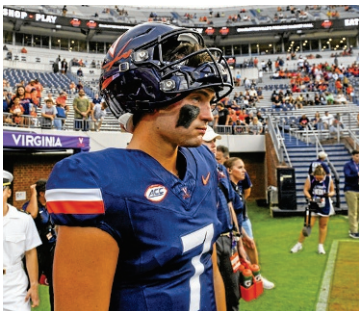


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Open borders?

McGuire blames illegal immigrants for pricey Charlottesville real estate

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Charlottesville's is the second-most expensive real estate market in Virginia after the Washington, D.C., suburbs, and John McGuire says it's illegal immigrants' fault.

McGuire, the Republican incumbent fighting to save his 5th District seat in Congress this year, says Democrats are using immigrants to "destabilize the United States" — and that includes its housing market.

"If Charlottesville has 100 houses

for sale and 1,000 people want those 100 houses, what happens to the price? There's not that many available, right?" McGuire told a crowd of overwhelmingly White supporters Saturday night during a "get out the vote" rally at First Free Coffee Bar in Albemarle County

just north of Charlottesville. "You bring 15 to 20 million people to this country. Where are you going to sleep? They've overwhelmed our resources, and you guys are paying for it."

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MIZUSAWA WANTS IT BOTH WAYS



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Republican U.S. Senate candidate Bert Mizusawa speaks at the University of Virginia's Center for Politics, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026.

GOP Senate candidate says he's your guy, whether you love or hate Trump

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In his campaign to unseat Democratic incumbent Mark Warner, Republican Bert Mizusawa talks a lot about his connections to Donald Trump — without expressly praising or denouncing the polarizing, and widely unpopular, president.

Mizusawa, a retired Army major general who worked as a foreign policy adviser for the first Trump campaign and transition team and later the CIA, spoke to students at the University of Virginia's Center for Politics on Oct. 21, making soft jabs at the current Trump administration and skirting the

hot-button issues of the day.

"If you really, really like Donald Trump, I'm definitely your guy in this race. If you really hate or detest Donald Trump, I'm definitely your guy in this race, because at least he'll listen to me. He's not going to be listening to Warner or [Tim] Kaine," Mizusawa told his audience, referring to Virginia's two Democratic senators, the one he's trying to defeat at the polls this year and the one who reelection two years ago, respectively.

Mizusawa said he knows Trump has good intentions, even if the way he carries them out are "controversial."

Trump's approval rating is

underwater at the moment. According to the Economist's aggregate of polls it sits at negative 27, and continues to drop week to week as the war with Iran drags on, fuel prices rise and the cost of living fails to improve.

"I do believe that this president has the long-term interest of this nation at heart, and I know he can be extremely controversial," Mizusawa said. "Donald Trump says he wants to make America great again. I say I want to make America America again, because there are certain things that this country has

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10 years for 1 life

Court considering plea deal in Charlottesville murder case capping sentence at 10 years

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A day and a half before fatally shooting a former friend, Tyquan Markie Dean messaged an associate: "We gone bag dude ass tomorrow." That's according to the prosecutor who secured Dean's guilty plea last week in the January 2025 killing of 22-year-old Jahaanz Lamont Wilson in a downtown Charlottesville parking lot.

Under a plea agreement, the nearly 21-year-old Dean would serve 10 years of incarceration for the Jan. 26, 2025, killing near Water Street. But the judge hearing the case has not yet accepted the agreement.

"This absolutely is a compromise sentence," said Nina-Alice Antony,



Dean

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Projected to entertain

Rotunda to be transformed into 'Great Rotumpkin' this in countdown to Halloween

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Motorists, cyclists and pedestrians heading along University Avenue in Charlottesville after dusk may see dancing skeletons and eerie pumpkins bobbing along the walls of the University of Virginia Rotunda this week. From Thursday through Saturday, a longtime university haunt will be the backdrop for a somewhat recent Halloween tradition.

"The Great Rotumpkin: A Spooktacular Halloween Projection," created by multimedia artist Jeff Dobrow and the locally based AV Company, uses

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