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Roy Oliver, assistant director of Fairfax County's Department of Public Safety Communicators, gives Christopher Vanegas, 2, a fist bump during the department's 7th annual Safety Communications Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 9 at the Fairfax County Government Center. Oliver recognized Cynthia Almendarez, 10, (center, holding Christopher's hand) for saving Christopher's life by calling 9-1-1 and translating CPR instructions from English to Spanish when her nephew stopped breathing last summer. Standing with Almendarez (from left): her sister, Maria Celaura Almendarez, 12; her mother, Maria Isabel Almendarez; Cheryl Dean, the 9-1-1 dispatcher who took her call; and Digna Suyapa Vanegas, Christopher's mother.



PHOTO BY CHRISTIE SOSNA

Franconia Fifth Grader Honored for Saving Nephew's Life

Cynthia Almendarez, 10, called 9-1-1 when nephew, 2, stopped breathing.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

On the morning of July 13, 2011, Franconia Elementary fifth-grader Cynthia Almendarez was at home with her mother and 12-year-old sister when she noticed something odd.

Her 18-month-old nephew, Christopher, who was usually cruising around the house and making typical toddler sounds, was quiet and gasping for breath.

"I was scared because his face started to turn purple," Almendarez said. But she remembered something she learned at school.

Don't panic. Call 9-1-1.

Almendarez quickly picked up the phone and reached operator Cheryl Dean, who was just starting her shift.

What the 10-year-old did next saved Christopher's life.

On Monday, April 9, Almendarez and her family were honored at Fairfax County's Department of Public Safety Communication's (DPSC) 7th annual awards ceremony at the Fairfax County Government Center.

She was recognized for demonstrating exceptional bravery and heroism to save a life in a critical time using 9-1-1.

"I was surprised by her composure," Dean said, giving the little girl a hug after the ceremony. "I had to trust that she could convey the information I gave her. She remained calm until EMT's arrived on the scene. She's pretty amazing."

Christopher, whose breathing problems were caused by an infection, turned two-year-old last November. When Dean picked him up, he squirmed to get down and run around the lobby.

"He's a typical, healthy two-year-old, thanks to Cynthia's composure. She saved valuable time and Christopher's life," said Roy Oliver, Assistant Director of DPSC. "I can't even comprehend putting myself on that side of the phone," Oliver said.

Oliver said Dean, who has been with the county

A Life-saving Call

Following are excerpts from an audio of the 9-1-1 call:

❖ Almendarez: "Hello, um, our nephew is not breathing...he's not breathing. My mom said if you can hurry up. Please."

❖ Dean: "I'm going to ask you some questions and give you some instructions, okay? He's not breathing at all? Does anyone there know CPR?"

❖ Almendarez carefully answers Dean's questions in English. Switching to Spanish, she tries to calm down her mother, Maria Isabel, and sister, Maria Celaura, who can be heard wailing in the background and frantically yelling, at times drowning out the voice of Almendarez.

❖ Dean: "Get the phone close to him, and I'll assist you in giving him CPR. I need you to listen to me, okay? Get the phone close to your nephew."

Dean struggles to hear the little girl over the din of other voices.

❖ Dean: "Okay, I need everybody who is not trying to help the baby to stop talking. Tell them to stop talking...Put the baby on the floor, on his back. Nothing behind his head or shoulders. Take his shirt off... Push down on the forehead and pull up on the chin."

❖ Almendarez translates Dean's precise CPR instructions to her mother. About halfway through the eight-minute call, Almendarez stops translating as Christopher erupts in sobs.

❖ Dean: "Is he crying now? Is that him crying?"

❖ Almendarez: "Yes...he's crying now. Can you come?"

The paramedics arrive a few seconds later, and the 10-year-old breaks down crying for the first time.

❖ Almendarez: "They're here...They're taking him now..."

❖ Dean: "It's okay, you did a really good job, okay? You did a really good job."

❖ Almendarez: "Thank you, Thank you."

for two years, was pretty amazing too.

"She was doing what she always does. She didn't think anything of it until a supervisor listened to the tape, and realized that there was a special story here," Oliver said.

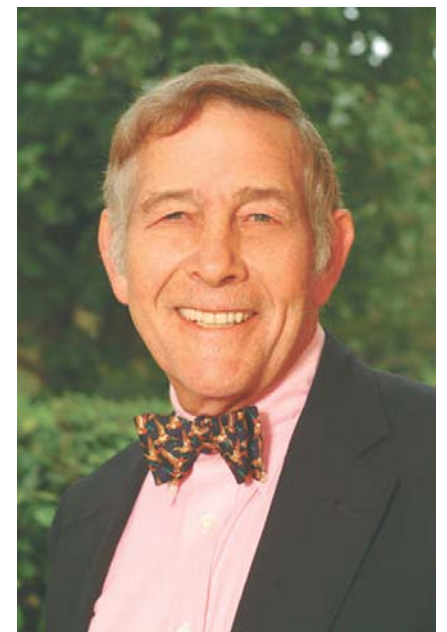
Since July, Almendarez has received numerous awards from local and national 9-1-1 agencies, as well as a commendation from the Board of Supervisors. In December, she received the "9-1-1 for Kids" award at Franconia Elementary. Inspired by her story, DPSC employees gave her family Christmas presents.

"I don't think I'm a hero," she said, even though many friends and family would disagree. "I'm just really happy that he's okay. I love spending time with him."

John E. Petersen, GMU Professor, Dies

John Earle Petersen, 71, a former councilmember for the City of Fairfax and leading authority in the field of public finance, died April 4 of a heart attack at his home in the City of Fairfax. The city has lowered its flags to half-staff in his honor.

At the time of his death, Petersen was a Professor of Public Policy and Finance at the George Mason School of Public Policy as well as a public member of Board of Directors of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.



John Earle Petersen

Petersen spent more than 50 years in the field of public finance. Upon graduating from Northwestern University with a B.A. in Economics in 1962, he was awarded a scholarship to study Public Finance at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, where he earned his Ph.D. He came to Washington, D.C. in 1966 to work in the Capital Markets Division of the Federal Reserve Board.

At the time he came to join the Fed, Petersen and his wife, Mary, bought a cottage in Fairfax City behind the home of his wife's grandmother, the matriarch of a family with deep roots in Virginia history and Democratic politics.

In 1972, Petersen was elected to the Fairfax City Council on the "Livable City" platform, which emphasized environmental concerns over unrestricted development.

After serving a term as City Councilman, Petersen stayed active in civic organizations for the rest of his life, serving as a long-time member of the City's Economic Development Authority, on the City Charter Commission, on the board of the Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission and also on the Board of Historic Fairfax City, Inc. This deep involvement in his own community and its governance helped further inform Petersen's study of and later teaching of topics in public fi-

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Funeral arrangements are as follows:
Service: Friday, April 13, 11 a.m. at Truro Church, 10520 Main Street, Fairfax. Reception to follow.
Interment: Friday, April 13, noon, City of Fairfax Cemetery, 10567 Main Street.

nance.

Petersen joined the faculty of the George Mason School of Public Policy in 2002. He delighted in sharing his vast knowledge in the field of public finance with graduate students. Petersen was also a regular columnist for more than twenty years for "Governing" magazine. In 2009, he received a Fulbright distinguished lectureship and spent a semester teaching at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea.

In October 2011 he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM) recognizing his accomplishments in the field.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Mary Stuyvesant Petersen of Fairfax City; daughter Mary LeGrand Asel of Falls Church; son, Virginia Senator John Chapman Petersen of Fairfax City, and daughter Elizabeth Schuyler Morgan of Alexandria. He is also survived by a brother and eight grandchildren.

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NEWS

Charged in Online Solicitation

Arrested in statewide sting targeting child predators.

Anarug Sharma, 35, of Fairfax, was one of 20 people across Virginia arrested last week as a result of "Operation Phalanx" – an undercover operation targeting alleged child predators. It was a collaborative effort between Virginia's two Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task forces and the attorney general's office.

The week-long operation was conducted in 2011. It was the first time the Northern Virginia-D.C. and the Southern Virginia ICAC task forces worked jointly, and the pairing paid off. Those nabbed were charged with either online solicitation of a minor or distribution of child pornography.

"A primary responsibility of law enforcement is to protect our most innocent citizens – Virginia's children," said Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, himself a father. "I want to thank the dozens of ICAC investigators from the two task forces, under the leadership of [Virginia State Police Superintendent] Col. W. Steven Flaherty and [Bedford County] Sheriff Mike Brown, for their participation in this important operation."

Cuccinelli also praised them for their "continued dedication and hard work to make sure that these [alleged] predators are taken off the streets."

Sharma was charged with two counts of using communications systems to facilitate offenses involving children. He was also charged with one count of attempted indecent liberties with a child.

The attorney general's Computer Crime Section provided legal guidance throughout the operation. Nine of the arrests came from Northern Virginia-D.C. ICAC Task Force investigations. However, just five names of those arrested have been made public, and Sharma is the only one of them from Fairfax County. Authorities cannot reveal the other four names at this time because doing so would jeopardize other, ongoing investigations.

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NEWS

Ed Long Named County Executive

Long, former deputy county executive, begins April 25.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors appointed Edward L. Long Jr. as county executive on Tuesday, April 10. Long, who will replace Anthony H. Griffin on April 25, has more than 34 years of experience with the county, and retired as deputy county executive and chief financial officer in May 2011.

"Ed is known as a steady and trustworthy leader," says Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large). "I believe that his skills and management style will continue to foster the culture of excellence for which Fairfax County is so well known."

In his role as deputy county executive, Long oversaw all of the county's financial and human resources functions, including tax administration and assessments, revenue collection, management of county debt, retirement funds administration and more.

Under Long's leadership, Fairfax County maintained the highest credit rating possible for a local government. As of February, only eight states, 39 counties and 34 cities in the nation had triple-A ratings from all three investor services.



Edward L. Long, Jr.

"Fairfax County is truly fortunate that Ed Long has agreed to come out of a well-deserved retirement to take the position as our new county executive," said Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Penny Gross (D-Mason). "Ed's enthusiasm for the county, its employees and its services is undeniable, and he is a worthy successor to outgoing County Executive Tony Griffin."

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) issued a statement April 10 on the hire of Long: "He is the right man at the right time, and I am thrilled he will be our next county executive...Nobody has a better understanding of our financial challenges than Ed Long."

Long began his county career in 1977 as a budget analyst and became the director of the Department of Management and Budget in 1989. He currently serves as an adjunct professor at George Mason University and American University.

Long received the 2012 Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award from the Association of Government Accountants, and in 2006 he received the A. Heath Onthank Award – Fairfax County's highest employee award.

Long has a bachelor's in political science from Emory and Henry College and a master's of arts in urban studies from the University of Maryland. He will receive an annual salary of \$257,282.

— VICTORIA ROSS



Workers remove the traffic signal on the Fairfax County Parkway Tuesday, April 10, to make way for the new overpass that is part of the last phase of the Fairfax County Parkway project.

Fairfax County Parkway Overpass Opens

Donegal Lane access shuts down.

On Tuesday, April 10, VDOT closed Donegal Road in Springfield as part of phase III of the \$23 million Fairfax County Parkway project.

Workers removed the traffic signal and opened the new overpass that will carry vehicles from the Hooes Road side of the Fairfax County Parkway to Rolling Road, which was relocated over the parkway. This is intended to improve the flow of traffic for cars going to I-95 and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency.

This overpass is a major portion of phase III of the \$174 million parkway project. In the coming weeks, motorists will see the ramp heading from the Fairfax County Parkway to the new section of the parkway widened to two lanes, and the access to Rolling Road improved as well. Before the project is complete in mid-July, the section of the parkway that narrows to one lane will be widened to two lanes.

The 35-mile parkway stretches from Leesburg Pike (U.S. Route 7) in Dranesville to Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) in Lorton.

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Residents Speak Out about Bike Plan

Fairfax County's creating a bicycle-transportation network.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

With help from Toole Design Group and Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), Fairfax County is currently developing a bicycle master plan. And last week, local residents had their say about these efforts to create a practical and workable bicycle-transportation network.

"If you know of a bike program another community is doing that works well, let us know," said Dan Goodman, a senior planner with Toole. "And once we have a draft bike-network, we'll put it on our Web site, www.tooledesign.com/fairfax."



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Fairfax resident Douglas Stewart (center) makes a point during the bike-plan meeting.

"Biking is a much more human way of getting around, in terms of the community."

— Tom Ross of Fairfax

Fairfax resident Douglas Stewart said the City of Fairfax has already created a new map of its own of on- and off-road bike trails. He lives in the Kamp Washington area, enjoys bicycling and wants to encourage more

people to do so.

He told Goodman that, during April, several local bicycle enthusiasts will ride from Fairfax to the Vienna Metro station. "Will there be any recommendations [in the county's bike plan] bearing directly on Fairfax City?" asked Stewart. Goodman said there will.

Tom Ross formerly worked with the National Park Service to promote trails and greenways and now lives in the Old Lee Hills area of Fairfax. "Biking is a much more human way of getting around, in terms of the community," he said. Ross also asked Goodman to brief the Fairfax City Council on the plan "to make this as seamless as possible. Where you can connect to the trail system, it really helps a lot."

them and will look at their traffic volumes and crashes."

That's another reason creating a countywide bicycle plan is so important, added FABB board member Fionnuala Quinn, a Fair Oaks resident and member of the county's Bike Advisory Committee. "There could be safety benefits for the residents when bike lanes are added," she said. "This is about basic safety and access – and for some people, it's their only mode of transportation."

Agreeing, Goodman said, "We've seen that, when bike lanes are added to a road, traffic there calms down."

However, FABB Chairman Bruce Wright warned that the county Department of Transportation has no funds to put the final bike plan into action. So, he said, "Our job is to advocate for the plan and for the funding to implement it."

A female resident asked if crash and accident data would be incorporated into the plan. "Eventually, we'll have a list of 100 intersections people said were bad," replied Goodman. "We'll prioritize



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Commonwealth will collect the dividends, but refuses to invest; Northern Virginia pays.

Northern Virginia localities should together commission a study now to determine how much growth is stimulated by the opening of the Metro stations in Tysons and along the toll road out to Dulles, how many new jobs created, quantify how much that growth leads to increased income and sales tax, and how much revenue (taxes) would get shipped off to Commonwealth coffers.

There should be a way to keep that money here in Northern Virginia.

Residents from around the region will pay for the majority of the construction of rail to Dulles via the Dulles Toll Road.

Virginia is all too happy to benefit from one of the biggest drivers of the Northern Virginia economic engine, Dulles Airport. Rail to Dulles, part of the plan for the airport since its conception, is a key part of supporting the expected volume growth in passengers and other commerce at the airport. But at every turn, the state has pushed paying for the rail line onto Northern Virginia, onto Fairfax and Loudoun county

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governments, onto property owners in the corridor and especially onto drivers on the Dulles Toll Road.

While Virginia had committed to contributing an additional \$150 million to the rail project, and at various points the governor and the General Assembly dangled \$200-300 million, it now appears that money will not be forthcoming. It was never enough.

This is one more example of the Commonwealth of Virginia happily collecting revenues, including income and sales taxes, generated from the economic vitality of Northern Virginia, then forcing Northern Virginia residents to pay for the infrastructure of that economic activity out of local funds and personal pockets.

The most recent Virginia Department of Aviation report identifies at least \$17.5 billion in annual economic activity in Virginia from Dulles and Reagan National airports, with Dulles providing the majority of that. The num-

ber of jobs created and maintained by this activity is staggering, and in Virginia, the state collects 100 percent of the income tax; there is no local income tax.

The state collects the income tax from the good jobs generated here in Northern Virginia by the airports, by the high tech firms, by the business innovators, by proximity to the Pentagon and the federal government. Then the governor celebrates the result, that Virginia is top ranked as business friendly.

The Commonwealth collects much of the tax revenue that results from this activity, but would pay only three percent of the \$6.2 billion cost of rail to Dulles. This will force more than 80 percent of the costs of building rail to Dulles to local drivers and property owners. The toll road contribution is projected at 57 percent of the total.

Having major airports adequately served by rail and other transportation options is more than an amenity, it is part of sustaining the economic benefit that comes from major airports. The question is not whether we should be building rail to Dulles, but about who benefits and who pays.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Upholding Our Unalienable Rights

To the Editor:

It seems that some are taking the opportunity to rehash the age-old abortion debate based on a quip by Delegate Dave Albo a few weeks ago on the floor of the General Assembly. While I will not comment on Delegate Albo's statement concerning his relationship with his wife, I will address the "personhood" issue of abortion. First I disagree with the premise in the Letter to the Editor by the Women's Strike Force about ceding jurisdiction of the law to the General Assembly. It is counterintuitive to say that, "when you cede jurisdiction over your body to the General Assembly to say you cannot have an abortion, then you have given them the jurisdiction to say with the stroke of a pen, you must have an abortion." That argument is as absurd as saying that if the General Assembly imposes a law to forbid first degree murder, then they can also summarily force first degree murder. Second, defining life at conception is the most logical time to define when life begins. Before the onset of technology and medical advances, life was thought to begin much later. With digital high tech

machines and intrauterine procedures, science has caught up with jurisprudence and revealed how much actually takes place at conception. There has to be some point in time in which life begins. The most logical and non-discriminative point in time is conception. Better to err on the side of a human life than some arbitrary and capricious date set forth by politicians or special interest groups.

"To restrict a woman's right to decide what happens to her body when she is pregnant," is considered intrusive by some pro-choice activists. Clearly, what the state is attempting to promote is the safety and well-being of the life inside the mother which is unable to advocate on his or her own behalf. The state must look out for and protect the lives of the young, the elderly, those with special needs, etc. so that their rights and freedoms are not sacrificed. Currently, if a woman is pregnant, and another individual intentionally harms her and the baby does not survive, the pregnant woman will be able to sue for the loss of her child here in the state of Virginia. We need to be consistent, and if it is considered a life in some circumstances, then it must also logically be considered a life in other circumstances. In the Declaration of Independence, it states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that

all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Because all people have the right to "Life," the General Assembly has the authority and the obligation to protect the lives of the unborn. Thank you, Virginia General Assembly, for considering HB1 and HB 462 and for your commitment to upholding and defending these same principles fought for by our founding fathers.

Laura Murphy
Fairfax Station

Missing in Abortion Debate

To the Editor:

A constant theme among letters to the editor is that of abortion activists eager to advance the cause of liberal women to abort arguably future Democrat voters, which is the ultimate oxymoron. The espoused opposition theme to any effort to educate the public seems to be, as stated by a reader in the March 22-23 edition of this paper, "restricting a woman's right to decide what happens to her body when she is pregnant." And that is the problem. The issue is not the woman's body; it is the body of a totally different person

sharing half of her chromosomes, but only half, who resides within her body. This fetus, an unborn child, is not the woman's body once conceived, but a totally separate human being within her body very much alive on its own for whom the abortion-choosing woman wishes death, often for her own convenience. Now regardless of one's position on this issue, the fact that liberal abortion advocates seek to hide this fact in every public pronouncement is nothing more than the highest form of deceit. Ironically, every person in whose presence I have heard make such a pronouncement has also, when asked, been staunchly opposed to the death penalty for the most violent and heartless criminal, who has been tried, convicted, and sentenced to death, another oxymoron of epic proportions. Killing one's own child for convenience is what abortion actually is and most often the creation of the child in question is also a result of one's own actionable sexual pleasure rather than involuntary rape. If this issue is to be debated honestly, these facts must be in the forefront. Liberals never offer up the truth because it detracts mightily from their position which is indefensible.

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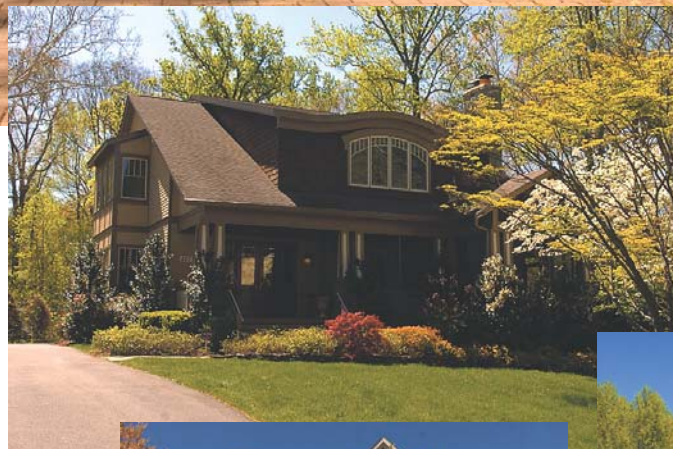
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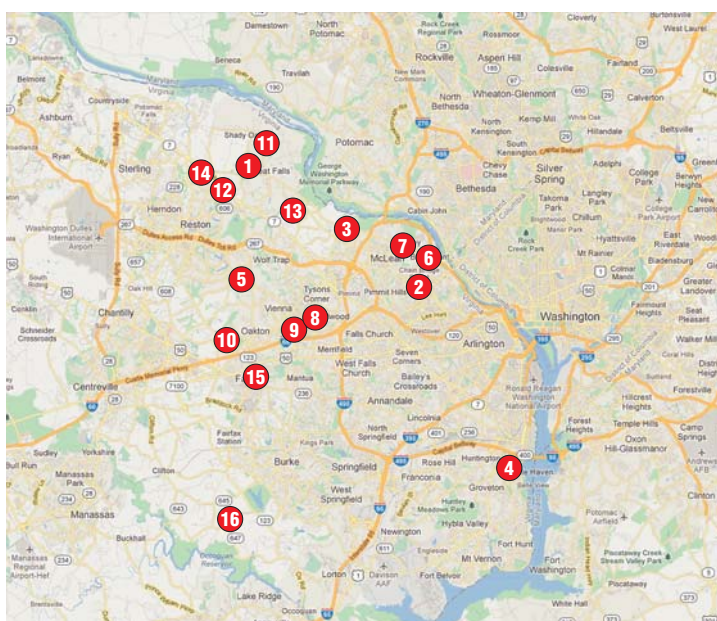
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Gini and Bob Mulligan enjoy the new, wide front porch that came with the remodel that turned their split-foyer into a French colonial style home.

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The new kitchen interior by Sun Design Remodeling boasts an easy indoor-outdoor continuum, ideal for warm weather entertaining — or just everyday living.

PHOTO BY JUSTIN KRIEL

From Home to Dream Home: Split Foyer to French Colonial

Sun Design Remodeling's design solution for Mulligan home tops category in "Contractor of the Year" Awards.

BY JOHN BYRD
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

Tastes change; so, too, an owner's requirements of their home. In the early 1960s, for instance, no floor plan concept seemed better suited to the demands of modern life than the split level — which deployed half-levels to apportion interior space into sleeping zones, family gathering rooms and service areas.

Carrying the social engineering a step further, designers next introduced the "split foyer" which directs traffic up and down from a locale between two floors — giving equal value to kitchen and bedrooms above; family recreation and laundry below. But such schemes aren't for everyone and, more to the point, after years of application, restrictive rules — like walls — can wear thin.

Consider, for instance, the case of Gini and Bob Mulligan, 25-year occupants of a circa-1960s split-foyer situated on a wooded setting in Fairfax.

"We were really attracted to the extraordinary country setting when we bought this house in 1988," Gini Mulligan said. "It's very private, wooded acreage that really brings your attention to the beauty of nature. We were less attracted to the house itself, but thought,

well ... we can make some changes once we're settled in."

Fast-forward a couple of decades, and the re-thinking process is still underway. "We solicited ideas from a lot of remodelers, but modifications to a split foyer that worked for us weren't easy to come by. In the end, we decided that our surroundings called for a farmhouse with a big welcoming porch. Unfortunately, the conceptual drawings we received mostly just showed we weren't being heard. It was very frustrating."

Compounding the issue was the couple's extensive "wish list" — which included a large master bedroom suite; a gourmet kitchen; substantially enlarged living and entertainment spaces; private places for billiards and studio painting, and lots of natural light and visual continuum in all directions.

Ranked above all this, however, was a call to dramatically re-design the front façade. "A split foyer puts the front door midway between the first and second levels," Gini Mulligan said. "How do you modify a feature like that?"

Enter Craig Durosko, founder and chairman of Sun Design Remodeling.

"A split foyer is a fascinating challenge," Durosko said. "For starters, you have to eliminate the mid-level front-facing stairwell, and create



Before

PHOTOS BY BRYAN BURRIS



After

Sun Design's makeover — which includes a rear dormer — opens up living space possibilities on the third floor level. A cathedral ceiling with window wall invites natural light and a look into the rear-facing gourmet kitchen.

alternatives that really advance the owner's vision. Typically, this is going to entail structural changes and a re-definition to the home's

basic architecture."

The starting point is to concentrate on solving functional considerations, Durosko said. This drives

the search for an architectural language that satisfies a broad criteria including the appropriateness of the home's design to its setting. Interesting, then, that what evolves out of routine space-planning is a rural variant of French Colonial style, associated with Louisiana and the Delta states — places where the indoor-outdoor component is a lifestyle essential.

"Relocating the front door to the second floor main level wrapped by a porch called for distinctive front stairs," Durosko said. "We designed the pavilion roof to reconcile the porch to the higher pitch of a new third level hipped roof. Three dormer windows — needed for natural light — followed from this."

THE NEW STYLE emerges in the details. The entry way is a glass-facing double French door. Six divided light windows now grace the re-imagined front elevation. Porch support piers are perfectly aligned with its roof columns. The broad flaring stairway narrows towards the top. Old brick was deployed to extend the existing chimney. In its essence, Durosko and team create a spot-on evocation of a "raised rural" French Colonial, a look originally created in the 18th century for just such a country setting.

By contrast, the remade interior explores "open" floor plan sensibilities — emphasizing uncluttered sightlines and easy circulation.

A footprint above the garage is allocated to a sizeable master suite with 15-foot cathedral ceilings and generous views of the leafy lot from front and back. Three small bedrooms on the home's south side are converted into a generous guest

suite complete with its own rear entrance. Front-facing rooms are converted into a library (which accesses both suites) and the new locale for a mid-house staircase linking both the existing lower level and a new third floor.

Other small changes expand the home's primary living area. Deleting just 90 square feet of mid-level foyer permitted designers to reconfigure the living room and dining room into an L-shaped "great room" wrapping a new gourmet kitchen which opens on two sides.

The kitchen's cathedral ceiling — crowned with an extensive window wall — invites natural light and visual continuity. As Gini Mulligan tells it: any seat in the primary living area is visually linked to the wooded setting from all sides.

On a similar note, relocating the stairwell and opening some walls transforms the lower level into a light and airy family entertainment center. The third floor — which Gini Mulligan plans to use as an art studio — likewise, gains light from dormers in both the front and the back.

For the Mulligans, though, what really matters is how well the new house validates a long-forested personal vision.

"Rocking on the front porch in the morning or the evening surrounded by trees is just deliciously satisfying," Gini Mulligan said. "The house is a perfect realization."

On this point, others concur. The makeover was recently named the region's best residential addition in the \$100,000-\$250,000 category by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry's metro Washington chapter.

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Bruins off to Super Fast Start in Baseball

Rutherford's Lake Braddock team preparing for season's second half.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The wins have just kept on coming over the first half of the season for the Lake Braddock Secondary baseball team, which is competing locally in Northern Virginia over this week's spring break week.

But the Bruins, a traditional power in the Northern Region, realize that their season will ultimately be successful based on how they do in the postseason. That's how it always is for the region's top tier teams, especially in the ultra tough Patriot District where some of Virginia's traditionally best high school teams, such as Lake Braddock, West Springfield, and defending region champion South County, dwell.

"I hope to finish in the top two in the district regular season so we can get a buy into the regional tournament," said Bruins head coach Jody Rutherford, of his club.

While baseball, even the relatively short Northern Region high school spring season, is considered a marathon with the best teams ultimately rising up to or near the top by season's end, Rutherford, fully realizing there is still a long way to go, has to love the way his squad has played over the first six weeks going into spring break.

Lake Braddock, behind solid mound work thus far from pitchers Michael Church and Thomas Rogers, who were both 3-0 going into this week, and strong hitting from Alex Gransback and others, had a perfect 9-0

record following a spring break tournament win over Oakton on Monday, April 2.

The Lake Braddock versus Oakton meeting brought together two of the top three teams in the Northern Region Top 10 Coach's Baseball Poll, which had the Bruins sitting at No. 1 and Oakton at No. 3 behind No. 2 Madison.

In Lake Braddock's first spring break tournament game last Saturday, March 31, Rutherford's squad handed Marshall High (Liberty District) an 8-4 loss. The Bruins were scheduled to play their third and final spring break game against another one of the region's top clubs, McLean, on Tuesday, April 3 of this week.

LAKE BRADDOCK, on March 13, opened the regular season with a 5-3 road game win over private school opponent St. John's of Washington, D.C. before going up against a couple more metropolitan private school teams at the Paul VI Preseason Invitational (March 16-17), hosted by Paul VI (Fairfax City), which is a member of the talent-rich Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (WCAC).

There, on the first day of action, the Bruins defeated Georgetown Prep, a member of the Interstate Athletic Conference (IAC), by a 10-0 score. In its second and final game of the Invitational, Lake Braddock defeated the home team Panthers, who have developed into a dominant Virginia prep school power over the years under longtime head coach Billy Emerson, by an 8-1 score.

Emerson, who earlier in his head coaching career led the traditionally-weak T.C. Williams High team to a trip to the Northern Region semifinals, recently announced that this season, his 10th at the helm of Paul VI baseball, will be his final season as the Panthers' head coach. He did not rule out one day coaching again but is quite busy



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

Lake Braddock junior center fielder Alex Gransback had a single during the Bruins' loss to McLean on April 3.

with his duties as the Paul VI athletic director. Emerson, during his previous nine years as the Panthers' baseball skipper, has led the program to three state private school titles and two WCAC crowns.

Following the three straight games against private school teams to begin the season, Lake Braddock, in its fourth game, opened up Patriot District play with a lopsided 19-1 road win at Lee High School on March 21. The Lancers, under new head coach John Dowling, are rebuilding following some tough seasons of late, including a two-win season last spring. Lee, earlier this spring, won a game over Edison High, 5-2,

at the Langley High Ice-Breaker on March 16.

The game with Lee was the first of four straight in the district for Lake Braddock, which followed the uneven victory over the Lancers with district home wins over T.C. Williams, 5-2, on March 23; struggling West Springfield, 11-1, on March 27; and W.T. Woodson, 4-2, on March 29.

Following this week's spring break, Lake Braddock will resume district play next week with a road game at Annandale High on Wednesday night, April 11 followed by a Friday night home game versus West Potomac on April 13. Both district games are scheduled to begin at 6:30.

Lake Braddock is coming off a 2011 season in which it went 21-5. During last year's postseason, the Bruins lost to South County, 5-3, in the district tournament finals. But they came back strong at the 16-team regional playoffs with wins over Langley, Oakton, and Stone Bridge, the latter semifinals win over the Bulldogs automatically qualifying the Bruins for states. In the region finals, Lake Braddock fell to South County, 9-5.

MEMBERS of this year's 2012 Lake Braddock roster are: junior pitcher/outfielder Thomas Rogers; senior infielder Dylan O'Connor; freshman infielder/pitcher Matt Supko; sophomore infielder Jack Owens; senior infielder Matt Spruill; junior pitcher Nick Balenger; sophomore outfielder Ryan Henderson; junior infielder Alex Lewis; senior outfielder Chris Granito; junior outfielder Alex Gransback; sophomore infielder/pitcher Joe Darcy; junior infielder Mitch Spille; junior pitcher/infielder JP Anthony; senior pitcher Daniel Napier; senior pitcher Michael Church; junior catcher Garrett Driscoll; senior outfielder Chuck Feola; senior outfielder Nathan Parker; and sophomore catcher Ian Reilly.

Fairfax Rebels Softball Enjoying Strong Start to Season

The team, under coach Hoffert, is ready for the tough district schedule ahead.

BY ALEC HAVÉUS
THE CONNECTION

After winning four of their first six games to open the current season, only losing to Liberty District opponents Madison and McLean High, the Fairfax Rebels girls' softball team seems to be adapting well to their new coach, Matt Hoffert.

And Hoffert has a clear view of what he would like to accomplish with his team this spring, explaining that he sees this season as one where his players will continue learning how to practice better and improving as a team.

Losing their first game of the season by a 9-1 score to visiting Madison on March 20, Fairfax managed to win four

in a row after that - versus guest Dominion High of the Dulles District, 6-3, on March 22; at Liberty opponent Langley High, 4-2, on March 23; at home over W.T. Woodson, 14-4, on March 26; and at Liberty opponent Jefferson in a high-scoring game, 13-12, on March 27.

However, the Rebels experienced a defeat, 5-1, against visiting district rival McLean High on March 30.

THE REBELS have shown great results in their opening six games and first-year coach Hoffert continues to have confidence that his players, if they keep getting better as a team each day, can have continued good success. The coach stresses that Fairfax, in order to achieve a winning season and do well at districts and regionals later in the

season, has to play its best every time the Rebels step out on the field.

And his philosophy has led the way to some good results. Comparing the opening six games this spring - a 4-2 record, 39 runs scored to 35 allowed - to the opening six games last spring-season - 0-6 start, 17 runs scored, 83 allowed - is proof of the importance coach Hoffert has emphasized about the team playing together.

While the team has talented players such as catcher Farren Tashjian and pitcher Caitlin Buchanan playing particularly well, Hoffert is pleased with the Rebels as a whole. Everyone, from senior centerfielder Tiffany Balbuena to junior infielder Abby Sisson, has contributed to the team's winning ways.

After a week of spring break, in which

the team chose to stay at home and do maintenance work on their field, the Rebels were preparing to play district games this week against visiting Marshall on Tuesday, April 10, and at South Lakes this Friday night, April 13 at 6:30. In taking on the Statesmen and Seahawks, Fairfax had high hopes of winning their fifth and sixth games of the season.

The team's upcoming games will go a long way in determining if the Rebels really are a district contender or if they are simply off to a strong start behind the momentum of having a new coach. Whatever the case, coach Hoffert has made a great effort pulling the team together and encouraging the Rebels to play as well as they have.



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Cast members performing the song, "God, That's Good," from "Sweeney Todd."

Music, Murder and Pie-Making

Fairfax High presents
"Sweeney Todd."

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Combine murder, revenge, pies and music, and the result is Fairfax High's upcoming play, "Sweeney Todd." The musical thriller takes place in Victorian London during the Industrial Revolution and will be performed over two weekends.

Show times are Friday-Saturday, April 20-21, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 22, at 2 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, April 27-28, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, April 29, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at www.fxplayers.org, \$15 at the door. Because of the story's content, it's rated PG-13.

It's Fairfax's Cappies entry and features a cast and crew of 40, plus a live pit orchestra. And except for spring break, they've been rehearsing seven days a week since February.

"When I first announced this show last year, I told them anyone who wanted to be in it better get a vocal coach," said Director Wendy Knight. "Not only do they have to be good singers, they have to be good musicians so they can analyze, dissect, count and really think about the music."

"This is one of the toughest musicals because Steven Sondheim's music is very complex, with lots of disjointed harmonies and complicated rhythms difficult to count," continued Knight. "We've been working on harder and harder music since 2009 to get them ready for this – and over all, I think we've accomplished it."

SENIOR REGGIE HEROLD plays the title role. "Sweeney Todd was convicted of a crime he didn't commit and was sent to a penal colony in Australia for 15 years," said Herold. "He escapes, is shipwrecked and then found and returns to London under a different name so he won't be re-captured and sent back. He used to be a barber with a stable income, and he expects his wife and teenage daughter, Johanna, to be waiting for him."

Instead, Todd finds Mrs. Lovett, whose now-dead husband used to be his landlord. She tells him his wife is dead, so he seeks revenge on the judge who sentenced him and later adopted Johanna as his ward.

"Todd used to be happy, with a good life; but now he's hard and disillusioned, full of hatred and depression," said Herold. "He's a broken, angry man. It's a great role because he's a complex character you really have to try to embody." Herold's favorite song is "Epiphany" because, while singing it, he runs all over the stage and even gets onto his knees. He said the audience will love the show's talented cast and "gorgeous Sondheim music."

Portraying Mrs. Lovett is junior Alexandra Nicopoulos. "She's a working-class woman who owns a pie shop," said Nicopoulos. "She bakes the worst pies in London because she can't afford the meat for them. But she's desperate to sell them because she needs the money. She's always been in love with Sweeney and, when he returns, she comes up with a plan to help her business and help him get revenge, at the same time."

Nicopoulos wanted this part because "Sondheim's music is amazing and this char-

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Rollicking Musical Comes to Life

Paul VI presents
"Hello, Dolly!"

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The romance of 1880s New York will come to life on stage when Paul VI presents its Cappies play, "Hello Dolly!" It features a cast and crew of 70, plus a full orchestra.

The curtain rises Friday-Saturday, April 20-21, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 22, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15, adults; \$10, students and senior citizens; at the door or at www.paulvi.net.

"We've been rehearsing since the end of January and the kids are doing great," said Director Katherine Miller. "They're a very talented cast, and some of the actors have been in theater all four years."

Senior Mickey Sheridan plays Horace Vandergelder. "He's a grumpy, nasty old man – a curmudgeon," said Sheridan. "He's wealthy, but cheap, and doesn't have much respect for anybody. He's a chauvinist who wants a wife solely to take care of his life and belongings. So he hires Dolly Levi, a matchmaker, to find him a wife. But he's not marrying for love."

Sheridan says his character is funny and has lots of great lines. "Two of my friends play his employees, and it's fun yelling at them," he added. Sheridan's favorite number is "It Takes a Woman" because "four teachers will be in it and they do a great job. It has a good dance routine and is about a group of men saying how they want their women to do the chores while they relax."

He said the audience will love the show's quick and witty dialogue, humor and "amazing numbers, especially 'Put on Your Sunday Clothes' and 'Hello, Dolly.' The story takes place over the course of one day, but moves fast, so you see lots of character development."

PORTRAYING DOLLY is senior Sean Pugerude. "She's a widow, so she's been a dance teacher, a guitar teacher and a matchmaker to make a living," said Pugerude. "She finally lets go of her husband and moves on with her life. Horace asks her to find him a second wife, but she wants him to fall in love with her. She's extremely outgoing, warm and friendly and likes making everyone else happy."

"It's a blast playing her," said Pugerude. "I'm so happy to have this as my last role at PVI. It's a lot of pressure, responsibility and hard work because it's such a huge lead. But every time I come to rehearsal, I have so much fun, I fall in love with it again. She's unapologetically flashy and in-your-face, with no limits."

Her favorite song is "Motherhood March" because she does it with her two



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From left, Mickey Sheridan and Sean Pugerude as Horace and Dolly.

best friends and, said Pugerude, "It's fast-paced and goofy. It's really ridiculous, but so funny. I also love 'Before the Parade Passes By,' about Dolly wanting to get back to her former life. It's her turning point when she realizes she can let go of the past and be herself – and then a whole parade comes in, right after that song."

She said the audience will love "how filled with joy everyone is because it's a show about people breaking out of their everyday selves and having adventures. And that's what theater's about – escaping your regular life and going into a new adventure."

Senior Connor McAlevy plays Barnaby Tucker, one of two teenagers who work in Vandergelder's hay and feed store. "He lives in Yonkers, N.Y., and is sheltered and naïve about the world," said McAlevy. "He doesn't like change very much and is a little shy around girls. But his co-worker Cornelius, played by Daniel Rozmajzl, gets Barnaby to go to New York City with him. I love playing Barnaby because I like his jokes and jumpy, physical humor and can do it well."

McAlevy especially likes the song, "It Only Takes a Moment," because "It was the song Wally listened to and watched in the Disney movie, 'WALL-E,' and that was my first introduction to 'Hello, Dolly.' I'm really excited about this show. There's a lot of energy and classic catchy songs everybody knows, and we're all having fun on stage."

Portraying Minnie Fay, assistant to the hat shop's owner Irene Malloy, is senior Patty Kelleher. "She's goofy and just wants to have fun," said Kelleher. "She's good friends with Irene and watches her back as she begins dating. It's fun – I'll have crazy pincurls and get to bounce around a lot. Minnie has a bunch of silly

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CALENDAR

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FRIDAY/APRIL 13

Bonita Lestina Performance

Series: Linn Barnes and Allison Hampton. 8 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. European and American folk and Celtic music. Free admission. 703-352-2787 or www.fairfaxarts.org. www.barnesandhampton.com.

Singer/Songwriter Carrie Newcomer.

7 p.m. Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. www.burkepreschurch.org.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot circle, Fairfax. "Fully Charged." Pre-show Party one hour before show time, free to ticket holders. \$14-\$30. 800-551-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com.

Tommy Stinson (from Guns n' Roses & The Replacements) and The 27s.

8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Rachel Barton Pine. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Practice your English conversation skills. Adults. 703-978-5600.

SATURDAY/APRIL 14

5th Annual Run for the Arts 5k and Fun Run. Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1551

Trap Road, Vienna. 7-8 a.m. Packet Pickup at Encore Circle Lounge, 8:30 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk, 8:30 a.m. 5K warm-up, 8:45 a.m. 5K Race shotgun start, 9-11 a.m. Finish Line Festival with live entertainment.

Proceeds benefit Wolf Trap Foundation's arts and education programs. www.wolftrap.org.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot circle, Fairfax. "Fully Charged." Pre-show Party one hour before show time, free to ticket holders. \$14-\$30. 800-551-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com.

Children's Show: Gustafer Yellowgold.

10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Love146 Awareness Concert with TheRuinCity, The Atlantic Light, Crush Atlantic and Semper Fly.

1:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Civil War History Talk. 4 p.m. Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. John Quarstein, Director of the Virginia War Museum in Newport News, will discuss "Battle of the Ironclads—the Monitor and the Merrimac." The naval battle fought March 8-9, 1862 in Hampton Roads was the first combat meeting of ironclad warships. 703-591-0560.

Spring Upscale Resale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Salvation Army Fairfax, 4915 Ox Road, Fairfax. All proceeds benefit the Salvation Army's Harbor Light Center, a residential treatment program helping homeless individuals overcome drug and alcohol addiction. 703-893-1113 or 703-356-4058.

Bandhouse Gigs' Tribute to Rod Stewart: Back to Gasoline Alley.

7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

Antiques and Trinkets Appraisal Show.

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Young at Heart Senior Center, Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Verbal appraisals. Admission \$4 including 1 item, additional items \$2 each, limit 2. Sponsored by the City of Fairfax. 703-273-6090 or 703-359-2487.

Microsoft Excel.

2:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Introduction to creating spreadsheets. Adults. 703-293-6227.

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Fairfax High Presents 'Sweeney Todd'

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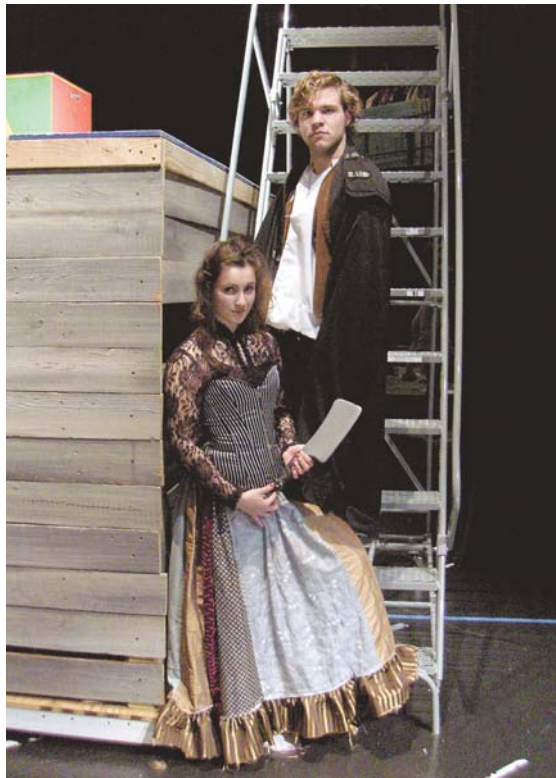
acter is so dynamic and funny. I can do so many different things with it and challenge myself more as an actress and vocalist." Her favorite number is "A Little Priest" because "it's the funniest song in the show. I sing it with Reggie and we make something wrong and immoral comedic."

She said the play will also be fun to watch because of its set, costumes and technical aspects. "People will also like the elaborate plot and the relationship between these contrasting characters," said Nicopoulos. "It'll be exciting for them to be part of their lives."

Senior Harrison Weger plays Anthony Hope, a young sailor in the Royal Navy. "He befriends Sweeney after rescuing him at sea, and our storylines eventually intertwine," said Weger. "Mine is about finding love and Sweeney's is more about revenge."

"Anthony is hopeful, happy and light-hearted," continued Weger. "He looks toward the future, but enjoys living life to its fullest. He liked having adventures in the Navy; but when he meets Johanna in London, he falls in love and wants to marry her and settle down. Much of Anthony's character is interpreted through the music. This is an incredibly dark show, so Anthony and Johanna are the light-hearted relief."

Weger especially likes the "Johanna's Act II Sequence" number because "it's abso-



Alexandra Nicopoulos and Reggie Herold in a dramatic moment from the show.

lutely beautiful, with a soft calming melody. Few high schools do this show because the music's so demanding. So the audience will be impressed by it, plus the epic storyline where every detail is important. It's challenging, but worth every sweat and tear."

Playing Johanna is sophomore Marissa

Kovach. "Johanna is 16, held captive by the judge and not allowed outside, so she has no one to comfort or care for her," said Kovach. "She's happy when she's with Anthony, but worried the judge will catch them. It's fun playing her because she's more serious and dramatic than my past roles and she goes from innocent to crazy to sane again."

Kovach likes the song, "Green Finch & Linnet Bird," because it showcases her singing range, tells about Johanna metaphorically and has "really awesome moments." She says the audience will like this play's dark comedy and how well the actors researched their roles.

THE TRIPLE-DECKER SET is made with metal scaffolding, and the actors at the top will be 15 feet in the air. The acting ensemble on it will physically embody what's happening in the music.

Almost all the costumes are made from scratch by the same team that won a Cappie for the costumes in 2010's "Chicago" – Maddy Atteberry, Sarah Hix and Chi Chi Ramos – plus Caitlin Tuohy, Haley Reynolds and Victoria Ciavarella.

"I've added extra dance sequences to help the audience visualize the music," said Director Knight. "The students have worked really hard and embraced the idea that it's an ensemble show. People aren't going to want to miss it – they'll be talking about this show for awhile."

Paul VI Presents 'Hello, Dolly!'

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lines and great, comedic moments where she's shocked at what's going on."

Kelleher's favorite number is "Elegance," which Cornelius, Barnaby, Irene and Minnie sing together. "Cornelius tries to get us to go to a cheap restaurant, but we want to go somewhere elegant," she said. "It's really uptempo and has fun choreography." She said the audience will enjoy the excitement the cast brings to this musical, plus the singing and acting."

THE SETS will feature the feed store, hat shop and the Harmonia Gardens restaurant where the big, "Hello, Dolly" number takes place. PVI's head maintenance man, Clarence Boone, will sing the title song. The boys will wear suits and hats, and the girls' costumes will include 1880s-style dresses with puffy sleeves, bustles, big hats and parasols.

Director Miller says the audience will love the show's lively, familiar music and "seeing the teachers and Clarence. And in the Harmonia Gardens scene, there are lots of athletic dances containing handsprings,



Rehearsing a scene in the show's hat shop are (from left) Anita Tellez-Mansy, Sean Pugerude, Patty Kelleher, Connor McAlevy, Kevin Pucci, Taylor Kiechlin and Elinor Curry.

back flips, cartwheels, juggling and even a unicycle. The story's simple and romantic, and the audience will go out of here singing."

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