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Comstock, Wexton answer voters most-asked questions in The Connection's Congressional Midterm Q&A.

> By Victoria Ross The Connection

his fall, voters wield all the

power. On Nov. 6, they will decide who controls Congress for the next two years of Donald Trump's presidency, a decision that could significantly reshape the current political landscape, impacting both Republican and Democratic agendas for years to come.

In Virginia, the 10th Congressional District race between Republican Barbara Comstock, the incumbent, and her Democratic challenger, state senator Jennifer Wexton, is one of the most closely-watched, competitive races in the nation. Democrats are eyeing the 10th as a strong pick-up opportunity, trying to flip a seat that Republicans have held for more than half a century.

The Connection reviewed dozens of "frequently-asked" questions culled from various national, state and local forums, focus groups and surveys. Out of nearly 100 questions, we narrowed it down to the top 12. Both candidates agreed to answer our questions in writing. Our only request to the candidates: keep answers to a 750-word total. Here are their complete answers, unedited.

Q: Do you think the Second Amendment should be repealed?

Comstock: No.

Wexton: No. But we do need to pass common sense gun violence prevention measures.

Q: *If not, do you think there should be any* new gun restrictions to deal with what feels like an epidemic of mass shootings?

Comstock: We passed three important pieces of legislation for prevention of gun violence in the past year: 1) The Stop School Violence Act, which was the number one priority of school violence prevention advocates. It provides billions in increased funds for school resource officers, school safety programs, mental health treatment, crisis intervention and hardening of school security. 2) We passed bipartisan legislation to improve and provide more funding for the national background check system - the most significant improvement in the system in a decade. 3) I passed my "Project Safe Neighborhoods" legislation which provides funding for tackling gun crime, as well as gang crime and drugs. In addition, I support banning bumpstock and I am pleased that process is going forward at the Justice Department. Finally, I support "red flag laws" that allow law enforcement and fam-



Photo by Victoria Ross/The Connection **Democrat Jennifer Wexton takes** voters questions at Virginia International University's Candidate Forum, held in Fairfax last month.

ily members to petition a court for an Extreme Risk Protection Order to get weapons out of the hands of those who are a danger to themselves or others.

Wexton: Meaningful gun reforms like expanded background checks and legislation to keep weapons of war out of the hands of dangerous people enjoy wide popular support and we should pass them.

Q: What would you do if Trump fired special counsel Robert Mueller?

Comstock: I am confident that the President will not fire Bob Mueller. I support the Russia investigation being completed quickly and having as much information as possible disclosed to the public.

Wexton: What is most important right now is that the Special Counsel be protected from outside influence and insulated from attacks by Donald Trump. We need a Congress that is willing to stand up to Trump and be a check on the Administration, not just a rubber stamp.

Q: What's the best indication of economic *health – the stock market, unemployment* rate, income?

Comstock: We are experiencing an incredibly healthy economy as a result of lowering our taxes and cutting regulations and the indicators are things such as a 4.2 percent growth rate, the highest family income ever, high consumer confidence, high small business and manufacturing optimism, growing wages, a strong job market, and low unemployment rates for men and women in all demographic groups. I am the only candidate in this race to have authored and passed tax cuts, and to have been endorsed by business groups such as the U.S.



Republican Rep. Barbara Comstock at the kickoff of her annual Young Women Leadership Program this summer.

Chamber, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, the National Association of Women Business Owners and other industries because jobs and the economy have always been a top priority for me. A healthy economy should lead the world in innovation, research and development and provide expanded opportunities for men and women from all walks of life. Economic health also would be enhanced by having more women in senior roles because studies have found that businesses and companies with more senior women actually are more financially strong and sound.

Wexton: Labor participation, wage growth, and unemployment are all key indicators because they show whether the middle class is experiencing the kind of growth already enjoyed by the wealthy.

Q: Should there be a citizenship question on the census?

Comstock: I am fine with or without a question, but what is disappointing with the questions on this survey is that there are no questions on the importance of our national security or homeland security and the importance of stopping defense sequestration (which we did); and not a single question about our veterans who deserve the added services and support we have provided over the past 2 years.

Wexton: No. The Constitution says to count all people, and this measure is designed to prevent that from taking place.

Q: Is it fair to trade a border wall with Mexico for protected status for DACA recipients?

Comstock: Legislation that includes both border security and a solution for DACA recipients has been supported at various times by Democrats, Republicans and the President, so this provides the outlines for a compromise. I have voted for such a compromise so that we can have a solution instead of a stalemate and have a system that is fairer and simpler and rewards those

who play by the rules. I also support expanding H1B Visas and agriculture visas and other reforms that support growing our economy.

Wexton: We should not have to trade anything to get protections for Dreamers. It's the right thing to do, it's overwhelmingly popular with the American people, and it should not be subject to a ransom.

Q: Should felons who served their sentence be able to vote?

Comstock: This should be handled on a case by case basis. I don't support violent felons automatically having their rights restored. I have supported criminal justice reform that addresses racial disparities in the system. This Congress I authored and passed my "Project Safe Neighborhoods" legislation which supports community policing and assistance to address gun crime, gang crime, and drug crime. I have been endorsed by the Police Benevolent Association because I am committed to public safety and I have worked extensively with the law enforcement community since my time as a senior Justice Department official

Wexton: I support restoration of voting rights for felons who have completed the terms of their sentences.

Q: Name three Democrats/Republicans (people in the opposing party) with whom you are friendly - or actual friends.

Comstock: Rep. Debbie Dingell, Rep. Lois Frankel, and Donna Brazile.

Wexton: Emmett Hanger, Jill Vogel, Randy Minchew.

Q: How would you address the #MeToo movement as a member of Congress?

Comstock: I have been a leader battling sexual harassment in Congress passing bipartisan landmark reform legislation to provide victims support and more funding to

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Helping Child Witnesses of Domestic Violence

Step Up 4 Kids seeks to break the cycle of abuse and address the needs of children.

By Supervisor **JOHN C. COOK** R-Braddock District

omestic Violence harms everyone in a family, directly and indirectly. When



children are exposed to domestic violence, the trauma they experience can have damaging effects. That is why the Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy, and Coordinating Council is expanding its efforts to serve children who witness this crime in their own homes.

The County's Step Up 4 Kids initiative will work to improve the short-term and long-term outcomes in the lives of children who have witnessed domestic violence by improving the government and community response, enhancing clinical intervention services, and providing opportunities for individual impact.

Nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience severe intimate partner violence in their lifetime. These sobering numbers are followed by the reports that 1 in 4 children witness domestic violence in their homes. It is easy to think that because a child does not see a parent assaulted that they are not aware of the violence. The reality is that children are much more aware of the violence, fear, and manipulation that occurs in an abusive relationship between their parents than we realize.

Following a violent or scary incident, or even days and months after, children may experience anxiety, fear of their parent being hurt, increased aggression, or symptoms of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The long term effects are even more damaging.

Children who witness domestic violence are more likely to experience mental health problems like depression, anxiety, and the increased chance of suicidal ideation, and substance use. Worst of all, these children are much more likely to be involved in abusive relationships. Boys who witnessed domestic violence are 10 time more likely to abuse a partner as an adult, which girls who witnessed it are 6 times more likely to enter an abusive relationship.

Step Up 4 Kids seeks to break the cycle of abuse and address the unique needs of children by engaging individuals, systems, and mental health professionals. This threepronged approach is only possible with an enhanced response and coordination from government and the community. Step Up 4 Kids will work to improve coordination between Fairfax County Public Schools, County agencies, and nonprofit partners. This will facilitate communication and information sharing among all parties involved in assisting child witnesses and will improve practices across the system. The community will also play an important part in Step Up 4 Kids. The initiative will enact campaigns and programs to teach groups in the community about how children are impacted by domestic violence.

The final, and perhaps most important, piece of the Step Up 4 Kids puzzle is you, the individual. One of the most important messages of the Step Up 4 Kids Initiative is that you can make the difference in the life a child who has witnessed or experienced domestic violence, regardless of your role in a child's life. You may be a teacher, daycare provider, sports coach, neighbor, extended family member, or friend. You can make a difference by letting a child know it is okay to talk about the scary things that might be happening in their home, you can encourage a child in something they are good at, and remind a child that violence is never their fault or their problem to fix. The Step Up 4 Kids Initiative will work with organizations and community groups across the county to recognize ways they can make a difference for some of our most vulnerable children.

The good news is that while children can be very vulnerable, they can also be incredibly resilient, and their ability to grow in their resiliency is dependent on the adults in their life. The presence of a safe, caring, adult in a child's life, whether a parent, teacher, friend, or coach, is the most significant factor in a child's ability to overcome any type of adversity. And the more adults surround and support a child, the more those chances increase.

If you have questions or concerns about how to help a child or possible survivor you are concerned about, or you are a survivor yourself, please call the Fairfax County 24-Hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline at 703-360-7273 to speak to a trained hotline volunteer who can provide support, crisis intervention, and resources for services.

If you would like to learn more about the Step Up 4 Kids Initiative and how you can get involved, please visit fairfaxcounty.gov and search "Step Up 4 Kids."

Responding to Climate Change Warnings

By Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

ast week I wrote about the dire warning of the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Cli-

mate Change about the more immediate consequences of climate change than had originally been predicted. Avoiding the damages to our planet and to our way of life would require "transforming the world economy at a

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speed and scale that has no documented precedent," according to the report.

The greatest economies in the world must lead the changes necessary to preserve our planet and the quality of life

for our families rather than dismissing or debating its findings. The time for action is now with the report describing a world of worsening food shortages and wildfires and a mass die-off of coral reefs as soon as 2040, a little more than two decades away.

What we have instead are politicians at the highest level of the federal government making promises at political rallies in West Virginia to bring back coal, the greatest offender of cli-4 Station/Clifton/Lorton Connection October 25-31, 2018



to reduce climate change have been rescinded to gain favor of those who see them as interference in their quest to make more bucks or to gain more votes from a political constituency. Absent little or no help on this concern at the federal level for the next couple of years, what can be done in the meantime? At the state level I will be pushing for a strengthening of a commitment by state government to increase its efforts at energy conservation, eliminating any subsidies for coal production, intensive economic development in green jobs for areas previously dependent on coal, a tax on carbon, accelerating the use of renewable energy, and establishing Virginia as a green state in its policies as well as reforestation. There are many reasons to take this immediate action in Virginia if for no other motive than that we stand to be among the first states to lose a significant chunk of our land mass with climate

change and sea level rise. I am pleased that Fairfax County has made a nod in the direction of concern about sea level rise, but there is reason to believe that one of the wealthiest counties in the country can find the will and the resources to do even more.

We have been planting trees, but we need to plant many more. We have been working to get people out of their individual cars, and we must incentivize more people to use cleaner transit. Thanks to School Board Member Pat Hynes for her resolution calling for state and federal action on climate change. It is a beginning, but the locality must budget as a social cost for the county and not for the school district the addition of solar panels on the millions of square feet of roof space on our schools. Also, our school lots should be forested and not lawns. Small actions taken by many can produce significant results. We have our warning. No time for hand wringing. We need to get to work.

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Detectives Asking for Public's Help Identifying Suspect in Bank Fraud

this suspect? Police re port that this woman broke into a car in the Lorton area on Sept. 8. A few days later, she used the victim's information and withdrew several thousand dollars from her bank account, according to police. If you recognize the suspect, or have information about this crime, contact Detective C. Burbrink at 703-922-0894. Tips can be submitted anony-

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the EEOC office that handles complaints. I also passed legislation requiring anti-harassment education and training for all Members of Congress and their staff. The legislation also provides due process for both the victim and the accused. The hearings we have held have also highlighted how sexual harassment can impact the pay gap by driving women out of their chosen professions and we will aggressively address this problem to keep women in their chosen professions.

Wexton: Electing more women is an important start. We need our leaders to send a clear message that those who commit sexual

offenses will be held accountable, no matter who they are. It has taken far too long for Congress to pass even basic measures to reform its own processes in this area.

Q: Do you believe climate change is real and man-made? If yes, how should Congress address it?

Comstock: Yes, and I am a member of the Climate Change Caucus but my focus is not on increasing regulations or adding taxes, but instead using innovation and technology to provide solutions for cleaner, more efficient, and more affordable energy.

Wexton: Yes. Congress should renew America's commitment to the Paris Accords, and take steps that address climate change

while helping the economy convert to cleaner energy sources with minimal disruption.

Q: Would you vote to overturn a presidential veto to keep the government running?

Comstock: I am the only Member of Congress in the Washington Metropolitan region - Democrat or Republican - who has NEVER voted to shut down the government. I have worked to keep the government open and functioning and fought to get the federal pay raise restored. I have worked closely with NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees) and have earned the support of their PAC because of my strong support for our federal employees.

Wexton: Yes.

Q: Should President Trump tweet more/ less/same?

Comstock: My apologies, but I think this is a ridiculous question when there hasn't been a single question about the importance of getting better cures and treatments for chronic diseases such as Alzheimer's, cancer, and diabetes - something I am passionate about and have worked to provide record funding for at this critical time when we have the opportunity for breakthroughs in medical research. We have also provided a record \$4 billion in funding and support for prevention and treatment of addiction to opioids and heroin - something the President has declared a national health emergency - something that he may have tweeted about too.



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THURSDAY/OCT. 25

- Paintings & Pairings. 5:30-9 p.m. at Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. Enjoy paired hors d'oeuvres and wines, a three-course dinner, and auctions and artwork for sale. All proceeds from the event benefit Insight Memory Care Center. \$125. Visit www.insightmcc.org/ for more. Hitchcocktober: 39 Steps (1935). 7
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THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 25-28

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts-Concert Hall, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Mark Twain's timeless classic sweeps us down the mighty Mississippi in this musical adaptation of Huck Finn. Our irrepressible hero helps his friend Jim escape to freedom while sharing hilarious, suspenseful and heartwarming adventures, all told with unforgettable, classically American music. Professional Artist in Residence, Thomas W. Jones II helms this journey. \$15 for students and seniors, \$30 for adults. Call 703-901-5941 or visit cfa.calendar.gmu.edu/ big-river-the-adventures-of huckleberry-finn for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 26 Lorton Workhouse Ceramics Workshop. 10:30 a.m. at Lorton



Organ Recital at Historic Pohick Church

There will be a free organ recital by Linda Wilberger Egan, Minister of Music, on Sunday, Oct. 28, at 3 p.m. at the Historic Pohick Church. The recital celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the church's Noack Pipe Organ with 16 stops, 18 ranks, and 948 pipes. Selections will include works by Pachelbel, Buxtehude and Bach, which were composed during the musical Baroque period. Historic Pohick Church is located at

9301 Richmond Highway in Lorton, on U.S. Route 1 between Telegraph Road and Pohick Road. For more information call 703-339-6572 or visit the Pohick Church website at www.pohick.org.

Senior Center, 7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton. Travel to the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center Visit lortonseniorcenter.org or call 703-550-7195 for more.

2018 Arts Awards. Noon-2 p.m. at Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. The Arts Awards bring together the arts community, business community, civic and elected leaders to celebrate the extraordinary contributions of artists, arts organizations, and the private sector for supporting the arts in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church. \$250. Email bmacroberts@artsfairfax.org or call 571-395-4619.



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Madhaunter's Madhouse. Friday-Saturday, 7-11 p.m.; Sunday, 7-10 p.m. at The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Madhaunter's Madhouse haunted trail of terror returns to the Workhouse for a third year of scares. In 2018, screams will echo across the 55-acre historic Workhouse campus, built on the grounds of the onceabandoned and notorious DC Department of Corrections Lorton Reformatory. More information, tickets (\$20), and volunteer opportunities are available at workhousearts.org/madhaunter.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

- ECHO Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-noon. At St. Bernadette Catholic Church in the gym, 7600 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Hundreds of items toys, dishes, collectibles, small electronics, home decorations and fashion accessories will be available. Proceeds go to support ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others.) Visit the website www.echoinc.org. Saturday Community Farmers'
- Saturday Community Farmers' Market. Through Oct. 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax one block from West and Main streets behind the Wells Fargo Bank and adjacent to the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse. Visit
- www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com. Farmers Market. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Visit www.facebook.com/ SpringfieldFoodworks/.
- Both Sides Tour XXI. 8:15 a.m. Leave from Franconia Museum at the Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road. Elijah White grew up in Maryland and moved to Virginia before the Civil War. He built his famed Thirty-Fifth Battalion, Virginia Cavalry with troops from both sides of the Potomac River. \$100, includes bus, lunch, and a contribution to the Franconia

Museum. Bottled water will be provided on the bus. Contact Don Hakenson at 703-971-4984 or dhakenson@verizon.net.

- Genealogy in the Digital Age. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. At Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station, Oct. 312148 Gallows Road, Vienna. Fairfax Genealogical Society's Fall Genealogy Fair, "Genealogy in the Digital Age" with James M. Beidler. Plus vendors. Registration online at https:// 2018fxgsfallfair.eventbrite.com. Cost after October 15: FxGS member, \$45 , non-member \$55. Visit the website www.fxgs.org
- Trunk or Treat. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Mott Community Center, 12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Come out to celebrate the community and Halloween at Trunk or Treat Community Day. Join friends and neighbors for food, music, vendors, moon bounce, trunk or treating, and more. Free. Call 703-278-8605 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/
- neighborhood-community-services. **"Real vs Reel: A Closer Look at the Medicine of Mercy Street."** 2 p.m. at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Jake Wynn from the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Md., will explore and compare "real" medical practices from the Civil War versus the medical treatments shown in "Mercy Street," the PBS mini-series. Free. Call 703-591-0560.
- Transforming Lives Gala. 6:30-11 p.m. at The Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria. Since 1974, Good Shepherd Housing & Family Services has been reducing homelessness and enabling selfsufficiency by providing permanent affordable housing, emergency

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- Whitehall Farms, 6080 Colchester Road, Fairfax. Fourth annual Fall Fun Days, featuring a pumpkin patch, corn maze, nature trails, inflatable bounce houses, lawn games, wagon rides, and more. Meet farm animals (like Henry the cow) and learn more about sustainable farming. A farm-totable lunch option will be available, featuring farm fresh ingredients from Whitehall's farm store. \$12 for adults and children over 3. Visit www.whitehall.farm for more
- Ghost Train. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Take little goblins for a family-friendly ride on the Ghost Train at Burke Lake Park this Halloween season. Also enjoy a moon bounce, carousel and pumpkin painting. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Dress for the occasion with your favorite Halloween costume, \$6 per person age two and older; younger children ride for free. Last ticket sold at 4 p.m. Call 703-323-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ burkelakepark/.

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Mary Payne does one of her many wigs for the show.

Horror at the Workhouse Local talent, up and coming performers make the horror classic.

By Mike Salmon The Connection

hen Casey Fero is out on stage singing "Sweet Transvestite," he gets in character to become Dr. Frank N. Furter, one of the stars in The Rocky Horror Picture Show, at the Workhouse Theater in Lorton. The Doctor is not like Fero at all, but when you're an actor, that's what you do.

"I just kind of let it all go, be that person," he said.

Fero is an actor from Fredericksburg who is part of the cast that is putting on the theatrical performance of Rocky Horror for the second run at the Workhouse Theater. He didn't have to memorize the song or the part though, he'd seen the original movie a few times and knew the part of Furter from when Tim Curry played it in 1975.

"I've been watching this movie since I was 16 so I knew it," he said.

All the cast has seen it before on the silver screen and knows the parts, but it is still fun for everyone, especially around Halloween.

"We're here to give you a good time," said Giorgio Mazzarelli, an Arlington resident that plays "Riff Raff," one of the odd characters along with Magenta, aka Mary Payne, and Dr. Scott, played by Mary's husband Michael, and others that are putting on the performance that is playing at the Workhouse for the second time.

"Live performance is something live TV just can't give you," said Mazzarelli. It's the perfect combination around October. "The closer it gets to Halloween, people want to see something crazy like that," said Payne.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show originally came out on stage in 1973 but was made into a cult classic movie in 1975 where the audience became involved. The plot is of a typical horror genre where a couple's car breaks down during the night and they go to Dr, www.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

Where and When

Workhouse Arts Center 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton Phone: 703-584-2900, Website:

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Tickets: \$20-\$35

Frank N. Furter's house to use the phone. He's a mad scientist and the musical mayhem ensues, with characters originally played by Susan Sarandon, Tim Curry and Barry Bostwick. The costumes were of the punk rock fashion, and several hit songs came out of it, including "Time Warp Brigade."

It became the "midnight movie," of choice in Georgetown, and did have a run at the Springfield "rocking chair," theater in the 1980s which was once across from the Springfield Plaza.

Hayfield Secondary students Sarah Sherrill, Carlee Maben and Madalyn McQuillan were at the Workhouse to see the show, and take some notes since they all are going to be on stage at Hayfield for a future showing of "American Idiot." Being right there in the small theater, "we can see how we can portray a better character," said Maben.

West Springfield graduate Clare Pfeifer is one of the stage managers and sound technicians. Although there's no dangling microphones or booms, there are challenges in the sound booth. Everyone has wireless microphones, but "one of the challenges is to make sure they have their mikes on," Pfeifer said. But it pays off in the end. "When they do well, I do well," she said.

"She's the sound goddess," added Michael Omohundro, aka Dr. Eddy Scott.

Tucked away in a few off-stage alcoves are the band, consisting of a drummer, organ and saxophone.

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Virginia Department of Transportation

Public Meetings Fall Transportation Meeting

You are invited to participate in public meetings held by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The meetings will begin with an open house followed by a public comment period. At the open house you can learn about various transportation initiatives, as well as Virginia's project prioritization process (SMART SCALE), Virginia's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, and the VTrans Multimodal Transportation Plan. Representatives from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment and Departments of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation will be in attendance to highlight their transportation programs and discuss your ideas and concerns about Virginia's transportation network. The open house will be followed by a public comment period, where you can provide comments about the various initiatives. Comments will be accepted at the meeting and may also be submitted via email or online at www.CTB.Virginia.gov.

Public Meetings* to be held at the dates, locations and times listed below:

Monday, October 15, 2018 at 4 p.m. Culpeper District Office 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701	Wednesday, October 17, 2018* at 4 p.m. Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center for Continuing Education One College Lane Weyers Cave, VA 24486	Monday, October 22, 2018* at 4 p.m. Southwest Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210	
Thursday, October 25, 2018* at 2 p.m. (Note: Start time has changed) Holiday Inn - Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive NW Roanoke, VA 24017	Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 4 p.m. Hampton Roads District Office 7511 Burbage Drive Suffolk, VA 23435	Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 4 p.m. Homewood Suites-Chester 12810 Old Stage Road Chester, VA 23836	
Monday, November 19, 2018	Wednesday, November 28, 2018	Thursday, November 29, 2018	
at 4 p.m. Lynchburg District Complex Ramey Memorial Auditorium 4303 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501	at 4 p.m. Fredericksburg District Office Auditorium 86 Deacon Road Fredericksburg, VA 22405	at 5:30 p.m. NOVA District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030	

*These meetings will be held in conjunction with planned I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan meetings. Fall meeting materials will be available at http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/fallmeetings/ beginning October 15, 2018.

If you cannot attend a meeting, you may send your	You may send comments on rail, public transportation, and
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Investment Director, VDOT, 1401 E. Broad St., Richmond,	Officer, DRPT, 600 E. Main St., Suite 2102, Richmond,
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Comments will be accepted until December 13, 2018.

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Accotink Park: "We do this every fall around Halloween — so it's a

Halloween-themed event. We

open up our mini-golf; we have different carnival-style games the kids participate in. We also do haunted hayrides, which are family-friendly and dog-friendly as well. But it's a great family event that people can come out and just

have a great day out at the local

here at Lake Accotink.

a great fun day."

He continued: "We're just trying to bring the community in and let them know what we have to offer

This is kind of the last event that

we do for the season. So, we hope to spark interest in what we're

going to be doing when the Spring comes back around next year. It's

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Children search for buried treasures in the sand pit.

Lake Accotink Park

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Fall Festival a Hit bout 250-300 people at tended the Lake Accotink Park's Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018. Using a Halloween-theme, the day consisted of fun for children, carnivalstyle games, haunted tractor rides, miniature golf, and carnival-style Lake Accotink is part of the Fairfax According to Joshua Smith, Lakefront Park Manager at Lake

Allison Zwirner, 6, and Katie Campillo, 7, of Springfield enjoy cotton candy.



Mila Rumiantsev, 4, of Fairfax shows off her face painting.



Ellie Readman, 4 , of Asheville, NC, plays the Spider Web Splat game during Lake Accotink Park's Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018. www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Bulletin Board

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

WEDNESDAYS

Financial Literacy Classes. 7:30 p.m. At 2751 Prosperity Ave., Suite 310, Fairfax. DiMaVi Realtors will be offering free courses on financial literacy with topics ranging from retirement planning, investment, navigating the mortgage and loan industries, and taxing issues. Call 571-322-1884 to register.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED.

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke needs volunteer drivers for trips to medical appointments (Monday - Friday) and companion shopping (Tuesday, Friday) within the Fairfax-Burke area and in the South County area (west of Route 1, Alexandria). Office volunteers are also needed to work in the SCFB (Olley Glen) office to schedule rides. Bilingual volunteers (English and Spanish) are needed as drivers and office volunteers. Email Shavaun Wall at recruiter@scfbva.org or call 703-323-4788.

SOBER-RIDE FOR HALLOWEEN

Free Sober Rides. Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 28, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Halloween SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 on www.SoberRide.com. The SoberRide code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

THURSDAY/OCT. 25

- Public Comment Deadline. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) announces a 45-day public comment period for it's proposed policy and guidelines for transit capital prioritization and urban transit agency strategic plans. The proposed plans are available online at drpt.virginia.gov/transit/ tsdac/public-comment. Comments on the plans can be sent to Jen DeBruhl at DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov or DRPT, 600 East
- Main St., Suite 2012, Richmond, VA 23219. Gentle Yoga. 12:30-2 p.m. at Sentara Surgery Specialists Comprehensive Breast Center, 8988 Lorton Station Blvd., Suite 103, Lorton. This yoga protocol is facilitated by Pat Fitzsimmons RN, C-IAYT, E-RYT 500, an instructor specifically trained to work with cancer patients who will adapt traditional yoga practices to meet the physiological and psychological needs of cancer patients. No registration required. It is recommended that participants dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat, towel(s), and water. Visit www.sentara.com for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

- **Caregiver Bootcamp.** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. It can be hard as a busy caregiver to find all the information to best care for a loved one with dementia. Insight offers the Caregiver Bootcamp to share essential caregiving topics, all in one place. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge. Register online at insightmcc.org, or contact Lindsey Vajpeyi at 703-204-4664 or lindsey.vajpeyi@insightmcc.org.
- VolunteerFest. A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/ individuals/volunteerfest.php for more.

MONDAY/OCT. 29

Richmond Highway Widening Public Information Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Mt. Vernon High School Cafeteria & Auditorium (Enter at Door #8), 8515 Old Mt. Vernon Road, Alexandria. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will host a public information meeting on the Richmond Highway Widening project to provide an update as well as an opportunity for the public to comment on the project. The meeting will include an open house, a formal presentation and a question and answer period. Individual questions will also be addressed during the open house. The presentation begins at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Visit www.virginiadot.org/projects/ northernvirginia/richmond_highway.asp for more.



Resorting to Radio



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

There I was, Wednesday evening, Oct. 17, around 6:30, sitting on my living room couch, club sandwich in hand, preparing for the League Championship Series game 5 between my Boston Red Sox and the Houston Astros when as I've done a thousand times before, grabbed the remote to turn on the television. Pressing the usual button, I was distressed to see no picture and hear no sound. Having experienced this kind of disappointment numerous times before, I didn't panic yet. I went about the diagnostic process first.

I checked my remote to see if the batteries were firmly connected, which they were. I then pointed the remote back at the television, but still no response.. Next, as I have been prompted previously under similar circumstances ("Your X-1 platform"), I pulled the plug and waited 30-plus seconds before reconnecting. Thirty seconds later, I re-plugged and still my television sat idle. Next I went into my home office to check the status of my computer since they're "cableized" together. The lights on my modem were flashing (a hopeful sign) so I clicked on one of my desk top icons and was met with the dreaded "No internet connection," confirming my worst suspicion. For the moment, 90 minutes before game time, I was out of service (heck, I was out of luck). Finally, I called my cable provider for clarification/further confirmation when I was met with the equally dreaded pre-recorded message: "There has been a service interruption in your area. Service is expected to be restored tomorrow afternoon." "TOMORROW AFTER-NOON? THE GAME IS TONIGHT!" That was the exclamation I can print. What came next was not particularly complimentary.

For the next hour or so I puttered and muttered and did nothing to improve my circumstances. At 9:30 pm I called my brother to get a score. (He lives in Washington, DC and has a smart phone. I live in Maryland and have a flip phone, a k a "stupid phone"). Unfortunately, he had left his cell phone in another room and didn't hear my call. Frustrated, I swore yet again and trudged upstairs to go to bed. After getting into my "jammies," I laid down in bed and rolled onto my left side to set the alarm on my clock radio when it hit me (not the clock radio); the baseball game is being broadcast on the radio! And so I scrolled the dial on the clock radio until I heard ESPN radio broadcasters John Shambee and Jessica Mendoza calling the game. If I can't watch the game, I can certainly listen to it. And so I did, just like I did as a "little-leaguer" all those many years ago listening to Ken Coleman and Ned Martin of the "Boston Red Sox radio network" while living on Athelstane Road in Newton Centre, Ma. Except this time, I wasn't clutching a transistor radio. I was hands free, listening.

For the next nearly three hours, I laid in bed and listened. Most of the broadcast I heard and some of it I missed as occasionally I fell asleep. But for a time I was transported back in time sort of, before cable television proliferated when the games were broadcast almost exclusively on radio and baseball was seen through the eyes of those sitting in the "Catbird seat," to quote the legendary Red Barber. Listening to how they described what they saw during the game was how many of my generation - and the preceding generation, fell in love with baseball: "How about that!" to quote the late, great, Mel Allen.

It was a late night, but happily, for me and Red Sox Nation, the Sox won and will now be returning to the World Series for the first time since 2013. Game one will be Tuesday night, Oct. 23. I can't imagine that there will be a repeat non-performance from my cable provider, but if there is, and I am forced to go to plan "B", radio, I will do so. The circumstances got us a win in game five, so there's no reason to think it wouldn't get us a win in game one, too. After all, it's not only the ballplayers that are superstitious. *Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.*

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