Martin Melgarejo adjusts a feather headdress on his daughter Solange Da Siva at the third annual Arlington Parade of Santa Cruz-Bolivia Carnival on Saturday, June 7.
Politics

When conservative preacher E.W. Jackson took the stage at the Roanoke Civic Center to introduce Tea Party favorite Shak Hill at the Republican convention last weekend, hundreds of conservatives from across Virginia took to their feet. They waved placards. They applauded. They voiced approval. It was a moment former Alexandria Vice Mayor Bill Cleveland, who served as Jackson's Northern Virginia coordinator, later said was a surprise to him.

"Fantastic," said Cleveland. "I had no idea that was going to happen."

In the end, though, it was not enough for Hill, a former Air Force pilot who is currently an insurance agent in Burke. Even before all of the congressional districts announced their results, it became clear that Ed Gillespie had secured a decisive victory. So Hill took the stage to concede the election and ask the convention to nominate Gillespie by acclamation.

Gillespie, a former chairman of the Republican National Committee, has decades of experience working as a consultant and fundraiser in Republican politics. When asked by reporters about his ties to the super PAC known as American Crossroads, Gillespie said he wanted "to be clear" about his history with the group.

"I was never on the board, never an employee, never a consultant," Gillespie told reporters in a brief press conference after securing the nomination. "My view is I've got to run my campaign, and I've got to raise the money that would be needed to defeat an incumbent Democrat such as Warner, who accumulated a vast personal fortune as an early investor of a telecommunications company known as Nextel that later merged with Sprint. Gillespie has already raised more than $3 million, and he had the best fundraising quarter for any non-incumbent Republican Senate candidate."

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GILLESPIE ENTERS the race for U.S. Senate at a competitive disadvantage to incumbent U.S. Sen. Mark Warner of Old Town. Back in March, Quinnipiac University issued a poll that had Warner with 46 percent of the vote and Gillespie at 31 percent. The polls had a sample size of 1,300 voters and a margin of error of plus or minus 2.7 percent. Gillespie supporters say he was the only candidate who could raise the kind of money that would be needed to defeat an incumbent Democrat such as Warner, who accumulated a vast personal fortune as an early investor of a telecommunications company known as Nextel that later merged with Sprint. Gillespie has already raised more than $3 million, and he had the best fundraising quarter for any non-incumbent Republican Senate candidate.

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The third annual Arlington Parade of Santa Cruz Bolivia Carnival was held Saturday afternoon, June 7, on Four Mile Run in Shirlington. The parade featured traditional floats, the Banda Internacional Milenium from Santa Cruz preformed and the Fraternidad Folklorica y Cultural Caporales San Simon Virginia danced down the parade route. For information on upcoming Bolivian community events, email info@agrobol.com.

Carnival Cruceno-USA 2014

Daniella Ovando adds a replica jaguar head to the Carnival Queen’s float.

News

A Capital Debate On Streetcars

Streetcars to dominate discussion of capital improvement plan.

By Michael Lee Pope
The Connection

Members of the Arlington County Board are preparing for weeks of heated debate about the streetcar proposal on Columbia Pike, a project that continues to increase in price and opposition. Although the project has enjoyed support from previous elected officials, the board’s two newest members are raising new questions about where the money comes from and how it’s spent. Even if they are not successful in killing the project this year, they are hoping that the debate that emerges from this year’s capital improvement plan will lead to a sea change by the time construction costs begin several years from now.

“We’ll have a different board by then,” said County Board member Libby Garvey, one of the chief opponents of the project. “We’ll have a new board that, on this issue, better represents what the public wants.”

Voters will have the final say when they head to the polls this year and next year, elections that will have consequences for the project. The first election will be this November, a rematch of incumbent independent John Vihstadt and Democratic challenger Alan Howze. The two faced off in a special election earlier this year that featured an extended debate about the streetcar. Vihstadt opposed the project and won a decisive victory.

“I would like to see the CIP to be amended to be stripped of all streetcar funding,” said Vihstadt. “A modified form of bus-rapid transit can be implemented much more cheaply and much more quickly with much more regional connectivity and less disruption and comparable economic development to a streetcar.”

The county board is set to hold a work session about the streetcar system on June 18, and then pass a final 10-year spending plan in July. Although Garvey and Vihstadt are opposed to the streetcar, a three-vote majority is in favor of the system.

“We look at the growth in that area, and it’s not something that can be handled with buses alone,” said Fisette. “The streetcar has a higher capacity, and it has a much more significant return on investment — more than three times the most enhanced bus you could possibly run.”

Vihstadt and Garvey may not have a majority vote, but they plan on using the capital-improvement process to raise questions about the streetcar system and get some facts on the record. This week, they sent a series of questions to county staff about the proposal. They want to know what other projects could be funded with the money currently earmarked for streetcars. They also want to know if advertising is going to be allowed on the super stops that will service streetcars and buses and how the warranty will handle faulty heating elements and leaking roofs.

“When are the repairs to these features and other remediated components covered under warranty at no cost to the county?” asked Vihstadt. “If not, why not?”

Even if County Board members end up approving a capital spending plan that includes funding for the streetcar, the major spending will not start until construction begins in fiscal year 2019. That means several elections will have taken place before that time, in

-from Santa Cruz Bolivia, the Crucena Band Milenium warm up for the start of the parade on Saturday afternoon.

Carola Tilgener dances on the sidewalk to the music of the Crucena Band Milenium warming up.

The Reyes Antano float awaits the king and queen — Freddy and Isabel Jaldin.
AWLA Cats Get New Home

Newly improved facilities unveiled to the public.

By Veronica Bruno
The Connection

The Animal Welfare League of Arlington unveiled its newly renovated cat and small animal facility on Thursday, June 5.

“This is a milestone event,” Neil Trent, president/CEO of AWLA, said during the reception. “Now, of course, we’ve changed,” as he described the many benefits of the state-of-the-art residences designed by Animal Arts, an architectural firm that specializes in this type of veterinary model that provides greater quality of life for its feline and small companion residents.

Patricia Ragan, AWLA board president, described the new facility as “a model shelter,” highlighting the larger cages, cageless cat colonies, more natural light from larger windows, and new cat receiving and isolation rooms. “Housing is the single most important factor for quality of life.”

The new facilities coincide with the Care and Transform (CAT) capital campaign launched this year and the organization’s 70th anniversary. Since its launch earlier this year, CAT has achieved 70 percent of its campaign goal. The campaign is embodied by the case of Arrow, who came to the shelter badly injured and mistreated. When Arrow was discovered, he was found with 60 pellets in his body and blind. Through care and love at the shelter, he rallied and was adopted earlier this year.

“He did not break his spirit,” said Ragan. After receiving care at the facility, “something amazing happened,” as she described his recovery. “Arrow’s goodness bought out the very best in people. He is here today with his adopter, Anne Hancock,” Ragan announced as supporters of AWLA presented her with a framed portrait of Arrow. “He has been a treasure,” said Ragan.

The new cat receiving wing has been named for the strong-willed cat and the center now includes a plaque in his honor outside the wing entrance.

For information on supporting AWLA, visit www.awla.org or call 703-931-9241. The center is located at 2650 S. Arlington Mill Drive in Arlington. Several cats and kittens are available for adoption. There is also an upcoming concert in partnership with the Arlington Symphony on June 29, Pops for Pets, that is free and open to the public at the Lubber Run Amphitheater.
Plug Pulled on Aquatics Center

Proposal put on hold for a year.

By Michael Lee Pope
The Connection

A proposal to build an aquatics center at Long Bridge Park has been put on hold after Arlington County officials determined that the cost of the project had spiraled out of control.

“Last January, I said that we would conduct extensive due diligence to ensure that the project estimate was sound and within the available budget, and that’s exactly what we did,” said County Manager Barbara Donnellan. “I have concluded, in consultation with the County Board, that the gap between our construction budget and the lowest bid is simply too great to bridge at this point.”

Back in January, county officials released a document showing four bids for the new aquatics center at Long Bridge Park. They ranged from $81.9 million to $82.8 million. At the time, Donnellan described these as “significantly higher” than the estimates are. Now county leaders have determined that the current vision for the park cannot be implemented within the current budget.

“I have to think that some of it is that we redesigned it in the last year to become one of the most efficient health and aquatics facilities in the world,” said County Board Chairman Jay Fisette. “That may have been challenging for some of the people who bid.”

PLANNING FOR Long Bridge Park has been undereway for more than a decade. In 2012, voters approved a $42.5 million bond to finance an aquatics, health and fitness center featuring a competition pool, teaching pool, family leisure pool, therapy pool, wet classrooms and party rooms. Since that time, though, the project has come under criticism.

I continue to believe that a less grandiose and more utilitarian community pool is appropriate for the Long Bridge community,” said County Board member John Vihstadt. “I also think it’s a victory for the taxpayer that the county manager pulled the plug on the current version of the aquatics center because the bids came in so wildly over budget.”

Over the next six months, Donnellan says she’ll try to seek potential partnerships and sponsorships including naming rights opportunities. She plans to come back to the County Board by the middle of next year.

“We still believe that the Aquatics, Health and Fitness Facility, as well as the additional parkland planned for Phase 2 development, are important elements of the County’s revitalization of Crystal City,” Donnellan said. “We are not asking Arlington County taxpayers for more money to build the facility. Instead, we will be aggressively pursuing opportunities to partner with the private sector to finish Phase 2 of Long Bridge Park.”
Cappies Awarded for High School Theater

The 15th Annual Cappies Awards Gala for high school theater was held Sunday, June 8 at The Kennedy Center. Nine Cappies went to West Potomac High School for “Spamalot,” including the coveted Best Musical award. The Best Play award went to Langley High School for “The Children’s Hour.” The Cappies’ show season extended from October 2013 to May 2014, and Cappies shows were attended, on average, by 45 student critics. This year’s event in- tended from October 2013 to May 2014, and Cappies shows were attended, on average, by 45 student critics. This year’s event

The award for Best Make-Up went to Lecia Stock, Clare Smith, Nurbaban Dayaz and Charlotte Martin for “Macbeth” at Washington-Lee High School of Arlington.

The award for Best Ensemble in a Play went to The Sisters from “Macbeth” – Bailey Kowalski, Carly Greenfield and Kathryn Humphries, from Washington-Lee High School in Arlington.

The award for Best Actress in a Play went to Alicia Hartz for “Macbeth” from Arlington.

The award for Best Supporting Actress went to Charlotte Knowles is active duty Army.

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— Steve Hibbard
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Creating Private, Restful Retreat

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

While most people crave a good night’s sleep, it remains a dream for many. A bedroom that is both chic and comfortable can help the overworked find that restful slumber.

“A bedroom should be a retreat from the hectic lives so many of us live,” said Sharon Kleinman of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman in Potomac, Md.

Local interior designers like Kleinman say accessories and tweaks can turn a bedroom into a luxurious retreat. These changes, tastemakers say, don’t require major overhauls, just a few design ideas.

Seating in the bedroom offers a place to relax other than the bed. “Everything depends on the size of the room,” said Julie Sproules, an interior design faculty member at The Art Institute of Washington in Arlington. “A nice option is have a reading nook with comfortable seats, good lighting and perhaps a small table.”

Kleinman said, “If you have the room, it’s always nice to have a seating area — even if it’s just one comfortable chair and ottoman,” she said. “Create yourself a place to kick back and read or relax without having to be in bed.”

When coordinated well, pillows can create an inviting bedroom. Too many pillows however, can be cumbersome.

Accessorize the bedroom seating with a cozy throw. “They add a splash of color to a chair or chaise,” said Victoria Sanchez of Victoria at Home in Old Town Alexandria. “You can use a throw to take the chill off.”

A place to get dressed is also ideal. “A bedroom with a dressing area and good lighting is very convenient,” said Sproules. “I have a closet in my bedroom with two doors that open, so when I open my doors I have my clothes, jewelry and mirror in a place where I can see them. I can get dressed in the morning without disturbing my boyfriend.”

If there is enough space in the bedroom, Sproules also recommends a vanity with a mirror, proper lighting and a stool without arms so it’s easy to turn from one side to the other when getting ready.

A dish or bowl for storing personal items is also helpful on a nightstand or dresser. “I have a bowl for my earrings when I forget to take them off before going to bed,” said Sanchez. “For men, it could be a place to drop keys instead of dropping them on the dresser and possibly damaging the wood.”

When it comes to lighting, Sanchez recommends keeping it soft. “A beautiful lamp next to the bed with a nice shade that will filter light is the first thing I would recommend,” she said.

To create a restful retreat, Kleinman often forges patterns, “but maximizes lots of different textures like linen, silk, mohair, velvet and chenille.”

Preferred color palettes are warm but not too bright or glaring. “I like soft bronze with powdery blues, silvery grey and creams or varying shades of brown and beige punctuated by accents of light teal,” said Sanchez. “It could be monogrammed or beaded. It could be the one fancy pillow that you splurge on, but also a decorative bolster, to unify the whole look,” she said.

When it comes to accessorizing a bed, Kleinman says less is more. “Don’t overdo it on the pillows. I layer the bed with no more than three rows of pillows. You want the bed to look inviting. Too many pillows just become a hassle and the bed loses its elegance.”

Kleinman’s ideal bed includes a row of bolsters or extra-large king shams followed by three Euro shams and then one long rectangular accent pillow or two smaller accent pillows. “Either store the sleeping pillows or make them the first row up against the headboard,” she said. “Rows of sleeping pillows plus all the decorative pillows are just too much.”

The decorative accent pillows help create a polished look. “It could be lumbar, a bolster, to unify the whole look,” said Sanchez. “It could be monogrammed or beaded. It could be the one fancy pillow that you splurge on, but also a decorative pillow that will never have a head on it.”

When it’s time to turn down the bed at night, Kleinman suggests storing the decorative pillows in an upholstered storage bench near the bed.

Finally, control the amount of light that filters through the windows. “I prefer floor-length draperies that are lined with ‘bump,’ which is a heavy felt-like lining, or black-out lining,” said Kleinman. “Most of my clients prefer black out lining. Keep the drapes simple and not too fussy. Heavy cornices or valances are distracting and they dilute that feeling of calm.”
Generals will face Grassfield on Thursday in state semifinals.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

A
hour prior to the 6A North region championship match on June 5, T.C. Williams boys' soccer coach Martin Nickley met with Wilson Miezan and told the senior forward he'd be playing defense.

His assignment: man-marking Washington-Lee sophomore sensation Maycol Nunez, who had scored 37 goals this season, including three during the Generals' 4-0 regular-season victory over TC on May 13.

Miezan, an offensive threat in his own right, accepted the challenge, forcing potential goal-scoring glory in an attempt to help the Titans win a title.

"(Nickley) thought I was the best matchup one-on-one to mark (Nunez), so I was like, 'sure, I can step up,'" Miezan said. "I take pride in playing everywhere, so I don't really mind."

When Thursday's match ended, Nunez was frustrated and scoreless, and the Titans were champions.

Eyrk Williamson scored four goals, Ramsey Benzina totaled three assists, and T.C. Williams captured its first region championship since 1974 with a 5-2 victory over Washington-Lee at Parker-Gray Stadium in Alexandria.

"It was big," Miezan said. "... It's fantastic for us."

For the first 55 minutes of Thursday's match, Miezan helped lock down Nunez, holding him without a goal and limiting his match. Miezan helped lock down Nunez, Washington-Lee at Parker-Gray Stadium in Alexandria.

"He's been such a great player, but that's the best I've ever seen him play," Benzina said. "... Willy's just that kind of guy."

Nunez received a red card for throwing an elbow, sending him to the bench with 25 minutes remaining and W-L trailing 3-0. The sophomore forward, by rule, will have to sit out of the Generals' state semifinal match against T.C. Williams on June 5.

"It's hard," Miezan said. "... It was frustrating and it was stupid." He's had all this success and today he's not getting a lot of balls, young [and] frustrated. He had all this success and it was stupid. That's all it boils down to. He's making [dumb mistakes in] all games where you don't want to lay that first egg, today was it. Today was the wrong day to do it."

"We came out flat [and made] dumb mistakes in the back. Of all games where you don't want to lay that first egg, today was it. Today was the wrong day to do it.

—W-L boys' soccer coach Jimmy Carrasquillo

Arlington Athletes Recognized at Banquet

Athletes from Yorktown, Washington-Lee, Wakefield and Bishop O'Connell high schools were honored when the Better Sports Club of Arlington held its 58th Annual Awards Banquet on June 4. The banquet honors a graduating senior in each sport.

Yorktown's Teddy Schroeder was named Male Student-Athlete of the Year, and Wakefield's Madeline Brophy was recognized as Female Student Athlete of the Year. Yorktown golf coach Chris Williams was named Coach of the Year.

Athletes recognized in individual sports were: J.P. DeFranco (Wakefield, boys' golf); Hunter Gray (W-L, baseball); Laura Pastre (W-L, girls' basketball); Jonah Sens (W-L boys' basketball); Brooke Giles (Wakefield, cheer); Jane Townsend (Yorktown, crew); Matt Zetkulic (W-L boys' crew); Joe Brough (O'Connell, boys' cross country); Jordan Selby (W-L, girls' cross country); Sonia Lunn (W-L, field hockey); Marvin "M.J." Stewart (Yorktown, football); Peyton Johnson (Wakefield, girls' golf); Annie Siddle (W-L, gymnastics); Emily Spack (Yorktown, girls' lacrosse); Sam Douhett (W-L, boys' lacrosse); Michael Karz (W-L, boys' soccer); Alicia Curaca (Yorktown, girls' soccer); Hayley Metcalfe (O'Connell, softball); Elena Bavelock (Yorktown, girls' swim and dive); Jay Delaney (W-L, boys' swim and dive); Max Thompson (W-L, boys' tennis); Olivia Tate (Yorktown, girls' tennis); Sarah Angell (W-L, girls' track and field); Evan Lesmez (Yorktown, boys' track and field); Audrey Batcheller (W-L, volleyball); and Naran Khushu Ganbaatar (W-L, wrestling).

Yorktown Boys' Lacrosse Falls in Semifinals

The Yorktown boys' lacrosse team ended its season with a 10-8 loss to Robinson in the 6A North region semifinals on June 4. The Patriots defeated South County in the quarterfinals on May 29, earning their first trip to the semifinals in program history.

Yorktown ended the season with a 15-5 record and finished Conference 6 runner-up.
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Academics
- Accepted by more than 170 colleges and universities, including 12 Ivy League acceptances.
- Academic scholarships and honors, including four National Merit Finalists, three National Achievement Scholars, seven National Merit Commended Scholars, and 22 inducted into the Cum Laude Society.
- More than one-third of the class offered college scholarships or merit aid, including a Gates Millennium Scholar, Erbols Scholars at UVa, a William & Mary Scholar, a Banneker Scholar at the University of Maryland-College Park, a Sims Scholar at the University of South Carolina, a four-year Navy ROTC scholarship, and appointments to the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy, and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.
- 90% of the class was enrolled in at least one of our 24 Advanced Placement courses.
- Selected for prestigious programs such as Presidential Classroom, Virginia Governor's Schools, Junior Science & Humanities Symposium at Georgetown University, Student Climate & Conservation Congress, Model OAS, Model UN, and Model Judiciary.

Service Learning
- Prepared 13,000 sandwiches for Martha's Table; collected 1,000 food items for the Salvation Army and 100 blankets and socks for the homeless; delivered toys, raised money, and collected clothes, shoes, and hundreds of coats and mittens for local people in need.
- Volunteered thousands of hours with local organizations supporting senior citizens, preschool children, the hungry, the homeless, the environment, animal shelters, and low-income and immigrant families. Monthly visits with developmentally disabled senior citizens and multiple trips to distribute meals to those living on the streets.
- Served hundreds of hours at Children's National Medical Center, tutored young students, helped with Scouting service projects, and volunteered in a halfway house for formerly incarcerated women.
- Donated hundreds of pounds of food to the Arlington Food Assistance Center and volunteered hundreds of hours at food pantries and distribution programs.
- Raised funds and awareness for breast cancer, developmentally disabled young adults, cystic fibrosis, brain cancer, child cancers, epilepsy, and homelessness programs.
- Participated in international causes in Romania and Haiti. Sent 500 letters to wounded veterans and care packages to the troops.

The Arts
- Won Silver Medals and Honorable Mentions in the national Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.
- Artwork placed in the top two at the Best of the Independent Schools Art Awards. Artwork took three of the top twelve awards at the annual VA Congressional District 8 competition.
- Received a rating of excellent in wind ensemble and orchestra at the Virginia District X Festival.
- Performed in the District X Honors Jazz Ensemble.
- Participated in District X Band and Chorus.
- Received a Superior rating on a solo at the District X Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- Invited to sing Evensong at the National Cathedral.
- Performed in all drama and musical productions. Evening of the Arts, Multicultural Night. Directed the One-Act Plays and performed all four years in the pit orchestra for the musical theater productions.

Athletics
- Thirty-three to play their sports next year at college/university. Athletes of-the-year in field hockey, ice hockey, boys lacrosse, boys soccer, and swimming from the Alexandria Sportsmen's Club Washington Post boys soccer All-Met player of the year. Four Under Armour All-Americans in boys and girls lacrosse.
- Led the field hockey team to ILS season and tournament championships.
- Led the boys soccer team to IAC season and tournament championships, and the VISAA state championship.
- Led the ice hockey team to the MAPHL A division championship.
- Led the girls lacrosse team to the VISAA state championship.
- Won the girls' basketball championship.
- Won the VISAA girls' basketball championship.
- Participated in VISAA state tournaments and championships meets in cross country, field hockey, boys and girls' lacrosse, boys' soccer, softball, swimming & diving, boys' basketball, track & field, and wrestling.
- Set new school records in boys' soccer, ice hockey, track & field, and swimming.
- Many individual athletes named to Academic All-American, All-American, All-State, Academic All-State, All-Met, and All-League teams for their Upper School athletic careers.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ENTERED BY THE CLASS OF 2014

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**Entertainment**

**Summer Enjoy Arlington Classes.** Registration is now open for these county classes, a variety of programs for all ages and abilities including fitness and sports, crafts and more. Programs do have fees but there is the possibility of a fee reduction. Visit https://registration.arlingtonva.us/wsc/summerclasses for a list of classes.

**Summer Art Camps.** Summer camps for children and teens meet daily in several sessions throughout the summer at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org/aacsummercamps. Original art experiences such as field trips, special events, and expressive therapies as a means to combat the painful symptoms of PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury. A 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy and the Navy SEALs, Beck's PTSD diagnosis and 90 percent disability rating had a frightening impact on her welfare. Beck is public about her art having kept her from suicide on more than one occasion. This series of paintings was done during one of those periods. Gallery Underground is located in the Crystal City Shops at 2100 Crystal Dr. Visit www.galleryunderground.com or call 703-481-0652. 3650 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. County opens for the season with a variety of events. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/yappy-hour or call 703-228-6535. Limited, registration required. Call 703-228-8700. Visit http://fire.arlingtonva.us/firstResponderParties.htm.

**Family Storytime.** Monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at Every Storytime is different. Visit http://parks.arlingtonva.us/community-services/girls-fire-camp for more information. Camp runs July 23 through Aug. 29, 2014.

**Combat Stress.** A 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy and the Navy SEALs, Beck's PTSD diagnosis and 90 percent disability rating had a frightening impact on her welfare. Beck is public about her art having kept her from suicide on more than one occasion. This series of paintings was done during one of those periods. Gallery Underground is located in the Crystal City Shops at 2100 Crystal Dr. Visit www.galleryunderground.com or call 703-481-0652.

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**Exploding Universe.** Visit www.parks.arlingtonva.us/therapeutic-education.

**ComedySportz Improv Classes.** Visit http://fire.arlingtonva.us/firstResponderParties.htm.

**Teen Jam Camps.** For ages 8-13. Learn how to make a fire and keep it alive. $7. Call 703-228-6535 for more.

**Teen Art Camp.** For ages 13-16. Learn how to ride a bike independently. Volunteer spots are also needed to help run alongside the riders as they learn, providing physical and emotional support. Camp runs July 28-Aug. 1 at Kemmere Middle School, 200 S. Cabin Springs Road. For more information, call 703-228-3403. For more information, call 703-228-3403.

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And therein lies the anxiety. Although, all things considered – and as you regular readers know, I like, maybe even need, to consider all things – the medical assessment of the most recent CT scan of my upper torso and thorax/lungs showed a new object in my left lung, “approximately the size of a silver dollar,” according to my oncologist. What this object is, exactly, cannot be determined at this juncture; technology prevents such clarity, unfortunately. Nonetheless, its appearance and location are possibly cause for concern, possibly not.

The context for this confession is that the chemotherapy drug, Alimta, with which I’ve been infused every three weeks since last September, seems to be working. The main tumor we’ve been tracking has shrunk, as has the fluid level (which as you may recall is what landed me in the hospital for a week last August); both of which are positive and encouraging developments, and news, as I’m fond of saying, with which I can live. And live I shall, unencumbered emotionally by this as-yet-to-be-determined growth for the next two months until my next CT scan, when the tomography will provide another assessment – and comparison to the scan just completed.

The considerations, according to my oncologist, are as follows: the chemotherapy drug I’m taking is having the desired effect – shrinkage of both tumor and fluid. Moreover, my recurring, every-three-week lab work is good, indicating my body continues to tolerate the drug; ergo, treatment can continue. Secondly, because the largest tumor in my lung is smaller and the fluid build-up has reduced, more of the lung is visible, for lack of a better description. Combined with the not-perfect technology, there may be more to see now than ever before, and/or more to see from a different angle. Sort of like the warning printed on side view mirrors, except in this case, objects are not closer than they appear; rather they’re seen where they were never seen before. And since the object has never been seen before, my oncologist doesn’t know if the growth is new – and possibly malignant, or old, and smaller even than it was because the Alimta is shrinking it, too. In summary, it’s a definite maybe. Cause for concern? Sure. Cause for alarm? Not by me. And since my attitude is “it’s nothing until it’s something,” for the moment, for the next two months, I intend to live my life as per usual.

My oncologist is not ignoring this new finding, nor is he overreacting to it however, and stopping treatment which seems to be working. He wants me to return for a follow-up CT scan one month ahead of my normal three-month interval, and of course, see him the following week to discuss the results. After that next scan, at that next appointment, we’ll know more definitively how best to proceed. At present, I continue to be asymptomatic and relatively pain-free; yet another good sign, and circumstances for which I am extremely grateful. Nothing is forever in the cancer world, though. Things can change, and their significance can change. Still, I don’t want to be naïve; cancer is a killer, especially lung cancer. But I’ve survived five-plus years now since my diagnosis, balancing the known with the unknown. I see no reason to stop now.
21 Announcements

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It's Gillespie Against Warner

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 snagging the Tea Party set. That's a division that will be at the center of a struggle for dominance of the party in 2016, when control of the chairmanship and executive committee will be at stake. Potential candidates and their supporters were already working the convention floor in an effort to secure support last weekend, an indication that direction of the party may be at stake as the internal struggle intensifies.

"It's going to be a bloodbath," said conventioneer Parrish M. Marston, chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee.

The central point of discussion between the factions is expected to be the wisdom of having conventions to select candidates. While Democrats always use primaries, Republicans have used primaries only eight times in the last 100 years to select state-wide candidates.

Last year's convention in Richmond ended in a surprise victory for Jackson, who secured the nomination to run for lieutenant governor after more than 12 hours of intense politics. Democrats pounced on Jackson's record of comparing Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and calling gays "sexually twisted" to brand the party as intolerant, and all three statewide candidates went down in defeat.

"As we saw last year in Richmond, sometimes things get out of hand," said Chris Brown, a Republican delegate from Herndon. "I think the more rank-and-file people would probably prefer a primary. It's certainly less commitment on their part, allows them to spend more time with their families and allows them to get more of their neighbors energized and allow them to participate."

THE DEBATE about whether to select candidates using a convention rather than a primary may have been the most divisive issue at the convention this year, perhaps even more divisive than the selection of a candidate to run against Warner. Every delegate seemed to have an opinion about the issue, and opinions were all over the map. Some looked at the recent history as an indication that the party needed to change direction. Others said conventions offered a way for candidates to save fundraising dollars for a general election rather than spending the campaign war chest going after other Republicans.

"It's not always Republicans that are voting for a candidate," said James Glenn, a delegate from Mount Vernon. "In addition to independents you could have Democrats crossing over. So you're not truly getting a Republican conservative candidate.

For some, the issue of convention versus primary came down to one simple question: Which strategy would defeat Democrats?

"Maybe it will drum up a little support and get people interested in what's happen-

ing because we've got too many people who are uninformed and not interested in the political process," said George Graham, a delegate from Arlington. "If we are going to run an American country, we need people who are informed and interested."

REPUBLICANS BELIEVE Warner is a flawed candidate, hoping to seize on his support of the Affordable Care Act during the coming campaign. Over and over, delegates to the convention accused voters of voting for President Barack Obama 97 percent of the time. That record that was not pleasing to Republicans, many of whom purchased toilet paper featuring the image of the Democratic president at a booth off the convention floor. Each roll of toilet paper, made in China, sold for $7.

"It's funny, and it's a great gag," said busi-

nessman Stephen Tyler, who was selling the product. "It's a great way to be able to sur-

prise somebody who might be of the other party who you might want to poke some fun at concerning the mockery that's become this administration."

On the convention floor, though, deleg-

ates were taking a much more serious approach to the campaign. In the coming months, they hope to portray Warner as a big-spending liberal who supports expand-

ing health insurance for those who live in poverty or are disabled.

"He has voted for big tax increases. He has voted for big spending," said Jay McConville, former chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee. "He is an Obamacare supporter, and that is not what the people of Virginia need and that's why we are going to replace him with Ed Gillespie."
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