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Generation Gap

Millennials and Gen X now outnumber older voters, but Baby Boomers continue to dominate.

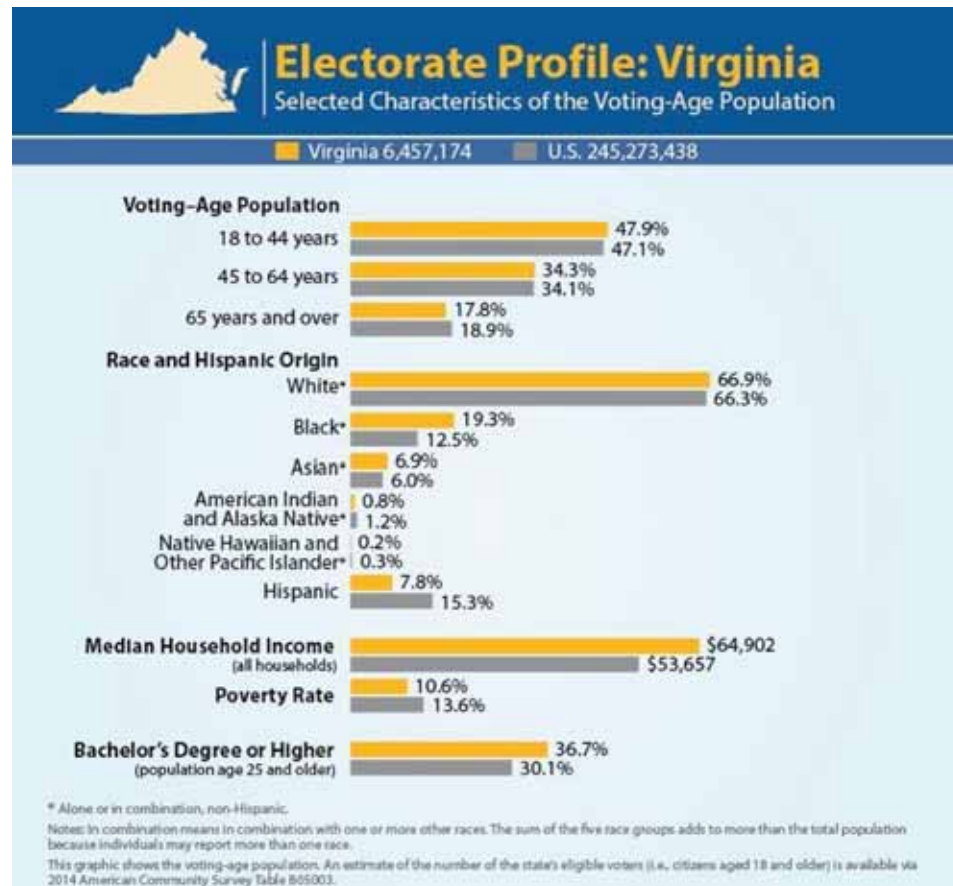
BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Millennials and Gen Xers now outnumber Baby Boomers and older voters in Virginia, according to data from the Census Bureau. But that doesn't mean they have as much influence. Census numbers also show another trend: People over the age of 45 vote at much higher rates. That means Baby Boomers are expected to once again exert outsized influence in next week's election despite the fact that they are now outnumbered by ranks of younger voters.

"We talk about the Baby Boomers so much because they were a phenomenon unto themselves in some ways," says Quentin Kidd, director of the Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University. "As they aged, they participated at high levels, and those participation levels stayed pretty high."

Voters across Virginia will be heading to the polls next week in a high-stakes election that will determine which party controls the House of Delegates and state Senate. All 140 seats in the House and Senate will be on the ballot this year. Election officials expect turnout to be about 30 percent, much lower than the 60 percent of registered voters that show up to presidential elections. That means voters who show up to the polls will be older, whiter and much more likely to be Republican.

"Virginia has a lot of immigrants. Immigrants tend to be younger and tend to have more kids, and those voters with that profile tend to lean Democratic," says Jeremy Mayer, associate professor in the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University. "So why are the Baby Boomers still dominating? Because that demographic votes, and tends to vote with ex-



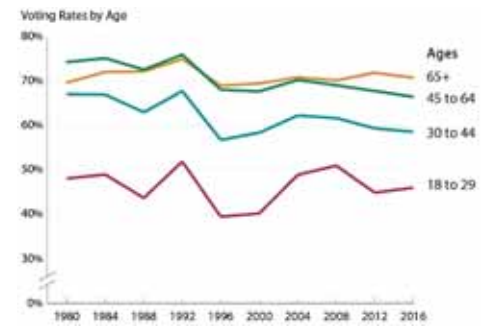
traordinary reliability."

Mayer says he sees a similarity between the victory of Donald Trump in 2016 with a victory of Brexit that same year, two elections where the interest of older voters overwhelmed the interest of younger voters, a phenomenon he calls a "revolution of the elderly." This election is also expected to be dominated by Baby Boom voters, although eventually millennials and Gen X voters will catch up and become the dominant force in Virginia politics.

"Of the new registered voters in Virginia for this election, a large ele-

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— **Jeremy Mayer,**
Schar School of Policy and
Government at
George Mason University



SOURCE: UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU

ment are indeed the 18 to 29 year olds," says Bob Denton, chairman of the Department of Communications at Virginia Tech. "There is going to be a political sea change, not so much on demographics per se but on political beliefs, attitudes and values of the Millennials and Generation Z."

Four years ago, when Virginia had no statewide races and every member of the General Assembly was up for election, about 30 percent of registered voters showed up to the polls and cast a ballot. Turnout statistics were pretty much the same for the election four years before that as well as the election four years before that. Democrats are expected to do well if they can push the turnout numbers above 30 percent, even if it's only a little bit.

"The early voting numbers suggest a significantly higher trajectory," says Stephen Farnsworth, director of the Center for Leadership and Media Studies at the University of Mary Washington. "Based on the number of candidates running in the Virginia mid-term this year as well as polls, including the Mary Washington statewide survey that shows a high level of voter interest in 2019, all indications are that this Virginia midterm will have much higher turnout than four years ago."

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To register for the class, visit: https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/opp_details/185223



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The training prepares residents to help themselves, their families, and their neighbors in the event of a disaster.

OPINION

Go Vote! Election Day Is Nov. 5.

It matters more than ever; do your part, don't miss this chance.

- ❖ Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.
- ❖ Nov. 5: Deadline for your absentee ballot to ARRIVE at the Office of Elections, 7 p.m.
- ❖ Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Fairfax County Office of Elections,
Hours: Monday-Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
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12000 Government Center Parkway
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- ❖ Member House of Delegates, vote for one in your district
- ❖ Commonwealth's Attorney, vote for one
- ❖ Sheriff, vote for one
- ❖ Chairman Board of Supervisors, vote for one
- ❖ Member School Board at Large, vote for three
- ❖ Member Board of Supervisors. vote for one in your district
- ❖ Member School Board. vote for one in your district
- ❖ Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District
- ❖ School Bonds Referendum

- ❖ Vote both sides of your ballot. Bring notes on your preferred candidates. It's not simple. We have included party designations and, with reservations, the party endorsements for school board. Most candidates do not have party affiliation listed on the ballot.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTER PHOTO ID OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Elections is open during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed.

SCHOOL BOND BALLOT QUESTION

This is the text of the public school bond question that will be on the Nov. 5, 2019, general election ballot:
Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$360,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishing and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

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Jeffrey C. McKay (D)
Joseph F. Galdo (R)

Commonwealth's Attorney
Steve T. Descano (D)
Jonathan L. Fahey (I)

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Stacey Ann Kincaid (D) incumbent
Christopher F. De Carlo (I)

Board of Supervisors, District
Representatives
Braddock District
James R. Walkinshaw (D)
S. Jason Remer (R)
Carey Chet Campbell (I)

Dranesville District
John W. Foust (D) incumbent
Ed. R. Martin (R)

Hunter Mill District
Walter L. Acorn (D) unopposed

Lee District
Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed

Mason District
Penelope A. "Penny" Gross (D) incumbent
Gary N. Aiken (R)

Mount Vernon District
Daniel G. "Dan" Storck (D) incumbent, unopposed

Providence District
Dalia A. Palchik (D), unopposed

Springfield District
Linda D. Sperling (D)
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Sully District
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Srilekha R. Palle (R)

SCHOOL BOARD

School Board At-Large (vote for three)
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Cheryl A. Buford (endorsed by Republicans)
Priscilla M. DeStefano (endorsed by Republicans)
Rachna Sizemore Heizer (endorsed by Democrats)
Vinson Palathingal (endorsed by Republicans)
Ilryong Moon, incumbent (withdrawn)
Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Braddock District, School Board
Zia Tompkins (endorsed by Republicans)

Megan O. McLaughlin, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Dranesville District, School Board
Anastasia S. Karloutsos (endorsed by Republicans)
Ardavan Mobasheri
Elaine V. Tholen (endorsed by Democrats)

Hunter Mill District, School Board
Laura Ramirez Drain (endorsed by Republicans)
Melanie K. Meren (endorsed by Democrats)

Lee District, School Board
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Mason District, School Board
Ricardy J. Anderson (endorsed by Democrats)
Tom L. Pafford

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Steven D. Mosley (endorsed by Republicans)
Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

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Jung Byun
Karl V. Frisch (endorsed by Democrats)

Springfield District, School Board
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Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans)

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Northern Virginia District
Vote for Three
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Edward F. McGovern (endorsed by Republicans)
Jonah E. "Jet" Thomas
Monica A. Billger (endorsed by Democrats)
Gerald Owen "Jerry" Peters Jr., incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats)

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Gary G. Pan (R)

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District 36
Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum, incumbent, unopposed

District 37
David L. Bulova (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 38
L. Kaye Kory (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 39
Nick O. Bell (R)

Vivian E. Watts (D), incumbent

District 40
Dan I. Helmer (D)
Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), incumbent

District 41
Eileen Filler-Corn (D), incumbent
John M. Wolfe (I)
Rachel D. Mace (L)

District 42
Kathy K. L. Tran (D), incumbent
Steve P. Adragna (R)

District 43
Mark D. Sickles (D), incumbent

District 44
Paul E. Krizek (D), incumbent
Richard T. Hayden (R)

District 45
Mark H. Levine (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 46
Charniele L. Herring (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 47
Patrick A. Hope (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 48
Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 49
Alfonso H. Lopez (D), incumbent
Terry W. Modglin (I)

District 53
Marcus B. Simon (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 67
Karrie K. Delaney (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 86
Ibraheem S. Samirah (D), incumbent, unopposed

VIRGINIA STATE SENATE

District 30
Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 31
Barbara A. Favola (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 32
Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent
Arthur G. Purves (R)

District 33
Jennifer B. Boysko (D), incumbent
Suzanne D. Fox (R)

District 34
J. C. "Chap" Petersen (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 35
Richard L. "Dick" Saslaw (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 36
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Nov. 26 Committee Meetings
 ♦ 9:30 a.m. - Economic Advisory Commission

♦ 11 a.m. - Personnel Committee
 ♦ 1:30 p.m. - Legislative Committee
 ♦ 3 p.m. - Budget Committee
 ♦ 5 p.m. - Audit Committee

Dec. 3, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board of Supervisors Meeting

Dec. 10 Committee Meetings
 ♦ 9:30 a.m. - Health, Housing and Human Services Committee

♦ 11 a.m. - Development Process Committee

♦ 1:30 p.m. - Transportation Committee

♦ 3 p.m. - General Assembly Annual Reception and Work Session

MONDAYS THRU NOV. 11

Older Adults Shape Up. 9:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. At Shepherd Center of Fairfax-Burke, at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. Cost is \$30. This

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SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Solutions to Landscaping

Headaches. 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus, Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center Building, The Forum Meeting Room, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Home Owner Associations and Condo Associations: Sustainable Solutions to Landscaping Headaches. Is your community association board or property management company wrestling with problems like erosion, flooding, unused lawns and unattractive green spaces? This half-day symposium will focus on how HOAs and condo associations can develop plans to upgrade the green infrastructure in their communities. Registration is at <https://www.plantnovanatives.org/symposiums-for-hoa-and-condo-assoc>. Call 703-244-9174 or email plantnovanatives@gmail.com.

PN Support Group. 2-4 p.m. At Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Some 20-30 million Americans have Peripheral Neuropathy. The PN Support Group meets monthly. This month's program features Joel Minton, a personal trainer who will address handling loss of balance and strength. Meets every first Saturday. SEE BULLETIN, PAGE 11



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Find out about plans to widen Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286) from four to six lanes between Route 29 (Lee Highway) and Route 123 (Ox Road). The proposed project design also includes an interchange at Popes Head Road and the future Shirley Gate Road extension, improvements to the existing trail in the Fairfax County Parkway right of way and construction of a new shared-use path to make the trail continuous within the project limits.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR Part 771, an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared. VDOT is currently conducting environmental analyses and coordinating with regulatory agencies to obtain information about environmental resources in the vicinity of the project. When approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the EA will be available for review and comment at a future public hearing.

Stop by between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the project and its preliminary design. VDOT will hold a presentation beginning at 7 p.m. Project staff will be available to answer your questions.

Review project information at the VDOT project website (www.virginiadot.org/projects), at the information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-691-6710 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Give your written comments at the meeting, or submit them by **November 18, 2019** to Mr. Sitaram Kodali, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "Fairfax County Parkway Widening" in the subject line.

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NEWS

Lorton's History Comes Alive at Night

The trail takes place on what used to be the Lorton Reformatory.

BY JENNIFER
ALBARRACIN MOYA
THE CONNECTION

One at a time, packs of people creep into the trail that leads them through what used to be the 55-acre D.C. Department of Corrections Lorton Reformatory 18 years ago. Along the trail, creepy clad teens pop out of the highly crafted haunted scenes created to frighten their victims. Painted clown faces and crazed inmates are just some characters that make an appearance throughout the night. Presented by the Workhouse Arts Center, 2019 Haunted Trail – Breakout! naturally has a new addition this year, guests will be able to go inside the prison cells as part of the 25-minute haunted trail and see where prisoners were sleeping and eating years ago.

On a lighter note, besides the trail there is also a field full of attractions from an outdoor movie screen playing Halloween-themed films along with sofas to sit and watch, a Ghost Bar, a cardboard made jail cell to take selfies of yourself, and a game of cornhole. Along with the entertainment, snacks are available to buy from cotton candy, popcorn, and hot cider. There's even a food truck by the Peruvians Brothers to fill those late-night hunger.

There are only three days left of Breakout Haunted Trail: Halloween day, Nov. 1 and 2, from 7- 10 p.m. Its popularity among teens, young adults, and families this past weekend has proven it is worth a scare.



Kids enjoy the ballfield filled with food, drinks and activities.



People sit in the dark on couches to watch Halloween-themed films like the classic Hocus Pocus.



Teens play a game of cornhole with each other.



This is a station where you can buy snacks like cotton candy and popcorn.

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NEWS

South County High Students Excel at Community Service

Students at South County High need to look no further than their school library for community service opportunities that align with the FCPS Portrait of a Graduate initiative ethical and global citizen. Students can be found knitting hats and scarves to donate to S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat), an organization dedicated to supporting the homeless and underserved in Washington, D.C. Librarian Lisa Muir runs Hats for S.O.M.E.; she teaches the students to knit hats and scarves on round looms and donates the items to the clothing closet at S.O.M.E. Muir works with Jodi O'Hern of S.O.M.E. to educate students about the impact of homelessness on the individual, their families, and the community. Muir started this partnership when she taught at Newington Forest seven years ago and was very excited when her former students remembered participating in the program and asked if they were able to make hats at South County. Muir has written grants to the PTSO for supplies and requested donations of yarn from the com-



PHOTO COURTESY FCPS

Students are knitting hats and scarves to donate to S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat), an organization dedicated to supporting the homeless and underserved in Washington, D.C.

munity.

She has trained students to help new students in the hat-making process.

To date, more than 80 South County students have donated 62 handmade hats and scarves to S.O.M.E and recorded more than 245 hours of community service.

South County students are also making pet blankets for the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. The library's newest volunteer opportunity is teaching students how to sew pillowcases on a sewing machine with fellow librarian Emily Strong; the pillowcases will be donated to a local hospital.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Chamber Orchestra led by Daniel Hope will perform at the Center for the Arts on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019

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Pairing the Classic and the New

Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" with violin virtuoso Daniel Hope at the Center for the Arts.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Where and When

Center for the Arts presents "The Four Seasons" performed by Zurich Chamber Orchestra at Center for the Arts, Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance: Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$48, \$41, \$29. Call 703-993-2787 or visit www.cfa.gmu.edu. **Note:** Pre-performance discussion with Daniel Hope begins 45 minutes prior to the performance, located on Monson Grand Tier. Seating is limited and opens 15 minutes before the pre-performance discussion.

Both iconic beautiful harmony and fresh, contemporary imagination will be on display in musical event at the Center for the Arts Concert Hall.

The event is pairing the charm and delight of Vivaldi's masterpiece "The Four Seasons" with a recent re-thinking of Vivaldi's work by composer Max Richter titled "Recomposed." The concert combination will be performed by the renowned Zurich Chamber Orchestra (ZCO) led by music director and violin virtuoso Daniel Hope.

Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" has been beloved for centuries as a grouping of four violin concerti by Italian composer Antonio Vivaldi. Each of the compelling four pieces provides vivid musical representation and expression for each of the four seasons of the year.

"The Four Seasons" are also part of pop culture. Fragments of it play in many movies, a television episode from "The Simpsons" and the recent television series "The Handmaid's Tale." And untold numbers of wedding receptions.

"We at the Center of the Arts have long had this particular program with the Zurich Chamber Orchestra (ZCO) and Daniel Hope booked because we think this is exactly where classical music programming should be heading," said Adrienne Bryant Godwin, Programming Manager, Center for the Arts.

"It invites audiences in with a familiar title, which will be brilliantly executed by Hope and his colleagues in the ZCO, but also provides an opportu-

nity to see how this staple of the western canon inspired a completely fresh contemporary interpretation," added Bryant Godwin.

"The essence of Vivaldi's original work is absolutely present in this re-imagination. But Richter utilizes minimalist phrasing and looping which highlights the peaks and valleys of the audience's journey throughout the composition, in an almost cinematic way," said Bryant Godwin.

For Daniel Hope "The Four Seasons" has electrified him since he first heard the opening solo of "La Primavera (Spring)" as a toddler in the 1970s. "It had such an electrifying effect that I still call it my 'Vivaldi Spring.' How was it possible to conjure up so vivid, so natural a sound, with just a violin?"

Hope indicated that Vivaldi "reached a new level of virtuosity, pushing technical mastery to the limit" with "The Four Seasons."

"Pairing Vivaldi's original with Max Richter's brilliant new take; I feel both works inform and reflect on each other to create fresh and exciting connection," added Hope.

Now Northern Virginia audiences can hear the two works together live.

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ONGOING

Shir HaLev, the Community Jewish Chorale of Northern Virginia. Rehearsals are held select Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m. at Congregation Olam Tikvah, 3800 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax. The Chorale is a friendly, welcoming, adult volunteer choir. Membership in the group is open to all. Visit carolboydleon.com/shir_halev

Lorton Farmers Market. Sundays, 9 a.m.-noon, through Nov. 17, in the VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lorton.

Springfield Farmers Market. Saturdays, through Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Visit www.community-foodworks.org or call 202-697-7768.

Sweet but Psycho. Through Nov. 30, at Olly Olly, 10417 Main St., 2nd Floor, Fairfax. Olly Olly presents Sweet but Psycho: an avant-garde fairytale. Strangeland is a performance duo, that explores the superficial construct of reality. Call 703-789-6144 or visit ollyollyart.com

Braddock Wrestling Club. Online registration through Dec. 1. The Braddock Wrestling Club is holding registration for the 2019-2020 season. The club supports wrestling for age groups 5 through 14 years old, boys and girls. All practices are held at Lake Braddock Secondary School. Cost is \$155 per wrestler. Link to registration can be found at braddockwrestlingclub.shutterstock.com/. Or contact William Flynn at bflynniv@verizon.net or call 571-230-0713.

Burke Farmers Market. Through Dec. 21, 8 a.m.-noon at the VRE parking lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burke for more.

Registration Open: Fall Art Classes. Burke Centre Conservancy is sponsoring Fall Art Classes starting Tuesday, Nov. 12 – Jan. 7 and Saturday classes starting Jan. 11 - March in Drawing and Watercolor Painting for 5-8-year old, 8 years and up and Adults/Teens held at the Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. New Class – Art Workshop for Adults Tuesday Afternoons - Nov. 12 - Dec. 17.

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

“Hail Satan?” Movie. 4:30-7 p.m. At Johnson Center Cinema, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. When media-savvy members of the Satanic Temple organize a series of public actions designed to advocate for religious freedom and challenge corrupt authority, they prove that with little more than a clever idea, a mischievous sense of humor, and a few rebellious friends, you can speak truth to power in some truly profound ways. As charming and funny as it is thought-provoking. Part of the Visiting Filmmakers Series at Mason. Visit VFS.GMU.EDU or contact Cynthia Fuchs at cfuchs@gmu.edu.

Celebrate “Hitchcocktober.” 7 p.m. at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. Psycho (1960). Every Thursday night in October, a classic film by Alfred Hitchcock will be featured culminating with a showing of Psycho on Halloween. \$14.50. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com for more.

Haunted Trail 2019 – Breakout. 7-10 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. The Workhouse Arts Center presents Haunted Trail 2019 – Breakout – running each weekend during October and Halloween night. A storyline has been crafted on a prison Breakout theme with inmates running out of control through the woods and around the prison grounds (including through the only building on campus that still has jail cells), guards trying to capture them, and an army of terrifying clowns attempting to take over the prison. \$20. Visit www.workhousearts.org/event/haunted-trail.

OCT. 31-NOV. 3

“Rags.” At GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. George Mason University’s School of Theater and School of Music will present the newest adaptation of the American musical “Rags,” a heart-warming story of loss and hope surrounding a group of Jewish immigrants as they arrive to start a new life in America at the turn of the 20th century. Show times are: Thursday, October 31 at 8 p.m.;

‘The Four Seasons at Center for the Arts

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Daniel Hope, Zurich Chamber Orchestra music director and violinist performing at the Center for the Arts on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019.

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Friday, November 1 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, November 2 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, November 3 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students, staff, seniors and groups. These are available in person at the Center for the Arts’ Ticket Office (open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.), by phone at 703-993-2787, or online at cfa.gmu.edu.

FRIDAY/NOV. 1

OLLI Thanksgiving Potluck. 1 p.m. At Fairfax Lord of Life Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. In this season of giving thanks, all OLLI members are invited to a Thanksgiving potluck. Join us for a celebratory feast and social to kick off the holiday season and recognize our OLLI volunteers. OLLI will provide the turkey if you bring Thanksgiving-themed sides and desserts. Registrants are asked to bring a dish to share based on your last name: side, such as stuffing, green beans, sweet potatoes (A-G); dessert, such as apple or pumpkin pie (H-O); non-alcoholic drink such as water, sodas, iced tea (P-Z). You must register to attend so we know how much turkey to provide.

Lakeside Campfire Fridays. 6-7:30 p.m. At Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Come to Lake Accotink to enjoy a campfire, s’mores and more. A different topic and a different area of the park will be explored at each event. Cost is \$8 per person. Call 703-569-3464 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink.

Campfire Fridays. 7-8:30 p.m. At Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Hidden Pond Nature Center offers monthly “Campfire Fridays” with a campfire and s’mores. Learn about the park’s animals and explore different areas of the park at each meeting. The cost is \$10 per person. Call 703-451-9588 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond.

NOV. 1-2

Wild Horse Adoption/Sale. At Meadowood Special Recreation Area, 10406 Gunston Road, Lorton. The Bureau of Land Management to offer wild horses, burros for adoption or sale. Public viewing will begin Friday, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. The adoption, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday. The adoption fee is \$25, however, the fee rises to \$125 for animals that have been gentled. Visit <https://wildhorsesonline.blm.gov/>.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Woodson Craft Show. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax. Free admission. This is the 27th Annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show. This show features juried handmade arts and crafts with a diverse selection of: fine arts, jewelry, fiber arts, wood, photography, pottery, giftware, pet accessories, stress relief items and hundreds of holiday collectibles/decorations. There will be over 100 exhibitors and admission is free for shoppers. All proceeds benefit the W.T.



Woodson Crew Team (www.wtwcrew.org). **LRG Community Day.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Little River Glen Senior Center, 4001 Barker Court, Fairfax. Join your neighbors for a day of fun! Learn about resources in the community, and enjoy activities: Music, dancing, food, games, photo booth, crafts, giveaways and raffles. Fun for all ages, free admission. For details, email: deanna.white@fairfaxcounty.gov. **Burke Historical Society Presentation.** 3:30-5 p.m. At Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Free. WWII veteran Romuald Lipinski continues his story, from youth in Poland, to exile in Siberia, to reaching and joining the Polish Army to fight alongside Allied forces in Italy. Visit the website: www.burkehistoricalsociety.org

NOV. 2-3

Fall Foliage Tour Boat Ride. 4-5 p.m. At Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Enjoy the fall colors a new way this autumn. This tour boat ride captures the beauty of fall from a pontoon boat’s unique perspective. The tour includes a one-hour ride and a hot beverage. It’s designed for participants age 5 to adult. Cost is \$8 per person. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-323-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Paddle through a Tunnel of Color. 8 to 10 a.m. At Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. “Fall Foliage Kayak Expedition” at Lake Accotink Park. This expedition for kayakers age 13 to adult goes to the northern part of the lake to see glorious natural tunnels of orange, yellow and red leaves. Previous kayak experience is necessary. Cost is \$31 per person. Call 703-569-3464 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink.

SUNDAY/NOV. 3

Japanese-Americans’ Care Fund Bazaar. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax. Many items will be for sale; including used Japanese books and manga, Japanese decorative items, kimonos (traditional Japanese women’s apparel), locally grown Japanese-style vegetables, fish, and Japanese confectionery. Authentic Japanese food will also be available for take-out, and served at the food court to enjoy while watching exhibitions of Japanese cultural activities. Performances include, children’s karate, jikyoujutsu (Japanese style exercise), Japanese and Okinawan folk songs, Japanese Songs. Admission is \$2. The Embassy of Japan will be onsite to accept overseas voter registration 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Game Day Activities.** 1-4 p.m. At Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Games might include a scavenger hunt as well as games or crafts featuring railroad or Civil War themes. Games will appeal to all ages. Admission: Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-15,

\$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, call 703-425-9225.

Wine Tasting for Assistance League. 1:30-4:30 p.m. At Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Cost is \$25. Assistance League of Northern Virginia is hosting a wine tasting at Paradise Springs Winery in Clifton. Join us to enjoy wine in this lovely setting. Tickets, available at the door or in advance, include two glasses of wine and light hors d’oeuvres. All proceeds will benefit Assistance League’s community-based programs that feed, clothe and educate local children. For more info, email Carrie: info@alnv.org Assistance League is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization. Visit the website: www.alnv.org

MONDAY/NOV. 4

Funday Monday. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Crafts, music, movement, and fun with Mr. Skip, My Gym, Paint Your Own Pottery and a new VIP series featuring community helpers and leaders. Free. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/cultural-arts or call 703-385-2712.

MONDAY-TUESDAY/NOV. 4-5

Burke Lake Minicamp. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Keep the kids entertained during their break from school. Ages 8 to 12 will enjoy a host of park activities, including archery, disc golf and mini golf. There will be games, crafts, a reptile program and opportunities to learn about creatures that call Burke Lake home. Campers should bring a snack, drink and lunch. Cost is \$140 per child. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 6

New Volunteer Orientation, Pets on Wheels. 7:30-9 p.m. At Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, for Fairfax Pets on Wheels will be held. Free. Visit the website: www.fpow.org

SATURDAY/NOV. 9

Second Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. At Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Join in the monthly Second Saturday Art Walk, featuring opening receptions in each of the artist buildings, new exhibits in W-16, and more. Featured artists for November: W5: Laura Bruce; W6: Patricia McMahon Rice; W7: Kathryn Lagassey; W8: Group show; W9: Marsha Egan and W10: Mikhail Bolkhovitinov.

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Revolutionary War Day. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck, Lorton. The Revolutionary War touched everyone in the American colonies, not just soldiers. This family-oriented program has activities for all ages throughout the day. Visit www.gunstonhall.org.

Campfire Saturdays-Stargazing. 7-9 p.m. At Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Enjoy a stroll along the lakeshore and learn about the constellations, their stories and other night-sky features. An astronomical naturalist will identify the stars for you and have some telescopes for you to use. 7 to 9 p.m., and the cost is \$10 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-323-6600 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake.

Taj Express: The Bollywood Music Revue. 8 p.m. At GMU Center for the Arts. Cost is \$48, \$41, \$29. This international sensation explodes onstage with the look and feel of the Indian Bollywood movies. Taj Express follows the story of one man’s passion and another’s genius, and is packed with action, romance, comedy, and glamour. Spectacular dance numbers are performed to India’s pop hits, including the songs of Oscar-winning composer A. R. Rahman, along with folk-music classics. Visit the website: <https://cfa.gmu.edu/>.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

Historic Home Tour. 2-4 p.m. At Sunrise at Silas Burke, 9619 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Sunrise at Silas Burke and the Burke Historical Society are hosting an open house of the historic house, Woodbury. At 2 p.m. Jon Vrana will present on the house’s history followed by tours at 3 p.m. Free. Visit the website: www.burkehistoricalsociety.org

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NEWS

Supervisors Vote to Save Lake Accotink

Fairfax County approves financing plan for Lake Accotink dredging.

On Tuesday, Oct. 28, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously in favor of a financing plan for the dredging of Lake Accotink, ultimately saving the lake.

Situated in both the Braddock and Lee Districts of Fairfax County, Lake Accotink has long provided opportunities for outdoor recreation and serves thousands of visitors every year. However, in recent years, the Lake has begun to fill with sediment, and the County is taking action to ensure the Lake can be saved and maintained so that the surrounding environment stays intact, and the community can enjoy all it has to offer.

This move by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors comes after several management options were studied and presented to the community. The extensive public input received coupled with additional analysis for lake management options informed the proposed management plan. To date, a total of six public meetings and workshops have been held with the community to discuss Lake management. There was both a Natural Resource study and a Lake Management Study conducted by Park Authority. Through these studies and after much public input, Park Authority has recommended a dredging strategy to save the lake. This strategy entails the following:

- ❖ Dredging to restore the lake to an average depth of eight feet
- ❖ Pumping sediment to an unused portion of Wakefield Park for dewatering and disposal
- ❖ Hauling sediment to closed quarry using Braddock Road to the Capital Beltway
- ❖ Funding a maintenance dredging program to maintain the lake

The estimated cost of the initial dredging project is \$30.5 million. The Board will pursue a loan from the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund by submitting a loan application in the summer of 2020 to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. It is anticipated that the loan will be approved in the fall of 2020 and dredging set to begin in January 2021. Additionally, the Board approved an initial wet dredge of the lake to an average 8-foot depth. Regular dredging on a much smaller scale will continue in future years with annual cost of \$2.013 million to maintain the lake and prevent further issues. This is much less than the \$50 million the county expected last year. As plans are officially engineered and construction strategies are identified, the Board will continue to keep the community and Friends of Lake Accotink Park updated.

"Protecting our environment and outdoor spaces is a priority of mine and I'm thrilled that the Board



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Supervisors John Cook (R-Braddock) and Jeff McKay (D-Lee) partnered in efforts to save the lake.

approved this financing plan. As Chairman of the Budget Committee, I was pleased that we could reach an agreement on how to finance this much needed improvement to the Lake, and because of that agreement, we can save Lake Accotink. This is something we all have been working towards for quite some time" said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee). "I was glad to partner with Braddock District Supervisor John Cook on this effort. Thank you to everyone involved, including Supervisor Cook, the Save Lake Accotink group, and all our wonderful community members for your critical efforts to raise awareness on this important issue! I look forward to our continued progress."

"This is a great day for the people of Fairfax County," Supervisor Cook says. "The amount of community involvement that came with saving the Lake was something we have never seen before. I am thrilled that we are finally saving Lake Accotink forever!"

Supervisor Cook thanked Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay for his partnership on this effort and the group Save Lake Accotink for its critical efforts to raise awareness and garner public support.

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RSVP appreciated. Call 301-263-0616 or visit www.dcpnsupport.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 5

Car Seat Safety Check. 5-9 p.m. at the West Springfield district police station, 6140 Rolling Road. Fairfax County Police Department offers free safety check and install events throughout the year to ensure children travel safely. By appointment only; call 703-644-7377 and press 0 at the recording to schedule. In preparation for appointment, install the seat using the instructions that came with the car seat. Trained officers will review the car seat instructions and car owner's manual to be certain that they are being followed as they should.

Fairfax Lions Club Dinner Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 177, upper level. 939 Oak St., Fairfax. Visit a Lions Club dinner meeting. Enjoy a buffet dinner, speaker, and club announcements. Guests are cordially invited – meet members and learn about Lions community service. Free. Visit www.fairfaxlions.org or call 703-879-5795.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

Autonomous Technology Summit. At INOVA Center for Personalized Health in Fairfax. The Northern Virginia Technology Council (NUTC) in partnership with the Virginia Unmanned Systems Center at CIT will hold its Autonomous Technology Summit of Virginia. The Summit will bring together leading experts across the commercial, defense, regulatory, and academic sectors as they discuss the opportunities, challenges, and impacts of autonomous technology across the domains of sea, air, land, and space. Along with keynote and panel discussions, the event will provide a unique platform to showcase Virginia's leadership in autonomous systems and highlight best practices, new business models, and technology transfers that have a national impact.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

American Legion Dinner. 7 p.m. At Springfield VA American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield. Join the Department of Virginia Commander for a Veteran's Day Eve Dinner. This will be the Commander's official Veterans Day visit and official visit on behalf of the Department of Virginia to Arlington National Cemetery. All members of the 17th District American Legion family are invited to attend the dinner honoring the Department Commander. Cost is \$25.

TUESDAY/NOV. 12

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NOV. 15 DEADLINE

Seeking Area Talent. "From the Top," the hit NPR radio program showcasing America's best young classical musicians, is seeking local talent for its live show recording on Saturday, February 29 at 8 p.m. at the GMU Center for the Arts. Guest hosts Greg Anderson and Elizabeth Joy Roe will emcee the program and perform alongside the young artists for the Center for the Arts performance. The weekly hour-long radio program is heard Sundays on WETA 90.9 FM at 6 p.m. as well as more than 200 other stations nationwide. To be considered for "From the Top" at the Center for the Arts in Fairfax, eligible young classical musicians must submit recordings and complete an application by Nov. 15, 2019. Application and scholarship information is available online at www.fromthetop.org/apply.

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“Underwhere” and What



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Though I don't think I've broken any laws, other than the laws of consumerism, I may have gone over to the dark side. And by 'dark side,' I refer to two elements, one way more significant than the other, both of which I will get to in short order. In the interim, I refer to that most private of previously public purchases: underwear.

The last two times I bought underwear, I did not, as my father before me did so regularly for his two sons: buy from a local distributor. No. I didn't brick and mortar, I did not drive to and from. And neither did I engage with a living being (so far as I know, anyhow). Rather, I simply typed, mouse-clicked and purchased online from a national distributor. And since I wasn't able to touch and feel, my selection was a bit of a leap of faith. Would the fit, style and look satisfy in person much as it had done so online? So far, after having introduced a dozen pairs to their new homes, their owner and his neighbors seem okay with the interlopers. I expect that with the passage of time, the familiarity of it all will wear down any anticipated objections. Still, I imagine there will be an adjustment period.

Those purchases being made, I do feel as if I've crossed a line of sorts. [And the editor is likely to agree and assert selective deletion.] At the very least, consumers and their underwear purchases - and processes, seemed sacrosanct and immune to the lure of the internet. Granted, its presumptive privacy and seemingly endless choices/supply would presumably appeal to one's sense of curiosity. But not having the opportunity to physically pick and choose, and then grab and go to the cashier while glancing at the assorted inventory while you saunter through the department now seems like a lost art. An art that will never again be bid on, certainly not at Christie's anyway. I don't feel guilty exactly, about what I've done, but I do feel as if struck at the very foundation of the consumer's code of decency.

I mean, if one is going to buy underwear online then there really is no stopping the internet's intrusion into our daily lives. And if the artificial intelligence running the sites knows about our most personal preferences, then what's preventing a mass outing of mankind and womankind? To that possible end, I am now going to mention the second element of my recent purchase for which you likewise might have an opinion. This time I have literally gone over the dark side: colors; blue, black, green and gray. The tidy whites of my youth and nearly entire adulthood have had to give way to color. Another break with my underwear past which also seems unforgivable. My father always wore white underwear. How could I, as his son, break with such familial tradition? This is the weight I am now carrying. I'm not exactly leaving the faith but I do feel that I'm definitely disconnecting.

And since these online purchases of non-white underwear are not that recent (six months or so), recently, as in the last month, I have given consideration to yet another total break to how/where I've purchase these non-white "underweares," brand. I have heard multiple radio advertisements on my satellite radio concerning an upscale brand of underwear which has given me pause to rethink how I might further upgrade the neighborhood where my underwear has been residing.

It's been difficult enough changing how I buy my underwear, and then transitioning from whites to colors, but now possibly changing brands just for the sake of some creature comforts? I haven't heard any complaints from the neighbors so why bother? To be cool and comfortable? I thought I was. Apparently not. Dare I break yet another decades-old tradition? It may be too much.

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