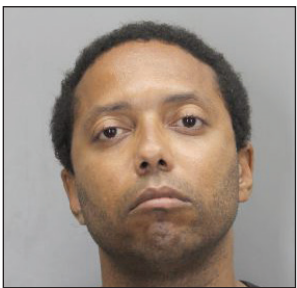


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# Youngkin tells energized crowd “Our Kids Can’t Wait”

*Candidate’s education plan revealed at Burke rally*

By Heather Zwicker  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Virginia Republican gubernatorial candidate Glenn Youngkin unveiled his education plan to an enthusiastic crowd in Burke Tuesday night and outlined specifics when it comes to caring for kids in Fairfax County and the importance of education.

Nearly half of the 1,000 people in attendance gathered outside the Burke Volunteer Rescue and Fire Department and spoke with others who waited for a chance to meet Youngkin and get a yard sign after his speech.

Amid a sea of people holding Parents for Youngkin and Latinos for Youngkin signs, Loudoun County resident Brandon Michon introduced the candidate telling the audience Youngkin wants to empower parents in Virginia, raise the bar on education in Virginia and lift up the Commonwealth. Some parents were gathered on a platform behind the stage with lieutenant governor nominee Winsome Sears and attorney general candidate Jason Miyares.

Youngkin entered the room and



VIDEO SCREENSHOT VIA GLENN YOUNGKIN FOR GOVERNOR

shook hands with many supporters before jumping up on the stage. Shortly after his entrance, he told the group that chaos seeping into our schools for months has now escalated into violence. “A young teenage girl had been sexually assaulted

in her Loudoun County school – and worse, the school administrators covered it up,” he said, which elicited boos from the audience. “Those who are entrusted with not only her education, but her safety quietly moved the offender to another

school where he was able to do it again. Two young girls have been sexually assaulted because our system failed to protect them.”

Noting that he is heartbroken for these girls and their families

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## Board of Supervisors passes collective bargaining ordinance



UNSPASH

By Michael Marrow • FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

The Board of Supervisors approved a new collective bargaining ordinance October 19, paving the way for county employees to decide if they want a union to negotiate benefits on their behalf. The vote was 9-1, with the sole no vote coming from Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herry.

The ordinance organizes county employees into three “units” of police, fire, and emergency

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POSITIVE  
Vibes

By Laura Scudder • FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES



## Parent with local group helps another

*Kristy Edlefsen works with Open FCPS to find resources for parents and students*

When a Fairfax County parent came up to her in a grocery store seeking help for his 7-year-old child, fellow parent Kristy Edlefsen knew that she had to lend a hand.

The man told her that Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) had not been providing his daughter, who is a special education student, with online schooling. Given that he was worried about potential exposure to COVID-19, he wanted to be able to pursue her education in a virtual format.

When the parent approached her, Edlefsen was collecting signatures for the FCPS Accountability Coalition, or the Open FCPS Coalition, which she explained is a bipartisan group of parents who work together to hold the school board accountable for children’s needs.

Upon hearing his story, she reached out to other Open FCPS members to find those who may have experienced something similar to him.

“As soon as I told them what happened ... they im-

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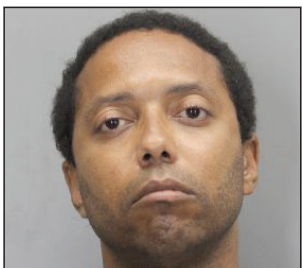
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Randall Sills

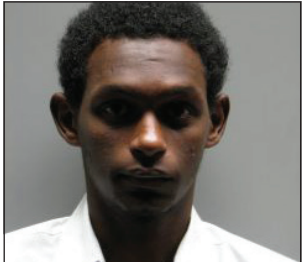
Man arrested on multiple assaults in Springfield

A 44-year-old man is in custody for assaulting two women in Springfield October 13.

Officers responded at 8:25 a.m. to the 6500 block of Frontier Drive for a report of a man assaulting a woman outside in a parking lot. Officers discovered the man grabbed the victim and assaulted her. Community members who witnessed the incident, attempted to intervene and the man left on a bicycle. As officers were investigating the first incident, an additional victim reported the same man approached her from behind and assaulted her in the parking lot of the 6500 block of Springfield Mall. The victim was able to push the man back, and he left on a bicycle.

Officers located Randall Sills, of Maryland, nearby and arrested him. He was charged with malicious wounding, abduction with the intent to defile and attempted abduction with intent to defile. He is currently being held at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center without bond.

Detectives are asking for anyone with information about this case or had previous illegal contact with Sills to please call the Fairfax County Police Department Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 3. At this time, detectives do not believe the man is the suspect from the incident that occurred at the Target October 13. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone – 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).



COURTESY PHOTO  
Galata Bekele Bengessa

Man arrested for sex offense at Chantilly High School

A 22-year-old man has been arrested following a sexual assault that occurred

at 8 a.m. September 27 inside Chantilly High School. Officers responded to the school at 4201 Stringfellow Road after the victim's mother contacted police advising her daughter had been assaulted two hours earlier.

Officers discovered a man wearing a mask entered the school with other students early in the morning. He approached the female victim, who believed he was another student. The man initiated a conversation and then unlawfully touched the victim. She was able to get away as other students approached. She contacted her mother and returned home prior to alerting school officials.

Upon hearing from the mother, officers searched the area surrounding the school and located Galata Bekele Bengessa, of Fairfax, on foot near Route 50 and Fairfax County Parkway. He was positively identified as the offender and taken into custody. During the arrest, Bekele Bengessa made statements to officers that led him to be taken to a nearby hospital to receive treatment.

Bekele Bengessa was arrested October 13 and taken to the Adult Detention Center. He was charged with abduction by force, sexual battery, and trespassing on school property. Further investigation led officers to two additional victims, who reported similar incidents involving the suspect that occurred away from school property.

Officers would like to hear from anyone who has information about this crime and anyone who may have had unlawful contact with Bekele Bengessa. Tipsters are asked to call the Fairfax County Police Department Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 3.

Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone – 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

Detectives investigate burglary, sexual battery in Falls Church

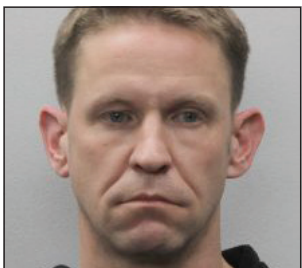
Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Major Crimes Bureau's Sex Crimes Squad continue to investigate after a woman was sexually assaulted during an early morning burglary October 14 in Falls Church.

Officers responded at 5:10 a.m. to the 6000 block of Knollwood Drive for the report of a man inside of an apartment. Officers determined two men entered the unsecured, occupied apartment. One of the men went into a bedroom where the victim was sleeping. The victim woke to the man sexually assaulting her. The man punched the victim, then the two men ran from the

apartment.

Officers along with canine units and helicopter conducted an extensive search of the area, but the two men were not located. Detectives responded to assume the investigation, and a canvass of the neighborhood was conducted. At this time, both suspects are described as 18-year-old Hispanic men, one with long curly hair and both wearing dark jackets and dark pants. Detectives continue to investigate to gather a more comprehensive description of the suspects involved and search the area for potential surveillance footage.

Detectives are asking anyone with information about the crime or the suspects to please call the Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 3. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone – 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).



COURTESY PHOTO  
Stefan Bieret

Burke man charged with possessing child sexual abuse material

A 41-year-old man has been arrested and charged with 10 felonies related to the possession of child pornography.

The investigation began when the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) was notified of a potentially illicit image being uploaded to a Dropbox account. NCMEC notified the Northern Virginia Washington, D.C. Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force of this CyberTipline lead. The owner of the Dropbox account was determined to reside in Fairfax County. Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Major Crimes Bureau's Missing and Exploited Persons Squad were notified in August and assumed the investigation. Detectives executed a search warrant on the Dropbox account and discovered additional images of child sexual abuse material.

Subsequent search warrants led detectives to the identity of the owner of the Dropbox account as Stefan Bieret, 41, of Burke. Detectives executed a search warrant October 13 on his

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home and recovered multiple electronics. Bieret was arrested and charged with 10 counts of possession of child pornography. He was taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and held without bond.

Detectives will continue to examine the digital evidence that was recovered from the scene and consult with the Office of the Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney for any additional charges. Anyone with information regarding other cases involving Bieret or any cases of exploitation of children is asked to contact the Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 6. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone – 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).



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Protect children from falling out of windows

Beautiful fall temperatures usually prompt many residents to open the windows in their home.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department wants to alert residents to an issue that tragically comes up each fall (and spring): children falling out of open windows. Sadly, in past years, this has resulted in serious injury and death.

Open windows are a safety risk to children. Screens DO NOT prevent children from falling out. Windows must operate easily for emergency exits in case

of fire, but should be made "childproof" by following these safety tips:

- Keep children away from open windows
- Never leave children alone in rooms with open windows
- Open windows from the TOP when possible, or only open four inches from bottom
- Keep beds, chairs, and other "climbing aids" away from windows
- Consider installing window guards
- Educate older children about the dangers of open windows

Annandale man dies in Springfield crash

A 23-year-old man died October 16 following a crash that occurred around 4:34 p.m. October 15 on Fairfax County Parkway at Rolling Road in Springfield.

Detectives from the Fairfax County Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit preliminarily determined Syed-Humza Mahmood of Annandale was driving his 2008 Lexus southbound on Fairfax County Parkway at a high rate of speed. His vehicle struck a 2015 Honda Odyssey and a 2019 Honda CRV. Mahmood's Lexus overturned, and he was ejected from the vehicle.

Mahmood was transported to the hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased. The two other drivers were also taken to the hospital with minor injuries. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the crash, which remains under investigation.

Anyone with information about this crash is asked to contact the Fairfax County Police Department Crash Reconstruction Unit

at 703-280-0543. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone – 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

This is the 13th non-pedestrian related fatality in the County to date in 2021.

Year to date, in 2020 there were 10 non-pedestrian related fatalities.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Gamal Mohamed Osman

Community tip leads to arrest of Alexandria man

Detectives have arrested a 34-year-old man following a tip from a community member. Fairfax County police put out a call for help October 12 in identifying the man responsible for assaulting a woman and exposing himself earlier that day in the Target at Springfield Mall.

Detectives arrested Gamal Mohamed Osman of Alexandria October 15 and charged him with sexual battery and indecent exposure. Osman was taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and released on bond.

Officers would like to hear from anyone who has information about this crime and anyone who may have had unlawful contact with Osman. Tipsters are asked to call the Fairfax County Police Department Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 3. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by phone – 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

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PEOPLE AND PLACES



COURTESY PHOTO  
Vernon Saunders

SAIC names senior VP for national intelligence community business

Science Applications International Corp. announced October 13 the appointment of **Vernon Saunders** as senior vice president of the company’s National Intelligence Community Business Unit. In his new role, Saunders will manage SAIC’s intelligence community work, reporting to Michael LaRouche, president of SAIC’s National Security and Space sector.

An industry veteran with extensive intelligence community experience, Saunders has worked with prominent intelligence community, civilian and defense organizations. He has held executive positions at Huntington Ingalls Industries, Jacobs National Security Solutions and Verizon.

“I’m delighted that Vern has joined our team,” said LaRouche. “The national intelligence community represents an elemental part of SAIC’s business, and I know Vern is the perfect person to lead our team and introduce solutions from across SAIC.”

SAIC has a 50-year heritage of working within the intelligence community, and Saunders is leading a team that delivers groundbreaking solutions in areas like cloud, application security, data analytics, digital engineering and digital transformation.

Saunders earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Averett University and a bachelor’s degree in Electronics Technology from Norfolk State University. He served as a U.S. Air Force officer for six years and is PMP- and ITIL-certified. He serves on the board of the Northern Virginia Urban League and has been twice recognized by Executive Mosaic with its Wash100 Award.

NVCC and NOVA Chamber of Commerce launch workforce index

Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce released their first annual Northern Virginia Workforce Index.

The index combines survey responses from 91 local business leaders with real-time labor market data to provide detailed analysis on employer sentiment and workforce practices in the Northern Virginia region. Coming at a critical point of inflection in the national and regional economy, the Workforce Index indicates that most employers (72 percent) are optimistic about near-term economic and business prospects, but many businesses are now facing meaningful challenges finding and hiring talent due to labor shortages.

During the virtual launch event, NOVA President Dr. Anne M. Kress discussed key findings from the Workforce Index and touched on opportunities for businesses looking to diversify and expand their talent pools.

“Through the Workforce Index, we found that many Northern Virginia businesses continue to face talent

recruitment challenges,” said Kress. “Now is the perfect time for employers to tap into a broader, more diverse pool of job seekers through apprenticeship programs and other alternate methods. As the largest supplier of talent in the region, NOVA is proud to partner with the Chamber to provide data to help employers develop new strategies and partner with those looking to build innovative programs.”

“The Chamber’s role in the region – well-positioned at the nexus of business, nonprofit organizations, and academia – allowed us to bring together well-respected champions for opportunity,” said Julie Coons, president and CEO of the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce. “By consistently tracking these trends, our collective goal is that the Workforce Index will be an ongoing key resource for economic and workforce development decision-making in the region.”

The event also included a panel discussion featuring top local business leaders: Deb Gandy, managing director, Chevy Chase Trust; Ethan Gill, president, Helios HR; Chris Gros, vice president, talent, NT Concepts; and Paul Misener, vice president, global innovation policy and communications, Amazon. The panel was moderated by Steve Partridge, vice president for strategy, research and workforce innovation at NOVA.

The panelists agreed that the Northern Virginia region weathered the pandemic better than many other regions but recognized the challenges businesses are now facing as they try to find and hire talent. They poignantly offered perspectives on recent and anticipated employment changes; trends and practices in hiring and retention; how businesses in the region could diversify their talent pool; as well as typical requirements and offerings in terms of education, training, and professional development.

“It doesn’t make sense for individuals or employers to say that college is a necessary component of everyone’s skill set to work somewhere,” said Misener. “It’s great if you want to get a four-year degree – and NOVA has a program like ADVANCE that gets you to there – but it’s not necessary. The good news is that employers are getting away from that. College remains an option and should be an option, but it shouldn’t be a necessary factor of everyone’s career and life.”

The executive summary and the full workforce index can be found at <https://bit.ly/30u03go>.

Fairfax County honors volunteer fire and rescue awardees

The Fairfax County Volunteer Fire Commission honored recipients of the 2020 Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Awards October 6. The ceremony was held at Public Safety Headquarters with honorees on hand.

These members are from various volunteer fire and rescue departments in Fairfax County and were commended for their contributions to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD) and the communities they serve. Each of these individuals demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the FCFRD through hundreds of hours providing fire and emergency medical

services or through other roles that support the goals of the FCFRD. Fire Chief John Butler was on hand to congratulate each award winner.

Congratulations to all of the following recipients of the 2020 Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Awards:

Volunteer Firefighter: **Dylan M Bates** – Bailey’s Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department

Volunteer Operational Officer: **Sean M. Jolliff** – Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

Volunteer EMS Provider: **Alien A. Bay** – Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

Volunteer ALS Provider: **Frank S. Smith** – Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department

Volunteer BLS Provider: **Scott Sterling** – Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company

Administrative Member: **Christian A. Kassiss** – Centreville Volunteer Fire Department

Canteen or Auxiliary Member: **John F. (JJ) Jackson** – Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department

CERT Member: **James McPheeters** – Community Emergency Response Team

Special Recognition Award: **James Hedrick** – Fire and Rescue Academy

Volunteer Rookie: **Noah R. Bilger** – Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department

Volunteer Unit Citation: **Mo Ahmed, Dylan Bates, David Presson, Kelsey Robins, Paul Wasserman** – Bailey’s Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department



Dr. Terri Hodges

FCPS psychologist receives state-level award

A school psychologist from Fort Belvoir Upper Elementary School has received the Virginia School Psychologist of the Year Award for the 2021-2022 school year from the Virginia Academy of School Psychologists. This award is given each year to a psychologist in Virginia who meets the highest professional standards and performs in an exemplary manner.

**Dr. Terri Hodges** has worked as a school psychologist for more than 20 years, the past 11 of which she spent with FCPS serving at the school, located at Fort Belvoir, and serves military-connected students in grades 4-6. These youth often struggle with a variety of distinct stressors, such as multiple moves, deployed parents, and housing displacement. Hodges’ leadership of Fort Belvoir’s clinical team has contributed substantially to the mental health and well-being of the students and families she serves.

“I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor and recognition. Dr. Hodges goes beyond the already very high expectations for our amazing school psychologists,” said Fort Belvoir Principal Jamey Chianetta. “She steps willingly into roles of leader among leaders within our school, military leadership, and within

the greater FCPS system and community. Her impact has been truly transformative in our community. We are so proud to work with her every day!”

“I was very humbled and surprised by the nomination, let alone the award. I have been blessed to work with amazing colleagues in my school and around the garrison,” said Hodges. “I am particularly fortunate to work alongside and learn from an exceptionally caring and creative clinical team – each member works tirelessly to identify and address the social-emotional needs of students. It is truly an honor to serve our military-connected families and be a small part of their lives.”

Hodges is now Virginia’s nominee for the national award.



Dr. Mark Sudol

Wildnote appoints Fairfax County resident to advisory board

Wildnote, a mobile field data collection app with a web-based data management and reporting platform that supports wetland professionals, announced today the appointment of **Dr. Mark Sudol**, owner, and executive of Sudol Environmental Associates, to its advisory board, effective immediately.

With more than 20 years working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wetland permitting program, Sudol brings technical expertise and personal experience with a wide variety of wetland and stream habitats. In addition, he has consulted privately with landowners and developers, giving him a comprehensive knowledge of the permit process.

“Dr. Sudol brings a distinguished level of expertise to Wildnote and will play an essential role in expanding our partnerships with forward-thinking and industry-leading environmental consulting firm,” said Kristen Hazard, Wildnote CEO. “He will be a tremendous asset for Wildnote as we continue the work of providing the leading environmental compliance platform that helps environmental consulting businesses be more efficient, profitable, and competitive.”

According to a recent article in The Chief Executive, “Since 2010, the time needed to hurdle regulatory, approval and permitting times have increased roughly 25 percent. Delay increases cost, congestion, pollution, and needless economic inefficiencies.” As a result, wetland permitting is expected to be a significant bottleneck to the start of new infrastructure projects. This relationship with Sudol will increase Wildnote’s ability to meet the needs of the wetland industry and its regulators, accelerating the evaluation, regulatory, and permitting processes.

“I’ve been impressed with Wildnote’s approach to providing technology to wetland professionals, as well as their long-term vision for using technology to help accelerate the wetland regulatory process,” said Sudol. “Their vision aligns with mine, and I look forward to providing my expertise to help them realize their vision.”



COURTESY PHOTO  
Tony Nguyen

Annandale pharmacist wins Best of Best Pharmacy award

In honor of American Pharmacists Month, SingleCare, the prescription savings service that helps consumers save millions of dollars on medications, just announced the winners of its third-annual Best of the Best Pharmacy Awards.

Local Annandale resident, **Triet (Tony) Nguyen**,

**R.Ph.**, was awarded this year’s “Above and Beyond” award.

Nguyen works at the Safeway on Little River Turnpike, and was chosen for going the extra mile for his customers—literally. He does regular medication and vaccine deliveries for those who can’t make it to the pharmacy or need their prescriptions faster than by mail.

“I live in Fairfax, not far away from the pharmacy, and I pass through a lot of the neighborhoods where our customers live anyway, so I offer to deliver to them,” said Nguyen. “I think they appreciate that. I even bring flu shots or shingles vaccines to some customers, like the ones who can’t go out or they’re immobilized at home.

OBITUARIES

In loving memory  
*Barbara Berlage*



In the early morning of Monday, October 4, 2021, Barbara Berlage passed away in her home in West Friendship, Maryland due, in part, to complications resulting from the COVID-19 virus. She was 86 years old.

Barbara attended Sweet Briar College, obtained her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Maryland and was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority for 50 years. She obtained her Master of Social Work from Catholic University of America. A passionate advocate, Barbara worked as a Medical Social Worker for the Visiting Nurses Association of NOVA and as a Customer Service Representative for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. A long-time resident of Reston and Lake Anne Fellowship House, her family also included the community of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston, serving as a Lay Leader, choir and crafts circle member and Herndon Senior Center volunteer. A voracious reader, Barbara also loved music, knitting, reading, writing, cooking, and studying Spanish as a second language. Barbara penned her autobiography as well as short stories about her life for her sons as Christmas and birthday presents.

Barbara was preceded in death by her brother William Nicholas and her long-time companion, Tom Hartnett. She is survived by her sons Bradley Berlage and Bruce (Mary) Berlage, Jr., sister-in-law Melanic and cousin Patricia (Steven) Dunlap.

We grieve over her loss but are blessed to have been touched by her loving heart. Barbara was an inspiration in strength and courage and will be fondly remembered as a loving mother, cousin, aunt and friend. A memorial service in her memory will be held on November 6th at 2 PM at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Reston weather permitting, followed by the scattering of her ashes in the UUCR Memorial Garden. Masks and COVID vaccinations are required for attendees. The memorial service will also be streamed via Zoom (<http://www.uureston.org> for more info).

Donations may be made to the UUCR Endowment Fund, Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation, or the Guiding Eyes for the Blind - training guide dogs to lead the blind and visually impaired.

In loving memory  
*Stephen E. Ward*



Stephen E. Ward, 81, of Reston, Virginia, died at home, surrounded by family, on October 16. Steve was the first of four sons, born on March 10, 1940 to James and Doris Ward of East Orange, New Jersey, and was raised in the town of Glen Ridge. He is survived by his two sons, Tony and Andy, two daughters-in-law, five grandchildren, and his beloved wife of 59 years – whom he met when he was 15 years old – Emily Ward.

Steve was a man of deep intellectual gifts, and a profound inability to take himself too seriously. The things he achieved in life, and the breadth of the knowledge he accrued, were not in service of some need to be important; they were simply the manifestation of his bottomless curiosity and the high standards to which he held himself. He graduated from Amherst College in 1963, received a Master’s Degree from the Columbia School of Public and International Affairs, and then embarked on a distinguished career as a Foreign Service Officer. In his ten years at the State Department, Steve and Emily were stationed across the Middle East, from Lebanon to Turkey to Jerusalem to Syria, where he survived an attack on the consulate in Aleppo in 1967 and received an official commendation for his bravery under pressure. Upon returning home in 1973, he served briefly as a speechwriter for the Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, before moving up Constitution Avenue to work as a legislative aide to Senator Lloyd Bentsen. Steve’s years with Bentsen included stints on the Senate Intelligence Committee, where Bentsen served as Chairman, and on the 1988 Vice Presidential Campaign, where he traveled the country, crafting Bentsen’s acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention, talking points for media appearances, and debate zingers destined for posterity (“Senator, you’re no Jack Kennedy”), before returning home to his family after a crushing defeat to George H.W. Bush. At this point, Steve left the world of public service and became a lobbyist for the energy industry, first with Mid-Continent Oil and Gas, and then with Shell Oil. He retired at the age of 62.

Even in retirement, however, Steve was determined to stay active, and find ways to give back to others. He brushed up on his Spanish (he spoke Arabic, as well, and could order a sandwich in French with elan) and trained to become a Court-Appointed Special Advocate, working on behalf of abused or neglected children in Northern Virginia. He also worked as the Executive Director of the National Fund for the United States Botanical Garden, which supports the garden’s educational initiatives and outreach to children in the Washington area. Steve and Emily also provided generous assistance to the Laurel Learning Center in Reston, which offers childcare for children in need.

As impressive and varied as Steve’s career may have been, he was a man whose true identity was not defined by his professional life. His passions and interests ranged from his grandchildren to reading to the New York Yankees to baked goods (consuming, not making) to folk art to the music of Freewheelin’-era Bob Dylan to early morning solo walks on the beach at his beloved Kiawah Island, South Carolina. At any given moment, on the nightstand by his bed, you might find a biography of U.S. Grant; the new Louise Erdrich novel; Philip Roth’s *Patrimony*, which he held close and read many times after his own father’s death; a collection of Robert Frost poetry; an issue of the New Yorker; the sports page; and, of course, the New York Times crossword puzzle, which he took enormous pleasure in defeating in pen, in a matter of minutes – even on Sunday. Steve’s speechwriting roots reflected a lifelong reverence for language, and the idea that words matter. His love of language wasn’t confined to political rhetoric; writing was an essential aspect of his life, his way of marking time, memorializing what matters, and expressing love. Steve was the poet laureate of his family, writing poems to commemorate milestone birthdays and wedding anniversaries, christenings and weddings, special occasions for his adored (and adoring) grandkids, and maybe most important of all, annual birthday and Valentine’s Day poems for his enduring crush, his wife, Emily. As he wrote to her in 2004, “I hope this latest love song will/Remind you that I love you still/And will so long as oceans carve/The cliffs of love on our landscape.” May he rest in peace, and always remember the love of his family.

A memorial service for local friends and family will be held at the Avant in Reston Town Center, 12025 Town Sq Street, details to come shortly.



# Fairfax County Police warn public of proper vehicle registration procedures

*Fake Texas tags still prevalent despite law enforcement efforts*

By Heather Zwicker  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Despite the February arrest of a Woodbridge resident by Fairfax County Police and indictments for three additional people by the U.S. Department of Justice, fraudulent Texas tags are still being seen on cars around Fairfax County.

Detectives from the FCPD Organized Crime and Intelligence Bureau were notified of the illegal sale of the Texas temporary tags late last year, according to 2nd Lt. James Curry, a FCPD spokesman. Latino Solutions, Inc., formerly of Annandale was fraudulently distributing the temporary license plates. After a lengthy and complex investigation, Karla Lopez of Woodbridge was arrested and charged with two counts of operating as a vehicle dealer without a license and two counts of computer fraud. Lopez is due back in court October 26.

Since then, FCPD has also arrested Brenda Lizeth Garcia DeMendoza, 24 of Arizona, and Ronald Ernesto Gamez Mendez, 42, of Lorton September 21. Both were charged with one count each of conspiracy to forge public record, conspiracy to commit computer fraud and operate as an auto dealer without proper license.

In May, the U.S. Department of Justice was also searching for two men indicted for using fictitious car dealerships to issue nearly 600,000 paper tags and selling them on the internet without selling any cars, according to a DOJ news release. At that time, they already had one Houston resident in custody. The charges allege the illegal tags pose a danger to the public and law enforcement because purchases use them to avoid obtaining registration, safety inspections and liability insurance.

Curry said that although arrests occurred from the



original investigation, FCPD still sees temporary tags through the county. It's not an issue isolated to Fairfax County, he explained. "We want to inform community members that this is illegal," said Curry. "We want to educate the community that these Texas temporary tags are not legal and that if you wish to get your car registered, you must go through a dealership or the DMV. Individuals pretending to represent themselves as dealers online can be fraudulently leaving drivers on the hook for additional costs and possibly face charges."

Fairfax County Police want vehicle owners to be aware of vehicle registration laws which can be found on the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles website, or by clicking <https://bit.ly/3dpRjfc>. Detectives also want to ensure that business owners are aware of Virginia Code Section 46.2-1508, <https://bit.ly/3qDUh4g>, which does not allow businesses to operate as a dealer without a proper license.

A spokesperson with the Texas Department of Motor

Vehicles emailed a response to questions and said they could not discuss details of open investigations. "However, TxDMV recognizes the impacts of fraudulent use of temporary tags and is continually analyzing opportunities to work with our partners to put stronger safeguards in place to prevent misuse," said Adam Shaivitz, interim director of the Government and Strategic Communications Division, TxDMV. "In collaboration with law enforcement, motor vehicle dealers and other stakeholders, Texas has made numerous security enhancements to dealer tags and other timed permits."

Shaivitz said that in 2020 TxDMV invited members of law enforcement, the public and motor vehicle dealer representatives to serve on a Consumer Protection Advisory Committee. The committee studied the issue and made recommendations to the TxDMV Board. During the following legislative session, the Texas legislature enacted House Bill 3927 which included

authority for expedited denial of access to the temporary tag database and establishing maximum tag limits, he said. "The department has met twice to seek advice on the implementation of HB 3927 with the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Advisory Committee."

Virginia DMV officials were unable to respond by deadline for this article.

"Our detectives continue to investigate those who are illegally distributing the fraudulent license plates both online and through other means," said Curry. "If you have information about the illegal distribution of these plates, please contact our officers or submit a tip through Crime Solvers."

Anyone with information about these illegal license plates being distributed is asked to make a report to police by calling the non-emergency number at 703-691-2131. In some instances, it may be legal to possess this, therefore, it is not necessary to call the non-emergency number if you see cars with the Texas temporary registration.

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and how government failed them, Youngkin said he is ignited with resolve. "It is an unwavering resolve to not just fix this, but to hold those who have failed our children accountable," he said, which garnered cheers from the group. Youngkin then called for an immediate investigation into the Loudoun County School board for their gross negligence, drawing a louder response from people.

As the noise from the crowd died down, Youngkin told them that political operatives, disguised as school boards, have been inserted into our school systems. "They shut parents out, and concealed the truth," he said. "The time for closed door conversation and silencing parents is over. We must fix this now. Those who are responsible must be fired or resign immediately. Virginia's children can't wait until January 15 to feel safe in our schools."

Other items Youngkin outlined during his speech included requiring school resource officers in every school, requiring annual school safety audits to be conducted in coordination with local law enforcement, and mandating that every school report crimes to local law enforcement. He said he would demand the repeal of the law passed which allows school districts to cover up serious crimes. The candidate said he would withhold funding from schools who do not comply.

The Alexandria City Council recently reversed a decision they made in May to remove SROs from schools. Earlier this month they voted to reinstate them through the end of the school year after hearing from parents who wanted something done about recent fights and violent incidents both on the grounds of and near Alexandria City High School.

"As parents, we must harness that energy, we have to harness our outrage as we take back control

from self-interested politicians and we produce solutions that not only meet the moment we're in, but make Virginia schools worthy of our children and Virginia's future," he said. "Once we ensure our students are safe where they learn, we can respond immediately with actions on how and what they learn."

Fairfax County resident Eric Hooks said he came out to the rally with two of his children because he was galvanized by the candidate's platform. "I was motivated by their support for parent's rights and for holding school systems accountable to the taxpayers rather than to special interests like the teachers unions," he said. "The school systems have been brushing the interests of students, parents and taxpayers aside for years while sweeping sexual assaults and other forms of violence in schools under the rug to protect each other and further their political agenda. They need to be held to account for their criminal misconduct."

Youngkin said his administration will be defined by action and that the movement will start with new leadership. "Together we will assemble a task force comprised of teachers, administrators, law enforcement, students and parents – did you hear me say parents? Because parents matter." He then expounded on the principle of transparency, democracy, equality, investment, excellence, choice and trust. "This is no longer a campaign, it's a movement. It's a movement led by you, led by parents all over Virginia and all over America."

Tuesday's event was not without its detractors though as a handful of McAuliffe supporters showed up with a giant blowup Trump chicken, which one attendee thought was meant to antagonize supporters. "It is so lazy and shallow to equate Trump with Youngkin," said Bethany Heim, a Fairfax County parent.

# Chantilly High School program brings opportunity to students

*STEP helps students in and out of the classroom*

By Laura Scudder  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

For the students in Chantilly High School's Secondary Transition to Employment Program (STEP) being able to balance a job while learning valuable life skills is a highlight of their experiences.

According to its website, "The goal of the STEP program is to expand employment training/transition offerings in the western part of Fairfax County for students, ages 18-22, who have earned a special or modified standard diploma."

STEP partners with various employers in the area – and businesses even come to the classroom to interview students who are interested in working with them, according to Teresa Clawson-Keeton, the STEP employment, and transition representative.

Aside from Chantilly High School, there are STEP programs at three other locations: Davis Career Center, South Lake High School, and

Mount Vernon High School. According to Clawson-Keeton, Chantilly was the first STEP location in Fairfax County.

Alyssa Loyd is in her last year of STEP and currently works at Poplar Tree Elementary School, where she works in a gym class as an assistant.

Loyd has been able to teach students different exercises, which she practices outside of the classroom as well – even waking up before 5 a.m. to do so.

"It's just because I like to be an early bird. And then during the PE, I like to see the demonstrated exercise. And that's how I keep up my exercising skills," she said.

Erin Foster, an independent living skills teacher in STEP, said that a lot of the work Loyd does also pertains to what students learn in STEP, as they teach them about healthy lifestyle choices and exercise.

"Alyssa is one of these people that everywhere she goes everybody loves her



because she's just so nice, always has a positive attitude. She's always determined and does her best everywhere she goes. So she's like a model STEP student," Foster said.

Aside from practicing interview skills and getting to go on trips, another aspect that Loyd enjoys about her schooling is something she called Fun Fridays, where she's able to take part in Kahoot, a game in which students compete to answer questions.

Patrick Santilli, like Loyd, is in his last year of the program. His favorite job site which he has worked as was a senior center.

"What made it my favorite is the amazing people

that I got to work with. And they always would say hi, they would always introduce themselves and get to know me because they heard about me, a lot of people would spread the word about me being so awesome," Santilli explained.

Now, he'll be the first STEP student to work at a Hilton hotel – a new job which he starts this week.

Ethan Lesnik said that one of his favorite aspects of STEP is how educators spend time with students helping to build their strengths, as well as working with them on things that they might need extra help with.

"My strength is my love

for others and compassion," he said. He said that this compassion plays a role in his current job at Habitat for Humanity. He likes the environment of the store, where people are able to get things secondhand.

This is Lesnik's second year in the program. His first year in STEP consisted of virtual schooling – which, although everyone did their best to adapt to that environment, left him feeling a bit isolated at times.

"I think a lot of it's a lot of people have gone through tough times being virtual. As humans, we all need to have social experiences to have an emotional, well-balanced mental health and I know a lot of people in America have struggled with their mental health with virtual and everything and one of the things I'm grateful for is being able to go out and see my friends and my peers and just enjoy life," Lesnik explained.

Foster said she loves being able to see the growth that students experience while in

the program. She also noted that while job sites help students learn about the workforce, the classroom is crucial to them learning valuable soft skills, like communication, time management, and teamwork.

For Santilli, the STEP community is his favorite part of being in the program.

"And just not the teachers but the students too ... in the three-year period, you have so many good friends like I do, and you will definitely come back to visit all those friends who are still in his classroom," he explained.

Once students finish their time at STEP, there are a variety of things students go on to do, from working to more school.

"Some may go and take some more college classes, others are with adult agencies," Clawson-Keeton explained. One of the particular agencies STEP students might utilize is the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitation Services, she said.



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medical services, and general government, with some exceptions. Temporary employees, or those who are hired for a position that lasts for four consecutive months or less, are excluded from the ordinance, as are other categories like supervisors, seasonal and confidential employees, and interns.

Employees of Fairfax County Public Schools are not included in this ordinance. A collective bargaining agreement for FCPS must be approved by a resolution from the school board, though it would be subject to the county’s budget process to fund.

The ordinance sets forth a framework for formal negotiations to take place between management and unions who have been elected by employees to represent their unit, though some restrictions exist on union activity. Striking, for example, is prohibited for public sector employees under Virginia law. As a “right-to-work” state, workers in Virginia are also not required to pay dues to unions who negotiate on their behalf.

Approval of the ordinance comes on the heels of legislation recently passed by the General Assembly that ended a 44-year state-wide ban on public sector collective bargaining. Prior to this change, Virginia was one of only three states, along with North and South Carolina, that prohibited collective bargaining for public employees.

The new ordinance signifies a “historic moment that shows working people and the labor movement are on the rise,” said David Broder, president of SEIU Virginia 512, a union that represents county employees. The effects of the pandemic have contributed to a greater interest in collective bargaining, Broder reasoned, since it would provide more leverage to employees to negotiate workplace conditions and job security.

The county commissioned a workgroup led by supervisors Penelope Gross and James Walkinshaw in early 2021 to study the drafting and implementation of the ordinance. The workgroup included representatives from the school board, labor groups, and senior county staff who held several public meetings throughout the year.

“When we started this process, we all saw the need for additional meetings,” said Tammie Wondong, Fairfax chapter president for SEIU Virginia 512, who worked with the group. The board previously deferred action on the ordinance to resolve lingering concerns with draft provisions, prompting the vote on Tuesday. “A lot of work has gone on to address concerns and several of the changes proposed by employee groups have been considered in the updated draft,” Gross wrote in an email.

After it passed, Broder and Wondong said they were mostly pleased with the outcome.

“This ordinance covers nearly all employees, as it should,” Broder said.

Not everyone was on board. “It’s no secret I don’t support public sector collective bargaining because I think it would be bad for Fairfax County residents and employees,” Herry said before the vote. After the meeting, he released a statement decrying the drafting process for lacking transparency, describing the ordinance’s passage as a “dark day for Fairfax County.”

“In terms of process, his assertions are just completely unfounded and untrue,” Walkinshaw said of Herry. “We had three meetings of the full workgroup and an open-door policy for anyone that wanted to meet to discuss the issues in greater detail.”

During the meeting, several supervisors such as Chairman Jeff McKay took aim at Herry, whom he slammed for spreading “misinformation” about the ordinance. McKay cited a newsletter from Herry that forewarned the implementation of “rubber rooms,” a reference to New York City’s policy of sequestering teachers who await the resolution of misconduct cases with full pay, and accused Herry of employing “scare tactics.”

Opponents of public sector collective bargaining cite a greater tax burden on residents and the influence of unions as a reason to reject the move. National Right to Work Committee President Mark Mix wrote in a statement that “monopoly bargaining will let special interest union bosses impose costly and inefficient work rules on public services to the detriment of taxpayers and the citizens who rely on those services.”

Walkinshaw noted that public sector collective bargaining is the rule rather than the exception across the country. “Texas has public sector collective bargaining,” Walkinshaw said. He added that implementation costs would be minimal – about \$1 million was set aside in the county budget for administrative costs – and that cost-savings measures could be identified by workers “who can then bring that to management’s attention during the bargaining process.”

Unions are now revving up to recruit more workers in anticipation of an election. Union elections are governed by the National Labor Relations Board, which sets a high standard for success: at least 30 percent of employees in a bargaining unit must sign a petition to trigger an election. The union that wins a majority vote in an ensuing election would then be formally recognized to bargain on behalf of a unit. Alternatively, a union can be voluntarily recognized if a majority of workers express support for it.

Workers could also reject union representation outright.

Collective bargaining is tied to the county’s budget process, meaning that the earliest possibility for a collective bargaining agreement appears to be for the FY 2024 budget, Gross wrote.

Fairfax County celebrates affordable housing with an “Ovation”

Courtesy of Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority

Fairfax County officials joined the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority, SCG Development, and others to officially celebrate the construction of a 274-unit affordable housing community in the Herndon/Reston area October 14.

Work on The Ovation – a residential component of the mixed-use Arrowbrook Center – began earlier this year when such a celebration was inadvisable due to the pandemic.

“It’s not often you get to celebrate a groundbreaking on a site where construction is already well underway,” shared Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff McKay. “But I think there is no better way to illustrate that, even in the midst of a pandemic, the county has continued to make tremendous strides in advancing the development and preservation of affordable housing in every corner of Fairfax County.”

As attendees gathered to commemorate the “31 percent complete” point of the project, the site was booming with activity and a clear indication that progress is well underway. During a brief intermission in the work, project leaders and community staff provided a brief glimpse at the promise of what lies in store the future for the Arrowbrook Center community.

“This project represents a fundamental commitment to the idea that everyone deserves access to a quality, safe, affordable home in the communities where they work” said SCG Development President Steve Wilson. “With access to local transit, public parks, excellent schools, an exceptional commercial district, and employment opportunities, The Ovation is literally built as a foundation for success and a fulfilling experience for all who live here.”

The Ovation will include 274 multifamily apartments as committed affordable housing for households earning between 30 and 60 percent of the area median income (AMI) – which is currently between about \$39,000 and \$77,000

per year for a family of four – for a period of at least 50 years. The project will include 55 three-bedroom apartments (a feature in high demand in the surrounding community), 15 accessible units, and is located in the heart of the Herndon/Reston activity center with convenient access to many community amenities. The development will also include on-site retail and restaurants.

“The Ovation is transforming the traditional meaning of affordable housing before our very eyes,” said Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust. “Affordable housing is more than just about the cost of rent, it’s about creating opportunity-rich, inclusive communities where all of our neighbors have an opportunity to succeed.”

Fairfax County and the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) have contributed significantly to the financing plan for The Ovation. The sum total of investments in the project include:

- Up to \$22.5 million in FCRHA Revenue Bond financing
- \$7.74 million in local Housing Blueprint funding
- 8 Project-Based Vouchers
- 6 State Rental Assistance Program vouchers

“The FCRHA’s and county’s investment and support of the Ovation community is not only reflective of the significance of our commitment to this project alone but also to the development and preservation of affordable housing countywide,” said FCRHA Chairman Melissa McKenna. “We will continue to leave no stone unturned, and no resource underutilized when it comes to responsible investment in providing homes where our low- and moderate-income households can do more than survive – they can thrive.”

The Ovation at Arrowbrook Center is owned by SCG Development and housing will be managed by Paradigm Management. Information about the property, leasing, and other details will be posted online at [www.aptsovation.com](http://www.aptsovation.com). The community is currently projected for completion by early 2023.



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mediately set into action trying to — contacts and everybody pulling each other together and they gave me a contact. But I only had this man’s address. So I drove back over to his house and knocked on his door and he was very happy to receive hopeful help. And I gave him a contact. And I’m hopeful that God answered a prayer through us being in the right place and we could be His hands and feet and they will hopefully get some information from people who have been down that path,” she said.

Edlefsen explained that, for her, her faith in God is leading the way in the decisions she makes and what happens in her life — including her interaction with this parent.

She said that the pandemic has been hard on parents and students alike, and that it’s easy for some parents to be a bit lost right now.

But Edlefsen also explained that taking part in their students education has been helpful, though, and it certain has opened eyes for parents of those in FCPS.

“COVID has allowed a light to shine on the school systems and what is going on in the school systems, through virtual learning and through some of the other things that have opened up and, and when people wanted their kids back in school, they started diving a little deeper,” Edlefsen explained. “And I think many of us can say that, as parents, we became complacent, and just allowed our kids to just go to school, and there is just — there’s an eye-opening when you sit

down with your children in a virtual learning and you start seeing what’s happening, what they’re learning in schools and what the curriculum is and just become a little more aware.”

For her, being active in her children’s education is important, as it is parents who are at the core of who their children become.

“While the school is an important part of our children’s development, it falls on us to grow good humans,” she said.

Edlefsen noted that while she may not know the outcome of the help she gave to this man, she hopes that the community will come together to help provide what he needs — particularly for his child.

When not actively helping in the community, Edlefsen spends time with her family and enjoys exercise.

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Week 8 high school football roundup

By Michael Marrow  
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Several teams faced off across the county for another week of Friday night lights. Here's the roundup of games from week eight.

South County at West Springfield

The South County Stallions continued their dominant streak this season with a resounding 41-3 win over West Springfield. The Stallions are 7-0 and the Spartans are 5-2.

Madison at Centreville

In a battle between two evenly matched teams for the Concorde District, the Madison Warhawks came out on top over the Centreville Wildcats. The final score was 21-17, making Madison 6-1 and Centreville 5-2.

Justice at Falls Church

The Justice Wolves defeated the Falls Church Jaguars 28-7. The Wolves are 3-4 and the Jaguars are 0-6.



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Lake Braddock at Robinson

A powerhouse matchup between the Lake Braddock Bruins and Robinson Rams ended in a narrow victory for the Rams, who pulled off a 35-31 victory after mounting a second half comeback. Lake Braddock is 5-2 and

Robinson is 7-0.

Yorktown at Marshall

The Yorktown Patriots prevailed against the Marshall Statesmen. The final score was 42-14. The Patriots are 5-3 and the Statesmen are 3-4.

Chantilly at South Lakes

The Chantilly Chargers

fell to the South Lakes Seahawks 36-21. Both teams are 4-3.

Westfield at Oakton

The Westfield Bulldogs bested the Oakton Cougars 42-15, boosted by several big carries by Westfield running backs Jahmari Nelson and Max Gubaton. Quarterback

Matthew Jenks even had a 25-yard touchdown run of his own. Both teams are 4-3.

Fairfax at Woodson

The Fairfax Lions trounced the Woodson Cavaliers in a shutout 50-0 win. The Lions are 6-0 and the Cavaliers are 2-5.

West Potomac at Alexandria

The West Potomac Wolverines edged out the Alexandria City Titans for a 22-21 victory in overtime. West Potomac is 5-2 and Alexandria City is 4-3.

Paul Public Charter International at Thomas Jefferson

The Thomas Jefferson Colonials won out against the D.C.-based Paul Public Charter International Pirates 31-6. PPCI is 0-4 and Thomas Jefferson is 5-2.

Washington-Liberty at Herndon

The Washington-Liberty Generals sparred with the Herndon Hornets October 16 in a high-scoring match that resulted in a comfortable 49-35 win for the Generals.

Washington-Liberty is 2-5 and Herndon is 0-6.

Edison at Lewis

The Edison Eagles handily defeated the Lewis Lancers, who were spared a shutout loss thanks to a successful field goal. The final score was 44-3. Edison is 3-5 and Lewis is 1-6.

Annandale at Hayfield

The Annandale Atoms lost in a rout to the Hayfield Hawks, who delivered a crushing 52-0 victory. The Atoms are 1-7 and the Hawks are 3-5.

Wakefield at Langley

The Wakefield Warriors triumphed over the Langley Saxons, extending a brutal stretch of losses for Langley. After leading 14-7 at half-time, the Warriors gradually widened the score while holding the Saxons to just one more touchdown for a final score of 24-13. Wakefield is 4-3 and Langley is 0-7.

The Mount Vernon Majors and McLean Highlanders had a bye week. The Majors are 3-4 and the Highlanders are 1-6.

Board of Supervisors vote to keep Fairfax Peak Project on track

Venue will provide jobs and stimulate economy as sports tourism destination



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The Board of Supervisors voted October 19 to extend the Alpine-X's access to the landfill site and extended the exclusive negotiation period until December 2023. These measures will keep the project on track.

Fairfax Peak is an ambitious public-private partnership that will lease land at the county-owned landfill to turn it into a magnet for sports tourism and provide much needed jobs and amenities to the South County area. Approval of this project comes at a crucial time as our County is emerging from this pandemic and looking for a return to normalcy.

"I am happy to see the Fairfax Peak project continue to move forward. This is a big deal for Fairfax County to have one of the longest indoor downhill ski slopes in the world and all the incredible benefits for our residents," said Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herry. Herry serves as the chairman of the County's Sports Tourism Task Force. "In addition to the amazing

facilities, the project will bring new jobs at all levels, new tax revenue, new snow sport opportunities, the potential for high school ski teams, premier national competitions, and new hotel and restaurant amenities for the South County area."

Upon approval, this project will result in the construction of one of the largest indoor ski facilities in the world. The longest slope will run up to 1,700 feet. The project includes much needed amenities including a hotel and restaurants, as well as a mountain coaster, snow tubing, skiing for all skill-levels, and free educational opportunities.

The fiscal analysis conducted in early 2018 by the County's Sports Tourism Task force showed economic benefits of supporting over 1,300 jobs and bringing in close to one million dollars in local tax revenue from the ski slope and hotel alone.

"Our partner Alpine-X has a reputation for high quality, environmentally friendly facilities in challenging and environmentally sensitive areas including landfills," said Herry. "They will make a great partner in this project."



## Explore the adrenal health-blood sugar connection

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For the last month and a half, I've been wearing a continuous glucose monitor and sharing my findings with you. By monitoring my blood sugar, altering my diet, lowering my carbohydrates, and increasing my fasting window, I've been able to lower my blood sugar numbers and lose five pounds. One important finding was that some of my nighttime numbers (which were on the higher end) were due to elevated cortisol – enter stress!

Your adrenal glands are tiny, walnut-sized glands that sit above your kidneys. And, they release critical hormones into your bloodstream impacting multiple bodily functions, including regulating blood sugar levels and metabolism.

One of the most important hormones your adrenals produce is cortisol. Cortisol is mainly known for its vital role in helping your body respond to stress, but there's a lot more going on behind the scenes.

When your body is under stress, your adrenal glands secrete cortisol to stimulate several processes in the body that regulate blood sugar levels to compensate for the demand for energy under these stressful conditions.

But, prolonged stress results in overworked adrenal glands and constantly elevated cortisol levels in the body which can suppress digestive functions and affect metabolism.

Daily stress is hard to avoid, so keeping your adrenal glands nourished with the right nutrients -- such as vitamin C, potassium, and sodium -- is the best way to

keep them functioning optimally.

In fact, not only is the highest concentration of vitamin C found in your adrenal glands, but when you do not have sufficient vitamin C levels, it can cause an excess release of cortisol.

This is one of the reasons why I start my day with this simple elixir that provides a day's worth of vitamin C and immune-supporting nutrients like turmeric and ginger. Turmeric has a compound called Curcumin. This has been shown in the last two decades to be a potent immunomodulatory agent that can modulate the activation of T cells, B cells, macrophages, neutrophils, natural killer cells, and dendritic cells. Ginger can reduce symptoms of colds, congestion, and sinus problems, plus it tastes good! Fresh ginger root is the best and most potent for this recipe.

### Lemon Ginger Elixir

#### INGREDIENTS

2 lemons  
1 orange  
1 tsp fresh turmeric  
1 tsp fresh grated ginger root or powdered ginger  
1 tsp MCT oil  
Small pinch of sea salt (best quality)  
1 tsp vanilla  
2-3 drops of organic liquid stevia or monkfruit to taste  
2,000 mg buffered Vitamin C powder  
Ice

#### DIRECTIONS

- Juice the lemons and orange and remove the seeds.
  - Blend the juice with the rest of the ingredients, except the ice.
  - Pour the juice into a quart jar, add the ice, and fill with water (if needed).
- This is a potent concentrate that I will pour 3-4 ounces into a glass and fill the rest with water and drink every morning. Store in the fridge.

*\*Recipes courtesy of Cindy Santa Ana*

## What you need to know about forthcoming expanded vaccination opportunities

### Courtesy of Fairfax County Health Department

#### Booster Dose Updates

As part of a multi-step process, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advisory panel met October 14 and 15. The panel recommended a booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for those 65 years and older and for those 18-64 years old who are higher risk due to underlying medical conditions, occupational exposure, or because they live in an institution. The panel recommended a Moderna booster that is half the dosage of the vaccine used for the primary series of the shot. FDA advisors also recommended a booster dose of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine for those 18 years and older and who had their first dose more than two months ago.

In the days ahead, the FDA will decide whether to adopt the recommendations of its advisory panel and, if so, will modify the Emergency Use Authorization for those vaccines. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices will then meet to discuss boosters for both the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines and make recommendations on who will be eligible and specify the timeframe. The CDC director then will issue recommendations based on the advisory committee guidance and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) will provide additional implementation guidance to health

departments and providers in the Commonwealth.

This sequence of steps ensures strong independent scientific review as part of the regulatory and recommendation process.

NOTE: Until each of these steps are completed, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson booster doses will not be available.

Find more information about current vaccination eligibility for Pfizer booster dose(s) at <https://bit.ly/3G8pDrz>.

In the Fairfax Health District, more than 45,000 residents have received an additional dose or a booster dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

#### Vaccination Opportunities for Children, Ages 5-11

The FDA advisory committee is scheduled to meet October 26 to discuss the use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11 years old. If the FDA authorizes the vaccine for this age group, the CDC advisory committee would meet followed by CDC making recommendations and additional VDH guidance on implementation.

If authorized, children ages 5-11 will receive two 10-microgram doses, which is one third of the amount given to those 12 years old and older. Despite the lower dose, vaccinated 5- to 11-year-olds produce similar antibody levels as adults who received the higher dose. Vaccine doses are expected to be given 21 days apart.

The Health Department already is making plans to be ready for when the vaccine is recommended for

5-11-year-old children. Sites delivering the vaccine will include pediatrics and family medicine practices, pharmacies, the Community Vaccination Center in Tysons, the Fairfax County Government Center, and Health Department clinics. In addition, the Health Department is collaborating with schools and community partners to provide targeted pop-up clinics during November and December. The school-located clinics will provide opportunities for families to bring their children to a school site for vaccination outside of school hours.

#### Planning is Under Way

The Health Department is actively planning and preparing for the authorization of Moderna and Johnson & Johnson booster doses and vaccinations for children ages 5-11. Additional information and details will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

When FDA, CDC, and VDH guidelines are in place, we encourage residents to visit [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov) to find a nearby location offering COVID-19 vaccines. In the Fairfax Health District, FCHD plans to have three mass vaccination sites:

- Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, 22035
- South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, 22309
- Tysons Community Vaccination Center, 7950 Tysons Corner Center, Tysons

If you plan to visit the Tysons Community Vaccination Center, appointments are highly encouraged to reduce wait times, but walk-ins are welcome. To find an appointment, visit [vaccinate.virginia.gov](http://vaccinate.virginia.gov) or call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682, TTY users call 711). Assistance is available in English, Spanish, and more than 100 other languages.

Have vaccine questions? Contact the Fairfax County COVID-19 Call Center at 703-324-7404 or find up-to-date COVID-19 Vaccine information in the Fairfax Health District at <https://bit.ly/3ncQWZq>.

#### Stay Informed About COVID-19

If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccines, please call 703-324-7404. Call our Health Department Call Center at 703-267-3511 with Coronavirus questions. Both call centers are open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Text FFXCOVID to 888777 to receive updates from Fairfax County

about COVID-19; text FFXCOVID to 888777 for updates in Spanish.

Email questions or concerns to [ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov). This email account will be staffed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

Visit a web portal for coronavirus that serves as a one-stop online resource for information.

Learn more about COVID-19 on the Health Department Coronavirus (COVID-19) Webpage or FAQ page.

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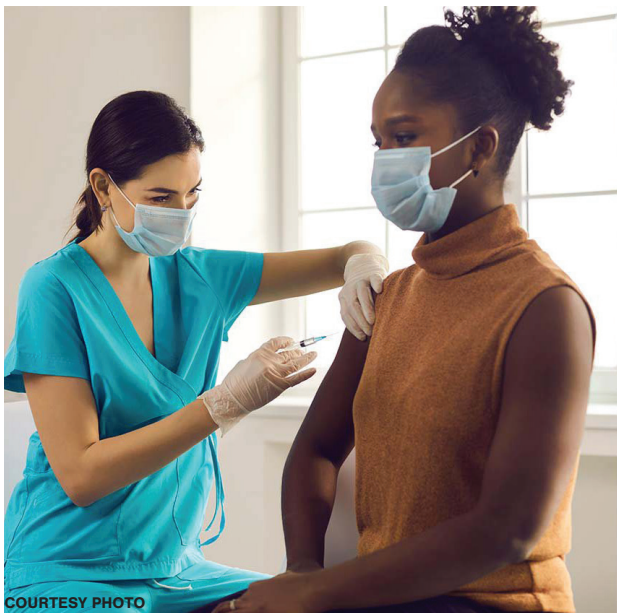
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## Is Terry McAuliffe worried?

Dear Editor,

A vote two weeks ago by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors may have revealed something about Democrat Gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe: He could be worried about his electoral chances in November. Very worried.

There is something else indicating that the McAuliffe campaign -- or at least its sympathizers -- is worried.

What are these two indicators? One has to do with absentee ballot signatures, and the other has to do with the security camera on the large absentee ballot drop box outside the Fairfax County Government Center.

First, let's consider absentee ballot signatures. By Virginia law, each signature on an absentee ballot must have a witness, verifying that the voter is legally eligible to vote in the election. That law was suspended temporarily during the 2020 general election due to health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and the state of emergency declared by Governor Northam.

On June 30 this year, when Governor Northam lifted the state of emergency, the absentee ballot signature witness requirement went back into force.

But two weeks ago, the Fairfax County Board of

Supervisors, on a 9-1 vote, appealed to the Governor to give Fairfax County an exemption to the law and allow absentee ballots to be returned with no witness to voter signatures during this current election period. The Board made its appeal despite the fact that 64,000+ absentee ballots already had been mailed, requiring signature witness. Early voting began a month ago. And now the Board wants to change the rules of the election?

According to Board Chairman Jeffrey McKay, Fairfax County still is under a State of (COVID-19) Emergency Declaration. But there's no mention of that Declaration on the County website. And

COVID-19 cases in the County are plummeting.

So why the desperate plea to Governor Northam to remove the absentee ballot witness signature requirement for Fairfax County? The Governor has no such authority.

Well, let's consider the second indicator I referenced at the beginning: the security camera on the large absentee ballot drop box outside the Fairfax County Government Center. Allegedly, this camera provides 24/7 surveillance of the drop box. But does it?

On multiple occasions, I have asked Scott Konopasek, Director of the Fairfax County Office of Elections, to make the live

feed of the 24/7 camera available to the public. Each time he has responded that it will not be made available. Nor will he tell me how that decision was made and who was responsible for the decision.

That surveillance camera is touted as an example of election integrity. So why isn't the live stream made available to the public? There is no presumption of privacy when someone walks up to the drop box to place his, hers or multiple ballots inside that box. When voters go to the polls, they have no privacy when they cast a secure ballot.

If there is no signature witness requirement on absentee ballots, and there

is no public monitoring of a 24/7 camera on the drop box at the Government Center where people can insert untold numbers of absentee ballots 24 hours a day, 7 days a week ... the door is left open for mischief. Now do you understand why the McAuliffe campaign might be worried about the November election?

The signature witness requirement is likely to stand as written in Virginia law.

If you are concerned about election integrity and want to see live feed of that 24/7 surveillance camera, call Scott Konopasek and tell him: 703.222.0776

C. W. Trauernicht  
McLean, VA

## Congress should do for CO2 what Fairfax County did for plastic bags

Dear Editor,

Kudos to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for passing a 5-cent fee on single-use plastic bags. Free plastic bags are anything but free: Carried on the wind out of trash containers and trucks, they cost us dearly in contamination of drinking water, ecosystem damage and unsightly litter.

Taxes on plastic bags have succeeded in reducing their use in other jurisdictions. A study published in 2018 found

the percentage of shoppers using plastic bags dropped from 82 percent to 40 percent in Montgomery County, Md., after a 5-cent bag fee was enacted. That small price signal was enough to shift people's behavior.

A price signal can be used to reduce another source of pollution: fossil fuels. While coal, oil and natural gas aren't free, they are dangerously cheap. The summer's deadly heat, flooding and wildfires were a vivid illustration of how we pay the price for carbon

pollution even if that cost isn't reflected in our energy bills or at the gas pump.

A carbon tax would firmly nudge the U.S. economy toward improved efficiency and renewable energy the same way the plastic bag tax will nudge our community toward reusable bags. Just as the county will use some of the bag tax proceeds to pay for reusable bags for recipients of food assistance, money from a carbon tax can be used for rebates or other programs to offset any hardship for low-income

Americans from higher fossil fuel costs.

Senate Democrats are considering a carbon tax as part of the budget reconciliation package currently being negotiated. I urge everyone who cares about preserving a livable planet to add your voice in support of a carbon tax at [cclusa.org/white-house](https://cclusa.org/white-house).

Sarah Karush  
Co-leader

Fairfax County Chapter of  
Citizens' Climate Lobby

## The critical need to increase funding for adults with disabilities

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article titled "New group home for adults with disabilities opens" published in your newspaper on October 15, 2021. Fairfax Station opening a group home for adults with disabilities is an inspiring step to opening fairer opportunities for the disabled due to how disability status has restricted many individuals today.

However, it's essential to recognize the imperfection of America as it shows inequality to the disabled by not offering employment and other opportunities which have factored to increasing poverty rates and poorer lifestyles in which 2.4 million disabled adults are currently experiencing.

So, bringing awareness to building group homes within our communities offers a chance for disabled individuals to have an independent life where it

not only benefits them with more chances, but aids society as inclusion leads to more contribution.

This action is essential because although there are 300 group homes in Fairfax County, more of this practice is vital for growth in a community culturally, economically, and politically.

The best cohesive solution is to call for further action to support disability services just as Virginia currently is, where the state is contributing over 7% of funding to support living, job assistance, and community engagement. Although the greatest challenge may be to convince other states to fund more, bringing light to more events like this will encourage and influence a further inclusive and fairer society.

Sanyu Srikanth  
Chantilly, Virginia



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## Real school crime – don't blame parents

Dear Editor,

The National School Board Association's recent letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland warning about "threats of violence and acts of intimidation" by parents distracts from the much larger problem of violence and crime in schools.

In its letter, the NSBA does not cite any data to support its push to have the U.S. Department of Justice use the PATRIOT Act, for example, to target parents.

Further, Senate Judiciary Committee members Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) exposed the anecdotal examples used by the NSBA to justify labeling parents as domestic terrorists as basic cases of parents "engaging in speech that is clearly protected by the First Amendment."

While the NSBA failed to provide any data to support its contention that parents are violent domestic terrorists, there has been terror in the halls of public schools, not due to parents, but because of widespread crime, which federal data proves is real.

In 2017-18, the last year with available federal data, 962,300 violent incidents were recorded at public schools--a 100,000 increase over the prior school year. These violent incidents occurred at the vast majority of schools, with 71 percent of schools reporting violence.

Among the serious violent incidents were 8,200 rapes and sexual assaults, 10,500 physical attacks with a weapon, 26,700 physical threats without a weapon, and 9,000 robberies with and without a weapon.

All told, public schools recorded 1.4 million incidents of crime, which occurred on 80 percent of the nation's campuses.

Also, while the NSBA may believe that protesting parents are bullying its members, it is hard to take its protestations seriously when the public schools have allowed bullying in schools to become an epidemic.

In 2019, USA Today reported that, according to federal data, "about 49 percent of children in grades four to 12 reported being bullied by other students at least once a month."

While the pandemic school closures put school crime on sabbatical, the 2021 reopening of schools have come with new policies that virtually guarantee that school violence and crime will spike even higher.

For example, in the

wake of the George Floyd killing, many school districts decided to remove school-based police. The results have been predictable.

In liberal Alexandria, Virginia, for instance, police at schools were removed last year by the city council. Criminal incidents rose dramatically.

A long-time Alexandria school board member said, "I have never heard of this many altercations in one month, let alone in a year's time."

In September, Alexandria parents rallied to bring back police. Parent Liz Fuller said, "parents are concerned about mounting violence in Alexandria's schools" and cited "brutal fights" where school personnel "have gotten pushed down along with the students."

"Our students are

sending us warning shots. Literal warning shots," said the principal of Alexandria City High School. "My staff, my students, we are not okay."

Forced to face reality, the Alexandria city council recently voted to reinstate police in schools, at least temporarily.

One council member who switched his vote from anti-police-on-campus to supporting the return of the police said: "I think the one thing I've heard very loudly and clearly from, I'll be honest with you, a whole host of parents, is that they want something done now."

And that is the bottom line: parents should be able to make their views known to their elected representatives, even if they make them loudly.

Instead of chilling the speech of parents, as the

NSBA's actions will do, parent voices need to be heard on issues ranging from crime on campus to politicization of the classroom to parental control of their children's education.

Senators Grassley and Graham rightly point out that the most basic and important right of every American is to be able to question government decisions and that includes asking "very tough questions and requesting changes to school policies." If government criminalizes such speech we will no longer be a democracy.

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Homeschool Boom: Pandemic,  
Policies, and Possibilities*





# Ellis Paul happy to be back on stage

## Jammin Java welcomes the acclaimed singer back to Virginia

By Keith Loria  
SPECIAL TO THE  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

For those wondering what they can expect from the upcoming Ellis Paul show at Jammin Java this Saturday, the noted guitarist said one thing was very clear: “Fans can expect one happy Ellis Paul being on the stage again,” he said. “I’m so excited to play again after so much time off and it’s starting to feel like old times.”

During the pandemic, Paul transitioned from a touring artist into an “online” artist, performing a lot of shows by way of the internet, trying to keep things going as best he could.

“Three times a week, I was doing livestream shows,” Paul said. “For people who were subscribers to my music, I did something special for them, be it new songs, old songs, cover songs, even one-on-one VIP things.”

He admitted he was pretty scared in March 2020 as to what was next once his full calendar started to become empty and his means of income dried up. But beginning in June of this year, Paul was back playing some

outdoor shows and this fall he has transitioned to clubs again.

“I’m going to be sticking my toe in for the rest of the fall and I don’t expect to be doing the larger number of shows that I normally would be doing until next year,” he said, choosing to play some of his favorites in the meantime.

That’s why he wanted to be sure that Jammin Java was on his shortlist, and he’ll play there on October 23 at 6:30 p.m.

“I love the intimacy of the club; it feels like a listening room and it’s like people can almost touch you there,” Paul said. “The guys who run it have just put a lot of thought into making it an environment that feels like a conversation, which makes it different than a lot of other venues. I just love playing there.”

Over 30 years in the biz, Paul has released 20 albums, including 2019’s “The Storyteller’s Suitcase,” named Album of the Year by the Northeast Regional Folk Alliance.

It’s been decades since Paul has had this much time at home, and why he found

some solace in the downtime, he knew that it was not where he needed to be and dreamed of playing in front of the live crowds again.

“Being back on stage and having people clap has been wonderful,” he said. “Knowing that I can make some money in real time has created a lot of elation. I’m not a bad internet artist, but my music is meant to be heard with real people in a room at the same time.”

Paul chose this career, he noted, because he never had the attention span to write a novel, but he always had a knack for writing a three-minute song.

“It works with all the things that I love—language and music, and it’s all wrapped up in this one art form,” he said. “I feel like I’m creating visual pictures of a story that are flashing by people’s eyes, so there’s sort of a movie-making value to songwriting I see when I’m writing. It just fits in to the backpack of everything I loved as a kid.”

During the 18 months stuck at home, Paul found it hard to write anything

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## Yes Keyboardist

## Rick Wakeman still going strong

The 72-year-old musician will perform at The Birchmere as part of his Even Grumpier Old Rock Star tour



COURTESY PHOTO

By Keith Loria  
SPECIAL TO THE  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Known best for his work as keyboardist extraordinaire for the band Yes, Rick Wakeman is considered one of the most renowned musicians ever to tickle the ivories.

Over a career that began more than 50 years ago, Wakeman has sold more than 50 million records as a solo artist and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2017 as a member of Yes.

Last year, Wakeman released a new critically acclaimed progressive rock album entitled, “The Red Planet,” featuring eight instrumental tracks inspired by three recent Mars exploration missions.

Coming up in 2021, the musician will reissue a box set of “Return to the Centre of the Earth,” which will include unreleased audio and video material.

Wakeman will perform at the Birchmere October 24 in what he’s calling The Even Grumpier Old Rock Star Tour. The show will feature some of his new material, plenty of his repertoire from Yes and his solo career, plus surprises as well.

“I will have a set list but

things will happen during the show where I will change pieces, and sometimes it will be as little as 25 percent of what I had planned,” he said. “Probably about 50 percent of things people expect, 30 percent will be surprises, and 20 percent they will have no clue of what’s to come.”

Throughout the night, Wakeman will weave in stories and riotous reflections on his life and the people he’s met along the way.

“There’s a lot of stories from my life, for sure, and almost always, someone will call out some-

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## HOT LINKS

BY COLLIN COPE

Spooky Sprint • October 24 • Begins at 8:30 a.m.

Check out Occoquan Regional Park’s Spooky Sprint October 24. The event will start at 8:30 a.m. and will kick off with a short fun run and a 5k race starting at 9. Organizers are allowing strollers, pets and large families to participate as well. Tickets are between \$20 and \$30 and are available online at <https://bit.ly/3IXIdKV>. All advance purchases will yield a complimentary race bib and finisher tee for the race.



Del Ray Halloween Parade • October 24 • 2 p.m. • FREE

Later on October 24, starting at 2 p.m, witness the Del Ray Halloween Parade in Alexandria. This annual favorite starts on Mount Vernon Ave and will move toward the Mount Vernon Recreation Center throughout the day. The event will be free and costumes are encouraged, so feel free to bring out the entire family for this festive time of year. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3E0QKdM>.



The Blackest Battle • October 25  
7:30 p.m. • \$15

October 25, check out the latest from acclaimed playwright, director and actor Psalmayene 24 with the production of The Blackest Battle at Reston Community Center’s CenterStage. Set in the near-future, the show explores a world in which reparations have been paid to the African American community, while internal violence remains an issue. The show will start at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$15 to see the show in Reston. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3AUr612>.



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# The VCO finds a new home at Capital One Hall

## Celebrate The Virginia Chamber Orchestra's 50th Anniversary

**By Collin Cope**  
SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Experience the Virginia Chamber Orchestra (VCO) October 23 as they perform for their 50th anniversary in their brand new home, Capital One Hall.

While the recent opening of the venue will please many local arts enthusiasts, the VCO is currently the only orchestra making Capital One Hall their permanent performance home. Located in the heart of Tysons Corner at 7750 Capital One Tower Road, the venue includes a 1600-seat auditorium, a beautiful atrium and a rooftop garden.

Starting at 8 p.m., audiences will be treated to a special musical experience conducted by VCO Music Director and Director of Orchestras at the

College of William and Mary, David Grandis. This will be Grandis' first performance since being awarded an international conducting prize. "The orchestra has consistently presented challenging repertoire in a short amount of rehearsal time, and only seasoned professionals could achieve such standards of musicianship," said Grandis.

As this will be their first performance following quarantine, Grandis made sure to choose a program which was "particularly soothing and uplifting." In doing so, the decision to perform Rossini's overture ensures audiences will experience "joy, lightness and excitement" following the long pandemic.

The show will also feature guest pianist David Ganz with a performance of Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23 in A major, K. 488. Ganz has performed to audiences at the Strathmore

Music Center for 10 years and, during the pandemic, the National Philharmonic broadcast a solo recital from Brian Ganz on WETA, the area's local PBS station. The broadcast was so successful, it was re-broadcast as an encore and Ganz's performance on Saturday is highly anticipated.

"I've been thrilled to see how people are flocking to concerts as live performing returns, and the opening of this gem of a concert hall in northern Virginia is part of that testament to the vital importance of classical music in our lives," said Ganz when asked about the return to live music following the pandemic.

Tickets to the performance start at \$40 and are still available at [vco.events](#). Parking is available below the venue in its parking garage and event organizers will guide you into the garage once you arrive.



Brian Ganz will perform at Capital One Hall October 23.



Virginia Chamber Orchestra with Music Director David Grandis.

# Arts Fairfax's annual awards ceremony returns

## The local community comes together to celebrate the arts

**By Collin Cope**  
SPECIAL TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Arts Fairfax brought together various local artists, government officials, and regional residents to honor its 2021 Arts Awards recipients October 15.

Previously known as the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Arts Fairfax was founded more than 50 years ago and works as a local arts agency and service organization to bring about community engagement through the arts. The first annual awards luncheon was held 11 years ago and honors four or five outstanding community acts every year.

Following a break due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ceremony celebrated its 10 year anniversary and organizers were thrilled to see the faces of the community again. "Gathering face to face has new meaning," said Shelly Hazel, member of the Arts Fairfax Board of Directors.

Due to the pandemic, the arts community is

ready to return to normalcy. "Even though we're wearing masks, we're really delighted to be out," said Arts Fairfax President and CEO Linda Sullivan, adding "the pandemic and quarantine were devastating for the arts."

As much of the arts requires in-person coordination, many of the region's local art institutions struggled even after the pandemic improved. According to Arts Fairfax Director of Communications and Advocacy Dana Stewart, this is largely due to the heavy planning and prior investment required in the arts before any profit is made. Additionally, some local residents and students struggled to find purpose in their lives when most in-person activities had been shut down.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jeff McKay shared a personal anecdote surrounding the experience of his daughter during quarantine. As she is a regular ballet dancer, McKay expressed his daughter's lethargy and lack of motivation during quarantine as she was

separated from something she loved. Once she was able to return, "it was like another child again," said McKay adding "that period of time she was disconnected from [ballet] spoke volumes to the value that the arts have for so many people in our community."

The value of the arts can also be seen through the efforts artists take on themselves. Arts Education Award honoree Kelli Schollard-Sincock led a program at the Fairfax County jail that provided arts education to local inmates. As someone with a lifelong love for the arts, Schollard-Sincock provided a traditionally underserved population with the ability to gain a new skill. In doing so, the inmates also had the ability to gain lasting personal growth, as well as build healthier coping skills and the ability to set goals. "Would you rather have somebody come back into society angry, hurt, mad?" Schollard-Sincock said in her speech. "Or would you rather they come out with tools that teach how to deal with your anger or



your emotional issues?"

Other honorees included Reston Town Center Association for the Arts Philanthropy Award, 1st Stage for the Arts Impact Award, The Traveling Players Ensemble for an arts education award, and the National Museum of the United States Army for the Jinx Hazel Award.

A notable appeal to this year's awards was its presence in the brand new Capital One Hall in Tysons Corner. This beautiful new arts establishment will be home to a variety of local events. "We're one of the first in this brand new, amazing facility with a 1,600-seat theater, a 250-seat black box theater, classrooms, and rooftop garden," said Sullivan. Additionally, Arts Fairfax worked directly with Capital One to ensure local arts institutions had easy and affordable access to the center.

Given the region's return to normalcy, Arts Fairfax is ready to return to the community and with the advancement of local facilities to do so, the timing could not be better. The awards are "a wonderful way to bring together our community, arts leaders, the business community, the philanthropy community, and elected officials," said Sullivan

# HOLLYWOOD

## by Tony Rizzo



Kevin Bacon in "You Should Have Left"

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"Kevin Bacon Goes Gay," the headline read, but of course it was referring to him starring and co-producing the (as yet untitled) LGBTQIA empowerment film set in a gay conversion camp, with Theo Germaine. It's also a horror film, which Bacon's done before in "Friday the 13th" (1980) and a slew of "Tremors" films starting in 1990.

He's kept himself busy doing Showtime's "City on a Hill" (renewed for season three), co-producing and starring in "You Should Have Left," with Amanda Seyfried, which went straight to streaming and was very successful. He's completed the action thriller "One Way," with Travis Fimmell and Colson

Baker (aka Machine Gun Kelly), and is filming "Toxic Avenger," starring Peter Dinklage, Elijah Wood and Jacob Tremblay, about an "everyman" pushed into a vat of toxic waste who becomes a mutant superhero. Bacon is currently taking direction from his wife, "Closer" star Kyra Sedgwick, making her directorial debut with "Space Oddity," also starring "Big Bang Theory's" Simon Helberg.

Helberg hit Amazon's streaming platform in August with the musical psychological drama "Annette," starring Adam Driver and Marion Cotillard. He's currently getting direction from his former "Big Bang Theory" co-star Mayim Bialik in "As Sick as They Made Us," co-starring

Dustin Hoffman and Candice Bergen.

George Clooney has produced and directed "The Tender Bar," a coming-of-age tale about a boy who bonds with the patrons at his uncle's bar. It stars Clooney's buddy Ben Affleck as the uncle to Tye Sheridan (of "X-Men" fame), with Christopher Lloyd and Lily Rabe rounding out the cast. It will have a short theatrical release on Dec. 17 before hitting Amazon's platform on Jan. 7.

We lost Jane Powell, one of the last great MGM musical stars who toplined "Royal Wedding" (1951), with Fred Astaire (remember he danced on the ceiling in that one), and "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" (1954) with Howard Keel and some of

the greatest dancing in movies. She worked with Romo Vincent in "Luxury Liner" (1948), and when she came to visit his widow (who lived next door to me) and learned she didn't have a VCR to play his movies on, she came back the next day, unannounced, with a VCR and a new TV. That was the kind of lady she was. We lost her on Sept. 16 at 92 years young.

A last word on Kevin Bacon. Maybe you heard of the game "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon"? Well, "Ben & Jerry's Clash of the Cones" (Food Network) has taken it one degree further with Kevin as himself in the episode "Six Flavors of Kevin Bacon." How's that for a scoop?!



PAUL

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new, drafting only a couple of tunes, but over the past month, he’s found his inspiration again and has written five songs in that time.

He also recorded an album of cover songs this year, titled, “Ellis Paul’s Traveling Medicine Show,

Vol. 1,” discovering the tunes while doing the online shows this past year.

“One of the main things that happened during these online shows is I became a better musician because I learned other people’s music for the first time in my life, and that was really valuable to me,” Paul said. “I’ll touch on a couple of those songs at Jammin Java.

But mainly, I’ll be doing a collection of songs from my back catalogue. They haven’t seen me for a while, so I feel like I owe them what they want.”

Paul will be recording a new album of original stuff this December and expects that to be out in 2022. Until then, he’s just excited to be back in action.

WAKEMAN

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thing that happened the last time I was there, and you can make that a great anecdotal story to include in the show,” he said. “I take the music seriously, but I don’t take myself seriously, and I like to tell stories that people can relate to and enjoy.”

Having been in the music biz for much of his life, Wakeman felt a bit panicked when COVID-19 shut down the world, explaining he likes to know what he’s doing.

“When the lockdown began, my tour was cancelled, but what’s worse, I had 19 friends who died, so you start to worry about everything, and you don’t know what’s happening,” he said. “I continued to play the piano every day, but it’s not the same as playing on stage. I just wanted for everyone for things to come back to normal. It was an incredibly difficult time.”

While he doesn’t know if

“normal” will ever be a thing again, Wakeman is glad that he’s finally able to perform live again. One of his first returns was at a small club in London, where he called a friend of his and asked if he could just come down and play because he felt desperate to perform.

“I walked on the stage and the first words that came out of my mouth were, ‘Hey look, there’s people here,’ and it really hit home just how much I missed that,” he said.

In addition to finishing “Red Planet” during the pandemic, Wakeman also wrote and recorded most of a new album he hopes to release next year, he’s been working on some children’s material and he’s also been collaborating with Tim Rice on a musical.

“I haven’t been sitting around doing nothing, but the difficult thing is none of the things I’ve been busy with had an end-date that I knew of,” he said. “These tour days in America are re-

ally, really crucial to me both musically and mentally.”

Wakeman is aware that someday his hands may not be able to do what they have done for so many years, revealing he’s battled arthritis and rheumatism, and he looks after them very carefully, and he knows there may be a time when he is limited to what he can do on stage, but the pandemic has showed him he doesn’t ever want to retire.

“That is when I will perform in a much-more limited way and find a way of doing what I do without completely killing my hands,” he said. “I have always vowed that I never want to be applauded for what I used to be. I have a lot of projects that I’m working on, so if that day ever came where I couldn’t do a lot of live performance, I will be very busy writing and doing other things. There will never be a day I will wake up and say, ‘I don’t know what to do today.’”

celebrity  
extra

by Dana Jackson



Vanessa Lachey

**Q: How is “NCIS: Hawai’i” doing in the ratings so far? I hope it doesn’t get canceled, but it seems like these network spinoff shows do well. – K.K.**

**A:** You can rest assured that “NCIS: Hawai’i” won’t be canceled. In fact, star Vanessa Lachey said the show has just been picked up for a full season of 20-24 episodes, up from 13 plus the pilot in its debut season. According to TVLine.com, “‘NCIS: Hawai’i” is the fall’s “most watched series launch, having debuted to 6.6 million total viewers.” Lachey stars as Jane Tennant, the first female special agent in charge of NCIS Pearl Harbor. “NCIS: Hawai’i” airs Mondays on CBS at 10 p.m. ET.

**Q: What happened to the Native American characters in “FBI: Most Wanted”? One played the right-hand man to Agent LaCroix. They all simply disappeared. – M.H.**

**A:** Actor Nathaniel Arcand confirmed in July that he would not be returning to “FBI: Most Wanted” as Agent Clinton Skye, who is also Special Agent LaCroix’s (Julian McMahon) brother-in-law. No reason was given for his exit, but he can be seen in the upcoming Martin

Scorsese film “Killers of the Flower Moon,” starring Leonardo DiCaprio. As for LaCroix’s mother- and father-in-law, Marilou and Nelson Skye (played by Irene Bedard and Lorne Cardinal), their future remains uncertain as they haven’t appeared on the new season and are not listed in the upcoming credits.

**Q: We have watched “Gunsmoke” for years. Can you tell me about the actors who played Miss Kitty, Doc and Festus? Also, was there a character named Chester? – M.N.**

**A:** “Gunsmoke” made its TV debut in 1955. It was set in Dodge City, Kansas, in the 1890s and centered on U.S. Marshal Matt Dillon, played by James Arness. Miss Kitty (Amanda Blake) was the red-haired proprietress of the Long Branch Saloon, while Doc Adams (Milburn Stone) was the town doctor. There was indeed a Chester: Deputy Marshal Chester Goode, played by Dennis Weaver, who left the series in 1964.

Blake started out on the stage before MGM studios discovered her, viewing her as “the next Greer Garson.” After 19 seasons on “Gunsmoke,” she left to devote time to breeding cheetahs

in captivity. She passed away in 1989 at age 60.

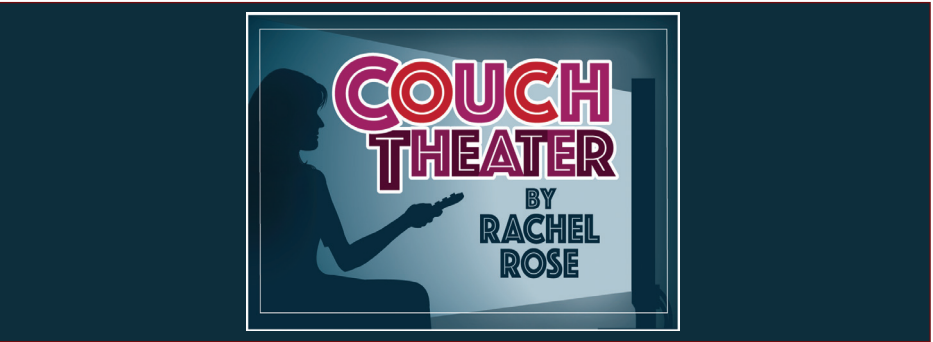
Milburn Stone grew up in a tiny Kansas town much like Dodge City. He was briefly replaced by actor Pat Hingle while he underwent heart surgery, but returned for the final four seasons.

Dennis Weaver chose to leave “Gunsmoke” because, as he told The Toronto Star, he didn’t want to be the “second banana” anymore. He eventually played the titular role in “McCloud,” a TV series that ran seven years. Weaver was replaced on “Gunsmoke” by Ken Curtis as Festus Haggen. Curtis, a singer and the son-in-law of director John Ford, has appeared in numerous films, including “Mister Roberts” and “The Searchers.”

“Gunsmoke” ran until 1975 on CBS and was the longest running scripted series in history before “The Simpsons” broke that record in 2018.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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**“The Way Down”**

This three-part documentary exposes The Remnant Fellowship, a Southern megachurch that seemed to follow the Scientology playbook of brainwashing, intimidation and guilt-based money-grubbing. The church was created and led by Gwen Shamblin, a diet guru obsessed with weight loss and big hair (and money, and power). The film was well into production when Shamblin, her husband and five others from the church were killed in a small-plane crash in Tennessee in May 2021. As such, two more upcoming episodes will be released in early 2022 to cover the fallout of the loss of the church’s leadership, including pending lawsuits. (HBOMax)

**“Life’s a Glitch With Julien Bam”** (16+)

Imagine being a wildly famous internet influencer when out of the blue, a “Back to the Future”-like car crash transports you and your best buddy to a parallel universe where you are now a big fat nobody but your friend is a world-famous rapper. Such is the plot of this four-episode German comedy series star-

ring Julien Bam -- an actual YouTube celebrity -- and Joon Kim. While attempting to find their way back to their previous reality, the two gents encounter various misadventures from mistaken identity hijinks to an MMA beatdown. Premieres Oct. 21. (Netflix)

**“Invasion”**

A series of unexplained and seemingly random incidents, accidents and tragedies fall upon the planet. But the increasingly destructive events are soon determined to be interconnected, and their origin is not of the earth. Crashes, explosions, sickness, plagues; will it be the end of humanity? The 10-episode original series feels very “War of the Worlds ‘05,” but it stars Sam Neill, so there’s still hope. Premieres Oct. 22. (Apple TV+)

**“Behind the Music”**

From 1997 to 2014, VH1’s “Behind the Music” was the ultimate weekend couch-vegging program. Every episode brought to light all of the darkest days of our favorite musicians. It seemed every musical act from Leif Garrett to Hall & Oates to Anthrax was featured, exposing their

addictions, bankruptcies and broken relationships. It was awesome. And now it’s back! Eight all new episodes are currently available, some with artists who have been previously featured on the show. My episode recommendations: Huey Lewis and Duran Duran. (Paramount+)

**“Dopesick”**

In the mood for an emotional series about how corporation-encouraged opioid addiction has overtaken and destroyed America’s already financially depressed coal mining towns? Look no further than this original series based on a true story. In it, Michael Keaton plays Samuel Finnix, a local physician who believed the hype about Purdue Pharma’s painkiller, OxyContin. After widely prescribing the alleged miracle drug, he comes to realize he unwittingly contributed to the addiction and deaths of many of his patients. Dr. Finnix then joins the fight against Purdue alongside the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. The cast also features Peter Sarsgaard, Rosario Dawson and Will Poulter. (Hulu)

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Julien Bam in “Life’s a Glitch”

NETFLIX

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48 "Beetle Bailey" dog

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50 "The Wedding Planner" actress, to fans

51 "Alley —"

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54 Dapper fellow

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FROM THE DOG'S PAW

# Adopt a cat

**By Samson!**

SPECIAL TO THE  
FAIRFAX COUNTY TIMES

Meows! Purrs! I have taken the computer away from Noah and Abby this week as I want to share with you a few cat friends who need “Forever Homes” with humans to love who will love them too. MEOWS!

Paws, first, I want to share some cool cat facts. When you have a cat in your life, you may find some of these to be very true. Meows.

- Cats RULE! Cats are one of, if not the most popular pets in the entire universe.

- Cats have pawsomely powerful night vision, allowing us to see at light levels six times lower than humans need.

- Cats have excellent hearing and a powerful sense of smell.

- Cats spend quite a bit of time licking their coats, keeping them clean.

- Purrs, naptime. My favorite. Meowingly, the average cat sleeps 16 to 18 hours per day.

- On average, cats live 12 to 15 years. Some breeds, like me, Maine Coons, can live longer.

- Calico cats are almost always female.

- Meows! Hiss! Purrs! Grrr! Hum! Cats can make more than 100 different vocal sounds.

- Meowingly, cats cannot taste anything sweet.

- Purrs, a cat's whiskers aren't just for show. Meows, they help cats detect objects and navigate in the dark. They should never be cut for any reason.

My friend “Cat Lady” brought by a few friends looking for “Forever Homes:”



PETCONNECT RESCUE  
**Scarlett**

**Scarlett** is a beautiful 4-month-old social outgoing young lady. She would make a pawsome kitten for a first-time adopter or someone who is looking for a kitten who will adapt quickly to a new environment. She recently moved to a different foster home and settled within hours. Meow, she loves being near her humans. She has typical kitten energy, so her adopters will need to provide lots of love and attention.

Purrings, gentle, super soft, and slightly shy describe 5-month-old **Butterscotch**. Purrs, she has an intoxicating purr too. Meows, she does well with the resident cats



PETCONNECT RESCUE  
**Butterscotch**

and mini-humans in her foster home. She may take a few weeks to settle and feel comfortable in her new home. Once she does, she will provide lots of snuggles and purrs. She is litterbox trained. Good with dogs.



PETCONNECT RESCUE  
**Leto**

Purringly, **Leto**, a 1-2-year-old girl, has a story to tell. She is looking for a special adopter who will understand her challenges endured and provide the time needed to continue to recover. HISS! She was found in January 2021 in an Arkansas house with 40 other cats. They were living without power or water. HISS, just as she gave birth, she was removed from the house. Paws, thankfully, PetConnect Rescue rescued her and the kittens. The kittens are adopted, so she is looking for her “Forever Home.”

Leto will do best in a quiet home. She does fine with dogs and other cats but will be happy as a single kitty too. She doesn't need much space as she mostly prefers napping and looking out the window. She is pawisitively appreciative of being clean and safe. She enjoys playtime too.



PETCONNECT RESCUE  
**John**

Meows, **John** is a playful young boy. When he's with his buddies, he is constantly in play mode. He loves chasing toys, hanging out, and getting attention from his foster dad happily climbing up on his lap snuggling for some lovin's... but will be off just as fast on another adventure.

**PetConnect Rescue.**  
www.petconnectrescue.org,  
email: info@petconnectrescue.org or call 1-877-838-9171

My friend “Miss Kim” brought by:



Hart  
**Carey**



Hart  
**Larry**

This pair of bonded buddies are meowingly adorable. **Carey** is so loveable. Pawssibly since she was a bottle baby, she thinks she's part human. She loves being held and having her back scratched. She loves playing with her brother **Larry** and another foster cat. She acts like a crazy cat running around with a toy mouse in her mouth- never dropping it. Larry's favorite pastime is playing with his sister Carey and running around his foster parent's house. He loves anything that moves or spins and loves to carry around his foster mom's protein bar wrapper since it makes a crinkle noise. These two pawisitively love each other and must be adopted together. Are pawsome with dogs and other cats.

**Homeless Animals Rescue Team,** www.hart90.org, 703-691-HART, hart90office@hart90.org.

Pawlease note: Cats featured in “from The Dog's Paw!” are current on age-appropriate preventatives and vaccinations as determined by the rescues.

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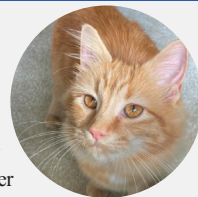
## ORANGINA

**Breed:** Domestic medium hair

**Age:** 4 months

**Gender:** Female spayed

Orangina is a very cute, playful kitten. She purrs very loudly and loves attention. She is inquisitive and likes to explore new surroundings. She also loves being petted and cuddling up with her people. This golden-eyed beauty is super friendly with adults, kids and other cats. She is not afraid of anything, and will immediately make herself at home in new situation's. She loves to play with the laser pointer.



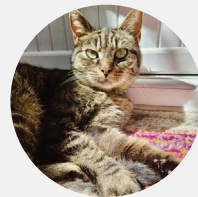
## STRIPEY

**Breed:** Domestic short hair

**Age:** 5 years

**Gender:** Female spayed

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



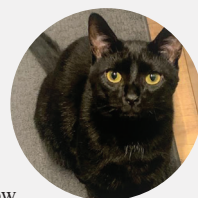
## Lucky

**Breed:** Domestic short hair

**Age:** 1 year

**Gender:** Male neutered

Meet Lucky, a handsome, healthy, curious, and playful 1 year old furry pal! He likes to 'hang out' with his foster mom and watch TV, take over the yoga mat as she stretches, and try to catch the reflection of her stationary bicycle pedals in the window when she cycles. Lucky is enjoying his foster home and likes cuddling with his foster and sleeping by her legs at night. Lucky is energetic and curious. Lucky also has the cutest high pitch meow that only comes when he's excited for meal time. He also likes moving water so sometimes gently rocks the water bowl to see if there is still water in the bowl.



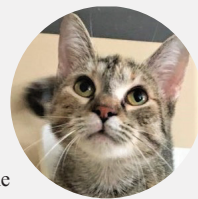
## Tabitha

**Breed:** Domestic short hair

**Age:** 1 year

**Gender:** Female spayed

Tabitha is a wonderful “Tabico” mix of a petite lady. She's brown tabby with a touch of calico on her forehead with her distinct orange stripe and front beige paw. This makes her all the more lovable of a mix. Tabitha came to us after having her kittens and as a young momma, she's spayed and ready to find her own home. You can see this darling girl knows how to pose and ham it up for her photos. She's full of personality and love to give kisses.



## Flora

**Breed:** Domestic short hair

**Age:** 1 year

**Gender:** Female spayed

Flora an adorable momma kitty who recently finished weaning her kittens and is now ready to move on to her own forever home. She enjoys her foster home and always sleeps next to her humans. She is very friendly and is a loveable lap cat. Come meet Flora today.



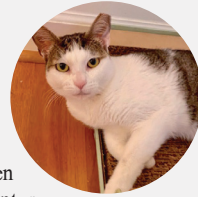
## Mila

**Breed:** Domestic short hair

**Age:** 3 years

**Gender:** Female spayed

If you are looking for a gentle lap kitty, Mila is the one for you! She loves to lounge in a cat tree or cat cubby and then cuddle with you when you are nearby, but when you get out a laser pointer she's the first to hunt it down. She's the perfect mix of playful and peaceful.



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Art News

**Pat McGee Band** with Scott Kurt Come out and hear this Virginia-based band. 8 p.m. October 22 and 23. Tickets start at \$42. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/30uemS8>.

**Waterfront Art Market** Discover new artworks from a rotating lineup of studio artists. Shop from paintings and photographs to jewelry and fiber arts, as well as everything in between. October 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free. Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/2XbD2xG>.

**Slammin' Saturdays** features Open Mic Night. Stand-up, poetry and more. 7 p.m. October 23. Cost is \$5. Arts Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. For more information and registration visit <https://bit.ly/3DTXaUw>.

**Wu Han and Friends** presents an afternoon of works that showcase the friendship and musical influences between composers. 3 p.m. October 24. Tickets start at \$50. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/30FmTlp>.

**Nature Photography** for Beginners Explore the trail and learn how to use a DSLR and tripod to capture images of the natural world. 4 to 5:30 p.m. October 25. Cost is \$40. Bring your own camera. Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3vvM4JJ>.

**The Blackest Battle** Blurring the lines of cinema and live performance, this production, by noted Washington, D.C., theatre artist Psalmayene 24, will incorporate the anime-inspired graphic art in the original digital release. 7:30 p.m. October 25. CenterStage, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/30Fod7R>.

**A Concert Presentation of Footloose** Based on the 1984 film of the same name, this musical celebrates the exhilaration of youth, and the power of forgiveness. 8 p.m. October 28 and 29. Tickets are \$15 to \$30. Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4373 Mason Pond Dr., Fairfax. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3IRAr5i>.

**Pumpkin Painting** Come learn all about this iconic gourd and its unique life cycle and paint one to take home. 1 to 2:30 p.m. October 30. Cost is \$10. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3n4whqc>.

**Workhouse Haunt: The Collection** Get ready for terror at the outdoor walk-through haunted trail. 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7 to 10 p.m. Sundays. Through November 6. Timed-entry tickets must be purchased on line. Pricing varies. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3oIE4SZ>.

**artRESTON Painters Exhibit** Vivid paintings, mixed media works and photography created by members of the League of Reston Artists. Through October 31. Joann Rose Gallery, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3awN13K>.

**Seeing the Life Through Paintings** features oil and acrylic works of scenes and travels by Nina Joffey. Exhibit continues through October 31. Free. RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3AiquTy>.

**Hypotheses** is all about the process of intellectual experimentation and/or the exploration of new ideas and techniques in an artist's practice. Exhibit runs through October 31. Free. Target Gallery at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3tDS4li>.

**Lingering Glimpses** is a solo exhibition of photography by Soomin Ham. This ongoing project commemorates American soldiers who lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. Through November 28. Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Studio 312, Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/2Z3THU8>.

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Community Information

**Farmers' Markets** Visit a variety of vendors to purchase produce, pastries, bread, meat and more. 8 a.m. to noon. Fridays through Nov. 12. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Rd., McLean. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3fK9H2t>. 3 to 7 p.m. Fridays through Oct. 29. 5844-5862 Kingstowne Center, Alexandria. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/34lWuHG>.

**Campfire Wagon Ride** Enjoy a wagon ride and a bonfire afterwards. Marshmallows will be provided for roasting. Times range from 5:15 to 6:55 p.m. October 22. Cost is \$8. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Rd., Herndon. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3IV6em8>.

**Community Market** includes themed activities including vendors, artist demos, food, entertainment and more. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. October 23. Free. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3hTCNiO>.

**Tysons Block Party** Celebrate Fairfax brings fall fun to Tysons. Enjoy pumpkin decorating, balloon twisting, made in Fairfax makers and dance party. Noon to 11 p.m. October 23. Tysons, 8508 Leesburg Pike, Tysons. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3vuSfGD>.

**Pumpkin Patch at Nature Place** Preschoolers hunt for their favorite miniature pumpkin to decorate and take home. Enjoy seasonal stories and a craft. 1, 2:30 or 4 p.m. October 23. Cost is \$9. Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St., Annandale. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3B24goo>.

**Goblin Golf** Enjoy a festive-themed experience with goody bags for all. This mini-golf event is for everyone. Participants are encouraged to wear a face covering. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 24. Cost is \$10. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Rd., Fairfax Station. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/30GbnpX>.

**Nocturnal Hunters** Join a naturalist for a night hike. Catch and release fireflies, locate bats with a bat detector and search for other live animals. Enjoy a campfire. 7 p.m. October 24. Cost is \$8. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Rd., Chantilly. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/2Z59diU>.

**Vienna Halloween Parade** This year's theme is the Roaring '20s. See floats and other entertainment marching down Maple Avenue from Branch Road to Center St. 7 p.m. October 27. Free. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3vqtDPI>.

**Farmers Markets** Visit booths from local vendors on Wednesdays and Thursdays through late fall in local county parks McCutcheon, Oak Marr, Wakefield, Annandale and Herndon. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3kYWyGU>.

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Senior Java Developer (Master's with 5 yrs exp or Bachelor's with 7 yrs exp; Majors: Comp Sci, Comp Engg, Math, or equiv) - Vienna, VA. Job entails working with & reqs exp incl: Prime Faces, Java, JSF, JPA, Weblogic, SQL Developer, Hibernate, Eclipse, AOP, JavaScript, Maven; Coding & testing throughout SDLC; Developing complex modules using J2EE. Relocation & travel to unanticipated locations within USA possible. Send resumes to ScolerTec, Inc., Attn: HR, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 1350, Vienna, VA 22182.

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Fairfax, Fairfax County, VA 22030-2250

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Alireza Azima, Managing Member

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**Legal Notice**

[[Full name(s) of owner(s)]: BLM of Herndon LLC

**Trading as:**  
Two Amigos Restaurant  
1141 Elden Street Suite 106-107  
Herndon, Fairfax County, VA 20170

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Jose E. Barraza Lopez, Member

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**Trading as:**  
Gopchang Story  
13830 Lee Highway Ste 17  
Centreville, Fairfax County, VA 20120

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Anthony Han, Member

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[[Full name(s) of owner(s)]: Rockue Enterprise Inc

**Trading as:**  
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4369 John Marr Dr  
Annadale, Fairfax County, VA 22003-3207

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Sung Kim, Member

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Pursuant to Virginia Code §58.1-3975, the following real property will be auctioned for sale to the highest bidder at a timed, online-only, public auction which will **commence Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 11:00am EST and close Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 11:00am EST**. The sale of such property is subject to the terms and conditions below and any such terms and conditions which may be subsequently posted by For Sale at Auction, Inc. ("Auctioneer") and Taxing Authority Consulting Services, PC ("TACS").

No.	Property Owner(s)	Account Nos.	Description
N1.	Marguerite Agniel, et al. and Patricia F. Calmes, et al.	Tax Map No. 1194-02410001 Account No. 410255239 TACS No. 91696	Mt. Vernon District; Oxalis Trail, Lorton; Gunston Manor; Lots 1-12; Block 41; Section B; 25,000 Square Feet, More or Less
N2.	Marguerite Agniel, et al. and Patricia F. Calmes, et al.	Tax Map No. 1194-02410023 Account No. 410255242 TACS No. 91696	Mt. Vernon District; Nicotine Trail, Lorton; Gunston Manor; Lots 23-34; Block 41; Section B; 25,000 Square Feet, More or Less
N3.	Bradford White & Associates, LC	Tax Map No. 0364-29-A Account No. 409980554 TACS No. 135967	Sully District; Madison Meadows Lane, Oakton; Madison Meadows; Outlot A; 818 Square Feet, More or Less
N4.	Fifteenth Skyline Assoc.	Tax Map No. 0623-01-0027 Account No. 410090199 TACS No. 495030	Mason District; Near South George Mason Drive, Alexandria; Baillys Crossroad; 28,632 Square Feet, More or Less
N5.	Gerard F. Foley and Elizabeth A. Burke	Tax Map No. 1014-10120020 Account No. 410233652 TACS No. 298005	Mt. Vernon District; 8613 Braddock Avenue, Alexandria; Mount Vernon Hills; Lot 20; Block 12; 3,300 Square Feet, More or Less
N6.	K. Hovnanian Homes of Virginia, Inc.	Tax Map No. 0814-46-A Account No. 410164470 TACS No. 37065	Lee District; South Van Dorn Street, Alexandria; Crown Royals Gate; Outlot A; 12,786 Square Feet, More or Less
N7.	Martin A. Koenig Heirs	Tax Map No. 0502-05-0044A Account No. 410040940 TACS No. 49517	Providence District; Cameron Road, Falls Church; Greenway Downs; Vacation of Alley; 750 Square Feet, More or Less
N8.	Jeanne Boyer Mengos, et al.	Tax Map No. 1194-02370006 Account No. 410255228 TACS No. 364852	Mt. Vernon District; Clematis Trail and Barbbery Trail, Lorton; Gunston Manor; Lots 4-6; Block 37; Section B; 5,640 Square Feet, More or Less
N9.	National Homes Land Corp.	Tax Map No. 0162-02-0150A Account No. 409912053 TACS No. 135585	Dranesville District; Town of Herndon; Alabama Drive, Herndon; Broadacre Farm; 0.044 Acre, More or Less
N10.	NGL, Inc.	Tax Map No. 0901-14-A Account No. 410189936 TACS No. 495406	Lee District; Bethnal Court, Springfield; Franklin Mews; Outlot A; 12,391 Square Feet, More or Less
N11.	Richmarr Construction Corp.	Tax Map No. 0684-09-E Account No. 410108030 TACS No. 136660	Braddock District; Roberts Road, Fairfax; Kings Park West; Outlot E; Section 18; 9,163 Square Feet, More or Less
N12.	Richmarr Construction Corp.	Tax Map No. 0684-09-G Account No. 410108033 TACS No. 136660	Braddock District; Roberts Road, Fairfax; Kings Park West; Outlot G; Section 18; 45,295 Square Feet, More or Less
N13.	Douglas J. Sieg, et al.	Tax Map No. 0894-01-0005 Account No. 410187398 TACS No. 37103	Springfield District; Near Ridge Crossing Lane; Fairfax County Parkway, Springfield; 0.8897 Acres, More or Less
N14.	Thomas Snellings, Jr. Heirs	Tax Map No. 1194-02290001 Account No. 410255156 TACS No. 49931	Mt. Vernon District; Lantana Trail, Lorton; Gunston Manor; Lots 1-15 and 84-88; Block 29; Section B; 41,600 Square Feet, More or Less

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