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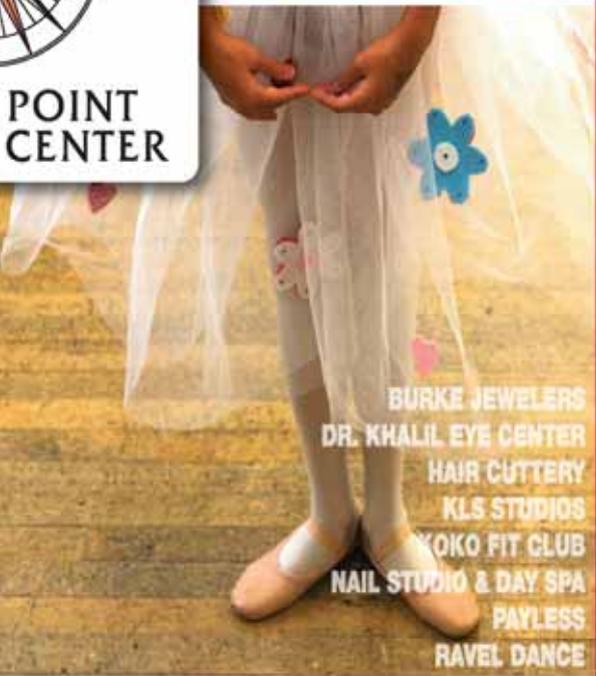
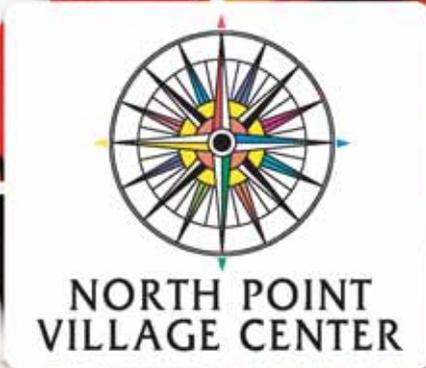
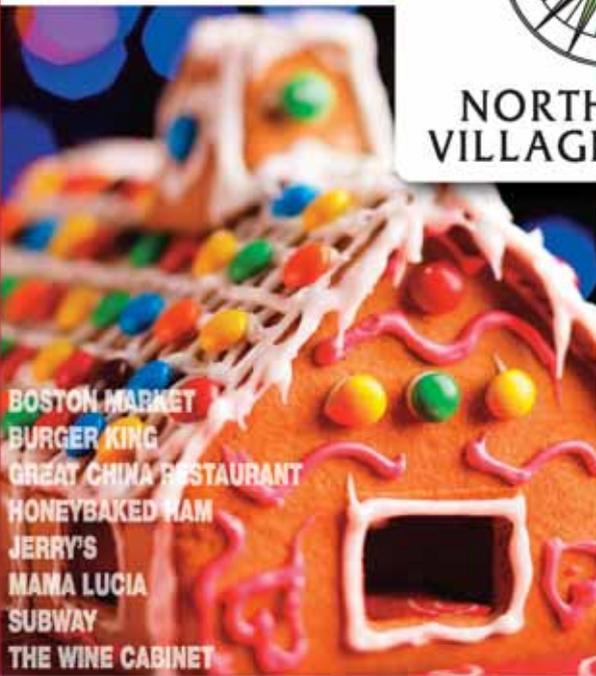
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'Jean' Therapy Helps Homeless

Fairfax County kicks off second annual Jeans Day on Dec. 14.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Everyone knows that gene therapy can help scientists treat a number of debilitating diseases, but what about human "jean" therapy?

The homonyms might have more in common than you think, which is why the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors proclaimed Friday, Dec. 14 "Jeans Day," an innovative approach to alleviating chronic homelessness in Fairfax County.

On Jeans Day 2012, Fairfax County is asking businesses, schools and community residents to pull on a pair of their favorite jeans to demonstrate their support for ending homelessness.

The day of community give-back is hosted by The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, The Connection Newspapers and Apple Federal Credit Union.

A popular fundraiser for homelessness and other causes nationwide, Jeans Day is a relatively simple idea. Companies go casual for a cause, inviting employees to wear their jeans to work in exchange for a \$5 contribution to fight homelessness. Last year, more than 100 employers representing 3,000 employees participated in the initiative.

"We're proud to partner with the county, through the Office to Prevent & End Homelessness, The Connection Newspapers and Apple Credit Union to provide an opportunity for businesses and their employees to participate in the robust work to end homelessness going on in our community," said Fairfax Chamber President & CEO Jim Corcoran.

"Now, more than ever, we need you to get involved as we move forward with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End



PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY
The Board of Supervisors designated Dec. 14, 2012, as Jeans Day in Fairfax County at their Dec. 4 meeting. (Center) Jim Corcoran, president of The Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, holds the proclamation with Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova.

Homelessness. Everyone is in need of some type of help at one point in time or another," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. "Now, we need your help and Jeans Day is a great way for you and your business to get involved to prevent and end homelessness in our community as we know it."

Nearly 3,000 children, women and men face homelessness and the threat of severe temperatures and hunger today in the Fairfax County-Falls Church community, according to Dean Klein, executive director of Fairfax County's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH).

The majority of people without homes in our community are children and working families.

"In Fairfax County, it's easy to forget that there are homeless families here, homeless children in the schools, and that many people who are homeless here are actually working, but don't make nearly enough money to afford housing," said The Connection Publisher Mary Kimm. "The Connection is committed to raising awareness of homelessness and the need to provide permanent shelter, and to recognizing the good works of individuals and businesses in Northern Virginia."

"I'm excited because Jeans Day is an easy avenue to get employees and their companies, and people of all ages, involved in learning about the challenges and solutions in preventing and ending homelessness," Klein said.

Board Selects Appointees to Commission

Bi-partisan group will review election process.

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors appointed representatives to the Bi-partisan Election Process Improvement Commission, which was created by the board after long lines were reported across various voting precincts during the most recent election.

The list of appointees consists of two co-chairs; one appointee designated by each supervisor; two appointees designated by the chairman; chairs of both the Republican and Democratic Party of Fairfax County; and representatives from various Fairfax County organizations, including the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, the Fairfax Bar Association, Fairfax County Public Schools Administration, Federation of Citizen's

Association, and disability and minority community representatives.

The purpose of the commission is to review and make recommendations regarding Fairfax County's election process. The commission will concentrate on ways to improve the county's efficiency on Election Day, with a specific focus on addressing wait times, long lines and various voting issues.

"I am pleased to see that the commission is moving forward," Chairman Sharon Bulova said. "It is important that the county identify ways to reduce lines, decrease wait times, and streamline our election process. I am eager to find ways we can improve for future elections."

Bulova recommended the commission begin work in January 2013 after appointments have been made and that recommendations be presented to the Board of Supervisors in May of 2013.

—VICTORIA ROSS



PHOTO BY AMIEE FREEMAN
Athenas Pongo, Ximena Abril and Raoul Pongo helped Milagros Pongo sell her hand-made jewelry and hair ornaments as well as oil paintings.

Offering Gifts From the HeART

Local artists and Reston Community Center come together for a good cause.

BY AMIEE FREEMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Reston Community Center at Lake Anne hosted Gifts from the HeART on Saturday, Dec. 8. Gifts from the HeART featured works from 20 local artists as well as more than 85 pieces of artwork on the walls of the Jo Ann Rose Gallery and pieces in the 3-D case displays. To participate, artists paid an entry fee and also were requested to donate 10 percent of sales to Reston Interfaith.

"This is all about, yes, supporting the artist, but also about supporting the community," said Cheri Danaher, arts education director at RCC. At the start of Saturday's event, \$700 had been collected for Reston Interfaith, with an additional \$300 anticipated to be collected by the end of the event.

In addition to having space for display, RCC offers classes and workshop studios where many of the artists teach classes or refine their skills. "Reston Community Center has great resources in terms of the instructors who offer classes and monitor the open studio times," said Gloria Morrow, exhibit coordinator at RCC. Many of the instructors and their students were showing their own work which they had created at RCC.

Shawn Storer was one of the ceramics class students who was showing his work. Storer's earth-toned pottery bowls were not the standard circular bowl, each had a unique look to them. "I like to make visually striking pottery that is practical, useful, but also artistic. I don't like to just make

cookie-cutter bowls. I like to make something that is a little unique. I call it Mystero's Pottery because I'm a conductor in one of my other lives. I also do a lot of custom work. All of this was made here at RCC. I took some classes here; I use the studios here. Keep it local."

At a nearby table, Milagros Pongo of Reston had some help from her son, Raoul, and daughter, Athenas, and a friend, Ximena Abril. Pongo was offering colorful oil paintings as well as jewelry and felted hair ornaments. "I love Reston," she said. "I love being able to participate in this event and in the Saturday craft shows."

Ilonka Sabic-Lukic, of Reston, who was perusing the tables, said she likes the local aspect of the show. "I just love Reston Community Center. I take classes here whenever I can. I've gotten to know a lot of artists and their work. I like supporting them and the Community Center, and it's especially nice knowing it stays local."

The event has grown since it started in 1999. At that time it was only a Sunday reception with just a handful of artists showing their work, said Danaher. Since then the organizers have coupled the event with Lake Anne's Plaza's "Jingle on the Plaza" holiday celebration. "If we had a bigger space, we could have a bigger show, but we like keeping it here at Lake Anne," said Danaher.

The art pieces will remain on the walls and in the 3-D cases until January. All items are available for sale with a portion of those proceeds going to Reston Interfaith as well.

COMMUNITY



Bush Tax Cuts activists, Virginians and Restonians rally against extending the tax cuts for the wealthy.

Alarmed Over 'Fiscal Cliff'

Virginians rally in Reston to end Bush tax cuts for wealthy.

Dozens of Virginians gathered on Saturday to rally for an end to the Bush tax cuts for the top 2 percent. The activists gathered at Reston Used Bookstore to hear from community members on the issue before going door-to-door to urge neighbors to contact Congressman Wolf. Those gathered expressed concern that middle class taxes could go up over \$2,000 a year if leaders in D.C. don't compromise and put the middle class before millionaires. Morgan Jameson, a student, told the assembled crowd why protecting the middle class and eliminating the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy is important to him. "My generation, people working around the clock, can't afford to see tax cuts expire for the middle class. The average middle class family sees a tax cut of approximately \$2,200 a year. If those tax cuts went away, I, and many other people, could not afford the gas it takes to get to and from work. I think it's important that we ask those at the top to pay a little bit more."

Mariama Balde works for the Fairfax County School System. She said, "I have people coming to me about the fiscal cliff. I saw a man, a nurse, who has to work two jobs. His son is handicapped and in a wheelchair, and he is looking for a mini van so his son can get around. He came to me, in tears,

about the fiscal cliff. He said "how am I going to do this—if they take away the \$2,000—how will I get this for my son?" The concern is so obvious to everyday people. That money is big for us."

Balde also wrote in an email to the Connection, "After re-electing President Obama, I called my volunteers friends to thank them and they all asked "What next, Mariama?" and my answer was let's keep it going. So when I heard that there was a rally supporting President Obama's budget plan and against the Bush tax cuts for the rich 2 percent, I immediately called my friends again and we went to Reston.

"We were at this great woman-owned small business enterprise, a used bookstore. The room was packed, the people were all fired up and ready to go again and eager to hear what the next step is because we do not want to rest after working so hard . . . I spoke from my heart, as I understand it at my level not as a politician or an economist but as a hard working person like all the people that I know."

After rallying at Reston Used Bookstore, Virginians went door-to-door in Congressman Wolf's neighborhood, gathering support for extending middle class tax cuts and asking the wealthy to pay their fair share. To learn more about the campaign to end the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy, visit www.TheAction.org.

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COMMENTARY

Preparing for the Holidays

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)



The holiday season is busy for most everyone regardless of faith and family traditions and the holidays we choose to celebrate. Increasingly, there is a trend towards the winter holiday celebration beginning soon after Halloween. Thanksgiving is getting overshadowed with super-hot buying specials that used to at least wait until the Friday after Thanksgiving. Add to the number of holidays the gift buying, family travel and seasonal parties, and you have a very busy time of the year.

Politicians are just like everyone else in having our winter holiday celebrations and traditions. Depending on the holidays we observe, we shop for presents, put up decorations, and plan high-calorie meals and events. On top of all the things that others are doing, state legislators are getting ready for a legislative session scheduled to begin on Jan. 10, 2013. Amidst the holiday merriment, state delegates and senators are reading reports of studies that have been conducted throughout the year. A proposal to lift the ban on uranium mining has brought a massive study report with additional supportive and contrary reports also becoming available. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) has produced several very professional papers on issues it has been asked to review, and legislative study committees are making their reports for the year.

On Dec. 17 the governor is scheduled to speak to the "money" committees of House Appropriations and Finance and Senate Finance to bring legislators

up-to-date on any fiscal cliffs the state might be facing. While the economy in Virginia has been making steady recovery, decisions at the federal level could have major impacts in Virginia especially as the federal actions might result in defense spending reductions and other reductions in federal spending in Virginia. The governor at that time may announce more details to a proposal he has hinted at that might respond to our transportation needs.

Recognizing that legislators are getting near their annual trek to Richmond, advocacy and interest groups are increasing their correspondence and meetings to see and talk with us before we leave town. These meetings are very instructive and important, but they do take a lot of time. We need to hear from constituents; we work around all else that is happening during the holidays to make ourselves as available as possible. I ask constituents to take a few minutes from their personal and family activities to respond to my annual pre-session survey included in my legislative newsletter that will be arriving in homes in the near future. The survey also can be accessed on my website at www.kenplum.com.

As is our practice, Senator Janet Howell and I will be having a pre-session community meeting on Jan. 3, 2013 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Community Center at Hunters Woods. Please come and talk with us about what you think we should be doing this legislative session. Pre-registration is not required. The meeting is informal; we just want to hear from you.

Along with all that is happening in preparing for the legislative session, my colleagues and I will be enjoying the holidays with family and friends. As you will hear from me many times over the next few weeks, I hope you have a happy holiday season!

County Failing to Preserve Natural Resource Areas

BY JOHN LOVAAS
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST



Fairfax County has done a pretty good job of setting aside parkland for public use for athletics and recreation, but gives short shrift to preserving and protecting natural resource areas so vital to a healthy environment. While the county has set a worthy but modest goal of setting 10 percent of the land as parks or open space, to date it has achieved about 9.4 percent, very little of which is natural area.

Why do we need more natural resource parks? Here are some basic and troubling facts. 1) Eighty percent of county streams are in poor to fair condition—meaning that they are poor habitat, severely limiting biodiversity as well as impacting human health; 2) Fairfax County does not meet federal ozone standards for air quality. In 2009, the American Lung Association gave the metro region an F rating for smog, the 14th worst area in the U.S. for smog; 3) The county's tree cover declined from 75 percent in the 1970s to about 46 percent and declining today. Trees have an amazing capacity to cleanse carbon and polluting particles from the air. Their loss directly impacts air quality; and, 4) Non-native invasive plants are a growing problem in the county. Non-native plants are not adapted to the food needs of local living things, from insects to birds to larger mammals.

INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE Preserving land in a natural, undisturbed state or restoring degraded lands in parks can play an important role in making Fairfax County a more healthy place for all living things. Actions the county should take now include correcting the current imbalance in parklands—i.e., sharply increase the area managed in a natural state or restored to a natural state. The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) has standards based on population for determining how much land it needs for athletic fields. The same should be done for lands preserved in a natural state.

The FCPA should inventory the natural resources in the county, especially plants and animals, and assess their condition. Trend data should be made available to the public and serve as the basis for improved natural resource management in the years ahead. The amount of land which can be acquired is shrinking, especially undisturbed natural areas, in our increasingly densely populated county. Hence, a focus should be on restoring degraded areas, even in small, pocket parks to natural condition. FCPA should work with NGOs and property owners with land bordering parkland to create buffers for parkland to be preserved as natural areas. Obviously, county agencies should also work to be models of sustainable environmental stewardship.

To learn more and find out what you can do to help, check out the websites of organizations like the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia and the Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN).

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OPINION

Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas

Many religions enrich Northern Virginia; immigration will lead to the most growth in Catholicism.

We are a nation of immigrants, to invoke the title of John F. Kennedy's posthumously published book; undeniably a nation descended from immigrants and a nation greatly augmented by immigration.

From this perspective, with the first immigrants motivated by the search for religious freedom, even Christmas is a religious holiday of immigrants.

As this week's main story on immigrants and religion in Northern Virginia explains, the largest number of current immigrants are from Latin America, and they bring with them a

powerful commitment to Christmas through their Catholic faith. In 2010, Fairfax County's Catholic population numbered 184,183, while Protestant adherents numbered 205,556.

Christmas, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ on Dec. 25, is one of the two most important Christian religious holidays, along with Easter.

Christmas is also a widely celebrated secular holiday and economic stimulus.

The Jewish holiday of Hanukkah is not one of the most important Jewish religious observances, but it is a celebration that gets added attention from timing. Hanukkah celebrates a great Jewish military victory and the miracle of a one day supply of oil for the temple lasting eight days. Happy Hanukkah to all who are enjoying this holiday, which lasts for eight days and this year began last Saturday evening.

Sikhs celebrated the birthday of their first guru at the end of November. The founder of the Sikh religion, Guru Nanak (1469-1539) preached that there is only One Universal Creator. Guru Nanak brought a message of love

and equality to his disciples, the Sikhs, (the word Sikh means a disciple or seeker of truth) and urged three things: always remember the creator God (Akaal Purkh), always live a honest life and earn a just living and always share your blessings with less fortunate ones (<http://www.sfova.org/sikhism>).

Buddhists celebrated the day of Buddha's enlightenment on Bodhi Day, Dec. 8 this year (<http://www.ekoji.org>).

Diwali, the major Hindu celebration, commemorated with lights welcoming a hero home, was in November this year. Hindu temples in Fairfax include the Durga Temple (<http://www.durgatemple.org>).

This of course is not an exhaustive list of other religions or of religious holidays in November and December. We welcome letters and comments. Share your religious and holiday traditions. You can submit a letter online at www.connectionnewspapers.com/contact/letter.

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EDITORIAL

Celebrating Diversity Through Culture

BY KENWAL SACHDEVA

IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION

When my brother got married, his wife came to our house. Ours was a joint family with my parents, grandparents, elder brother, his wife, and two sisters. My new sister-in-law was coming from a different state with different family traditions and way of life. Since she was the new member in our family, it was our job to make her feel at home, to make sure she feels comfortable, to help her settle down and become a part of the family, to give her love and affection so that she does not miss her family too much. And we all worked towards making it happen. In turn, she also adapted to our ways and became a lovable part of the family.



So, when people from different countries, diverse cultures, and dissimilar values migrate to United States, they try to adjust and adapt to the new culture. But the onus should also be on American people to welcome them, to make them

comfortable and feel at home.

What do we do to create awareness about different cultures? Unfortunately, I have not seen much effort on the part of the government. People can be so ignorant about different cultures, that they expect same kind of behavior from all in different situations. I would like to see some organizations stepping up and make deliberate efforts to make connections to diverse cultures.

People of different cultures also must advertise and organize events, and invite all to create cultural awareness.

The Sikh foundation of Virginia, the Sikh temple at Ox Road is committed to this cause. We organize a cultural program each year in which more than 100 children and adults participate and perform to

typical Punjabi folk music. We advertise the event in local newspapers and invite people from different faiths. This is an important event to make connections with our extended American family. We have found that many people are interested in learning about different cultures, but do not know where to go and whom to approach. This event generates enough interest and we do get interesting questions to understand our dances and music. Moreover, music knows no language barriers, and everyone enjoy the dances a lot. Cultural events could be a gateway to get to appreciate and celebrate diversity.

Kenwal Sachdeva of Fairfax Station is a Public Relations Officer for Sikh Foundation of Virginia.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saving the World, or at Least Fairfax County

To the Editor:

I've lived here my entire life. I've ventured through trails all over Northern Virginia, I've gazed upon the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains, I've sat next to the awesome power that makes up the tidal region of the Potomac River, I've stalked trout lying in a stream bed, slowly making their way up to the surface and back down once again. But time and time again, I have seen people abuse our natural resources. The water that makes up our rivers

and streams is stained heavily with garbage. The forest floors are littered with beer cans, chip bags, those empty bottles no one wanted to carry to the trash bins. We have been given a great privilege; to be able to enjoy the beauty that is the nature which surrounds us. But with this, there has been an unimaginable amount of responsibility cast upon us. We have to, for lack of a better expression, enjoy responsibly. Although this might seem like a Herculean task, it's really

not. All our lives we have been taught to throw our trash into the proper reciprocals, and to dispose of waste correctly; why not take these lessons to the outdoors? If we don't start taking care of our world, the world will stop taking care of us.

I leave you with a quote from one of my best friends, Cecil, "If I can take it in full, I can bring it out empty."

Hameed Ali Talebian
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LETTERS

Bill Developers For Tysons Infrastructure

To the Editor:

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has just given the residents of Tysons Corner a lump of coal in their Christmas stockings. The Board of Supervisors is in the process of creating a special "service" tax district to pay for road and bridge improvements to support the creation of the new city of Tysons. The current residents of Tysons Corner will have their property taxes raised. Since estimates on large construction projects are usually underestimated, Tysons residents can reasonably expect that tax burden will increase over time.

Will this surcharge end after the roads are built? Here in Reston we are still paying a surcharge for the Reston Community Center and its bond was paid off some time ago. We paid off the Dulles Toll Road and instead of taking off the tolls, the road was given away to MWAA, and we now face yearly tolls of \$2,000 to commute to our jobs.

Roads used to be funded by state

and federal government and everyone shared in the cost. The Board of Supervisors has decided that a small number of residents have to pay for the roads near them. It's a strange turn when local property taxes are used to fund large-scale infrastructure projects. One would hope there would be a thorough judicial review.

Should homeowners in Reston be worried that their property taxes could be increased to pay for roads and bridges necessary for the density planned around the Silver Line Metro stations? They should. This is the mechanism the county intends to use to pay for Reston's redevelopment. It has been estimated that a bridge crossing every quarter mile across the Dulles Toll Road will be necessary to manage the increased commercial and residential units planned there. Those bridges run between \$100 and \$200 million each. An extensive new grid of streets in the Dulles Corridor will have to be built. Major arteries on both sides of the Dulles Toll Road will have to be widened.

Unlike the transportation tax district created to fund Phase I and II of the Silver Line, a "service" tax district requires no vote of those being taxed. The Board of Super-

visors only has to hold a public hearing before taxing people. How much of Reston will be included in this new tax district? Half of Reston? All of Reston?

The burden of this infrastructure cost at Tysons should be the responsibility of the developers who will benefit from increased density, not local homeowners. Members of the Board of Supervisors who vote for this Tysons "service" district in January, Republican or Democrat, should be removed from office.

Kathy Kaplan
Reston

Hiking Taxes And Tolls

To the Editor:

"Most political commentators," Del. Plum (D-36) nebulously says ["Never Say Never," Reston Connection, December 5-11), "would agree . . . that the no tax pledge has made it difficult . . . to get agreement on a financial plan that would reduce the deficit and help with economic recovery." In the glaring absence of any notable

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The carolers sang briefly near the Santa set in Tysons Corner Center before being asked by security to discontinue.

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Making Their Voices Heard

Caroling about “fiscal cliff” at Tysons Corner Center.

JENNIFER BENITZ
THE CONNECTION

On Monday, Dec. 10, a group of 30-40 residents of Northern Virginia and beyond met by the entrance of California Pizza Kitchen in Tysons Corner Center in preparation to go caroling. Rather than singing holiday favorites, however, the group planned on singing about the fiscal cliff to spread awareness about ongoing federal budget concerns.

“[Caroling] ties into the Christmas season and it’s fun and energizing for folks as opposed to just a normal rally,” said Anna Scholl, the executive director at Progress Virginia and one of the coordinators for the event. “It was a fun way to get folks involved and have their voices literally heard.”

As noon approached, the group of volunteers grew gradually as many practiced the lyrics to the carols and others talked amongst themselves before making their way through the mall. By 12:07 p.m., the group settled in front of the Santa set, located near Nordstrom, and began singing “Revenue! Revenue!” to the tune of “Jingle Bells.” The musical rally was short-lived, however. Within only three minutes of

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achievement of Washington politicians of any stripe in ultimately curbing the profligate spending of our tax money in recent years, the no-tax pledge at least tried to ensure that by disallowing politicians more of our money, they would be unable to spend it.

“Elected officials do not like to raise taxes,” Delegate Plum

(Democrat) hilariously intones. When you have picked yourself up off the floor, you might wonder how he reconciles this with the current administration’s vindictive (because economically futile) predilection for taxing the “rich” and new “stimulus” spending.

“We will face some difficult choices,” Delegate Plum cautions. Truly said. It’s just that for higher-tax advocates of Delegate Plum’s ilk these “choices” seldom seem to

include any reductions in out-of-control public spending (defense excepted). “We should never say never to possible solutions when meeting the needs of our community,” he says. But “our community” will eternally have unmet “needs”. We may be sure that Delegate Plum will never remove from the table the “choice” of hiking our taxes and tolls to pay for them.

Harry Locock
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Caroling About 'Fiscal Cliff'

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starting, the group was told to stop by security personnel.

The carolers continued to sing as they made their way through Nordstrom and across the parking deck towards Senator Mark Warner's Vienna office, located next to the mall, where they were met by Deputy State Director Ann Rust. Standing in the elevator lobby on the second floor of Senator Warner's office, volunteers listened as some took a few moments to share their personal stories with Rust.

"I think the folks here really felt they got the message to Senator Warner's staff in a creative, friendly way but made sure that they understand that middle class families have a lot at stake in these negotiations," said Scholl.

After traveling four hours from Norfolk to take part in the event, Julia Newtown was the first to share her story. She informed Rust about her 29-year-old son Antoan, his dependence on Medicaid and the devastation they would both face with even a 0.5 percent cut to Medicare's budget. Jameel Soni



PHOTO BY JENNIFER BENITZ/THE CONNECTION

The carolers continue to sing as they walked to Senator Mark Warner's office on Monday, Dec. 10.

of McLean followed, talking about her urgency to protect social programs and sharing stories about loved ones and friends who depend on such programs.

Members of various organizations, including Progress Virginia, Service Employees International Union, Move On, Virginia Organizing and Virginia AFL-CIO also took part in the caroling demonstration that took place not only in Vienna, but also across the state in Norfolk and Roanoke in the same day.

"We really want to make sure Senator Warner takes his constituents and middle class families into consideration in these negotiations," said Scholl, "to make sure that he protects middle class tax cuts, asks the wealthy to pay their fair share and protects the social safety net programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security that a lot of people depend on. Cuts would be really devastating to a lot of the folks here today. It's important for middle class families to stand up and make their voices heard."

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— Dale Peak, Administrator, Reston Bible Church

Being Muslim in Fairfax County

Immigrants face the challenge of balancing Islamic faith and American culture.

By AMNA REHMATULLA
THE CONNECTION

Over the years, Muslims from different countries migrated and settled in the Fairfax County area; however, the children of immigrant parents often struggle the most because they have to balance their Islamic faith along with the influence of American culture.

Sarah Khan has lived in the Springfield area for the past 42 years after coming to America from Pakistan at the age of 11. "In the 1970s, there was one mosque: the Islamic Center in Washington, D.C. Everybody just went to that one. So, as Muslims we were very united.

Nobody fought with one another. There was like 50 to 60 families that used to come to the mosque and everybody got along well," Khan said. Now there are many mosques in the area such as Dar Al-Hijrah in Falls Church, Darul Huda in Springfield and ADAMS in Sterling, to name a few.

Back when Khan was growing up in the area, nobody knew what Muslims were. "The hardest part was when I was fasting as a young girl and my PE. teacher made me run. I told her I was fasting and she didn't realize what fasting was," Khan said. When Khan told her teacher she was Muslim, her teacher replied, "What is that?"

Khan admits that it is much easier being Muslim in today's society. "Everybody knows your religion. People respect it. You're free to do what you want. You don't have to pretend to be somebody you're not. You can still be yourself and be accepted," Khan added.

SOME MUSLIM PARENTS turn towards putting their children in Islamic schools to help them retain their Islamic identity. Al-Qalam Academy, located in Springfield, is an all-girls Islamic school from grades fifth through 12th. Girls at the school are taught the core subjects of math, science, English and history in addition to learning Islamic studies, Arabic and the holy Quran.

"It is hard to balance my life socially and religiously," Samira Sather, a seventh-grader at Al-Qalam Academy said. "I attend lectures in mosques and pray five times a day. Sometimes when I leave the house and one of our prayers pass by, I feel shy to pray in public because I already attract too much attention," Sather said.

Maryem Ahmed, an eighth-grader at Al-Qalam Academy, is a third generation American who was born in Fairfax County. "I don't generally call much attention to myself as a Muslim, but some people view me with their perceptions of what a Muslim is because I wear hijab [religious head covering]. And those perceptions are many times misconceptions of who I am," Ahmed said.

"Sometimes when I meet people for the first time, they seem shocked to hear me speak to them without a foreign accent. It's like, they see me wearing hijab, and immediately think I come from overseas," Ahmed said. "Not that there's anything



Imam Mohamed Magid, executive director of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society, speaks on the importance of faith in peace Feb. 3, 2011, during the ADAMS commemoration of World Interfaith Harmony Week.

wrong with coming from overseas, but it's just that they've already jumped to the conclusion that I'm not even from America, without even speaking to me," Ahmed said.

Sather looks up to her mother for wearing the hijab. "I think of my mother and wonder how she goes through it all. She looks different and speaks differently, in addition to being a Muslim. I admit it's hard to abide by all the rules Islam gives us. I strive to be like my mother because she doesn't care what anyone else judges her for; she is focused on what God will judge her on," Sather said.

Ahmed admires her father who works as an engineer at the Department of Defense. She said, "He served as the president of our neighborhood civic association and initiated several activities to make our neighborhood a better place to live," Ahmed said. She helped her father by handing out civic association newsletters and neighborhood watch schedules to inform her neighbors and help prevent neighborhood crime.

More than 11 years have passed since Sept. 11, 2001; however, Muslims continue to face prejudice. Ahmed experienced an act of injustice not too long ago. "My older sister and I were going to a local restaurant, and there was a man standing outside," Ahmed said. "As we passed him to go inside I saw him, out of the corner of my eye, spit in our direction, barely missing my shoes. I turned to look at him in surprise. Instead of apologizing, that person simply glared at me with a look of disgust on his face," Ahmed said.

Abdullah Malik, an African-American who grew up in the Northern Virginia area, was only 16 at the time of 9/11. His younger brother, 13 years old at the time, was framed by his peers at school, in a situation in which they illegally broke into his locker and placed a ticking device mimicking a bomb inside. "This caused the bomb squad to show up to our school, evacuate the entire building of 4,000 students, blow up his entire locker in front of his friends and then proceed to interrogate him for hours," Malik said.

Similarly, Khan's children were treated differently after 9/11 at school. People made fun of their names. People also made fun of their background

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FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION



The Durga Temple of Virginia, the largest Hindu structure in Northern Virginia, Maryland and Washington D.C.



The Ekoji Buddhist Temple in Fairfax Station.

Dynamic and Diverse

New immigrants bring religious diversity to Fairfax County.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Part four of an ongoing series.

The sight is striking. At the intersection of Hooes Road and Silverbrook Drive, on the dividing line between Lorton and Fairfax Station, is the largest Hindu structure in three states. The Durga Temple of Virginia—with its multi-tiered, bronze-tipped towers—punctuates the traditional suburban vista of neo-colonial homes and new shopping centers. On Ox Road, neatly tucked between acres of land and upscale neighborhoods, is a large golden dome mounted atop the sprawling gurdwara (place of worship) of the Sikh Foundation of Virginia.

A short distance away is the campus of the Ekoji Buddhist Temple, its clean architectural lines evocative of many Japanese structures. Near Walney Road in Chantilly, the circular dome and stylized arabesque arches of the Chantilly Mosque is home to the Ahmadiyya Muslim community.

The East Asian architecture is a powerful visual reminder that Fairfax County has changed.

Julie Knott of Burke, a member of the Accotink Unitarian congregation, said she welcomes the county's increasingly diverse houses of worship. "Our church is just a mile away from the Sikh temple. We stand for many of the same values. We need to support one another."

"How welcoming we are to this diversity will say much about how we grow and thrive in the future," said the Rev. Scott Sammler-

Michaels, senior minister of the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke.

Immigration Brings Religious Diversity

In 1970, religious groups in Fairfax County mirrored its highly homogenous demographic composition. More than 93 percent of the county was white and middle-class, and for the most part, adherents of mainline Protestant, Catholic or evangelical Christian churches.

As immigrants flowed into Fairfax County from all parts of the globe in the past four decades, they brought not only cultural diversity but their diverse religious traditions.

A 2012 report on religion and international migration by the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life—"Faith on the Move: The Religious Affiliation of International Migrants"—finds that the United States has been the world's number one destination for Christian immigrants. Of the 43 million foreign-born people living in the U.S. as of 2010, an estimated 32 million (74 percent) are Christian.

"Faith on the Move" draws on a new database created by the Pew Forum that combines hundreds of census, surveys and other sources to shed light on the origins, destinations and religious affiliations of international migrants, according to Jamila Woodson at the Pew Forum.

Other findings show that: Although Protestants currently

outnumber Catholics in the United States, new immigrants, especially those from Central and South America, are overwhelmingly Catholic, suggesting that America is close to becoming a minority Protestant country.

Fairfax County mirrors this national data. The Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA), a free source of online religious information housed at Pennsylvania State University, tracks such trends. According to the ARDA, in 2010 Fairfax County's Catholic population numbered 184,183 while mainline, evangelical and black protestant adherents numbered 205,556.

Immigration is leading to an increase in the number of Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims in the United States, according to the Pew report.

In Fairfax County, the ARDA reports about 11,000 adherents to Buddhism in 2010, the first decade in 30 years the ARDA captured that data. In 2010, the ARDA reports about 6,500 adherents to Hinduism in throughout the county.

According to a 2001 study by the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Education Fund, surveys of numerous Fairfax County school population records indicate that about 400,000 Muslims live in the greater Washington metropolitan area, which extends from Richmond to Baltimore.

About 150,000 Muslims live in Fairfax, according to the study. Roughly half are native born and half are immigrants or refugees.

According to the league's report, there are several enclaves of Muslims in Fairfax, wealthy Iranians settled in Great Falls and middle-class Iranians, Pakistani, Afghani and Indians congregated in Springfield and Reston-Herndon. Recent refugees live



Statues of Radha Krishna—the supreme Hindu goddess—at the Durga Temple of Virginia in Fairfax Station.

mostly in the Baileys Crossroads area.

In addition to Muslims, Buddhists and other non-Christian religions, evangelical Christian churches are flourishing in Fairfax County's suburbs and appeal to many Korean, Chinese and Latino immigrants.

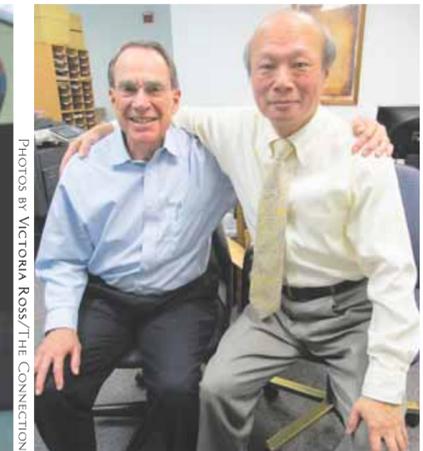
In Chantilly and Centreville, the vast majority of Korean and Chinese immigrants identify as Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Independent denominations.

Chantilly Bible Church, started in 1978 by Pastor Steve Austin, is "purposefully a diverse body of believers" that actively reaches out to immigrants in the community.

"In addition to English, the world's most spoken languages of Mandarin, Hindi and Spanish are integral parts of our ministry. The doors of Chantilly Bible Church are open to our changing society. We believe that racial and cultural harmony reveals the reality of new life and unity in Christ," Austin said.



Anna Song, a music student at George Mason University in Fairfax, plays the violin during Chantilly Bible Church's Sunday services.



Pastor Lew Whittle and Pastor Isaac Huang of the Chantilly Bible Church, who lead Hispanic and Chinese outreach ministries.

Bienvenido! Huan ying! Welcome!

Chantilly Bible Church thrives on diversity by providing outreach to immigrants.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Pastor Isaac Huang vividly remembers the day he landed in the United States from Taiwan. It was Jan. 7, 1982, and Huang, 25, was looking forward to studying computer science at Old Dominion University. But when he arrived at Norfolk airport, he got a shock.

"We landed during a huge snowstorm, and I had never seen snow before. Snow? What is snow?" Huang said, smiling at the memory. "Remember that Taiwan has a tropical climate, so I was not dressed at all for this cold weather."

Huang, who left his high-tech job for the seminary in 2000, is now an elder at Chantilly Bible Church, an evangelical Christian church that actively reaches out to Chinese, Latino and Indian immigrants.

BORN IN TAIWAN in the 1950s, during a time of brutal religious and political oppression, Huang said he desperately wanted to live in America. In 1949, the Nationalist government had imposed martial law. During nearly 40 years of what is known as "the White Terror," more than 140,000 Taiwanese were imprisoned and thousands executed for being perceived as anti-Kuomintang or pro-Communist.

"I wanted to live in America; everybody did. I thought it would give me a good future, which I could not have in Taiwan," Huang said. "I always admired the freedoms here and I appreciated the functioning of the American political system."

Huang said he grew up in a Christian family that took a "legalistic approach" to understanding the Bible, with many "shall nots."

"My childhood was filled with physical illnesses and emotional struggles. Even though I attended church every Sunday with my parents, I rarely pondered the meaning of salvation and I did not feel much of God's love," he said.

In his junior year of college at Old Dominion

University, that changed when he attended a campus evangelical fellowship meeting.

"During that meeting, I was deeply touched by the message and came to realize, for the first time, that I was a sinner, but Christ died for me and forgave my sin. As I put my trust in Jesus, my life was forever changed by God," Huang said.

"He and his wife Ramona demonstrate great compassion for Chinese people who need to know Christ," said Lewis Whittle, pastor to Hispanics and the church's English as a Second Language director. Whittle said that after 20 years of development, the Chantilly Bible Church's Chinese ministry now impacts every area of the church program and is the dominant minority in the 34-year-old church.

Since the 1990s, Huang said more than 150 Chinese have been baptized at Chantilly Bible Church. Some have returned to China, Taiwan or their other countries of origin, but many remain at the church.

The church leadership also wanted to have an outreach to the growing Latino community, which was finally launched in 2004 when the Whittles joined the church after serving Hispanics in Los Angeles. As a member of the pastoral staff, Whittle, along with his wife Dianne, has actively engaged the Latino community.

"Our experience in addressing immigrant needs and our progress in welcoming them at the church proves the benefit of diversity," said Whittle, who has lived in California, Central America and Spain.

In June 2007, Chantilly Bible Church began conversational English classes with volunteer teachers who speak Mandarin and Spanish. Their most recent term, Whittle said, included 128 students from 26 countries. A citizenship class is also part of the program.

Steve Austin, the senior pastor and founder of Chantilly Bible Church, said that the latest cross-cultural ministry to become part of the church focuses on the burgeoning Asian Indian population in Fairfax and Loudoun counties.

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Film Screening: Herb and Dorothy. 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market Street #103, Reston. HERB & DOROTHY tells the extraordinary tale of the Vogels, who filled their one-bedroom New York apartment with more than 4,000 works of art over a 45-year period; refreshments available. www.restonarts.org.

A Christmas Chaos. 7:30 p.m., at the Industrial Strength Theater, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. When the Royal Shakespeare Company fails to show up for their performance of A Christmas Carol, a fearless band of hapless actors and technicians try to pull together their own production in a matter of hours. \$15, general admission; \$10, children 10-and-under. www.eldentstreetplayers.org.

SATURDAY/DEC. 15

Santa's Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon, at Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. A visit with Santa, crafts and brunch; register by Monday, Dec. 10. \$8 per child; \$4

per adult (if eating brunch). 703-787-7300 or www.herndon-va.gov.

Holiday Open House. Noon-8 p.m., at the Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market Street #103, Reston. Come by the gallery and bid on a collection of art and browse the exhibit CAIRNS; complementary refreshments. www.restonarts.org.

Silent Auction. 2-4 p.m., at the Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market Street #103, Reston. Come by the gallery and bid on a collection of art and browse the exhibit CAIRNS; complementary refreshments. www.restonarts.org.

A Christmas Chaos. 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., at the Industrial Strength Theater, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. When the Royal Shakespeare Company fails to show up for their performance of A Christmas Carol, a fearless band of hapless actors and technicians try to pull together their own production in a matter of hours. \$15, general admission; \$10, children 10-and-under. www.eldentstreetplayers.org.

'Tis the Season Choral Concert. 4 p.m., at Epiphany Episcopal Church, 3301 Hidden Meadow Drive, Herndon. The Fairfax Choral Society West Campus Youth Choruses will present "'Tis the Season" featuring carols, chorales, and songs of the season. In advance: \$20 for adults; \$10 for students. At the door: \$22 for adults; \$10 for students. 703-642-3277 or www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org.

Mercury Rizing. 7:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. The new bluegrass band in town brings seasoned veterans onto the scene with both traditional and contemporary bluegrass featuring wood and strings and harmonies. \$12; children 12-

and-under, free. 703-435-8377 or www.mercuryrizing.com.

SUNDAY/DEC. 16

Collector's Choice Raffle. 2 p.m., at the Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market Street #103, Reston. This fundraiser supports the Greater Reston Arts Center and ticket purchases enter the buyer in an art raffle. \$150; \$125 for GRACE members. www.restonarts.org.

Reception: Saturday Morning Artists. 2-4 p.m., at RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Meet four oil and mixed media artists, two South Africans and two Americans, who learned to paint together and, three of them being professionals, set aside time to paint every Saturday morning in the studio of the full-time artist among them. www.loretta-scott.com.

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Peace Service. 7 p.m., at the Dranesville Church of the Brethren, 11500 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. The congregation will gather to remember the battle and pray for peace; A small exhibit on the battle, including a few artifacts found near the church, will be in the downstairs meeting hall. 703-430-7872 or www.dranesvillebrethren.org.

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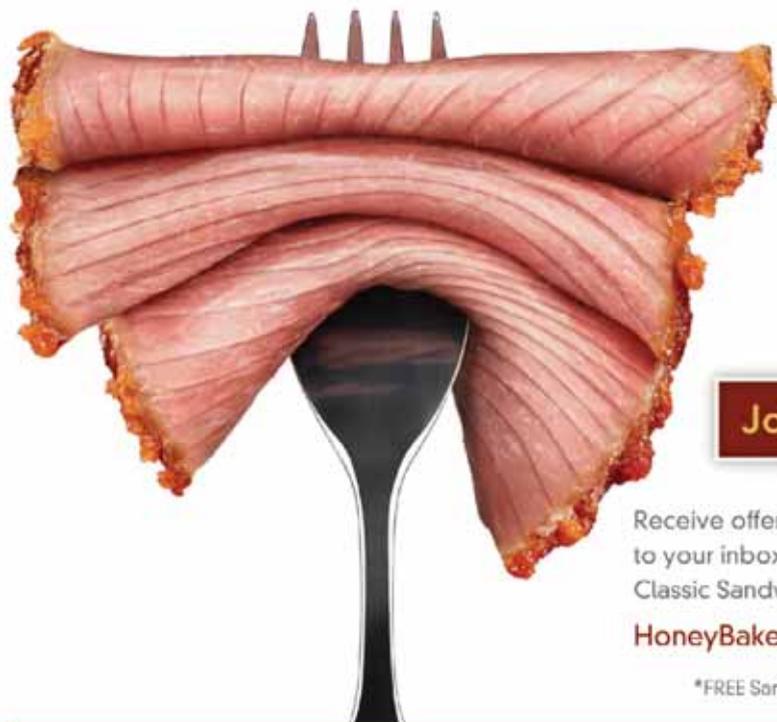
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FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION

A child and her parents during prayer services at the Sikh Foundation of Virginia in Fairfax Station on Thursday, Nov. 14. The Dias where Guru Granth Sahib (the Holy Book) is adorned is called Darbar Sahib (Holy Court).

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Sikhs Bring Foundation of 'Service to Others'

Fairfax Station temple active in community outreach.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

On a recent Thursday evening, Ajaib Singh, 78, one of the founding members of the Sikh Foundation of Virginia, politely escorts a visitor to the area where one removes shoes and dons a headscarf.

In the background, the melodic vibrations of a harmonium blend with the sounds of men, women and children chatting as they sit together on mats on the floor. They are chopping large bowls of onions and other vegetables for a communal meal after an outreach service.

"You see, no one is more elevated than any other," said Singh, noting that everyone sits on the floor during communal meals and during worship service.

Singh said that equality and service to others are key tenets of Sikhism, a monotheistic faith. "I like to say we're a grassroots movement," Singh said, smiling.

Ajaib Singh came to the United States as a graduate student to University of California, at Davis, in August of 1958. After completing his Ph.D. studies in chemistry in 1961, he came to the east coast as a research fellow at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

He and Majit Kaur consider themselves proud members of the SFV congregation and proud American citizens. Ajaib said he wants to share the SFV mission with others, to promote respect and understanding of Sikh values.

ON SATURDAY, NOV. 17, the Sikh Foundation hosted people from different faiths to share their thoughts on selfless service, what it means in their faith and how they personally pursue it in their lives. The panel included protestant missionaries and a Coptic Christian immigrant from Ethiopia. During the event, the Sikh community also collected dozens of boxes of winter clothes to send to those still suffering from the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

"This event will be marked as the beginning of a new era of interfaith efforts followed by many similar projects where the youth of different faiths will work collectively and help the needy," said Surinder Singh, an active member of the foundation.

Although Sikhs do not have a particular day of worship, the Fairfax Station temple holds services on Thursdays and Sundays. A formal gurdwara service includes the singing of hymns and recitations from the Guru Granth Sahib, Sikhism's Holy Scriptures.

The temple is a welcoming home to many immigrants from India as well as those born in the United States, Singh said.

The Fairfax Station gurdwara, like many around the world, includes classrooms, a Langer Hall for community meals, a sanctuary and a community center, which Singh said is a sign of the religion's values of service and equality.

"Sikhism was founded in an area and in a time in which inequality was rampant," said Navdeep Singh, assistant executive director at the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund and a member of the Fairfax Station Temple his entire life. "If you were a woman, you were less than a man. If you were poor you were less than a rich person. Based on what caste you were, that defined your entire life. Sikhism was a rejection of those ideas."

SINCE THE 9/11 TERRORIST ATTACKS by Islamic extremists, Sikhs sometimes have been mistaken for Muslims, because of their beards and turbans, and have been the target of hate crimes and discrimination. Many American Sikh women dress like other Westerners or wear the salwar kameez, a colorful north Indian garment of a long shirt and loose-fitting pants.

Gurpreet Singh, a member of the Fairfax Station Temple, said most men wearing turbans are Sikhs, not Muslims.

"I remember the bumper stickers that appeared on cars after 9/11. 'I am Sikh. I am American.' But it shouldn't matter whether it's a mosque or a temple. Hate is hate, and it's wrong."

Navdeep Singh said the Sikh community in Fairfax Station was profoundly touched by the outpouring of support from neighboring churches in the wake of the deadly attack on the Wisconsin Sikh Temple on Aug. 5, when a gunman shot and killed six followers. During a candlelight vigil held at the temple, more than 300 people of all faiths gathered for an evening of unity, resilience and hope.

Politicians and police officers, Muslims and Jews, children and seniors stood side by side on the grounds of the temple, holding up candles, murmuring prayers of peace and listening quietly as community leaders promised solidarity with the Sikh community and reflected on the violence in Wisconsin.

"One might say our community should retreat and live in fear," Singh said, "but Sikhs will keep the doors of the gurdwaras open."

For more information on Sikhism, contact Dr. Ajaib Singh of the Sikh Foundation of Virginia at 540-720-5755 or visit www.sfova.org.

Church Attracts Chinese Immigrants

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"Since the arrival and membership of several Indian families in 2007, key leaders like Manoj Mathai and Sujay Phillips have made Chantilly Bible Church the base for a creative outreach to this community. It even touches India through frequent visits that include evangelism and Bible distribution," Austin said.

Whittle said all three of the ministries are an integral part of Chantilly Bible Church, and none plan to become separate churches.

"Chinese, Hispanics and Indians serve alongside North Americans at every level of the church. The children and youth programs are fully integrated. There are immense benefits for these second and third generations. Bicultural couples are comfortable at Chantilly Bible Church, and, as you would expect, mixed marriages are on the rise," Whittle said.

IN FACT, THE CHURCH ATTRACTS so many immigrants that they offer headsets during worship services so those who speak limited English can listen to sermons

interpreted in Mandarin or Spanish. And the songs are projected in English with Mandarin translations.

"Being bicultural and bilingual gives you a special joy in life," Whittle said.

Huang said the language outreach is especially critical for older Chinese immigrants.

"As first generation immigrants, we hold on to our Chinese identity. Chinese is still the mother language," he said.

Huang also said there's a more profound reason for interpreting sermons into Mandarin.

"The older Chinese, like me," he said, smiling, "they need to hear the scripture in Mandarin, so it can enter their heart."

Huang said his greatest joy is baptizing fellow Chinese immigrants. "For Chinese immigrants, wherever they come from, church becomes an attraction. They are longing for something they can't have in their homeland. It's a very special moment. This is something people are afraid to do in Hong Kong or Taiwan. . . . I can't express how happy I feel during a baptism," he said.

Rebuilding the Trust

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even though they had never even been to Pakistan. Some children said, "Oh, you are hiding in the mountains!"

Khan raised her children with the intent that America is their home.

"We are Americans, we are Pakistani-Americans, but that's where the challenge came after 9/11. The kids asked, 'Are we American or are we Pakistani? What are we?' So that was a big thing, a big challenge that came," Khan said.

KHAN'S NEIGHBOR, who she had been living next door to for the past 20 years, stopped speaking to her the day after 9/11. Prior to that, the two friends would exchange Christmas and Mother's Day presents. "We basically watched each other's kids," Khan said. However, it took a long time before Khan's neighbor came around and started speaking to her again.

Another thing that came out of 9/11 was that both Muslims and non-Muslims were hurt. "That trust was gone and it takes time

to rebuild that trust. But one good thing that came out of 9/11 was that the younger generation of Muslims started getting very involved politically and socially," Khan said.

Five months after 9/11, Malik started an interfaith dialogue program with a local synagogue and church. "I worked on educating people about our religion and the peace it teaches," Malik said.

Sather has noticed that over the years, people have treated Muslims a little better. "When I attempt to wear the head scarf, people treat me with more respect than when I don't wear it," she said. "Also, as I get older, I realize there is absolutely nothing to be ashamed of."

Khan hopes that her future generations take the good from her background as well as their American background and blend the two. "Some of the good things of American culture are honesty, respect, and tolerance for others. Some of the good things of my culture are religion, family values and traditions. The biggest challenge is to make sure that the generations to come have both," Khan said.

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Instincts...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

...related to having been diagnosed with stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer, the terminal/"incurable, but treatable" kind, according to my oncologist. The kind whose median life expectancy at diagnosis is eight months. The kind that John Rhys Davis as Sallah from the 1981 movie "Raiders of the Lost Ark" might have described as "very bad," just as he had described the asps slithering below on the floor of the tomb he and "Indy" had just unearthed. So the news I received in late February, 2009 – such as it was, was never very good. In fact, for an asymptomatic, non-smoking, 54-and-half-year-old male with an immediate-family history of NO cancer, it was, well, "shocking" barely scratches the emotional surface of what I was feeling.

Forty-five months later, I am still dealing with feelings – as in still living, for which I am amazingly fortunate. However, those feelings seem to sometimes have a mind of their own, and accordingly tend to take over and rewrite one's brain (figuratively speaking). Moreover, thoughts, actions and behaviors change, and not always for the better, and rarely for the best; most likely a direct result of the cancer's emotional wallop. Thoughts you don't want/never had seep in despite your best attempts at minding them. Behaviors previously uncharacteristic manage to exert more control than you ever imagined. Actions previously unfamiliar cause one to wonder if who you were – pre-cancer, you will ever be again. You don't want to lose yourself inside the whole cancer culture, but being told you're going to die prematurely: in "13 months to two years," has a way of rewriting your record books, whether you intended to or not. Not giving in to this cancer consequence has been my greatest struggle.

Early on, I remember asking my oncologist: "Is it OK to still buy in bulk?" For all you know, based on much of what your doctor is saying, and what you are sensing, your future is tenuous and extremely unpredictable (a version of the humorous advisory to "not buy green bananas"). I mean, the diagnosis is terminal cancer; "HELLO." What are you supposed to think? This is how your mind takes over and you sort of lose it/lose control of it. As former Vice President "Dan" Quayle said in a speech to the United Negro College Fund (not about cancer), "What a terrible thing it is to lose one's mind." Still, it certainly applies.

Another brain drain has to do with specific events scheduled in the future, a future whose guarantee – for me, has been invalidated. I'm watching television during the summer of 2012 and I see ads for Downton Abbey's third season premiere in January, 2013, and instinctively I wonder, will I be alive to see it?

Road projects are another example. At the beginning of the construction of the Intercounty Connector in Maryland (a cross-county highway being built near my house), regularly I would be stuck in the project's related road closures/redesigns and bridge-type flyovers and I would always think to myself: "Am I going to be alive when this project is finished or am I just going to suffer its building pains?"

Next May, the LUNgevity Foundation (www.LUNgevity.org), the largest foundation in the country dedicated to lung cancer research (and on whose Web site my cancer columns are now being posted) will be hosting their annual "Hope Summit" in Washington, D.C. I have been invited to attend and/or speak. My first thought upon receiving the invite: "Am I going to still be alive in May?"

I want to be positive. I am positive. But cancer is a huge negative. It's a constant battle of good versus evil. Sort of like the Indiana Jones movies. But this isn't the movies. This is real. This is cancer, the true definition of "very bad."

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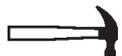
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South Lakes Wrestling Finishes 12th, Herndon 23rd at NOVA Classic

The South Lakes wrestling team tied for 12th at the 32-team 2012 FinalAutoPrice.com NOVA Classic Dec. 7 and 8 at Fairfax High School.

South Lakes' Mike Shoebottom placed third in the 170-pound division, pinning Broad Run's Logan Shain in the third-place match. Josh Forrest took sixth in the 182-pound bracket, Chris Maginniss placed seventh in the 152-pound division with a 9-4 decision against Battlefield's Ray Bernot, and Alex Smurda placed eighth in the heavyweight division.

South Lakes totaled 99 points and finished tied for 12th with Thomas Jefferson. Battlefield won the event with 194.5 points. Centreville and Fauquier tied for second with 180 points. Paul VI finished fourth with 154.5 points, followed by Lake Braddock (151.5), Mount Vernon (135), Annandale (131.5), McLean (115.5) and T.C. Williams (111.5). Edison and South County tied for 10th with 105 points.

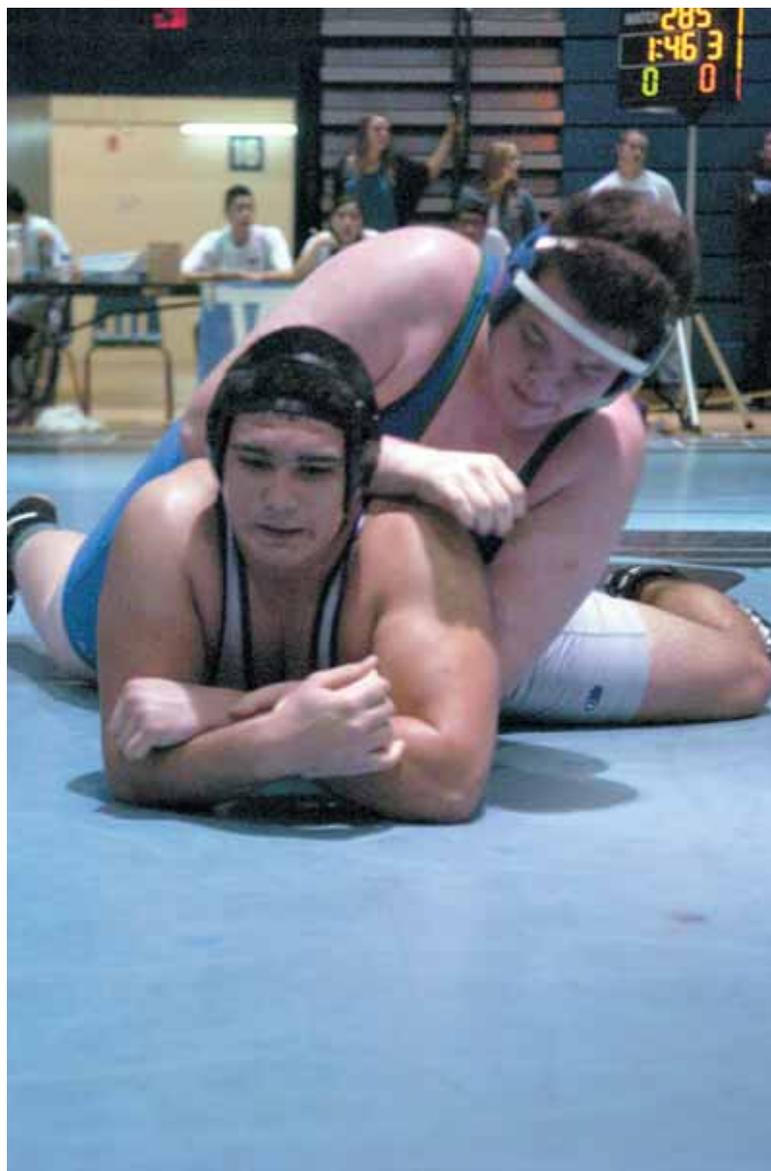
Herndon finished 23rd with 58 points. Jared Nielson placed sixth in the 132-pound bracket for the Hornets.

Herndon Swim And Dive Beats Centreville

The Herndon boys' and girls' swim and drive teams defeated Centreville on Dec. 7.

In the girls' competition, Herndon's Elizabeth McNulty (500 free and 100 breast), Samantha Kenis (200 IM and 100 fly), Kara Joyce (dive) and Jenna Krynicki (100 back) won their individual events. Karly Ginieczki, McNulty, Kenis and Krynicki teamed up to win the 200 medley relay.

In boys' action, Herndon's Jonathan Nguyen (200 and 500 free), Jack VanCamp (200IM and 100 fly) and Chris Fronczak (50 free and 100 free) earned individual wins. The boys' 200 medley relay (Michael Malito, Jason Maccannon, VanCamp, Nathan Williams), 400 free relay (Nguyen, VanCamp, Williams, Fronczak)



South Lakes' Alex Smurda, top, wrestles Chantilly's Ashkan Mazloom in the seventh-place match of the heavyweight division during the 2012 FinalAutoPrice.com NOVA Classic on Nov. 8.

and 200 free relay (Nguyen, Jonathan Kent, Fronczak, Maccannon) each won.

Langley Hockey Starts Season With Win

If Nov. 30 was any predictor of success for Langley hockey, this should be a great season for the club.

Coming off an opening night 7-0 win against Madison a few weeks ago, Langley was up against Broad Run, one of the top teams in the Northern Virginia Scholastic Hockey League. Langley shot out to a strong 3-0 lead by the end of the second period and never looked back, despite a furious attempt at a comeback by Broad Run, which ultimately fell to the Saxons by a 4-3 margin. Kevin Diner had two goals with the other goals scored by Drew Schneider and Derick Paxton. Evan Sterling

had two assists, along with Drew Schneider and Sam LaFuria, and Ryan Framinan played a strong game in goal.

Langley has high expectations for this season. The club is coached by Rob Faktorow, who is in his 12th season, and is anchored by a very strong senior class made up of captain Evan Sterling, assistant captains Kevin Diner and Logan Pontell, Peter Nam, Derick Paxton and Zach Shames.

Last year, they lost in the NVSHL semifinals in a tough overtime contest against eventual state champion Stone Bridge and have the experienced offense, defense and goaltending necessary to again contend for a state title this season.

In the Madison 7-0 victory, Schneider had a hat trick and other goals were scored by Jeremy Kim (2), Kevin Diner and Sterling.

Diner added three assists with other assists coming from Shames, Sam LaFuria and Colin Dibble.



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Marshall Places Third at McLean Meet

The Marshall gymnastics team placed third at a meet on Dec. 10 at McLean High School.

Madison Swim And Dive Beats Marshall

The Madison swim and dive team defeated Marshall on Nov. 30 in the first Liberty District meet of the season. The Madison boys' team won, 222-93, and the Madison girls' team won, 209-106.

First-place boys' finishers were: Connor Simon (200 free), Ian Russiello (200 IM and 500 free), Grayson Smith (100 free and 100 back) and Evan Owens (50 free and 100 breast). The boys also won all three relays: the 200 medley and both 200 and 400 freestyles.

First-place finishers for the girls' team were: Laura Sullivan (200 free and 100 back), Mallory Dyson (200 IM), Ali Queen (100 fly and 100 breast), Sidney Owens (100 free) and Laura Kellan (500 free).

The girls also won all three relays.

Grayson Campbell, a freshman diving at his first meet, broke the Madison High School record with six dives and a score of 271.40.

McLean Wrestling Places Eighth, Marshall 26th at NOVA Classic

The McLean wrestling team finished eighth at the 32-team 2012 FinalAutoPrice.com NOVA Classic Dec. 7 and 8 at Fairfax High School.

The Highlanders had three grap-

plers place third in their respective weight classes. One Highlander finished fifth and one placed eighth.

McLean's Conor Grammes defeated Fauquier's Caleb Strum via 12-0 major decision in the 106-pound third-place match. McLean's Forrest Stieg placed third in the 152-pound bracket with a 7-2 decision against Centreville's Will Fulton and Bryson Davis pinned Thomas Jefferson's Paul Bentz to win the 182-pound title.

McLean's Adilet Uspeev finished fifth in the 145-pound bracket with an injury win against Fauquier's Michael Villalobos. Gabe Sutherland finished eighth in the 170-pound division.

McLean finished with 115.5 points.

Madison Wrestling Finished 18th at NOVA Classic

The Madison wrestling team had three grapplers place in the top eight of their respective weight classes and the Warhawks finished 18th out of 32 teams at the 2012 FinalAutoPrice.Com NOVA Classic Dec. 7 and 8 at Fairfax High School.

Madison's Connor Eckhardt took fifth in the 138-pound division with a 5-1 decision against West Springfield's Zach Bolduc. Nick Hoy placed fifth in the 195-pound bracket with a medical victory against Mount Vernon's Tasi Mathias. Madison's Kolton Starr placed sixth in the 126-pound division.

Madison finished with 84 points.

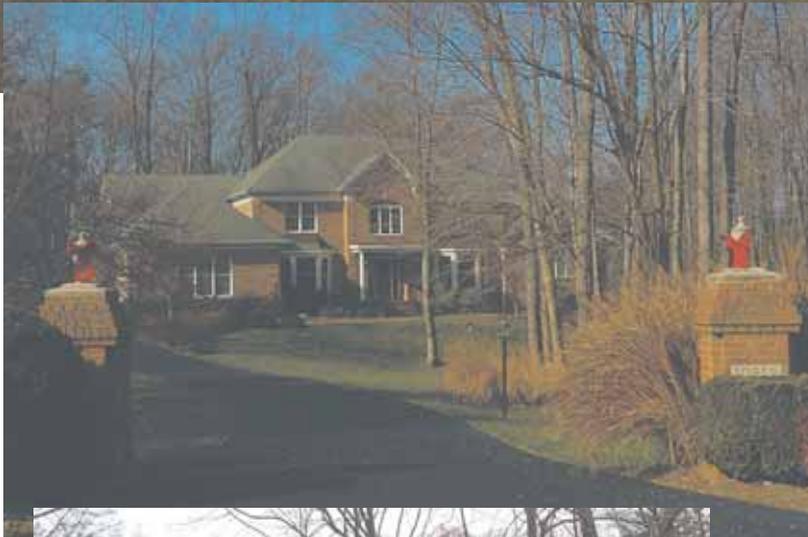
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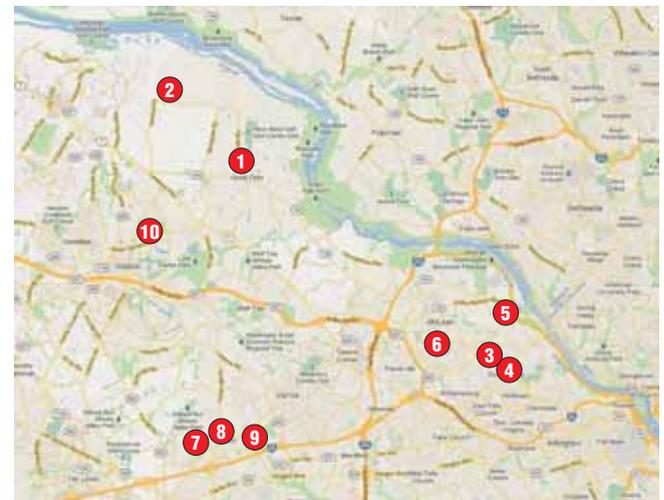
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Experts suggest cleaning carpets and area rugs in a home's family or living room before holiday guests arrive.



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Preparing Your Home For Holiday Guests

Experts offer checklist for getting a house in tip-top shape.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

In addition to shopping, decorating and attending parties, many are making a mad dash to get their homes ready for the holiday visitors. Take a deep breath: local experts have developed a checklist for creating a guest-ready home.

"Many people feel better about their home when everything is in order and in place," said Steve Magill, a remodeling consultant with Fred, the home repair division of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., and an Oak Hill resident. "It makes the homeowner feel more at ease when minor details are taken care of."

The kitchen is one of the most important rooms in a home, especially during the holiday season. Experts say to make sure your microwave oven, toaster and coffeemaker are in top working condition, or to replace them if necessary.

For extra storage space for cookware, experts suggest installing a pot rack. Also, consider adding extra stools or chairs for guests who like to gather in the kitchen.

Next, survey the living or family room. Experts suggest cleaning carpets or area rugs so that they



When preparing your home for holiday guests, make sure there is a space near the entrance to collect coats, hats and boots.

are free of signs of foot traffic. Consider updating the room with holiday home accents or adding new items, as well as accessorizing sofas and chairs with holiday pillows and throws.

"Take a magic eraser to clean up small smudges on walls like around light switches," said Magill, whose firm developed a holiday readiness checklist.

If guests are staying overnight, experts say to make space in a closet or drawer so visitors have a

place to put their clothing. Since not everyone falls asleep at the same time, a bedside clock and reading lamp are helpful accessories.

"Your guest room should be warm and inviting and make your visitors feel as if they are at home," said Magill.

MAKE A GREAT FIRST IMPRESSION by ensuring that all outdoor lighting, including holiday lights, is functioning properly and turned on when it is dark. Outdoor lighting is a key to ensuring safety during the holidays.

Check the front door for signs of wear and consider giving old doors a new coat of paint. "Some of the most impact transformations ... are projects like painting," Paul Zuch of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry said in a statement. In addition, polish and tighten door hardware and oil hinges to prevent squeaking. Considering adding a small rug or welcome mat to the entryway. Establish a place in your home's entrance to collect coats, hats, boots and gloves. Make sure there is extra space and hangers in your coat closet.

"Make sure you think about every room in your home when preparing for the holidays," said Tom Dodd, another Fred remodeling consultant. "Thinking about these things ahead of time will help make for an enjoyable and relaxing holiday season."

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