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Gov. Glenn Youngkin presents a Virginia flag to Eli Lilly Chair and CEO Dave Ricks on Tuesday at Main Street Station in Richmond. MARGO WAGNER, TIMES-DISPATCH

# Drugmaker Eli Lilly to build \$5 billion facility

Project to create 650 high-paying jobs, leaders say

**ERIC KOLENICH**  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Drug maker Eli Lilly & Co. intends to build a \$5 billion manufacturing site in Goochland County, the company announced Tuesday, a potential big boost to the region's budding pharmaceutical industry. The Richmond Times-Dispatch first reported last month that state lawmakers had approved economic development packages for Eli Lilly to build a plant in Goochland and for AstraZeneca to construct one in Albemarle County. Since the pandemic, local leaders have hoped greater Richmond — and other corners of the state — can become a destination for drug building. Eli Lilly's

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## Democrats still lead in fundraising

Spanberger, Hashmi both have advantage

**ANDREW CAIN**  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Democrat Abigail Spanberger raised \$14 million between July 1 and Aug. 31, nearly three times as much as Republican Winsome Earle-Sears, as the campaign for governor reaches the home-stretch. Earle-Sears raised \$5.2 million in the period, according to the Virginia Public Access Project. Spanberger had \$12.2 million in cash as of Aug. 31 to \$4.9 million for Earle-Sears, according to the latest campaign finance figures. Spanberger's big financial advantage is showing in advertising

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## VIRGINIA SCHOOLS VDOE cannot confirm claim of harder tests

Youngkin said SOLs '30 to 40%' tougher

**ANNA BRYSON**  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Gov. Glenn Youngkin said Virginia's Standards of Learning tests that students take each spring were 30%-40% harder this year, but his education department cannot provide any documentation that substantiates the claim. Youngkin cited the state's assessment contractor, Pearson, in his assertion. In response to questions from the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Pearson would not confirm nor deny the governor's claims. "Pearson, our testing

**CHRIS PIZZELLO,**  
INVISION

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Youngkin

'ALWAYS TRYING TO BREAK FREE'

## Actor-director Robert Redford dies at 89

Oscar winner also founded renowned Sundance Festival

**BOB THOMAS**  
Associated Press

Robert Redford, the Hollywood golden boy who became an Oscar-winning director, liberal activist and godfather for independent cinema under the name of one of his best-loved characters, died Tuesday at 89. Redford died "at his home at Sundance in the mountains of Utah — the place he loved, surrounded by those he loved," publicist Cindi Berger said in a statement. No cause of death was provided. Redford was one of the biggest stars of the '70s with such films

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Sundance Institute founder Robert Redford addresses the media during the opening day press conference at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival on Jan. 22, 2015, in Park City, Utah.



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