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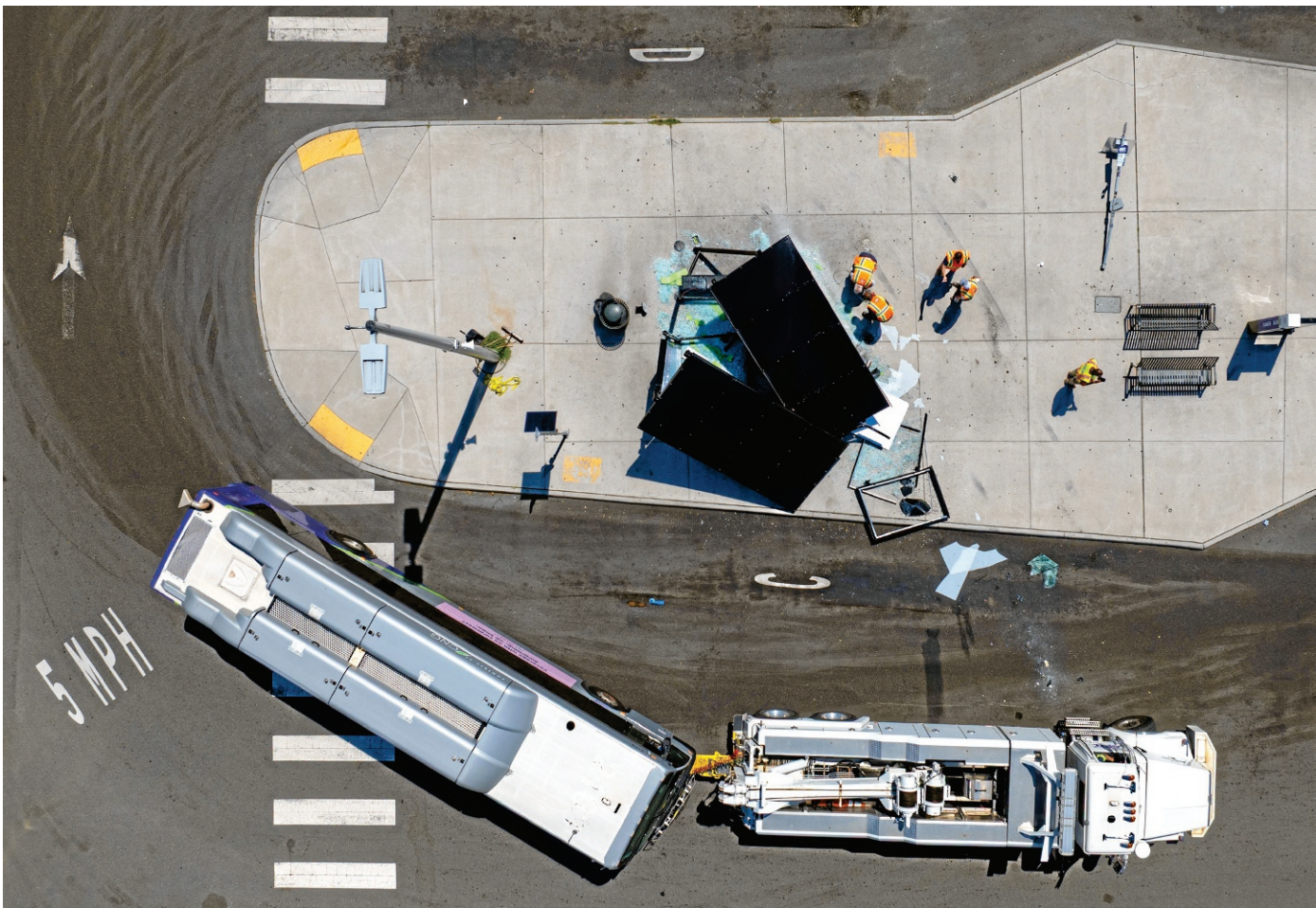
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10 HURT IN CRASH



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A GRTC bus that was involved in a crash at the Downtown Transfer Station is towed past the bus stop that was destroyed in Tuesday's crash. Police said one bus had driven onto a median, struck a shelter at the station and collided with another bus, injuring 10.

2-bus collision shuts down transit hub

AUDREY PACHUTA
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Richmond police are investigating a bus crash at Greater Richmond Transit Company's downtown transfer station that sent 10 people to the hospital on Tuesday morning.

The crash, which occurred just after 10 a.m. according to the Richmond Police Department, involved two GRTC buses. When officers arrived at the scene, they found that one bus had driven onto a median, struck a shelter at the station and collided with another bus.

A spokesperson for the Richmond Ambulance Authority confirmed 10 adults were transported to local area hospitals. Police said four people — including the driver — on the first bus, two people on the second bus and four people waiting at the station were injured.

VIEW: See more photos from the site of Tuesday's GRTC bus crash by aiming your cellphone camera at the QR code and tapping the link. Digital access is included in your subscription. **NEWSVU**

The driver of the second bus was not hurt.

Richmond police, firefighters, VCU police and GRTC officials all arrived at the scene not long after the crash and were seen surveying the damage and injuries. First responders tended to victims seated on the bus bay median before they were transported to nearby medical centers by ambulances.

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DOLLY PARTON |
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Legend beyond music

'Queen of Country' also renowned philanthropist

DEVARRICK TURNER
Knoxville News Sentinel

Dolly Parton, the "Queen of Country Music," a philanthropist supporting a diverse array of projects and causes and Dollywood's Dreamer-in-Chief, has died, according to her social media accounts.

Parton's death was announced in a video message from her family on her social media pages and confirmed to USA Today. The East Tennessee native was 80 years old.



Parton

With a successful career spanning almost 60 years, she was a legend in the music industry, known for hits-turned-classics such as "Jolene," "I Will Always Love You," "9 to 5" and "Coat of Many Colors."

She was also a film star, appearing in films such as "9 to 5," "Steel Magnolias" and "The Best Little Whorehouse

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STANDARDS OF LEARNING

Slim gains made on SOL tests

Scores rise slightly, but still lag pre-COVID levels

ANNA BRYSON
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Virginia's third through eighth graders made slight gains on annual Standards of Learning exams this year, seeing a 0.4 percentage-point increase on both math and reading tests compared to last year.

For the sixth year in a row, students scored lower on Standards of Learning tests than in the years before officials closed schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Statewide, 74.5% of students passed their reading exams in spring 2026, and 72.9% passed their math exams — both up 0.4 percentage points from last year. The last time students took SOLs before

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VCU RESEARCH PROJECT

University study halted over inhumane mice treatment

ERIC KOLENICH
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Virginia Commonwealth University suspended a research project after the laboratory staff repeatedly treated lab mice inhumanely, the university reported to federal authorities last month.

The researchers did not provide mice with "humane

endpoints," which is generally euthanasia to end the test animal's pain, said Michael Budkie, executive director of a group called Stop Animal Exploitation Now, a watchdog that aims to end animal testing.

The watchdog has called

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