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## Community college system to suspend policy

The Virginia case marks the latest successful court challenge to “free speech zones” on campus.

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## Civil War & Emancipation Day



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Ana Edwards, chair of the Sacred Ground Historical Reclamation Project, gives a tour of the African Burial Ground during Civil War & Emancipation Day in Richmond. She says there needs to be more investigation into the history of slavery in Shockoe Bottom.



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## McDonnell centerpiece falling apart

Terry McAuliffe met in Washington this past Wednesday with Virginia’s congressional delegation — eight Republicans, five Democrats. It was a getting-to-know-you session. But the new governor had serious business to discuss: that congressional inertia threatens to undermine Virginia’s tax-fattened transportation fix. It was a high-water mark for McAuliffe’s Republican predecessor, Bob McDonnell.

Finance Secretary Ric Brown and Transportation Secretary Aubrey Layne, according to an administration spokesman, explained the potential impact of Washington’s inaction on the \$1.6 billion plan. Unless Congress acts by January on an enforcement mechanism for applying sales taxes to Internet purchases, Virginia could lose \$841 million by 2018. Near term, the revenue would be made up incrementally at the pump, by automatically increasing the percentage-based sales tax on gasoline.

Bit by bit, McDonnell’s transportation legacy — the cornerstone of which is his promise-breaking tax increase in 2013 — appears to be falling apart. It is a casualty of gridlock in D.C. and a reassessment in Richmond by Democrats and Republicans. Increasingly, their view is that the business-friendly McDonnell made some un-businesslike decisions.

This could have repercussions for a figurative multicolor collision at the state Capitol: the fight over Virginia’s compliance with Obamacare.

Among the prospective voices in that argument is one frequently heard during the road-and-rail debate, that of Sean Connaughton. He was McDonnell’s transportation secretary. An unobtrusive Northern Virginia lawyer, Connaughton clashed — occasionally bitterly — over transportation projects with legislators who will now decide whether to steer billions of dollars to a health insurance initiative favored by his new employer, the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association.

Let us stipulate that there is a partisan dimension to the revisionist view of the McDonnell transportation program. A newly installed Democratic governor is taking the lead, slowing this project, questioning that one, criticizing others. But McAuliffe’s words and deeds are an inducement to Republicans to pile on.

Most notable among them: Del. Chris Jones, R-Suffolk, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. Before he was a skeptic on

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## Panelists discuss city’s slave trade, stadium proposal

Richmond should preserve historic sites in area, experts say

BY LOUIS LLOVIO  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

Richmond has long ignored its role in the slave trade, wiping out historic sites and overlooking the city’s part in the brutal business of human bondage, and the time has come to change that, experts say.

“Richmond has obliterated the landscape of that history,” Maurie McInnis, a professor of American art and material culture at the University of Virginia, said Saturday. McInnis, author of “Slaves

Waiting for Sale: Visualizing the Southern Slave Trade,” was speaking at a program during Civil War & Emancipation Day.

She posed this question: How can we “capitalize on the spaces that are left to tell this story” of the African-Americans brought to Richmond to be sold?

McInnis was on a panel focused on the future of Shockoe Bottom and its history of slavery. The panel, whose members spoke near the site of Lumpkin’s Jail, focused its conversation on what is being done to educate the public on that history and preserve the historic sites in the area.

The topic is particularly

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### THE CIVIL WAR

## Spies tried everything to get info from enemy

BY KATHERINE CALOS  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

First came the escape of 109 Union soldiers from Libby Prison during the night of Feb. 9, 1864.

Then, just a few weeks later, Union Col. Ulric Dahlgren was killed during a raid on Richmond and buried without honor in a secret grave.

For a Union spy ring in Richmond 150 years ago, the early months of 1864 were a test of purpose and ingenuity in the capital of the Confederacy. Escaped prisoners needed hiding places and passage out of town. The dead officer needed to be reburied on Unionist soil.

At the head of the operation was Elizabeth Van Lew. She had been working quietly to help Union prisoners in Richmond since the Civil War began in 1861, but she had been recruited as a Union spy only in January.

For the remainder of the war, the loose network of Union supporters in Richmond would supply information directly to Union generals, beginning with Benjamin Butler, who in the spring of 1864 came up the James River to threaten Richmond from the south.

The efforts of those “Spies, Unionists, and Resurrectionists” were detailed Saturday on two bus tours as part of the annual Civil War & Emancipation Day in Richmond.

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## Comment about Medicaid misleading

BY SEAN GORMAN  
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State Sen. Thomas A. Garrett Jr. says Uncle Sam is doling disappearing dollars to entice states to expand their Medicaid programs.

“This money is guaranteed for a few years, and then goes away,” Garrett, R-Louisiana, wrote in an op-ed that ran this month in the Richmond Times-Dispatch and The Free Lance-Star of Fredericksburg.

We looked behind the curtains to see if the money really does vanish. Garrett’s claim comes as the General Assembly

is locked in a largely partisan debate over expanding Medicaid eligibility to up to 400,000 additional low-income and disabled Virginians. The stalemate is blocking passage of a two-year state budget.

The Democratic-controlled state Senate and Gov. Terry McAuliffe support expansion, saying it will help the needy and that most of the cost will be borne by the federal government under provisions of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

Garrett opposes broadening eligibility, echoing arguments from the Republican-led House that Medicaid already is fraught with waste and that Washington cannot be trusted to keep its funding commitment.

The expansion would make Medicaid available to people

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### Garrett’s statement on Medicaid

**Speaker:** state Sen. Thomas A. Garrett Jr., R-Louisiana

**Ruling statement:**

“The federal government is offering \$2 billion in aid for Medicaid expansion. This money is guaranteed for a few years, and then goes away.”

**Statement date:** April 2

**Ruling:** Mostly False



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