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From left are the musical's leads, Julia Weagraff, Estella Massey, Hayley Seal, Austin Vassallo, Hailey Knapp, Brandon Sanchez, George Flynn and Antonio Ribeiro.

## Embellishing 'Tale of Cinderella'

Rocky Run Middle to present musical comedy.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
 CENTRE VIEW

**R**ocky Run Middle School is presenting "A Tale of Cinderella," but with its own, special stamp on it. The 75-person cast and crew have been rehearsing since the end of January, and Director Julie Wharton says the show will be terrific.

"It's set in Venice, Italy, and the characters are

more interesting because they're more real and have more depth than the usual, fairytale characters," she said. "It's true to the story, but in a fresh setting. There's comedy, romance, conflict and magic. It's fun for the whole family and all ages will enjoy it."

The curtain rises Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 22-24, at 7:30 p.m., plus a Saturday matinee at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7; they're on

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## School Boundary Study Is 'Likely'

The fate of Clifton Elementary School remains unclear.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
 CENTRE VIEW

**S**chool redistricting is likely to be part of "any and all solutions" to public elementary school overcrowding taking place in southwestern Fairfax County, according to power point prepared by a volunteer parent committee appointed to study the issue.

The group, called the Southwestern Fairfax Regional Planning Committee, is scheduled to present a report about different strategies for coping with the overcrowding in May.

But during a public outreach meeting April 13, committee co-chairs Andrew Flagel and Kelly Hutter said the school board would probably have to proceed with a school boundary study next fall regardless of what the group's report said.

A boundary study could potentially affect 28 elementary schools that serve Springfield, Fairfax Station, Clifton, Burke, Fairfax, Centreville, Chantilly and Oak Hill.

Each school under consideration currently has a parent representa-

tive on the planning committee. The committee, including Flagel and Hutter, conducted public outreach meetings on school overcrowding before they pulled together the final report.

The April 13 meeting took place at Robinson Secondary School. Other meetings were scheduled for April 15, 19 and 20 at schools in the Centreville area.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** in the county's southwestern region are currently 96 percent of their building capacity, when including the space provided by the modular classrooms that are found on many campuses.

According to school system data, the southwestern elementary schools will be at 99 percent of capacity overall — again including modular classrooms — by the 2014-2015 school year.

Individual schools already have student populations that well exceed 100 percent of building capacity, which is why many presume at least some boundary adjustments will be forthcoming.

Many parents who attended the public meeting at Robinson said

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## Alliance's Capital Cabaret Brings Broadway to Area

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
 CENTRE VIEW

**F**eaturing show tunes, pop music and timeless standards, The Alliance Theatre's Capital Cabaret presents its third musical show at Mountain View School.

Show times are Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, and April 30-May 1, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 25 and May 2, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door or via [www.thealliancetheatre.org](http://www.thealliancetheatre.org).

"It's such a nice blend of duets, trios and groups, plus solos where individuals get a chance to shine," said Stacy Crickmer of Chantilly's Pleasant Valley community. "And we've really tried to find something from every decade that will appeal to everyone."

Joe Philipoom is the show director and Charlie Manship is the music director. Manship will also accompany the performers on piano, and both he and Philipoom will sing, too. Praising their direction, Crickmer said, "Since they're

both performers, they know what'll sound good and look good to the audience."

The show highlights music from Broadway shows including "Fiddler on the Roof," "Singing in the Rain," "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and "Rent," as well as a tribute to Andrew Lloyd Webber. Numbers range from uptempo songs to emotional ballads. There's even a do-wop medley featuring "In the Still of the Night" and "Save the Last Dance for Me."

"I'm excited because I get to do

a tap number — Gene Kelly's "Singing in the Rain" — and Gene Kelly's my hero," said Crickmer, who's choreographing with Danica Shook. "It's unusual because tap is something you don't usually see

in community theater, and the song was originally written for a man."

But she said her happiest moments are when she's performing

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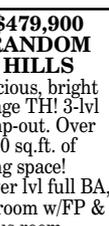
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## NEWS

# Rother Enters Guilty Plea to Abduction

A 26-year-old Fredericksburg man has pleaded guilty to abducting a 23-year-old Fair Oaks woman he met online. He is Dennis Gregory Rother, 26, of Holly Corner Road.

According to Fairfax County police, on May 23, 2009, he visited her in the 12100 block of Elm Forest Way. Around 10 p.m., he reportedly carried her into a bedroom and ordered her to disrobe. Police said Rother then grabbed two knives, blocked the door with a piece of furniture and smashed several things inside the apartment.

He then told the woman to put her clothes back on, grabbed her arm and forced her outside into a car. Still allegedly holding the knives, he ordered her to drive away.

However, as they passed a George Mason University patrol officer, the victim managed to get the officer's attention and he began to follow them. At a stop sign near Stoughten Road and Stonewall Avenue, the woman jumped out of the car and ran to the officer.

After an investigation, police charged Rother with aggravated sexual battery,

abduction, felony destruction of property, assault and being drunk in public. On Sept. 15, 2009 in General District Court, Judge Penny Azcarate sent his abduction charge to the grand jury and the other charges were dropped.

Following his grand-jury indictment, Rother was slated for a jury trial. But instead, on March 22 in Circuit Court, he pleaded guilty to abduction. Judge Robert Smith then set his sentencing for June 25.

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## ROUNDUPS

### Town Hall Meeting on I-66

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf and Supervisors Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Mike Frey (R-Sully) will host a panel of local, state and national transportation experts, Monday, April 19, at 7 p.m., in the Fairfax County Government Center to explore common-sense solutions to the ever-worsening gridlock on I-66. Members of the General Assembly who represent the I-66 corridor in western Fairfax County have also been invited.

Ideas to be discussed include establishing a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system in the corridor, increasing the use of shoulder lanes, opening the Monument Drive and Stringfellow Road interchanges to non-HOV vehicles outside of normal HOV hours, and improvements to the interchange at I-66 and the Beltway. Area residents are invited to attend and share their ideas, thoughts and comments. The Government Center is at 12011 Government Center Parkway, off Monument Drive, in Fairfax.

### Wildlife Biologist To Speak

Fairfax County wildlife biologist Vicki Monroe will be the guest speaker at the quarterly meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association. It's slated for Monday, April 19, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Elections for land-use committee members and committee chairs will also be held.

### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, April 22, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the proper use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

### Aggressive Drivers Charged

Police officers issued a total of 621 summonses throughout the Let's Eliminate Aggressive Driving initiative in March in the Sully District. Of those, 240 were for speeding; three, DUI; and 24, running red lights. Other charges included failing to signal, failing to obey highway signs, improper lane changes and reckless driving.

Fourteen officers participated in the program, targeting aggressive drivers along Routes 28, 29 and 50, Stone Road and the Fairfax County Parkway. Police will continue monitoring those roads in an effort to deter dangerous driving.

### Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. For more information, call 703-324-5052. The next one is slated for Sunday, April 25, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax.

### Health Volunteers Are Needed

April 18-24, 2010 is National Volunteer Week, honoring volunteers dedicated to taking action and solving problems in their communities and inspiring others to make service and volunteering a part of their lives. The Fairfax County Health Department invites residents to learn more about volunteering with the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

A medical background is not needed. The Fairfax MRC is comprised of volunteers who help locally during natural disasters and other emergencies.

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## NEWS



Some of the cast members of Centreville High's spring play, "Alice in Wonderland."

# Through the Looking Glass

## Centreville High presents 'Alice in Wonderland.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**T**he White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter and, of course, Alice are ready to entertain audiences during Centreville High's spring play, "Alice in Wonderland." It features a cast and crew of nearly 70, and Director Mike Hudson says it'll be something special.

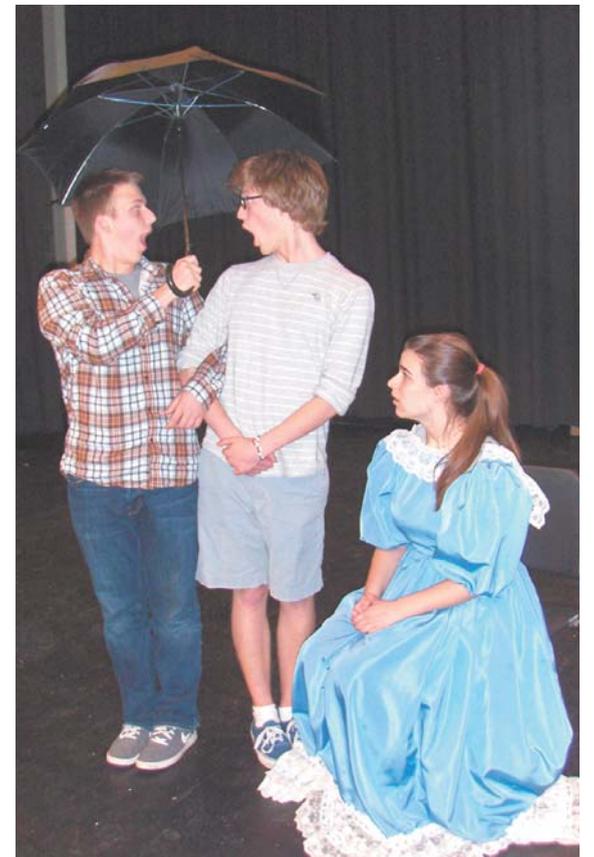
"This version was on Broadway in the '60s, but I've picked up its pace," he said. "It's a fantasy, and I'm hoping the audience will be intrigued by our take on it, and that it'll add another dimension to the story."

The show will run for two weekends: Friday-Saturday, April 23, 24, and Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1, at 7:30 p.m. each night; and Sunday, April 25, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10; \$7, all students and senior citizens, at school lunches and at the door.

**THE DRAMA BOOSTERS** will host a "Mad Hatter Tea Party" with tea, punch and cookies, at 2:30 p.m., for those attending the April 25 matinee. The free event is geared for children, and cast members will mingle with guests and pose for photos.

Excited about the production, Hudson is impressed by how much his actors love this show, and he says they're doing a great job. "We're stepping away from the cartoon image, so we're using people in place of wild creatures," he said. "The humans take on the aspects of the characters they're playing. It'll be darker, but not scary. People will recognize all the scenes, plus we'll even have a surprise element."

The sets will also have a distinctive touch. "We're doing a lot with games," said Hudson. "The first act is based on card games, and the second act, chess. So the stage floor will be tricked out to look like a



From left: Mitch and Nick Cole, as Tweedledee and Tweedledum, with Annemarie Scerra, portraying Alice.

chess board, with projections on the back curtain and lighting quickly switching patterns and colors. There'll also be some creative, imaginative use of technology to portray the Cheshire Cat."

Senior Annemarie Scerra is playing Alice, a 7-1/2-year-old girl curious about everything. "She knows right from wrong, but it won't prevent her from

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# Rocky Run To Present 'Tale of Cinderella'

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sale April 19-23, during lunches in the cafeteria, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (and will probably be sold out by show time).

The sets will transport the audience to the inside of Cinderella's house and to Venice's famed Piazza San Marco. And between scenes, the actors will perform *commedia dell'arte* to continue the entertainment.

Throughout the show, said Wharton, "The music is really lovely, with pretty melodies. And parent Katie Nelson — who's a really good seamstress and designer — made a lot of the dresses in the style of the time, so they'll be beautiful."

Playing the title role is eighth-grader Hailey Knapp. "Cinderella is a loving girl in the middle of a big hardship — being treated like a servant by her stepmother and stepsisters," said Hailey. "She's trying to get through it by thinking about all the positive things in her life, and she also has a funny, sarcastic side."

Like Cinderella, said Hailey, she, too, looks on the bright side and "supports and gets support from her family and the people she loves." Her favorite number is "Some Sweet Day," which Cinderella sings while imagining "what it would be like if the situation were reversed and she got to order her stepmother around."

Hailey says the audience will like all the musical numbers because they tell stories

and many are funny. "And the costumes are old-fashioned and really pretty," she said. "My wedding dress is gorgeous."

Eighth-grader Brandon Sanchez portrays the prince. "He cares more about love than being a prince," said Brandon. "He'd rather have a woman to love, than money, and he's determined to find the slipper's owner so he can marry her."

He called this role a "fun, change of pace" for him and his first romantic part. "I love that it's a lead and I love the songs he sings, with their romantic harmonies," said Brandon. "He sings some of them with his godpapa, Il Compari, and I like their duet, 'Make Magic.' After the prince sees Cinderella, he wants his godpapa to do magic and find her for him."

**PLAYING THE PRINCE'S** godfather — a new character in this version — is George Flynn. "He's in the right place at the right time," said George. "He protects the prince and helps him find his true love. Since he's new, there's no perception of how he should be, so it gives me creative freedom."

He said the audience will like the "flamboyant costumes — deep colors, big ball gowns, very Renaissance. And the acting and singing are spectacular; there are lots of good voices and uptempo music."

Austin Vassallo plays Paulo, Cinderella's father. "He's caring and wants what's best for his daughter," said Austin. "But he's



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**Cinderella and her prince, Hailey Knapp and Brandon Sanchez.**

under a spell by the stepmother; she intervenes and prevents him from helping. I like how he goes back and forth between being sad and happy, and that he's always trying to do the right thing; I like his heart." Austin said the play has festivals and magic spells and is "very lively. It's a new twist on

the traditional 'Cinderella.'"

Portraying Pulchitrua, the stepmother, is Hayley Seal. "She's focused on her own beauty and wealth and being high in society," said Hayley. "So she wants her daughter to marry the prince so she can be part of the royal family. At times, it's difficult to keep up her attitude and coldness, but you can do a lot with a character that has so many deep emotions, like anger, jealousy and meanness."

Julia Weagraff plays the younger stepsister, Seppia. "She's clumsy and kind of stupid and lacks morals," said Julia. "And like her older sister, she doesn't like Cinderella and wants the attention for herself. It's challenging and fun to put my whole self into that role because it's comedic and you can't be easily embarrassed." She called "The Unmarried Women" number the funniest part of the play because the stepsisters make fools of themselves and don't know it.

The older stepsister, Molto Voce, is portrayed by Estella Massey. "She's such a loud, obnoxious, rude, crude person that she totally stands out and you have to pay attention to her," said Estella. "The sisters compete for the prince and for everything. My character's such a blast because, even if you go all out, you can still do more."

Overall, she said, "The audience will love how different this play is from the original version. It's so unique and has so much energy, it'll be really entertaining."

## Citizen Committee Says School Boundary Study Is 'Likely'

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they were generally supportive of changing school boundaries to cope with the overcrowding problem. Boundary adjustments and moving special programs — like a gifted and talented center — to a new school tend to be the cheapest option for addressing overpopulation.

But others worried that redistricting is likely to be disruptive to community and neighborhood life.

Many Fairfax residents purchase homes in certain neighborhoods because they want to send their children to a particular school. They could become very angry if they are asked to send their children somewhere else.

"I know that all of these issues can be very emotional. We are talking about our children," said Flagel.

**SO DURING** the public meeting, parents also discussed the possibility of adding new building wings to those schools with overcrowding problems.

With building additions, more communities and neighborhoods would be spared the pain of going through a boundary adjustment. But some people attending the meeting worried about Fairfax creating elementary schools with over 1,000 students. They thought a school that size was simply too large for younger children.

Currently, new elementary schools are built to a capacity of approximately 950 stu-

dents, according to the school system data.

The Parent Committee also asked for feedback on a proposal to move sixth grade students from elementary to middle schools. By shifting the sixth grade, Fairfax officials would free up some extra space in elementary school buildings that could be used to address the overcrowding problems.

Some also suggested that six graders belong in middle school, rather than elementary school. Several school districts, including Arlington County, group all their students in a sixth through eighth grade in a middle school configuration. Currently Fairfax has three middle schools — Glasgow, Holmes and Poe — that already house sixth graders.

Still, parents whose children would matriculate to Robinson or Lake Braddock Secondary School said they were opposed to putting sixth graders in the same building as high school students. Plus, Robinson, at over 4,000 students, is already the largest school in Virginia, they said.

It is unlikely the school system would ever recommend moving sixth graders from elementary schools to secondary schools, even if they moved other sixth graders from elementary to middle schools, said Dean Tistadt, the school system's chief operating officer.

**FAIRFAX SCHOOLS STAFF** has also floated a proposal to build a new elementary school to solve overcrowding problems.

Officials had suggested putting the new elementary school on the grounds of Liberty Middle School, though other sites have also been discussed by the committee.

To fill the new school, officials suggested closing Clifton Elementary School.

According to the school system, Clifton would more expensive to renovate than a typical elementary school, partially because the site is difficult to access.

The school also faces problems with well contamination and has to have bottled water brought to site on a daily basis.

For a full renovation, Clifton would cost approximately \$36,600 per student compared to the \$22,455 per student other recent elementary school renovations have cost.

But several Clifton residents who attended the public meeting at Robinson objected to idea of closing Clifton. They said the school is the center of the Clifton community and has been recognized by the governor for academic excellence.

"I hope the school board and staff will hear that keeping Clifton in the school sys-

tem is helpful," said Dwayne Nitz, a Clifton parent who attended the meeting.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD** is likely to make a decision about whether to close or keep Clifton open this summer, before any larger school boundary study would get underway, said school board member Liz Bradsher (Springfield).

The school board has set a precedent of moving award-winning schools out of facilities the school system considered inadequate, despite protests from the community.

Graham Road Elementary School, where President Barack Obama (D) chose to unveil his national "race to the top" education initiative, was forced to move out of one school building and into another last year, even though some parents said the change would detract from the school's academic program.

Like Clifton, the old Graham Road building lacked some basic amenities — such as adequate field space — that school officials deemed necessary.

### BUSINESS NOTES

**Capital Hospice and Centreville Chiropractic Center** are teaming up to help raise money to help hospice patients. Dr. Jason Brown and Dr. Marla Gebaide, chiropractors at the clinic, are hosting a Grand Opening allowing people to donate to such a worthy cause.

The Grand Opening Event at Centreville Chiropractic Center will take place on Thursday, April

22, at 5-8 p.m. There will be food and prizes given away. For two weeks following the event, patients who give a \$25 donation to Capital Hospice will receive their first day of services which includes a full history, neurological exam, orthopedic exam, X-rays (if needed), and report of findings at no charge. Centreville Chiropractic Center is at 13880 Braddock Road, Suite 108, Centreville.

# NEWS

## Police Charge Six Men in Home Invasion Robberies

Fairfax County police have arrested six men in connection with two, home-invasion robberies — one of them in Centreville. The crimes happened in March, and police believe other similar robberies have gone unreported by the victims.

A police investigation began March 22 when four men were detained in Rockville, Md., for a traffic violation. Police say drugs and evidence of other crimes in Fairfax County were allegedly found inside the vehicle. They say further investigation reportedly tied these men to a March 12 home-invasion robbery in Centreville and to the same offense, March 22, in Burke. According to police, some of the victims were present at both robberies.

In the March 22 robbery, say police, around 1:30 a.m. four men “brazenly barged in” on a group of men playing cards in the 9400



**Dalio Guzman**



**Francis Voysesst**



**Hung Nguyen**



**Kadeem Haynes**



**Kevin Guzman**



**Samie Neil**

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Guzman, 20, both of Silver Spring, Md.; Francis J. Voysesst, 19, Greenbelt, Md.; and Kadeem W. Haynes, 19, Rockville, Md. Samie D. Neil, 20, of Silver Spring, was charged with one count of each of the same charges. Hung T. Nguyen, 31, of Germantown, Md., was charged with two counts of robbery.

Police believe that, while the victims didn't know

the suspects, these robberies were targeted and someone may have told the robbers where these groups were gathered. Police believe there are additional victims and similar incidents. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text “TIP187” plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

Charged with two counts of robbery, two counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, wearing a mask and abduction were: Kevin Guzman, 19, and Dalio N.

block of Cloverdale Court in Burke. Authorities say at least one of the suspects allegedly impersonated a police officer and wore a black T-shirt with the word “Police” written on it. The masked suspects brandished guns, took cash, jewelry and credit cards, then tied up the victims and fled.

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# Through the Looking Glass

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checking things out," said Scerra. "She enters her own world of imagination and meets different people, creatures and people with animalistic characteristics."

She's enjoying being onstage with a variety of actors and playing this role. "Alice is naïve, but also smart enough to realize these characters can't be trusted," said Scerra. "But they're so daring and bold that it doesn't matter to her. It's a real honor playing the lead – and it's my last show at Centreville – so it's like going out with a bang. It's for all ages; everybody knows the basic storyline, the songs are engaging and the makeup, costumes and set make it visually entertaining."

Portraying the White Knight is senior Aaron Sulkin. "He's charismatic, outgoing and outspoken," said Sulkin. "He's a good guy – a little scatterbrained, but with good intentions. He wants Alice taken care of, even though he, himself, is pretty helpless, and he adds a comedic element to the show."

Sulkin likes his character's physical acting and pratfalls. "And my costume style is 'steam punk' – Industrial Revolution meets mad scientist meets teen fashion statement," he said. "I wear period clothes with cool goggles and sing, 'Sitting on a Gate.' The knight's singing to Alice, who's sad he's leaving, so he's trying to comfort her. He thinks his song is beautiful, but it's actually quite silly and bizarre."

**DRESSED ALL IN WHITE**, with a white-painted face and a bunny mask and ears, sophomore Anthony Ingargiola plays the White Rabbit. "He's jit-

tery, jumpy and always late," said Ingargiola. "He helps Alice enter and move through wonderland. He's always trying to make the Queen of Hearts happy, and he's paranoid that he might lose his head because he's so late [for their appointment]."

Ingargiola's having fun because "I get to use a lot of energy and a funny voice, and I show up throughout the show. This play's going to be amazing visually, with bright costumes and special, technical effects, plus lighting to set the moods of the various scenes. There'll also be a huge mirror – the Looking Glass – through which Alice enters Wonderland, and it'll look really cool."

Twin brothers Nick and Mitch Cole, both juniors, play Tweedledum and Tweedledee, respectively. "We're twin brothers who finish each other's sentences," said Nick. "We take turns reading a poem and have the same mannerisms," said Mitch. "We're two people with one mind," added Nick. "We're self-centered, selfish and attention-seeking."

"I feel like Tweedledum is the silly one and Tweedledee is more serious," said Mitch. "I feel like I lead Tweedledum and pull him along. I ask Alice questions and speak for both of us. I like that he and I are connected on stage – we link arms – and our movements are big and silly, so our characters are fun to play. And the fact that we get to wear fat suits is cool."

Overall, said Nick, this play's a classic. "The words are funny, but have a serious meaning and are comments on society and life in general. And the characters have such large personalities that the audience will constantly be entertained – there's never a dull moment."

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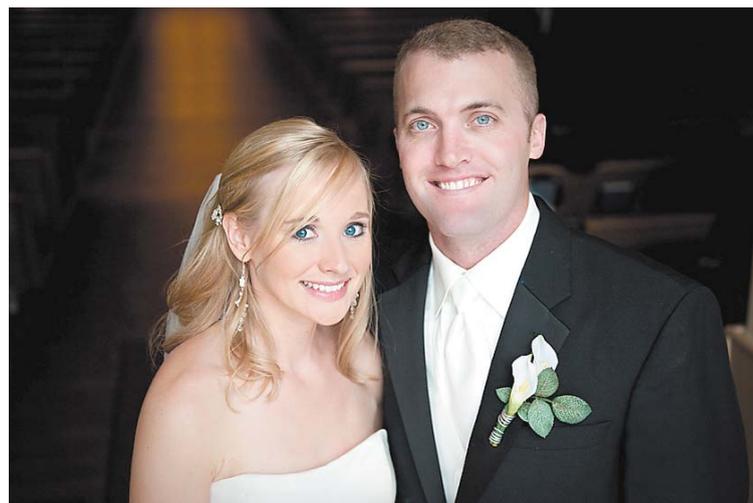
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The bride graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 2005 and works as an early childhood education teacher. Her Maid of Honor was Angela Litzo and her attendants were David Molumby, Katie Hatelei, Katie Schofield, Katie Feuerhelm, and Lindsey Helgeson. The bride's personal attendants were Shelby Crandall and Molly Thorp.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2002 and is a captain in



the United States Air Force serving as a civil engineering officer. His Best Man was Vince O'Connor (Chantilly H.S. Class of 1997) and groomsmen were Ben Altman (Paul VI H.S. Class of 1995), Camilo

Rueda (Thomas Jefferson H.S. Class of 1997), Joe Milford, Christian Hawley and Pat Ward.

The couple is currently stationed at Lajes Field in the Azores, Portugal.

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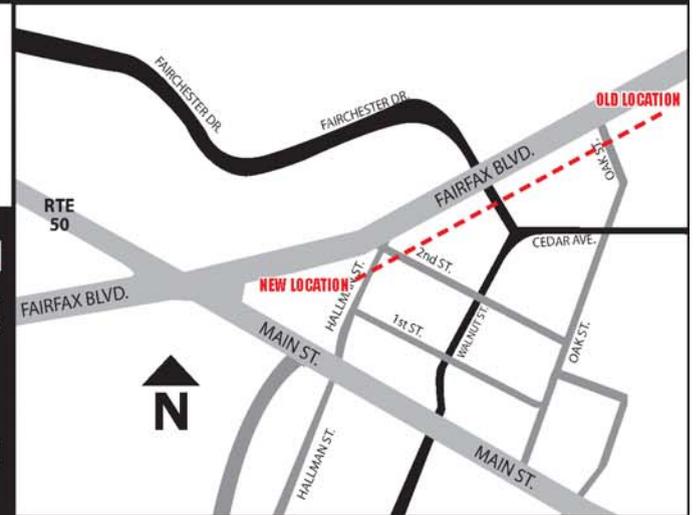
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# OPINION

## Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts

BY ELIZABETH MURPHY  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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Three years ago the arts and cultural community of Virginia embarked on a great adventure. The Virginia Council on the Arts convened the heads of the major arts organizations of the Commonwealth to encourage us to take more leadership on behalf of the entire cultural sector. Despite the many challenges facing our individual agencies, we all agreed that we needed a high visibility project to demonstrate the breadth, diversity, and intrinsic value of the arts to state decision-makers in Virginia.

The 23 major arts organizations of Virginia selected a theme, picked a time period, and invited all artists and cultural agencies of the state to create programs on the common theme during a defined time period with a statewide and regional marketing campaign. Thus was born our first endeavor: "Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts", with planning underway three years ago. The celebration began March 1, continues through June 30.

Through the regional meetings, local gatherings, email list-serves, and speeches and presentations at every possible opportunity, we invited every artist in the state, every arts organization, history museum, library, college, and university to join the statewide celebration of women in the arts. As of this writing, we have listed more than 2,000 events on our Web site [www.vamindswideopen.com](http://www.vamindswideopen.com). (Altria, Dominion Power, SunTrust Bank, the Norfolk Southern Foundation, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the Virginia Tourism office have all made significant financial contributions to the statewide marketing campaign.)

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra is pleased to participate in this initiative, with a special program planned for May 1. The FSO wanted to explore the theme of Women in the Arts within the somewhat narrow confines of symphonic repertoire, and to bring attention to the different ways in which women contribute currently to our art form. The guest artist for this concert is a woman (Julie Albers, cello), playing Elgar's Cello Concerto. Additionally, the orchestra will perform a piece (blue cathedral) by a popular, living female composer and 2010 Grammy

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### Minds Wide Open

Northern Virginia arts organizations hold many local events for statewide celebration. See [www.vamindswideopen.com](http://www.vamindswideopen.com) for more:

The Light in the Piazza, April 19, Arena Stage, Arlington, [www.arenastage.org](http://www.arenastage.org)  
Lucy Kaplansky, April 23, The Barns at Wolf Trap, Vienna, [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org)  
The Bobs, April 28, The Barns at Wolf Trap, Vienna, [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org)  
Exhibition: Beautiful - Virginia Women Artists and the Body, April 29, Greater Reston Arts Center, Reston, [www.restonarts.org](http://www.restonarts.org)  
Bonnie Rideout, April 30, The Barns at Wolf Trap, Vienna, [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org)  
Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Celebrates Women in the Arts, May 1, Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, Fairfax, [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org)  
Greater Reston Arts Center & Hub Theatre Mini-Festival, May 6, Greater Reston Arts Center & Hub Theatre, Reston, [www.restonarts.org](http://www.restonarts.org)  
Lindsay Mac, with Special Guest Margot MacDonald, May 16, Focus Music, Alexandria, [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org)  
Carmina Burana with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, May 22, The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra and Guests, Alexandria, [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org)  
Sheryl Crow with Special Guest: Colbie Caillat, June 17, The Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Vienna, [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org)  
Natalie Cole, June 24, 2010, The Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Vienna, [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org)

winner, Jennifer Higdon.

What will Minds Wide Open accomplish? First and foremost, we hope to raise the visibility of the arts industry in our state. Of equal importance is building more collaboration within the Virginia arts and cultural community. We hope that "Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts" will lead to many more partnerships and alliances within the entire cultural sector of our state. Plan attend as many of our wonderful events as possible between now and the end of June. Visit our Web site at [www.vamindswideopen.com](http://www.vamindswideopen.com).

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Virginia Celebrates Women - Gallery Exhibit, April 13-May 16, Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Alexandria, [www.potomaccraftsmengallery.com](http://www.potomaccraftsmengallery.com)  
MINDS WIDE OPEN Art Show La Femme, April 19-May 16, Arlington Artists Alliance, Arlington, [www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org](http://www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org)  
The Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess", April 23-25, Virginia Opera, Fairfax, [www.vaopera.org](http://www.vaopera.org)  
Lady Windermere's Fan by Oscar Wilde, April 24-May 5, The Little Theatre of Alexandria, Alexandria, [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com)  
Cats, Jun 18-20, The Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Vienna, [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org)  
Riverdance: Farewell Tour, June 2-6, The Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Vienna, [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org)  
Female Shorts: Film and Video Showcase, June 3-6, Torpedo Factory Art Center's Target Gallery & The Art League Gallery, Alexandria, [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org)  
Color & Body, Mar 31-April 25, Workhouse Arts Center: Karen Kozojet Ching, Traci Oberle & Eileen Olson, Lorton, [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org)  
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Consider Legal Issues

To The Editor:

It's hard to respond to [Centre View publisher] Mary Kimm's vitriolic attack ["Cuccinelli Misleads on Costs," editorial, April 8] against Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli because she makes so many wild and inaccurate charges, which indicates to me, that she does not have a legal background and is a liberal ideologue.

First, let me point out that 18 other states have filed suits against the Federal Government to overthrow the newly-enacted Federal Health Care Law.

The background on Mr. Cuccinelli's suit on behalf of the Commonwealth is as follows: After the Federal Health Care Law was enacted, the Virginia Legislature passed a law which exempted Virginia residents from the federal law which was signed by Gov. McDonnell. This action by the Virginia Legislature (House and Sen-

ate) and Gov. McDonnell's signature gave legal approval to this law which produced the conflict. In other words, the Federal law stated that it covered all U.S. residents while the Virginia law stated that Virginia residents were excluded. Such legal conflicts are resolved by lawsuits, which is why Mr. Cuccinelli filed the suit on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Let me point out that the Virginia Senate is controlled by the Democratic Party. The law in question was, in effect, approved by the Democratic majority. Mr. Cuccinelli is only doing his job to defend the action of the Virginia Legislature and Gov. McDonnell.

I will limit this letter to one other point (there are so many). Under the Dillon Rule, Virginia cities, counties, universities, etc. have limited authority. To date, after many tries, the Virginia Legislature failed to give "Minority Status" to homosexuals, transgenders, etc. persons. Therefore, Virginia universities did not have the author-

ity to give such status to these individuals. Thus, Mr. Cuccinelli only gave legal advice based on Virginia law that the universities did not have the authority to give them special status.

Robert L. Kukler, J.D.  
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#### Outstanding Attorney General

To the Editor:

Seems like Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli is performing his duties to protect businesses and consumers by filing lawsuits against health care and cap and tax bills and other legislation that nobody wants in an outstanding manner.

Somebody needs to stand up against an administration intent on destroying America. Hopefully he and the other Attorney Generals can get the reckless President and Democratic-controlled Congress to stop, think, read and un-

derstand something before they vote on it and make it law.

G.P. Van Alstyne  
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#### Attend Concert, Support Memorial Funds

To the Editor:

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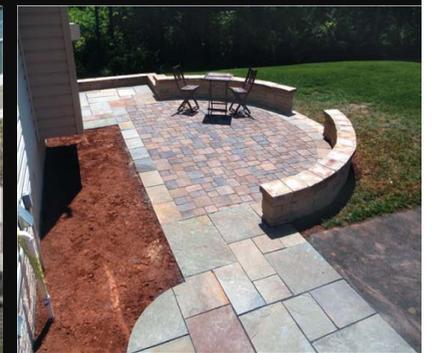
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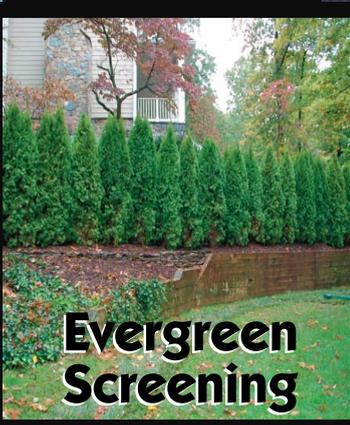
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"I love Fairfax County in particular, because of the great schools, parks, diverse communities and the proximity to the culture of the City and also the beauty of the mountains," says Kim House. "I grew up here, raised my family here and think it is a great place to raise a family and to work."

Over the years as a Real Estate professional Kim has been showcased for her talent and accomplishments as a Realtor with awards such as:

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As a native of Northern Virginia, Kim grew up in the town of Falls Church, and graduated from Falls Church High School where she also met her husband of 25 years. "My husband and I have two fantastic children, Javen, 25 years old, a graduate of Chantilly High school and George Mason University, and Collin, 20 years old, a graduate of Chantilly High School and a Sophomore at East Carolina University." The family also has a devoted pet, a Brittany Spaniel dog named Maddie.

Kim describes her favorite hobbies as gardening, travel, and decorating. "I also like to spend free time involved within the local Community by helping my local neighborhood," she says. "I have been serving as the advertising coordinator for the Cabells Mill community association in Centreville now for the past seven years."

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# Sounding Off on Services, Taxes

## Supervisors listen to residents' advice on Fairfax's budget for next year.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
CENTRE VIEW

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors conducted three days of public hearings on the locality's 2011 budget and spending April 6, 7 and 8. More than 300 people signed up to speak about cuts to county programs and potential tax and fee increases for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1.

The supervisors must close a projected financial shortfall of \$257.2 million in Fairfax's \$3.3 billion general fund next year. They are scheduled to formally adopt the county's 2011 budget on April 27.

To fill the funding gap, Fairfax County executive Anthony Griffin proposed raising the real estate property tax rate, though to a level where most homeowners would actually be paying about \$50 less in property taxes than they did last year. Real estate property values in Fairfax continued to fall in 2010, which means that the local real estate property tax rate could be raised without homeowners having to pay higher taxes.

Under Griffin's proposal, the Fairfax County real estate property tax rate would go from \$1.04 to \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value. The supervisors have the option of raising the tax rate as high as \$1.12 per \$100 of assessed value, though any increase over \$1.09 would result in a higher tax bill for the average Fairfax homeowner in 2011.

In addition to raising the tax rate, supervisors will also consider three new annual fees. The Fairfax County board may raise the average citizens sewage bill by \$60, charge a vehicle registration fee that would cost most people \$33 per car, and add a \$2 courthouse fee for people involved in a civil lawsuit.

Griffin has recommended the new fees as an alternative way of closing the county budget gap that would not add to the tax burden of homeowners. The money raised would help pay for services like Fairfax County Public Schools, which accounts for 53 percent of the county's overall budget annually.

But even if the supervisors vote to implement a higher real estate tax rate and the new fees, Fairfax will still have to make many cuts to services like the Fairfax Connec-

tor bus, public libraries, community policing and drop-in centers for people with mental illness.

The Fairfax County School Board would also have to consider measures like increasing the county's average public school class size.

The following is what some residents had to say about changes to the Fairfax County Budget next year:

Chief Judge Dennis Smith objected to a proposal to reduce the Fairfax County Circuit Court's law clerk staff by one third next year.

Currently, each of the 15 judges has their own law

clerk but Fairfax's Clerk of Court John Frye had recommended cutting five clerk positions and making the members of the bench share. The reduction would result in a savings of \$250,000, according to county budget documents.

Smith said reducing the number of law clerks at the local court would result in fewer trial slots, since judges would have to spend more time reviewing and preparing documents than presiding over cases.

The judge said that 86 percent of civil cases that come to the Fairfax County Circuit Court now are heard within one year. But if the law clerk positions are eliminated, residents involved in most civil cases will be waiting for approximately 18 months to two

years for a trial date.

"I don't believe any other court in the region, with the exception of Loudoun County, is proposing to cut law clerks and Loudoun got rid of that one position a few years ago," said Smith.

As a member of the community action advisory board, Paul Clark helps oversee the Fairfax area "safety net" for low-income residents. In a tough budget year, he commended county executive Anthony Griffin for largely preserving the funding for services for people facing an economic crisis.

Fairfax's social service agencies have seen a dramatic increase in requests for help. The county's human services hotline has seen an 139 percent jump in inquiries about food stamps and 119 percent increase in calls for help with paying utility bills.

In January 2007, the average number of public assistance clients in Fairfax — people who need everything from Medicaid to help keeping the lights on — was 50,000. Three years later, that number had increased to 72,000, a jump of 45 percent.

"Clients are coming in who have never had to seek out public assistance in the past," said Clark.

Former Supervisor Stuart Mendelsohn (R-Dranesville) called the Fairfax County executive Anthony Griffin's budget rec

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**Dennis Smith,**  
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## Superlative Results

The cadets of Chantilly Academy AFJROTC competed in a Joint Service Drill competition at Stonewall Jackson High School in Prince William County on March 13. The cadets competed in four events. They won first place in Color Guard, Inspection, and Armed Drill. They came in third in Unarmed Drill.



not seen before in the spontaneous event. Front row, from left, are Ian Anspaugh and Ana Morris; back row, from left, are Cecilia de Perio (assistant coach), Roshni Yaradi, Mandy Baatar, Rachana Krishnan, Ashish Tondwalker, Vihn Nguyen, and Priya Krishnan (coach).

## Odyssey of The Mind

The Odyssey of the Mind Division 1 team from Greenbriar West Elementary School won the Region 13 Competition for the problem of "Return to The Gift of Flight." They then competed at the state level on March 27, in Newport News, where they placed third in their division. Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving competition. Team members work together to solve a predefined long-term problem and also generate answers to problems they have



On April 28, Chantilly High will compete against the winner of the local competition held in Richmond, on April 19. The Fifth District winner advances to the National Finals to be held May 18 at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in Washington, D.C. For more information on Fifth District economic education programs visit <http://richmondfed.org/education/>.

## Progressing To Next Round

Chantilly High School students won the preliminary round of the Federal Reserve's 2010 High School Fed Challenge competition held at the Baltimore Branch on April 12. This year's winning team included Jack Carlson, Syed Hussain, Suraj Malladi, Gary Suljoti, Emily Wright, and alternate Emily Powers. The team was coached by Joe Clement.

# Reacting to Budget

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ommendations "responsible" when speaking on behalf of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. Mendelsohn is chairman of the business organization.



Stuart Mendelsohn

The county executive's proposed hike in real estate property tax rate — from \$1.04 to \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed property value — was reasonable, according to Mendelsohn.

The chamber also agreed with Griffin's proposal for a slight reduction in Fairfax County Public Schools funding this year, despite the fact that the local school board had asked for an increase in their transfer from the county.

But there was one of Griffin's recommendations — the reinstatement of an annual vehicle registration fee — that the Fairfax chamber does not support. Mendelsohn said a new fee, at \$33 per car and higher for large trucks, would hurt those county businesses that have large fleets.

The chamber might be willing to reconsider its stance on the vehicle fee, if the Fairfax supervisors agreed to dedicate the revenue generated from it entirely to local transportation projects, he said.

Arthur Purves said out-of-control benefit packages for Fairfax County government employees, including teachers, are to blame for a lack of funding for many services.

Purves, a Vienna resident, is a founding member of the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance and has been advocating for lower taxes in the county for the past 20 years.

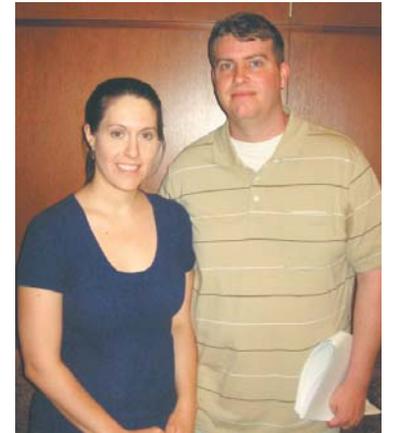
If local real estate property taxes had grown at the same rate as inflation, the average Fairfax homeowner would be paying \$1,500 less annually than they are currently, said Purves.

Taxes have been going up at a faster rate, in part, because Fairfax County is paying for its employees generous retirement packages and health care benefits, Purves said. Over the past 10 years, Fairfax County Public Schools has

increased the amount of money it spends on employee benefits by \$1 billion.

"That is why class size has gone up," said Purves.

He added that the county should move away from paying out pensions to retired employees and toward 401k plans and other programs regularly used in the private sector.



Brian and Molly Pell, Centreville residents

When Brian and Molly Pell started volunteering with Fairfax Families4Kids, they said adoption was the farthest thing from their minds. The young couple was even nervous about the prospect of volunteering with the program, which matches adult mentors with older foster children.

But the Pells formed a strong bond with Mark, a 15 year-old boy who had lived in six foster care homes in the same number of years. Due to his age and race, Mark was likely to "age out" of foster care at 18 years old, without a family of his own.

Across the country, the statistics of what happens to foster children who "age out" of the system are bleak.

A national study recently showed that one in four teenagers who "age out" of foster care end up incarcerated within two years. Another one in five end up homeless, said several speakers for Fairfax Families4Kids.

The Pells, around 30 years old with no other children, decided to adopt Mark rather than see him grow up without a family. He is one of eight "hard to place" children who have met their future parents through Fairfax Families4Kids in the last two and one half years.

So the Pells cannot understand why Fairfax County is considering cutting the program, which costs \$133,000 annually. Fairfax Families4Kids has saved the county money, which has paid approximately \$43,500 annually for each child in foster care, they said.



Arthur Purves

# LETTERS

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drawing singers from all over the metropolitan area. The City Singers were created to perform quality choral music, such as spirituals, show tunes, folk music, patriotic songs and popular music. The City Singers, directed by Danielle Spriggs, perform for a variety of audiences who cannot attend a concert hall, such as hospital patients, residents of senior living facilities and the homeless. The City Choir, directed by Rober Shafer, began in 2007; they have opened their seasons with works from Handel.

The Youthful Spirits is a group of young men from Mount Olive Baptist Church in Centreville who have performed since 1993. Ranging in age from 18 to 43, these young men sing gospel music and have performed at nursing homes, the Patriot Center, the Verizon Center, the Supreme Court, and the National Mall. Their radio broadcasts have been heard all over the United States, Canada and Africa. The Youthful Spirits will celebrate their 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year with a release of a new album this spring.

We are incredibly grateful to both the City Singers and Youthful Spirits for donating their time and energy to perform for our community on behalf of the Reema J. Samaha and Erin Peterson Memorial Scholarship Funds. Both Reema and Erin were beautiful young women who were well loved by their families, neighbors and friends. In honor of their memory and legacy, the Samaha and Peterson families created scholarships that reflect their daughters' qualities in order to assist other young people to achieve.

Reema's scholarships are awarded to deserving seniors, from Westfield and Herndon High Schools, who exemplify Reema's attributes such as academic excellence, exceptional character, openness of mind, and respect for diversity. Although not mandatory, a love for the performing

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The Erin Peterson Fund issues the Erin Peterson Leadership Award and the Erin Peterson Commit to Excel Award each year to two Westfield and two Falls Church High School graduates who exemplify Erin's qualities: a thirst for knowledge, commitment to excellence and a desire to help the less fortunate.

The Erin Peterson Fund also gives two FastWeb scholarships, one of which is the Legacy Initiative, named after those who died at Virginia Tech. This year's scholarship is named for Caitlin Hammaren. Grants are also issued to Westfield's Leadership for Tomorrow, a program that assists at-risk students.

More information about each fund can be found at [www.reemasamaha.org](http://www.reemasamaha.org) and [www.erinpetersonfund.org](http://www.erinpetersonfund.org). We encourage everyone to attend the concert on April 24, enjoy beautiful music and continue the legacy of Reema and Erin.

**Lu Ann Maciulla McNabb**  
Centreville

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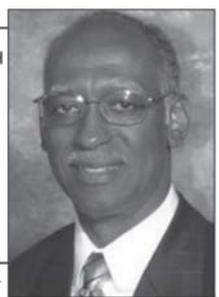
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**Community Engagement Focus Group.** 7 p.m. Committee members will present information on: Renovation needs at Clifton; potential for future boundary changes; pros and cons of building a new school; elementary school capacity and projected overcrowding; and location of programs such as GT and Foreign Language. At Chantilly High School's cafeteria. Go to [www.savecliftoelementary.org](http://www.savecliftoelementary.org).



## FRIDAY/APRIL 16

**Swing Dancing.** 9-11 p.m. Cost is \$15/person. With Gina DeSimone and the Moaners. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

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**Zumbathon Event.** 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Fund-raiser for the Chile Earthquake Relief Fund. Hosted by the Women's Club Fitness Center, 14715 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. Call 703-817-0700 or email to [womensclub@aol.com](mailto:womensclub@aol.com)

**Pack 1862 Car Wash Fund-Raiser.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cub Run neighborhood Cub Scout Pack 1862 plans to wash cars in the cul-de-sac of Stonecroft Boulevard. Donations go to Pack 1862 and help support the activities it provides for its scouts. Rain dates: April 18 or April 24. Chartered by the Cub Run Elementary PTA.

**Women's Brunch Meeting.** 10 a.m. to noon. At Jubilee Christian Center.

## APRIL 29-MAY 1

**"This Old House," a Family Friendly Musical.** Free. Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 1 at 3 p.m. A Perennial Players Musical Production, which performs family-friendly musicals and plays. The actors range from 8-14 years old. At Chantilly Bible Church, 4390 Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly. For details, [www.chantillybible.org](http://www.chantillybible.org) or email [drama@chantillybible.org](mailto:drama@chantillybible.org).

With Rev. Nita Edwards as guest speaker. At 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170. [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org).

**Airports Authority Police Fund-Raiser.** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch); and 4 to 8 p.m. (dinner). Airports Authority Police to serve patrons burgers and fries. A fund-raiser for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. At Red Robin Restaurant, Chantilly Crossing Shopping Center, 14450 Chantilly Crossing Lane, Chantilly.

ride at 1:15 p.m.; second hike and bike ride at 2:15 p.m. Officers from the Sully District Police Station will perform bicycle safety checks. At the Brookfield Pool Parking Lot, Pennsboro Drive. Email [bonni@brookfieldcivic.com](mailto:bonni@brookfieldcivic.com).

**Southern Gospel Concert.** 6 p.m. Free. With Brenda Cornett Braswell. At Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly, corner of Sullyfield Circle and Route 50 in Chantilly. Call 703-631-1799.

## MONDAY/APRIL 19

**Town Hall Meeting.** 7 p.m. To discuss commonsense solutions to the gridlock on I-66 that was cancelled in February due to snow. Sponsored by Rep. Frank Wolf, and Supervisors Pat Herrity and Mike Frey. At the Fairfax County Government Center, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

**GFWC-Western Fairfax County Woman's Club Meeting.** 7 p.m. Cliff Fairweather, Audobon Society naturalist, will present a program on how to build a habitat in your backyard to attract wildlife like songbirds and butterflies. At the Greenbriar Community Center. Call President Eileen Chambers at 703-378-7054 or Vice President Randi Weston at 703-266-0428.

## TUESDAY/APRIL 20

**Neighborhood Watch Training.** The Fair Oaks District Police Station is offering training dates for the Neighborhood Watch Program. They will be held at the police station, located at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, at 7 p.m. in the roll call room and will last approximately two hours.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 18

**Democratic Women of Clifton.** 3-5 p.m. Meeting will focus on the environment with highlights on the local energy future, the issues holding up the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, and the threat to our local ecology from invasive plants. Liz Bradsher, the Springfield District's representative on the School Board, will address the future plans for Clifton Elementary School. At Clifton Community Hall, Clifton. Go to [www.DemocraticWomenofClifton.org](http://www.DemocraticWomenofClifton.org)

**Gospel Celebration.** 4 p.m. For the Erin Peterson Fund. There will be uplifting tributes, reflections and inspirational music. Praise and worship will feature the Mount Olive Men's Choir, with special guest artists, The Spiritual Harmonizers and Youthful Spirits. Hosted by Mount Olive Baptist Church at Centreville High School.

**Brookfield Community Bike and Hike.** 1-4 p.m. Bring your bike and/or walking shoes! Get to know your community and explore the neighborhood trail behind the swimming pool. First hike and bike

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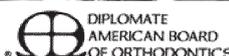
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# Winning Soccer Ways Continuing for Chantilly Girls

Defending state champions already have key wins over Oakton and Broad Run high schools.

BY RICH SANDERS  
CENTRE VIEW

It would be pretty hard for the Chantilly High girls' soccer team to match what it did a year ago when the Chargers went 21-2-1 and won Concorde District, Northern Region and Virginia State AAA titles.

But this year's Chantilly edition has been quite impressive itself over the first part of the season with a 4-0-1 mark. Most of the team's top offensive players from last year graduated, but Chantilly has still found a way to score goals with good consistency this spring. And across the board, the Chargers have played a good, solid brand of soccer.

"I think on offense I'm pretty happy with our production given the amount of offensive scoring we lost from last year," said Melissa Bibbee, the Chantilly head coach. "Eighty percent of our offense graduated. So everyone has had to step up. We've scored a good amount of goals. Defensively, I think we're strong [although] a little inconsistent so far. We want to be playing our best by the end of the season."

Chantilly has already earned a couple of signature wins through five games — a 2-1 victory at district opponent Oakton on April 6 and a 3-1 home triumph over defending state AA champion Broad Run on April 7.

The Chantilly-Oakton contest was the first meeting between the two rivals since last spring's region title match when the Chargers — in a game that stretched over two days because of weather problems — defeated the Cougars 1-0. Kristen Melchiori, a senior on that 2009 Chantilly squad who has since graduated and gone on to play collegiate soccer at Lynchburg College — scored the game's lone goal in that title game affair.

Last week's win over Oakton was followed up nicely with the impres-

sive non-region win over the Spartans of Broad Run — a two-time defending state AA champion who had gone 52 consecutive games without a loss before stumbling against the Chargers.

That Chantilly-Broad Run meeting matched two defending state title teams — the Chargers (larger schools triple-A category), who defeated Mills Godwin (Richmond), 2-1, in last year's state finals, and Broad Run (double-A).

"Broad Run is a solid, solid team," said Bibbee, of the Dulles District outfit. "They don't lose games or get scored on that much. They're not used to playing triple-A league schools. To end their streak was nice."

Chantilly has received a huge, impact season from Jacki Sieder, a sophomore transfer student from California. Sieder, a forward/midfield player, broke loose for four goals in Chantilly's 9-0 win at non-district opponent Wakefield on March 17. For the season, she has scored seven goals. Sieder, who scored one goal in both the Oakton and Broad Run games, has been a welcome addition for a team that lost some of its key offensive players to graduation.

"Jacki is extremely fast and fit and her work rate is unbelievable," said Bibbee. "She's very strong [physically] for a sophomore. Technically, she still needs a little work. She's very coachable."

Two other sophomores have put together impressive seasons as well for the Chargers in midfield area players Olivia Colella and Emily Strait. Colella has dished out four assists over the first five games.

"She has the ability to be a playmaker for us," said Bibbee. "I've asked her to look for more shots. She sees the field well and distributes the ball real well."

Strait, meanwhile, has played a huge role, influencing games with both her offensive and defensive skills. In the win over Broad Run she



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## Charger Baseball

Chantilly High baseball infielder Sam Zimmerman, after getting the force out at second base, sets to make his throw to first base in a game versus Woodson. The Chargers, who are 4-6, will be looking to snap a four-game losing streak when they travel to Oakton this Friday night at 6:30 for a Concorde District meeting against the Cougars.

scored a goal and also effectively marked Spartan standout player Whitney Church.

"She has more defensive responsibilities and is a real workhorse," said Bibbee, of Strait. "She does a lot for us."

Strait was a team manager for the Chantilly JV squad last year as a freshman. She was not on the team roster because of a stress fracture injury to her back. But late in the season — during the varsity team's postseason — Bibbee had Strait practice. She impressed her coach and teammates with her stellar play.

"So I decided to put her on the [varsity] roster for states," said Bibbee.

Strait went on to see playing time in each of Chantilly's three state tournament wins.

"She's a fantastic kid and had done everything we asked her to do as a team manager," said the coach.

**THE CHARGERS'** defensive leaders this season include such solid players as senior goalie Lauren Jancuska, who two years ago transferred to Chantilly from Paul VI High School for her sophomore season; junior backs Madyson Brown and Elizabeth Casey; and sophomore outside defender Lauren Yates.

Jancuska, the team's goaltender, has emerged into a top notch player at her position.

"Her leadership has really improved a lot," said Bibbee. "She's pretty good at making decisions in the box. She's come a long way since her sophomore year."

Chantilly, which will be at home

this Friday night, April 16 for a non-district game versus Langley at 7:45, is not a team burdened by the pressure of trying to defend last year's district, region and state crowns.

"I don't think there's really any pressure," said Bibbee. "These are kids who compete no matter what and work hard. They're used to playing in exposure tournaments and getting ready for college. I think they really love the high school part of their soccer careers and putting on that Chantilly uniform."

The coach said last year's state winning title season was a thrill.

"It was an unbelievable feeling," she said, of winning the state championship. "It was great because there are so many good teams not only in the state but in the region."

## SPORTS NOTES

**Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM)** will be holding its **Annual Golf Tournament** at Chantilly National Golf Course next Monday, April 19 at 11 a.m. Corporations, foundations, business owners, community groups and individuals are invited to participate in the community-sponsored golf event which will provide for the growing number of neighbors in need in Western Fairfax County. The event will include prizes and great food. The registration fee is \$175 per player. The fee will cover carts, range balls, lunch and dinner.

To participate in the event, register at [wfcma.org/events.php](http://wfcma.org/events.php). Or contact Jen Adkins, WFCM Business Manager, via

email at [admin@wfcma.org](mailto:admin@wfcma.org). For more information, please contact Dan Whitaker, Golf Committee Chair, via phone at 571-201-4091.

The **10th Annual Westfield High School 5K Run/Walk** for Scholarships will be held on Saturday, May 8 at 8 a.m. Runners and walkers will have the opportunity to participate in a 5K (3.1 mile) run or walk through the Westfield Business Park. Both the run and walk will begin and end at the high school, located at 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

The 5K uses a certified course that is relatively flat and loops runners through the Westfield Business Park. Over \$60,000

in scholarship money has been raised from this event for Westfield High graduating classes.

Runners and walkers can sign up for the event by going to the WHS 5K Web site at [ptsa.westfieldhs.org/race/index.htm](http://ptsa.westfieldhs.org/race/index.htm). There, they can either complete an online registration or download the form and mail it in to Westfield High.

Registration costs are \$15 for all Fairfax County Public Schools students and \$20 for all others until April 15. The fee will increase to \$25 after April 15.

All entrants registered by April 16 will receive a t-shirt and will be eligible for raffle prizes. Overall and age group winners of the 5K will receive awards.

The **Dulles Airport Rotary Club** will present the 14th annual **"Opportunities Open" Golf Tournament** next fall on Sept. 27. Since its inception the tournament has been an event dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of local people with disabilities. This year's event will once again be hosted by Hidden Creek Country Club in Reston. Proceeds will benefit Arc of Northern Virginia, Every Citizen Has Opportunities, Service Source and Arc of Loudoun. For further information on participation, or to become a club sponsor, contact the Dulles Rotary Club Opportunities Open Committee at 703-406-8200, ext. 245.

**NoVa West Lacrosse** is accepting registrations to try-out for their summer select teams which include U11, U13, U15 and three levels of high school teams. These try outs will be in May at various locations. For more information please visit <http://novawestlax.com/Team/index.asp>.

Registration is now open online at [www.syasports.org](http://www.syasports.org) for **SYA summer sports**. Summer sports include basketball, travel basketball and track and field. Registration for travel basketball will take place after tryouts. For questions, contact the SYA Office at [syaboard@verizon.net](mailto:syaboard@verizon.net).

# SCHOOLS

Local students have been named Gold Award winners at the national level, and one student received an American Visions Medal in the Scholastic Art Awards competition sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers.

Silver Awards were presented to:  
**Abdullah Pathan of Chantilly High School** for his art portfolio.

Local students are among more than 800 students nationwide who have won Achievement Scholarships from the 2010 National Achievement Scholarship program (NASP). The Achievement Scholarships are awarded to Black American high school seniors to be used for undergraduate study at any regionally accredited United States college or university.

The FCPS students named National Achievement Scholars, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

♦ **Danielle Olson of Chantilly High School** (mechanical engineering).

♦ **Rowan Elamin of Westfield High School** (journalism).

Each of the students received \$2,500 National Achievement Scholarships supported by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the NASP, with the exception of Sawyer, whose educational plans or other awards preclude receipt of a monetary scholarship. Her name is included in the public announcement in recognition of outstanding performance in the competition.

**Peter Mowery of Chantilly**, a senior majoring in management, has been chosen to be a student ambassador for the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech.

The Pamplin Ambassadors program is an organization composed of students who best represent the college. Students must be a rising sophomore, junior, or senior in the Pamplin College of Business and have at least a 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) to be eligible. Applicants must also submit an application and resume, as well as undergo an interview to gain membership. Once a student is chosen as an ambassador, they remain an ambassador until they graduate.

**Oak Hill Elementary School** will hold Kindergarten Orientation on Monday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m. Parents and children who live within Oak Hill's boundaries are welcome. Rising Kindergarteners must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30, 2010. Contact the school at 703-467-3500.

**Brookfield Elementary School** will hold Kindergarten Registration on Monday, April 19. If your child will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 30, 2010, and you live within Brookfield Elementary boundaries, call 703-814-8700 to schedule an appointment. Kindergarten Orientation for parents and students will be held during the afternoon of Monday May 17.

**Greenbriar West Elementary**

**School** is now accepting information for next year's Kindergarten classes. If you have a child who will turn 5 years of age by Sept. 30, 2010, call the school office at 703-633-6700 as soon as possible. We will be sending out special invitations for Kindergarten Orientation to be held Monday, April 26, from 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Greenbriar West Elementary School.

**Lees Corner Elementary School** is gathering information on children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 30, 2010 and live within the school's boundaries. Boundary information can be accessed at [www.fcps.edu/boundary/](http://www.fcps.edu/boundary/). If you have a child who meets these requirements, call Mrs. Nolan at 703-227-3500. Enrollment information and forms will be mailed out prior to the Monday, May 3 Kindergarten Registration/Orientation. Visit <http://www.fcps.edu/start.htm>

**Greenbriar East Elementary School** will be having its Kindergarten Orientation/Registration on Monday, April 26 at 2 p.m. Contact the school at 703-633-6400.

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Overall and age group winners of the 5K will receive awards.

Chantilly residents named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Virginia Tech at Blacksburg:

**Martin E. Anderson**, junior majoring in accounting and information systems

**Shannon E. Bell**, senior majoring in civil engineering

**Zachary J. Biskaduros**, junior majoring in electrical engineering

**Caise S. Black**, senior majoring in psychology

**Laura E. Blue**, senior majoring in accounting and information systems

**Jennifer L. Boyd**, sophomore majoring in interior design

**Lera E. Brannan**, junior majoring in biological sciences

**Hunter V. Brigman**, sophomore majoring in university studies

**Patricia C. Cave**, junior majoring in psychology

**John R. Cooper**, junior majoring in computer engineering

**Kristen M. Corey**, junior majoring in management

**Michelle K. Crowson**, sophomore majoring in communication

**Joseph A. Danehower**, sophomore majoring in general engineering

**Dannielle M. Davis**, junior majoring in international studies

**Laura L. Dicker**, senior majoring in English

**Caroline L. Doernhoefer**, junior majoring in English

**Alexis C. Eccleston**, sophomore majoring in biological sciences

**Rachel C. Ellenbogen**, sophomore majoring in psychology

**Amy L. Fuentes**, sophomore majoring in business

**David A. George**, senior majoring in business information technology

**Michelle K. Gray**, senior majoring in accounting and information systems

**Danielle E. Guerin**, senior majoring in English

**Jessica L. Guerro**, junior majoring in marketing management

**Haciale E. Halici**, freshman majoring in general engineering

**Mario Ichaso**, sophomore majoring in international studies

## Young Actors' Workshop

Young actors in the Northern Virginia area can learn about the theatre arts at Young Actors' Workshop June 28 - July 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. This workshop is open to elementary school students in rising grades 3-6. Tuition is \$125 and classes will be held at Westfield High School in Chantilly.

Through word, movement and music, students will engage in individual and group activities that culminate in a shared experience between the actors and their audience.

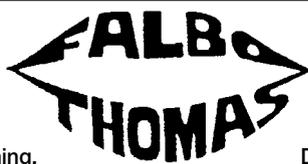
Sponsored by Westfield Theatre Boosters and led by Herndon High School Theatre Director Zoë Dillard, Young Actors' Workshop teaches students basic acting, music and movement skills. Westfield Theatre students will serve as counselors in the camp.

Westfield Theatre Boosters is now accepting registrations for Young Actors' Workshop. For enrollment information about camp, visit the Westfield Theatre Boosters website at

[www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com](http://www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com), e-mail Patti Dezelick at [patti@dezelick.com](mailto:patti@dezelick.com), or leave a message in the Westfield Theatre Boosters' voice mailbox at 703-488-6439.

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# Capital Cabaret Brings Broadway to Area

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with a group because “when we all come together, it’s like a family. The core group has been together three years now and we’ve gotten to know each other as friends, too, so the camaraderie and relationships are all year ’round. And because we’re having so much fun up there, we’re hoping it’s infectious and the audience will have fun, too.”

Greenbriar’s Eileen Kelly Burkart is in her first cabaret. “I wanted to get involved in community theater, so I auditioned and then a spot opened up, so I was tickled,” she said. “And everyone is as nice and fun as they are talented.” She especially likes the do-wop medley, but says, “All the songs are good. Our Manhattan medley of show tunes is really cute; it’s got catchy songs and good choreography. I do ‘Gimme, Gimme,’ from ‘Thoroughly Modern Millie.’ It starts out soft and builds, and it has a good beat. It’s a fun song about a girl asserting her independence.” Burkart also likes the songs from “Little Shop of Horrors.” She said “Dentist” is really funny and “Suddenly Seymour” is “a beautiful love song with a gorgeous melody. The show has lots of variety and an engaging cast, with songs the audience knows, done in a different way.”

Another new member, Ken Adams of Manassas, has local theater experience and



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**Back row, from left, are Joe Philipoom, Trace Stokes, Ken Adams and Lee Wilbur. Front row, from left, are Stacy Crickmer, Eileen Kelly Burkart, Danica Shook and Cathy Arnold. Not pictured: Jim Mitchell and Charlie Manship.**

has been a singer all his life. He sings duets in the “Little Shop of Horrors” medley and solos on “Blue Moon.” He also likes the “really neat” sound of “The Lion Sleeps Tonight.” The group’s been rehearsing since November, and Adams likes the solos and duets because, “with the smaller numbers, you can hear the individual people singing.”

Sterling’s Trace Stokes, a music director at a church in Lansdowne, is in his second year with Capital Cabaret. He likes the “nice harmonies” in the do-wop songs and solos on “Electricity” from “Billy Elliott.” He’s happy to perform it because “it’s a very passionate song; it’s about what you feel when you’re performing on stage.”

Furthermore, said Stokes, “All the ladies’ songs are amazing – especially the Broadway Ladies medley, including ‘We’re in the Money’ and ‘Whatever Lola Wants.’ Their voices blend so nicely.” He said Crickmer’s tap dance is terrific because “she’s very gifted.” He also called the show’s choreography “the definition of creativity – being able to put just the right moves to the words of a song. This group has bundles of talent and, between the voices and the choreography, it’s going to be a very enjoyable show.”

Director Philipoom, of Greenbriar, said Capital Cabaret spotlights some songs from Broadway musicals, adds in songs with similar themes and groups them together. He’s also proud of the Andrew Lloyd Webber tribute, featuring songs from “Evita,” “Phantom of the Opera” and “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” Said Philipoom: “It’s amazing how, after all this time, ‘Phantom’ still resonates with people; they can’t get enough of it.”

He said the show’s a collaborative effort with something for everyone. “The audience is really in for a treat,” said Philipoom. “We’re going to surprise people, too, because, every year, we raise the bar. I guarantee there’ll be at least one number they’ll be humming, the next day, and won’t be able to get out of their heads.”



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