

# FIRST, AT LAST

Kyle Guy (5) and U.Va. defeated Texas Tech 85-77 in overtime Monday night to bring the school its first men's basketball national championship, and redeem a historic NCAA tourney loss last year. Full coverage in Sports.



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Zach Werrell and Elliott Harding react watching the game in Charlottesville Monday night.

## CHARLOTTESVILLE REVELS IN ULTIMATE REDEMPTION

By **DAVE JOHNSON**  
Staff writer

CHARLOTTESVILLE — The only things missing at John Paul Jones Arena Monday night were the players and the hardwood. Two pretty essential ingredients for a basketball game when you think about it. But every available seat, with maybe a handful of exceptions, was filled. Those who couldn't make the 1,200-mile trip to Minneapolis came to the JPJ to watch the telecast.

And they saw a fitting final chapter of the ultimate redemption story.

The University of Virginia, which made the wrong kind of history 55 weeks earlier, defeated Texas Tech 85-77 in overtime to win its first national championship in men's basketball.

Four sections in the south end were not available, and the top half of the upper deck on the west side was curtained off. According to university officials, there were 7,907 fans in the arena — perhaps a JPJ record for an event with no live performers.

And were they into it. They could be heard in Crozet when Virginia took a 17-7

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## NORTHAM LESS POPULAR THAN TRUMP

By **MARIE ALBIGES**  
Staff writer

Voters continue to disapprove of Virginia's top three Democratic leaders just over two months after newly surfaced racist photos and sexual assault allegations rocked the capital. But that doesn't seem to be stopping voters from choosing Democrats to lead them in the General Assembly. Christopher Newport University's Wason Center for Public Policy

asked just over 1,000 people in March what they thought about their governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. And although approval ratings dropped even within their own party, voters aren't necessarily linking scandals around the three men with the Democratic Party when it comes to elections, political scientist Rachel Bitecofer said. "Democrats are not looking at Ralph Northam as a member of their tribe," she said over the phone. In most cases, Hampton Roads

residents — who made up 24% of those polled — answered similarly to the rest of the state. Bitecofer, who led the polling and serves as assistant director at the center, found that Northam's approval rating is at 40%, down 19 points from December. That's worse than President Donald Trump, whose approval rating in Virginia is at 44%, according to the survey. Northam admitted Feb. 1 to being in a racist photo found on his 1984

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Homeland Security shakeup widening beyond chief's exit.  
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Even after 15 Grammy Awards, the bluegrass legend stays true to his country roots.  
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# GOV. WON'T RESIGN

Story evolves: Northam says he's 'not the person' in racist photo  
Support erodes: Virginia lawmakers leading calls for resignation  
Questions linger: How could yearbook pic have been published?

**"I have made mistakes in my past but I am a person of my word."**  
Gov. Ralph Northam pauses during a news conference in the Governor's Mansion at the Capitol in Richmond, Saturday, where he discussed a racist photo on his college yearbook page.

STEVE HELBER/AP



## GOVERNOR BACKTRACKS, SAYS HE HAD NOT SEEN OR SUBMITTED IMAGE

By MARIE ALBIGES  
Staff writer

Gov. Ralph Northam vehemently denies being either of the two people depicted in a racist photo on a page of his medical school yearbook.

The Virginia governor refused to resign at a press conference Saturday afternoon, despite a mounting number of legislators and members of the public calling upon him to do so. He went back on a Friday night acknowledgment that he dressed up as blackface or put on Ku Klux Klan robes at a party, as the photo depicts.

"When my staff showed me the photo in question yesterday, I was seeing it for the first time," he said Saturday.

He said he never purchased a yearbook from Eastern Virginia Medical School, which he graduated from in 1984. He also said he never submitted that photo but did submit others that appear alongside it: a portrait of him, one of him kneeling in a farm setting

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## UNSWAYED BY DENIALS, POLITICAL ALLIES SAY IT'S TIME TO STEP DOWN

By GORDON RAGO AND MARIE ALBIGES  
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The head of Virginia's Legislative Black Caucus said he wants to take Gov. Ralph Northam at his word — that it is not Northam pictured in a racist photo appearing in his 1984 medical school yearbook.

But Del. Lamont Bagby, D-Henrico, is still calling for Northam to resign, even after he watched Northam's Saturday afternoon news conference in which the governor denied he was either of two people in a photo that appears on his senior yearbook page from Eastern Virginia Medical School.

"I understand him biding a little bit of time — there may be reasons for that," Bagby said outside the capitol.

But now it's time for him to move aside.

"The people of the Commonwealth are crying out to turn the corner," Bagby said.

Describing him as a close personal friend, Bagby reiterated what he has said on the House floor: That

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## AT EVMS, AN APOLOGY, BUT NO ANSWERS ABOUT DISTURBING IMAGES

By KIMBERLY PIERCEALL, GORDON RAGO AND ELISHA SAUERS  
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As Gov. Ralph Northam retreats from an earlier admission that he was one of two men in a 1984 medical school yearbook photo dressed in either blackface or a Ku Klux Klan costume, many have wondered how the racist photo could have even been published.

Eastern Virginia Medical School President Dr. Richard V. Homan said Saturday he doesn't know either.

"I can find no explanation for how such a picture was able to be published in the past," Homan said in a statement posted to the medical school's website Saturday.

A page in the 1984 yearbook listing staff thanks individuals who either contributed photos or helped in the production, including the EVMA Public Affairs Office and a doctor who "got us over the hill." On

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#### HAMPTON KICKS OFF 1619 FESTIVITIES

More than 100 people turned out for the city's inaugural event to honor the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Africans in English North America. **Page 3 of News**

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## A SMART GAMBLE FOR HAMPTON ROADS?

By GORDON RAGO AND KIMBERLY PIERCEALL  
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Long before Charles Town, WV., was a casino town, it was a horse betting town.

Still, when a casino moved in next to the dirt track, first with slot machines in 1997 and then with table games in 2010, residents of the small city and surrounding Jefferson County were apprehensive.

"There was one side — the

people who thought this was going to be the end to all the county's financial problems," said Gregory Vaughn, who had served as the mayor of nearby Harpers Ferry until he lost reelection in 2017.

The other side questioned if residents of an already economically-depressed state needed a place where they could end up potentially blowing their paychecks.

As Virginia contemplates allowing casinos — possibly right

here in Hampton Roads — Vaughn has a piece of advice.

"You're going to be sold a bill of goods. You're going to be promised the moon," Vaughn said. "Just be aware there's no free lunch."

Much of the country has become saturated with casinos. Virginia is one of just 10 states that's resisted. But lawmakers seemed more eager than ever this year to join the majority of

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# NEXT STEPS

## From Apollo to Artemis to Mars: NASA Langley eyes another giant leap

**BY TAMARA DIETRICH**  
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HAMPTON — Every man who set foot on the moon has trained at NASA Langley — the last footprint was left by Apollo astronaut Gene Cernan nearly 47 years ago.

Now with a new Project Artemis space directive — this time, to land the next man and first woman on the lunar surface by 2024 — NASA's research center in Hampton is lending its experience and expertise for more moonshots, and more deep-space voyages.

"I'm really excited," said Walt Englund, director of the Space Technology and Exploration Directorate at Langley. "I've been here over 30 years and seen some ups and downs and promises of, 'We're going to the moon, we're going to Mars, now we're going to the moon, now we're going to Mars.'"

"I hope, before my career is over — it won't be too much longer — that we really do make it back to the moon."

Aerospace engineer Lisa Jones is sensing a fresh energy and purpose on center, and expects it's what the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo veterans experienced half a century ago.

"You know they had to have felt that

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**LEFT:** A close-up shows an astronaut's footprint in the lunar soil, photographed by a 70 mm lunar surface camera during the Apollo 11 mission.

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**TODAY:** From Apollo to Artemis to Mars — NASA Langley eyes the next giant leap.

# DOMINION, AMAZON AND COMCAST AMONG MAJOR DONORS TO PARTIES

Republicans and Democrats preparing for another tight race

**BY MARIE ALBIGES**  
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State Democrats say they "dominated" the latest round of campaign fundraising. Meanwhile, Republicans are showing off their large cash reserves, confident their advantage over Democrats there will get them across the finish line with enough votes in their favor. Three months out from pivotal

state elections where control of the General Assembly is up for grabs, both parties are claiming to have the edge. What they aren't promoting are which deep-pocketed organizations and longtime donors are fueling their campaigns. An analysis of the most recent campaign finance reports shows both parties are getting help from corporations and national entities, while Democrats have an edge when it comes to grassroots fundraising. In 2017 — the last time every delegate in the House was up for election — House Democrats were down \$3.7 million in cash on hand by the middle of the year. In the Senate in

2015 (state senators are elected every four years) Democrats were down \$14 million. But Democrats in both chambers have narrowed the war chest gap significantly in this election year. Republicans in the House have about \$200,000 more on hand than Democrats as of May 30, while Republican senators have about \$400,000 more than Senate Democrats. If the total spending so far is any indication of how the next three months are going to go for the House of Delegates, far less money will be spent on the 2019 elections than was

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## MAN KILLED IN NEWPORT NEWS

The 28-year-old man was shot just before 1:39 a.m. Saturday outside his apartment near Dresden Drive in midtown.

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## BOYCOTTING THE PRESIDENT

State leaders will not be attending "any part of the event where Donald Trump is in attendance."

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