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Fairfax County votes to adopt FY2023 budget

By Heather Zwicker FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Earlier this week the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted 9-1 to adopt a \$4.8 billion FY2023 budget. Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity voted against it.

Although the board lowered the county's tax rate for homes from \$1.14 to \$1.11 per \$100 of assessed value, homeowners will end up paying an average of \$465 more per year. The budget includes \$10 million for more affordable housing and an additional \$6.1 million to increase pay for public safety workers. Additionally, to help soften the blow for county residents, personal property taxes on automobiles will be based on a reduced 85 percent of a vehicle's assessed value.

Other budget initiatives included Diversion First, opioid use prevention efforts, public safety staffing, and the new language access program.

Herrity said that he opposed the budget because it did not address the concerns of many taxpayers who testified during public hearings and budget town halls. He also asked the board to form a Citizen Task Force on Tax Revenue and Expenditures that would provide year-round input on the budget. Such a task force would be similar to citizen budget review boards established by past chairmen of both parties. The board did not support the motion.

"A 6.7 percent increase in taxes



on average is a huge disappointment for our residents, particularly those on fixed incomes, as we are facing record inflation and record gas prices," said Herrity. "With over \$1 billion in federal stimulus and COVID funding between the County and schools, make no mistake, we had the flexibility to make this a true flat tax rate for our residents."

Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance President Arthur Purves said that Chairman Jeff McKay misled county residents by saying that the real estate tax rate was reduced by 3 cents and that employees were given 4 percent raises.

"For homeowners, the rate was raised 7 cents above the \$1.04 rate

that would have prevented a tax hike due to assessments," said Purves. "Also county and school employees are getting 6 percent raises, not 4 percent raises. Except for the police, the chairman provided no evidence of a retention and recruitment problem that necessitated 6 percent raises. A more likely reason is payback to unions, who were the top donors to Chairman McKay's election campaign and gave him more than \$100,000."

The McLean Citizens Association (MCA) had a mixed reaction to the final budget outcome. President Scott Spitzer said that while they were glad that the rate was lowered from \$1.14 to \$1.11, which they'd specifically requested, public safety raises were

not as high as they wanted.

"We also advocated for including full funding of the Fairfax County Park Authority's Natural Resource Management request which was also included in the adopted budget," he said. "MCA had urged salary increases for recruitment and retention of our police officers up to the second lieutenant level and this was addressed with a more modest increase than we had hoped."

Braddock District Supervisor James Walkinshaw called the adopted budget balanced "both literally and figuratively," and said that with the passage of the budget "the long-overdue renovation of the Audrey Moore Rec Center will remain on schedule."

Youngkin and Guidera meet with local Asian American leaders



Hung Cao with family Vietnam ~ 1974 with Gov. Glenn Youngkin Virginia, 2022

By Asra Nomani SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

After Saigon fell to Communist forces in April 1975, Hung Cao's family fled to nearby Reston, to make a new home for themselves in a low-income apartment housing complex, Cao, then a toddler, later learned English by watching the "A-Team."

This week, Cao joined about 100 local Asian American business and education leaders who packed Café V, a local Korean coffee shop off Little River Turnpike, for a conversation with Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin and Education Secretary Aimee Guidera.

Cao, a retired Navy captain and graduate of the

first class of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, the Class of 1989, offered Youngkin solutions for building new vocational schools in the state and bringing back merit-based admissions to the school, where a new admissions policy was just deemed anti-Asian and discriminatory by federal Judge Claude Hilton.

"It was surreal," said Cao afterward, "offering solutions to the governor for a school system from which I benefited."

In that room were not only immigrants with powerful stories of migration, leaving their families, home countries, and comfort zones to forge a

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Psi Alpha Alpha is anywhere they can help

Local fraternity chapter has roots in mentorship, social action, and education

The members of Psi Alpha Alpha have been active in Fairfax County for almost half a century. The chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was recently awarded Graduate Large Chapter of the Year in their Third District. There's not much they don't do when it comes to supporting what's new and old in the community.

"You still have pockets that deserve some attention," said Baileuz/President W.J. Williams, Jr. while noting this is an affluent county. "You still have a population that's on free lunch, government assistance, affordable housing, and it's growing."

The Psi Alpha Alpha brothers especially invest in the area's youth with mentoring and scholarship opportunities.

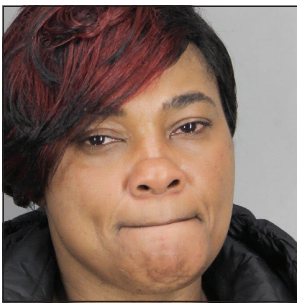
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PUBLIC SAFETY NOTES



COURTESY PHOTO
Ranada Humble

D.C. woman arrested for possessing stolen property

Fairfax County Police officers located a 1995 Nissan Altima in the 6100 block of Richmond Hwy. at 12:38 p.m. April 30. The vehicle had been reported stolen from a neighboring jurisdiction.

While investigating, Ranada Humble, 47, of Washington, D.C., returned to the vehicle. She was arrested and charged with possession of stolen property.

Jury convicts men for gang-related multistate drug trafficking rink and murder

A federal jury convicted four defendants on numerous charges relating to a murder, a violent gang enterprise, and a drug trafficking conspiracy operating in Virginia, California, and several other states.

According to court records and evidence presented at trial, Peter Le, 24, of Dunn Loring, Young Yoo, 26, of Centreville, Joseph Lamborn, 28, and Tony Le, 28, both of California, were members of a violent Northern Virginia Street gang called the Reccless Tigers, which was affiliated with a California gang called the West Side Asian Boyz. The gang, which originated in Centreville in 2011, distributed thousands of pounds of marijuana as well as other THC products, cocaine, ecstasy, and prescription drugs. Many of the gang’s customers were middle and high school students in Northern Virginia and college students at a number of Virginia universities.

According to court records, victim Brandon White, owed Yoo approximately \$10,000 for marijuana he had obtained from Yoo. In August 2018, White was severely beaten by a Reccless Tigers gang member, David Nguyen, because of this debt. Nguyen was arrested by Fairfax County Police and charged with robbery and malicious wounding. The gang was aware that White had been subpoenaed to testify against Nguyen at a preliminary hearing and attempted to pay him if he would refuse to testify. White was threatened that he would be killed if he testified. White refused the

gang’s offer, and he testified against Nguyen on Nov. 19, 2018.

On Jan. 31, 2019, and continuing into the early morning hours of February 1, 2019, White was abducted at a shopping mall in Fairfax County and then killed two hours later in a wooded area of Richmond by Peter Le, Yoo, and Lamborn.

The evidence at trial indicated that the gang also engaged in persistent pattern of intimidation and retaliation against individuals who did not pay their drug debts and anyone who were believed to have cooperated with law enforcement. Homes in Fairfax, Stafford, and Prince William counties were attacked with Molotov cocktails and vandalized on numerous occasions, forcing homeowners in some instances to move.

Peter Le was convicted of conspiracy to engage in racketeering, narcotics trafficking and related narcotics offenses, kidnapping, murder, and money laundering. Lamborn was convicted of conspiracy to engage in racketeering, narcotics trafficking, kidnapping, and murder. Tony Le was convicted of conspiracy to engage in racketeering and narcotics trafficking.

Peter Le, Young Yoo, and Joseph Lamborn face mandatory life sentences when sentenced on September 9. Tony Le faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment when he is sentenced of September 9.

Twenty-four other persons have been charged in connection with the investigation of the Reccless Tigers. Sixteen defendants have pleaded guilty to federal charges and have been sentenced. Nine defendants, five who pleaded guilty earlier in addition to the four convicted today, are pending sentencing. Three defendants are fugitives.



COURTESY PHOTO
CBP officers seized more than \$20,000 in unreported currency from a Ghana-bound man.

Dulles CBP officers seize \$46K in unreported currency

The best way for travelers to keep their currency when

traveling is to truthfully report all of it to a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer during inspection. CBP has repeated that advice for years, yet officers still encounter travelers at Washington Dulles International Airport who ignore that simple advice.

For example, CBP officers at Dulles airport recently seized more than \$46,000 combined during two separate currency seizures from travelers departing the United States.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at Washington Dulles International Airport seized \$46,447 in unreported currency from Ghana-bound and Egypt-bound travelers recently. CBP urges travelers to truthfully comply with U.S. currency reporting laws or they may face severe consequences including criminal prosecution.

In the most recent case on May 1, CBP officers inspected a U.S. citizen destined to Ghana. The man initially reported, both verbally and in writing, that he possessed \$14,000. However, officers discovered a total of \$19,904 in his carry-on bag, and an additional \$500 in his backpack for a total of \$20,404. Officers seized the currency, returned \$404 to the man as humanitarian relief, and released him to continue his travel.

Earlier, on April 26, a CBP currency detector dog alerted to a couple’s carry-on bags and the couple, who were destined to Egypt, reported that they possessed \$15,000. During an examination, CBP officers discovered additional currency in the woman’s purse and even more concealed inside a suitcase liner for a total of \$26,043. CBP officers seized the currency, then returned \$1,043 as a humanitarian relief and released the couple to continue their travel.

“We cannot make this point enough, travelers can carry all the currency they want to and from the United States, but U.S. federal law requires them to make a formal report on amounts of \$10,000 or greater. It’s that simple,” said Daniel Escobedo, CBP’s Area Port Director for the Area Port of Washington, D.C. “The consequences for violating US currency reporting laws are severe – from missing a flight and interrupting vacation plans, to seeing all their currency seized by a Customs and Border Protection officer, and to even facing criminal prosecution for bulk currency smuggling. It’s too easy to just be truthful.”

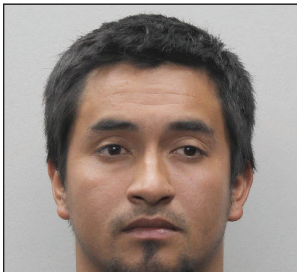
CBP is not releasing any of the travelers’ names because none were criminally charged.

There is no limit to how much currency or other monetary instruments that travelers may bring to or take out of the United States. However, federal law [31 USC 5316] requires travelers to report all currency of \$10,000 or greater to a CBP officer and travelers will need to complete U.S.

Treasury Department Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments [FINCEN 105].

CBP seized about \$342,000 in unreported or illicit currency every day along our nation’s borders last year.

CBP officers have observed that smuggled bulk currency is generally the proceeds of illicit activity, such as from the sales of dangerous drugs or revenue from financial crimes. CBP officers work hard to hit back at those transnational criminal organizations by seizing their smuggled currency.



COURTESY PHOTO
Amado Diaz Lainez
Fairfax man arrested after traffic stop

City of Fairfax Police Officers observed a traffic violation at 10:22 p.m. May 5 that resulted in a traffic stop in the 3500 block of University Drive.

The investigation revealed that the driver was intoxicated. Amado Diaz Lainez, 25, of Fairfax, was taken into custody and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (2nd offense) and issued two additional traffic summonses. Diaz Lainez was held on a \$2,000 secured bond.

FCPD seeks assistance identifying thieves in smash-and-grab

Fairfax County Police detectives are investigating a smash-and-grab larceny that occurred at My Eye Dr, 6307 Richmond Highway in Alexandria.

Officers responded at 6:22 p.m. on April 19 four males entered the business; damaged the glass display cases; and stole more than \$20,000 worth of eyeglass frames. Surveillance video captured the suspects, described as four black males, 17 to 23 years old, wearing gloves, masks, and hoods or hats to cover their hair. A fifth male was waiting in an older-model black Toyota Camry with tinted windows and black hubcaps.

“Detectives are following up on leads and are aware of similar incidents throughout the National Capital Region,” said Capt. Frederick Chambers, commander of the Criminal Investigations Division. “Detectives continue to work with our law enforcement partners in the region to identify the suspects involved in this incident and are closely examining others that fit this same troubling pattern. We are asking for information from our community and reminding them they can remain anonymous through our Crime Solvers tip line.”

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers

electronically by visiting <http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org> or text-a-tip by texting “TIP187” plus your message to CRIMES(274637)** or by calling 1-866-411-TIPS(8477).



COURTESY PHOTO
Robert Thomas

Fairfax man charged with violating a protective order

City of Fairfax Police officers responded for a larceny at CVS, 10090 Fairfax Blvd. at 4:40 p.m. May 3.

The reporting person stated that a male and female subject came into the pharmacy to pick up a prescription and left the store with four unpaid cans of beer. The male and female were located by officers and identified. The business declined to prosecute but asked that both subjects be trespassed from the property. Investigation revealed that the female subject had an active protective order against the male subject. Robert Thomas, 55, of Fairfax, was taken into custody and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Violation of a Protective Order. Thomas was released on an unsecured bond.



COURTESY PHOTO
Ronnell Delonte Garris



COURTESY PHOTO
Donavan Rice
Undercover operation nabs two armed robbers

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Major Crimes Bureau began investigating a robbery that occurred prior to noon on May 7 in the parking lot of 6600 Springfield Mall. The victim arranged to meet the suspect through an online marketplace to purchase a tablet computer. When the victim arrived, the suspect entered the victim’s vehicle, displayed a firearm, and took cash.

A second robbery occurred on May 9 in the 7500

block of Poinsettia Drive in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County. The victim arranged to purchase a cell phone through the same online marketplace. The victim met the man at 3:45 p.m. in a parking lot. The suspect attempted to enter the victim’s vehicle, but he was denied access. The victim got out of his car to conduct the sale. The suspect then displayed a firearm and took cash. He tried to steal the victim’s car by entering the running vehicle. For unknown reasons, the suspect left the victim’s car, got into an awaiting Toyota Prius, and left the area with a driver.

Detectives from the Major Crimes Bureau and Organized Crime and Intelligence Bureau (OCIB) established a coordinated response and were able to link the two social media accounts utilized in both robberies. Through those accounts, they were able to contact the offender and arrange an undercover purchase.

Yesterday, when the two suspects arrived at the predetermined location, OCIB detectives took Donovan Rice, 29, of Washington, D.C., and Ronnell Delonte Garris, 28, of Maryland into custody. Rice was found in possession of a stolen firearm. Preliminarily, detectives believe Garris drove Rice to both robberies.

Rice was charged with two counts of robbery with a firearm, two counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, carjacking, and felon in possession of a firearm. Garris was charged with two counts of robbery with a firearm. The men were taken to the Adult Detention Center and held without bond.

Detectives would like to speak to anyone who may have information about this case or other similar cases. Those with information are asked to please call the Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 5.

The Sully, Mount Vernon, Reston, and West Springfield districts stations offer exchange zones for the sale of online merchandise in their parking lots. If you are unable to conduct an exchange there, follow the safety tips below:

- Meet in a public place, never at home
- If someone is trying to rush you into a meeting quickly – stop, consider if this is a setup
- Avoid meeting someone at night
- Bring a friend and let someone know your plans
- Only bring enough cash for the purchase or agree to pay via a cash app
- Trust your instincts, if someone feels off it probably is

Annandale man arrested after traffic stop

Fairfax County Police officers conducted a traffic stop on a 2003 Lexus ES300 at 1 p.m. April 30 in the 6800 block of Springfield Blvd. that was reported stolen from a neighboring jurisdiction.

Hieu Nguyen, 28, of Annandale was identified as the driver. He was arrested and charged with possession of stolen property, false ID to law enforcement, and driving on a suspended license.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES



COURTESY PHOTO
Tania M.L. Saylor

Circuit Court commissions new judge

Tania M.L. Saylor, the first woman of color to serve as a Fairfax County Circuit judge, was presented with her official commission by The Honorable J. Chapman “Chap” Petersen of the Virginia Senate May 6.

Judge Vernida R. Chaney of the Virginia Court of Appeals ceremoniously administered her oath. Saylor previously took her oath of office June 28, 2021.

Prior to joining the Circuit Court in 2021, Saylor served as a substitute judge for the General District Court and Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court for five years. She practiced law for 18 years before taking the bench. In 2010, she co-founded the law offices of Peterson Saylor, PLC, where she focused her practice on trusts and estates litigation, business disputes and litigation, and contested guardianship matters.

A native of Rockville, Md., the judge earned her bachelor of arts in economics from the University of Virginia and her juris doctor from The George Washington University School of Law.



COURTESY PHOTO
Lesa J. Yeatts

Herndon Town Attorney elected to Attorneys Association

The Local Government Attorneys of Virginia Inc. (LGA) elected new officers and members of the board of directors at its annual meeting last month.

Herndon Town Attorney **Lesa J. Yeatts** was elected to serve as the associations vice president for a one-year term.

LGA supports common interests and an exchange of information among members on legal issues that are particularly relevant to Virginia’s counties, cities, and towns. LGA’s member services include two conferences and a regional seminar each year, which present in-depth analyses of legal issues related to local government. Mandatory Continuing Legal Education credit can be earned by attorneys attending LGA’s conferences and seminars.



COURTESY PHOTO
Jeff Platenberg

City of Fairfax School Board names new superintendent

The City of Fairfax School Board announced last week the appointment of **Jeff Platenberg** as superintendent of the City of Fairfax Schools to Jeff Platenberg. The board will vote on the appointment when contract

negotiations are completed. Platenberg is scheduled to begin in July after Dr. Phyllis Pajardo retires on June 30.

Platenberg is currently the assistant superintendent for facilities and transportation services for Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). He will be inducted into the FCPS Hall of Fame this month for his longtime service to the district. Prior to joining FCPS, he was the assistant superintendent for support services with Loudoun County Public Schools, assistant superintendent for accountability and information communication technologies for Lexington County School District One in Lexington, S.C., and deputy superintendent of support services for Savannah-Chatham County (Ga.) Public Schools. Platenberg has also provided services to the U.S. Department of State, Office of Overseas Schools.

“Jeff Platenberg brings a wealth of hands-on knowledge of facilities, school renovations and budget leadership to the City of Fairfax Schools,” said Carolyn Pitches, City of Fairfax School Board chair. “I look forward to working with him as we seek to modernize our facilities and increase opportunities for all of our city school students.”

Platenberg was a fellow in the Institute for Educational Leadership, (IEL) Education Policy Fellowship and completed the School Leader Executive Institute, Center for Creative Leadership program.

Platenberg received the Outstanding Performance Awards from the Richland County School District One Chairman and Fairfax County Public Schools. He was also selected as the 2012 Association of School Business Officials International Eagle award recipient, the 2013 Education Week Leader to Learn From, and the 2015 Bammy Award Recipient for ‘What is Right in Education.’

Platenberg earned an academic certification in educational facility planning from San Diego State University, a master’s of human resource development from Webster University, and a bachelor of public administration from George Mason University.

Local tourism programs receive marketing funds

Last week Governor Glenn Youngkin announced more than \$2.7 million in matching grant and reimbursable scholarship funds would be awarded to local and regional tourism programs as part of the Virginia Tourism Corporation’s Marketing Leverage Program and Regional Marketing Program.

These programs are designed to leverage local marketing dollars with matching state funds to increase visitation and traveler spending.

The **Alexandria Hotel Association** received \$5,000 for its Hotel Key Promotion. The **Greater Reston Arts Center Inc.** received \$20,000 for the Tephra ICA Festival. The **National Strategy for Community Strategies** received \$5,000 for its Quest for Freedom. The **Reston Museum** received \$5,000 for Explore Lake Anne/Reston Museum’s Walking Tours. The **Staybridge Suites Tysons McLean** received \$10,000. **Visit Alexandria** received \$20,000 for Stay in the Moment. **Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles** received \$10,000 for Sip & Savor Northern Virginia at Westfields Marriott. The **Workhouse Arts Foundation** received \$5,000 for annual marketing for the Workhouse Arts Center.

“Tourism is a major economic driver for the Commonwealth of Virginia, providing and creating good jobs and injecting critical dollars back

into our communities,” said Youngkin. “Virginia’s tourism industry has been unrelenting in its recovery efforts, developing innovative and best-in-class strategies to bolster the economy. These grant funds will help continue that momentum, further underscoring that Virginia is open for business and is the best place to live, work, and travel.”

The VTC Regional Marketing Program was created through legislation sponsored by Senator Tommy Norment (R-3). The RMP aims to help Destination Marketing Organizations (DMOs) drive overnight visitation. The DMO special events and festivals funding is projected to drive more than 125,000 room nights over the next 18 months.

“Virginia Tourism’s Marketing Leverage and Regional Marketing Programs provide the tourism industry with the tools they need to succeed and thrive in an incredibly competitive landscape,” said Caren Merrick, secretary of Commerce and Trade. “Tourism is a multibillion-dollar industry in Virginia, and it is imperative that we are able to market the abundance of travel experiences across the Commonwealth, inviting new travelers to discover for themselves why Virginia is for Lovers.”

The next round of VTC Marketing Leverage Program will open in mid-2022. The next round of Regional Marketing Program will open in early 2023. Organizations and businesses that are interested in applying may visit www.vatc.org for more information.



COURTESY PHOTO
Peter Hinckley

McLean student wins Rotary Youth Music Contest

Peter Hinckley, a 17-year old junior at McLean High School, has placed first in the 2022 Rotary District 7610 Youth Music Contest.

Hinckley won for his original composition for piano, entitled “Equilibrium.” He attended the Rotary District 7610 Conference in Charlottesville May 1, where he and the other music contest winners were recognized for their achievements and received their awards.

Hinckley is passionate about music. He has been playing piano for 11 years and trumpet for seven. He started composing music when he was nine.

“That skill has influenced my plans for the future greatly, as I aspire to write music professionally later in life,” said Hinckley.

Vienna student selected to study in Israel

A Vienna student is one of 26 students selected for the 36th cohort of the Bronfman Fellowship.

Daphne Feigin, a junior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, is the president-elect of the school’s Honor Council, which resolves academic integrity violations by facilitating restorative justice, a discussion-based and victim-centered alternative to

punishment, and the secretary of the school’s Latin club. Feigin’s family covers the entire Jewish spectrum from secular to Orthodox, and she looks forward to engaging with the ideas of Jews from diverse backgrounds while visiting Israel for the first time this summer.

The 26 Fellows, who come from a broad spectrum of the Jewish community, will participate in a transformative, free Fellowship-year experience beginning with a summer in Israel, where they explore a rich, complex tapestry of Jewish texts and ideas in conversation with one another and a faculty team of leading rabbis, educators, and artists. They also interact with a group of Israeli peers who were chosen through a parallel selection process as part of the Israeli Fellowship, Amitei Bronfman. The new class of Fellows will join a vibrant, lifelong alumni community that includes some of today’s most exciting Jewish writers, thinkers and leaders.

The Bronfman Fellowship was founded in 1987 by Edgar M. Bronfman, z”l, formerly CEO of the Seagram Company Ltd. and a visionary Jewish philanthropist. He passed away in December 2013.

“Edgar Bronfman would have relished the opportunity to get to know this year’s Fellows,” said Becky Voorwinde, executive director of The Bronfman Fellowship. “They are a passionate, inquisitive, talented and incredibly bright bunch. I look forward to seeing them challenge and inspire one another and their communities throughout their lives.”



COURTESY PHOTO
Sarah Williams

Local caregiver recognized as Regional Caregiver of the Year

Six hundred cheering representatives of leading in-home care company Right at Home honored **Sarah Williams** as their Mid-Atlantic Region Caregiver of the Year at the company’s national conference in Glendale, Ariz.

Williams has been selected for the honor from thousands of other caregivers from the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Washington D.C., Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania for her exemplary commitment to making a difference in the lives of her clients and team members.

Williams has been with Right at Home for six years, working as a caregiver in Fairfax, for office owner Phill Turner. Williams’ compassion, selflessness and willingness to go above and beyond have made her a valued member of Right at Home and a beloved caregiver for seniors in her community.

“Sarah is a star caregiver who naturally personifies our office’s core values of individualism, enthusiasm and collaboration,” said Turner. “Shortly after Sarah joined our team, she started providing care to a client with emotional challenges. Her immediate ability to understand our client’s needs helped him feel comfortable with our care. She even collaborated with our client’s sister to ensure he was taking his medications, eating well and socializing with his peers.”

National Caregiver of the Year is the highest honor awarded by the Right at Home network. The award is presented annually during

the organization’s annual conference.

“Right at Home is so proud and thrilled to honor Sarah Williams as our 2022 Mid-Atlantic Region Caregiver of the Year,” said Margaret Haynes, president and CEO of Right at Home. “The award honors those caregivers who provide extraordinary service to clients every day, and Sarah has definitely illustrated the very essence of the award. She continually lives our mission, ‘To improve the quality of life for those we serve.’ We are so grateful that Sarah is part of Right at Home.”



COURTESY PHOTO

Local realtors launch innovative community gardening program

To combat food insecurity and teach sustainable gardening skills to families in Southern Fairfax County, the **Northern Virginia Association of Realtors® (NVAR)** has partnered with Fairfax County, Lee District Supervisor Rodney Lusk, the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District to launch a new sustainable To combat food insecurity a “We are proud that NVAR was able to provide the funding for this project through a grant from the National Association of Realtors®,” said Ryan McLaughlin, CEO, NVAR. “As Realtors® in Northern Virginia, we are delighted to be part of improving our community, which is a big part of our mission.”

Located on the west side of Richmond Highway in Alexandria, the goal of this innovative community project is to bring neighborhood gardening to those in the Buckman Road and Audubon Avenue area at the new Lee District Community Center.

“Food insecurity is one of the most persistent problems in our community—a problem compounded by the fact that the food most readily available is rarely fresh or nutritious,” said Lusk. “This is why I have partnered with NVAR, Arcadia and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, to bring a community garden to the residents who live on the Richmond Highway Corridor.”

Realtors® joined Lusk, community members, and project partners to kick-off the project with initial construction and soil preparation. Features, such as additional raised beds, fencing and seating, will be added as planting continues throughout the spring and summer.

“Realtors® work to make Northern Virginia the best place to raise a family,” said NVAR President-Elect Heather Embrey, speaking at the recent project build-day. “The community garden project improves an area in Fairfax County, and we are pleased to be a small part of helping our neighbors.”

NVAR was able to leverage resources from the National Association of Realtors® (NAR) through a Placemaking Grant Program to help transform the unused space next to the community center into an accessible public destination for community education, use and enjoyment. NVAR is funding the construction and preparation of the garden site, including aluminum raised garden beds, fencing, benches, topsoil, compost, tools, and more.

“Thanks to NVAR’s generous financial support, as well as the programmatic support

of our other partners, residents who live along the Richmond Highway Corridor, will gain the confidence to both utilize healthy ingredients in their diets, but also be empowered to eventually grow them at their own homes,” said Lusk.

New Centennial Golf Course GM appointed

The Town of Herndon has named **Michael Mueller** as general manager of the Herndon Centennial Golf Course. Mueller replaces Gene Fleming, who had led golf course operations until his retirement last year.

In his new post, Mueller will be responsible for planning, organizing, directing and evaluating operations and maintenance of the town’s golf course, to include the clubhouse. Marketing/promotions, budget and capital improvement planning, personnel management, and environmental stewardship of the course are among Mueller’s duties as general manager.

Mueller had been serving as interim manager of the golf course since Fleming’s retirement in 2021. Under Mueller’s leadership, the golf course weathered the pandemic while continuing to provide outstanding service to patrons; promoted and hosted events designed to expose the course to new markets; and advanced its environmental focus through eco-friendly turf maintenance practices.

Prior to assuming the interim post, Mueller had been the golf course’s superintendent, a position he held for almost 20 years. He joined the golf course staff as assistant superintendent in 1998.

As general manager of the golf course, Mueller will report directly to Town Manager Bill Ashton and will serve as a member of the town’s management team. “In every position he’s held at the golf course, Mike has demonstrated unwavering commitment to excellence,” Ashton said. “Patrons and staff of the Herndon Centennial Golf Course will continue to be well-served by Mike’s leadership.”



RCC
Kevin Danaher



RCC
Lorna Campbell Clarke

RCC names two to senior management team

Reston Community Center announced two appointments to fill key senior management positions.

Lorna Campbell Clarke is RCC’s new director of Communications. She comes to RCC from Volunteer Fairfax, where she had served as director of communications since early 2019.

Kevin Danaher, a longtime RCC program director, will be RCC’s new director of Leisure and Learning.

RCC provides a wide range of programs in arts, aquatics, enrichment and lifelong learning. We also create and sustain community traditions through special events, outreach activities and facility rentals.

Jim Myles will face Gerry Connolly for 11th District seat

By Heather Zwicker
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Republican Jim Myles was nominated by voters in the 11th District to face Congressman Gerry Connolly in the general election in November.

The former Air Force pilot and retired federal judge defeated four other candidates for Congress in the Republican Party’s fire-house primary using the ranked choice voting system. He won on the fourth ballot with 59.20 percent of the vote.

“Jim Myles has spent his entire life in public service, from defending the nation in the Air Force to adjudicating cases as an administrative law judge,” said Mike Ginsberg, 11th District Committee chairman. “Now he is stepping up to serve again at a critical time in our nation’s and district’s history. Many 11th District residents are veterans or federal employees, and Jim is uniquely positioned to speak to the issues facing them at a time of rising inflation and economic insecurity. And as a parent of a Fairfax County Public School student, he understands the need for quality schools focusing on education, not ideological indoctrination.”

Myles said he believes some of the most important issues in the district are inflation and the threat to economic security, physical safety in the community and the protection of children from political indoctrination and sexualization at school.

“Parents have a fundamental right to have oversight of their children’s education, and the school board and administrators answer to parents,” he said. “People of all political persuasions can see the dangerous direction the far left is taking the Democrats and how harmful those policies are to all Americans.”

Myles said he frequently attends school board meetings and that he looks forward to hearing from parents in the district. “I will be your strong ally and reliable advocate to ensure parent’s fundamental right to have a say in their children’s education is respected.”



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“I’m honored to be the Republican nominee, and I can’t wait to take on Gerry Connolly in the fall,” Myles said. “Republicans, independents, and common-sense Democrats have had enough of the ideological extremism of the progressive Left. I will bring common-sense conservative principles with a willingness to work across the aisle to get inflation under control, restore parents’ role in their children’s education, ensure public safety by giving law enforcement the tools they need, and maintain a strong national defense.”

A late comer to the race, Myles declared his candidacy in January. “I want to thank my family, friends and supporters who guided me to this primary victory,” he said. “It’s been a pleasure to meet so many dedicated citizens and great Americans.”

Myles spent a little less than eight years as a pilot in the Air Force before entering law school in 1990, graduating in 1993. In 1995 he joined the Social Security Administration and was selected for a fellowship under the oversight of Georgetown University’s Government Affairs Institute. He became a federal administrative judge in September 2010 and retired in December 2021.

For more information visit mylesforcongress.com.

A local’s love story at Clyde’s

Restaurant’s legacy in Kristin Simons’s life for the last 24 years

By Jaya Patil
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

“Our first date was at Clyde’s of Reston in December of 1998,” said local Kristin Simons about her and her husband Chris. Kristin and Chris have been going to Clyde’s for almost as long as the restaurant has been open in the Reston Town Center.

Kristin remembers their meeting fondly.

“On my first day at Chantilly my junior year of high school, my last period class was Spanish. I walked in and all the desks were in pairs. Everyone knew somebody else, so everyone was grouped, except Chris. He was the only senior in the class, he didn’t know anyone else, and I was the new girl, and I didn’t know anyone else. So, we got paired up.”

Chris asked her out right before Thanksgiving break. The two had to wait for Kristin to turn 16 as per her father’s rule on dating. They didn’t wait long, scheduling their date for the Saturday after her birthday.

It was a chilly night in December 1998. Chris drove up to Kristin’s house for their date, picked her up, and made a beeline to Clyde’s. The two spent the evening talking over dinner and finished the night off skating at the ice rink. The rest is history—one that Clyde’s is a part of.

Chris went to JMU and Kristin went to William & Mary but the pair got married in September 2008. They stayed in Reston early on and moved into their house in Oakton more than five years ago. Clyde’s remained their go-to place, no matter the occasion.

“They played a part in our lives and are a special memo-



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“We’ve gone there plenty of times over the years with family, friends, doing brunches, and taking our kids,” said Kristin Simons. For birthdays, promotions, and outings with family from out of state, the answer was simple: head to Clyde’s.

“You knew, if you went to Clyde’s, you were guaranteed a good experience, friendly atmosphere, and good food...,” said Simons. “It was always an open place where you know you can get in [with] a warm, inviting environment.”

Clyde’s of Reston is slated to close by the end of May. The absence of Clyde’s from the Town Center will be pronounced, especially for the Simons.

“They played a part in our lives and are a special memo-

ry for us and we’re sad to see them go... Everything in life changes, the only constant in life is change [but] Clyde’s was an anchor for us. We’ll miss not having that as an option going forward,” said Simons.

They will miss and are grateful for every memory spent sitting outside at Clyde’s, enjoying family, celebrating achievements, and being together. While their son Jack and daughter Evie won’t get the same chance to have their own first dates at Clyde’s, Simons wishes to bid adieu to the restaurant with a warmhearted “thank you.”

“Clyde’s had a big part to play in our lives since I met my husband, for the last 24 years,” she said. “There’s a lot of fond memories there.”



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“Our mentoring programs are important to try to get underserved kids in better situations [and] teach them,” Williams said.

Chapter Reporter James Cherry is chair of the Youth Mentoring Program they sponsor at John Lewis and Mount Vernon high schools. They hope to expand to West Potomac High School this fall. They’ve worked with hundreds of kids across the years through the program.

The chapter educates kids on STEM, trade work, and the military—opening students’ eyes to areas of work where they can support themselves once they graduate. “We were able to sponsor kids [for] their flying hours to be pilots coming out of high school,” Williams added.

At a given moment they will donate books to elementary schools, hold golf tournaments, honor community partners, host Thanksgiving dinners, and help fight hypothermia for people experiencing homelessness.

Psi Alpha Alpha has plenty of affiliate organizations in the area that they partner with to supply manpower or funds. “A lot of these things brothers joined themselves and brought the chapter along with them. We’ve been longtime volunteers at a lot of our affiliate organizations based on those relationships that were built by members,” said Cherry.

Late brother Marion “Barney” Barnwell established a relationship with Capital Area Food Bank that remains with the chapter today. “We’re out there providing those services. Sometimes it’s not just money or food, we donate time,” Cherry said.

They invest time into building relationships and trust—something they know is essential for them to help. Cherry has co-facilitated Dad’s Parenting Groups in the Father Engagement Unit of the Department of Family Services for more than six years. “You have to let your guard down and be as vulnerable as they’re going to be, so they understand that you face the same issues that they do,” Cherry said.

The chapter encourages the community to reach out for their support. They partnered with the Health Department as part of the Stronger2 grant with organizing health literacy talks and learning circles in the community.

Engagement outreach often involves members going out into the neighborhoods and simply talking to people. “Wherever we can help, we’re trying to be there,” Williams said.

They will be at the Bernie L. Bates Scholarship Award Ceremony on May 21, have ongoing donation campaigns to combat cancer, and are co-hosting a health fair and blood drive at Gum Springs Community Center on June 4.

To learn more, visit www.fairfaxcountytiques.org

Amazon commits \$55 million to create pathway for more affordable housing in Tysons

**Courtesy of Fairfax
County Redevelopment
and Housing Authority**

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA), Amazon, APAH and Virginia Housing joined May 3 to announce the commitment of \$55 million from the Amazon Housing Equity Fund to support the Dominion Square apartment community slated for development in Tysons.

The Amazon funding paves the way for the simultaneous construction of two buildings on the site, boosting the number of units delivered from 175 to more than 500 with the addition of a community center co-located on the site. These additional units will make Dominion Square the largest fully committed affordable housing development in Tysons.

Fairfax County's affordable housing goal targets the delivery of homes affordable to households with incomes at 60 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) – approximately \$85,000 a year for a family of four – and below. The development of public-private partnerships, such as those with APAH and Amazon, have been instrumental in the county's

recent success in growing the affordable housing development.

"The creation of affordable housing is a communitywide affair, and a critical component to our success has been the development of strong relationships with partners who share our vision to create opportunities for affordable housing in communities across the county," said Melissa McKenna, chairman of the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority. "We are proud and grateful to receive Amazon's commitment to the Dominion Square development. It is another example of how collaborative partnerships can deliver high-quality, well-connected, long-term affordable housing opportunities."

The North and South buildings of the Dominion Square development will reside just a few blocks away from the Spring Hill Metro station which offers a range of connectivity to opportunities and experiences throughout the Washington Metropolitan area. The 2-acre parcel where the development will be constructed will be purchased by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) which will lease the property to APAH for the development, construction, ownership, and

operation of the affordable housing community.

The two buildings will contain more than 500 units of affordable housing with a mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments. The development will feature common areas and resident amenities including community rooms, leasing and resident services offices, outdoor landscaped areas, and a central courtyard.

“We’re incredibly excited about the economic vibrancy that Amazon’s HQ2 will bring to Virginia, and we also recognize that

affordable housing is key to unlock opportunity for everyone,” said Alice Shobe, global director for Amazon in the Community. “This is a unique project to create long-term affordable housing near high-quality transit and jobs and offer new resources for the community that will enrich the lives of residents and help families thrive.”

The development of Dominion Square will also incorporate a 30,000-square-foot community center on the site. The center will include many amenities to

include a gymnasium, fitness room, senior and youth multi-purpose rooms, an art/maker space, sensory room, administrative offices, and a kitchen. The center's developmental and recreational programs, services, and resources will be provided by the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS). As the planning process gets underway, NCS will solicit input from the community to consider programming and services that will meet the needs of the surrounding community.

“Dominion Square is a prime example of how affordable housing can and should be delivered with visually appealing, transit- and employment-oriented development in close connection with a variety of county services, community amenities, programs, and supports that can empower our neighbors to thrive rather than just survive,” said Hunter Mill District Supervisor Walter Alcorn.

Currently, it is anticipated that construction on the project could begin as early as the fall of 2023.

A large, two-story house with a generator installed on the lawn at night. The house has a stone chimney and a covered porch. The generator is a silver, rectangular unit with the Generac logo. The background is a dark blue sky with bright yellow lightning bolts. The house is lit up from within, and the generator is illuminated by a spotlight.

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NCS celebrates the opening of the community center in the Lee District

Community members gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony May 7 celebrating the opening of the new community center in the Lee District.

Located at 7950 Audubon Avenue, the center provides recreational activities, educational workshops, and programs to residents in the Buckman Road area on the west side of Richmond Highway in Alexandria.

Fairfax County purchased the facility, originally the Mount Vernon Athletic Club,

in May 2020. The county made several improvements to the facility in the areas of basic accessibility, capital renewal, safety, and community use updates. In addition to providing resources for the community, the community center is also the site of the Workforce Innovation Skills Hub (W.I.S.H.), a workforce training and development center. To learn more about the project, visit <https://bit.ly/ournewcenter>.

The Community Center



in Lee District is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m. To view the center activity calendar, go to <https://bit.ly/ActivityCalendars>.

Partnership announced to build supportive housing for Fairfax’s homeless

Fairfax nonprofit homeless services provider The Lamb Center and leading nonprofit affordable housing developer Wesley Housing announced a strategic partnership May 10 to create much-needed supportive housing in the City of Fairfax.

In the immediate term, the partners are applying for a Special Use Permit application with Fairfax City officials for the redevelopment of the Hy-Way Motel site at 9640 Fairfax Blvd in Fairfax into a five-story residential/mixed-use community with 54-studio apartments and office spaces on the ground floor of the building. The property will house residents with very low incomes, at or below 30 percent of the Area Median

Income (\$29,910 for a single person, HUD 2022).

Fairfax County Point-in-Time Survey released May 10 affirms the urgent need for supportive housing. The survey shows there were 1,191 people experiencing homelessness in Fairfax County on the night of the 2022 Point-in-Time Count. This is a slight decrease of 3 percent (31 people) from 2021. Addressing the challenges of homelessness is a priority need in our community, as highlighted in the housing goals of the Fairfax County Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Developing a minimum of 5,000 new affordable housing units over the next 15 years is a critical focus area of the County’s action plan.

“It’s good to see home-

lessness in the county trending down, but the long-term solution is supportive housing,” said Lamb Center Executive Director Tara Ruskowski. “Our project in Fairfax City will provide critical supportive services centered in human dignity. Supportive housing provides stability that decreases the recurrence of homelessness and reduces the draw on public resources.”

Residents at the new Fairfax development will receive on-site case management and other wrap-around support. Case managers will help each tenant formulate and achieve individual goals such as securing income or work, improving physical and mental health conditions, and maintaining housing. Case managers will also provide skills training to

improve individuals’ ability to budget, manage medication, maintain employment, and develop positive social supports.

“Amid a housing crisis, we have to get creative when it comes to boosting permanent supportive housing options for vulnerable community members,” said Wesley Housing President/CEO Shelley Murphy. “Pairing Wesley Housing’s development experience with The Lamb Center’s expertise in serving the homeless population will ensure a high-quality property that meets the needs of very low-income members of the community and supports Fairfax County’s overall housing goals.”

YOUNGKIN GUIDERA

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Alice Guo and her daughter, Joy, meet Virginia Education Secretary Aimee Guidera.



In a standing-room-only event, local Asian American business and education leaders met Governor Glenn Youngkin and Education Secretary Aimee Guidera.

new life in America, but also immigrants who have embarked on unexpected political journeys as largely Democratic voters who have found resonance with the Youngkin administration.

Local businessman Himanshu Verma, an immigrant from India, asked Youngkin about his plans for investing in innovation by state businesses. “Innovation is the key to growth,” Youngkin responded. Local mother Ying Julia McCaskill, an immigrant from China, expressed support for the governor’s first executive order, barring “divisive” ideas born out of the controversial ideology of “critical race theory,” which demands that societal issues – and people – be examined through the lens of race.

“I oppose CRT,” McCaskill said, asking how Guidera would be educating parents to recognize “CRT in disguise.”

Guidera responded that the Virginia Department of Education is looking at issues of diversity through the lens of “opportunity,” “excellence” and “achievement.”

“We are going to see people as people,” Guidera said.

Attendees nodded their heads in agreement.

This political shift is a fascinating phenomenon that the national media is reluctantly acknowledging, as about seven of 10 voters in mostly liberal San Francisco recalled three Democratic school board members whom the Asian Americans cast as so far “hard-left” they had lost their trust.

As Youngkin greeted the crowd, they gave him a standing ovation, many of them beaming with wide smiles.

“Our job is to listen to you,” said Youngkin. “Virginia brings together cultures and people from all over the world, and it makes us better. It makes our community richer, and we have to celebrate that.”

On their policy changes in education, from returning advanced math programs to the administration’s curriculum plans for K-12 education and replacing the concept of “equity” with a mission to creating “opportunity,” Youngkin said, “The cornerstone of this is recognizing the absolute rights of parents to make decisions in their children’s education, and we will never deviate from that commitment.”

“We’re working to raise expectations and standards in schools. We should be a commonwealth of excellence and recognizing that we need to raise both the floor and the ceiling, not lower the ceiling,” Youngkin said. He noted that Guidera’s Department of Education identified that 42 percent of second graders in Virginia – or almost one of two second graders – do not read at grade level, and thus Youngkin just signed a literacy bill into law, allocating resources for new reading programs.

Guidera added, “We need to start thinking differently about how we approach education and training. This is a lifelong piece that we’re all going to have to get upscaling at points.”

For many in the audience, this was a rare opportunity to present their issues directly to Youngkin and Guidera. A local mother informed Youngkin and Guidera that the Fairfax County School Board had shirked its responsibility to create a Regional Governing Board to oversee Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology as a Governor’s School, after voting to do so in late 2020. State regulations state that Governor’s Schools should be overseen by Regional Governing Boards, not local school boards.

The mother handed Guidera an envelope with her documentation.

“Thank you,” Guidera said.

At meeting’s end, the attendees swarmed the front to take photos with Guidera and Youngkin. In the crowd was a young homeschool student whose mother, Alice Guo, immigrated from China to the United States. The girl, Joy, is just older than Cao was as a refugee from Vietnam. Now, years later, Cao is running for the Republican nomination for the congressional seat in the 10th District, which covers much of Loudoun County and some of Fairfax County.

Standing beside Guidera, Guo’s daughter, Joy, beamed. “This is so cool,” she said.

Asra Q. Nomani is a former reporter for the Wall Street Journal and a cofounder of Coalition for TJ. She is a senior fellow in the practice of journalism at the Independent Women’s Network.

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Legislators must fund suicide crisis services

Dear Editor,

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. As a volunteer and advocate with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, this month I am asking everyone to join us and demand #MoreForMentalHealth.

I lost my Mother 10 years ago to suicide. Ever since, I have used my voice

to spread the importance of mental health. Not only that, I have also raised thousands of dollars for suicide prevention. No family should have to go through what mine went through after losing our amazing mother.

I am doing more by calling on my legislators at the federal and state levels to support legislation that will

fund the implementation of 988 and the suicide and mental health crisis system across our nation, particularly for those in underserved communities.

Currently, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available at 1-800-273-8255 and de-escalates the crises of tens of thousands of callers each day. On July 16,

those in distress and those that support them will be able to reach the Lifeline through a simple 3-digit number: 988. By making the Lifeline more accessible through this shorter number, calls, texts, and chats to the Lifeline's network of crisis call centers are expected to increase. It is vital that the federal government work with states to

ensure callers in distress will have: 1) someone to call, 2) someone to come help, and 3) somewhere safe to go. We must act NOW to secure funding to equip call centers and community crisis response services throughout the country with the staff and resources to respond to everyone in crisis.

Join me this month in

urging our federal and state public officials to do #MoreForMentalHealth. You can start by visiting moreformentalhealth.org.

Together, we can help #StopSuicide.

Sincerely,

*Kiley Smith
Fairfax*

Thanks for Senator Marsden

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to thank the voters of the Fairfax area for putting Dave Marsden in his Virginia Senate seat. As a longtime member of the Virginia League of Conservation Voters, I'm very aware of how dependent we are on our legislators, all of us who are lovers of the natural world, its critters, forests, rivers and beaches,

and who worry about how much will survive us for our children and grandchildren to enjoy, quite aside of his role in helping to preserve clean air, water, and soil for the survival of all of us, human and the rest of the living world. As the chair of the Transportation committee, and membership on Agriculture, Conservation & Natural Resources, AND

Commerce and Labor, Senator Marsden occupies a uniquely important seat and we hope you help keep him there, doing important work in the face of increasing difficulty and the threat of climate change. He is a brave man, to be celebrated!

*Anne Nielsen
Bridgewater*

Schumpeter saw them coming

Dear Editor,

The ideology Fairfax Democrats peddle is not forward thinking as their party contends - on the contrary it is backward looking. Socialism - discredited by the policies of Lenin, Stalin, Mao, and Pol Pot - was invented by Claude Henri de Rouvroy, comte de Saint-Simon who died in 1825; we are soon coming on the 200th anniversary of his death.

Their tired ideas are just that tired, tortured, and pompous. They would

be well advised to give virtue signaling a rest and live up their cloistered world by reading Ludwig von Mises, Milton Friedman, and Friedrich Hayek. If that does not work, they should try Ayn Rand, generations of erstwhile college socialists - and I and many of today's Republicans humbly admit we fall into that sorry category - found our way after reading Atlas Shrugged or The Fountainhead.

If they want to learn what ails them? Joseph

Alois Schumpeter (1883-1950) long ago anticipated that capitalism would bring about its own downfall because the success of capitalism would breed values hostile to it by so-called intellectuals. Before many of them or perhaps their parents were born, Schumpeter saw them coming. I hope Fairfax Republicans can prove him wrong.

*Nicholas Kalis, JD
McLean*

Hold plastic producers accountable

Dear Editor,

When I was in Boy Scouts, my troop had a tradition of cleaning the creeks in Northern Virginia. Every time we cleaned the creeks, we found countless plastic bags from our local grocery store. It pained me to see so much waste harming our ecosystem and disturbing the wildlife.

When plastic is manufactured, it remains in our world forever. The damage that plastic does to our environment is astronomical, and it is time for the producers of these plastics to take financial responsibility. That is why we need to lobby our governor and state legislators in Virginia to pass a producer re-

sponsibility law. This law, if enacted, would put the responsibility for plastic waste back on the producers. The longer we wait to act, the more that our environment will deteriorate.

*Will McLaughlin
Reston*

Extend the Child Tax Credit now

Dear Editor,

Many Virginia families are faced with the fact that life is getting harder to afford without the expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC).

Through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Congress broadened the CTC to include all families with low incomes and allowed the credit to be received through monthly, fully refundable payments. In Virginia, with a total of \$388.1 million going to families every month, the payments reached 1.56 million children. Most of these families spent the CTC on food, rent, and clothing.

But these payments no longer exist. Some lawmakers stopped an extension of the CTC payments at the end of last year. Thousands of Virginia families immediately lost income while inflation increased. This loss of payments means an increase in poverty levels back to the rates seen prior to the CTC expansion. In the 8th, 10th, and 11th Districts of Fairfax County, 11.4%, 4.6%, and 7.8%, respectively, of children were already living under the poverty level according to the 2020 census figures.

To offset the impact of rising inflation, the

CTC should be extended by Congress with full refundability and monthly payments. In Virginia, the \$388.1 million that families received was estimated to generate \$485.1 million in spending in local economies monthly. Not extending the CTC is not only a reflection of our nation's morals but a decision that withholds billions of crucial dollars from our economy. I call on our members of Congress to extend the CTC with permanent full refundability and resume the monthly payments now.

*Alyssa Fortner
Vienna*

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Mark Rubley records five goals as James Madison earns a statement win over Westfield

By Sravan Gannavarapu
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Mark Rubley saw his team down 2-0 to Westfield minutes into the first quarter. Typically, it would be a sign that the night was not meant to be—quite the contrary.

Instead, the young sophomore seized control and proceeded to outscore the entire Bulldogs team himself. Five goals by Rubley to Westfield's four as a whole headlined James Madison's 13-4 victory in Chantilly last Tuesday. The Warhawks (11-3) finish the regular season with a perfect 5-0 record in district play, earning the top seed in the Concorde District Tournament.

"It feels good to come on the road and get the win," said Rubley after his big performance. "We scored a lot on transition, and we did a good job with our offensive possessions."

Rubley's first goal with just under four minutes to play in the first quarter after senior Tyler Whittle cut the Warhawks' deficit to 2-1. After being down early, Madison ran off seven straight goals to take a 7-3



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halftime lead.

If that wasn't enough, the Warhawks scored six straight goals in the second half before the Bulldogs (8-6) capped off the scoring at 13-4. Madison senior goalie Eric Jones said that not being dazed and continuing to lock in paid off despite his slow start.

"We came out a little bit rough to start," said Jones. "In the end, we just finished strong. We hope to bring the district banner back to

Vienna where it belongs."

Westfield opened the game with back-to-back scores within minutes by junior Josh Cho and senior Aidan Todd. But Whittle's goal gave Madison a spark that foreshadowed what was to come.

Rubley would record his first goal to tie the game before junior Jake Green's goal near the end of the first quarter. At 3-2, that was as close as Westfield would get. After three straight

goals to take the lead, Madison ran off four more in a row, courtesy of Rubley, Green, Daniel Jacobs, and William Rubley. Westfield's Jack Markert would record another goal for the Bulldogs before intermission.

"We're hoping to see Madison in the district championship game; that is our goal," said Westfield Head Coach Phil Polizzotti following the loss. "We just need to be able to clear the ball better and play better, and we have to do a couple of things on defense to make sure this doesn't happen again."

Westfield came out strong in the second half, playing on Madison's side early on, but the Warhawks continued to deny opportunities. Instead, they wound up lighting the scoreboard with six straight. Mark Rubley would score three goals in the second half, while Ethan Do, Carter Casto, and Levi Wentz would tack on

the rest. Markert's second goal of the night and fourth of the game for Westfield would cap off the scoring.

"This just feels great," said senior Gavin Levay. "Losing those three games earlier in the year and no one thought we would be able to do this, and coming out here and making a statement feels great."

At one point, there were questions about whether or not this year's unit was cut from the same cloth, as Levay pointed out. The Warhawks were 3-3 earlier in the season and had just come off back-to-back losses against Yorktown and Lake Braddock, being outscored 20-11. Since then, they have won eight straight, including the Westfield game.

Additionally, success has been a trend for the Warhawks over the past few years. In 2019, behind the play of goalie Charlie Hassett and midfielder John Hollingsworth, the

Warhawks won their first lacrosse state championship with an 11-3 rout of the Robinson Rams, avenging their 2013 state final loss against Chantilly.

Madison Head Coach Aaron Solomon was at the head of the 2019 team that broke through. Solomon said this team's continuity and willingness to compete with each other outweighs individual talents and is a sight to behold.

"Westfield got up early, but for this team to show resilience and to come back from being down is great to see, and we will just continue to take this season one game at a time," said Solomon.

Westfield will be the No.2 seed in the tournament and hosts either the 6-seed South Lakes or 3-seed Centreville on Friday. As the No.1 seed, Madison will also play on Friday and host either the 5-seed Chantilly Chargers or 4-seed Oakton Cougars.

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Springfield resident earns All-ODAC track honors

Bridgewater College track & field standout Aaron Moon has earned special honors as determined by the league's head coaches from the recently completed ODAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

Moon, a multi-discipline athlete from Springfield was named the ODAC Rookie of the Year. He earned All-ODAC First Team honors in the 4x400 meter relay (3:19.37) and All-ODAC Second Team honor in the triple jump (13.54m). Additionally, his top 100-meter dash (11.01), 200-meter dash (23.00), high jump (1.84m), long jump (6.49m), discus (29.51m) and javelin (44.30m) marks all ranks in the conference's top 25.

Twelve other Eagles earned All-ODAC status.



BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE

Aaron Moon (left) competes in a track and field event.

All-ODAC Awards for outdoor track & field, aside from the above-mentioned special honors, are determined by finish in each event at the ODAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships. An athlete or relay team that finishes first is awarded All-ODAC First Team. Second place earns All-ODAC Second Team status, and third place secures All-ODAC Third Team recognition.

Aaron Moon 3:19.37 First Team - 4x400m Relay
Aaron Moon 13.54m Second Team - Triple Jump

Bridgewater College is a private, four-year liberal arts college located in the Central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Founded in 1880, it was the state's first private, coeducational college. Today, Bridgewater College is home to approximately 1,500 students.



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hairspray brings "Good Morning Baltimore" to D.C.

The Tony-winning musical is being staged at the National Theatre

By Keith Loria
SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Whether you're a fan of the original cult John Waters film, the Tony-award winning Broadway production or the John Travolta/Zac Efron starring movie revival, "Hairspray" is a show that brings great singing, outstanding dancing and plenty of fun.

And now, the national tour of "Hairspray" is playing at the National Theatre through May 15, promising loads of laughs and a soundtrack that includes such memorable tunes as "You Can't Stop the Beat" and "Good Morning Baltimore."

The show stars Andrew Levitt, best known as Nina West from RuPaul's "Drag Race," and Niki Metcalf, who play the mother/daughter tandem of Edna and Tracy Turnblad. The setting is 1962 Baltimore, at a time of race issues and people fighting to fit in. High schooler Tracy is one of the latter, but she shows that the size of her heart is as big as the rest of her, and uses a sudden burst of fame to dethrone the reigning Teen Queen, find love and integrate a TV show, all without denting her precious 'do.

The show also stars Sandie Lee, Billy Dawson, Will Savarese, Emery Henderson, Jamonté D. Bruton, Kaelce Albritton, Addison Garner and Christopher Swan.

Swan plays Tracy's dad—and Edna's husband—Wilbur. A former Army vet, who was

born in Virginia, the actor is looking forward to coming back to the area to perform in one of his favorite shows.

"Our production was supposed to go out right before COVID hit, and we all went through the rehearsal process, but the next thing you know, everything shut down before they even announced the cast," Swan said. "It came around again, and I had worked with the director before, and he was able to get me a video audition and the majority of us were cast over Zoom, which is amazing, because the cast is so incredible."

The actor was familiar with the original movie, charmed by its unique story, but never saw the musical production or heard any of the songs. Once he got the part, he watched the special, "Hairspray Live," and fell in love with the production.

"It really captures a lot of the original John Waters film had, but also expands it with this wonderful score and characters," Swan said. "It's really been one of the most rewarding things I've done. The people who leave the theatre at night, there's just a joy emanating from them."

Although he has an impressive theatre resume, Swan noted he's never played a character like Wilbur, describing him as "someone with 99 percent heart."

"He's all about self-sacrifice and caring about others, especially his wife and daughter," he said. "It's been wonderful to go out on stage and play someone who is so optimistic and just believes everything is going to work out. He spreads joy and love and has a smile on his face most of the time he is on stage."

Swan pays props to Levitt and Metcalf, saying both bring so much to their roles and are equally excited to be part of this tour.

"I was a little intimidated at first working with Andrew, but he's been an absolute joy," he said. "He loves this role he is doing and is so respectful of it and always giving 110 percent. And he's just great in the role."

As one of the veteran actors in the production, working with a group of young 20-somethings, Swan is often peppered with questions about the industry and is always happy to offer advice and his own experiences of the industry.

"Some of these kids are just getting out of acting programs and look at my life on stage and ask how I approach things, which is nice," he said. "We have some wonderful young actors in the show and really love performing. I'm always flattered when I can pass something on to them."

He invites everyone to see "Hairspray" and experience the heart, humor and great music and can just about guarantee that they will have an enjoyable time.

HOT LINKS

By Collin Cope
SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES



Big Plant Sale at Green Spring Gardens
May 14 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Check out this year's Big Plant Sale at Green Spring Gardens in Alexandria May 14. Featuring various plants of differing sizes, as well as onsite garden vendors, organizers aim to inform the public regarding everything there is to know about springtime gardening. Also, Green Springs' master gardeners will be onsite providing expert gardening advice for all who are interested. The event is free to attend and will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3L2IXrJ> or call 703-642-5173.



Springtime Pops: Young Artist Concert
May 14 • 7:30 p.m.

The City of Fairfax Band will host a performance from its 2021 and 2022 winners of the Young Artist Competition on May 14 at Katherine Johnson Middle School. Recognized in 2022, flutist Julia Kwon will perform a rendition of "Fantasie" by Georges Hue. While 2021 honoree, Finn Marks, is the first student composer to win this award and will have his composition performed by the band, as well. The performance starts at 7:30 p.m. and is free for students under 25, with adult tickets costing \$15. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3M0Nv2Y>.



Lunar Eclipse at the Udvar-Hazy Center
May 15 • 8:30 p.m.

Witness the majesty of a lunar eclipse on the evening of May 15 through high-tech astronomical gear at the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly. Gather around the site at 8:30 p.m. for a free evening of stargazing and lunar education. The moon is expected to reach maximum eclipse around midnight, for all those who can stick it out for a beautiful sight. For more information, visit <https://si.edu/38nPJuC>.

COURTESY PHOTOS

The Birchmere welcomes David Foster



The legendary songwriter will be joined by his wife, Katharine McPhee

By Keith Loria
SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

With 16 Grammy Award wins to his name, it's safe to say that David Foster is one of the most prolific songwriters in history, and the legendary writer has been responsible for some of the most familiar and beloved songs over the last 50 years.

Foster has penned nearly 100 hit singles and dozens of film scores, receiving three Academy Award nominations for Best Original Song over his career. His songs have been turned into hits by a who's who of singers, including Madonna, Whitney Houston, Céline Dion, Barbra Streisand, Kenny Rogers, Josh Groban, and many more.

Foster will be appearing on May 17 at The Birchmere as part of the Hitman Tour, with some great singers by his side, singing the songs that made him famous. Songs like "Man in Motion" from "St. Elmo's Fire"; "Wildflower" by Skylark; "After the Love is Gone," by Earth, Wind and Fire.

"We always try to do something different," Foster said. "One of the great things we do is I love to go out to the audience and get people to sing. Word has kind of gotten out that I do that, and every once in a while we get this great singer hoping he or she will be picked, and that's always a fun moment."

Of course, if the singer isn't that good, Foster laughs that that's always a fun moment as well.

"I usually go for the person who sings the loudest," Foster said.

Throughout the evening, Foster will also provide stories from his multi-decade career, and he might even phone in a special guest to take part. For instance, at a recent concert, he Facetimed Michael Bublé to sing a song.

Making the night even more special is Foster will be joined on stage by his wife, former "American Idol" standout and star of TV's "Smash," Katharine McPhee.

"People really go crazy when she walks on out," Foster said. "She's a triple threat and has it all. She's a superstar."

During the pandemic, Foster and McPhee stayed connected with fans online doing what they termed, "The Kat and Dave Show," which USA Today ranked at the No. 1 streaming show of the year.

"It was fun, but it was hard work," Foster said. "We were doing everything ourselves and had crazy costumers, and both our phones capturing everything. Now, starting in November, Kat and I will take a version of that show on the road."

There's even hope that the show will get a residency in Las Vegas or maybe even a home in New York. The couple is already playing the legendary Carlyle later this summer.

At the Birchmere concert, McPhee will sing some of Foster's classic songs, but also might surprise with songs she is known for—whether from "Smash" or her run in Broadway's "Waitress."

"We have some great singers on stage with us, but depending on who is there, sometimes I may need to leave out certain songs, and other nights, different songs,"

Foster said. "We have Pia Toscano with us, she's an 'American Idol' alum, and is just amazing. Then there's Fernando Varela, who is from Puerto Rico, and covers a lot of ground vocally. Between them and Kat, we're covered."

Foster also sings a bit himself, as anyone who watched "The Masked Singer" last season knows, but he knows that people aren't usually coming to the shows to hear him sing, and he's fine with that.

He knew early on that songwriting was something he was good at and his parents encouraged him to play piano and follow his dream.

"Although we didn't have any money, they found the resources to get me piano lessons, and I just knew I wanted to be a writer at age 10," Foster said. "It has led me to some incredible places now."

And after spending decades in the studio making music for other people, Foster finally is touring himself, and loves seeing the audience and hearing their feedback, and looks forward to playing in front of the Birchmere crowd again.

Art News

Live in Central Park Revisited Join musicians Lee Lessack and Johnny Rodgers for a concert based on James Taylor’s 1979 concert. 7 p.m. May 13. Tickets are \$30 to \$40. Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3l0IcVk>.

SpongeBob the Musical SpongeBob and all of Bikini Bottom face the total destruction of their undersea world. Chaos erupts. Lives hang in the balance. And just when all hope seems lost, a most unexpected hero rises up and takes center stage. 7 p.m. May 13, 2 and 7 p.m. May 14, and 6 p.m. May 15. Tickets are \$10 to \$30. W.T.

Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3y9SFWp>.

Xanadu follows the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse, Kira, who descends from the heavens of Mount Olympus to Venice Beach, California in 1980. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through June 11. Tickets are \$20 to \$30. W-3 Theater, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3w3KKZq>.

Second Saturday Art Walk Come out and visit the monthly featured artists. All studio buildings will be open

from 6 to 9 p.m. May 14. Galleries, gift shop and Lucy Burns Museum are open extended hours. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3M4VImU>.

The Firebird: A Virginia-Inspired Folk Tale Ballet Prince Ivan ventures into the garden of the evil Kashchei and his Sorceress, looking for his lost love, Princess Tsarevna. He catches the magical Firebird, asking for help finding the princess and her friends. 4 p.m. May 14 and 15. Fairfax High School, 3501 Lion Run, Fairfax. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3ytp62g>.

The Art of Calligraphy Explore the connection of Huntley’s past residents to the beautiful art of writing. Try your hand at a variety of pens and brushes. Supplies included. 6 p.m. May 18. Cost is \$12. Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Ln., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3FAaLm1>.

The White Rose Better Said Than Done presents a special evening of storytelling with the tale of two siblings who came of age in the Third Reich. 6:30 p.m. May 19. Tickets start at \$16. The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax. For more information visit

<https://bit.ly/3w3OmdW>.

West Springfield Pyramid Show features the work of more than 100 elementary students from seven different schools. Show runs through 5 p.m. May 22. Muse Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3KWc9Rb>.

Black + White Experience predominantly black, white, and grey art for this all-media show that demonstrates the visual power of black and white and what’s in between. On display May 14 through June 26. Free. Falls Church Arts, 700-B West Broad St., Falls Church. For more

information visit <https://bit.ly/37yM3WB>.

Mother Line is an exhibition of works by photographer, filmmaker, video and performance artist Laurel Nakadate. Continues through May 29. Tephra Institute of Contemporary Art, 12001 Market St., #103, Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3GICKF1>.

Splendor of Spring NCAC artists paint with ink and watercolor, on silk, rice paper, and gold or silver shikishi boards. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. through May 29. Free. McGuireWoods Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3K122Ws>.

Community Information

Hidden Pond – A Closer Look This program will go further in depth focusing on a particular topic, giving full attention from start to finish on the subject. 5 p.m. May 13. Cost is \$9. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3P79RC1>.

Making Healthy Snacks Join for an interactive experience that teaches nutrition and basic cooking skills. Ages 3 to 8 accompanied by one parent. 11 a.m. May 14. Tysons-Pimmit Library Meeting Room 2, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Registration is required. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3LbNLv2>.

Par 3 Challenge Participants will compete in an individual stroke play tournament. Jefferson’s tee boxes will be moved around to turn the entire course into a par 3. 10 a.m. May 14. Cost is \$35. Jefferson District Golf Course, 7900 Lee Highway, Falls Church. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3yufBzL>.

Reston Farmers Market offers a wide variety of produce, fresh eggs, baked goods, dairy, meat and more. 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through Dec. 3. Free. Lake Anne Village Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3serWnU>.

Asian Festival on Main

Celebrate cultural diversity through food, arts & crafts, entertainment and education. Noon to 6 p.m. May 15. Free. Main Street between Chain Bridge Rd., East St. and Old Lee Hwy. Fairfax. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3L2lIOn>.

Nature Kayaking Paddle with a naturalist to learn about the flora and fauna that call the lake its home. 2 p.m. May 15. Cost is \$43. Lake Fairfax, 1400 Lake Fairfax Dr., Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3w5WGD7>.

Amelia Earhart: Pioneering Feminist Hear unexplored connections between the life story of this unique individual and the

broader patterns of twentieth-century women’s lives. 8 p.m. May 16. Free. Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. For more information visit <https://si.edu/3L2mydZ>.

Virtual Field Trip Learn about the Nisei soldier, courageous men and women of Japanese ancestry from Hawaii and the mainland United States who served in the U.S. Army during World War II. 10 a.m. May 18. Free with registration. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3PdRFGY>.

Annandale Farmers Market features a variety of goods including produce, meat, dairy, plants and more.

Thursday through Nov. 3. 8 a.m. to noon. Free. Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3MRKr9y>.

ONGOING

Virtual Fitness Challenge Hope For The Warriors kicks off this free challenge May 1 and it runs through May 30. Any activity counts. T-shirts are available during registration for \$30. Register at hopeforthewarriors.org

Golden Girls Senior Women’s Softball is looking for players of all experience levels for games on Wednesdays and Saturdays

in Vienna. For more information visit goldengirls.org.

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 Needy Children 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 information.

CAPPIES REVIEW

Chantilly’s “Into the Woods” dazzles audiences

By Ella Greer
DOMINION HIGH SCHOOL

“Into the Woods”, written in 1986 by the legendary playwright Stephen Sondheim, reintroduces the viewer to iconic fairy tale stories with a shifted characterization to match a darker -- more foreboding -- tone. The story follows The Baker and his wife as they venture into the woods to locate “a cow as white as milk, a cloak as red as blood, the hair as yellow as corn, and a slipper as pure as gold,” at the request of a witch, to lift their curse. Simultaneously, the stories of “Cinderella” and “Jack and the Beanstalk” develop and intertwine with that of The Baker’s, causing misunderstandings and hijinks. However, just as everyone receives their happily ever after, the story undergoes a tonal shift to reflect the ramifications of their wishes.

What was truly eye-catching about Chantilly High School’s interpretation was how they created and utilized a campfire effect to describe a gruesome event. In the tale “Little Red Riding Hood,” the wolf, disguised as the grandmother, devours both the grandmother and Little Red, who are both later rescued by the huntsman. Tyler Hicks and

Fin Blinov masterfully employed the use of a screen to obscure Little Red being devoured and the wolf being sliced open.

Sydney Schneider’s version of The Witch easily stole the show with her erratic personality, delighted cackling, and hunched posture. Throughout Act I, her older, hoarser tone had seamlessly bled into their vocals. However, towards the end of Act I, Schneider was tasked with a quick change from an ugly, bedraggled, ghoulish old woman to a beautiful enchantress. Schneider did so briskly and expertly as her character effortlessly transformed.

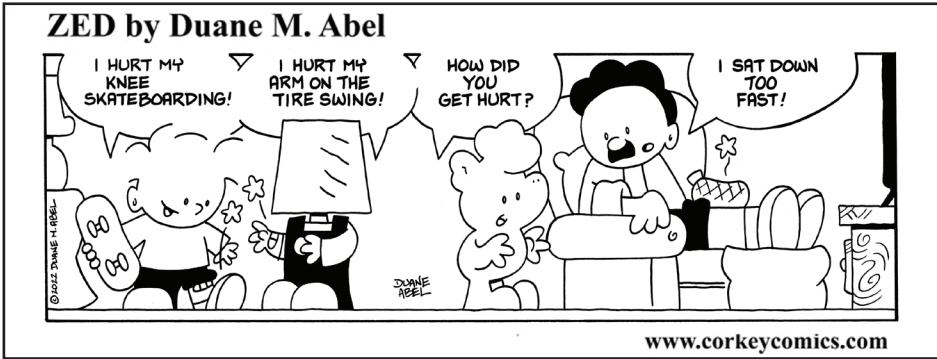
Another stand-out was the vicious and spunky Little Red Ridinghood, played by Ren Lagasse. Their delivery of child-like innocence, dead-pan sarcasm, and occasional psychotic outbursts made them instantly entertaining. Their ability to shift from pure and unassuming to ready to maim any aggressor was jarring and made for an easy laugh. In contrast, the Wolf, played by Timothy Gustafson, entranced the audience with his rich vocal bass and his charming, gentlemanly persona. Gustafson and Lagasse’s synergy combined to highlight the beauty of the flowers and the danger of the woods in the song “Hello, Little Girl.” Lastly, the sweet and adorable Milky White, played by Harshini Bachu, won the audience’s heartfelt sympathies and impressed with the fire in her efforts to return to Jack, played by Christian Schopp.

On the technical side, Alex Ketzle and Sam Ryu of the lighting crew provided the audience with intricate visuals of red, white, pink, and blue. Ketzle and Ryu helped enhance the whimsy of the scene of The Baker’s wife (Anna Anderson) and Cinderella’s Prince (Nitish Kommoju) in the song “Any Moment.” In conjunction with the lights, the prop team, headed by Serina Leung, created Milky White’s wire cow head and the stylistic Witch’s staff that brought about The Witch’s hunched posture.

On a final note, Chantilly High School successfully immersed the audience into a plot that was arguably difficult to follow. All of the characters had a well-developed depth to their voices and provided the audience with a Disney-like experience. Be wary of the wolves and go see this production at Chantilly High School!



Left to right: Edie Obernberger (Jack’s Mother), Sydney Schneider (The Witch), Christian Schopp (Jack), Harshini Bachu (Milky White), Julien DaSilva (The Baker), Anna Anderson (Baker’s Wife)



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22 City area, for short

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36 "I smell —!"

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28 Final performance

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31 SSE's oppo-site

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34 VJ's network

39 Not as good

41 Alpine air?

42 Pre-weekend cry

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51 Reaction to fireworks

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RCC welcomes Nai-Ni Chen Dance and the Ahn Trio to mark AAPI month



Courtesy of Reston Community Center

May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and Reston Community Center is proud to celebrate by welcoming two notable Asian American performing arts groups for one night of inspiring dance and music. Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company and the Ahn Trio will perform A Quest for Freedom at the CenterStage on May 18 at 8 p.m. as part of RCC’s Professional Touring Artist Series.

Before her death in De-

cember of 2021, dancer and choreographer Nai-Ni Chen worked with the musicians of the Ahn Trio to find their common vision, explore their common roots as Asian American immigrants and, as women artists, develop innovative work in America.

“Every bit of Nai Ni’s work was visually arresting and emotionally moving; her gifts will live always,” said RCC Executive Director Leila Gordon. “We miss her terribly. The Ahn Trio – Maria, Angella and Lucia – are well-known to Reston audiences and among the most virtuosic

and musically adventurous chamber ensembles of our time. We are so glad to welcome both dancers and musicians back to the CenterStage and RCC.”

Nai-Ni Chen led a New York-based dance company that merged traditional Chinese and contemporary influences for more than three decades. The company is now moving forward under the guidance of Andrew Chiang, Chen’s husband and the executive director of Nai-Ni Chen Dance, and strong dancers trained by Nai-Ni Chen.

Dancers Greta Campo,

PeiJu Chien-Pott and Ying Shi make up the new artistic team, with each serving a critical role in preserving and enhancing Chen’s artistic vision: Campo, a company dancer since 2012 and formerly the associate artistic director, is the interim artistic director; Chien-Pott is choreographer and director of contemporary and creative dance; Ying Shi is choreographer and director of traditional dance and preservation.

Chiang said A Quest for Freedom “is a concert of hope, joy, struggle and courage that the Ahns and Nai-Ni Chen shared as Asian American immigrants. We are honored to be able to work with Reston Community Center to bring this production to the stage.”

The Ahn Trio is comprised of three sisters – Lucia on the piano, Angella on the violin and Maria on the cello – who have earned a distinguished reputation for embracing 21st century classical music with their unique style and innovative collaborations.

“Maria, Lucia and I are thrilled to be returning to Reston Community Center,

on stage once again with the dancers of the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company, who continue to inspire us,” said Angella Ahn. “We look forward to connecting with the wonderful audience at Reston Community Center and honoring Nai-Ni through this beautiful and meaningful program.”

The partnership will be

enhanced by the work of visual artist Jayanthi Moorthy, who brings a contemporary, visual artist’s perspective to the mise en scène.

Don’t miss this evening honoring Nai-Ni Chen’s vision, artistry and leadership. Tickets (\$20 Reston/ \$30 Non-Reston) are available at RCC’s Box Office or online.

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Answers

— King Crossword —

CAPPIES REVIEW

Annandale spells a winning performance

By Alice McNutt
BROAD RUN HIGH SCHOOL

Define a spectacular show? Oh of course! The one with origins in Annandale. “The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee”, a book by Rachel Sheinkin, has music and lyrics written by William Finn. The musical premiered as a comedy in 2005 and was based on “C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E”, an improvisational play written by Rebecca Feldman. This musical follows children as they gather in the gym of Putnam Valley Middle School for a life-changing spelling bee full of personal development and emotional enlightenment.

As the lights came up, we saw Rona Lisa Peretti (Jewel Coulter) telling her story through beautiful vocals and sharing her interest in spelling bees which began when she won one when she was young. As Peretti introduced the show, Vice Principal Douglas Panch (Aiden Scarbrough) came in with a failed attempt to woo Peretti, which resulted in consistent and hilarious bickering throughout the show. These two were quick

and witty with improvised responses when unsuspecting audience members made their way onto the stage to get quizzed as participants in the spelling bee. When they got disqualified, they were kindly escorted off-stage by Mitch Mahoney (Timothy Hurd) who always caught the audience’s eye with large physicality and extensive characterization, while giving insight into the life of someone who deals with crazy kids...without violating parole. When Marcy Park (Kaya Thomas) first walked in, she seemed to be an “all business” kid aiming for perfection. As the show progressed, Thomas’s character bloomed into someone the audience loved and rooted for as she learned how to claim her life back from the expectations of her parents. Olive Ostrovsky (Amanda Weaver) showcased her wonderful, sweet vocals in “The I Love You Song” when she talked about her broken household. Every moment of this song was heartfelt and picture-perfect with lights that highlighted Weaver while silhouetting Olive’s mom and dad (David Miller and Kayla Osipchak).

Playful, unique, and

childish in all the right ways, the costume and make-up department deserved a trophy of their own for their work. A memorable look was Leaf Concybear’s cape, made completely out of candy wrappers, which had colorful makeup to match and butterfly clips to top it all off. Each actor’s look was personalized perfectly to match and enhance their character. The props team helped to immerse the audience in the show with 3D comedy like their own foam capybara to help the audience get a visual to go with the word that was being spelled. Other things like a giant light bulb to simulate an idea, a third-place medal, and a campaign sticker for Schwartz gave the feeling of watching a fun, comforting childhood cartoon. The choreography by Layan Masri and Amanda Weaver for “Magic Foot” included a tap solo from William Barfec (Jasson Rodriguez-Regalado) that ended with a kickline and included all main spellers and ensemble alike to celebrate his winning technique of spelling words on the floor with his foot.

From the second these six children sat down to be-

gin this spelling bee, to the end where new friendships, life outlooks, and spelling

habits developed, the fond feelings toward the characters and experience of An-

andale’s show would be difficult to put into an example sentence.



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Attend Wine, Whiskers & Wags to help pets like Simona

Courtesy of Friends of Fairfax County Animal Shelter

Simona looks like she could be right out of a fairy tale, and we are grateful that Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter could help provide her happily ever after.

After serious complications with her pregnancy, Simona was surrendered into the care of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter for urgent medical assistance. She was rushed to the veterinary hospital and the vet staff determined that Simona needed an emergency spay surgery to remedy the complications. Friends quickly provided the funding for this treatment that would give Simona a fighting chance.

Simona's case is a prime example of the risks associated with breeding and the necessity to act quickly during urgent situations such as this one. Simona spent a good deal of time recovering at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, receiving daily pampering by her officemate, and getting lots of rest. At a year old, we knew Simona had so much more of a life to live, and we are glad that we could provide that second chance for her. Simona found her home the same day she was made available for adoption.

Friends of the Fairfax



County Animal Shelter funds programs that allow each pet coming through the Fairfax County Animal Shelter's doors to receive the best possible care. As the 501(c)(3) nonprofit fundraising partner of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, Friends funds vital programs such as emergency medical care, dental maintenance and care, parasite prevention, and more for pets at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Each year, Friends holds community events that help raise money to support vital care for Shelter pets, just like Simona. For more than 14 years, Friends has hosted

Wine, Whiskers, and Wags as an annual fundraising event to bring the community together to celebrate the Shelter pets that are so dearly loved, all while raising money to save and improve more lives.

There is still time to purchase tickets for Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter's annual signature event, Wine, Whiskers, and Wags (& Beer!). Join Friends at The Farm Brewery at Broad Run, 16015 John Marshall Highway, in Haymarket, on May 15 for a day filled with good food, tasty drinks, and peaceful ambiance, all while supporting the pets at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. You are sure to enjoy the vast and eclectic

space The Farm Brewery has to offer, including a serene pond, open landscape, and chicken coop.

Tickets for Wine, Whiskers and Wags (& Beer!) are \$55 prior to the event, and \$65 at the door. Admission includes a free drink ticket for a glass of wine, beer, cider, or wine slushie, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a raffle ticket, hefty swag bag, entertainment, and access to the silent auction, games, and more. Families and pets are welcome. Attendees are welcome to bring their own blankets, umbrellas, pop-up tents, and folding chairs. All proceeds for this event will benefit the pets at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. See you on May 15!

Expert tips for welcoming a kitten

Courtesy of Family Features

Fostering kittens and cats has risen in popularity during these unprecedented times, and many pet lovers are becoming fosters to help overcrowded animal shelters. Fostering a kitten can be a fun and exciting time, but it may also come with a learning curve.

Whether you're fostering or adopting a kitten, learn how to give your kitten proper care during her first weeks and months with you with this advice from the experts at Royal Canin.

Arriving home

The new sights, sounds and smells in your home, and the separation from her mother, may make your kitten feel stressed. Keeping the environment calm and quiet can ease the transition.

As your kitten gains confidence in its new surroundings, she will want to explore more. Make sure the environment is prepared with electrical wires and outlets covered; windows, balconies and stairs secured; and small or sharp objects put away so she can safely explore with your supervision. If there are possible hazards, a designated room with windows and plenty of social contact for the first few weeks may be better.

Creating a safe place

Kittens can tire easily. After a little exploration time, give your kitten access to a bed in a cozy, quiet place with access to water, food and a litter box. Turning out the light helps establish sleep patterns, but on the first night you might want

to leave a night light on to help with the adjustment.

Provide somewhere quiet to eat. This should be somewhere your kitten feels secure, away from where you and any other pets eat. Cats don't like to eat too near their litter boxes and should always have fresh water available.

As kittens grow rapidly, their digestive and immune systems develop slowly and they have specific nutritional needs that are different from adult cats. Any sudden changes in your kitten's diet can cause digestive trouble, so for the first few days, keep the same feeding routine as the previous caretaker. You can slowly switch to a different routine, if you choose, and transition to kitten food suitable for the appropriate growth stage.

Ongoing care

Your kitten should see a veterinarian as soon as possible. In addition to a general health check, your vet can help you create a vaccination schedule and give advice on deworming, nutrition and more. Always use a carrier to transport your kitten safely while in the car and into the vet's office.

Gradually introducing your kitten to new experiences can help with socialization. New sounds can startle a kitten, so be ready to offer plenty of reassurance. You may also need to introduce new terrain like stairs or unfamiliar surfaces. Gentle play and careful handling can help your kitten become more comfortable with being touched.

Learn more about proper cat nutrition and how to create a welcoming home at royalcanin.com.

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Decatur 14 Lana

Breed: German Shepherd / Australian Cattle Dog Mix

Age: 10 weeks

Gender: Female

Hi, I'm Lana. I am one of the smaller pups of the pack. I have two different eye colors and that makes me the prettiest of the pack. I bond quickly people. I love to play with my sibs, but I am also very cuddly. My mom is a Cattle Dog and Daddy a White Shepherd. I take mostly after my mom.



Girls Dorothy

Breed: Labrador Retriever / Retriever Mix

Age: 5 months

Gender: Female

Dorothy is a spunky and affectionate girl who loves to be petted. She loves to play and snuggle with kids. She is familiar with the crate and is in the process of being potty trained. Dorothy is looking for her forever home where she will be loved and where she can be a companion for life. Are you her forever family?



Decatur 14 Landon

Breed: German Shepherd / Australian Cattle Dog Mix

Age: 10 weeks

Gender: Male

Hi, I am Landon. I am a cuddly little bear. I am one of the biggest pups and am getting fluffy. I love to sit on your lap and belly rubs are the best. I am also content to sit by your feet and take in the sun. I look a lot like my Cattle Dog mom and am getting fluffy like my White Shepherd dad.



Harry

Breed: Beagle

Age: 14 years

Gender: Male (Neutered)

Harry is a sweet, quiet, gentle soul. He is a very laid back boy. He has lived with children of various ages and did very well with them. He also visited regularly with other dogs and was always nice and well behaved, but he has no history with cats. Harry is such a good boy. He knows "sit" and "stay". He would love a home where he can enjoy his senior years.



Ellie's 9 Eloise

Breed: Black and Tan Coonhound / American Pit Bull Terrier Mix

Age: 5 months

Gender: Female

Meet Eloise! She is very people-oriented. She is a very loving and loyal companion to her person. She gets along great with the adult dogs in her foster home and is good about taking their corrections. She is a moderate energy level pup and would love an active family with lots of love to share.



146 Chuck

Breed: Labrador Retriever Mix

Age: 9 months

Gender: Male (Neutered)

Chuck brightens our household with his sweet enthusiasm. He loves to jump into your arms. He is house trained and he sleeps through the night in his crate. He loves, loves to play with other dogs and is great with everyone he meets. He can walk on leash very well, keeping his attention on me as he walks. He is learning sit, stay and shake and is doing well with these new commands. He would love to be in a house with kids, dog(s), and any other creatures. He will provide lots of love and smiles to his forever home family!



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The power of mindset – how to make things happen

KEYS TO BETTER HEALTH
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Have you ever wanted something so badly you willed it to happen? The power of the brain to create a deep focus is very powerful. We can set the wheels in motion to create the life we want -- it just takes some practice.

Tell your brain what you want and then your brain will help you match your behavior to get it. Your brain helps you make happen what it sees. When you focus on negativity, you will feel depressed. If you focus on fear you are likely to feel anxious. If you focus on achieving your goals, you are much more likely to achieve your goals.



Too many people are thrown around by the whims of the day, rather than using their brains to plan their lives and follow through on their goals.

There is a powerful yet simple motivation exercise called the ONE PAGE MIRACLE. It can help guide

your thoughts, words, and actions. Used consistently, this exercise can help create focus and change people's lives.

How to start: On a piece of paper, clearly write out your major goals, in the following areas:

Relationships: Spouse,

love, parents, siblings, friends, extended family

Work or School: Short and long term school and work goals

Money: Short and long term financial goals

Self: Physical, emotional, and spiritual health

In each section succinct-

ly write out what's important to you in that area; write what you want, not what you don't want. Be positive and use the first person. Write what you want with confidence and the expectation that you will make it happen and include what you are currently doing to make it happen.

Work on these goals over time. After you finish it, look at your One Page Miracle every day, and then before you do anything or say anything ask yourself, "Is my behavior getting me what I want?"

If you focus on your goals every day, it becomes much easier for you to match your behavior to get what you want. Your life becomes more conscious and you spend energy on

goals that are important to you.

The areas of relationships, school, work, finances, and self are separated in order to encourage a more balanced approach to life. Burnout occurs when our lives become unbalanced and we overextend ourselves in one area while ignoring another.

Let your brain help you design and implement your life. Work toward goals that are important to you. Many other people or corporations are happy to decide what you should do with your life. Use the ONE PAGE MIRACLE to help you be the one who has the say.

Your brain receives and creates reality; give it some direction in designing your life.

Fairfax County Health among recipients of NACCHO funding

Courtesy of NACCHO

The Fairfax County Health Department is one of the recipients across the nation receiving funding from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). NACCHO is the voice of the country's nearly 3,000 local health departments, and with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Healthcare Quality and Promotion, has awarded a total of more than \$2 million to 24 local health departments through the Building Local Operational Capacity for COVID-19, Healthcare-Associated Infections, and Antimicrobial Resistance (BLOC COVID-19 +) project.

The project continues and expands upon the first year of the BLOC COVID-19 Demonstration Site project by allowing local health departments to go beyond COVID-19 response and address other healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial resistant pathogens. Healthcare-associated infections are among the leading causes of preventable deaths in the United States and the pandemic heightened public awareness of the importance of infectious disease prevention and control in healthcare settings. The CDC estimates that one in 31 hospital patients are infected with at least one healthcare-associated infection, which resulted in 72,000 deaths attributed to HAIs in 2015.

The goals of the project are to:

a. Strengthen relationships between local health departments and

facilities and partners;

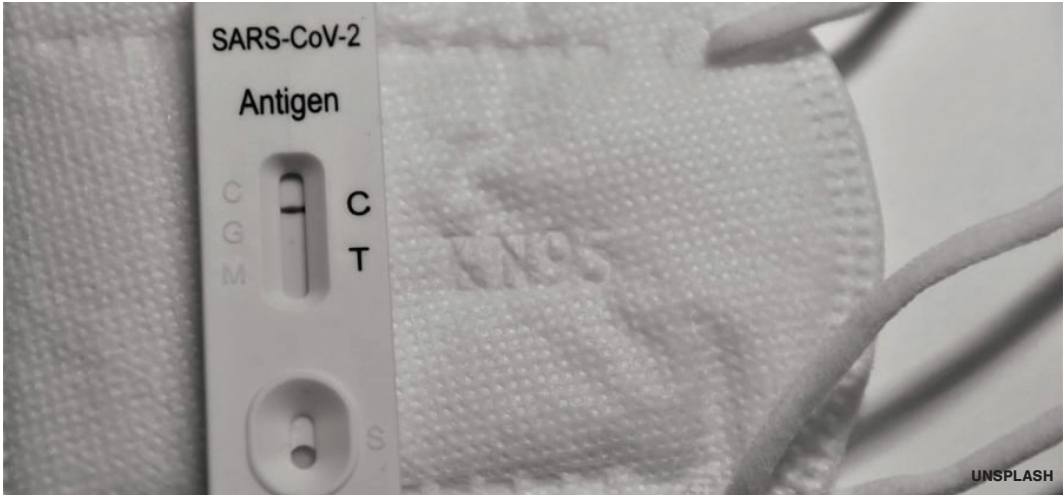
b. Enhance local health department capacity and confidence in assessing and supporting infection prevention and control practices in high-risk facilities; and

c. Improve implementation of infection prevention and control in high-risk facilities; and decrease rates of and negative outcomes associated with COVID-19, healthcare-associated infections, and antimicrobial resistant pathogens in those settings.

"The Fairfax County Health Department appreciates being selected to participate in this important program to help stem the spread of healthcare associated infections in our community," said Barbara L. Downes, manager, Acute Communicable and Emerging Diseases Program, Division of Epidemiology and Population Health at the Fairfax County Health Department. "Working with NACCHO and the other program partners, we will strengthen our ability to support health facilities in the county, particularly skilled nursing facilities, to improve infection control and prevent the spread of infections, including those caused by drug resistant pathogens. NACCHO funding will enable us to further enhance our already well-established relationships with long-term care facilities and to help them further build their capabilities and effectiveness for infection prevention among vulnerable older adults."

These health department will implement this project through July 2023.

Amid increase in cases, County provides update on test-to-treat initiative



Courtesy of the Fairfax County Health Department

For several weeks, cases and outbreaks of COVID-19 have continued to increase in Fairfax County and across Northern Virginia. Several jurisdictions in the region have transitioned from low to medium COVID-19 Community Level, as defined by CDC, including Fairfax County.

Staying up to date with vaccination, and continuing to practice layered prevention strategies remain critical to stem the spread of COVID-19 illness in our communities. Vaccination not only prevents COVID-19 but also makes illness less severe if you do become infected.

But what if you have chosen not to get vaccinated or still get sick even after receiving vaccine, and are at increased risk because you are older or have a chronic medical condition? This is where treatment can be important.

Effective treatment is available

If you are more likely to get

very sick from COVID-19, effective treatment is now available that can prevent illness from becoming worse leading to hospitalization and death. People who are more likely to get very sick include older adults, people with chronic medical conditions or a weakened immune system, those who are overweight, and women who are pregnant.

Several types of treatment are available, which may be used at different times or in different groups of patients. Talk with your healthcare provider to get more information about the range of options.

An expert panel of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) identified Paxlovid (ritonavir boosted nirmatrelvir) as the preferred therapy with strong evidence supporting its use. In a randomized clinical trial, Paxlovid was 88% effective in preventing hospitalization or death from COVID-19 among high-risk patients. In that trial, there were no deaths among people who received Paxlovid compared with 12 deaths among those who received placebo.

If you test positive and are an older adult or someone who is at increased risk of getting very sick from COVID-19, treatment is available. Contact a healthcare provider after a positive test to determine if you are eligible for treatment, even if you only have mild or moderate symptoms. You can also visit a Test to Treat location and, if eligible, receive a prescription from a provider at that location. Follow CDC guidance on testing for COVID-19 and use the Treatment Locator or call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489) to find a testing location that can provide treatment if you test positive.

Don't delay: Treatment must be started within the five days of when your symptoms began.

Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccination is still the best way to prevent serious outcomes of COVID-19, including severe disease, hospitalization and death.

More information on COVID-19 treatments and therapeutics can be found at <https://bit.ly/3w2mGWK>.

Brunch Fruit Tart

Recipe adapted from [homemadeinterest.com](#)

INGREDIENTS

Crust:
4 cups granola mixture
1/2 cup butter, softened
4 1/2 tablespoons honey
nonstick cooking spray

Filling:
2 1/4 cups vanilla Greek yogurt
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 package gelatin

Toppings:
strawberries, sliced
blueberries
kiwi, sliced

INSTRUCTIONS:

- To make crust: Preheat oven to 350 F.
- In large bowl, combine granola, butter and honey. Grease 11-inch tart pan with nonstick cooking spray. Line bottom of tart pan with parchment paper.
- Press granola mixture into tart pan. Place tart pan on baking sheet and bake 10 minutes. Cool completely.
- To make filling: Using mixer, combine yogurt, cream cheese, sugar, vanilla extract and gelatin until whipped completely.
- Pour yogurt mixture into tart crust. Refrigerate at least 1 hour.
- Top with strawberries, blueberries and kiwi.

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2.	Equity Homes, LP	Tax Map No. 0121-15-A5 Account No. 409905975 TACS No. 36346	Dranesville District; Vacant Land; Near Lockmeade Court, Great Falls; Lockmar; Outlot A5; 7,778 Square Feet, More or Less
3.	Glika, LLC	Tax Map No. 0173-09-0009 Account No. 409923345 TACS No. 36376	Dranesville Transportation District; 296 Sunset Park Drive, Suite 9, Herndon; Sunset Business Condo; Unit 9
4.	Glika, LLC	Tax Map No. 0173-09-0010 Account No. 409923346 TACS No. 36376	Dranesville Transportation District; 278 Sunset Park Drive, Suite 10, Herndon; Sunset Business Condo; Unit 10
5.	Santos D. Merino	Tax Map No. 1012-10-0109A Account No. 410230060 TACS No. 137320	Lee District; 3817 Miramonte Place, Unit 109-A, Alexandria; Sequoyah Condo; Unit A; Building 109; Phase 3
6.	Gregory Morrison, et al.	Tax Map No. 0651-09-0006 Account No. 410094989 TACS No. 364436	Sully District; 6532 Wheat Mill Way, Centreville; Old Mill; Lot 6; Section 1; 7,057 Square Feet, More or Less
7.	Seville Homes, LLC	Tax Map No. 0602-01-0051A Account No. 410079840 TACS No. 133423	Mason District; Vacant Land; Sleepy Hollow Road; Falls Church; Sleepy Hollow; 3,942 Square Feet, More or Less
8.	Linda F. Smith, et al.	Tax Map No. 0702-14014265E Account No. 410116612 TACS No. 364479	Braddock District; 4265 Americana Drive, Unit 103, Annandale; Fairfax Heritage Condo; Phase 1; Unit 4265E
9.	Steven M. Spar	Tax Map No. 0831-23-0353 Account No. 410170998 TACS No. 364621	Mt. Vernon District; 2611 Wagon Drive, Alexandria; Huntington Club Condo; Unit 353
10.	Quastie Stuart, et al.	Tax Map No. 0544-04-0004 Account No. 410058666 TACS No. 494896	Sully District; Vacant Land; Wharton Lane, Centreville; Calvin H. Haley Property; Lot 4; 5 Acres, More or Less
11.	The Root Al Memorial Foundation, Inc. aka The Al Root Memorial Foundation, Inc.	Tax Map No. 0593-02-0009 Account No. 410076452 TACS No. 494954	Mason District; 8411 Spicewood Court, Annandale; Woodburn Heights; Section 2; Lot 9; 0.847 Acre, More or Less
12.	The Root Al Memorial Foundation, Inc. aka The Al Root Memorial Foundation, Inc.	Tax Map No. 0593-02-0010 Account No. 410076453 TACS No. 494954	Mason District; 8407 Spicewood Court, Annandale; Woodburn Heights; Section 2; Lot 10; 0.821 Acre, More or Less
13.	The Root Al Memorial Foundation, Inc. aka The Al Root Memorial Foundation, Inc.	Tax Map No. 0593-02-0011 Account No. 410076454 TACS No. 494954	Mason District; 8403 Spicewood Court, Annandale; Woodburn Heights; Section 2; Lot 11; 0.596 Acre, More or Less
14.	The Root Al Memorial Foundation, Inc. aka The Al Root Memorial Foundation, Inc.	Tax Map No. 0593-02-0012 Account No. 410076455 TACS No. 494954	Mason District; 8401 Spicewood Court, Annandale; Woodburn Heights; Section 2; Lot 12; 0.798 Acre, More or Less
15.	The Root Al Memorial Foundation, Inc. aka The Al Root Memorial Foundation, Inc.	Tax Map No. 0593-02-0013 Account No. 410076456 TACS No. 494954	Mason District; 8400 Spicewood Court, Annandale; Woodburn Heights; Section 2; Lot 13; 1.494 Acres, More or Less
16.	The Root Al Memorial Foundation, Inc. aka The Al Root Memorial Foundation, Inc.	The Root Al Memorial Foundation, Inc. aka The Al Root Memorial Foundation, Inc.	Mason District; 8402 Spicewood Court, Annandale; Woodburn Heights; Section 2; Lot 14; 1.076 Acres, More or Less
17.	The Root Al Memorial Foundation, Inc. aka The Al Root Memorial Foundation, Inc.	Tax Map No. 0593-02-0015 Account No. 410076458 TACS No. 494954	Mason District; 8406 Spicewood Court, Annandale; Woodburn Heights; Section 2; Lot 15; 1.107 Acres, More or Less
18.	Tyco Rd, LLC	Tax Map No. 0291-10-0046 Account No. 409954835 TACS No. 449142	Providence Transportation District; 8466 D Tyco Road, Vienna; Tyco Park Condo; Unit 46; Phase 3

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N1.	9220 Old Burke Lake, LLC	Tax Map No. 0782-26-A Account No. 410143599 TACS No. 495246	Braddock District; Vacant Land; Old Burke Lake Road, Burke; Old Burke Lake Preserve; Lot A; 9,111 Square Feet, More or Less
N2.	Bahman Batmanghelidj, et al.	Tax Map No. 0251-01-0039 Account No. 409935067 TACS No. 91848	Dranesville Transportation District; Vacant Land; 2473 Centreville Road, Herndon; Floris; 7,275 Square Feet, More or Less
N3.	Howard Brock, Jr., Trustee, et al. and John J. Donahue, Trustee	Tax Map No. 0411-01-0017 Account No. 410001351 TACS No. 296954	Dranesville District; Vacant Land; Rhode Island Avenue, McLean; Franklin Park; 1.5 Acres, More or Less
N4.	Chackworth Homes, Inc.	Tax Map No. 0204-13-B1 Account No. 4100931088 TACS No. 363908	Dranesville District; Vacant Land; Byrnmood Court, McLean; Meadow Run; Outlot B; 1,094-Square Feet, More or Less
N5.	Stanley D. Cox, et al.	Tax Map No. 0801-0209-A Account No. 410153725 TACS No. 574408	Braddock District; Vacant Land; Easton Drive, Springfield; North Springfield; Outlot A; Block 9; 28,362 Square Feet, More or Less
N6.	Basher Z. El-Nammari, et al.	Tax Map No. 0303-02-0143A Account No. 409964220 TACS No. 135883	Providence District; Vacant Land; Near LaSalle Avenue, McLean; Hunting Ridge; Lot 143; 1,725-Square Feet, More or Less
N7.	Hermen Greenberg, Trustee, et al. and Morton Fungar, Trustee	Tax Map No. 0604-22-A Account No. 410093654 TACS No. 36889	Mason District; Vacant Land; Whispering Lane, Annandale; Sleepy Hollow Run; Outlot A; Lot 1; Section 1; 1,953 Square Feet, More or Less
N8.	Bruce C. Gunnell, et al.	Tax Map No. 0823-0205-A Account No. 410166876 TACS No. 49376	Lee District; Vacant Land; Bush Hill Drive, Alexandria; Bush Hill Woods; Outlot A; Block 5; Section 5; 189 Square Feet, More or Less
N9A.	Landamerica Property Corporation, Inc.	Tax Map No. 0913-01-0091A Account No. 410198277 TACS No. 652636	Lee District; Vacant Land; Manchester Boulevard, Alexandria; Vacation of Part of Hayfield Road; 3,761 Square Feet, More or Less
N9B.	Silver Lake, Inc.	Tax Map No. 0913-01-0091B Account No. 410198278 TACS No. 297842	Lee District; Vacant Land; Manchester Boulevard, Alexandria; Vacation of Part of Hayfield Road; 2,345 Square Feet, More or Less
N10.	Metric Apartment Company Investment Trust, Inc.	Tax Map No. 0174-01-0001D Account No. 409924387 TACS No. 133653	Hunter Mill Transportation District; Vacant Land; Vacation of Part of Lakeside Avenue; 0.086 Acre, More or Less
N11.	Robert H. Quander Estate, et al.	Tax Map No. 0833-01-0026C Account No. 410171591 TACS No. 493353	Mt. Vernon District; Vacant Land; Quander Road, Alexandria; R.H. Quander Estate; Outlot A; 5,315 Square Feet, More or Less
N12.	Isabelo H. Sanchez, Jr., et al.	Tax Map No. 0813-22-0050 Account No. 410164170 TACS No. 93365	Lee District; Vacant Land; Near Franconia Forest Lane, Alexandria; Franconia Forest; Outlot 950; Section 1; 2,076 Square Feet, More or Less
N13.	Lena Sewell Staple Heirs, et al.	Tax Map No. 0501-01-0059 Account No. 410095192 TACS No. 494812	Providence District; Vacant Land; Near Poplar Drive, Falls Church; Poplar Heights; 13,550 Square Feet, More or Less
N14.	Sully Limited Partnership	Tax Map No. 0443-04-0048 Account No. 410095794 TACS No. 58469	Sully District; Vacant Land; Stonecroft Boulevard, Centreville; Sully Station; Outlot 48; Section 15A; 48,358 Square Feet, More or Less
N15.	TSB, Inc.	Tax Map No. 0184-01-0021 Account No. 409927618 TACS No. 36383	Hunter Mill District; Vacant Land; Crowell Road, Vienna; Difficult Run; 20,847 Square Feet, More or Less

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