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## *"Have You Met?" Alum News:*

**Radhika Mahanty (HYM)** has been promoted to Marketing Director for the **Larimer Square Associates**. Congratulations Radhika!

Songstress extraordinaire, **Lannie Garrett (HYM)**, is engaged to **Dan Brogan**, publisher/editor of **Denver Magazine 5280**. May they always make beautiful music together.

**Doug Tisdale (HYM)** stars in the **Parker Arts Council** production of Ken Ludwig's comedy - *Moon Over Buffalo*, February 5,6, 7, 12, 13, & 14 at the Parker Mainstreet Center, 19650 East Mainstreet in Parker, CO. Curtain at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. For tickets go to: [www.parkerartscouncil.org](http://www.parkerartscouncil.org) or buy at the door.

**(HYM) Patricia Barela Rivera's** father passed away on January 20th. PBR, we are thinking of you and your family.

## *More People News:*

Our condolences to **Marilyn Spinner** of the **Beacon Center** who recently lost her mom.

For over two decades, Denver residents **Joe and Kaye Cannata** have worked tirelessly for the victims of violent crimes. On July 2, 1987, their 20 year old daughter Lynn was murdered. Since that day, they have been assisting other families who have endured similar experiences. Three years ago, the Cannatas' formed the non-profit group: **"Voices of Victims."** If you

would like to hear more about the good work this organization has done, go to: [www.voicesofvictims.org](http://www.voicesofvictims.org) or call 303-777-0112.

After 29 years, **Terry Hoffman** is retiring from her position as Admission Director at the **Excelsior Youth Center**. **Jim Uhernik** will be stepping in as the Director of Business Development and Admissions. Jim is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and has worked at Excelsior for the last 10 years as a supervisor and therapist. In 2010, Jim plans on promoting Excelsior's program to both Colorado and out-of-state referral agencies and will be talking with individuals and teams about Excelsior's continuum of treatment and flexible lengths of stay.

Congratulations to **Sharon Cooper** whose company **Sharon Cooper Associates, Ltd** was awarded three honors from the **MarCom Awards**, an international creative competition that recognizes outstanding achievement by marketing and communication professionals. The local, Denver-area public relations, marketing, advertising and personal representation firm won honors in the competition including their top Platinum Award - for video production. All three awards were for materials developed for the **Hospice of Saint John**, Lakewood, Colorado. The Gold Award went for a Radio Commercial; and they awarded an Honorable Mention for the special event: "The Mad Hatter Tea Party." Contact Sharon at e-mail: [sharoncooper@q.com](mailto:sharoncooper@q.com). 303-790-2020.

**Dr. Paul A. Bunn, Jr.**, professor of medical

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oncology at **University of Colorado Denver**, was honored for his leadership in lung cancer at the first "Molecular Origins of Lung Cancer" conference last week in San Diego. It was a joint meeting of the AACR and the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer, of which Paul is executive director.

**Steve Harrell**, has recently joined **The Kempe Children's Foundation** as Director of Communications and Marketing. Mr. Harrell previously was with **The Tennyson Center**, and he has over fifteen years of experience in not-for-profit advocacy on behalf of abused and neglected children. In addition, he has extensive experience in the broadcast and publishing industries.

### *From Jo Blum* OF FAMILIES FIRST:

Hola! Families First welcomes their new Spanish Support Services Coordinator **Olga Salazar**.

**Friends for Families First** is hosting an Educational Brunch on Tuesday, February 9 from 10:00 - Noon. **Angela Engel**, author and guest speaker, will inspire all with "Planting the Seeds of Tomorrow."

If you would like a tour of the **Families First** facilities, tours take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>! Contact Jo Blum at: jo@familiesfirstcolorado.org, 303-745-0327.

### *A Call for Volunteers:*

Each year in Colorado, more than 11,000 children are abused or neglected. You can make a difference in their lives by becoming a **CASA** - court appointed special advocate. **CASA of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties** is accepting applications for the February 2010 training class. CASA volunteers are caring adults who get to know children in the Dependency and Neglect system and provide the courts with objective information and recommendations to help ensure that the children's best interests are served. Previous experience is not necessary, just compassion for children and the desire make a difference in our community. For more information, call (303) 271-6535 or visit CASA on their website at: [www.casajeffcogilpin.com](http://www.casajeffcogilpin.com).



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### *From PR Maven,* ANDREW HUDSON

Come see **Andrew Hudson** perform at the **Volunteers of America** Guild presents "**Red Wine and Seafood**" - a benefit for **The Brandon Center** and **Theodora House** on Thursday, January 28, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Oxford Hotel Ballroom, 1637 Wazee Street, Denver, CO. Tickets are \$75 per person (\$40.00 tax deductible) and on sale now at <http://www.voacolorado.org> or by phone 720-264-3321. Featuring live jazz by **The Andrew Hudson & Friends Band**. **Event Chairs include Denise Kenny Snyder, Michael Moore, Kathleen Davia, and Brad High. Sponsored by McCormick's Fish House & Bar, Southern Wine and Spirits, Gateaux Specialty Cakes & Pastries and Flower Power Florists.**

An impressive silent auction featuring sports memorabilia, jewelry, premier restaurants and hotels, and top Denver spas, salons and shops will open from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Guests are encouraged to reserve tickets early as this event sells out. For more information call: **Heather Spencer, Community Affairs at: 720-264-3333**

### **From Bradley Joseph of Silver Spur Productions:**

The **SaddleUp! Foundation** proudly supports the **Autism Society of Colorado**; and **Governor Ritter and Mayor Hickenlooper** have proclaimed January 31-February 6 - "**Autism Education Week.**" Attend a live theatre performance of: "**Autism Chronicles: The Gifts & Struggles**" on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. at the **Newman Center**, or view the HBO Film Premier: "**Temple Grandin**" on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. at the **Denver Museum of Nature and Science**. For more info, contact: **Amanda Erwin at [Amanda@autismcolorado.org](mailto:Amanda@autismcolorado.org), 720-214-0794 ext. 19.**

### **From the Wednesday's Child Connection Guild, of the Adoption Exchange:**

- 24 "**Wendy's Wonderful Kids**" received personalized Valentine goody-bags, Back-to-School backpacks, Holiday Hope stockings and Birthday

- greetings with Wendy's gift cards throughout the year.
- 350 waiting teens in Denver and Adams counties received **Holiday Hope stockings**.
  - \$27,000 was raised through raffle ticket sales in support of **Fantasy Ball**.

**From Bev Sloan of The Denver Hospice comes this information:**

- In 2009 supporters of The Denver Hospice donated over \$5.5 million.
- They served over 3,100 patients.
- They served clients from 17 different religions.
- 82% of their care was given in patients' homes.
- Approximately 28% of clients served are military veterans.
- Once again, their amazing volunteers provided over 18,000 hours of service.
- On December 1<sup>st</sup>, The Denver Hospice celebrated the groundbreaking of their **Inpatient Care Center at Lowry**.

Coffee Drinkers! For each \$10 bag of **Project C.U.R.E.** Coffee, \$5 goes to support the work of saving lives worldwide. Treat yourself or give as a gift. Learn more: [www.projectcure.org/coffee](http://www.projectcure.org/coffee).

### *Hot Right Now!*

**The Colorado Springs Philharmonic** presents **THE FOUR SEASONS** at 8:00 pm, on Feb. 6, 2010.

Lawrence Leighton Smith, conductor David Shifrin, clarinet; Yumi Hwang-Williams, violin. One night only special event! **Vivaldi's** timeless classic, **Mozart's** Clarinet Concerto, and **Handel's** Water Music combine for an evening you will never forget. Sponsored by **The Colorado Springs Gazette**.

And the:

**THREE PHANTOMS IN CONCERT:** 8:00 pm, Feb. 13, 2010 Thomas Wilson, conductor **Mark Jacoby, Brad Little, Craig Schulman**, vocalists. One night only - Valentine's weekend! Three of Broadway's most romantic leading men - all of whom have played "the Phantom" - join forces for a program of Broadway hits. Sponsored by Nor'wood. Tickets are going fast - get yours now!

All performances held at the **Pikes Peak Center**, 190 South Cascade Avenue in Colorado Springs.

Tickets from \$16/\$12 students 719-520-SHOW (7469) Buy online at [csphilharmonic.org](http://csphilharmonic.org) Pikes Peak Center Box Office.

### *Other Tidbits:*

The **American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women Day"** is February 5, 2010. More info: [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org)

**January is Blood Drive Month.** Contact: **Bonfils Blood Center** at: [www.bonfils.org](http://www.bonfils.org).

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