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Encore Presents 'Broadway Who?'

Students kick up their heels.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

When a legendary Broadway star is kicked in the head during rehearsals for the Tony Awards, she loses her memory and it's up to the production team to remind her who she is and that she's about to host the Tonys.

That's the premise of "Broadway Who?" — the latest musical extravaganza from Encore Theatrical Arts Project. It will be presented Saturday, June 20, at noon and 3:30 p.m., and Sunday, June 21, at 2 p.m. in the Richard J. Ernst Theatre, 8333 Little River Turnpike, on NOVA's Annandale campus. Tickets are \$15 for students and senior citizens, and \$18 for adults; purchase them online at www.Encore-tap.org.

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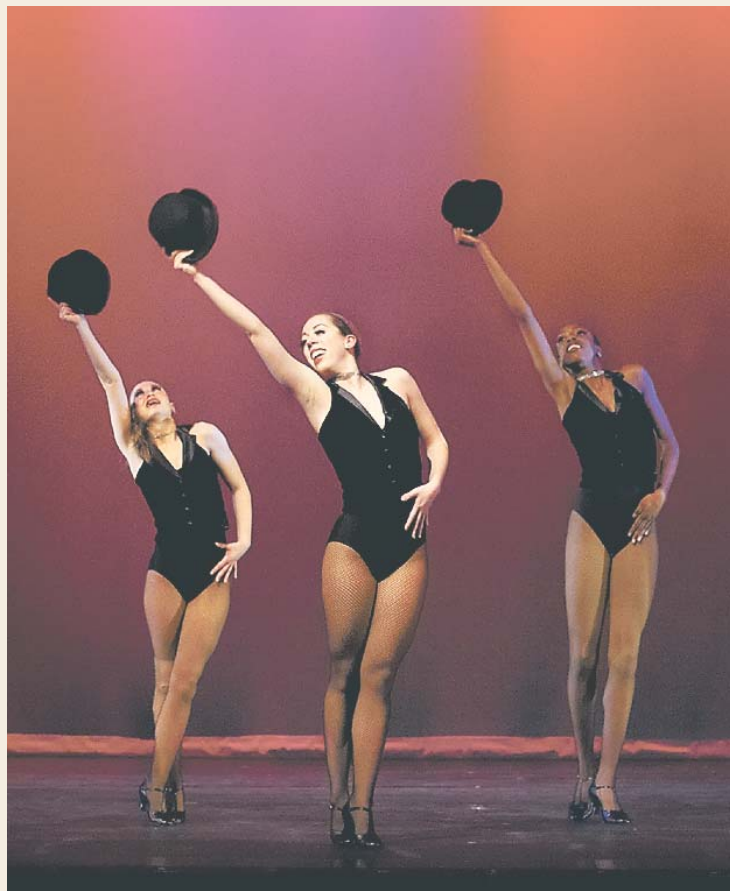


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Encore Theatrical Arts Project will present "Broadway Who?" on June 20, and June 21 in the Richard J. Ernst Theatre on NOVA's Annandale campus.

Truck Inspections Yield 117 Violations

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

While hauling trash last week from Leesburg to Prince George's County, Md., Charles E. Boone Jr. was directed by police to pull over, along Route 28 in Centreville. There, in the parking lot of E.C. Lawrence Park, officers with Fairfax County's Motor Carrier Safety Unit inspected his truck.

They looked under the hood and examined it from one end to the other. And when they were done, Pfc. Dan Johnson placed an "Out of Service" sticker on it. The truck was then towed away for repairs.

"I don't like it that they stopped me, but it was good because I've been trying to get a better trailer, anyway," said Boone, the owner/operator of CB Jr. Trucking of

Fredericksburg. "The welds underneath it were broken, so now the guy I rent from will have to get me a different trailer or fix this one. So this was a blessing in disguise."

While a random inspection like this one is "a headache," he said, "It's a good thing because it keeps you in line. But I just spent over \$3,000 on eight new tires and, with the cost of fuel, it's hard to keep up with maintenance, plus truck payments and insurance. So as soon as I can sell my truck, I'm going to get out of this business and probably drive a truck for a big company. Then if I get pulled over, I can call the owner and say, 'Hey, come get your truck.'"

Altogether, the officers inspected 21 large, commercial trucks last Thursday, June 4, from 9 a.m.-3

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"Our whole objective is to take unsafe vehicles off the roadways of Fairfax County."

— Pfc. Dan Johnson

Fair Lakes Parkway Interchange Is Now Fully Funded

Stimulus money greenlights project.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

People having to drive through the intersection of the Fair Lakes and Fairfax County parkways at rush hour know how frustrating it is. Traffic's backed up in both directions and, when the light for Fair Lakes Parkway motorists turns green, only three or four cars make it across before the light turns red again.

Last year, it looked like help was on the way when the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority earmarked the remaining funds needed for construction of an in-

terchange there. But when that organization was ruled illegal, plans for the interchange project came to a screeching halt.

Now, though, a new infusion of cash from the federal government has the interchange on the road again — and is also providing the necessary funds for the Fairfax County Parkway's Environmental Proving Grounds extension.

On May 21, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) obligated \$13 million for the Fairfax County Parkway/Fair Lakes Parkway interchange and \$60.1 million for phases three and four of the Fairfax County Parkway EPG Extension.

"With approval of \$25 million in supplemental Northern Virginia regional stimulus dollars anticipated in June, the Fair Lakes interchange will be fully funded," said Jeff Parnes, vice-chairman of the Transportation Advisory Commission.

"I'M EXCITED about finally seeing it come to fruition," continued Parnes. "It will cut back Fairfax Center's biggest, single, traffic problem. Anybody who's driven by there — especially in the holiday season — knows how bad it can get. It can back up traffic as far north as Route 50."

Parnes says advertisements for construction bids for the Fair Lakes Interchange could be ready as early as December, and At-Large

Planning Commissioner Jim Hart can hardly wait to see things move forward.

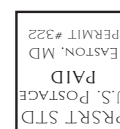
"The Fair Lakes interchange has been a priority for several years, and people got frustrated that it kept getting delayed," he said. "It's a very slow intersection and, since it's close to the intersection of I-66, it has the potential to back up traffic on I-66, too."

So Hart called the stimulus funding "good and welcome news. This [project] has taken longer than most of us would have hoped. It will move traffic through that area much faster than now."

Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67th) said that interchange is "absolutely mandatory to remove the gridlock,

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NEWS

GOP: Cuccinelli as Attorney General

Two Fairfax County representatives to face each other in Nov. 3 general election.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
CENTRE VIEW

Burke resident Kevin Morse has been an engaged Republican voter for years.

As an active member of his homeowners association, Morse keeps up on policy issues before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Virginia General Assembly. He attends meetings with his local elected officials and asks questions about specific issues, like those related to transportation and the Dulles Rail project.

But Morse had never attended the Republican Party of Virginia's statewide convention until last weekend. This year, he was motivated to drive to Richmond and participate in the event so he could support his local state senator, Ken Cuccinelli (R-37), in a bid to become the Republican Party's nominee for attorney general.

"I think he has been a great state senator. I don't always agree with him. But if he disagrees with you, he tells you. He doesn't try to smooth things over,"



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/CENTRE VIEW

Ken Cuccinelli, the only Republican state senator in Northern Virginia, became the Republican nominee for Virginia attorney general at the political party's statewide convention May 30.

said Morse.

CUCCINELLI, a Centreville resident and Northern Virginia's only Republican state senator, easily won his political party's nomination for attorney general

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Police Advise: Stay Away from Bears

Fairfax County police have received their first reports of a bear sighting this year. Monday morning, shortly after 7 a.m., residents observed a young black bear trolling through back yards in the Clifton area. Animal control officers say it's not unusual to see black bears at this time of year and residents should not panic or feel alarmed when they see one.

Centreville High Principal Mike Campbell reported that the bear was in his neighbor's yard in Little Rocky Run. A video clip of the bear is on You Tube.

Bears typically avoid humans and will often keep moving through an area once they fail to find food. Unless a bear is sick, injured or deemed a threat to public safety, animal control officers don't try removing it from a neighborhood. Black bears have a natu-

ral fear of humans and, in most cases, would rather flee than encounter people.

Police advise people to take the following precautions to keep bears and other wildlife away from their homes:

- ❖ Don't store household trash on porches, decks or in vehicles. Keep it secured in a garage, shed or basement, if possible.
- ❖ If a bear is sighted in your neighborhood, remove birdfeeders.
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- ❖ Consider installing electric fencing around gardens, dumpsters and other potential wildlife food sources.

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ROUNDUPS

Sexual Assault Is Charged

Fairfax County police have charged a 29-year-old man with sexually assaulting a woman, early Sunday morning, in a parking lot. He is Victor Ramirez-Giron of no fixed address. Police say the alleged incident occurred June 7, around 12:30 a.m., in the 4300 block of Cannon Ridge Court.

According to police, the woman, 20, was at the trunk of her car when a man ran up and grabbed her waist. They say he then pulled at her clothing and forced her between two parked cars. However, two witnesses heard her scream and came to her aid, holding the suspect until officers arrived and arrested him. There were no injuries.

Ramirez-Giron was charged with aggravated sexual battery and abduction with intent to defile. He's being held without bond in the Adult Detention Center and has a July 14 court date.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.



Ramirez-Giron



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Female Bank Robber Sought

Fairfax County police are looking for a woman who they say robbed the M&T Bank, at 11721 Lee Highway in Fair Oaks, at gunpoint. They say she entered the bank Friday, June 5, around 11:12 a.m., with her face covered. Brandishing a handgun, she demanded money and was given an undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing.

She's described as white, in her late 20s, about 5 feet 6 inches, with a slim to medium build. She wore a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants and black shoes. No one was injured during the robbery.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections, Thursday, June 11 and June 18, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140 to confirm dates and times.

❖ Child carseat inspections will also be conducted this Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., outside the Fair Lakes Target store.

WFCCA Land-Use Meeting

The West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee will meet Tuesday, June 16, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. Agenda items are:

❖ Rajdhani Mandir Temple along Pleasant Valley Road in Chantilly hopes to incorporate an adjacent one-acre parcel for additional parking and also add more parking to its existing site.

❖ Fast Eddie's in Centreville's Newgate Plaza wants to reconfigure its dance area and needs the county's permission to do so.

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NEWS

Reaching Out to Immigrants

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

At a recent meeting of the Centreville Immigration Forum, Alice Foltz of Wellspring United Church of Christ, referred to Leviticus 19:34 in the Bible, which states, "The alien who resides with you shall be as the citizen among you; you should love the alien as yourself."

"I think immigration is both a political and a faith issue," said Foltz. "The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, provide hospitality to strangers and support just laws. But where immigration is political, that's where the controversy comes in, because growing diversity brings fear and polarization of attitudes."

Furthermore, the economic slowdown heightens tensions. After all, asked Foltz, "How can we talk about comprehensive immigration reform that would provide a path to legalization for many people, when so many people are without jobs?"

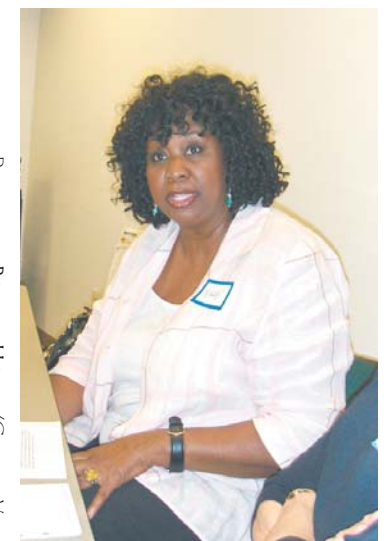
In 1960, Caucasians comprised 85 percent of the U.S. population. But the U.S. Census Bureau projects that, by 2050, they'll be just 47 percent — "and this is frightening to many people," said Foltz.

With an estimated 12 million undocumented people in the U.S. — most who've come to join family members, work or both — legal immigration laws today favor skilled workers requested by employers, such as those from India and Asia with college degrees and particular skills.

"Seventy-five percent of U.S. immigrants have legal, permanent status," said Foltz. "But for un-



Alice Foltz



Tilly Blanding

skilled workers, there are only about 5,000 visas per year, and the waiting period for them can take decades."

She said immigrants pay about \$90 billion/year in taxes, yet can't collect welfare. Since they only use about \$60 billion in public services, she said, "The net benefit to the U.S. is about \$30 billion/year."

In addition, said Foltz, "Myths include immigrants being a threat in the war on terrorism. But the 9/11 hijackers didn't come from Mexico." She said illegal immigrants have violated an administrative code, but haven't committed a crime just by being here. And, said Foltz, "Most illegal immigrants try hard to stay under the radar and do everything right to avoid tangles with law enforcement."

She also recommended certain, pro-immigration resources, including America's Voice, which she called the "most active and up-to-date group now." See www.americasvoiceonline.org.

Here in Fairfax County, said Tilly Blanding, a community developer with the Department of Systems Management, "We're the human-services connection. We try to strengthen communities and, through our Neighborhood College program, we teach residents about local government and services available to them. I also work with the school pyramids from Springfield to Dulles."

Jane Kirsch with Centreville Presbyterian Church created a chart of local resources available to immigrants, telling what each organization offers, and shared it with the others attending the meeting. Then Foltz distributed a list of Centreville immigrants willing to do jobs such as painting, carpentry, landscaping, etc.

Three people said they'd previously hired some of the men to do yard work and had good experiences. Said Foltz's husband, the Rev. Jerry Foltz, "Every one of them was polite, worked hard and was so appreciative."

Two More Accuse Former Coach

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Two weeks after being charged with four sexual offenses against a boy he coached in 1997, a 37-year-old Centreville man has been slapped with two more charges. Last Friday, June 5, Fairfax County police charged John E. Hamilton of 14120 Gabrielle Way in Centre Ridge, with two counts of sodomy.

Police first arrested him on May 22, charging him with one count of aggravated sexual battery and three counts of taking indecent liberties with a child by a person in custodial or supervisory relationship. The alleged victim is now 24, but he reportedly told police that, when he was 12 and Hamilton was a Little League baseball coach for the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association, Hamilton allegedly engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with him periodically,

from March through July of 1997.

The new charges last week were levied as a result of detectives' ongoing search for any other possible victims. Police say they stem from allegations made by two additional victims; one now 19, and the other, 28.



Hamilton

According to police, the incidents involving the teen reportedly occurred from October through December 2001. Those involving the 28-year-old allegedly happened from December 1992 until April 1993. At the time, both victims lived in the Hollin Hall area of Mount Vernon. Police say Hamilton coached both of them.

Since Hamilton is now a Centreville resident, Cen

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Construction should begin on the interchange at Fair Lakes and Fairfax County parkways in 2010 and take about 2 1/2 years to complete. For project details, see www.connectionnewspapers.com, click on Centre View.

Stimulus Money Greenlights Project

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particularly on the Fairfax County Parkway during rush hour." And all the good this money can do, he said, "demonstrates the value of the stimulus funding from the federal government."

Meanwhile, Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said the county has been working on this project as if it were fully funded. "We were planning to use RSTP funds, but this [new money] guarantees it'll get done," he said. Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) dollars are federal funds allocated to states by the Federal Highway Administration, mainly from the federal gas tax.

He said the interchange is important to this area because "we have very few north-south routes in Fairfax County, and this is the biggest one — and the

biggest chokepoint. So I think the [stimulus money] is wonderful."

THE DESIGN shows a split-diamond, grade-separated interchange, with Fairfax County Parkway bridging over Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive. But that would raise the road right into the Dominion Virginia Power utility lines crossing the Fairfax County Parkway.

So in December 2008, on Herrity's motion, the Board of Supervisors got Dominion to move these lines slightly north — and in two years less time than it had originally planned for this work. And now that the stimulus money has put the interchange back on track, Herrity said a construction company will be chosen next spring and "we're hoping to get it all done, a year-and-a-half after that."

Truck Inspections Yield 117 Violations

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p.m. They found 117 safety violations and placed nearly half of the vehicles out of service.

The inspection was held in conjunction with others across the U.S. last week, during the annual RoadCheck 2009 campaign, coordinated by the federal Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance. It also illustrated the importance of the Motor Carrier Safety Unit — which, due to funding issues, was recently in jeopardy of being cut from the county budget.

"Our whole objective is to take unsafe vehicles off the roadways of Fairfax County," said Johnson. "We do inspections every day we work; this one is a group effort on truck enforcement. We make sure commercial motor vehicles are in compliance and that their equipment is safe. If not, we place them out of service and remove them from the road."



Police officer Sally McGowan, with the Motor Carrier Safety Unit, examines the suspension, brake chamber and leaf spring of a Sunoco fuel truck from Philadelphia. If the leaf spring's U bolts are loose, the axle will shift, causing a dangerous condition.

Broadway Meets Northern Virginia

FROM PAGE 1

Former New York performer Tina Delafield plays the lead in a cast of 32, including local students, ages 10-18. And choreographer and Director Raynor van der Merwe says things are going smoothly.

"They've been rehearsing since February and are a great bunch of kids — so hardworking," said van der Merwe. "They're on target for everything and have given me 110 percent."

A dancer, herself, van der Merwe said, "I love this and always wanted to be around people who feel the same way. I told [my students], 'I want to feel your desire and passion in your dancing because, if you feel it, the audience will, too.' And they truly have shown it."

Regarding Encore's new musical, she said, "It's pure entertainment with a positive message — and don't we all need something fun and uplifting in our lives now?"

Chantilly High junior Katelyn Palmer is in her seventh year with Encore and says this show has some terrific song-and-dance numbers. Her favorite is "I've Got Rhythm" because it has both tap and jazz dancing and "there's so much going on that it's really entertaining."

She also likes "Walking Papers" because it's a "bossy-style dance that's hard and challenging. It's exhausting — you're constantly moving and it's really long — but fun." Palmer said the audience will enjoy all the different styles of dancing in the show, so "there's something for everyone."

DANCING SINCE age 2, Westfield High freshman Grace Martin called Encore's spring musical "the closest thing to Broadway in Northern Virginia." Since she's also acting in this show, she has to make lots of quick costume changes. But she's delighted to have "the opportunity to do so many different things in one production."

She especially likes the beginning of the finale, "Another Opening, Another Show," because "we all get our own, little

singing part — which is pretty unusual for Encore. And I really like my costume for the 'Little Shop of Horrors' number. Everyone else wears bright-colored dresses, but mine's a black strapless."

Westfield senior Kathryn Chapman says the costumes in the finale also "look really cool together because they're all different variations of plaids." Most challenging, she said, are "the turning sequences for 'That's Life' because they're difficult steps and we all have to be on the same count together."

She also likes the "really creative choreography" in the number, "Money," and says the costumes, choreography and storyline are complimentary throughout and "flow really well." And, she added, "It's a humorous storyline for all ages."

Anna McQuitty, a Freedom High junior, called dancing her passion. "It helps me release my worries and allows me to express myself — there's nothing better than performing onstage," she said. "It can also be challenging and it's nice to push yourself to accomplish something."

Her favorite song is "Thanks for the Boogie Ride" because "it's upbeat and really gets your heart pumping." And she said the audience will love the show because "it's fast-paced, precise and full of style."

OAKTON HIGH freshman Sarah Smith says it's tricky balancing the different paces of acting and dancing, but she's pleased to be in such a "sophisticated show." She likes the Spanish Dance because the performers wear purple dresses and pink flowers in their hair and it's a fun number to watch. Said Smith: "It makes me want to learn to salsa."

She said the audience will like seeing how the characters grow. "The show teaches a nice lesson — that you're not better than everyone else and, sometimes, you need to look at the whole picture before making judgments," she explained. "You realize everybody's as important as you are — and that's true in a dance company, too."

It's Deeds, Indeed

Voters cite Post endorsement and ability to beat GOP as key factors.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
CENTRE VIEW

Just minutes after gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe and his family finished voting at their home precinct in Spring Hill Elementary School, Susan Gorin walked through the door.

Gorin, like McAuliffe, is a McLean resident with a home near Tysons Corner. She and the former Democratic National Committee chair live so close to each other that they are likely to get stuck in the same traffic jam on any given weekday afternoon.

But Gorin voted for state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25), whose home county in central Virginia is so rural, it doesn't contain a single stoplight.

"I am in education and the teachers' union endorsed Deeds. The Washington Post endorsement [of Deeds] also impressed me," said Gorin, who works for the National Association of School Psychologists.

TERRY MCAULIFFE may be a Fairfax County resident and former Del. Brian Moran used to represent part of the jurisdiction in the Virginia House of Virginia Delegates. But Deeds beat both candidates statewide and in Fairfax County to become the Democratic Party's nominee for governor this week.

"Wow. ... No one could have imagined what we accomplished here tonight," said Deeds to his supporters at a victory party in Charlottesville on election night.

Across the commonwealth, Deeds received about 49.73 percent of the vote to McAuliffe's 26.43 percent and Moran's 23.84 percent. Just under 20 percent of the primary ballots were cast in Fairfax County, where Deeds, winning about 49.31 percent of the vote, enjoyed the same level of support he saw statewide.

"I have supported Creigh for six months but I am as surprised as anyone to see the amount of support he got up here," said state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-35).

In the aftermath of primary, both Moran and McAuliffe endorsed Deeds and encouraged their supporters to throw their support behind the Democratic nominee.

Voter turnout in the election, at 9.2 percent, was slightly higher in Fairfax County than the rest of Vir-



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/CENTRE VIEW

State Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25), who represents the Charlottesville area, won the Democratic gubernatorial primary June 9, pictured here in Oakton on the day of the primary.

ginia, where approximately 6.3 percent of registered voters participated in the primary overall.

Though any registered voter, including Republicans, could vote in the primary, Fairfax County registrar Rokey Suleman said he expected participation to be low.

"Historically, Virginia and Fairfax have low primary turnout," said Suleman.

THE NEW DEMOCRATIC nominee will face Republican candidate and former Virginia Attorney General Bob McDonnell for the second time in a general election this fall.

McDonnell beat Deeds by just 323 votes in the 2005 attorney general race, the closest election in the history of Virginia.

In that election, Deeds carried Fairfax County four years ago by a healthy margin of 57 percent to McDonnell's 42 percent. McDonnell said he intends to close that gap of support between him and Deeds in Fairfax, where approximately one in seven Virginia voters lives. "I will make sure people know I am the original Fairfax resident and I intend to spend a lot more time up here," said McDonnell, who grew up in the Mount Vernon area.

Many Northern Virginia voters also said they were not concerned Deed had lost to McDonnell in a previous statewide race. As a rural Virginian, Deeds would be able to attract a broader base of support to the Democratic Party ticket, they said.



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OPINION

Teen Safety in the Summer

Washington Regional Alcohol Program's tips for keeping teen drivers and passengers safe.

Proms and graduation season is upon us. Most schools have organized events that deter drinking and driving around these joyous times, although there have been tragic exceptions in recent years.

Two years ago, on June 14, 2007, four young women died in on the Beltway in Springfield; two of them had graduated earlier in the day from West Potomac High School, and police reported that alcohol was found in the car.

The summer continues to be the most dangerous time of year for teens and drinking and driving. WRAP's top tips for parents to deter underage drinking and drunk driving this summer include:

❖ **Talk.** Parents can have a significant — if not most significant — impact as to whether their teens will engage in risky behaviors including the use of alcohol. Talk openly to your teen about alcohol.

❖ **Provide structure.** The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse found that teen

children of "absentee parents" were four-times more likely to abuse substances than children in structured homes.

❖ **Host a party.** Host a teen party in your own home following guidelines of no drugs or alcohol. Ask another parent to help chaperone; when a guest leaves, do not allow them to return; make your presence known; and if you suspect that a guest has used alcohol or drugs, contact their parents.

❖ **Instill self-confidence in your teen** by talking with them about peer pressure. At some point, your teen will be offered alcohol. As the National Institutes of Health points out, teens prefer quick "one-liners" that allow them to dodge a drink without making a big scene.

❖ **Lay down the law.** In Virginia, it's a crime to possess, transport or purchase alcohol if you're under 21. A new law went into effect last year ensuring that teens convicted of driving after consuming virtually any amount of alcohol will lose their driver's licenses for a

year.

❖ **Even if you know your teen won't drink alcohol,** make sure he or she also knows how to avoid getting in a car driven by someone who has been drinking.

❖ **Beware of your civil liability.** In most cases, it's unlawful for parents to allow their children's friends to consume alcohol in their home. If these same "friends" are later involved in a crash, the providing parents may be responsible for injuries, property damages and wrongful death. These same parents may also face criminal charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

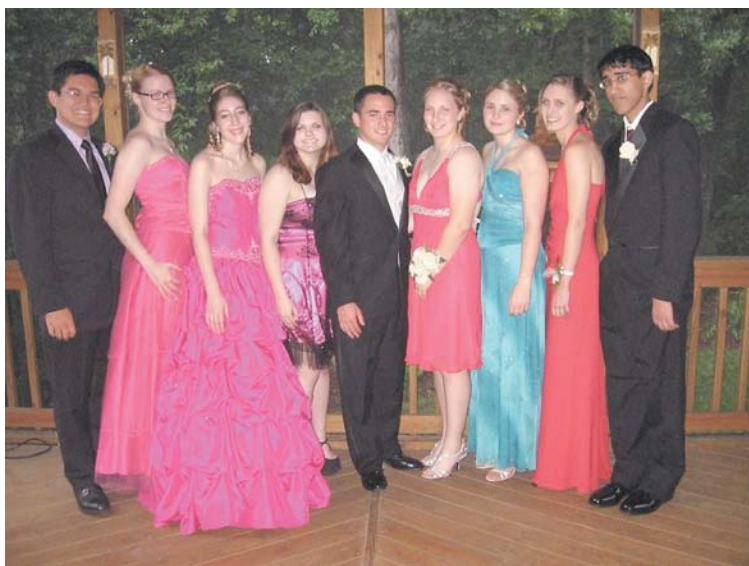
❖ **Be a role model.** Parents, themselves, should be good role models by making sure their behavior is appropriate. Use alcohol moderately, serve as a responsible host and never drink and drive.

❖ **If you suspect that your child is drinking,** intervene. Talk to your child and obtain qualified professional help if necessary.

For more, see www.wrap.org.

EDITORIAL

CENTREVILLE HIGH PROM



Chelsea Gray, daughter of David and Mary Gray of Little Rocky Run, had her Centreville High friends over for a pre-prom get together before heading to the Cantina D'Italia Restaurant in Fairfax for dinner. From left to right: Andrew Puckett, Sarah Westfall, Chelsea Gray, Alexis Tucker, Johnathon Haase, Stephanie Allard, Michelle Sunda, Elizabeth Frank and Sunjay Sethi.



The group gathered at the home of Robert P. and Billie J. Warhurst in Fairfax — grandparents of Bobby Warhurst before heading to Paolo's Ristorante at Reston Town Center for dinner. Back row, left to right: Christian Arce, Lexi Vermillion, Jackson Islin, Allison Blumer, Rebecca Balint, Leo Montoya, Stacey McCormick, Nick Tisinger, Christina Swope, Chris Fallon, Kelsey Ranslem, Santi Rojas, Kelsey Pendelton, and Shane Mondloch. Front row, left to right: Chris Mandell, Sarah Sallette, Megan Hutchenson, Holland Anderson, Molly MacDonnell, Connor Bach, Susie Lesniewski, Martin Seneca, Lauren Catalano, David DeLormier, Haili Hartman, and Bobby Warhurst.



Gathering for the prom at the Root home are (left to right) Galen Sauls, Amy Root, Judy Kim, Heain Park, Alison Many, Caitlin Tillie, Jess Starr, Christine Tillema, Nikol Tomsejova, and Ryan Smith.

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NEWS

Coach Faces More Accusations

FROM PAGE 3

Centre View contacted SYA President Gary Flather to see if he'd ever coached here. Said Flather, "We checked back in our databases and, to our knowledge, he has not coached in our program, at all. And none of our coaches recognized his name."

Police say that, "Due to the complex and delicate nature of this investigation, additional resources have been allocated. The most recent charges do not reflect all of the allegations or all of the potential victims in this case. Detectives understand that victims may fear coming forward, for various reasons, but want to encourage them to do so in order to bring this investigation to a comprehensive, successful conclusion as soon as possible."

The new warrants were served on Hamilton in the Adult Detention Center, where he's being held without bond. However, the police investigation continues and additional charges against him are possible. He used to live in the 6600 block of Wakefield Drive in the Belle View area and coached baseball at Bishop Ireton High School in 1999.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131. Or call Det. J. Hinson at 703-246-7893 or e-mail FCPD-ColdCase@fairfaxcounty.gov.

ROUNDUPS

FROM PAGE 3

Help To Plan Centreville Day

Although Centreville Day 2009 isn't until September, members of the Centreville Community Foundation and others are busily making plans for it. The next planning meeting is Tuesday, June 16, at 7 p.m. at the Long

& Foster Building on Route 28 in Centreville (opposite the movie theatre; use the entrance facing Route 28). Members of the community are welcome and encouraged to participate.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 10-11 a.m. The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's OTO Woodwind Quartet will perform at E.C. Lawrence Park. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469) for cancellation updates. At 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly.

Tim Harmon 5K Run/Walk. 8:30 a.m. At the Fairfax County Government Center in Fairfax. Registration and packet pick-up will begin at 7 a.m. Go to www.timharmon5k.org. Register online at www.racepacket.com. Race day registration is 7 to 8:15 a.m. Sponsored by the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's Alcohol and Drug Services program.

Welcome to Atlantis at Bull Run. 11 a.m. Free. The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority will unveil its newest creation/renovation, as Atlantis Waterpark will be officially dedicated at Bull Run Regional Park.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Harvesting Honey. 2-3 p.m. Professional beekeeper Dane Hannum discusses beekeeping and opens an active beehive at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. At 5040 Walney Road in Chantilly. Children perform the "bee dance." Cost is \$3. Make reservations at 703-631-0013.

Cat Adoption Event. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. HART - Homeless Animals Rescue Team has many cats in search of homes. Learn about the Foster and Sponsor-A-Pet Program. Cat Chantilly PetSmart (Lowe's Plaza), 13866 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly. 703-691-HART (4278) or www.Hart90.org. Event attendance is free.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Rotary Meeting. 11.15 a.m. at Eggspectations, 5009 Westone Plaza, Chantilly, off Westfields Blvd. Speaker: Susan Stolpe of Reston Interfaith. Prospective members and visitors welcome; \$12 lunch. Call Mary Ann Ingram at 703-966-8168.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Evening Fishing. 7:30-8:30 p.m. At the shores of Walney Pond at E.C. Lawrence Park. Bring your own fully rigged fishing poles and worms will be provided for bait. Receive great fishing tips and explore the joy of magnet fishing. \$3 per person. At 5040 Walney Road in Chantilly. Call 703-631-0013 for reservations.

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Meeting. 6:30 p.m. at Sully District Station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. Meeting of the Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club. Free. Visit www.wfrwc.org for more.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Father's Day Weekend. 7-8 p.m. Campfire at E.C. Lawrence Park. Take a hike along a stream, learn about nature's best fathers and eat s'mores around the campfire after your walk in the park. The cost is \$5 per person. Call 703-631-0013. At 5040 Walney Road in Chantilly.

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Clifton Wine Festival. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 17 Virginia wineries will showcase their wines with live music, arts and crafts, and gourmet cuisine. Taster tickets (21+ only) are \$15 before the event and \$20 at gate. Paradise Springs, Clifton's newest winery, will unveil their wine bottled only a stone's throw from the Town. Other wineries include Gardino Cellars, Lake Anna, Horton Vineyards, North Gate Vineyard, Philip Carter, The Vineyard at La Grange, Cooper Vineyards, Rebec Vineyards, Vino Curioso, Veramar Vineyard, Pearmund Cellars, Fabboli Cellars, Barrel Oak, Loudoun Valley, Old House Vineyards, and North American Vineyards. Go to www.cliftonwine.com.

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Adopt a Great Dane. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League will be at the Sully Antique Car Show. Currently has about 70 Great Danes in need of homes. At Sully Plantation, 3650 Historic Way, Chantilly. Go to www.nova-magdr.org.

MONDAY, JUNE 22

Catholic Charities' annual golf tournament. 1 p.m. Shotgun Start. At the International Country Club on Route 50 in Chantilly. A \$275 registration fee covers lunch, access to the putting green and driving range beginning at 11 a.m., and beverages during the tournament. Also included are greens fee, golf cart, goodie bag, a cocktail reception and dinner. Address: 13200 Lee Jackson Highway, Fairfax.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Rotary Meeting. 11.15 a.m. at Eggspectations, 5009 Westone Plaza, Chantilly, off Westfields Blvd. Speaker: Tina Taylor, president, Lifetime Leaders Inc. Prospective members and visitors welcome; \$12 lunch. Call Mary Ann Ingram at 703-966-8168.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Clean Paws for a Cause Dog Wash. 1-4 p.m. All proceeds to benefit 4 Paws for Ability, a non-profit that educates and homes various types of service dogs for people with disabilities. At 13944-B Willard Rd., Chantilly. Call Maddie & Ellie's House at 703-263-7252 or go to www.maddieandelliesshouse.com.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

Rotary Meeting. 11.15 a.m. at Eggspectations, 5009 Westone Plaza, Chantilly, off Westfields Blvd. Speaker: Cheryl-Ann Hobbs, co-chair, Centreville Day event. Prospective members and visitors welcome; \$12 lunch. Call Mary Ann Ingram at 703-966-8168.

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WFCM Thrift Shop Opens

At Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) will hold a ribbon-cutting and grand opening of its newly renovated and enlarged thrift shop. It's at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly, and the public is welcome to shop and to join in the festivities. The celebration is from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and includes refreshments and prizes. Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully will cut the ribbon at 11 a.m.

Frey at Sully District Council

Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) will address the next meeting of the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee. It will be held Wednesday, June 24, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

WFCM Needs Donations, Volunteers

With the downturn in the economy, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) could use some help meeting its increased demand from local residents for food, clothing and financial aid. To make donations for the food pantry or thrift shop, to volunteer or to receive information on the next free budgeting class, in May, call 703-988-9656.

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GOP Convention Backs Cuccinelli

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at the Richmond Coliseum May 30. His opponents, former federal prosecutor John Brownlee and former Arlington County School Board member Dave Foster, threw their support to him at the conclusion of the first ballot count.

During the convention, former Attorney General Bob McDonnell, who faced no opposition, was also officially named the Republican candidate for governor.

Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling easily defeated challenger Patrick Muldoon for his re-election nomination. Pat Mullins, a former Fairfax County Republican Committee chair, was elected head of the statewide party over Bill Stanley.

With approximately 7,000 delegates, the 2009 convention was the largest for Virginia Republicans since the early 1990s.

Fairfax County, alone, had over 1,600 people register and 1,200 people show up to participate in Richmond. Last year, between 600 and 700 Fairfax County residents registered to be delegates and even fewer attended the state convention, said Anthony Bedell, chair of the Fairfax County Republican Committee.

"Republicans are tired of getting pushed around in Fairfax County," he said.

Like Morse, several Fairfax County residents who don't normally attend conventions came to Richmond primarily to help Cuccinelli secure the nomination.

"Ken has been very instrumental in mental health issues and I wanted to support him," said Springfield resident Addison Smith, who has not attended a Republican convention since former Gov. Jim Gilmore was nominated.

CUCCINELLI hoped to get the support of approximately 70 percent of the Fairfax County delegates, though ballots at a convention are not counted on a one person-one vote basis. Instead, the votes are weighted based on how many Republican voters participated in a recent statewide election.

Fairfax County leans Democratic but it is also the most populous locality in the Virginia and so also has the largest number of Republican voters. Bedell said it is awarded 1,200 convention delegate votes, about 10 percent of the overall delegate votes in the commonwealth and more than any other jurisdiction.

"We are, by far, the largest delegation filing in the state," he said.

Virginia Republicans typically decide their contested statewide nominations through a convention, rather than a primary election.

Some activists said a convention format fires up the base and give candidates momentum headed into the general campaign season. Conventions also tend to benefit disciplined and well-organized campaigns, like Cuccinelli's, that can convince people to travel hundred of miles and possibly sit through several hours of voting.

But conventions also limit participation. Last year's Democratic primary in the 11th Congressional District drew 24,575 voters, more than three times as many people as participated in the convention from the across the entire commonwealth.

"This is kind of neat but there is the inconvenience of it," said Morse of the convention.

SINCE ONLY the very motivated participate, conventions also tend to produce more conservative candidates, which some complain are not as appealing to the general electorate.

Cuccinelli, for example, is more outspoken on social issues than most other Republicans holding elected office in Fairfax County. During his convention speech, he mentioned his strong support for gun rights and a state constitu-

tional amendment that defined marriage as between a man and a woman.

"I have been the most aggressive pro-life leader in the Senate," said Cuccinelli, whose wife home-schools several of their seven children.

Some Democrats said Cuccinelli's chances of winning a general election against the Democratic nominee for Attorney General, Fairfax County Del. Steve Shannon (D-35) are poor because of the Republican's stances on issues like abortion and guns.

Even though the Republican represents Fairfax County, he does not appeal to Northern Virginia voters in general. He won his 2007 re-election campaign by less than 100 votes in his western Fairfax County district, they said.

"I would be very surprised if he won. He barely won in a district drawn to be heavily Republican," said state Senate majority leader Dick Saslaw (D-35), who represents Fairfax County and the City of Alexandria.

Others said the Democrats should not underestimate Cuccinelli. He may have won his last election by slim margin but it was in a year when Fairfax County's two other Republican state senators lost to Democratic challengers. The candidate was also outspent by a 2-to-1 margin in the race.



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Despite Herrera's Heroics, Bulldogs Falter

Westfield boys' soccer team drops 4-0 state semifinal match to Frank W. Cox.

BY JASON MACKEY
CENTRE VIEW

There's hardly a need to debate whether or not Irvin Herrera is a talented offensive player. Fast, agile and smart, Herrera scored 18 goals this season as a forward for the Westfield boys' soccer team, each one more impressive than the next.

But the one thing Herrera hasn't mastered yet is playing alone, without his offensive complement, Sean Murnane, who suffered what turned out to be a season-ending knee injury during the Bulldogs' Virginia AAA state quarterfinal win over Cosby.

WEARING WARM-UP pants and a pair of Vans during his team's state semifinal matchup four days later against Frank W. Cox — on Westfield's home field — Murnane was only able to offer advice to Herrera. Not an assist.

"Their back line focused most of their attention on him, and they saw that he was one of our stronger players," Murnane said. "With me not out there, they were able to focus a lot more attention on

"They were able to focus a lot more attention on him and just him."

— Sean Murnane, senior,
Westfield High

him and just him."

Added Herrera, "I knew going into the game that I wasn't going to be able to lay the ball to [Murnane] and get it back. Not having Sean playing up top with me, I knew I was going to have to try even harder to help get our team a win."

Try Herrera did. Still, the Bulldogs were unsuccessful, dropping a 4-0 decision that ended their 2009 season at 16-4. Herrera was an offensive force, often initiating an entire rush by himself, only to have his attempts thwarted by Cox goalkeeper Jonathan Harris.

Westfield did not lose because Murnane did not play. As a matter

of fact, the next night Cox continued its dominance and captured its second state title in four appearances since 1994, beating Mills Godwin by a 2-1 score.

Meanwhile, Westfield was satisfied to have had such a lengthy stay in the state tournament. Despite not winning either the Concorde District or Northern Region — the Bulldogs did have the district's best regular-season record — Westfield was the area's last boys' soccer team standing.

When Murnane was first injured against Cosby, the force caused by a defender crashing into his leg did not cause enough damage to slow him down. He continued toward the goal and eventually pushed a shot into the back of the net with eight seconds left in the fourth overtime period, lifting the Bulldogs to a 1-0 win.

But after the game, Murnane started to worry. He told Torres that an MRI was a distinct possibility and packed his right knee with ice.

Torres didn't commit to whether or not Murnane would play against Frank W. Cox; he only hoped. Sure, Murnane was the Northern Region's Offensive Player of the Year and had scored 23 goals for Westfield this spring. But he also has a scholarship to play soccer at University of Virginia and a shredded knee doesn't exactly bode well for a freshman's playing time.

"It was definitely very tough," Murnane said of watching from the sideline. "But I couldn't really walk, and I couldn't really bend my knee. If I was out there on the field, I would've probably been more of a waste of space and I would've hurt my team more."

Against Cox, Westfield started strong. Herrera was flying around and made several runs at the Fal-

cons' goal. Because Cox employed a 4-5-1 formation — with four defenders, five midfielders and a forward — Torres decided to mirror that with Herrera.

The runs were working, although Herrera wasn't able to break through.

"That team was great," Torres said. "You can't take anything away from them. But obviously we would've liked to have finished our chances."

Cox scored its first goal in the 14th minute, with Hunter Byrnes polishing off a left-side cross from Will Martin. From that point, Westfield was still confident that it could hang with the Falcons, but the next goal "broke the sails," Torres would say later.

With a little more than two minutes left before halftime, Martin came streaking up the left side and made a move on Westfield goalkeeper Kody Palmer. And after Palmer's initial stop, the ball slipped to the right to a waiting Paul Braunstein, who slid and tapped it past Palmer for a 2-0 advantage.

From there, deflated, Westfield surrendered two second-half goals and never was able to resuscitate its offensive push from earlier.

"The most important thing is that I just don't anyone to say, 'Just



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Sophomore goalkeeper Kody Palmer had a breakout year for the Bulldogs. Palmer finished with eight shutouts and a goals-per-game average of 1.16.



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A second team All-Northern Region selection, defender Korey Fleming, left, helped lead the Westfield boys' soccer team to a 16-3 record this season.

because Sean wasn't here," said Torres, who lost 16 seniors and eight starters from last year's 13-

3-2 team. "Those guys worked very hard all season long and we were obviously very young.

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Dying To Tell You, Sort Of



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The question was posed by my co-worker, Big John Smith, one night as I arrived at the office after hours to do a little organizing: "Hey Ken, how are you doing?" My answer: "John, I'm in pretty good condition for the condition I'm in." And the "condition" to which I refer is cancer. Yup, cancer as in the dreaded, often terminal, disease. (If only this column was going to be a light-hearted recounting of astrological antics but alas, poor Yorick, I know it well; it's not.)

No, this column is going to be about a health situation that I find myself in, quite unexpectedly, I may add. The situation to which I refer is as a recently diagnosed, stage IV lung cancer patient; at present, hairless and four "chemos" in to a six-chemo cycle, with no radiation to follow and surgery not an option. (There are two big tumors in my chest/lungs with multiple smaller ones located throughout so my oncologist feels that surgery would not exactly be a patient-friendly pursuit.)

My prognosis is not great (great, it's not even mediocre); 13 months to two years, although, as my doctor said to me recently, he's "wrong all the time." To which I replied, "I'm glad you're wrong all the time." Nevertheless, as a result of the seriousness of his prognosis, I have made a few changes. I have to tell you, though, if the shock of the diagnosis doesn't kill you; totally out of the blue, symptom free, and I'm a lifelong non-smoker (5 percent of lung cancer patients are non smokers) before the actual cancer does, you have, as Ricky Ricardo so often said to Lucy, "some 'splaining to do." And for the week or so after we (team Lourie: me, my wife and my brother) received the diagnosis, you're in a daze, and you can explain nothing; assembling/researching information, trying to sort out fact from fiction, find some chink in cancer's armor, navigate a path to a longer and healthier life, a life that only days before was not so abbreviated.

Moreover, when you recall what the oncologist told you in that initial team meeting; that you should probably quit work and maybe consider taking that vacation you always wanted to but never had the time or the inclination to take, your world officially changes. I remember sitting in the oncologist's office listening to him read through the reports of the various scans/tests/biopsies that I had and then to hear him summarize the diagnosis — and severity, I swear I felt like I was watching a Lifetime movie, a movie I saw at least a hundred times while spending three nights a week visiting my parents/then my widowed mother, except that this wasn't a movie, this was real, this was me. Surreal doesn't begin to describe it.

The best answer we could get from the doctor as to why a lifelong non-smoker with no relevant (meaning cancer) family history to speak of would be so diagnosed at 54 was, the medical version of s--- happens: "Cells mutate." And that's pretty much where the conversation ended. The oncologist's motivation was to go forward and attempt to treat/cure, not to go backwards and research the past, and it wouldn't change the course of my present so moving forward we did, and we have.

I'm going through chemotherapy. I've changed my eating habits; I'm now eating an alkaline diet, basically fruits and vegetables; I'm drinking alkaline water; taking a teaspoon of baking soda once a day; drinking my Mona Vie and supplementing it all with vitamins and minerals, and miscellaneous other homeopathic-type remedies. And so far, I'm doing pretty well, "Above average," my oncologist said. My first post-chemo CT scan showed "significant" shrinkage in the two largest tumors. In addition, I'm "tolerating" the chemotherapy very well which allows/enables my doctor to treat me as aggressively as is prudent given my health and fitness. And my health, all things considered, is fit.

And as I find myself saying to whomever expresses an interest, "If it wasn't for the underlying diagnosis and the side effects from the chemo therapy, I'd be doing great." Really.

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

SPORTS



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The Southwestern Youth Association Arsenal Red 95 took the title of girls' U-13 champion in the National Bank Summer Kick-Off Tournament in Blacksburg over the Memorial Day weekend. The tournament was held on the campus of Virginia Tech, and the Arsenal finished the tournament at 3-0-1. Pictured are (front row, from left): Emily Shaffer, Lizzy Johnson, Courtney Chahine, Rachel Luke, Alexa Bueno and Emily Philip; (middle row): Kylie Cuomo, Megan Morvay, Soo Lim, Rachel Avery, Emily White, Kelsey Daily, Bryanna Angello and Katie Roberts; (back row): coach Rob Olson, assistant coach Pete Cuomo and assistant coach Paul Johnson.

League Champs

The Southwestern Youth Association's "Team Purple," coached by Eileen and Erin Rafferty, won the seventh- and eighth-grade House League Championship on May 20 in a tournament held at Liberty Middle School. The team won the championship match in three games after several rounds of competitive play throughout the tournament. The team finished in first place during the regular season with a record of 25-10. The girls worked hard all season and were thrilled to see their hard work pay off in the tournament.

All-State Honors

Virginia Run resident Alex Nieves just completed his senior season on the lacrosse field at Notre Dame Academy in Middleburg. The team captain finished the year with 59 total points (24 goals, 35 assists), 69 ground balls and won 64.9 percent of the draws he took.

For his efforts, Nieves was recently recognized as a first team All-Maryland Independent Lacrosse League (MILL) selection,

and he was also a first team All-State selection within the Virginia Independent Athletic Schools Association. Nieves will play lacrosse next season at Division III Salisbury University where the Seagulls have won eight NCAA national championships.

Honored at NVCA

The Northern Virginia Christian Academy (NVCA) boys' basketball team went 20-5 this past season and garnered several awards from the National Christian Schools Athletic Association (NCSAA). Head Coach Jerry Cuffee was named the NCSAA's National Coach of the Year, as he was among 54 coaches nominated for this prestigious award.

Junior forward Sam Rattray, who averaged 12.4 points and 7.7 rebounds per game, made the Smalls Schools (Division 3) All-American Team. He was a first team selection. Senior point guard Bobak Sharifi and Rattray were both selected to the North East Super-Regional Team. Sharifi averaged 9 points per game, to go along with his other marks of 3.1 assists, 3.5 steals and 3.5 rebounds per contest.

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