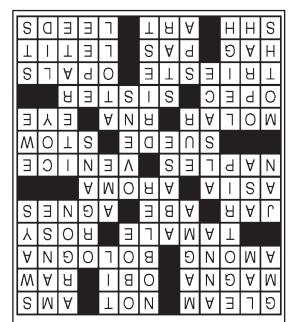
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In every dog's life, even Noah and I, and paws every living thing, there comes a time when we must give "gifts" to society; it happens. With every trip we take, paws, we bring a stash of waste bags that our human uses to place our "gifts" and pawperly dispose of them. In the woods and campsites, it is no different, since we don't have opposing thumbs, humans must clean up for us. Barks.

Barks! Does your dog have to go out to do his "business" at night or in the middle of the night? Paws, sometimes when our schedule changes like on these adventures, Noah and I have to give "gifts" at the oddest times, like 2 a.m. Bring battery-operated lanterns, LED collars, flashlights, or headlamps that will help you to see at night. Noah was staying in a cabin in the West Virginia mountains when it became necessary to "step outside." Though there was lighting in the area, it wasn't enough, the LED flashlight came in handy. Woofs!

Noah and I lived in an area where we occasionally would see some wildlife. Barkingly, now that we live in the country, we have the oppawtunity to see quite a bit. We've seen wild turkeys, horses, deer, and have learned black bears aren't far. We get quite excited when we see these guys roaming around the backyard. Woofs! Dad has taught us a few commands to settle us down when we see them. How would your dog react to wildlife? Take time to determine what may happen and learn ways to control the situation. You'll need to be constantly aware of nature, animals, and plants and be mindful of your surroundings. Paws, never allow your dog to drink from stagnant puddles, lakes, streams, or ponds. Blue-green algae could infect these. Woofs, it's wise to research local plants and know how to identify a potentially poisonous plant before going for hikes or walks. Fido can bring poison ivy or other plants back to you, woof.

Barks and purrs, pawlease follow us at www. fromthedogspaw.com by email to enjoy our adventures! Noah, Samson, and Abby are Pawthors pawing about dog/cat care tips using facts and humor, and entertaining stories about their lives with humans! Our human, Allen Pearson, is a dog, nature, and railroad photographer and writer. Find us all at www. fromthedogspaw.com, www.instagram.com/fromthedogspaw, www.facebook.com/fromthedogspaw.



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## **Celebrate cultural offerings this month**

By Dana C. Stewart SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

ctober reminds us Uthat the seasons are changing, and it feels good to have a slight nip in the air. The hardships facing so many in our community remain present in our minds. As we move forward, acknowledging those facing difficulties, we must also celebrate our traditions and culture. It is our diversity and traditions that help bring us together as a community. Americans for the Arts recognized this need and more than 30 years ago dedicated October to celebrating our nation's cultural offerings.

National Arts & Humanities Month is a monthlong celebration of culture in America. Northern Virginians have the privilege of so many art offerings throughout our the Arts, NextStop Theatre Company, 1st Stage, and many more - who are eager to engage audiences of all ages.

You can celebrate our local and national cul-



LIZ COLANDENE / PERFORMING ARTS COORDINATOR FOR THE WORKHOUSE ARTS CENTER

Happy character beckoning to the innocent at Workhouse Haunt, Workhouse Arts Center.

and Americans for the arts in the #ShowYourArt2021 locale - Wolf Trap, George Challenge. Individuals and or-Washington's Mount Vernon, ganizations can share images George Mason's Center for and videos on your Instagram grid, stories, and reels following the daily unique themesand whether you post once or 31 times, you're a part of the celebration.

Also, this month the region

who will feature three Fairfax County arts organizations in October: Fairfax Symphony Orchestra on October 9; Gin Dance Company on October 15: and Virginia Chamber Orchestra on October 23. Visit capitalonehall.com for a far to explore a new literary complete listing of local and national productions.

tural offerings every day in welcomes the long-awaiting unique perspective and vision live, interactive event or attend

your home by visiting greatfallsart.org.

You don't have to venture author. This year Fall for the Book offers a hybrid option Local artists bring a where participants can watch a

October. Join ArtsFairfax opening of Capital One Hall to their creations. This month in person. The festival runs The Arts of Great Falls is through November 2 and preshighlighting seven different ents authors covering a broad talented local artists. You can spectrum of topics from ficvisit each from the comfort of tion, nonfiction exploration of the environment and big tech, and new authors. A bonus this year is a Fall for the Book podcast. Visit fallfrothebook. org for more information.

> If movies are your passion, local favorite Washington West Film Festival is open

October 21 through 25th. This year, the festival is expanding beyond its flagship location of Bow Tie Cinemas in Reston Town Center to include Capital One Hall and the ShowPlace Icon Theater at the Boro. The festival celebrates 10 years of highlighting innovative filmmakers and the timely topics they explore. Tickets are required for each screening and can be found at wwfilmfest.com/.

You can't close out October without experiencing the art of Halloween. Workhouse Haunt is not for the faint at heart. Set on the grounds of the former District of Columbia's Correction Facility, Workhouse Haunt is a spooky, spectacular Halloween experience for all ages. The annual Haunt runs through November 7. Tickets are required, and days and times vary. Premium nights October 16, 23, 30, and 31 will feature live entertainment. Pricing varies. Visit https:// bit.ly/3iFKJ6y to see times, purchase tickets, and learn more.

Whatever your interest, enjoy the art and culture in your community.

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Where have I seen the you share what you know lead actor in the new NBC about Mr. Sudduth and if he show "Ordinary Joe"? Did has done other movies or he used to be on "ER"? shows? I was a police offi-- J.G.

A: James Wolk has been wife that me and "Suitcase" acting in Hollywood for about would have been great part-15 years. A lot of hope was ners on patrol. - Paul riding on him as the next big thing when he played a "Suitcase" Simpson was con man in the Fox drama created by author Robert B. "Lone Star," but it was can- Parker in his Jesse Stone seceled after just two episodes. ries of novels that were sub-He's since rebounded nicely sequently adapted into movies with recurring roles like Bob Benson on "Mad Men," Jeff Clayton on "Goliath," Joe Keene on "Watchmen" and three versions of the title character in "Ordinary Joe." He really gets to stretch his wings with this one as Joe had no particular reason for becomes a police officer, a assigning the officer the nicknurse and a singer in three name other than it seemed to separate timelines.



James Wolk in "Ordinary Joe"

Damon, and TV's "Sex and the City," but his big break came with a supporting role opposite Eddie Murphy in the movie "Bowfinger," where he played an aspiring actor. He also was a regular on the WB network show "Grosse Pointe," which ran from 2000 to 2001, and he even guest starred on Selleck's current TV hit, "Blue Bloods." There have been nine Jesse Stone telefilms, and in looking through Tom Selleck's filmography on IMDb.com, it appears there's another one in the pre-production stages. Hopefully this will include Officer "Suitcase," so keep an eye out for a new Jesse Stone movie in the coming years.Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail. com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

Q: My wife and I are huge Jesse Stone movie fans. and even more so, fans of Officer "Suitcase," played by actor Kohl Sudduth. Can

A: Officer Luther on CBS and Hallmark. In "Night Passage," one of the early Jesse Stone films, Stone (Tom Selleck) called Simpson "Suitcase" after the 1940s baseball player Harry "Suitcase" Simpson. Stone fit him.

cer for 38 years and told my

As for actor Kohl Sudduth, he started out with small roles in motion pictures like "Illuminata" and "Rounders," with Matt

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(for "The Imitation Game") to "The Theory of Everything" star Eddie Redmayne. If the four-minute standing ovation at The Venice Film Festival for "The Power of the Dog" (due Nov. 17) is any indication, he'll be in the running for an Oscar again. The film is based on a novel about a 1920s Montana his brother brings home a new wife and her son.

Cumberbatch has more movies lined up. "The Electrical Life of Louis Wain," about an eccentric British artist famous for his distinctive paintings of cats, arrives in theaters

Benedict Cumberbatch Oct. 22 and on Amazon Prime Nov. 5. He'll again be Doctor Nov. 5. He'll again be Doctor Strange in "Spider-Man: No Way Home" (dropping Dec. 17) and in "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness," due in March 2022.

Also getting Oscar buzz is "Game of Thrones" star Peter Dinklage, a four-time Emmy Award winner. His acting and singing in the title role of the rancher who is angered when musical "Cyrano" (as in de Bergerac), arriving Dec. 21, set judges and audiences at The Telluride Film Festival on their ears. Dinklage's Roxanne is Haley Bennett of "Hillbilly Elegy."

> Oscar-winning director Taylor Hackford plans to classic films as the crime drama

reinvent film noir with "Sniff," starring Helen Mirren (his wife), Morgan Freeman and Al Pacino, as well as Danny DeVito, which has Freeman and DeVito investigating two murders in a luxury retirement community. Mirren also has the war drama "White Bird: A Wonder Story," with Gillian Anderson (out September 2022), and the sequel "Shazam! Fury of the Gods," coming June 2023.

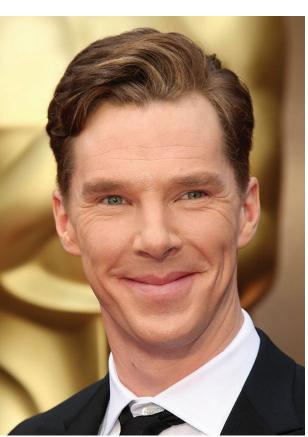
In 1970, while visiting The St. Regis Hotel in New York City, I was stunned seeing a bevy of beautiful women hanging around the front of the building. Pandemonium hit when the object of their affections arrived. He was French movie star Jean-Paul Belmondo, there publicizing his film "Borsalino," with Alain Delon. He handled the ladies with charm and grace like a true superstar.

Belmondo starred in such

"Breathless" (1960), with Jean Seberg, and "That Man from Rio" (1964), and was compared to James Dean, Marlon Brando and Humphrey Bogart.

When Belmondo passed away on Sept. 6, French television stations altered their schedules to screen his films, drawing more than 6.5 million viewers. The French newspaper The Guardian hailed him as an integral part of the history of French cinema and France herself. French President Emmanuel Macron called him "a national hero." Belmondo resisted "going Hollywood" and was content working exclusively in Europe. He was married twice, partnered with four women, including Ursula Andress, and sired four children. When he left us at age 88, you can be sure the ladies were lined up at the gates of heaven to get a glimpse of him.





Benedict Cumberbatch

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# Illuminating ideas for hanging string lights in your backyard

## Courtesy of State Point Media

S o, you've created the backyard of your dreams and love everything about it -- except that seeing your surroundings can sometimes be a challenge once the sun's gone down. As the days grow shorter and we head into fall, it's one of the best times of year to enhance your backyard life at night.

While hiring someone to install outdoor lighting can be really expensive and involved, patio string lights are a simple, cost-effective solution. Best of all, you can create a look that reflects your style using any number of patterns.

In a recent episode of "Done-In-A-Weekend Projects" called "Light Up Your Life," expert landscape designer Doug Scott demonstrated how to hang string lights, as well as discussed what to consider before, and while, doing so. Here are his steps for adding fun,



personality and light to your outdoor living and dining spaces:

1. First determine how long your string lights need to be and how many strands you'll need. The only other materials you'll need for this project are appropriate, outdoor-grade hardware (such as cup hooks or a similar fastener) and possibly an extension cord. sketch your design to make sure you capture what you're going for and second, to ensure you're purchasing the correct number and lengths of lights and hooks. For a more relaxed look, you may want a crisscross or freeform pattern. For a more uniform look, you can simply hang lights across the center or around the perimeter of the

2. Next you'll want to space.

"Regardless, just make sure your design represents you and how you want to live outside," says Scott.

3. When measuring your lights, be sure to add a few feet on each pass to allow for slack. One other thing you'll want to consider is whether you'll be able to make light connections

in discreet places, ideally where they connect to the wall, post or tree.

"Having a connection in the middle of a swag won't be the end of the world, but you'll want to minimize this as much as possible," says Scott.

**4. Install your hooks according to your plan.** Then, hang your lights with the bulbs removed to decrease your chances of breaking them. You'll also want to make sure that your first strand reaches an outlet, or you have an extension cord that will. Once you're satisfied with your general look, install one bulb in each strand to test that everything is working properly. If all is good, install the rest of the bulbs, light them up, then kick back and enjoy.

Need some inspiration to get started? A free downloadable guide from Exmark, which provides helpful illustrations and brief descriptions of five commonly used string light patterns, can be found by visiting Exmark's Backyard Life at Exmark.com/backyard. There you can also access other original video series, including "Prime Cuts" and "Dream Yards," to help you make the most of your backyard.

With a few supplies and a little creativity, brightening your backyard and enhancing your backyard life at night can be a simple DIY project.

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Stephen W. Pournaras, Jr, MD, Christopher P. Silveri, MD, Ryan G. Miyamoto, MD, and Bradley L. Boyd, DO, is announcing its closure on December 31, 2021. While Fair Oaks Orthopaedic Associates is closing, the physicarus are relocating to other precise Trading as: Ruffinos Spaghetti House 10427 North St. Ste 102 Request for Proposal RFP 22-001, Fairfax Fairfax, Fairfax County, VA 22030-2568 Website audit, assessment, and redesign for County Public Schools, Office of Design & Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 22-01. Construction Services is seeking proposals The above establishment is applying to CONNECTING for Architectural and Engineering Services – Capital Bond Improvement Projects. RFP Documents can be downloaded from FCPS physicians are relocating to other practices in the community. Effective January 3, the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE Blue Ridge Community and Technical College is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide a website audit, assessment, and CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine In the community. Effective January 5, 2022, Dr. Pournaras will be practicing at a solo practice in Fairfax, Dr. Silveri will be practicing at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital in Fairfax, and Drs. Miyamoto and Boyd will be practicing at Town Center Orthopaedic Associates in Reston. Each will be accepting approprimtents for current **PEOPLE AND** & Beer On Premises / Mixed Beverage website, www.fcps.edu, search for current Restaurant license to sell or manufacture solicitations. COMMUNITIES alcoholic beverages. 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Objections should be registered information will be received in writing until 5:00 pm EST, October 22, 2021 by: at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200. [(Full name(s) of owner(s)]: [(Full name(s) of owner(s)]: https://request.rrsmedical.com. Kevin Cappello //ABC 3008833 (10-08-21, 10-15-21) //ABC Revin Cappeilo Procurement & Purchasing Card Manager Blue Ridge Community & Technical College 13650 Apple Harvest Drive Martinsburg, WV 25403 kcappell@blueridgectc.edu My Boutique Wine LLC BB50 LLC Trading as: Trading as: Gannett Satellite Information Network, **Notice of Fairfax County** My Boutique Wine Big Buns Damn Good Burgers LLC is seeking a Site Reliability Engineer **Bond Referendum** in McLean, VA, Understand & establish ser-1899 Oracle Way Apt 1529 10392 Fairfax Blvd vice-lvl objctvs. Work w/ product teams & Reston, Fairfax County, VA 20190-4874 Fairfax, Fairfax County, VA 22030-2248 Proposals will be received until 12:00 pm EST On November 2, 2021, in conjunction November 1, 2021 by: their business stakehldrs to ensure we reach with the General Election to be held the same day, Fairfax County will hold a those goals w/ systems that are performance The above establishment is applying to The above establishment is applying to Kevin Cappello Procurement & Purchasing Card Manager Blue Ridge Community & Technical College 13650 Apple Harvest Drive Martinsburg, WV 25403 tuned, automatd, & designed to scale. 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(10-01-21, 10-08-21)



Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, will hold a work session on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Police Department Community Room located at 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon and a public hearing on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon on the following item:

Ordinance, to consider zoning ordinance text amendment, ZOTA #21-03, to amend Chapter 78 (ZONING), Article VII (Use Regulations), Article VIII (Accessory Uses), to revise or establish new limitations on size, bulk, and setbacks for accessory dwelling units; to eliminate the special exception requirement for accessory dwelling units in certain situations; and to eliminate the minimum age and physical, mental, or cognitive disability requirements for accessory dwelling units.

The proposed item is available for review by the public on the town's website www.herndon-va.gov beginning at 3:00 pm on Friday, prior to the meeting.

The public is encouraged to participate in the town's public hearing process. Individuals having an interest in the above item are invited to attend the public hearing and to state their opinions. Individuals may submit comments to town. clerk@herndon-va.gov.

The Town of Herndon supports the Americans with Disabilities Act by making reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, so that they may participate in services, programs, or activities, offered by the Town. Please call (703) 435-6804 to arrange for any accommodation that may be necessary to allow for participation.

Viki L. Wellershaus, Town Clerk

(10-08-21, 10-15-21) Publish October 8 and October 15, 2021 renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishings and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

Ad Run Dates: September 13, 2021 and October 11 2021

AD#52049



Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, will hold a work session on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Police Department Community Room, located at 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon and a public hearing on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building located at 765 Lynn Street, Herndon on the following items:

SPECIAL EXCEPTION - SE #21-04, 148 Herndon Mill Circle, to consider a special exception to permit an accessory dwelling unit through addition of a secondary kitchen within the first floor of the attached primary dwelling structure. The property is zoned RTC, Residential Townhouse Cluster. The property is designated in the Herndon 2030 Comprehensive Plan as "Neighborhood Conservation." The property is located on the east side of Herndon Mill Circle, approximately 700 feet from its intersection with Jonguil Lane, and is approximately 2,000 square feet in land area. Fairfax County Tax Map Number: 0171-27-0074. Applicants/Owners: Tara M. Woodruff and Daniel W. Dukes.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION - SE #21-05, 299 Herndon Parkway, Suite 108. Fancy Lashes and Beyond, LLC, to consider a special exception to permit a personal service use consisting of cosmetics and aesthetic services. The property is zoned CO, Commercial Office. The property is designated in the Herndon 2030 Comprehensive Plan as "Business Corridor Use." The property is located in the Herndon Park Condominium office building and is located at the northeast corner of the intersection Herndon Parkway and Elden Street. The property consists of approximately 966 square feet of floor area in a multi-unit building. Fairfax County Tax Map Reference Number: 0-171-13-0108. Applicant: Fancy Lashes and Beyond, LLC. Owners: Tommy Nguyen and Phuong Le Tran.

The proposed items are available for review by the public on the town's website <u>www.herndon-va.gov</u> beginning October 15, 2021, after 3:00 p.m.

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