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## Spotlight Festival Illuminates the Arts

Annual Spotlight on the Arts Festival celebrates its 25th anniversary.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

Paris has the Louvre, Vatican City has the Sistine Chapel and New York City has the Museum of Modern Art. The City of Fairfax may not have the cachet of these renowned centers of art, but after 25 years of effort, it is making quite the name for itself nonetheless.

The city kicks off the 25th installment of its annual Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival Friday, April 16. The festival, which has earned the reputation as the premier arts festival in Northern Virginia, will once again offer a plethora of exhibitions, performances and more for all ages and tastes.

"It is *the* arts festival for the City of Fairfax and it shows that the city is steeped in the arts," said Jo Ormesher, the festival's executive director. "We've got music, dancing, plays, storytelling. We've got a little bit of everything, and people really come out and thoroughly enjoy themselves."

According to Ormesher, the Spotlight on the Arts began in 1985 as a collaborative effort between the City of Fairfax, George Mason University and Northern Virginia



The Old Town Gallery will host the artwork of the Fairfax Art League during the Spotlight on the Arts Festival.

Community College. At the time, she said, organizers John Mason, Alan Brower, Dave Saunders and Joe Canyon were seeking to create an arts festival that showcased local artists in an effort to show the region that the arts were alive and well within the city. So, the four reached out to George Mason and NOVA to serve as sponsors and organizers, the schools accepted, and the festival was born.

"The festival was started 25 years ago to show off the arts of the area," Ormesher said. "They wanted to show people that art did not stop at the end of the Metro, that it

carried on into the city."

Ormesher said that the festival was originally only three days long, most of the performers were from the local high schools and the majority of the attendees were older residents coming out to hear orchestral music. However, over time, and especially in the last seven years, Ormesher said, festival organizers have made a big push to bring in more young people. As a result, the festival has been slowly revamped to expand its offerings.

This year, that expansion is being seen again, with the continuation of new events

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— Jo Ormesher, Festival executive director

and a continuation of successful events that were rolled out in recent years. The festival will begin April 16 in Old Town Hall with a champagne reception and series of musical performances from the Fairfax High School Music Department, George Mason University, Robinson Secondary School and the Fairfax Choral Society Youth Chorus. In addition, Stacy Sherwood, who donated \$5 million to build the arts-dedicated Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, will be honored at the reception along with other area women responsible for the promotion of the arts in the city.

"The reception will celebrate women in the arts," Ormesher said. "Women will be conducting the orchestras and bands, leading plays, and more. Mrs. Sherwood will be honored there, and Gov. [Bob] McDonnell's (R) wife will be there, too."

Then, over the course of three weeks, the Old Town Hall, theSpace, the Auld Shebeen, Old Town Plaza Gallery and the fire department will play host for a wide range of art events. Long time favorites such as the Polka concert and the German music showcase and performances from the Fairfax City Band and local high school bands will take place throughout the festival, but this year,

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## Multiple Jurisdictions Target Alleged 'Drug Ring'

Fairfax men charged with drug trafficking.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

A federal grand jury has indicted one Fairfax man on a charge of conspiracy to distribute ecstasy and marijuana, and another Fairfax man has already pleaded guilty to the same offense. Jonathan Pai, 20, entered his plea on Tuesday, March 23, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria. Two days later, March 25, Quang Huy Ho, 22, was indicted.

Federal authorities believe they're part of a drug-trafficking ring that supplied these two illegal substances throughout the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. area.

"Ecstasy is a serious threat to our society," said DEA Special Agent in Charge Ava Cooper-Davis. "Its users

are often young and unaware of its potentially deadly side effects. Our community is safer after dismantling [alleged] drug trafficking organizations like [this] one."

According to the indictment and Pai's statement of facts, from February 2009 to February 2010, Pai reportedly obtained ecstasy and marijuana regularly from Chen Chieh Yam, 29, of Hyattsville, Md. Then Pai worked with the others alleged in the indictment to distribute these drugs throughout Northern Virginia and the surrounding area. Those working with Pai would reportedly collect the drug proceeds and provide bulk payments to Pai, who would give these proceeds to Yam.

Pai admitted in court that he sold more than 7,000 ecstasy pills to an undercover law enforcement officer through a series of drug buys conducted at the Tysons Corner Center. He also admitted that he and oth-

ers obtained hundreds of kilograms of marijuana from Yam and that other alleged conspirators operated stash houses to maintain, grow, store and distribute marijuana.

Pai stated in court and the indictment alleged that various members of the conspiracy reportedly possessed firearms and, in December 2009, Yam allegedly gave Pai a .45-caliber handgun, which Pai stored at a drug stash house. Pai faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in prison and a possible maximum of 40 years behind bars when he's sentenced on June 11.

As for the others allegedly involved in these crimes and indicted on Thursday, March 25, both Ho and Jeff L. Tsu, 31, of Vienna, are charged with conspiracy. Paul Bang, 18, of Centreville, is accused of conspiracy and distribution of ecstasy, and Tam Phuong Tran, 23, of Chantilly, is accused of conspiracy to distribute ecstasy and marijuana, as well as conspiracy to commit money laundering.

Yam is charged with conspiracy, distribution of ecstasy, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug-trafficking crime, plus money laundering. Tofun Ali Ghasri, 21, of Manassas, is charged with conspiracy and ecstasy distribution.

The conspiracy charge carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison and a maximum of 40 years. The distribution charge is punishable by as much as 20 years in prison. Money laundering conspiracy carries a 20-year maximum. The firearm charge comes with a mandatory minimum penalty of five years behind bars and a maximum of life imprisonment and runs consecutive to any other sentence imposed.

This case is being investigated by the DEA, Virginia State Police and the Fairfax and Montgomery County police departments.

## Business Compliance Check

Two arrests were made as a result of business compliance checks in the West Springfield Police District on Monday, March 29.

According to Fairfax County Police, officers conducted stings at several locations in the Springfield, Fairfax, and Burke areas of Fairfax County as part of the ongoing "Spring Break" safety campaign. The sting was conducted using a county police cadet dressed in plain clothing to purchase alcohol. The cadet entered stores and attempted to purchase alcohol. If asked whether he was 21 years old, the cadet was to respond with his true age and/or date of birth. If asked for identification, he was to tell the clerk that he had no identification with him. If the sale of alcohol took place, the plain-clothed officer would take possession of the alcohol from the cadet and make the appropriate charge(s), along with the assistance of the uniformed officer assigned to the team.

As a result of this operation, 13 locations were entered. Two illegal sales were made inside the CVS Pharmacy, located at 8330 Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield and at Safeway at 9525 Braddock Road in Fairfax.

The stings were conducted using one team consisting of one plain-clothed officer, one uniformed officer, one supervisor, and one cadet.

## Credit-Card Crimes Alleged

City of Fairfax Police arrested two people last week in connection with an incident at the 7-Eleven at 3910 University Drive in Fairfax. On Wednesday, March 31, at 12:40 p.m., the store manager reported that a person unable to provide identification had used a credit card to make purchases. The subject left with several others in a vehicle which officers subsequently located in the Courthouse Plaza parking lot.

Investigation reportedly revealed that one of the people had made credit-card purchases at Safeway. In addition, an officer found two credit cards that one of them had allegedly tried to throw away in the parking lot.

Officers verified that the cards had been stolen and the suspects weren't authorized to use them. Police then charged Robert Joseph Millard, 33, and Leslie Michelle Binderman, 36, both of 4300 block of 40th St., Brentwood, Md., with credit-card theft and credit-card fraud. Millard was held without bond in the Adult Detention Center, and Binderman was held on \$2,500 bond.

## Fairfax City Police Investigate Gun Discharge Incident

City of Fairfax Police are investigating the discharge of a service weapon by an officer during a traffic stop. The officer was conducting radar enforcement on Pickett Road near Old Pickett Road, on Wednesday, March 31, around 11 p.m. The officer observed a vehicle speeding and conducted a traffic stop on Old Pickett Road. During the course of the traffic stop and interaction with the 22-year-old male driver, the officer's weapon was discharged.

The round struck the vehicle's rear bumper. No one was injured. The officer, an eight-year police veteran, was placed on routine administrative leave. The last line-of-duty discharge of a service weapon involving a City of Fairfax Police officer and a citizen was on Aug. 12, 2005.

## Meetings Set for School Regional Planning Study

Parents of children attending public schools in the southwest region of Fairfax County may participate in a new community engagement process that addresses Fairfax County

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PHOTO BY ELLEEN KILEY/PAUL VI

Paul VI High School students rehearse for their production of 'The Music Man,' from left, Alexa Bechara, Frances Palaszczuk, Alexandra Dent, Jake Miller, Katrina Hitt, Stephanie Davis and Meghan Shea.

## Trouble Reported in River City

### 'Music Man' Marches onto Paul VI Stage.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Featuring a cast and crew of 60, "The Music Man" will march onto the Paul VI Catholic High School stage. They've been rehearsing since January, and Director Katherine Miller says it should be a terrific show.

"We have an energetic, talented, enthusiastic bunch of actors," she said. "The Music Man' has always been a favorite of mine because of the simple, straightforward story and familiar songs. I think it's probably the best of its generation of Broadway shows."

The curtain rises Friday-Saturday, April 16-17, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 18, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8, students and senior citizens; and \$13, adults — in advance, via [www.paulvi.net](http://www.paulvi.net) or during school lunches. At the door, they're \$10 and \$15, respectively.

Technical Director Ken Kelleher designed the sets, and Miller said he doesn't do anything small. Besides sets depicting the town square, school gym, library and a park, she said, "We built a train, 30 feet long and 15 feet high, just for the opening scene."

SEVERAL MOMS and students made costumes, and band uniforms were borrowed from Bishop O'Connell High. "They no longer have a band, but they have a lot of old uniforms," said Miller. "We really appreciate that; it's been a big help."

Parent Kathy d'Alelio choreographed the dance numbers. "She created some really fun things for the actors to do," said Miller. "Everybody's having a good time. The whole show's an explosion of color, en-

ergy and fun."

Stage Manager Karina Scavicchio has assisted Miller for four years. "I take care of things backstage, the curtain, cueing people on and off stage and making sure they're in the right spots," she said. "I like being involved. It's a lot of stress, but it's rewarding to see the production completed and us able to pull off something so great."

Portraying Harold Hill is junior Jake Miller. "He goes to a small town, River City, because someone told him he couldn't sell things there," said Miller. "So he sells band instruments, uniforms and instruction books there and makes the residents believe he's going to start a band. Hill's a slick con man who thinks there's nothing he can't sell. River City's challenging because people there try to stop him."

According to Miller, Hill's full of energy. "When he's having fun, I'm having fun," she said. We also have people playing some really great, smaller parts that give the show texture." Miller's favorite song is "Trouble." Although learning its words and quick beat were difficult, he said, "Now that I know it, it's really rewarding to sing — It's turn-of-the-century rap."

Senior Sarah Stepka plays Marian the librarian. "At the beginning, she's finicky, uptight and annoyed by Harold," said Stepka. "Her mother's telling her to find a man, and Marian gets pulled into Harold's charade and falls for him. But when the truth comes out, she stands by him and becomes more self-confident and accepting."

Stepka enjoys showing her character's growth and loves singing "Goodnight, My Someone" because "It's Marian's private moment dreaming about the love she wants." She said the audience will like the actors' younger brothers comprising the town's boys' band. "And the set is amazing," said Stepka. "It's been

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— Director Katherine Miller

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# NEWS

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Public Schools' elementary school capacity and overcrowding; the location of elementary school programs, such as advanced academics and foreign languages; renovation needs at Clifton Elementary; and the potential for future boundary changes at elementary schools throughout the Southwestern Regional Planning Study area. Schools in the Southwestern Regional Planning Study area include Bonnie Brae, Brookfield, Bull Run, Centre Ridge, Centreville, Clifton, Cub Run, Deer Park,

Eagle View, Fairfax Villa, Fairview, Greenbriar East, Greenbriar West, Laurel Ridge, Lees Corner, London Towne, Navy, Oak View, Poplar Tree, Powell, Providence, Sangster, Silverbrook, Terra Centre, Union Mill, Virginia Run, Waples Mill and Willow Springs Elementary Schools. Two representatives from each school have been selected by the schools' PTA and PTO presidents to serve as members of a planning study committee. Planning study committee members will discuss the issues facing the affected area schools at a series of fo-

cus groups in April. Focus groups are scheduled from 7-9 p.m. on:

❖ Tuesday, April 13, at Robinson Secondary School in the blue cafeteria, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax.

❖ Thursday, April 15, at Chantilly High School cafeteria, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly.

❖ Monday, April 19, at Stone Middle School cafeteria, 5500 Sully Park Drive, Centreville.

❖ Tuesday, April 20, at Centreville High School cafeteria, 6001 Union Mill Road,

Centreville.

Planning study committee members will include parent feedback gathered at the focus groups in their final report to the Fairfax County School Board on May 10. This study may affect every school in the Southwestern Regional Planning Study area, so parent participation is important. Participants are asked to sign up to attend a focus group to ensure that sufficient materials will be available at each meeting.

For more information, visit <http://www.fcps.edu/news/swcountyschls.htm> to view committee resources and register.

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# Spotlight on the Arts

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Ormesher said, more has been added.

Big Band music will be presented for the first time ever this year, with "Swing is the Thing: Big Band Sounds" scheduled for April 30 in the Old Town Hal. Bluegrass music will also be featured this year and Bill Emerson and the Sweet Dixies performing live at the Auld Shebeen. In addition, Ormesher said, "Avant Fairfax," which showcases rock-oriented bands for younger attendees, will return for the second year.

"The new thing this year is the big band concert," Ormesher said. "We'll have music and dancing, and you can even come in and learn how to swing dance if you don't know how."

**TRADITIONAL ART** exhibitions and theater performances round out this year's festivities. The Fairfax Art League will have a continuously running show in the Old Town Art Gallery that is free of charge for entrants. Theater productions will be led by several different groups, with local high school students performing "Peter Pan" and offering acting workshops for young children. The Theater of the First Amendment plans to celebrate the festival's first 2 1/2 decades by performing 10-minute segments of each play it has performed at the festival over the last 25 years.

"What the Theater of the First Amendment is planning is very ambitious," Ormesher said. "But I know they'll pull it off and it will be amazing."

With dozens of performances and activities stretching out over three weeks, and a populace dedicated to the arts, Ormesher and other city officials are confident that this year's festival will be a massive success. After all, Mayor Robert Lederer said, if the city does anything well, it is festivals.

"One of the things the City of Fairfax does really well is our festivals, and this is one of them," Lederer said. "Anytime you have a celebration, let alone one marking 25 years, it's something truly special and the fact that this has not only grown, but prospered for 25 years is amazing."

## CALENDAR

To have community events listed, send to [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:south@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

### THURSDAY/APRIL 8

**Swing Dance with Natty Beaux.** 7:30 at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-424-1745 or [www.headoverheelsdance.com](http://www.headoverheelsdance.com).

**Shane Hines (acoustic), Scott Simons and Bleu.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Afternoon Book Discussion Group.** 1 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call for title. Adults. 703-249-1520.

**Irish folksinger, songwriter and harpist Moya Brennan.** 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$25. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### FRIDAY/APRIL 9

**Rocknocos Family Happy Hour.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10, age 1-under free. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**bob CD Release Show, The 5 L's and The Franchise Players.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 in advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Lunch Bunnies.** 12 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Bring lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. 703-978-5600.

**The College of Visual and**

**Performing Arts Impact 2010: 24-Hour Arts Festival.** Beginning at 7 a.m. and continuing through 7 a.m. Saturday, April 10. In the Art and Design Building, George Mason University, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. This 24-hour art marathon is free and open to the public, and features an array of hands-on art activities, including a large-scale steamroller printmaking process, available to anyone who wishes to take part. Student-led and faculty explorations include music, dance, theater, film and visual art. 703-993-8898.

**The Discovery Series: the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet.** 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$35. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### SATURDAY/APRIL 10

**Garth Fagan Dance.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A blend of ballet, contemporary dance and Afro-Caribbean movement by the Tony Award-winning choreographer of "The Lion King." Pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$22-\$44, available at 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

**bob CD Release Show, Almost Kings and Feed God Cabbage.** 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 in advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia 10th Anniversary Open House.** 3-5 p.m. at 10560 Main St.,

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**Community Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Greater Little Zion Baptist Church, 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax. Sponsored by the Women's Ministry. 703-249-9557

**Microsoft Word.** 2:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Learn the basics of word processing. Age 13 and up. 703-293-6227.

**One-on-One Computer Tutoring.** 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn to use a computer, navigate the Internet and work with common software applications. Call for an appointment. Adults. 703-249-1520.

**A Little Night Music.** 6:30 p.m. at Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. With Juxtaposition, a men's acapella group from Virginia Tech, and the IMPACT Youth Choir. Dessert reception to follow. Free. Donations accepted to support the youth choir's summer mission tour to Eastern Tennessee. www.BurkePresChurch.org or 703-764-0456.

**Julie Murphy Wells: Sophisticated**

**Lady.** 7:30 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 11

**Annandale Brass Orchestra Spring Fling Concert.** 4 p.m. at the Richard J. Ernst Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Marches, show tunes and the classics. Adults \$10, seniors and teens \$7, children free. 703-569-0973.

**I Saw A Ghost, The Kindness Of Strangers, Lakeview, New Castle, A Sense Of Urgency and Freqontrol.** 5:15 p.m. Jammin'

Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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# OPINION

## Cuccinelli Misleads on Costs

Perhaps we need a referendum to decide if and when Virginia will spend time, resources and image on challenging federal actions?

Some of us are probably prepared to admit that we are embarrassed, as two of Virginia's major newspapers warned we might be. But no one predicted that there would be so much to blush about so soon.

Suddenly, Virginia is in the national spotlight, not for being home of the Internet along the Dulles corridor, not for being the place for lovers (too many exceptions apply), not for being the mother of many presidents, not for its history, not for its wine.

No, Virginia is in the national spotlight because our newly elected Attorney General, Ken Cuccinelli of Clifton, Fairfax County, has taken to court declaring recently passed landmark health care legislation as unconstitutional. He also sued to stop the regulation of greenhouse gasses and now will challenge new federal standards for auto emissions (even though even the auto industry would rather have federal controls that a patchwork of state regulations).

He opened his administration telling Virginia's dramatically underfunded colleges and universities that they could not include sexual orientation in their anti-discrimination policies.

Last October, before the election, the Virginian Pilot warned: "Cuccinelli's election would bring embarrassment to Virginia." The Washington Post, a few days later: "Cuccinelli would drive away qualified lawyers from an office that

functions as the state government's law firm, and, given his bizarre ideas, he would very likely become an embarrassment for the commonwealth."

**ADDING INJURY TO INSULT**, Cuccinelli denies that these escapades are costing the Commonwealth anything, releasing a statement claiming, for example, that the only costs involved are the filing fees, \$350 in the case of the constitutional challenge to the health care.

That's like saying it didn't cost anything to close the Federal Government in the snow emergency in February. The actual cost was about \$70 million a day.

Cuccinelli owes his constituents a real accounting of the costs, the amount staff time devoted to the efforts. The Office of the Attorney General is Virginia's law firm, and there are established methods for billing and assessing costs.

Most important is admitting the opportunity costs. What is it that his office is not doing because of the time and focus playing national politics?

His two immediate predecessors, Gov. Bob McDonnell and Virginia Supreme Court Justice Bill Mims, both focused on consumer protection. McDonnell launched the "consumer alert of the month," a column which addressed real problems faced by ordinary Virginians in

tions, aka rationing, to patients.

The recently passed healthcare bill can also be expected to have a negative impact on unemployment, already a major problem for our country. This past week many companies — 3M, AT&T, Caterpillar, John Deere, Verizon, etc. — announced large increases in expenditure under ObamaCare. This certainly won't help to create new jobs and will probably result in more job loss.

With the American economy in dire straits, raising taxes is a bad idea. However, there are big tax increases that are part of ObamaCare.

And, last but not least, in a free country, a person cannot be forced to buy something. ObamaCare takes away our freedom by forcing people to buy health insurance. What will we be forced to buy next?

On a side note, if ObamaCare is so wonderful, why is Congressman Connolly exempt from it?

**Susan Lider Hutson**  
Clifton

terms of financial fraud, identity theft and other critical issues. Mims maintained the monthly effort. The columns appeared in media around the state, and served both as a warning and as a means of reaching out to people who had been victims.

The last such "alert" was filed the month before Cuccinelli took office, after monthly entries for four years through 2009. ([www.oag.state.va.us/CONSUMER/Consumer\\_Alert\\_Archive.html](http://www.oag.state.va.us/CONSUMER/Consumer_Alert_Archive.html))

Taking care of Virginian's interests is not at the top of the priorities of the current attorney general.

The 14 duties and powers of the Office of the Attorney General (see [www.oag.state.va.us/OUR\\_OFFICE/Role.html](http://www.oag.state.va.us/OUR_OFFICE/Role.html)) include providing information on identity theft and remediation, help Social Services collect child support, prosecute certain environmental and computer crimes, enforce laws that protect businesses and consumers, represent consumers in utility matters before the State Corporation Commission, in addition to providing legal advice and opinions to the Governor, General Assembly and other state agencies.

Ken Cuccinelli was elected state senator representing the 37th District, part Prince William and Fairfax counties, in a special election in 2002. The election drew 16.6 percent of registered voters after state Sen. Warren Barry (R) resigned to take a job with the Warner Administration. Cuccinelli was reelected in 2003 and then in 2007 held onto his seat by less than 100 votes.

— MARY KIMM

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## Dismayed Reader

To the Editor:

I was dismayed to read U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-11) commentary, "Historic Achievement" [Connection, March 25-31, 2010]. ObamaCare is supposed to make healthcare more affordable to more people, but it actually threatens the rights of everyone involved in healthcare — doctors, patients, pharmaceutical and medical device suppliers, and health insurers — and thus the future of the industry.

Mr. Connolly mentions that ObamaCare will guarantee the solvency of Medicare. Yet, this new healthcare plan takes more than \$500 billion from Medicare just as the baby boomers will be covered under that program, surely not a path to solvency but rather one to rationing.

The 2,000+ pages of the ObamaCare bill include many regulations on health insurers, which will simply become middle men for passing on those regula-

## Undercounting Hurts Families

To the Editor:

People are often surprised to learn that children are routinely undercounted in the U.S. census. Many might also be surprised to learn that Census counts and the accuracy of data personally affects them. Most major federal funding decisions — and many state and local ones — rely at least in part on census data, including funding for early childhood education, schools, roads, environmental protection, healthcare and nutrition.

Nationally, census counts are used to distribute more than \$400 billion of federal funds to states and localities for more than 140 child-focused programs such as:

- ❖ State Children's Health Insurance Program
- ❖ Foster Care
- ❖ Head Start
- ❖ Special Education Grants to states

Undercounting children in Virginia could cost the state tens of millions of dollars and set back

efforts to support programs that help our most vulnerable children. That is why it is critical that all families fill out their census form and to include all of their children, even newborns, in the count.

According to the Census Bureau, young children are missed at a higher rate than any other age group. In the 2000 census, there was a net undercount of more than 1 million children under age 10. More than three-quarters of a million children under age 5 were missed, which amounts to 4 percent of this population group, by far the largest number missed in any age group.

Children in poor households are the most likely to be missed, so an undercount typically ends up hurting exactly those children that need the most help.

In Northern Virginia, more than 43 percent of children are either foreign-born or live in a household in which at least one parent is foreign-born.

Many of these residents do not speak English well and may have

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## Proud Virginian

difficulty understanding the importance of the census.

Without good data, decision-makers are left in a vacuum, forced to either ignore growing problems or make changes based on assumption and anecdote.

**Kathy May**

Director, Northern Virginia Initiative of Voices for Virginia's Children

To the Editor:

Having used the courts to get its way over the objections of the majority for years, the left is outraged when an attorney general seeks to use the courts to uphold the Constitution. Polls clearly show that a majority does not want the unprecedented government intrusion into their lives, the massive debt or the drain on productivity that comes with this

health insurance legislation. They are appalled at the corrupt means by which elected representatives were bought or intimidated to support this bill.

Last November's election proved that a large percentage of Virginians want to be protected from this federal power grab at our rights. The Virginia legislation against forcing anyone to purchase health insurance was passed by a significant bipartisan majority with no manipulation, buying of votes or

intimidation.

The attorney general is obligated to address this conflict between the Commonwealth's effort to protect our rights to control our healthcare and the federal attempt to rule over us.

And the Democratic Party's concern? Three hundred and fifty dollars expended in the challenge. They support a \$1 trillion program that will degrade the quality of our healthcare, as demonstrated everywhere this has been attempted,

but are concerned about \$350. This shows they are fearful that Attorney General Cuccinelli (R) will be successful and that they have no sense of the appropriate allocation of your money.

I am proud that Virginia is leading in the strike for freedom with a legitimate challenge of this unconstitutional attack on the best healthcare system in the world.

**Steve Hunt**

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Between hunts, the Easter Bunny races to victory in a footrace against the Chick-fil-A cows.



And they're off — egg hunters dash onto the field to gather up plastic eggs with prizes in them.



During the second Easter Egg Hunt of the morning, 4- and 5-year olds dash out onto the field.

Oakton residents Kate Curby, left, Emily Hartman and Ella Curby wait for the start of the Chick-fil-A Easter Egg Hunt on Friday morning, April 2.



Sophie Lin, left, and her mother Angeline Lin of Fairfax inspect their bucket of eggs.



Xavier Klingensmith of Fairfax poses for a photo with the Easter Bunny.

# The Hunt Is On

Children storm Fairfax High School football field April 2 in pursuit of Easter eggs.

**O**n a sunny spring day, hundreds of local children raced across the bright green turf at the Fairfax High School football stadium in pursuit of a precious seasonal prize — plastic Easter eggs.

The City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department teamed up on Friday, April 2 with the owners of the Chick-fil-A franchises at Fair Oaks Mall and the City of Fairfax to host the Chick-fil-A Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny made an appearance and even challenged the restaurant chain's mascot cows to a pair of footraces.

"This is a great event," said Fairfax City Council member Joan Cross, who watched the egg hunts from the sidelines. "It's a won-

derful thing for Chick-fil-A to have done."

"We wanted to partner with the City of Fairfax," said Dorothy Ready, marketing director of the Fair Oaks Mall Chick-fil-A. "It's a great way to thank them for their support of Chick-fil-A."

Volunteers from the Fairfax City Mall Best Buy and the Parks and Recreation Department spread eggs across the football field, as eager hunters waited behind lines of tape. Once the public announcer had finished counting down to zero, the hunters, buckets or bags in hand, ran across the green, scooping up the plastic eggs in minutes. Several egg hunts were run on Friday morning, broken up by age groups.

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL



Above, Andrew McCarry of the Fairfax City Parks and Recreation Department puts eggs on the field. Far left, between the egg hunts, the Chick-fil-A cows pose for photos with egg hunters.

Left center, Ginger Levy of Fairfax and her daughter Skylar trade in a prize slip they found in an egg for a set of bath toys.

Near left, Laura Lister of the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department takes guesses from egg hunters on how many Starburst candies fill up a glass jar.



Commissioners of Fairfax County Commission for Women pose for a photo with Keynote Speaker Maureen McDonnell, First Lady of Virginia.

## County Commission Hosts Women's Voices Forum

On March 20, the Fairfax County Commission for Women conducted a Women's Voices Forum at the Fairfax County Government Center. Keynote Speaker was

First Lady of the Commonwealth, Maureen McDonnell. McDonnell returns to her home area, Northern Virginia for the first time since her husband was elected as governor of Virginia.



Organization of Chinese American Women, Virginia Chapter presents a book written by an OCAW member to Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large).

## COLLEGE NOTES

**Caitlin Campbell** of Fairfax, a first-year student at Gettysburg College, was awarded a presidential scholarship by the college. Gettysburg College recognizes students' academic achievement in high school by awarding merit scholarships. The presidential scholarship goes to top-ranking applicants based upon their grade-point average, class rank, and SAT or ACT scores.

**Katherine Morrison** of Fairfax, a junior at Gettysburg College, spent the

fall 2009 semester studying in France.

**Graham Brouder** of Fairfax, a junior at Gettysburg College, is spending the spring 2010 semester studying in Spain.

**Marcela Cristina Otero** of Fairfax, recently graduated from Cornell University with a bachelor of arts in psychology.

**Caitlin Campbell**, a first-year stu-

dent from Fairfax and **Jennifer Davis**, a senior from Fairfax was placed on the deans' commendation list at Gettysburg College for the fall 2009 semester. Students with a quality point average of 3.33 or higher are put on the deans' commendation list.

**Susie Choi**, a Fairfax resident and a graduate of Fairfax High School, received the TD Bank scholarship. She plans to attend the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



Cadets Tomlin, left, and Laclede received the prestigious ROTC Leadership Award from the Roanoke Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

## Two Va Tech Cadets Honored

Each academic year, the Military Officers Association of America Roanoke chapter presents a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Leadership Award to two cadets from among Virginia Tech's three ROTC programs. On Jan. 19, Capt. Larry Johnson, U.S. Army, retired, an MOAA director from the SW VA Chapter, presented the awards to two Air Force cadets: Bryant Tomlin and Peter Laclede.

Laclede is from Fairfax and is the current Regimental Commander for the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets and he is studying political science. Tomlin is from Sparta, N.J. and served as the Air Force Cadet Wing Commander in the spring 2009 semester. He is studying Aerospace Engineering.

Both cadets will earn their commission into the Air Force on May 14. After graduation from Virginia Tech, Tomlin will enter pilot training and Laclede will attend training to be an intelligence officer.

## Romeo, Oh Romeo

**Faqir Qarghah** of Fairfax will play Romeo for the University of Mary Washington production of 'Romeo and Juliet.' Qarghah is the son of Aziz Qarghah of Fairfax, and is a 2005 graduate of Chantilly High School. He is a junior sociology major. Performances will run through April 18 in the newly renovated Klein Theatre. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Klein Theatre Box Office at 540-654-1111.



# Rams, Bruins Set Goals for Track Season

## Runners compete in Leslie Sherman Memorial Invitational.

BY REED S. ALBERS  
THE CONNECTION

**R**obinson sophomore Genamarie McCant sat on a bleacher huffing and puffing out tired breaths following her victory in the girls' 400-meter dash at the Leslie Sherman Memorial Invitational on April 1 at West Springfield.

She finished first in the first heat of runners, which featured many of the area's best sprinters, but McCant was more focused on overall time and not her finishing position.

**"I've trained really hard."**

— Genamarie McCant

"I don't know my time, so I don't know how I did," she said.

McCant knew she finished first in the fastest heat of the race,

meaning it would take an unlikely run from the second and third heats to beat her, but her goals are beyond finishing first.

"I've trained really hard," she said. "But I'm trying to get down to a 55- or 54-second range. If I run a 59, then I need to get my head in the right direction."



PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

The Leslie Sherman Memorial Invitational featured many of the top teams in the area, but not all could field their entire roster due to spring break.

Her final time came in: 58.75 seconds.

It's wasn't quite the time McCant had hoped for, but it did display her total domination of the track in the 400-meter dash. The second place finisher, Edison's Toni

Duvall, crossed the finish line at 1:02.83.

Coming within four seconds of her goal isn't a bad way to start the 2010 outdoor track season. Like many athletes in attendance, McCant used the Leslie Sherman Memorial Invitational as a benchmark for the season.

"I was trying to get out there and see what I could do," she said. "I wanted to see how good a shape I was in. Then I could try to do better next meet."

**SENIOR HURDLER** J.W. Seo used the meet not only as a benchmark, but also to test his conditioning.

"I've been in shape because of the indoor track season," he said. "So I felt pretty good today."

While Seo's body held up during the 300-meter hurdle race, he noted his fifth place time of 42.18 needs improvement as well as his race technique.

At the end of the race, near the 200-meter mark, Seo said he felt fatigued and had trouble with the remaining hurdles.

"You get tired and it becomes hard to see the hurdles," he said. "They get a bit blurry."

Despite a disappointing finish, Seo said he knew that plenty of time remained before the district and regional meets to improve.

"It's just the beginning of the season," he said. "Hopefully, I'll get a better time next meet."

Lake Braddock senior Megan Bumgarner is another hurdler who hoped to set new



**Genamarie McCant finished first in the girls' 400-meter dash with a time of 58.75. Her goal is to run a 55-second race this season.**

goals by competing in the spring break meet.

Bumgarner finished first in the girls' 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.79. She took second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time

## 5 Qs with Robinson track athlete Matt Sbotto

**Q: Did you feel prepared physically for the first individual track meet of the season?**

A: Yeah, seeing as how I was injured for a while.

**Q: What was your injury and how long have you been injured?**

A: I hurt my back. I didn't have any pain today, but I was OK today. I missed the whole indoor track season.

**Q: What sort of music do you like listening to before you get on the track?**

A: Anything really. I like rock music and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

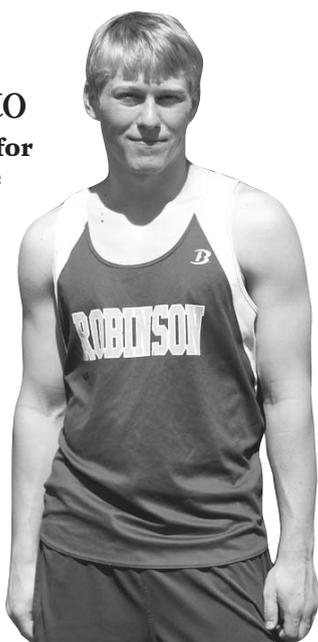
**Q: Do you have a favorite sports team you like to follow?**

A: Yeah, I like soccer. I follow [English Premier League club] Liverpool.

**Q: How do you follow Liverpool with the time zone differences between America and England.**

A: I look online to see when they're playing and I get some of the sports channels through [my cable provider] so I can watch them that way.

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Matt Sbotto

CRAIG STERBUTZEL

## SPORTS

# Rams, Bruins at Sherman Meet

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"I didn't have anything to base my times off this season," Bumgarner said. "So, I was just trying to get a good mark to work from. Now I know where to go from here."

The meet wasn't just a testing ground for runners, for Lake Braddock's Matt Hoogland it was a chance to compete in a new event.

Hoogland is best known for his pole vaulting abil-

ity, but the senior had a rare race in the 300-meter hurdles.

"I haven't really been working much with the hurdles," he said.

Hoogland finished fourth with a time of 42.07, but the reigning Northern Region indoor pole vault champion said he's expecting to see more action in the hurdles.

"I think I'll be doing more hurdles this season," he said. "It's one of my favorite events along with the long jump, triple jump and pole vault."

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The certificates can be pre-purchased from a member of the crew team at any time leading up to the fund raiser.

The crew team is not funded by Robinson Secondary School and all fund-raising efforts help pay for the team's coaches, boats and regatta fees. Contact Chris Veale at [cv622@aol.com](mailto:cv622@aol.com), Louise Lewis at [lewisfamily6@verizon.net](mailto:lewisfamily6@verizon.net).

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The tournament will feature a shotgun start and be played in a captain's choice format.

For reservations, contact Andy Sosa at 703-346-3323 or at [andy.sosa@tasc.com](mailto:andy.sosa@tasc.com).

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**PVI A.P. History students Kate Schifferli, Eva Outzen, Charles Conran and Hyup Cho face off against their competition during the seventh annual Georgetown University History Bowl on Saturday, March 20 at Georgetown University.**

## PVI Excels at History Competition

**A**.P. History students at Paul VI Catholic High School recently augmented their study of European History by competing in the seventh annual Georgetown University History Bowl on Saturday, March 20, at Georgetown University. The Paul VI team displayed an impressive command of history from the Renaissance to World War 1, winning six of their 13 rounds.

Questions were prepared by Georgetown University students. Representing Paul VI were Kate Schifferli, Lisa Covert, Eva Outzen, Christophe Perdu, Hyup Cho, Charles Conran, Carson Eschmann and Michael Sheridan.

Sponsored by the History Honor Society, the Georgetown University History Bowl is an annual Eu-

ropean History competition among selected private and public high schools from Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. Paul VI is a charter member of the competitive forum and has distinguished themselves in each of the past seven events. Other regular participants include Georgetown Prep, Calvert Hall, Mount Saint Joseph, the Governor's Schools of Virginia, Severna Park, North County, West Springfield and for the first time this year, Pope John Paul the Great.

"We view the Georgetown University History Bowl as an intellectual incentive for students studying A.P. European History at Paul VI," said Col. Joe Gesker, A.P. teacher. "The PVI team performed extremely well."

## 'Music Man' Comes to Paul VI

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a huge undertaking, so it'll be captivating to see. People will also like the chemistry, love and relationships between the characters of every age."

Portraying Marian's mother, Mrs. Paroo, is sophomore Sean Pugerude. "She can be a little in-your-face, but has good intentions and wants the best for her kids," said Pugerude. "She's fun to play because of the special relationships she has with her children. She sees their flaws, but pushes them to get the most they can out of life."

Pugerude's favorite number is "Wells Fargo Wagon" because "it's fun to sing and is a proud moment for Mrs. Paroo when her son Winthrop breaks into song." Said Pugerude: "The cast members are already close, and the audience will see this good thing happening to the town and how we all support each other."

Junior Tommy Hodge plays Mayor Shinn. "He's bombastic and thinks whatever he has to say is the most important thing in the world," said

Hodge. "He likes to think he's the town's excitement and entertainment. I love the role because I like drawing attention to myself and yelling. My previous roles were calm, but the mayor's loud and confident."

Hodge likes the song, "76 Trombones" because "there's lots of interaction between Harold and the crowd and I get to dance in it. The audience will enjoy all the songs, especially the opening number, 'Rock Island.'"

Playing his wife is senior Alexandra Dent. "Mrs. Shinn doesn't do anything small," said Dent. She's really egotistical and thinks the world revolves around her and her posse. It's fun because she's constantly goofy. Although she tries to be proper and uphold social customs, she's also ridiculous and over the top."

Dent's favorite number is "Pick-a-Little" because "it's me and my ladies gossiping and talking dirty about Marian — and I get to say 'Balzac' really loudly." She said the show has "a bit of everything — romance, comedy and a moral. It's just constant fun and you walk away with a really neat feeling."

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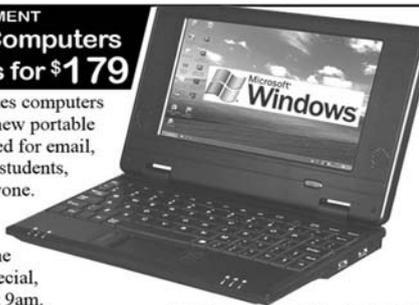
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## OPINION

# Isn't It Obvious?

Transportation problems are still the elephant in the room.

BY SEN. DAVE MARSDEN  
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Once again, we have balanced our budget in Virginia in the most difficult and challenging financial environment since the Great Depression of the 1930s. It was my goal for this session of the General Assembly that we accomplish three things: first, that we maintain the car tax relief we currently enjoy, second, that the Local Composite Index (LCI) for school funding that finally adjusted to Fairfax County's favor not be frozen at last year's level granting us an additional \$60 million over the biennium, and thirdly, that cuts to K-12 funding be minimal as the quality of our schools are the most critical factor in maintaining our home values.

### COMMENTARY

The budget put forth by the Senate accomplished these goals. The House of Delegates and governor wanted to cut K-12 by \$620 million and \$721 million, respectively, but the Senate position prevailed in a compromise and far less was cut, \$253 million. Northern Virginia did much better than I could have hoped for. This being said, the cuts that were ultimately agreed to were painful and many of our citizens will feel the impact very dramatically.

**THE STATE** budget is now lower than when I first started to serve in the General Assembly in 2006. While this may be good news in some respects it ignores the elephant in the room — transportation.

We did not address our growing transportation problem in both construction and maintenance during this past session. The snow took a huge bite out of the maintenance budget, (15 percent), which was far

greater than anticipated, and left our roads a potholed mess. I have had two bent rims this year, which cost more than \$800 to repair. I hit a pothole on Interstate 64 in Richmond during the session and spoke about it on the Senate floor to remind the Senate that lack of transportation dollars is costing our citizens greatly. The next day, one of the Senate clerks hit the same pothole and bent her rim also. I am assuming that many of you are experiencing damage to your vehicles as well. Our transportation problems regarding maintenance are becoming just as critical as our lack of infrastructure investment.

This coming fiscal year, starting July 1, we can either provide maintenance funding or make our federal highway dollars match wherein we would get \$4 for each dollar we put up. We can't do both and this is a catastrophe. The expense of car repairs due to poor road maintenance will cost us now. The loss to businesses, and future business development, that stems from not investing in a transportation system that can adequately move goods, services, commuters and create jobs will cost us for years to come. We are currently out of money and cannot meet our obligations.

It is good news that the governor is re-opening some rest stops. It is also good that the governor is pursuing off-shore drilling to raise transportation funds, although the benefits may not be apparent for seven-10 years and then only if Congress grants Virginia royalties. It is essential, however, that he call a special session of the General Assembly so that the governor can put his transportation plans before the legislature and give us an opportunity to weigh in. Only the governor can call this special session, and he has pledged to act. It's time we got started.

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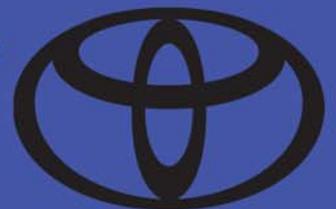
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