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VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna Police Department from Oct. 18, 2019 – Oct. 24, 2019.

INCIDENTS

Suspicious Vehicle — 200 Block Pleasant Street, SW Between Aug. 4, 3:30 p.m. and Oct. 22, 10:40 a.m. A resident reported a suspicious vehicle that regularly parks in front of their house.

Destruction of Property — 100 Block Beulah Road, NE Oct. 15 between 7:45 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. A resident reported that an emotionally disturbed person kicked his vehicle and damaged it. The victim was advised on the process of obtaining a warrant for the destruction of his property. The emotionally disturbed person was transported to the hospital for medical attention.

Trespassing — Anita's Restaurant 521 Maple Avenue, East Oct. 18, 6:23 a.m. An employee requested police assistance with a subject that was found sleeping inside the restroom. The subject was officially trespassed from the property and left the premises without further incident.

Fraud — 100 Block Patrick Street, SE Oct. 18 12 p.m. An elderly resident received a call from someone claiming to be from the Social Security Administration, stating that her social security number had been compromised and that a vehicle registered to her had been located in another country, containing illegal drugs. The resident was asked to verify her name, date of birth and social security number, which she did. The caller then asked the victim to verify her credit card and bank account details, which the victim did not do because the bank name provided was not correct and she got suspicious. The victim called her son and learned that it was a scam.

Open Door/Window — 300 Block Charles Street, SE Oct. 19 8:53 a.m. Officers responded to a report of an open door. Officers searched the residence and did not locate anyone.

Arrest – Attempted Unlawful Entry & Drunk In Public — 100 Block Saint Andrews Drive, NE Oct. 20 between 12:50 a.m. and 1 a.m. A resident reported that a man attempted to enter their home by pulling on a glass sliding door and telling the homeowner to come outside. The resident refused, and the subject got belligerent and started to yell profanities. The subject left the scene prior to police arrival but was quickly located in the area by an officer. During the interaction with officers, it was obvious that the man was extremely intoxicated. Officer Borja arrested the 37-year-old man from Willow Forest Court in Clifton, and transported him to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public & Attempted Unlawful Entry. The man was given a \$2,000 unsecured bond and remanded into the custody of the Fairfax Deputies.

Arrest - Driving While Intoxicated — Roland Street, SW / Nutley Street, SW Oct. 20, 2:48 a.m. PFC. Williams observed a driver commit traffic infractions and initiated a traffic stop. Upon the officer's interaction with the driver, he detected signs of impairment. After the driver failed to complete a series of field sobriety tests successfully, he was placed under arrest. He was transported to the Vienna Police Station, where he provided a sample of his breath for analysis. PFC. Williams transported the 30-year-old man from Banship Drive in Herndon, to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

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Generation Gap

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

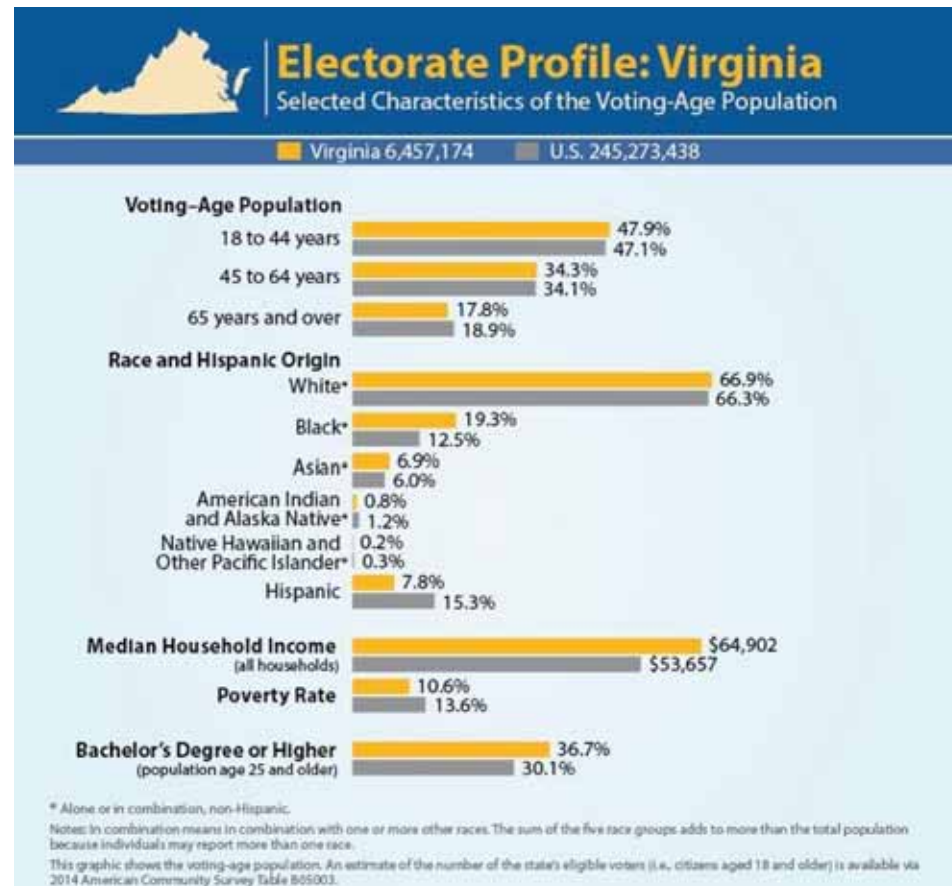
BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

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-



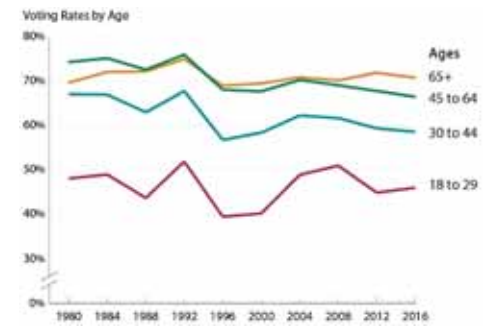
traordinary reliability."

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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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.

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Per Virginia law effective July 1, 2014, all residents must provide valid photo identification when they vote in-person. Please consult the VA Department of Elections for the most up to date information regarding acceptable forms of voter photo ID.

Many types of photo ID are acceptable for voting in Virginia. You only need to show ONE acceptable photo ID to vote. Photo IDs can be used to vote up to one year after the ID has expired. Acceptable forms of valid identification: Virginia driver's license, Virginia DMV-issued photo ID, United States passport, Employer-issued photo ID, Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia, Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID, Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID, Virginia Voter Photo ID card

IMPORTANT: If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can still vote. Ask for a provisional ballot. You will be given instructions on what to do so your vote can count.

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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?

CANDIDATES, FAIRFAX COUNTY

Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey C. McKay (D)
Joseph F. Galdo (R)

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

Sheriff
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)
Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R) incumbent

Sully District
Kathy L. Smith (D) incumbent
Srilekha R. Palle (R)

SCHOOL BOARD

School Board At-Large (vote for three)
Abrar E. Omeish (endorsed by Democrats)
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
Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax, incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats)

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

Mount Vernon District, School Board
Pamela C. Ononiwu
Steven D. Mosley (endorsed by Republicans)
Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Providence District, School Board
Andrea L. "Andi " Bayer (endorsed by Republicans)
Jung Byun
Karl V. Frisch (endorsed by Democrats)

Springfield District, School Board
Laura Jane H. Cohen (endorsed by Democrats)
R. Kyle McDaniel
Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans)

Sully District, School Board
Stella G. Pekarsky (endorsed by Democrats)
Tom A. Wilson, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans)

Soil and Water Conservation Director
Northern Virginia District
Vote for Three
C. Jane Dudik (endorsed by Republicans)
Chris E. Koerner (endorsed by Democrats)
Christopher A. Bowen (endorsed by Republicans)
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)

CANDIDATES, GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House of Delegates
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Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent
Gary G. Pan (R)

District 35
Mark L. Keam (D), incumbent, unopposed

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
Scott A. Surovell (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 37
Dave W. Marsden (D), incumbent, unopposed

District 39
George L. Barker (D), incumbent
S. W. "Dutch" Hillenburg (R)

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VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

FROM PAGE 2

Death Natural — 300 Block Plum Street, SW Oct. 20, 9:51 a.m. Officers were dispatched to a residence to investigate the recent death of an elderly resident. The Officers' investigation determined that it was from natural causes.

Animal Case — 1100 Block Cottage Street, SW Oct. 20 between 3:55 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. Officers were requested to the residence to assist with an injured deer in the backyard. After checking on the welfare of the deer, it was determined that it needed to be euthanized.

Juvenile Case — Meadow Lane, SW Oct. 21, 8 a.m. Officers responded to the report of a small child found wandering on the street. After investigating the incident, officers reunited the child with his mother.

Police Service — 600 Mill Street, NE Oct. 21, 9:45 a.m. A Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation employee requested police assistance while a campsite that had been set up in Town of Vienna property was removed.

Larceny Petit — Whole Foods 143 Maple Avenue, East Oct. 21 between 2:30 p.m. and 2:35 p.m. A resident reported that her wallet went missing while she was inside the store. The resident also advised that her credit card company told her that someone had attempted to use her credit card at a different retail store.

Assist Fire/EMS — Vienna Police Department 215 Center Street, South Oct. 21, 5:59 p.m. While talking with a resident that came into the Vienna Police Station for some information, officers noticed that the resident was possibly in need of medical assistance. Medics responded to the Vienna Police Station transported the resident to a nearby hospital in a stable condition for further evaluations.

Suspicious Vehicle — 400 Block Center Street, North Oct. 21, 6:33 p.m. A resident reported a juvenile riding a loud motorcycle by his house and the Washington & Old Dominion Trail. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the juvenile.

Death Natural — 400 Block Plum Street, SW Oct. 22, 10:19 a.m. Officers were dispatched to a residence to investigate the death of an elderly resident. The Officers' investigation determined that it was from natural causes.

Arrest - Drunk In Public — 1000 Block Tapawingo Road, SW Oct. 22, 12:23 a.m. Officer Colligan was dispatched to a subject repeatedly ringing the doorbell to multiple residences. The suspect was located lying on the ground on a sidewalk. While speaking with the subject officers determined that he was drunk and unable to care for himself. The 21-year-old man from Greenkeepers Court in Reston, was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Drunk In Public.

Police Service — Vienna Police Station 215 Center Street, South Oct. 22, 12:47 p.m. A resident turned in ammunition for destruction.

Open Door/Window — 700 Block Upham Place, NW Oct. 23, 6:29 p.m. Officers responded to reports of a dog at large. A neighbor found the dog before police arrival. The dog had escaped through an open door at the house. Officers searched the house to ensure nothing had been disturbed and placed the dog back inside.

Juvenile Case — Anita's Restaurant 521 Maple Avenue, East Oct. 23, 8:17 p.m. An employee requested police assistance with a juvenile that was sitting in front of the restaurant. The juvenile left the restaurant before police arrived. Officers located the juvenile at a nearby CVS pharmacy. The parents and juvenile were later reunited.

Solicitor — 200 Block Pleasant Street, SW Oct. 24, 11:03 a.m. While on routine patrol Sgt Kiley witnessed a man soliciting driveway repair work without a Town of Vienna license. The 30-year-old man from Randal Park Boulevard in Orlando, Fla. was issued a citation for Soliciting Without a License.

Property Found — Maple Avenue, East / Glyndon Street, SE Oct. 24, 8:35 p.m. A resident turned in a found cell phone.

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The Kena Highlanders performed typical Scottish songs on their bagpipes.



Kids dressed up as Nationals players while exercising atop Evolution Fitness's float.

Vienna's Night of Tradition and Fun

It is that time of year again when the leaves start to change and there's a crisp air that smells like cinnamon apples. But this year was a little bit different. As many wolves, supermen, and witches were walking the streets of Vienna, there were also as many mini Nationals players hooting and hollering as the Washington Nationals made their way to the World Series. Atop the Evolution Fitness float there were kids adorned in Nats uniforms riding exercise bicycles and Nats hats and jerseys were an addition to many costumes. Even as the home team was making their way to the plate, Vienna residents still showed up in their Halloween best to celebrate an event that is more than 70 years old. Carey Sienicki served as Grand Marshall and announced Vienna businesses and associations as they passed the Town Green on Maple Avenue. As the Nationals won their second World Series game, Vienna was doing what it does best: bringing together its people for a night of tradition and fun in the town's Halloween Parade.

—LISA FAY

Vienna Art Society's Doré Skidmore stood next to the float full of the 'Take a Seat Vienna' benches that are being auctioned off on Nov. 2 at the community center.

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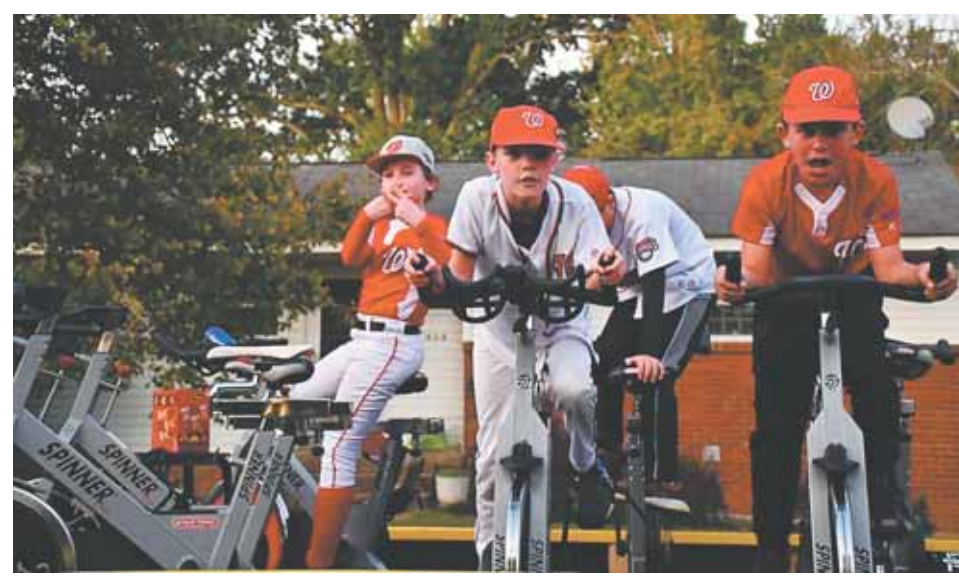


An optical office took their name literally and dressed up as eyeballs.



The Vienna Jammers play their instruments on a giant truck bed.

Nationals garb was a popular option for a costume this year as the team headed to the World Series.



Vienna Girls Softball League posed for a picture with their neon necklaces.

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ONGOING

Students' Art Work on Display. At Great Falls Starbucks, 9863 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Falls Studios in collaboration with Great Falls Starbucks rotates the work of local students from the Arts of Great Falls, Colvin Run Elementary, Forestville Elementary and Great Falls Elementary schools. Visit www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

The Glow: A Pumpkin Wonderland. Through Oct. 27, Thursday-Sunday nights in Lake Fairfax Park, 140 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Enjoy an immersive Halloween stroll along a trail illuminated by thousands of intricately carved pumpkins, many highlighting the Capital City's most famous including pumpkin look-alikes of iconic landmarks, musicians, movie stars, superheroes and princesses. Advanced tickets are required. \$16.99 for children; \$22.99 for adults, at www.glowpumpkin.com/washington-dc.

"Trying" by Joanna McClelland Glass. Through Nov. 3, at First Stage in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m., and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Purchase online at www.1ststage.org or 703-854-1856.

Pop-Up Scream Selfie Museum. Through Nov. 3, on select dates and times at Tysons Corner Center. Interactive exhibits that will make visitors laugh and scream and the star of eye-popping selfies. The museum will feature an array of custom-built Halloween themed sets individuals can interact with: sit on the Iron Throne and rule the Seven Kingdoms, stand in an ancient Egyptian tomb and face the Mummy; visit a gruesome morgue; and more. \$15-\$18. Visit www.american-scream.com

Oak Marr Farmers' Market. 8 a.m.-noon at Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Every Wednesday through Nov. 13, rain or shine. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/oak-marr for more.

McLean Farmers Market. Fridays, through Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-noon at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean.

Great Falls Farmers Market. Year-round, Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Email kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org

Oakton Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Year-round weekly farmers market in Oakton. community-foodworks.org.

Mah Jongg Cards. Order cards through Jan. 15, 2020, from Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St. 2020 Mah Jongg cards are \$8 for small cards and \$9 for large cards. Official cards and will be sent directly from the National Mah Jongg League in late March/early April 2020. Go to bit.ly/mahjonggcards2020 or email iva.gresko@gmail.com to order.

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Spooktacular. 5-7 p.m. At The Great Falls Village Green, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Trick or Treat on the Village Green. Children up to age 12 are encouraged to wear a costume, experience the Haunted House and enjoy trick or treating with local merchants. The event includes: Pet Parade on the Green (sponsored by Great Dogs of Great Falls), 4-4:45 p.m. Bring your pet on



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The picture is one of the HO gauge steam engines stopping at the Salisbury station. This is an award winning model of the real station in Salisbury, NC.

Open House

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders hold an open house at the Vienna Depot each month and on Vienna celebration days, including Viva! Vienna and the Vienna Holiday Stroll. Free admission. Saturday, Nov. 16, 1-5 p.m. at the Vienna Depot, 231 Dominion Road NE. Call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org.

a leash dressed up in its favorite costume. A parade starts at The Arts of Great Falls gallery (756 Walker Road). Judging at 4:30 p.m. Prizes for special categories. Pets must be cleared from the area by 4:50 p.m. Dare to enter the Haunted House sponsored and created by Great Falls Boy Scout Troop 55 and stop by the Adeler Jewelers Spooky Porch. Event is held, Rain or shine.

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.

NOV 1-3

"Guvnors." At The Vienna Community Center. The Vienna Theatre Company's production of "One Man, Two Guvnors." Performances will be staged at 8 p.m. Nov. 1 and 2. Matinee performances at 2 p.m. Nov. 3. Tickets are \$15 viennava.gov/webtrac or Vienna Community Center.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Mario the Maker Magician. 1 and 4 p.m. At The Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Mario "the Maker Magician" Marchese is a New York-based family performer known for his do-it-yourself robotic creations, upcycled props and new school slapstick character. Tickets are \$15 for the general public, \$10 for residents. Visit the website: www.mcleancenter.org

"Take A Seat Vienna" Bench Live Auction. 6-10 p.m. At the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna. Member artists of the Vienna Arts Society donated their time and supplies to create 42 one-of-a-kind art benches currently on display throughout the Town of Vienna. Amish built wood benches. Local businesses sponsored the "naked" benches, and the Arts Society artists created amazing works of art. Doors open at 6 p.m. Bidding will begin at 7 p.m. Support the Vienna Arts Center community outreach activities. takeaseatvienna.brownpapertickets.com

Jammin the Night Away. 7-10 p.m. At Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter

Mill Road, Oakton. Mosaic Harmony instrumentalists Allen Caesar, Christian Davis and Ron Skinner have invited a few of their friends to have the ultimate jam session — you are invited. Light refreshments will be served.

SUNDAY/NOV. 3

Gardening With Kids – Winter Planting. 1-4 p.m. at the Freeman Store, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. Join the Ayr Hill Garden Club for the Winter Planting, featuring wreath making from harvest herb and planting next years' flower bulbs. Free. RSVP to monica.anschel@hotmail.com

Biblical Scenes and Sacred Canticles. 4 p.m. At Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. New Dominion Chorale will present a concert of sacred music. www.newdominion.org or at the door. Cost: \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors 62 and older, and \$15 for students ages 5 to 22. president@newdominion.org or call 202-244-7191.

NOV. 3, 10, 17, 24, AND DEC. 8

Celtic Concerts. 5 and 7 p.m. At the Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Presents the 17th season of family friendly, Fall Traditional Celtic Concerts. Tickets must be purchased in advance at oldbrogue.com — \$18 general admission/\$12 children. Season ticket: \$80/\$60. Visit the website: www.ionamusic.com/brogue.shtml or www.oldbrogue.com or call the Old Brogue at 703-759-3309.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 6

Astronomy Talk. 7:30-8:30 p.m. At Observatory Park at Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. The roll-top observatory at Observatory Park at Turner Farm hosts a classroom talk each month on astronomy-related topics such as planets, the solar system, constellations, and space missions. Talks are followed by a telescope viewing session, if the weather allows. The program is designed for participants ages 8 to adult. The cost is \$8 per person. Advance registration is required. Check the Analemma Society website for the monthly topics at <http://www.analemma.org/>. Call 703-324-8618 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turner-farm.

Grand Canyon Antics

Oakton High School takes audiences downriver for their first Fall performance of 'Men on Boats.'

BY CHARLIE WILLIAMS
OAKTON HIGH STUDENT

Stick around Oakton High School some time, long after the last bus has left and even the after-school clubs are letting out. Walk down the hall from door 5 — nice place, isn't it? Take it all in. Soon the new renovation construction will end, and...

Wait. Did a one-armed woman wearing 1800s explorer clothes just run past?

If so, that was probably Madison Shannon, on her way to after-school rehearsals for the first play kicking off Oakton's season. "Men on Boats" is the story of Ten explorers. Four Boats. One Grand Canyon. It tells the true(ish) history of John Wesley Powell's expedition down the Colorado River. Playwright Jaclyn Backhaus has written the play with an all female cast, something rarely seen on stage these days. "Powell is so complex," says Shannon. "When I first read for him, I was interested, but unable to connect with a deeper level of his emotions. I couldn't find more than the inspiring leader. I've had to spend so much of rehearsals debating with myself and my directors about him and how he is, and my image of him has slowly but surely developed."

SHANNON had a strong answer for questions surrounding the all-female cast. "To know we're telling the story of history that women weren't allowed to



PHOTOS BY JOHN CELINA

Madison Shannon as John Wesley Powell.

make is so challenging but special. We want to properly get across the stories of these men and the expedition they went on. It's a matter of exhibiting women's power whilst exhibiting the men we play."

On her lack of a second arm, Shannon says, "I've had to push myself physically. I knew if I was in 'Men On Boats,' no matter what role I got, I would have to be very active and have good endurance to make the show believable. But Powell only has one arm, so the physical scenes are two times harder than they would've been."

Other actresses have felt similar challenges in their roles, and have striven to overcome them. "There's certainly a disparity between 'I'm a 16 year old girl from 2019 and wouldn't last 10 minutes outside' and 'I'm a 29 year old man in the 1880s and could kill a bear with a piece of twine and

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Becky Woolf and Anna Kruse as William Dunn and John Coulton Sumner.

ENTERTAINMENT

Oakton High Presents 'Men on Boats'

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a button," says junior Anna Kruse, who plays adventurer John Colton Sumner. "It's also a side of acting I'm personally not used to because instead of having fun making up a backstory for a fictional character, I have to check the Wiki before making any sort of large character choice and try to stay true to the source material."

John Powell is also aided on his expedition by a right-hand-man, portrayed by Oakton senior Becky Woolf. "I play William Dunn, who is a hunter/trapper/innovator. He acts as the unofficial second-in-command (although he thinks he knows better than the CO)."

When asked what the most meaningful part of the creation of the show has been for her, Woolf replied, "Definitely getting to bond with the cast. We only have sixteen students acting/directing 'Men on Boats,' so we have gotten to spend a lot of quality time together."

THE UNYIELDING student dedication to the show goes beyond the main stage. In the technical theatre crew, Katelyn Marshall's



Aspen Harter as Old Shady.



Emily Steindl plays Frank Goodman.

PHOTOS BY JOHN CELINA

Where & When

If you want to accompany John Wesley Powell and his crew on this wild adventure, come see "Men on Boats" at Oakton High School on Nov. 7, 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. Visit www.oaktondrama.org for ticketing and information.

team is working every day to make the main set all it can be. On designing the set, she mused, "Our greatest challenges were size and realism; it's nearly impossible to replicate something like the Grand Canyon, both because of its scale and natural beauty. Our crew is working hard to take advantage of the perception of the audience,

and to create set pieces that imitate the colors and shape of the canyon's interior."

One of "Men on Boats's" immensely talented directors, Camila Martinez, has the closing words. "What I want audiences to look forward to when they see MOB is definitely the boat scenes. Everything is very physical, imaginative, and engaging. They should also look forward to the music that helps capture the image of these 'men' on the rapids."

You don't have to take her word for it. "Men on Boats" is hitting the Oakton theater early this November.



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NEWS



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Fred Baerenz speaking at the awards dinner in Great Falls.

Distinguished Citizen Honoree Offers Inspiration

Local Scouts BSA 2019 Distinguished Citizen honoree, Frederick P. Baerenz, offered inspiration and gratitude to those who serve others during an awards dinner held last Thursday night at River Bend Country Club in Great Falls.

In his remarks, Baerenz recognized the breadth of work done by local volunteers in creating Jill's House, offering respite care for families of disabled kids, Foundation Fighting Blindness, and other local causes.

The evening also featured a celebration of the contributions of local Scouts BSA members, boys and girls, who through their involvement in Scouting have developed strong citizenship skills and offered their hearts and hands for the betterment of North/West Fairfax County – Scouts BSA's Powhatan District.

This annual event raises awareness of the value of the Scouts BSA program in community, and helps raise money to support a program designed to cultivate the next generation of distinguished citizens.



From left — Gary-Pan and Fred-Baerenz



Eagle Scout Zach Schonfeld.

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**FAIRFAX COUNTY
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MEETINGS IN 2019**

12000 Government Center Parkway
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Nov. 19, 2019 9:30 a.m. - Full Board of Supervisors Meeting

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

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Town Clean-Up. 9 a.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave., E, Vienna. The final Town Clean-Up Day kicks off where volunteers will gather before spreading out to give the town a little TLC. To volunteer, contact john.king@viennava.gov or call 703-255-6360. Riding on the coattails of the seasonal town cleaning, Teens on the Green will take place from 1-4 p.m. on the Town Green stage. Performance groups include Adrenaline Dance, Bach to Rock, Club Phoenix Improv, School of Rock, Velocity Dance, and more. This event is free and open to the public.

SUNDAY/NOV. 3

Low Cost Rabies Vaccine Clinic. 9-11 a.m. at Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Cost is \$15 per pet, cash and check

only. Dogs, cats, and ferrets may be vaccinated at the clinic. Dogs must be on leashes; cats and ferrets must be in carriers. All pets will receive a 1-year rabies vaccination. To obtain a 3-year vaccine, bring pet's rabies certificate (not tag) showing the current rabies vaccination expiration date. 2019 county dog licenses will be sold for an additional \$10 per license. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter/communityassistance/rabiesclinics for more.

MONDAY/NOV. 4

Why Gun Safety is Good For Business. 8-9:30 a.m. At Valo Park, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. Featuring speaker

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Shannon Watts, founder of Moms Demand Action. Watts is a mother of five who, prior to founding Moms Demand Action, was a stay-at-home mom and former communications executive. The day after the Sandy Hook tragedy, she started a Facebook group with the message that all Americans can and should do more to reduce gun violence. The online conversation turned into a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that protect people from gun violence. Moms Demand Action has established a chapter in every state of the country and is part of Everytown for Gun Safety, the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country, with nearly 6 million supporters. Cost is \$25. Tickets can be purchased at www.dembiz.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 5

Entrepreneurship 101. 8-10:30 a.m. in the First Floor Conference Center at 8300 Boone Boulevard, Tysons. Starting a Business in Fairfax County – the workshop provides an overview of start-up basics (licenses and permits), workforce services and training programs, and SBA resources including financing and certification programs. Free. Registration required at www.vahcc.com/events.

MONDAY/NOV. 11

Veteran's Day Ceremony. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. At Great Falls Freedom Memorial (behind the library), 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Celebrate and honor our veterans at this annual Veteran's Day ceremony. The event will include a color guard, patriotic songs by the Langley Madrigals, and remarks by retired Army Colonel Dick Leadbetter. Veterans especially invited. Attendees are encouraged to bring portable chairs. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in the library meeting room. Email Bruce Fein at bruce@newdream.net. Visit the website: www.gffreedom.org

Free Bagels to Veterans. At Manhattan Bagel Company, 310 Maple Ave., West, Vienna. Manhattan Bagel Company announces that on Veterans Day it will offer a free bagel and cream cheese to all veterans at participating locations. Continuing its long-standing tradition, all active, former and retired military personnel are invited to visit their local store to take advantage of this one-day promotion.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 941, Fairfax. The Park Authority Board's 12 appointed members establish strategic policy and direction for the Park Authority. Open to the public. For agenda and more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm or call 703-324-8662.

NOV. 13-DEC. 18

Active Aging Wellness Exercise Class. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. At Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. An eight week exercise class to improve strength, balance and mobility for older adults sponsored by Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. Cost is \$40 for 8 week session – payable to Sun Fitness LLC. To register, contact Casey Tarr, eileentarr1@verizon.net or 703-821-6838.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Forum Breakfast Series. 9 a.m. At Tower Club, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 1700, Tysons Corner. Join in a review and analysis of the 2019 election results with George Mason University Dean Mark Rozell, a recognized expert in Southern and Virginia politics. Rozell will review and analyze the results of the Nov. 5 elections just 10 days after the ballots have been counted. Cost is \$45 - Single Ticket to Breakfast; \$30 - Young Professional Ticket (must be under 40 years old); and \$100 - Breakfast Sponsor (Two tickets and recognition).

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 18

"Dining with Dorothy." 12 p.m. At Lotus Garden 224 Maple Ave., W, Vienna. Join friends with the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna or make new ones. Newcomers are always welcome. Call 703-281-0538 or visit www.scov.org. To reserve your space, contact event chair, Dorothy Flood at dflood1706@gmail.com.

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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.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

Lundegards Honored at Colvin Run Mill

Historic site barn renamed after Bob and Marjorie Lundegard.

By OLIVIA ANELLO
THE CONNECTION

Friends and staff of the Colvin Run Mill gathered at the historic site in Great Falls on Saturday morning to honor Bob and Marjorie Lundegard with the renaming of a barn on the property. Bob Lundegard died in May of this year and many of the speakers reflected on what an impressive man he was, and the unstoppable team he and Marge made with many of those around them.

Many remarked on how fitting it was to dedicate the Marjorie and Bob Lundegard Education Center to the couple, because the Lundegards dedicated much of their lives to preserving, restoring, and advocating for the mill and cultural preservation. It all began in 1989, when Marjorie, a former teacher, started volunteering at the Colvin Run Mill and taught visiting school-children about mills and simple machines. Bob followed shortly after and began volunteering for the mill in his retirement in 1993. The two became invested in the mill and ended up being some of the first members of the Friends of Colvin Run Mill organization. According to Mike Henry, Manager of the Colvin Run Mill Historic Site, Marjorie



Unveiling the new plaque for the Marjorie and Bob Lundegard Education Center, from left: Cindy Walsh, Paul Lundegard, Marjorie Lundegard, John Foust, Mike Henry, Tim Hackman, Barbara Favola, and Gene Bacher.

“racked up over 25,000 hours of volunteering at the mill,” and she and Bob worked to “raise and donate \$50,000 to put toward

projects to better the mill.”

The Lundegards’ commitment to historical preservation went beyond Colvin Run



Son of the late Bob Lundegard, Paul Lundegard delivers a tribute to his father.

Mill. Their son, Paul Lundegard, shared that his parents’ love and passion for preserving mills “brought them all over the country to other historic mill sites and into the arms of genuine friends, some of whom are even here with us [at the ceremony].” Paul commended his father for looking toward the future and always creating strategies to achieve his goals. He joked that if his father were here, he would say the renaming of the barn “is a lovely thing ... But what can we do next? We’re not done yet.”

Cindy Walsh, the Director of Park Services for the Fairfax County Park Authority, helped conclude the ceremony.

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