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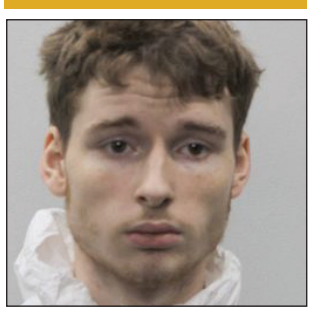
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New Fairfax County Police Chief named

Kevin Davis was unanimously appointed by the Board of Supervisors and will become chief effective May 3

By Brooke Lewitas
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Former Baltimore police commissioner Kevin Davis has been named chief of the Fairfax County Police Department. He is stepping into the role after his predecessor, former Chief Edwin Roessler, stepped down in February. Davis will officially begin as police chief on May 3 and make a salary of $215,000.

His unanimous appointment by the Board of Supervisors comes while the nation is in the midst of larger conversations surrounding police brutality, especially towards black individuals. Leaders in Fairfax have expressed the importance of policing reform, and expect that Davis will bring about this reform, according to a statement from Braddock District Supervisor James Walkinshaw.

"With Chief Kevin Davis, Fairfax County is poised to build on the accountability measures already in place here and lead the nation in ensuring that the law is employed as an instrument of justice," Walkinshaw said.

"The history of policing has not centered around the safety of all members of the community," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff McKay. "That is a systemic problem we are always working on in Fairfax County. After an extensive interview and outreach process, the entire Board felt confident in Chief Davis's ability to lead and further reforms to policing. We look forward to everyone in the community engaging with the new police chief and engaging in their own conversations with him."

Davis' most recent law enforcement position was as Baltimore police commissioner. There, he received praise for leading the department during a civil rights investigation, as well as leading the charge on major reforms like a body camera program. However, he was fired by Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh in January 2018, saying at the time she had grown "impatient" with his failure to deter crime rates in the city.

When Davis was an officer in Prince George County in the 1990s, two civil lawsuits were brought and won against him.

The first occurred in 1994, when Davis stopped then-White House intern and Temple Hills resident Mark Spann. According to court records, Davis "violently took [Spann] to the ground and arrested him". Spann, who is black, stated at the time, "I think it's out-and-out racism. The first question he asked upon when we [were] stopped was not, 'What have you done? Where are you coming from?' It was, 'How did you get that car?'" Spann sued for improper use of force and was awarded $12,500.

The second incident occurred in 1999, when Davis was a part of a group of Prince George's County officers who picked up 19-year-old Brian Romjue without an arrest warrant. Romjue testified that the group of officers threatened him and that Davis slammed his head against a window two or three times. A jury awarded Romjue $90,000 in 2002.

Davis could not be reached for comment, but in a statement to News4, he stated "I'm proud of my long career in law enforcement that includes leadership roles as assistant chief, chief, and commissioner in three large jurisdictions, a career that includes a history of reform accomplishments, a demonstrated commitment to diversity, crisis intervention,



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use of force de-escalation, body camera implementation and police discipline transparency. I look forward to leading Fairfax County into a bright future of world-class constitutional policing."

Calling in to the Board of Supervisors meeting at which he was appointed, he thanked the board and promised reform and accountability.

"Is there room for improvement? Of course. Are you up to the task? Of course. Is change sometimes hard and difficult? Absolutely. But…if you didn't know you were in a difficult position, you wouldn't be here."

He then discussed the importance of working with marginalized communities, saying "I look forward to working with the diverse communities in Fairfax County. We first have to establish legitimacy to earn trust. That takes hard work, and showing up every day and doing this work. We have to pay keen attention to vulnerable communities, underserved communities and communities of color. We have to meet you where you are, we have to be better listeners, less defensive, and we have to, quite frankly, see you. You have my word that I'm committed to doing that, on behalf of Fairfax County."

Workhouse Arts Center offers community market to help small businesses



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By Rick Horner
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Much has changed in response to the pandemic, from social life to small business momentum has either slowed down or ground to a halt. However, in response to this many people have found ways to allow people to live life while striving to make sure concerns for their health have been taken into account. Whether it was the return of the drive-in theater or the resurgence of vinyl records people have been finding ways to live their lives under the cloud of world-wide viral pandemic.

The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton is one such group who has found a way to provide their community with an outlet to live life which became the Community Market. The market was created last year as a way for local vendors to offer a variety of crafts, food, and other products to the community.

"The Community Market was developed last year in response to the closing of non-essential business across the country. We saw our expansive grounds as an opportunity to provide a COVID-safe, outdoor environment for local and small business owners to reconnect with their patrons," says Erin Wright, events rental manager for the Workhouse.

Wright, along with the Workhouse's Chief Development Officer, Elena Romanova, and our Development Associate, Kristen Murray, masterminded the creation of the market to help the vendors who lost their regular markets due to the pandemic.

According to Wright, the response to the market has been overwhelmingly positive

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Local non-profit collects 21,000 pounds of food for hungry kids



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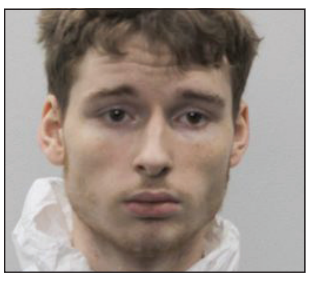
On Saturday, April 24th, local non-profit Food for Neighbors held one of their many annual Red Bag events, in order to provide local middle and high school students who receive free and reduced meals while in school with food for the weekends.

In Fairfax County, one in four children go hungry every day. Luckily, FCPS provides free and reduced price breakfasts and lunches provided Monday through Friday. However, this leaves students without food over the weekends. When then PTA president Karen Joseph learned this, she was "troubled". Although some elementary schools provided weekend meals, they were unable to take on the needs of

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PUBLIC SAFETY NOTES



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Zachary Burkard.

Springfield man charged in homicide of two teenagers

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Major Crimes Bureau continue to investigate after two teenagers were killed in a shooting April 25 in the 8000 block of Winding Way Court in Springfield.

Officers responded for the report of a shooting around 3:18 p.m. They found one juvenile victim inside the garage suffering from gunshot wounds to the upper body. Despite lifesaving measures by officers, the victim was pronounced deceased by rescue personnel. A second juvenile victim was found in front of a home nearby suffering from a gunshot wound to the upper body. He was taken to the hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

An investigation revealed there was a previous argument through social media between the involved parties. As a result, four teenagers went to the home to talk to someone who lived there and investigators were told a fight broke out. During the fight, Zachary Burkard, 18, of Springfield, emerged from inside the home and shot two of the juveniles who arrived at the home. Burkard remained at the scene and was taken into custody by officers. A firearm was recovered at the scene.

Burkard was charged with two counts of second-degree murder and two counts of using a firearm in the commission of a felony. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner conducted the autopsies April 26.

Per Virginia Code 19.2-11.2, FCPD is prohibited from providing information about juvenile victims unless parental consent is provided. This law prohibits Virginia law enforcement agencies from directly or indirectly identifying deceased juvenile victims of a crime.

Victim specialists from the Major Crimes Bureau's Victim Services Division have been assigned to ensure the families are receiving appropriate resources and assistance.

This is an active investigation and detectives are continuing to examine evidence and interview witnesses to determine what led to the man's death. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Fairfax County Police Department Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 2. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone – 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

These deaths are being investigated as the 5th and 6th homicides year to date in Fairfax County.



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Crews work to put out a fire in Rose Hill.

Improperly discarded smoking materials cause Rose Hill house fire

Units from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the City of Alexandria Fire Department were dispatched for a reported house fire in the 4500 block of Apple Tree Drive in the Rose Hill section of Fairfax County April 24 at approximately 9:02 p.m.

Crews arrived on the scene of a one-story, single family home with fire visible from the rear of the house. They worked rapidly to extinguish the fire. There were no reported civilian or firefighter injuries.

Three occupants were home at the time of the fire. One occupant smelled smoke and, upon investigation, discovered fire in the workshop. All occupant's self-evacuated, along with three dogs, and called 9-1-1. Working smoke alarms did sound after the fire was discovered.

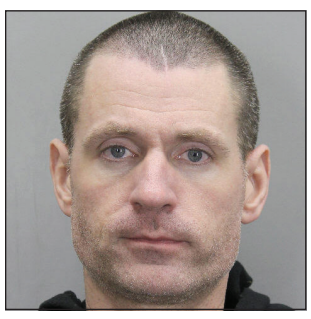
Fire investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started in the workshop behind the garage. The cause of the fire was improperly discarded smoking materials.

Three occupants were displaced because of the fire. Red Cross assistance was offered and declined. Damages as a result of the fire were approximately $30,000.

Maryland man and juvenile charged after possessing concealed guns

A man saw his stolen dirt bike that was listed for sale online and arranged a meeting with two men under the guise of purchasing the dirt bike. Officers arrived at the purchase in the 7800 block of Loisdale Road April 16 at 5 p.m.

The men ran away but were caught nearby. Zion Philbert, 20, of Maryland, and a juvenile were both in possession of concealed guns. Philbert was charged with possession of a concealed weapon and resisting arrest. Charges are pending for the juvenile.



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Daniel Speare.

N.J. man arrested in Fairfax County after pursuit

An officer attempted to stop a stolen 2019 Ford Fusion in the 6800 block of Cherry Lane April 20 at 3:41 a.m. The driver refused, which resulted in a brief pursuit.

The driver stopped and attempted to run but was caught nearby. Daniel Speare, 39, of New Jersey, was charged with grand larceny, reckless driving and speed to elude.



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Damage to a Vienna building after smoking materials were improperly discarded.

Improperly discarded smoking materials cause building fire in Vienna

Units from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the City of Fairfax Fire Department, were dispatched for a building fire in the 100 block of Church Street, NE in the Town of Vienna April 22 at approximately 11 a.m.

Crews arrived on the scene of a one-story, strip shopping center to find fire in the basement. Fire was rapidly extinguished. There were no civilian or firefighter injuries reported.

There were approximately 15 occupants in the building at the time of the fire. The fire was discovered by the owner of one business when he observed smoke coming from his office in the basement. The owner called 9-1-1 and assisted with evacuating the occupants from the building. Smoke alarms sounded but after the fire was discovered.

Fire investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started in an office in the basement. The cause of the fire was improperly discarded smoking materials.

No one was displaced because of the fire. Red Cross assistance was not needed. Damages as a result of the fire were approximately $18,750.

Woman dies following pedestrian crash in Annandale

A 77-year-old woman has died following a crash that occurred April 26 at 10 p.m. near the intersection of Little River Turnpike and Backlick Road.

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit have preliminarily determined that Choon Yoo, of Annandale, was crossing Little River Turnpike from north to south outside of the crosswalk. The driver of a 2011 Toyota Corolla was traveling east on Little River Turnpike and struck Yoo. The driver remained at the scene of the crash. Yoo was taken to the hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Preliminarily, speed and alcohol do not appear to be factors in the crash. The investigation remains active.

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

This is the 4th pedestrian fatality in the county to date in 2021.

Flammable solvent vapors ignite fire in Fairfax house

Units from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and the City of Fairfax Fire Department, were dispatched for a reported house fire in the 4400 block of Gilbertson Road in the Fairfax area of Fairfax County April 21 at approximately 10:31 a.m.

Crews arrived on the scene of a two-story, single family home with fire in the basement. They quickly extinguished the fire. There were no civilian or firefighter injuries reported.

Six contractors were in the basement at the time of the fire. When the fire started, all the contractors self-evacuated and called 9-1-1. Smoke alarms sounded after the fire was discovered.

Fire investigators determined that the fire was accidental in nature and started in the basement. The cause of fire was the ignition of the vapors created by flammable solvent, used to remove the mastic glue for the asbestos floor tiles. The fire spread to the plastic sheathing along the walls.

No occupants were displaced because of the fire. Red Cross assistance was not required as the house was under renovation. Damages as a result of the fire were approximately $25,000.

FCPD investigates inmate death at the Adult Detention Center

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Major Crimes Bureau are investigating the in-custody death of 30-year-old inmate Christopher Fojt, of Reston.

Fojt was found unresponsive in his single-cell around 11 p.m. April 22. A medical emergency was called and rescue was summoned when the post deputy found the inmate unresponsive in his cell. The deputy immediately rendered aid until relieved by ADC medical personnel. Rescue arrived, continued lifesaving measures and transported the inmate to a hospital where he remained under the care of a physician. Sadly, he was pronounced deceased April 27 at 7:39 p.m. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will conduct an autopsy, but preliminarily, there are no signs of foul play.

Fojt had been in custody of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office and incarcerated at the ADC on multiple charges including possession of a schedule I or II drug with a firearm on or about his person since Apr. 21. He was being held without bond.

Fairfax County Sheriff's Office policy dictates that an in-custody death must be investigated by the Fairfax County Police Department. Fairfax County Police detectives are coordinating with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office to gather the facts and circumstances surrounding this tragic event.

Red Cross assistance was not required as the house was under renovation. Damages as a result of the fire were approximately $25,000.



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Officers from the Mount Vernon Station collected approximately 163 pounds of unused or expired medications.

Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout collects more than 2,000 pounds of drugs

The Fairfax County Police Department partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration continued alongside several Fairfax County agencies for this year's 20th Annual National Drug Take Back Day Initiative April 24.

Officers from eight district stations helped collect more than 2,000 pounds of unused or expired over the counter and prescription medications from members of our community at drop off sites across the county.

This important initiative addresses vital safety and public health issues. Unused or expired over the counter or prescription medicine left unsecured can be prone to misuse and may contribute to overdoses and accidental poisonings.

In case you weren't able to make it to this year's initiative, drug take back boxes are available year-round at each of the eight police stations. Accepted items include prescription medication (schedule II-V controlled and non-controlled), prescription ointments, over-the-counter medications, and medications for pets. Prohibited items include needles (sharps), liquids of any kind, illegal drugs, non-prescription ointments and lotions, aerosol cans, and inhalers. Additional information can be found on the Health Department's website at https://bit.ly/2QAn0dk.

Fairfax County Police district stations are always open to the public. Addresses and additional information on each of our stations are available at https://bit.ly/2SbUuPP.



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PEOPLE AND PLACES



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Keith Hoskins.

Peraton names former NCSC director to advisory board

Peraton has named former Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC), **William (Bill) Evanina** to its Advisory Board.

Evanina joined the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) to lead the NCSC in 2014. He was later confirmed by the U.S. Senate, serving both Presidents Obama and Trump. At NCSC he had executive responsibility for the execution of many critical counterintelligence and security programs, including the National Insider Threat Task Force, Counterintelligence Cyber Operations, Supply Chain Threat Risk and Mitigation, and Critical Infrastructure Threat Awareness and Mitigation.

While at NCSC he also led the effort to successfully automate critical elements of the security clearance process and helped to establish the system by which clearance-holders could be continuously monitored.

Prior to joining the ODNI, Evanina served as chief, Counterintelligence Division, Counterespionage Group, Central Intelligence Agency, where he led efforts to combat espionage activities in the U.S. and globally. Earlier, he spent more than 16 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, rising to assistant Special Agent in Charge, Washington Field Office, National Security Branch. While at the FBI he led all field office special programs as well as the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Evanina earned a Master of Arts degree in Educational Leadership from Arcadia University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration from Wilkes University.



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Keith Hoskins.

Navy Federal names new VP of branch operations

Capt. (USN Retired) **Keith Hoskins** has been named to the role of executive vice president, branch operations at Navy Federal Credit Union. Hoskins served as lead executive for Greater Pensacola Operations since April 2019.

"Keith Hoskins has been a tremendous leader for Greater Pensacola Operations," said Debbie Calder, chief operating officer for Navy Federal. "Between that experience and his 27 years of service in the U.S. Navy, Keith truly understands our members. I'm confident he will help our growing branch team meet the evolving needs of our members around the world."

Hoskins takes the helm of the branch team from Rear Adm. (USN Retired) Dietrich Kuhlmann, who was named chief real estate lending officer. Prior to joining Navy Federal, Hoskins was the western district manager for Gulf Power Company. His transition from military service came after 27 distinguished years in the U.S. Navy where he retired as Commanding Officer for Naval Air Station Pensacola, providing leadership and oversight to more than 25,000 military and civilian personnel. In this role, Hoskins received the Chief's Installation Excellence Award in 2015. He also served as a F-18 pilot on the Blue Angels flight demonstration team.

"One thing I have learned in my time so far with Navy Federal is this team, no matter where you serve in the credit union, has an unwavering commitment to be there for our members, each other, and our communities," said Hoskins. "I am proud to be part of it, and look forward to leading our branch team."

Students selected for 2021 All-Virginia Band, Chorus and Orchestra

One hundred eighty-five students from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) high schools have been named to the 2021 All-Virginia Band, Chorus, and Orchestra.

Students engaged in virtual sessions with composers and conductors April 23 and 24. A combined virtual performance will premiere in late May.

Students from throughout Virginia went through a rigorous audition process to compete for spots in the band, chorus, and orchestra. Students selected for these ensembles will rehearse virtually with nationally recognized expert conductors to prepare for their performances.

A list of FCPS students selected for the groups in 2021 can be found at https://bit.ly/3voK65i.

Construction firm receives Building Design and Construction Award

County of Fairfax, Virginia Department of Public Works and Environmental Services awarded **F.H. Paschen** the Award of Excellence for the Building Design and Construction of the Central and Dulles Maintenance Facility – Salt Dome projects.

"We're honored to receive this award," said Bill Rocha, general manager of the F.H. Paschen Mid-Atlantic office. "It's a testament to our project team, our subcontractors, and our great partners at the county." General Contractor and Construction Manager F.H. Paschen has been in the Greater D.C. region for more than 20 years.

F.H. Paschen is accustomed to building critical infrastructure in and around Fairfax County, completing the construction of nine escalator canopies for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), community and government centers in Loudoun County, and several upgrades and renovations to local schools and park districts.

The Award of Excellence was presented at a virtual award ceremony earlier this month.



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Carey Smith.

Parsons Corp. elects new CEO

The board of directors of Parsons Corporation has elected Carey Smith as chief executive officer, effective July 1.

Smith succeeds Charles "Chuck" Harrington, who announced his retirement after nearly 40 years with the company. Harrington will continue to serve on the Parsons Board of Directors as executive chairman upon his retirement.

"Leading and transforming Parsons into the technology company we are today has been one of the greatest honors of my life, and I know the company is in great hands," Harrington said. "After nearly 40 years, I'm proud of the company we've built, humbled by the amazing people I've had the pleasure of working with, and pleased that the accomplishments we've achieved will deliver a better world."

"Carey's leadership, customer relationships, and proven performance at Parsons make her the natural choice to succeed me as CEO. The company is well-positioned for future profitable growth, and I have full confidence that Carey will continue to advance our success," Harrington said.

Harrington joined Parsons in 1982 as an engineer performing technical, and later, project management duties on classified projects for the U.S. Departments of Energy and Defense. He founded and led Parsons' business into the biotechnology, semiconductor, and telecommunications industries before becoming the corporation's chief financial officer in 2006. Chuck was named chief executive officer in 2008 and chairman of the board of directors that same year.

"After 39 years with the company, including 13 years as CEO, we respect Chuck's decision to retire. There is no one more deserving," said James McGovern, lead independent director of the Parsons Board of Directors. "On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to thank Chuck for his steadfast leadership — especially in times of crisis — from the global financial crisis in 2008 to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. His constant curiosity and dedication to technology, including the successful completion of over 20 acquisitions, transformed Parsons into the publicly traded global technology company it is today. Chuck's fingerprints are all over the past, present, and future of our company, and we're grateful for his leadership, commitment, and vision. We're pleased that he will continue as executive chairman of the board, making this a smooth transition."

McGovern continued, "The board has unanimously agreed that Carey Smith is the right person to lead Parsons into our next chapter. Her strategic vision, exceptional operational talent, focused leadership, and deep commitment to Parsons' employees and customers are widely known, and position the company for continued success."

"I'm honored to be chosen by the board as Parsons' next chief executive," Smith said. "It's a privilege to lead this exceptional, high-integrity company and to build on Chuck's legacy. He has always put our customers' missions and our employees' and shareholders' interests first, and I look forward to continuing to work with Chuck in his role as executive chairman, as well as the rest of the board and Parsons team. Most importantly, I'll continue our commitment to our core values and to leading our highly engaged employees as they develop advanced technology solutions that deliver on our customers' critical missions."

Smith joined Parsons in 2016 as president of the Federal Solutions business. She was promoted to chief operating officer in 2018, where she drove synergies within the company's business segments, enhanced organic growth, led the acquisition and integration of four companies (Polaris Alpha®, OGSystems®, QRC® Technologies, and Braxton Science and Technology Group), and helped take the company public in 2019. She later became president and chief operating officer and assumed additional responsibilities, including functional support, and joined the Parsons Board in January 2021.

Before joining Parsons in 2016, Smith held a series of progressive leadership roles within the defense and aerospace industry. She was president of the defense and space business unit at Honeywell, where she led an expansion of the company's business with a broad base of customers across the U.S. government and international defense agencies. Before Honeywell, she held several positions at Lockheed Martin, including vice president of Technical Services, vice president of business development for the Maritime Systems and Sensors business unit, and president and CEO of the company's Canadian operations. She began her career as a systems engineer.

Smith holds an M.S. in electrical engineering from Syracuse University and a B.S. in electrical engineering from Ohio Northern University. In 2018, she received an honorary doctorate from Ohio Northern University for her outstanding contributions to the university and engineering field.

She is a member of the board of directors for two public companies – Parsons Corporation and Edison International – and a member of the board of directors for three non-profit organizations: the Professional Services Council, where she serves as vice-chair and on the executive committee; the Intelligence and National Security Alliance; and the United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation.

Thirteen students win 2021 National Merit Corporate-Sponsored Scholarships

Thirteen Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students have been awarded 2021 corporate-sponsored scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The students are part of a group of more than 1,000 National Merit finalists chosen to receive scholarships financed by corporations, company foundations, and other business organizations.

Winners of the corporate-sponsored scholarships, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

Jerry Wei of Oakton High School (computer science), National Merit Leidos, Inc., Scholarship.

Mrinal Bhatnagar of Robinson Secondary School (physics), National Merit Truist Scholarship.

Kamal Amirneni of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) (biology), National Merit CACI Scholarship.

Peter Costescu of TJHSST (computer engineering), National Merit Raytheon Scholarship.

Patrick Gilles of TJHSST (computer programming), National Merit-The Travelers Employees' Club Scholarship.

Kristen Heller of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit Leidos, Inc., Scholarship.

Aaliya Hussain of TJHSST (neuroscience), National Merit Macy's, Inc. Scholarship.

Nathaniel Joachim of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit Dr. James R. Schlesinger Memorial Scholarship, funded by MITRE Corporation.

Senna Keesing of TJHSST (astronautics), National Merit Leidos, Inc., Scholarship.

Adit Pareek of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit GEICO Scholarship.

Alexander Suh of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit CACI Scholarship.

Alexander Talamonti of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit Raytheon Scholarship.

Nishitha Vattikonda of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit Leidos, Inc., Scholarship.

Corporate sponsors provide merit scholarship awards for National Merit finalists who are children of their employees, who are residents of communities the companies serve, or who have college majors or career interests the sponsors want to encourage.

Corporate-sponsored merit scholarship awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and range from $1,000 to $10,000 per year. Others provide a single payment between $2,500 and $5,000. Recipients can use the awards at regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities of their choice.



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CINDY SANTA ANA

Many Americans fill up a glass of water from their faucet without worrying whether it might be dangerous. But the recent crises from the lead-tainted water supply in Flint, Michigan to the attempted hacking of a Florida city's water supply show us that safe, potable tap water is not a given in this country.

Although most of us may feel confident that our drinking water is "clean" and/or "safe" we are overlooking the fact that the process of delivering that water to us makes it not as clean and safe as we'd like. In order to get to our homes, most water has traveled through miles of pipeline and this is often where lead contamination comes into play. Lead can enter drinking water when plumbing materials that contain lead corrode, especially where the water has high acidity or low mineral content that corrodes pipes and fixtures. The most common sources of lead in drinking water are lead pipes, faucets, and fixtures. In homes with lead pipes that connect the home to the water main, also known as lead services lines, these pipes are typically the most significant source of lead in the water. Lead pipes are more likely to be found in older cities and homes built before 1986. Among homes without lead service lines, the most common problem is with brass or chrome-plated brass faucets and plumbing with lead solder. Lead exposure may contribute to more than 400,000 deaths of adults each year in the U.S. and research suggests that even low-level exposure may be a significant risk factor for heart disease.

As it travels to us, lead is not the only threat to the water that eventually comes out of our tap. In fact, even with a "clean" source, water tends to pick up contaminants and runoff along the way. For this reason, most water must be disinfected with chemicals in order to prevent waterborne illnesses. Unfortunately, this necessary evil of disinfection is a double-edged sword since the chemicals used can leave potentially carcinogenic byproducts behind. In fact, exposure to chemicals found in drinking water after it has been disinfected with chlorine could be responsible for up to 1 in 20 cases of bladder cancer.

In addition, it has been found that roughly 85% of the US population drinks tap water that contains over 300 contaminants—more than half of which are not regulated by the EPA. In fact, the drinking water of a majority of Americans likely contains "forever chemicals." These chemicals, known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl or PFASs, have been linked to high cholesterol, obesity, hormone suppression – and even cancer. The problem with PFASs is that they remain in your body for a long time. Though other chemicals can be excreted within hours, these chemicals get stored in the blood serum, liver and other organs and take about 3½ years for your body to get rid of just half of whatever amount you ingest. If you are exposed day after day, they will accumulate in your body and over time present important health consequences.

If you live in the United States, it is also highly likely that the tap water you use is enriched with fluoride. In the 1940s, scientists discovered that people who lived where drinking water supplies had naturally occurring fluoride levels of a certain level had fewer dental caries (cavities) than people who lived where fluoride levels in drinking water were lower. It was subsequently found that fluoride can prevent and even reverse tooth decay by inhibiting bacteria that produce acid in the mouth and by enhancing remineralization, the process through which tooth enamel is rebuilt after it begins to decay. While it is true that fluoride helps prevent tooth decay, dentists have found that applying fluoride to tooth enamel is just as effective. This is important because in addition to building up in teeth, ingested fluoride accumulates in bones. In fact, it has been shown that overexposure to fluoride can result in tooth, joint and bone damage. Scientists have even associated high fluoride consumption with reproductive and developmental system damage, neurotoxicity, hormonal disruption and bone cancer. Up until recently, the EPA allowed local public water authorities to have fluoride levels of up to 4 milligrams per liter. The US Department of Health and Human Services, however, believes this level needs to be sharply reduced to 0.7 milligrams per liter for health reasons. Because HHS guidelines are strictly voluntary, there is no guarantee that your water is not still over-fluorinated.

Chlorine, lead, PFAS, and fluoride are not the only growing risk to our water. Sadly, new chemical compounds from pesticides, herbicides, OTC/prescription drugs, and detergents come online just about every day, and so the problems with water will just get murkier over time. While it is recommended that you have your tap water tested to know exactly what contaminants you may be dealing with, the reality is that you are most likely better off addressing the issue head-on.


UNSPLASH

What to drink instead.

Just because there could be issues with your tap water does not mean you should resort to buying bottled water instead. The bottled water market is virtually unregulated, and even the EPA says it's not necessarily safer than tap. Plus, bottled water is terrible for the environment with roughly 17 million barrels of oil going into a year's worth of plastic bottles, according to The Pacific Institute. What's worse, because of the low recycling rates in the U.S., roughly two-thirds of those bottles will wind up in landfills or eventually make their way to the ocean, polluting waters and harming wildlife.

Instead of reaching for bottled water, I recommend filtering your water at home. Ideally, you'd be able to buy a whole-house filtration system—but they can be really pricey—so I suggest considering individual filtration units for your kitchen tap and shower.

What to look for in a water filter.

First, you should determine what is in your water. I use www.ewg.org/tapwater. Whatever filter you buy, you want to make sure its claims are verified by an independent lab to ensure that it in fact removes the contaminants that it claims. From there, you can decide what kind of filter is best for your home and lifestyle: an under-the-counter model, countertop model, or pitcher.

• Under-the-counter filters are great because they're tucked away out of sight and receive very high marks for filtration. However, the initial purchase price plus cost per gallon can be a bit higher than the other options, and there is some installation involved. I have a reverse osmosis system from Aquasana.

• Countertop filters use water pressure to force water through the filtration process, which helps make water healthier and tastier, removing more contaminants than standard pitcher systems. Countertop systems require minimal installation (a small hose but no permanent fixtures) and take up only a few inches of counter space. An example is a Berkey.

• Water pitchers work well for the space-challenged because they're portable, need no installation, fit easily in the fridge, and are available on just about every street corner. Some do a better job than others when it comes to filtering out the same level of major contaminants as under-the-counter and countertop versions. And while the initial investment is small, filters need frequent replacement, which can boost the cost per gallon over other methods. Examples include Zero Water, PUR and Clearly Filtered.

Water filtration is a simple way to support your health, and while there are many ways to do it, I recommend you test or research what is coming from your local water authority or well and determine the best filtration for your needs.

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FOOD

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older students. So in 2016, Joseph and her husband Mark founded Food for Neighbors in order to provide food on the weekends to middle and high school students.

The flagship program of Food for Neighbors is the Red Bag Program. The Red Bag program allows individuals to shop for nonperishable items at their convenience and set it on their doorstep.

This past weekend, Food for Neighbors hosted a food collection event at Luther Jackson Middle School. The five year old non-profit received a record amount of food: over 21,000 pounds of food from over 1,200 households. Several special guests were in attendance, including LJMS principal Mike Magliola, and school board members Karl Frisch, Lara Jane Cohen, and Dr. Ricardi Anderson.

Food for Neighbors works with over 23 schools, and has over 1,5000 families committed to donating food, as well as over 1,000 volunteers collecting, sorting, and distributing the food.

Said Area Manager Paula Prettyman, "I can't imagine my children being hungry and I want to do something that helps eliminate that problem for the families whose children my girls are with at school. We are fortunate to live in Northern Virginia where many households have plenty and are generous in sharing it. Food For Neighbors makes contributing and volunteering very easy to do."

Food for Neighbors works within the school district as an Ignite Partner, so that social workers, counselors, and parent liaisons can identify students in need and provide them with food or grocery gift cards.

"In addition to helping the students nutritionally, this reliable food source enhances their connection with their schools, which also encourages school attendance," Prettyman said.

To learn more about how you can get involved at www.foodforneighbors.org/get-involved/. If your child or a child you know is experiencing food insecurity, go to foodforneighbors.org/get-involved/request-a-bag/.

MARKET

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by allowing people to enjoy shopping once again. The market has had to operate outside in order to assure safety, they also took made other moves in order to make sure the experience would be positive without the fear of contracting the virus.

"Our main focus during development was ensuring safe social distancing through careful measurement and a one-way traffic flow along the market path. All visitors, staff and vendors are required to wear masks at all times and hand sanitizing stations are available throughout," said Wright.

It's been such a success that many vendors that had come on the first year are returning for the new season. Wright named vendors such as Bites by Sam, True Honey Teas and Honey Cakes Desserts who have become favorites for shoppers. The patrons also get to enjoy the Workhouse's typical fare like the artist studios, galleries, and museums.

The Market recently kicked off their new season by participating in National Cherry Blossom Day, the annual spring time celebration commemorating the moment in March 1912 when Japan presented Washington D.C. the gift of cherry blossom trees as a symbol of growing friendship between the two countries.

Wright and others running the market developed crafts and activities for the festival based not just on Japanese culture but on the wider variety of cultures within Asia and the Pacific Islands. For example, alongside Japanese Wishing trees were also performances by Cherry Nutting and her Hulau Hula O Ke Anuenue Punahele hula dancers. The dancers are scheduled to return for more performances throughout the market season.

As popular as the market has become it probably wouldn't have come into existence or become as popular as it had without the pandemic looming overhead. Its existence is pr oof of people's desire to live life even in the direst of times.

The market season will continue until it's end on October 30 between 10am to 2 pm. The market is held at the Workhouse Arts Center at 9518 Workhouse Way in Lorton.

Metro adjusts schedules for returning sports fans

By Rick Horner
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

As the Coronavirus pandemic begins to wind down, sports fans in the Fairfax County area will get to scratch that itch by seeing their favorite Washington D.C. sports teams play this spring. Recently the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority made an announcement that should please sports fans who worry about catching the last bus or train to get home before becoming potentially stranded.

Beginning in April and through the end of the year, Metro will adjust or "flex" their services for an additional 30 minutes after the game ends. This will mean that sports fans have until midnight to catch their ride which means they won't have to make the decision to leave the game early if they don't want to.

According to a press release from Metro, the station closest to the venue will be the only station for riders to enter. All other stations will be considered exit only points but anyone in line at the time will be given the same accommodations as the exiting commuters.

Metro is hoping that this new "flex" service will not only support the region's economic recovery but help fans and employees of the area's sports teams to get to and from games easier.

"Metro is proud to be a part of this community, and we are excited to welcome back fans and workers who support our home teams," stated Metro General Manager/CEO Paul J. Wiedefeld in the press release. "We welcome them to ride Metro on game day with the assurance that Metro will be there for them on the ride home."

The stations that would remain open for this flex service include the Navy Yard, Gallery Place, Morgan Boulevard, and Congress Heights.

Metro is still operating at with pandemic rules which means wearing a mask is still required under federal law when riding on the system's buses and trains.

Mason places well at Navy Track and Field Invitational

By Rick Horner
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES


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Over the weekend George Mason University participated in the third annual Navy Spring Invitational track and field competition which was held at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Mason faced off against Navy and while the Academy came away from the competition wining the bulk of the events Mason walked away with a few wins as well as good showings in other events.

Senior Jaylen Simmons took first place in the men's shot-put event with a toss of 17.88 meters. Second and third place went to Navy's Eric Donevant and Collin Greene who tossed for a distance of 15.30 meters and 14.80 meters respectively.

Simmons also came in first place in the men's hammer event, he won with a throw that went a distance of 56.66 meters. Simmons wasn't the only Patriot to place in the even as fellow Mason's athletes Sidney Yap and Benjamin Viau took third and fifth place in the event. Yap threw for a distance 54.11 meters and Viau got 52.27 meters on his throw.

Navy's Joshua Boamah took second place in the event with a distance of 55.16 meters.

Vieu also competed in the men's discus event where he took second place with a throw of 50.09 meters. Mason walked away with first place in the event as Connor Steggerda threw for a distance of 50.24 meters. Third place was taken by Navy athlete David Huizenga who threw for 49.06 meters.

Mason also took first place in the men's pole vault event as Harrison Shotwell set a personal best with a vault of 5.17 meters which surpassed his 2020 record of 4.97 meters. The vault ranks Shotwell as first in the rankings in the Atlantic 10 Conference and in the top 20 in the region.

The vault also surpasses the mark for Mason's all-time outdoor record of 5.02 meters which was set by Harrison's father and former Mason athlete Jim Shotwell.

The Patriots also placed in the women's events as Grace Gaudin placed second in the women's shot-put event with a distance of 14 meters. Mason also placed in the women's hammer throw as Jessica McRae placed third after throwing for a distance of 51.71 meters.

A personal best was also set by Camryn Harris in the women's pole volt event as Harris took third place with a vault of 3.72 meters. This surpassed her personal best of 3.70 meters which she had set at the A-10 Championships in 2018 earning fourth place in the event that year.

Mason will host the Atlantic 10 Outdoor Track and Field event on May 1-2 at George Mason Stadium in Fairfax.

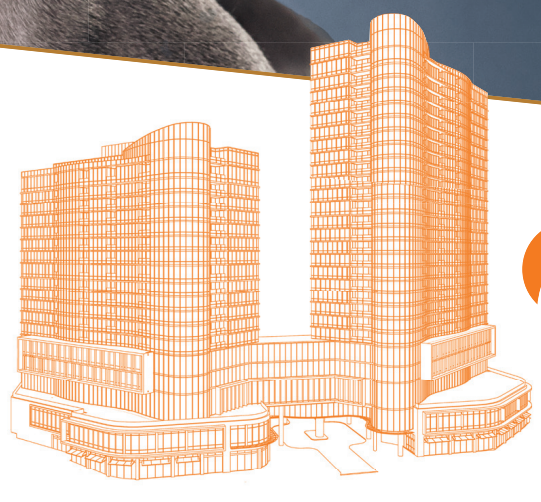


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NextStop Theatre presents First Date



The Reston theatre will stream the filmed production virtually

By Keith Loria
SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

"First Date," a musical comedy with a contemporary rock score, premiered on Broadway in 2013, starring a pre-"Shazam!" Zachary Levi and Broadway smash, Krysta Rodriguez. With its small cast, comprised of two characters on a dinner date and some supporting players in the restaurant and as various family members, it's an ideal show to do during the pandemic.

That's why Evan Hoffmann, artistic director of NextStop Theatre, was thrilled to get the rights to do a filmed performance of the show, which will be streamed from April 30 through May 16.

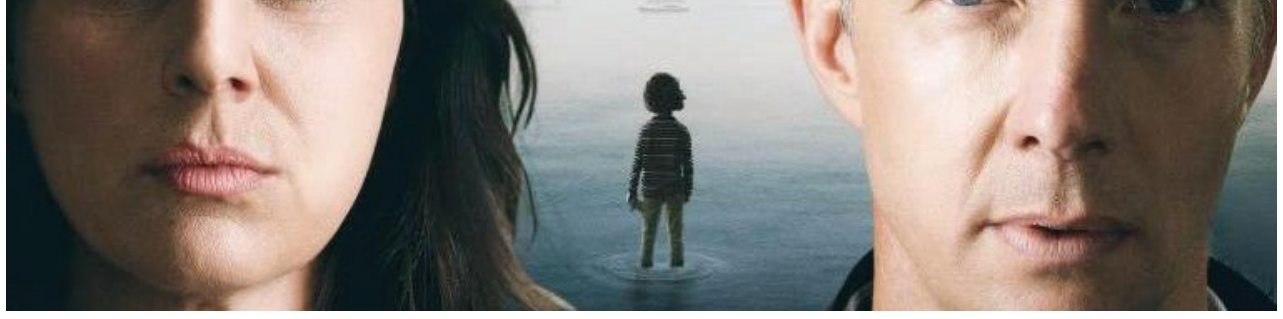
"First and foremost, I've wanted to do a show for the past year," Hoffmann said. "It's a fun show and doesn't have a deep, meaningful message; it's what musical theatre does best, create a fun escape from the chaos of our normal everyday world."

With a book by Austin Winsberg and music and lyrics by Alan Zachary and Michael Weiner, "First Date" follows Casey and Aaron, two young singles set up on a blind date, even though they seemingly have absolutely nothing

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STAY TUNED

Gripping mystery in 'The Drowning'



[SUNDANCE NOW/ACORN TV]
Jill Halfpenny and Rupert Penry-Jones star in mystery drama "The Drowning."

By Melissa Crawley
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A network series comes to an end, two animated shows debut and a chance sighting sets off a compelling mystery.

Dispatches: Weekly TV news

ABC will not move forward with a comedy series starring Alec Baldwin and Kelsey Grammer, despite giving the show a straight to series order last fall. After seeing the finished pilot, the network decided against going ahead but producer 20th Television will shop the comedy to other outlets.

Contenders: Shows to keep on your radar

"MacGyver" goes on one last mission (April 30, CBS, 8 p.m. ET). The cancelled drama's series finale focuses on Mac (Lucas Till) and Riley (Tristin Mays) who go missing and wake up 24 hours later in a cornfield with no memory of how they got there.

Animated comedy, **"The Mitchells vs The Machines"** (April 30, Netflix), follows a family who have to save humanity after their cross-country road trip is interrupted by a robot apocalypse. It features the voices of Danny McBride, Abbi Jacobson and Maya Rudolph.

The third and final season of **"Pose"** premieres (May 2, FX, 10 p.m. ET). It's now 1994 and New York's underground ball culture is a distant memory for some of the show's characters including Blanca (Mj Rodriguez) who has a new love and a new job and Pray Tell (Billy Porter) who deals with health challenges. Meanwhile, members of the House of Evangelista are forced to contend with an upstart house.

When "The Joy Luck Club" debuted in 1989, author Amy Tan found commercial and critical success. Bestselling novels, memoirs, short stories and librettos followed, establishing her as one of the most respected literary figures of our time. **"American Masters - Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir"** (May 3, PBS, 9 p.m. ET) explores the celebrated writer's life and career.

The second part of **"Selena: The Series"** will drop on Netflix May 4, which is 10 days earlier than previously announced. Based on the life of Tejano singer Selena Quintanilla, the show stars Christian Serratos ("The Walking Dead") in the title role.

Original animated series, **"Star Wars: The Bad Batch,"** begins with a special 70-minute episode on Disney+ (May 4), followed by new episodes every Friday starting May 7. The series follows the experimental clones of the Bad Batch, first introduced in "The Clone Wars," as they navigate their way through a fast moving galaxy in the immediate aftermath of the war.

When Jodie Walsh's (Jill Halfpenny) 4-year-old son Tom disappears from a lakeside picnic, authorities presume he drowned but they never find his body, which leads Jodie to believe that he was taken. Nine years later, she sees a teenage boy who looks exactly like him, right down to a small facial scar. Determined to prove that the boy is her son, she embarks on a dangerous journey to persuade the police and her family that the man taking care of him isn't his father but rather his kidnapper. All four episodes of **"The Drowning"** premiere on Sundance Now and Acorn TV on May 6.

Report Card: Ratings winners and losers

Winners: Disney Channel ordered a second season of **"Secrets of Sulphur Springs."**

Losers: "The 93rd Academy Awards" fell to an all-time ratings low with a 58% decline in total viewers.

MOVIE REVIEW

You might scratch your head over this 'Mosquito Coast'



APPLE TV+
Members of the Fox family - Margot, Dina, Charlie, and Allie (from left to right) - are always trying to figure out their next move.

By Ed Symkus
MORE CONTENT NOW

In 1981, Paul Theroux's novel "The Mosquito Coast" was published. Positive reviews, multiple awards, and a widespread reading audience soon followed. It's a great book. An idealistic dreamer who believes the excessive American way of life and its blatant consumerism is all wrong, takes himself and his family off the grid and moves to another country to start over on his own terms. In 1986, Australian director Peter Weir, with a script by Paul Schrader, featured Harrison Ford as the dreamer, Allie Fox, in a trimmed down, over-acted adaptation of the book. It stayed close to the source material, but never got to its essence.

Now we've got a seven-part series on Apple TV+, starring Justin Theroux (the author's nephew) as Allie Fox, an idealistic dreamer who believes the excessive American way of life is all wrong, so steals a bunch of money, goes on the run with his family when the government comes looking for him, and is chased after in another country by vicious members of a drug cartel.

Wait … what? This is not "The Mosquito Coast" that Paul Theroux wrote or Peter Weir directed. Now, hold on. Before all of you rabid "Mosquito Coast" fans get your knickers in a twist … in the new version, Allie Fox is still a brilliant inventor, he still comes up with an idea for a revolutionary ice-making machine, and he's presented - at different junctures - as both a loving and a tyrannical husband and father. There's even some dialogue from the book and the original film that makes it into the new one: "We eat when we're not hungry, drink when we're not thirsty. We buy what we don't need and throw away everything that's useful. Why sell a man what he wants? Sell him what he doesn't need." That bit of dialogue. That's it.

Aside from those few similarities, "The Mosquito Coast" has nothing to do with "The Mosquito Coast." It's like an alternate-universe version of the book/movie. Or, maybe, if you give it a heaping benefit of the doubt, you could convince yourself that it's sort of a prequel, a story that might eventually lead up to the one you know.

But enough (deserved) quibbling. Is the series worth watching? Candidly, it's pretty good. It has some fine acting. The best of it comes from Justin Theroux as the complicated, well-meaning but misguided, gentle but strict, excitable and often bewildered Allie Fox. And in later episodes, British actor Ian Hart plays Bill Lee, a splendidly wicked, murderous, pork pie hat-wearing, dressed-in-black hitman hipster who is hunting down Allie and his family.

Running approximately six hours over the seven episodes, there's a lot of story to tell. The series wastes no time getting the family in flight, but only hints at why the government is after them - although more details fall into place later on. One disappointment is that, with the luxury of such a lengthy script, there aren't many examples of character arcs. The two Fox kids (down from four in the book and film) certainly go through some emotional changes. But Allie is a kind of "what you see is what you get" character, as is murderous Bill Lee. There's also the mom, Margot Fox (Melissa George), who this time at least has been given a name, instead of

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Art News

Twelfth Night or What you Will a tale of unrequited love – hilarious and heartbreaking. Twins are separated in a shipwreck, and forced to fend for themselves in a strange land. Performances are May 1 and 2 in Herndon. Tickets are from $5 for individuals to $50 for a family bubble. For more information visit darkhorseva.com.

Painting with Nature Use natural pigments to create gorgeous hues. Learn how to make paints using organic materials. 1 p.m. May. 1. Cost is $25. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Rd., Great Falls. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3xtcYeD.

Cajun Fiddle Karen Collins will teach a couple of Cajun tines and introduce participants to the Cajun music scene in this virtual event. 7:30 p.m. May 3. Free. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3tXp5P5.

Ellen Reid Soundwalk is a GPS-enabled work of free public art that uses music to illuminate the natural environment. Continues through Sept. 6. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3cSyZLw.

Workhouse Arts Education programs include visual arts, dance and theater, culinary arts, ceramics and glass and camps. For more information visit the class catalog at https://bit.ly/3uNLejG.

Vertigo is an exhibit by Mouna Benserradj featuring impressionistic oil pastel illustrations. The gallery is open Friday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. This exhibit continues through May 2 and may also be viewed virtually. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3uoNZr9 or call 703-584-2900.

Arcadia Enjoy a public sound and light installation created by artist Sam Nester offered in partnership with Murals at Mason and Mason Exhibitions initiatives. This will be accessible through December via Twitch livestream as well as in person. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3sEUJAn.

Community Information

Please check the event and attraction websites to confirm operating status.

Father-Daughter Silent Disco Dance is for fathers and daughters of all ages. Each couple or group will be assigned dedicated spaces and given headphones with a choice of family-friendly musical genre. 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 30. Cost is $15 to $25. McLean Community Center, Parking Lot, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3aJbSSg.

Run the Greenway Race Runners can choose a 5K or 10K distance. There will also be a Kids Fun Run and virtual option. 8 a.m. to noon May. 1. Dulles Greenway Mainline Toll Plaza, 45035 Flight Crew Dr., Dulles. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3dYoTJP.

Hopecam Virtual 5K Runners, walkers, wheelers and bikers participate in this virtual event to support children with cancer. May 1 to 10. Cost is $20 to $40. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3dYwVlY.

Funday Monday Enjoy Music Together Sing and Groove this week. 10:30 a.m. May 3. Free. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3eyXwVz.

Becoming One Fairfax Learn more about the county's commitment to racial and social equity in this Zoom meeting. 10 a.m. May 5. Free. Registration deadline is May 3. For more information visit https://bit.ly/32V7ICl.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia Take a trip down memory lane with Debbie Waugh, the historian for Green Spring Gardens in this virtual meeting 10 a.m. May 6. Free. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3dUfhzG.

ONGOING

Donation Drive Drop off new shoes, diapers and other donations to benefit Women Giving Back. Drive continues through May 31. Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Dr., Fairfax. For more information visit https://bit.ly/3eQ4xlh.

Senior Womens Softball Join a league with games on Saturday and Wednesday mornings in Vienna. Ages 40+. For more information visit goldengirls.org.

Online Storytime with Fairfax County Public Library. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. Visit https://bit.ly/2HOBkut.

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 more information.

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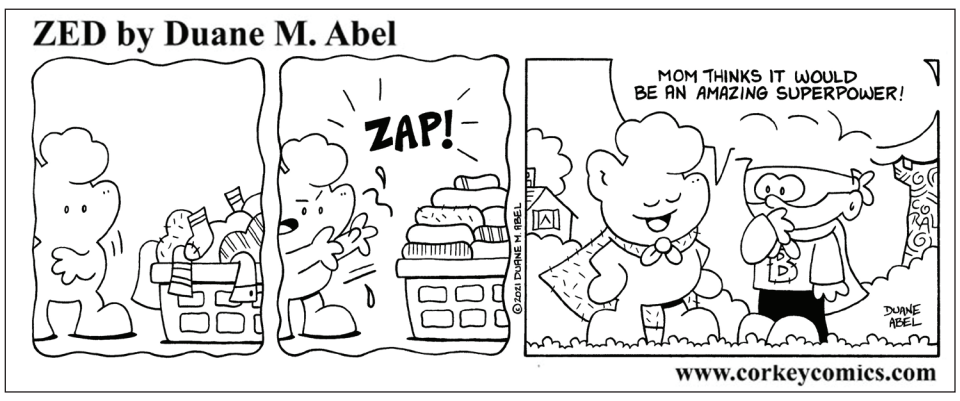
just being called "Mother." But for what appear to be dramatic purposes, her motivations and background remain on the murky side. Other characters come and go, and could have been compelling, but aren't developed enough.

The "road" the family takes begins in California, stretches south to treacherous desert lands and into Mexico. And, 180 degrees away from the lightly adventurous blueprint of the book, it becomes a full-out thriller, with tight escapes and vicious killings (most of them done off-camera).

Is this must-see TV? No, it is not. Is it a well-written, well-acted, sprawling story that sometimes makes you think about things, sometimes has you at the edge of your seat, and provides an offbeat look into family dynamics? Yes, it is.

The show comes to a satisfactory conclusion, and leaves enough open for it to continue into a second season, perhaps one that would lead more toward Paul Theroux territory. But with so many liberties taken in this offering, maybe it shouldn't have been called "The Mosquito Coast."

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FIRST DATE

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in common.

Through the unsolicited advice of their friends and family (playing out in their imaginations), a matchmaking waiter, and all the dangers of social media at their fingertips, this first date could be doomed… or it might turn out to be destiny.

"At its core, First Date is about two people going to eat dinner at a restaurant and making a connection with someone who is not in their bubble and those are the two things I crave the most right now," Hoffmann said. "Plus, this show checked a lot of boxes of what our ability to put on a show now requires."

Fairfax's Taylor Witt, who plays Aaron, has been a big fan of the cast recording since it came out, and was excited to land the role.

"Taylor hunted me down as soon as he heard we were doing this and said I had to let him audition for the show," Hoffmann said.

Witt noted that this is a show that people aren't too familiar with and once they get a taste of the music, they will really love it.

"Things are getting so serious now, and we need something lighthearted to remind us what's on the other side," Witt said.

Alex De Bard, who plays Casey, had previously served as the costume designer for a production of the show when she was in college, and is happy to be on the other side of the curtain for NextStop's version.

"I think this is what people need right now, in terms of an escape," she said. "A lot of TV is really all about COVID right now, and I think this will feel like life before COVID for people, and make it stand out from a lot of what people are seeing. Stepping into this character feels very natural to me."

Others in the cast include Carl Williams, Abby Middleton, Andres Alejandro Ponce and Sarah Anne Sillers, all notable actors from the D.C. area who will each play several roles.

"There are two versions of this show, one with a larger cast and one with a smaller cast; we are going with six actors, which was very intriguing to me," Hoffmann said. "I'm a big fan of actors playing multiple characters."

The scenes between Witt and De Bard are being filmed in a real-life restaurant as well as the NextStop theatre.

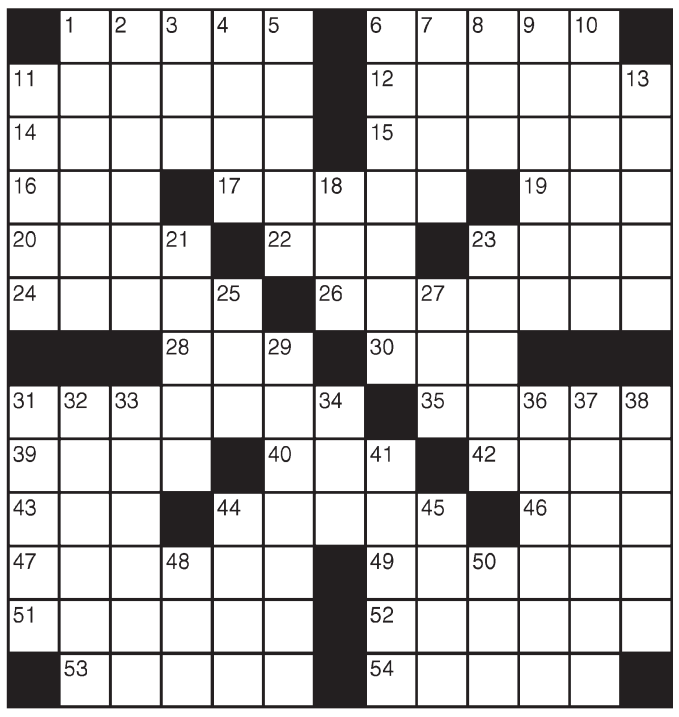
"When we film Alex and Taylor together, we have an incredible comprehensive safety plan in place," Hoffmann said. "For the period of time they are filming in close proximity and mask-less, we will be doing a lot of testing and NextStop will be putting them up in a hotel so while they film, they will create their own artistic bubble."

De Bard has spent the past year doing some cabarets and virtual readings, but it's been a while since she has done a full production. Witt has spent a lot of the pandemic shooting some film stuff, and is equally grateful to be back on stage.

To film the show, NextStop hired a professional filmmaker and director of photography to ensure that the quality was top-notch and Hoffmann believes theatre fans will really enjoy.

"First Date" tickets are $25. For tickets or more information, visit https://www.nextstoptheatre.org/shows/first-date

King Crossword



ACROSS

1 Fashion
6 Cougars
11 Copier part
12 Sanford of "The Jeffersons"
14 Sweatshirt variety
15 "The Raven" maiden
16 Off-roader (Abbr.)
17 Burn with steam
19 Khan title
20 "Moonstruck" star
22 — -la-la
23 War god
24 "Praying" singer
26 TV actor Prinze
28 Business mag
30 Melancholy
31 Dagwood's lady
35 Chic again
39 Lariat
40 Neither mate
42 Actress de Matteo
43 — -de-France
44 Red Square figure
46 Last (Abbr.)
47 Sister of Moses
49 Restaurant fan
51 Sports venues
52 Not as small
53 Admin. aides
54 Plant firmly

DOWN

1 Mollify
2 Caches
3 Pay stub abbr.
4 Floral rings
5 Upright
6 Columns
7 Secondhand
8 Chess piece
9 On the train
10 Composer Prokofiev
11 Crude cabin
13 Rental contract
18 Canine cry
21 Bonn's river
23 Threw in
25 Moreover
27 Corn serving
29 Movie houses
31 Hat edges
32 Nabokov novel
33 Puccini works
34 Very long time
36 Plod
37 Counted (on)
38 Western flick
41 Sentry's weapon
44 Cannes milk
45 Linguist Chomsky
48 Check-cashing needs
50 Sphere

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FROM THE DOG'S PAW

Gardening and yard work with your dog

By Abby!
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Woofs! Ahhh! The warm weather brings out curiosities for a young puppy like me. Like why is this critter hopping all over the place? He doesn't seem to like me getting too close! Why does this bug go flying so erratically all over the sky? WOOF! BARK! And, all the birds, everywhere! Some are way up in the sky; I try to jump to reach them but can't! What is pawing my curiosities is what my human is doing with all these tools, wheelbarrow, plants, a goofy smile on his face, and wearing a goofy-looking T-shirt and shorts! He says he's gardening and doing yard work. This will be interesting!

Paws, my wonderings about the sanity of my human began when he had some friends help him bring in pawlenty of bags of stuff. He shares with me that it's mulch which is used to make the yard look nicer for the season! It looks like more things for me to chew! Barks, Dad mentions he doesn't use rubber or colored mulches because those are more dangerous for dogs, especially those who like to dig and put everything in their mouth- who doesn't want to do that?! Barks, rocks can cause problems too. Woofs!

My curiosity is stirred when I see my human pushing a bright green machine around the front yard. It's chopping up the grass and spitting it back out?! The noise is scary! I don't understand why mom takes me outside on a short leash to watch him mow the front yard. Pawingly, the leash prevents me from bolting to the street while introducing me to the green machine. I hope this isn't part of my "chores" Dad talks about. He quits using the green machine and brings out this long-tall machine with what looks like string hanging from it and begins walking along the driveway and sidewalks. Dirt, grass, weeds, go flying everywhere! And, he's not happy when I dig and throw stuff around! Woof?? Dad takes the green machine to the backyard where it gets scarier. Mom walks me on my leash, but not holding it tight allows me to move freely around the fenced yard with him using it again. They are both watching me closely. Not sure why as I'm not going near the thing, but I do a pretty good dance trying to determine what it is. Dad stops the mower and motions for me to come near it. GRRRRR! I hesitate as it's a scary machine. Barkingly, I trust my humans, so I go near but not for long. Mom says "not to be afraid; Dad wants to introduce me to his yard working tools! You need to become familiar with what goes on around the yard in spring!" That helps but I still stay way away! Paws, I'm let off my leash to enjoy the backyard and never once forced to go near the green machine. You set your dog up for success by exercising him before you introduce lawn equipment.

Barks, I am a Labrador puppy! I eat everything in sight! I do not discriminate. It's there? I eat. If not, I look for it! I eat. Paws, knowing this, and Dad enjoys planting flowers and trees and bushes and more… he takes the time to research online what is toxic to me. Barks, by doing so, and asking questions with the pawsome humans at Garden Centers, learns what to avoid in planting. Knowing what to avoid can prevent disastrous mistakes. Websites like www.petmd.com, www.aspca.org, and www.dogster.com can be references to keep handy. I have never been to a Garden Center before so I can't wait; many welcome leashed, well-behaved dogs to bring their humans in and walk around! WOOFS!

WOOFS! BARKS! WOOFS! When Dad plants whatever he pawchases, I am pawlanning to help him with digging the holes, adding some garden soil and plant. Barkingly, Dad's told me not to eat the garden soil he pawchased. Though most are safe for dogs, it's not good to ingest much of it. Barks, I leave it alone. I would love to paw with you that I dug holes exactly where he wanted, but why do that!? WOOFS!

Next week, selecting plants, dog-friendly gardens.

About us! Noah, Samson, and Abby are Pawthors at www.fromthedogspaw.com! We paw about dog/cat care tips using facts and humor and entertaining stories about their lives with humans! Pawlease follow by email to enjoy our adventures. Our human, Allen Pearson, is a Dog Photographer and Writer. Pawlease follow us at www.fromthedogspaw.com by email. Samson is Cat-in-Charge, I am Noah, Dog to our human, Allen Pearson Dog Photographer and Writer,Allen Pearson Dog Photographer and Writer, www.allenpearsonphotography.com, www.allenpearsonphotographyjournal.com, www.facebook.com/AllenPearsonPhotography, www.instagram.com/allen_pearson_photography, www.instagram.com/fromthedogspaw, www.facebook.com/fromthedogspaw.

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Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Business Analyst – McLean, VA. Seeking MS in Comp. Sci., IT or closely related. 3 months of business analyst exp. req'd. Mail CV to Attn: HR/Job #0414, 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., 8251 Greensboro Dr. #900, McLean, VA 22102.

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Legal Notice

[(Full name(s) of owner(s)]: SAAO 2020 LLC

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The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Wine, Beer and Mixed Beverage on Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.

Naruedon Senatham, Partner

NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

3008334 (04-30-21, 05-07-21)

[(Full name(s) of owner(s)]: Kabobi LLC

Trading as:
Kabobi by the Helmand
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Herndon, Fairfax, VA 20171-6128

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Khaleeq Ahmad, Owner

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Trading as:
HONEST GRILL
14215-H Centreville Square
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Eun Young Shon, Managing Member

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IREDELL COUNTY In the District Court

21 JT 11 - IN THE MATTER OF: M.K.B., A MINOR CHILD.

To WILLIE KIPYEGO BUTIA, father of a male juvenile born April 24, 2015, in Fairfax County, Fairfax City, Virginia. Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than _____, 2021, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought and Respondent's parental rights to the juvenile will be terminated upon failure to answer the petition within the time prescribed. This the 23rd day of April, 2021.

DALY MILLS FAMILY LAW • Kelsey L. Pack, Attorney for Petitioner, Omega Ann Butia, 111 West Broad Street, Statesville, NC 28677 • (704) 878-2365

Dates published: 4/23/2021

Legal Notice

TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the **Historic District Review Board** of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, will hold a work session on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. and a public hearing on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2, as amended; the Governor's Executive Orders, as amended; and in accordance with Ordinance 20-O-23, Continuity of Governmental Operations during Pandemic Disaster (COVID-19), as amended and readopted by the Herndon Town Council on September 8, 2020, which superseded previously adopted amendments, the work session and public hearing may be by electronic means.

The public is encouraged to participate in the town's public hearing process. If the meetings are by electronic means, people having an interest in the items are invited to register to join the WebEx to state their opinions or to submit comments for the record to hdrb.arb@herndon-va.gov.

Electronic meetings will be broadcast through Cisco WebEx and details for the meetings will be made available to the public on **Friday**, prior to the meeting dates.

APPLICATION FOR AMENDING A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED APPLICATION, HDRB #21-007, to consider an application to modify conditions of approval of a previously approved HDRB Certificate of Appropriateness related to the reduction of the required front yard building setback from 35' to 20', permissible within the Heritage District Overlay, on the single-family residential property at 764 Grace Street, Herndon, Virginia, located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Grace Street and the Washington and Old Dominion Trail right-of-way, and further identified as Fairfax County Tax Map 0104-02-0017. The property is zoned R-10, Residential, Single Family; and consists of 16,074 total square feet of land. Owners/Applicants: Bryce A. Perry and Phuong T. Pham.

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR AN ADDITION TO AN EXISTING STRUCTURE, HDRB #21-008, to consider an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a one-story addition to the single-family residential dwelling at 764 Grace Street, Herndon, Virginia, located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Grace Street and the Washington and Old Dominion Trail right-of-way, and further identified as Fairfax County Tax Map 0104-02-0017. The property is zoned R-10, Residential, Single Family; and consists of 16,074 total square feet of land. Owners/Applicants: Bryce A. Perry and Phuong T. Pham.

The proposed items are available for review by the public on the town's website www.herndon-va.gov beginning April 30, 2021 after 3:00 p.m.

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Viki L. Wellershaus, Town Clerk

Note to Publisher:
Publish April 30 and May 7, 2021

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Department of Transportation
Cinder Bed Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Improvements

Find out about the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) plans to improve pedestrian and bicycle access along the west side of Cinder Bed Road from Newington Road, connects to an existing trail on Fairfax County Park Authority property, and then extending it to the existing Franconia/Springfield Metro Station trail at Barry Road. Proposed improvements include an 8-10' trail along Cinder Bed Road, lighting for the trail, and two pedestrian bridges.

Project information is available for review at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/cinder-bed-road-bikeway, or by contacting Jeffrey Fasceski, Project Manager, Fairfax County Department of Transportation, 1050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033; 703-877-5600, TTY 711; Jeffrey.Fasceski@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Please use the feedback form on the project webpage or contact the project manager with any comments or questions. If your concerns are not addressed to your satisfaction, Fairfax County is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request a public hearing by sending a written request to the project manager by 5/13/2021. Requests must be made in writing via the website feedback form, email, or by mail to Jeffrey Fasceski at the FCDOT address listed above. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing will be posted.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 23 CFR Part 771, the Virginia Department of Transportation is completing the environmental document for the proposed Cinder Bed Road Bikeway project. In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed or eligible for listing the National Register of Historic Places are included in the NEPA documentation.

VDOT Project Numbers:
UPC PE 106143, UPC RW & CN 118128

FCDOT Project Number:
AA1400137-15

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