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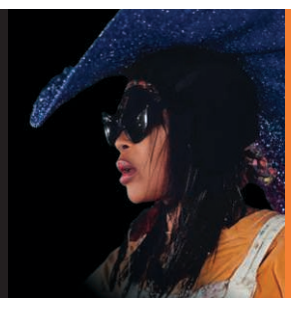
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RICHMOND REAL ESTATE TAX RATE

Trammell on plan: '1 cent is an insult'

Council members say Avula's pitch does not provide real relief

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Councilwoman Reva Trammell "thought they got rid of the damn penny."

"One cent is an insult," she said of Mayor Danny Avula's proposal to lower the real estate tax rate from $1.20 to $1.19 per $100 of assessed value. "It shows you how much they care about the people."

Trammell

That 1-cent cut — along with a 1% reduction to the city's 7.5% meals tax rate — both were pitched by Avula during a Thursday news conference. Avula conditioned both reductions on residents' approval of a 1% increase to the city's sales and use tax during a November referendum.

That extra 1% would be used to fund construction and maintenance for Richmond Public Schools' aging buildings, the mayor said.

But to Trammell, who represents the 8th District, the modest abatement doesn't go nearly far enough to address an ongoing affordability crisis driven by the skyrocketing costs of housing, groceries and other essential goods and services. And it does little to hedge against the massive assessment surges expected next year after the city lifts its freeze on home value increases.

"People are hurting," she said. "Nothing is going down. Everything is going up."

That's why, for the third consecutive year, Trammell is submitting an ordinance to reduce the real estate tax rate by 4 cents, to $1.16 per $100 of value. For a home worth $300,000, Trammell's proposal would save the taxpayer $120 per year.

Avula's would save that same taxpayer $30.

Trammell's prior efforts to slash the real estate tax failed in 2024,

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SATURDAY NIGHT SMACKDOWN

Terry "The Flip" Sequoyah prepares to deliver a blow to Drew Wood during Saturday night's RVA Pro Wrestling action at Dogwood Dell. The independent wrestling promotion made its second appearance at the Dogwood Dell Festival of the Arts. **VIEW:** See dozens more photos from Saturday's action by aiming your cellphone camera at the QR code and tapping the link. Digital access is included in your subscription.

BERLIN ATTACK

Police say they killed suspect

He was accused of killing 1, injuring 29 at LGBTQ event

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Reuters

BERLIN — German police said a 21-year-old man with a record of Islamist extremist activity was shot and killed Sunday, a day after he allegedly drove a minivan into people near Berlin's Pride celebrations, killing one person.

The ramming attack happened in the Tiergarten park near the Brandenburg Gate about 10 p.m. on Saturday, not far from one of Europe's biggest annual LGBTQ celebrations, Christopher Street Day.

Authorities said in addition to the one fatality, 29 people were injured, some by a bladed weapon the attacker wielded.

"Around 6 p.m., the suspect involved in yesterday's attack in Tiergarten was located at an allotment garden complex in Spandau," Berlin police wrote on social media, referring to an area in Berlin's westernmost borough where residents cultivate garden plots.

"According to initial findings, he ran towards officers while armed with a bladed weapon; police … subsequently opened fire," police wrote. "Despite immediate resuscitation efforts by the Berlin Fire Department, he died at the scene."

Dagmar Euent and Juliane Gotzler, who have a garden plot, said they heard several shots and police told them to stay inside their garden hut.

Earlier, Germany launched a national manhunt for the suspect. Berlin police identified the suspect as Abdul B., 21, and published his picture, asking the public for information on his whereabouts.

The suspect "attracted

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COLONIAL CROWN JEWEL

Jefferson's childhood home now for sale

Historic Tuckahoe on River Road hits the market for $17M

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Historic Tuckahoe, where Thomas Jefferson spent part of his childhood, is on the market for the first time in nearly a century. The 557-acre estate at 12601 River Road was listed earlier this month for $17 million.

The Colonial-era manor became Jefferson's home from ages 2 to 9 after his parents were named guardians of the Randolph children who owned the plantation.

The 6,480-square-foot main house has many of its original architectural features, including wood floors, masonry fireplaces, a walk-up attic and a partially finished basement.

Built in two phases between 1733 and 1740, the home's distinctive H-shaped design has remained largely intact for nearly three centuries. It is the only

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