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“Here’s what a little birdie told me”

Interview With The Hon. Ken Cuccinelli

By Braden Herman, Bradley City

Ken Cuccinelli was born on July 30, 1968 in the state of New Jersey. A graduate of Gonzaga College High School, he earned his bachelor of science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Virginia, a Juris Doctor degree from George Mason University School of Law, and a Master of Arts, an International Commerce and Policy from

George Mason University. Cuccinelli was elected to the Senate in 2002 as a Republican candidate and in 2009 he was elected to the office of Attorney General of Virginia. In the year of 2013 Cuccinelli is currently running for the position of Governor of Virginia.

During his presentation on June 18 to Virginia Boys State, Mr. Cuccinelli described his position as Attorney General to Boys State as not being the ‘Top Cop.’ Instead he commented the position as having 3 roles: law firm of Virginia, backup law enforcements in Virginia, and defends the US and Virginia constitutions. When commenting about his position during his speech and also on his views, he stated it was the supreme court that and the government that keeps the government from having their values being faith based. He described the job of the states to push back against the over bearing of the federal government. He says that his job is to defend the laws not just the ones that he as an individual likes.

“My first duty is to the law.”

His views lead him to fight very diligently against the amount of illegal human trafficking. He finds the event of Marijuana legalization in both Colorado and in



Washington are a chance to have an experiment in the running's of the government and how the federal government is going to handle having a state government try to nullify a federal law. When commenting on the tender subject of abortion he said, "This is not a decision of 1 person it is one of 2 people, and this is where the conflict is." He also states that he does not only work on his conservative views but also on more liberal views such as felon exoneration and this enables him to receive votes from more moderate voters. He is also very concerned about harsh imprisonments.

"Being a basketball referee is perfect preparation for politics; because when you blow the whistle and make a decision half the room is mad at you."

I was able to speak with Mr. Cuccinelli shortly after his presentation for a few moments and was able to ask him a question about both his views, and his plans for the upcoming election for governor. When I asked him about his more conservative views and about his faith and the impact it has on his decisions he responded that his faith and his family have made his decisions to be more conservative. He also said that in his own opinion if people in the country based their politics on not the teachings of the Bible, but of the values, then the country would be a kinder smoother running place.



Hello homeboys. This is your Sports Editor, Jake Harris. This week my fellow reporters, Kelly and Kirby, and I are very excited to see what all of you athletes out there have to offer. We are hard at work, reporting, writing, and staying up late just to bang out this paper for you guys, but we love every second of it. Like all humans, we too make mistakes, and we will happily print corrections for inaccurate information printed in the sports section. I am very excited to be here this week with your guys, the best boys in the state. I encourage you guys to play hard, not just in your athletic events but also in the game of life. Play on.

Jake Harris
Sports Editor

SPORTS

THE SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

MATCHUP	FINAL SCORE
Jackson vs. Puller	Jackson (52-28)
Nimitz vs. Washington	Nimitz (28-21)
MacArthur vs. Henry	Henry (49-26)

BOWLING

The Boys State bowling tournament is well underway, but this tournament is no head to head tournament. Instead, each team of four bowls one game per day, and at the end of the day the individuals' scores are combined giving a compiled team score. The top five teams as of Monday afternoon are as follows: 1) Burke-478 2) Henry-450 3) Pershing-447 4) James-441 5) Jackson-428.

The city to watch out for this week is James, the city whom bowled 580 Tuesday afternoon.



"Are you going to run with the big dogs, or are you going to sit on the porch and bark?"

AROUND THE HORN

NBA FINALS RESULTS

As of Sunday night the Spurs were leading the series 3-2 over the Heat. The Spurs were looking to put out the fire last night. Through an intense, grueling, back-and-forth battle, the Heat rekindles the fire and stays alive in a 103-100 victory in O.T. The battle continues.

U.S. OPEN RESULTS

Player	Total
1) J. Rose	281
T2) J. Day	283
T2) P. Mickelson	283

A key finish to note is that of Tiger Woods. Woods, a world renowned golfer, finished 13 over par. This finish is Wood's worst finish since his amateur finish in the Open in 1996.

NHL: STANLEY CUP FINALS

Chicago and Boston are duking it out in the Stanley Cup Finals. Boston is currently leading the series 2-1. Game four is **tonight** at **8:00 p.m. ET** in **Boston**. The team that wins the best of seven will be dubbed the champions.

**CORRECTION

Lee defeated Washington 64-29 in basketball Monday afternoon.

It's The Boys State Song - Take it or Leave It

By Jackson Skeen

“The Virginia Boys State Song is awesome. It’s even better than ‘Let it Be’ by the Beatles.”

This was the enthusiastic opinion of one Stephen Amoruso, a member of Puller City. When asked about the famous Boys State Song, Stephen could think of nothing negative. He views the song as timeless, surpassing even those of world-renowned bands.

Jonathan Leidenheimer of Burke City concurs with Stephen’s opinion, saying “The song represents unity and tradition. Politics can be divisive, but the song unites us.” He whole-heartedly supports the song and the consistency with which it is played.

However, not everyone shares the overwhelmingly positive opinions of Stephen and Jonathan. Some, although not entirely negative, are more tempered.

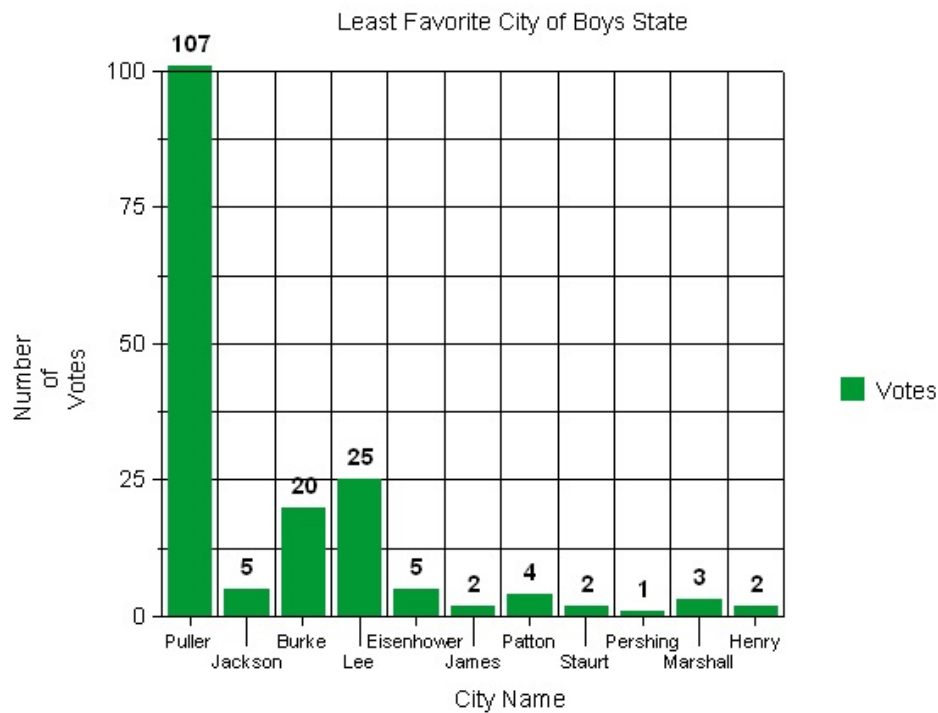
Malik Holles says, “The song is classic and

shouldn’t be changed. Even though I don’t mind it, I think we should limit the number of times we sing it each day. I think the song was played too many times on Monday, but the number of plays was on point on Tuesday.”

Robert Morrison describes the song as “Catchy, but annoying, kind of like ‘Call Me Maybe.’”

Some campers even go so far as to suggest that reform should be considered. A citizen from Puller City says, “The song is a good tradition, but I’m not very fond of it. I think it’s a little too old school, with the piano and acapella choir. I think we should try to modernize it.”

The opinions on the Boys State Song vary across the camp, but all can agree on one thing: it is an affirmation of the history and tradition that is at the core of what Boys State represents.



Highlights From The Nationalist Convention

By Stephen Amoruso, of Puller City

Yesterday, around 300 Boys State candidates walked into the Preston auditorium for the first Nationalist convention. Even though they had little idea of what would exactly happen in the convention, they proved to be the more productive party by making a platform, and electing one nominee.

The first election that took place was to decide who would hold permanent position of Party Chairman. It was a close race between the candidates Dean Lee, Nick Bertini, and George Armstrong. After two bal-

lots, Dean Lee proved to be victorious with a total of 191 out of 298 votes.

The second election was for the position of Attorney General. The large turnout for this position was expected because of the visit from current Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli. This was a close race between Dillon Wilde, Franklin G., and Dylan Boeckmann. After three grueling ballots, Franklin G. achieved his goal to establish himself as Attorney General.

In conclusion, the Nationalists showed their work as a productive and prominent party. Tomorrow they will work just as hard to elect a Lt. Governor and a Governor nominee.

Don't Be Silly, Vote for Billy



Howell for Governor

Sorry, Mistakes From Yesterday...

Standing Ovations: Do They Still Matter?

By Jackson Skeen, Patton City

Stand up. Sit down. Stand up. Sit down. Stand up. Sit down. This is a process that, in merely one day of camp, all of Boys State has become only too familiar with.

A standing ovation is defined as “a form of applause where members of a seated audience stand up while applauding after extraordinary performances of particularly high acclaim.” Key word: extraordinary. In the short time the campers have been at Radford University, there have been over 20 recorded standing ovations, lasting up to a minute long.

I, along with several other campers, find it difficult to believe that more than 20 “performances of particularly high acclaim” have occurred in a single day. It would be virtually miraculous if this many awe-inspiring performances transpired during an entire week, much less in one day.

I am not saying standing ovations are a bad thing. In fact, I am saying the opposite. A standing ovation, a recognition of great accomplishment, is something to be cherished. If they are overused, they become not only pedestrian, but tiresome.

physically and ideologically. In our 17 hour-long days, we are forced to stand, walk, march, campaign, and participate in various activities. These all serve to enervate the campers, leaving them with little energy to leap to their feet and clap until their hands bleed every other minute in assembly.

Ideologically, constant standing ovations devalue the inherent significance they are supposed to represent. Ancient Rome was one of the first nations to utilize the standing ovation, lending it its original importance. Romans employed standing ovations for only the most worthy accomplishments, such as when Marcus Licinius Crassus defeated the slave revolt led by Spartacus.

At Boys State, one does not need to ferociously crush a violent slave revolt to receive a standing ovation. Virtually all one needs to do is walk on stage, and he is rewarded with a standing ovation fit for Roman emperors.

So what must we do to ensure that the significance of the standing ovation is not lost at Boys State? Discretion is crucial. Rather than leaping out of our seats at every word spoken, we must learn to refrain. In order to maintain the sacred nature of the standing ovation, we must learn to save our commendation for the extraordinary.

Across:

1-Nicknamed "31-Knot"

2- Confederate Lt. General nicknamed "Stonewall"

3-Fought in both World Wars, received nobel peace prize in 1953

4-Confederate Commander-in-Chief

5-First President of the United States

6-Appointed Commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet after the attack on Pearl Harbor

7-Known as "Pathfinder of the Seas"

8-Virginia's first elected Governor

9-Most decorated Marine in U.S. military history

Down:

1-First to hold the rank of "six-star-general," since George Washington

2-Commanded World War II American forces in North Africa and Sicily

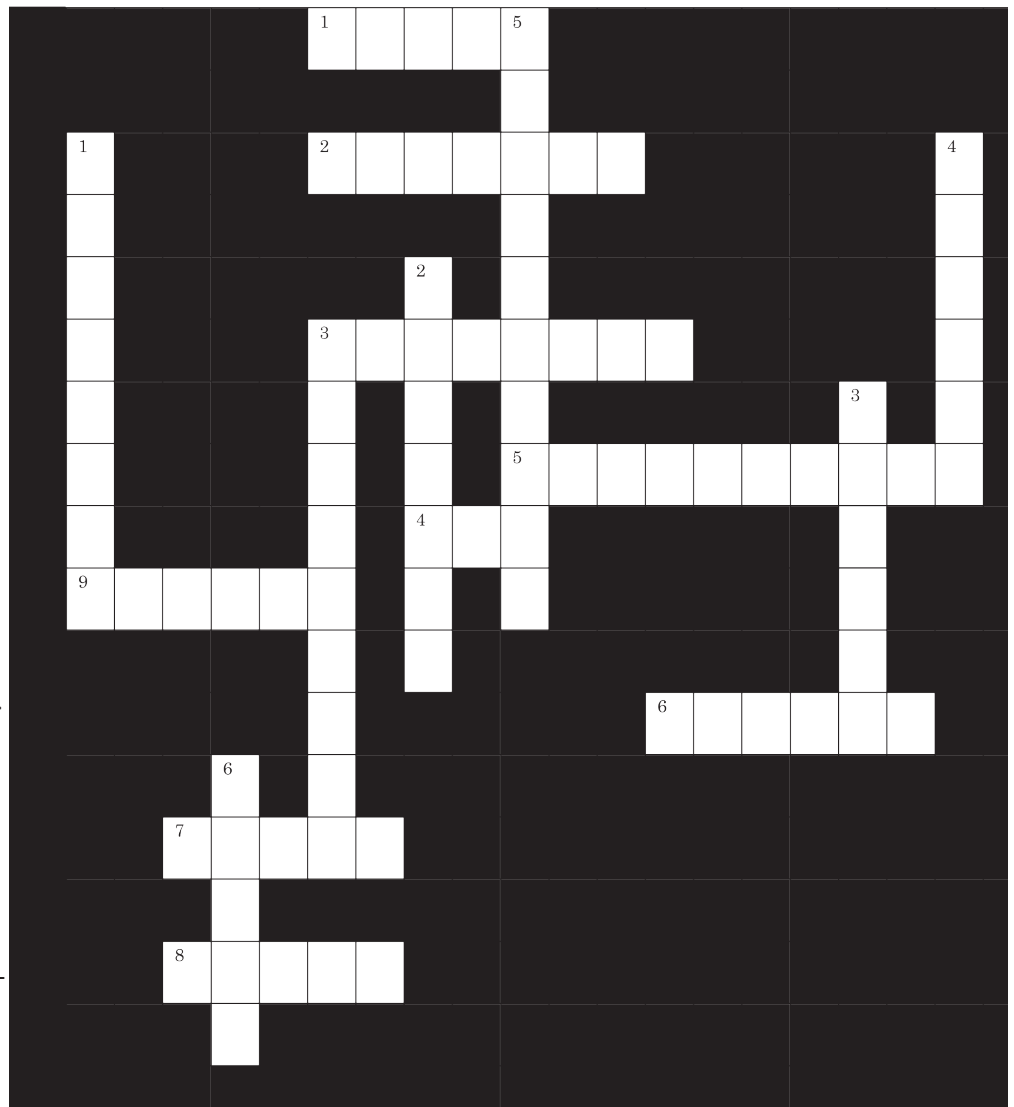
3-Confederate Major General in The Civil War

4-Nicknamed "Old Blood and Guts"

5-34th President of the United States

6-1st African American to become a Four Star General in American Military history

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Special Note

The dedicated staff of Cardinal Connection worked long past midnight to fix a mistake of the Editor-in-Chief. These extraordinary gentlemen truly took their oath of office serious, and performed their duties to the best of their abilities, much to the Editor's appreciation. As a favor to me, please extend a warm and more than well-deserved commendation and thank you, for without these gentlemen, this newspaper would not exist.

Trevor Motley
Editor-in-Chief

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