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# FPA PLAYBACK

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## MARTHA PAYNE TO RETIRE END OF MARCH

After 21 years, Office Manager Martha Payne will be retiring from Fairfax Public Access. Beginning in 1990 on the Annandale campus of Northern Virginia Community College, Martha served FPA in a variety of positions and locations, seeing the station move to the James Lee Center and then to it's current home in Merrifield. She'd been involved in training and operations, before finally settling in as Office Manager, the position she's held for over 10 years. Members who'd like to offer their congratulations and wish her well can stop by and see Martha through the last week of March weekdays until 2:30 pm. An important part of FPA's history as well as it's daily operations, we would like to express our gratitude to Martha for her years of service to the organization and say that she will be greatly missed.



Photo by Maryam Shah

With Martha's departure, we welcome new staff member Cindy Rauda. Cindy will be assuming some of Martha's duties as FPA's new receptionist. Cindy came highly recommended from Freddie Mac, and after a few weeks training with Martha has been settling into her new position well, meeting members old and new alike and making the transition easier for all.

## KUDOS

Television producer Art Harman has reached the milestone of 500 shows with his program "Conservative Roundtable", seen on Channel 10 Wednesdays at 5am, Fridays at 12:30pm and Sundays at 2:30pm.

On March 18, radio producer and volunteer Doug Goffus celebrated his 20<sup>th</sup> year of programming at FPA on Mar 18. You can hear "The Goffus Rock Experience" Fridays at 11am on Channel 37 or online at [www.fcac.org](http://www.fcac.org)

Radio producer Dennis Gulakowski recently logged his 10<sup>th</sup> year behind the boards. His radio show "K-Radio Flashback" can be heard Sundays at 8pm on Channel 37 or online at [www.fcac.org](http://www.fcac.org)

Congratulations to these FPA producers and best wishes for continued success!

## HOMETOWN AWARDS DEADLINE APRIL 13

The deadline for entering submissions to the Alliance for Community Media's 2011 Hometown Awards is April 13, 2011. Active FPA members may enter their submissions at the rate of \$40 for each entry instead of the higher entry fee of \$70 as FPA is a member of

the Alliance for Community Media, entitling our members to the organizational member discount. Entries may be made in over 40 categories. For complete entry rules, categories and other information be sure to go to [www.allcommunitymedia.org](http://www.allcommunitymedia.org).

## FPA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE COMING IN MAY

Beginning in May, FPA will be enlisting members to sign up at least one person they know for an FPA membership. An incentive program to coincide with this drive will be announced late in April by email blasts, and a perhaps a special event or two as well, so keep your eyes peeled and your ears open for news about the FPA Anniversary Membership Drive – coming soon!

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### HATS FOR SALE

FPA ballcaps are now available for sale at the equipment room for \$15 each. These black hats made of a soft-brushed nylon-poly blend have a Coolmax lining to keep you cool and comfortable by moving moisture away from your body. Embroidered with the FPA name and logo, they are a great way to show your affiliation with the station. Supplies are limited, so stop by and get one while they're around.

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## PERSONNEL CHANGES

Congratulations to FPA Staff member Mike Stoeckle as he moves from a Technical Advisor position in the Equipment Room to that of Assistant Engineer, helping Chief Engineer Daniel Olewine with maintenance of the facility. Mike will still assist with the creation of sets for Studio C in addition to his new duties, and continue to be a helpful presence for staff and members alike. With his promotion, Technical Advisor Tiara Brown has stepped up into a full-time position in the equipment room.

## CONSTRUCTION AROUND FPA

In a presentation to the Board of Directors in February, Steven Teets, Senior Project Manager for Edens & Avant (the developers for the Mosaic at Merrifield Town Center construction project) explained some of the changes that will affect FPA, beginning this April. Eskridge Road will be built up to intersect with Lee Hwy at the traffic light across from Home Depot, creating a 4-way intersection with Merrilee Dr. directly opposite. In the process, Eskridge Rd will also be widened, and the new intersection will have both left and right turn lanes from Eskridge onto Lee Hwy. Currently, the only entrance and exit for Eskridge Rd. is the

turn signal at Hilltop Rd and Lee Hwy, where everyone takes the service road to Eskridge. During the construction period, which is expected to take one year to complete, that will remain the only entrance and exit. However, the service road will be diverted through the old United Rental property on the corner in order for them to properly grade the incline of Eskridge up to Lee Hwy. In short, during the construction period, everyone will still enter and exit they way they have been, but don't be alarmed by all the activity going on around – you'll still be able to get to and from FPA.

## QUARTERLY SEMINARS OFF TO GOOD START

The first of FPA's new quarterly seminars was held Friday, March 18, in Studio B. About 15 members took advantage of this free workshop to brush up on their lighting skills and learn a few tips and tricks to help enhance their future studio productions. Led by staff members Joe Marrero and Lisa Clarke, participants reviewed basic concerns such as placement and safety issues, proper 3-point lighting techniques, and the differences between the different types of lights in the studio. From there, more advanced techniques were covered – gobos and gels, spot lighting, the correct way of maximizing light for the chroma-key wall and minimizing shadows, and a quick overview of the lighting board. Participants were able to get answers to questions both general and specific, and to benefit from the combined knowledge of two of FPA's production team. The next free workshop will be held in June, and will focus on studio audio production techniques with Nelson Cuellar. Stay tuned for the date and time.

*"Just wanted to let you know that I was watching Defend Yourself. It is an excellent show! Please continue to air it. The instruction on the program is excellent. Great show!"*

– Viewer Comment Line