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## REDISTRICTING CONTROVERSY

# Judge blocks Dem's referendum

Decision clashes with early voting set to start March 6

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RICHMOND — A Virginia court on Thursday effectively blocked Democrats' planned April voter

referendum to redraw the state's congressional maps, another potentially devastating blow to the party's effort to pick up four more U.S. House seats in the national redistricting battle.

Virginia Democratic Attorney General Jay Jones has already vowed to appeal the ruling by a Tazewell Circuit Court, which granted a temporary restraining order requested

by the Republican National Committee and the National Republican Congressional Committee. The plaintiffs argue that the ballot referendum's timing and phrasing are illegal.

The court's decision on Thursday, while temporary, could kill the referendum for this year if it withstands appeal. The restraining order is in effect until March

18 and early voting is slated to start March 6.

The Republican request for a restraining order — also signed by Republican U.S. Reps. Ben Cline and Morgan Griffith — argued that Democrats were ramming redistricting-related bills through the legislature despite legal hurdles

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# NICE CATCH, GREAT BLUE HERON

Wading bird stalks stream near Rockwater Park



ALLEN MARTIN

Great blue heron makes a catch in early February on the nature trail between Farmington Elementary School and Rockwater Park in the Town of Culpeper.

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Great Blue Herons frequent local streams, lakes and other waterways in Culpeper parks including Yowell Meadow, Mountain Run Lake and Rockwater.

An image of this majestic fellow with a catch in its mouth was captured earlier this month along a

tributary of Mountain Run along the trail to Rockwater Park from Farmington Elementary School, on the town's south side. Timing is everything, says local photographer Allen Martin.

The large blue gray birds feast on fish and start mating in late winter or early spring—usually by February

or March, depending on the location, according to Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, which includes the Culpeper Loop on its statewide birding trail. Great Blue Heron are seen as graceful waterside stalkers hunting for food, also admired for their large wingspan as they fly and soar.

# British producer opening with Q&A for Full Moon Fever

Tommy Petty Tribute Show Saturday night at Ferlazzo 1938

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Chris Adamson says he's "been mad for (a lot) years, absolutely years," in the opening track of Pink Floyd's groundbreaking "Dark Side of the Moon."

He was there and involved in production when the English

rock band recorded the iconic album at Abbey Road Studios in London more than 50 years ago.

"I'm the mystery voice, the heartbeat in the beginning, 'I've been mad for f\*\*in years,'... One of the questions we got asked was: one of the last times you had a fight and I was referring to that," said Adamson, a Culpeper County resident in a recent phone interview.

A production and tour manager for 60 years, he's worked with some of the greats, including

Pink Floyd in his 20s, later with Fleetwood Mac and Tom Petty.

Mechanically inclined, Adamson received early training as an engineering apprentice, and met the right people in entering the music business. In 2019, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Projection, Lights & Staging News, for his successful body of work.

Adamson will share highlights from his career and auction off music memorabilia from his collection in support of Services to

Abused Families during a special Q&A session next Saturday night in Kirsten's Ballroom.

He's the opening act for the Tommy Petty Tribute Band, Richmond-based Full Moon Fever, another quality act coming to Ferlazzo 1938, Andrew Ferlazzo's new Main Street restaurant and music hall.

Adamson shared some memories in the recent interview.

"My business is no different to any business—it's who you know and you meet people...When I

first started it was a lark and a giggle...I bought a van when I was 17 so I used to rent the van out to local bands in my hometown," he said.

One of those bands was The Rats, featuring guitarist Mick Ronson who ended up playing with The Spiders from Mars, David Bowie's band in the 1970s.

"He was the guy I started with in the business," Adamson said of Ronson. "You meet people, you

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