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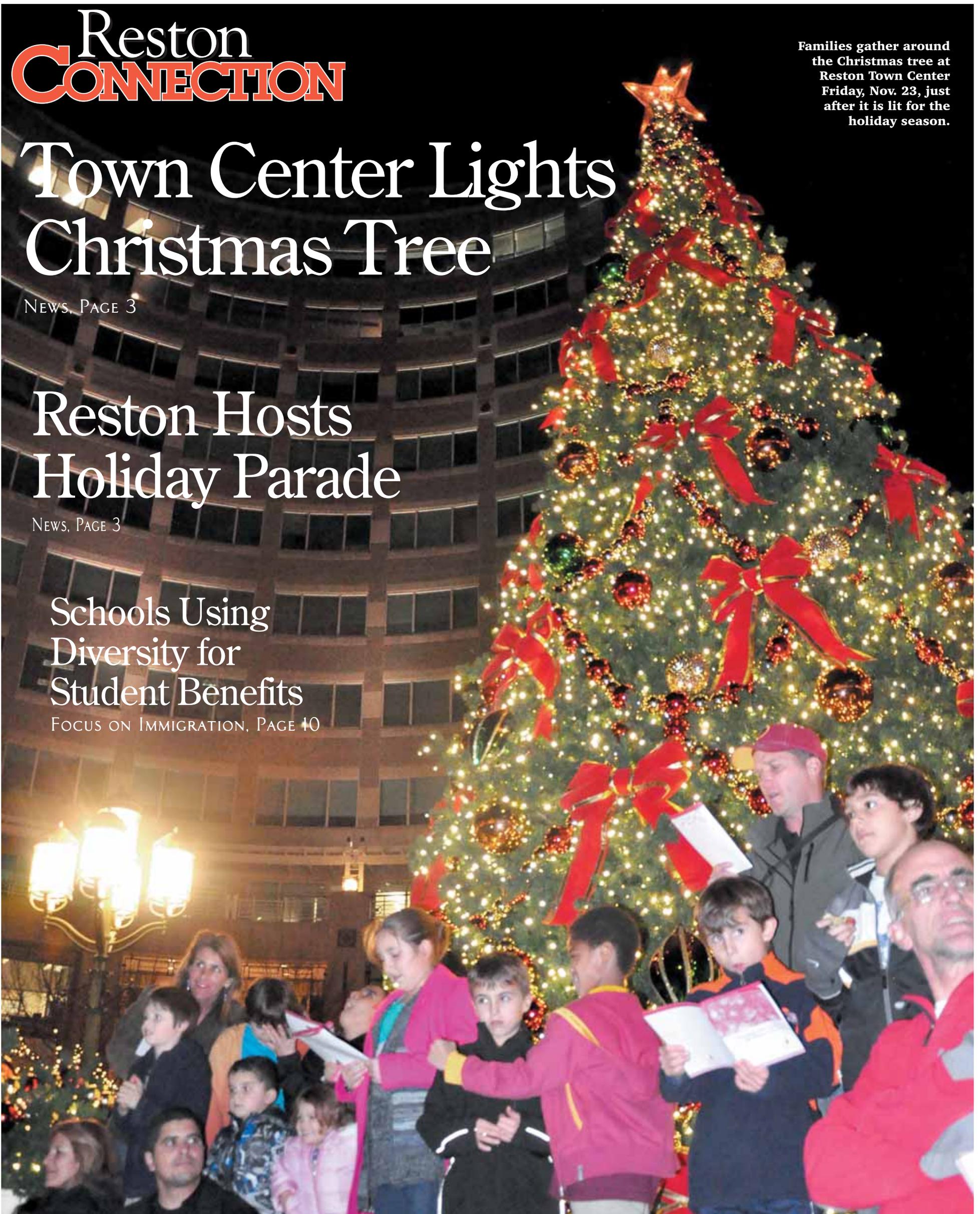
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SATURDAY/DEC. 8

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ONGOING

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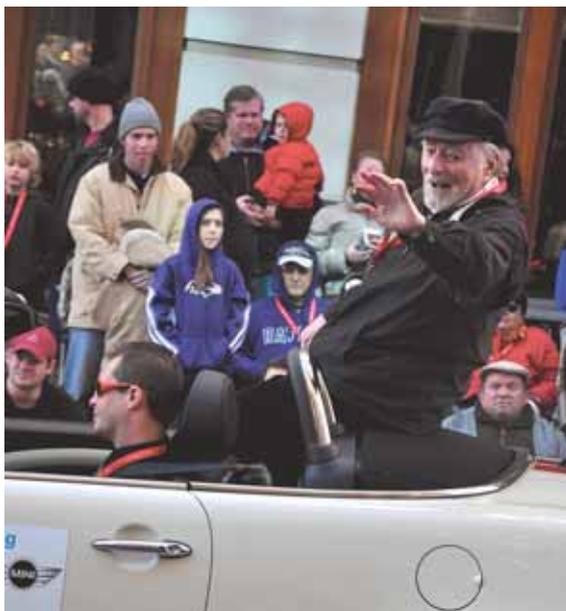
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Reston founder Robert Simon waves to the crowd at the annual Reston Holiday Parade Friday, Nov. 23.



Local Cub Scout troops during the annual Reston Holiday Parade Friday Nov. 23.

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Members of the Reston Chorale perform at the annual tree lighting ceremony at Reston Town Center Friday, Nov. 23.

Reston Hosts Holiday Parade

Local groups participate in annual Reston Town Center parade Nov. 23.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Thousands of people spent the early part of their Black Friday spread out along Market Street for the annual Reston Holiday Parade. Organizations from across the area made their way down .3 miles of the road carrying balloons, performing and interacting with the crowd.

"There are about a thousand reasons I love living in Reston Town Center, and right at the top of the list are the big events and festivals," said Eva Sartorius, who has lived in Reston for the past three years. "I love being able to walk out my front door early morning the Friday after Thanksgiving and get my spot for the parade, then I can just walk back in and rest, then come back for the tree lighting. It's fantastic."

Retired South Lakes Principal Bruce Butler and his wife served as the grand marshal for the parade, and they were followed throughout the morning by a variety of different acts. Local cheerleading groups, martial arts students and dance studios were able to stop at a few points along the way for a brief performance.

"The best part of the parade are the live performances, it's a lot of fun to see such a variety of acts in one place," said Earl Sheridan of Reston. "The martial arts ones are usually the most radical, but the dance groups are really cool too."

Sherman Roy, 6, had a favorite group of performers as well.

"It was awesome when the superheroes came out," he said, referring to a group that features Batman, Superman, Captain America and Wonder Woman, among others. "The costumes were really good, and they were really nice to walk up to us and say hello. I got to shake Captain America's hand."

Members of the Herndon and South Lakes High School marching bands also performed, as well as



A classic Mustang makes its way down Market Street in Reston Town Center, part of the annual holiday parade Friday, Nov. 23.



The crowd at the annual Reston Holiday Parade watches a Bolivian dance troupe Friday, Nov. 23 at Reston Town Center.

members of local schools' Junior ROTC programs. Local scout troops carried the large, classic Thanksgiving Day parade-style balloons.

"This is a fun event because almost all of the participants are people involved in local businesses, or attend the same schools our children do," said Austin Kaspers, whose neighbor is a member of the Herndon Marching Band. "I makes it very easy to develop a sense of community when you recognize the performers and see them show off their skills, whether its in a drum line, or part of the JROTC rifle team."

Town Center Lights Christmas Tree

Santa and Mrs. Claus, Reston Chorale appear at annual tree lighting.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Having just moved to Reston in July, Bill and Marie Jones and their two children weren't aware of the annual festivities that happen at Reston Town Center every year on the Friday after Thanksgiving, just after dark. They thought they were headed to town center for an evening of ice skating and frozen yogurt.

"We were just wrapping up a skating session when we noticed the large crowd gathered around the tree and the risers next to the rink set up," Marie Jones said. "We decided to stick around and see what was up, and it was a great decision, truly a magical moment."

The magical moment for the Jones, and hundreds of families that knew exactly what they were in for was the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus to light the large Christmas tree in front of the fountain.

After the sun went down, the crowd was abuzz waiting for the duo to arrive. Many children were perched on a parent's shoulder trying to be the first one to spot the couple on their carriage.

"It was nonstop excitement for about half an hour for my

son while he was on my shoulders," said Dan Harris of Reston, who at six feet, four inches gave his son Connor one of the best views in the house. "Almost every flash of light of movement at the end of the street got his attention, but by the time they actually came down the street, I think he was wary of false alarms."

When the red and white clad couple showed up, they asked everyone in attendance to close their eyes and wish for the tree to light up, a wish that was granted.

After the tree was lit, members of the Reston Chorale led the crowd in a holiday sing along, featuring classics such as "O Christmas Tree," "White Christmas," "Joy to the World," "Jingle Bells" and more.

"For the past few years, we've made it a priority along with our neighbors to make sure we make it down here for the parade, tree lighting and sing along," said Erin Cheever of Reston. "It's a fun day to spend at the Town Center, the adults can get some shopping in, the kids can wander around and ice skate, and the whole day really helps us all get into the holiday spirit. So much so that we're pretty much committing ourselves to put up the tree Saturday, because the kids are so fired up."

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NEWS

Paying Tribute to 'Dogs of War'

Local author's new book examines American leaders and their dogs.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Kathleen Kinsolving knows that inspiration can come from strange places. In 2000, she was helping a friend move when she came upon a trunk full of books, including Carlo D'Este's biography of Gen. George Patton, "Patton: A Genius for War."

"I started looking through the book, and saw a photo of Patton's bull terrier Willie, laying next to his foot locker and briefcase after Patton has passed away, and it was one of the most moving things I had ever seen," she said. "I thought the story of Patton and Willie might make for an interesting, short book."

That photo eventually led to Kinsolving's second book, "Dogs of War," which was released Tuesday, Nov. 20. The book tells the story of three historic figures of the last century, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and Patton, through the eyes of their dogs.

D'Este even wrote the forward to "Dogs of War," calling the book an example of how "the unconditional love and devotion of these dogs created an oasis of peaceful energy for these great leaders, each of whom occupied exceptionally demanding positions."

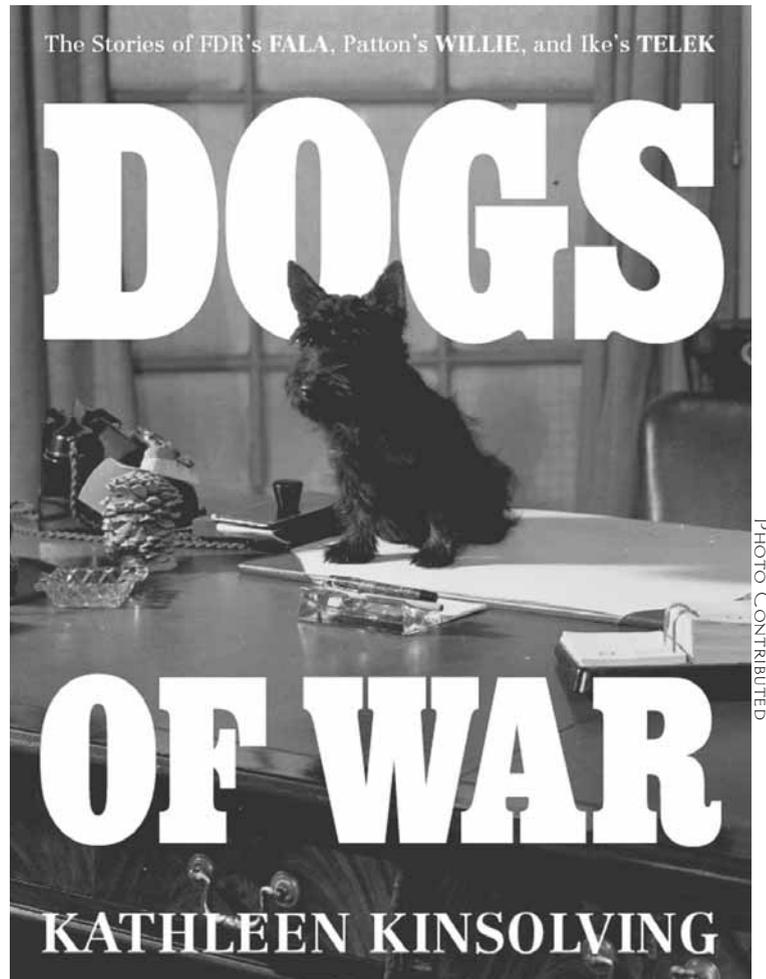
THIS IS THE SECOND NOVEL written by Kinsolving, who also teaches English at Centreville High School and lives in Reston. The first was a biography of her father Les, a former pastor who became a journalist and a senior member of the White House Press Corps.

Being an admirer of Roosevelt and knowing the stories of Fala, his famous Scottish terrier, Kinsolving figured that would be a natural pair to the stories about Patton and Willie. But when she submitted the work for publication, agents told her it was too short, and to try and add a third pair.

"I wasn't too sure about Eisenhower, I didn't know too much and frankly, wasn't sure that there would be too much to write, but then I called his library and they recommended the two memoirs published by Kay Summersby," said Kinsolving, referring to Eisenhower's chauffeur and secretary and is rumored to have had an affair with the president. "In her books, there were a lot of stories about how they raised a Scottie named Telek, and it turned out to be quite a romantic story."

Kinsolving, who says she has always had a "strong attachment" to dogs, said she enjoyed learning anecdotes about how the dogs could provide levity to the leaders, even as the future of the world often rested on their shoulders.

One such anecdote is about Eisenhower, who in 1943 was a general staying at the villa of Gen. George C. Marshall, when Telek briefly escaped from



Reston resident Kathleen Kinsolving, who teaches English at Centreville High School, will release her second book, "Dogs of War" Tuesday, Nov. 20. The book tells the story of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and Gen. George Patton through their relationships with their dogs.

Eisenhower and Summersby and ran upstairs and urinated on Marshall's bed.

"There are so many stories like that, that show how these animals were a part of these men's lives even as they were at the heart of these massive events," Kinsolving said. "They're stories that will appeal to people of all ages, I even made sure to censor General Patton's colorful language when needed."

Ranny Green of the Seattle Kennel Club praised "Dogs of War" for its "kaleidoscope of funny, frustrating and even fiery accounts of each celebrated dog's role in its owner's life."

THE BOOK also includes a contemporary afterword, the tale of Cairo, the dog that was with Seal Team Six as they killed Osama bin Laden.

Kinsolving says she is working on several projects for the future, including a few screenplays. She said she hopes to bring the same type of anecdotes to a project about her son, who is 8 years old and autistic, and her experiences raising him.

"I have a need to look at things and try and find something funny, something to laugh at, something to lighten people up," she said. "In my experiences with my son, I've found that a lot of people don't really know how to react, I've seen people wriggle, squirm, patronize, and I've thought, 'maybe that's how I would react if I didn't know what I know.'"

The book is available online and in stores starting Tuesday, Nov. 20.

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COMMENTARY

Virginia's Mixed Holiday Blessings

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

Virginians are living through this holiday season with mixed blessings. At least that is the conclusion of the Center for American Progress Action Fund 2012 Annual Report "Tracking Indicators of Poverty and Opportunity in Virginia" (americanprogressaction.org). Nationally, the report found that after years of getting worse, the U.S. poverty rate remained stable last year. In Virginia the poverty rate is lower than the national average at 11.5 percent, the seventh best rate in the country. Virginia's population is the 12th highest among the states, meaning that nearly a million people live in poverty in the commonwealth. The American Progress Action Fund's "Half in Ten" campaign has as a goal of cutting the poverty rate in half in a decade.

Virginia fared well on some rankings in the report. Virginia has the second best ranking in the country on the gender gap. Women in Virginia earn 87 percent for every dollar earned by a man doing similar work. While the gap is too wide, it is likely helped by



the technology industry in Northern Virginia that is much closer to equal pay for equal work. Virginia has the best ranking nationwide in the foster care system where three children per 1,000 children under age 18 were in the system. Virginia's success in reducing children in foster care came about in part from the excellent work of former First Lady Anne Holton, wife of former Governor and Senator-elect Tim Kaine.

Virginia has some areas where more work needs to be done. The state ranks 44th in the nation on the availability of affordable hous-

ing. Only 57 affordable and available housing units exist for every 100 tenants at or below 50 percent of the median income. The General Assembly meeting in January needs to restore funding to the Virginia Housing Trust Fund.

Virginia's high school graduation rate of 78.4 percent is 20th in the nation. That leaves too many people undereducated and qualifying for only minimal employment and low wages. A review of public alternative education programs is needed to ensure that avenues are available for all students to complete high school.

The number of persons uninsured in Virginia is 12.5 percent of the population ranking the state 21st among the other states. The General Assembly can take positive action to lower this figure by establishing a health insurance exchange to ensure that affordable health care is available in the marketplace. It can also expand Medicaid to cover the more than 400,000 people who will otherwise be left out of the system.

To read the "Half in Ten" Annual Report, go to www.halfinten.org. The holidays give us opportunities to count our blessings and to develop the resolve that all should benefit in these blessings.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Long Voting Lines: So What?

To the Editor:

Representative G. Connolly (D-11) has introduced legislation (no estimate of cost to taxpayers) to improve the elections process and make voting faster. Senator Warner is in on this also.

States which, like schoolboys, do well here will get bigger grants.

So the voting lines were long, so what, there were several constitutional questions and bond issues to be digested and voted on. If you are voting for the leader of the Western world and representatives to govern the world's pre-eminent democracy, this should not necessarily, given the fateful importance of the outcome, be as easy as pouring one's breakfast cornflakes. Meaningful voting is a privilege denied much of the world. It is worth a little trouble. I'll wager that the new-fledged US citizens did not mind waiting a while to cast their legitimate vote.

Of course, this is transparently just another Democrat stunt. These are some of the "improvements" that Connolly and Warner propose:

❖Flexible registration opportunities, including same-day regis-

tration (so there's insufficient time for adequate verification);

❖Early voting, at least for 9 days preceding an election (why not 90 days, and we'll bring the voting machine to your house for your added convenience?);

❖Assistance to voters who do not speak English (citizenship requirements anyone?);

❖Effective access to voting for members of the armed services (now that the 2012 elections are over);

❖Formal training of election officials (they already are trained);

❖Reducing waiting times at polling stations (aha, they're onto something);

❖Contingency plans for voting in the event of a natural disaster (the dog ate my registration forms).

This is the sort of stuff that gives political hacks a bad name! How about instead spending the money, which we don't have, on investigating the manifold instances of alleged voter fraud state- and nationwide?

Harry Locock
Reston

What to do About More Reston Traffic Congestion

What to do? Is it possible that Reston will suffer from too much Transit Oriented Development?

The Reston Planning & Zoning Committee recently heard a presentation on proposed redevelopment of the mini-storage facility located in the vicinity of the Wiehle Avenue transit station. This particular site is anticipated to feature a mid-rise apartment building with ground floor retail and underground garage parking for residents. The developer asserts that this proposal is wholly within county guidelines, and is not within the purview of the Reston Association.

Furthermore, developer sponsored traffic studies for this site show little or no impact on traffic congestion. What a surprise. Each newly proposed redevelopment

site is considered separately, and this one does not include traffic generated by the Wiehle Station development, existing Kaiser Permanente and other existing office space. A number of committee members voiced concern that the two vehicular access points—one to Wiehle Avenue and one to Sunset Hills Road, will be insufficient to handle the traffic generated by the station and proposed residential, office, hotel and other commercial development.

What to do? We need more participation by our Reston Association and other citizen-oriented groups in concert with our supervisor to educate the developers and county planners to our concerns.

Bob Stein
Reston

On the Other Side of the Pond

BY JOHN LOVAAS
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/
HOST

After the nerve-racking U.S. election, we breathed a big sigh of relief that the country had not fallen into the hands of Mitt Romney and his Tea Party henchmen. Then, we traveled to Ireland for a relaxing discount holiday with friends. We returned just in time for the annual Lovaas family Thanksgiving dinner and the wonderful Reston Holiday Parade in Town Center on Black Friday.

While in Ireland, the daylight hours were short and the damp, chilly weather left a lot to be desired. The welcoming Irish folks we met greeted us with warmth like long-time friends and brightened every day. The castles and ruins of ancient civilizations in County Meath and the waterfalls and scenery in the Wicklow Mountains provided fascinating activity and lots of photo ops during the short days. After a day of



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sightseeing, we typically went to a pub in the little town of Enfield near our lodging for dinner and conversation with fellow pubbers over a pint of Guinness or Smithwicks next to the welcome heat of a fireplace.

The folks we met shared our satisfaction with the re-election of President Obama, but recognized that he had difficult times ahead with the likelihood of a continued dysfunctional legislature. They were rightly more concerned with their own version of the fiscal cliff as their government prepared to announce its new budget in early December, one that will likely impose more austerity in the teeth of

an unemployment rate of nearly 15 percent. For the first time ever, I saw a few people sleeping on the streets in Dublin.

Furthermore, the attention of the Irish media and women in particular—including thousands we saw marching through Dublin—was riveted on the tragic death of a young Indian woman who died of complications of a miscarriage when doctors refused to perform an abortion that could have saved her life. Their reason, they said, was that the Irish law barring abortions was unclear as to their liability for performing one. Reproductive rights are a growing issue in Ireland.

To relieve the air of gloom, there was a typically Irish story circulating in the media. It reported that former President Bill Clinton would soon visit Ireland and that he was likely to be coming to live in his ancestral country as the new U.S. Ambassador to Ireland! The basis for the story was unclear, so we'll have to check with our own secretary of state for verification.

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OPINION

Learning in a Global Community

Students in Fairfax County speak 160 languages.

This week our ongoing series about immigration in Fairfax County takes a look at county schools, and some of the joys and challenges of having a diverse student body that speaks as many as 160 different languages at home.

Find the series compiled online at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Immigration/>.

For the director of language acquisition in Fairfax County Public Schools, the 44 percent of students who speak a foreign language at home present an opportunity to create language immersion classes where half a kindergarten is learning Spanish or Korean while the other half is learning English.

For principals of some elementary schools where more than half of their students are not proficient in English, the need to have students meet benchmarks in a variety of subjects is a relentless process. In addition to limited English, immigrant students come from varied backgrounds, some with good basics in their

own languages and some with limited previous education in any language. The parents of these students are similarly varied.

Meanwhile, representation of Latino and African American students in Fairfax County's top instructional centers for gifted students lags dramatically.

EDITORIAL

FCPS is conducting two critical sets of public meetings this week and next. The call for public input is not specifically about growing diversity in the schools, but related challenges make both the possible expansion of centers for the county's most talented students and the selection of a new superintendent of schools that much more important.

A fast moving proposal to expand the number of centers to provide "advanced academic" services is the topic of meetings this week. The meetings will run from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, in the Westfield High School cafeteria; Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the Lee High School cafeteria; and Thursday, Nov. 29, in the Kilmer

Middle School cafeteria.

Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Dale will be retiring in June of 2013. The School Board has hired a search firm, Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates, which will be gathering community input. Many of the challenges facing the new superintendent will revolve around growing diversity, and a track record of open communication and achievement in this will be key to success.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- ❖ Dec. 3 - 7 p.m., cafeteria, South County HS, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton, VA 22079.
- ❖ Dec. 4 - 7 p.m., cafeteria, Langley HS, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101.
- ❖ Dec. 5 - 7 p.m., cafeteria, Robinson SS, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22032.
- ❖ Dec. 6 - 10 a.m. Gatehouse Administration Center, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, VA 22042 Room 1600.
- ❖ Dec. 6 - 7 p.m., cafeteria, Annandale HS, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale, VA 22003.
- ❖ Dec. 6 - 7 p.m., cafeteria, Groveton Elementary School, 6900 Harrison Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306.
- ❖ Dec. 7 - 1 p.m., Gatehouse Administration Center, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, VA 22042 Room 1600.

FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION

Immigrants and Today's Faith Response

BY JOHN HOREJSI, COORDINATOR
SOCIAL ACTION LINKING TOGETHER (SALT)

The presence of increasing numbers of immigrants is a challenge to the Fairfax County faith community commitments. The challenge is to be a faith community with open arms.

Historically the churches in the United States have been immigrant churches. Who among us cannot trace one's ancestors back to a country outside the U.S.? The church's care and concern for countless European immigrants is well known. Today, we the faith community are called to welcome immigrants with similar hospitality.

The situation of immigrants is often desperate. Entering a culturally strange and different land, and struggling financially is as scary today as it ever was in the past. Perhaps it is even more so because of the quickened pace of American life.

Those who are fortunate to connect with helpers are settled within a few years. Others remain in transition the rest of their lives as families struggle with complex adjustments. All face major problems in housing, employment, health care, legal assistance, and a difficult new language.

Immigrants frequently face the additional obstacle of cruel prejudice and racism. Non-immigrants often want to exclude them from the benefits of a free country, yet are eager to use cheap and reliable labor of immigrants.

The immigrants and other refugees keep coming, not necessarily because they want to,



but as one, fleeing from war and persecution, put it, because of "the persistent advantage of life over death."

Presently, many Hispanics from Central America are located in Northern Virginia. About 65 percent are Salvadoran, 15 percent Honduran, and 10 percent each are Guatemalan and Nicaraguan. The faith community in Northern Virginia has not been unaware of the presence and plight of these immigrant refugees.

Nationally, for more than 65 years, Catholic Charities agencies have responded to the needs of people who come to this country in search of a better life. Thousands of refugees have

been settled. Over 90 percent of Catholic resettlement services are provided through Catholic Charities, which is one of the keys to the future of migration ministry in the U.S.

In Northern Virginia, one of the responses of the faith community has been through Hogar Immigrant Services, a program of Catholic Charities. Hogar assists immigrants in participating more fully in their everyday lives. Information referrals, legal information services, and educational opportunities are just some of the aids. The aim is to help the Northern Virginia immigrant population become knowledgeable, participating individuals in society.

Yet much remains to be done, especially in and by the faith community. What are the elements of this challenge?

- ❖ Recognizing the contributions of the immigrants to the community;
- ❖ Providing a greater voice to the immigrant community in decision-making within the community;
- ❖ Supporting programs designed to improve the quality of life for newcomers;
- ❖ Serving as advocates to create a favorable public opinion out of which good things can happen; and
- ❖ Seeking to raise consciousness for solidarity with the poor and the stranger.

Our response must be to acknowledge by word and action that the spirituality of the faith community and the spirituality of the immigrant communities are interdependent. Through love, kindness, service and advocacy for each other both stand to gain.

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PEOPLE

Artist Rosemary Gallick has paintings on exhibition in three locations this month. She is shown here with her paintings at the Reston Association. Gallick teaches art history at Northern Virginia Community College.



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Rosemary Gallick's Artwork on Display in Three Galleries

Paintings by Rosemary Gallick are on exhibition at the Reston Association until Nov. 30. The solo exhibition includes her portraits of such musical icons as Elvis, Jerry Garcia and Bruce Springsteen. The Reston Association is located at 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive in Reston.

Gallick lives in Centreville and teaches art history at Northern Virginia Community College's Woodbridge Campus.

Gallick also has five paintings in the national juried exhibition "Popular Campaigns and Political Culture" at the Prescott College Art Gallery in Prescott, Ariz. Her pop

portraits include Stephen Colbert, Rush Limbaugh, Rachel Maddow, Barack Obama and Jon Stewart.

More of Gallick's political paintings are displayed in the faculty art exhibition at NOVA's Woodbridge Campus. This exhibition, which runs until Dec. 7 in the 4th floor gallery, features portraits of Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Ron Paul and Mitt Romney. The Woodbridge Campus is located at 15200 Neabsco Mills Road.

To learn more, contact Gallick at rgallick@nvcc.edu or 703-878-5797.

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Reston Chamber to Celebrate 30th Anniversary

The Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce will celebrate 30 years of serving as a cornerstone of business and community on Saturday, Dec. 1, 7-11 p.m. at the Sheraton Reston Hotel. The chamber was founded in 1982 as the Reston Board of Commerce with an initial membership of 100 businesses.

Today it has grown to include over 600 member companies and was recently recognized by the Washington Business Journal as the second largest chamber of commerce in Fairfax County and the sixth largest in the Washington D.C.-metropolitan area. The past three decades have seen tremendous business development in the Dulles Corridor, growing from over 500 firms representing over 10,000 jobs in 1981 to over 2,390 companies representing 58,936

jobs in 2012.

Mark S. Ingrao, CCP, CAE, president & CEO of the chamber said, "We are entering a new era of potential business development with the advent of metro service coming through Reston to Dulles Airport and into Loudoun County. As we move forward into the next 30 years and beyond, this chamber will continue to provide the strategic vision and engaged leadership that have made us one of the largest and most impactful business organizations in the Washington D.C.-metropolitan area. Please join us on Dec. 1, 2012 as we commemorate our past and look ahead to our bright future."

The evening features live music by the South Lakes String Quartet and Diamond Alley; delicious cuisine, open bar and ice luge; Silent Auction, including jewelry from Midtown Jewelers, a getaway to the Greenbrier Resort and a three-night tropical excursion to El Conquistador in Puerto Rico; complimentary photo booth; and valet parking.

To register visit <http://www.restonchamber.org/events>.

Tickets are \$145 for current chamber members; \$175 for future chamber members.

Exploring the Early History of Reston

The Reston Historic Trust and the Reston Museum are exploring the early history of Reston. The Reston Museum is producing another free program on Nov. 29: "The Early History of Reston—Translating the Dream to Reality." For more information, call the Reston Museum at 703-709-7700, email restonmuseum@gmail.com, or visit www.restonmuseum.org.

The event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 29, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., at the Jo Ann Rose Gallery at Reston Community Center—Lake Anne Reston Community Center—Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston.

Peter McCandless and Chuck Veatch, along with a panel of other early marketing experts, will present a program on the origins of Reston, the nation's first large-scale planned community that changed the face of the suburban landscape in America. The presentation will cover Robert E. Simon Jr.'s vision for Reston, incorporating contemporary architecture and a balanced community with a mix of uses and clustered development, how the plan became

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NEWS

Discussing the Next Storm

Reston residents meet to prepare for the next storm.

On Saturday, Nov. 3, just days after Hurricane Sandy hit our region, Reston residents engaged in a dialogue at a forum titled "Is Your Neighborhood Ready for the Next Big Storm," held at Reston Community Center Lake Anne. The event was organized by Reston for a Lifetime with the support of Reston Community Center and Reston Citizens Association to help create awareness and a dialogue before the first big snowstorm hits our region.

According to Reston for a Lifetime representative Steve Gurney, "our goal is to encourage neighborhoods to have a dialogue and begin to identify those who might be more vulnerable and those who are eager to help."

Marcelo Ferreira, community liaison with the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management, provided attendees with countless resources including a variety of emergency alerts that are available to all residents, medical needs registries and suggestions for personally preparing for storms. He shared how essential it is for communities to work toward creating neighbors-helping-neighbors networks to support emergency staff and first responders.

The audience provided excellent examples of neighbor support systems throughout Reston. Cherie



Marcelo Ferreira, community liaison with the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management, discusses resources and solutions with Reston residents.

Lejeune provided a recap of the support provided at Lake Anne Fellowship House during the Derecho storm. In addition, several attendees shared how their clusters have created systems that make it easier for neighbors to connect socially that have proven invaluable during storms and emergencies.

Reston for a Lifetime is working on documenting some of the best practices of Reston clusters and neighborhoods to encourage better neighborhood connections through case studies and video. Visit www.restonforalifetime.org for updates or if you would like to share a story of how your neighborhood has created a system to connect.

WEEK IN RESTON

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"world famous," and the market challenges facing Reston.

McCandless and Veatch were two of Simon's first Reston employees in charge of turning the original dream into a reality.

Giving Circle of HOPE Honors 11 Non-profits

The Reston Giving Circle of HOPE is awarding \$55,000 to 11 nonprofit partners in Northern Virginia that encourage job creation, help build strong families and assist community members in need.

This is the ninth grant cycle for the Giving Circle of HOPE, an organization of more than 100 members that was founded in 2004 to promote volunteerism and effective philanthropy. Members seek

to make a difference in the community by contributing their time, talents and money to projects which encourage self-sufficiency and well-being among people in need in Northern Virginia.

Since its inception, the Giving Circle has given out over \$525,000 through the Grant program, Empty Bowls and Gifts That Give Hope.

This year's recipients of \$5,000 grants are Alternative House, Computer C.O.R.E., Friends of Guest House, GRACE Ministries, Herndon-Reston FISH, Literacy Council of NoVa, Manassas Midwifery, NoVa Therapeutic Riding Program, OAR, Packaged with Care and Stroke Comeback Center.

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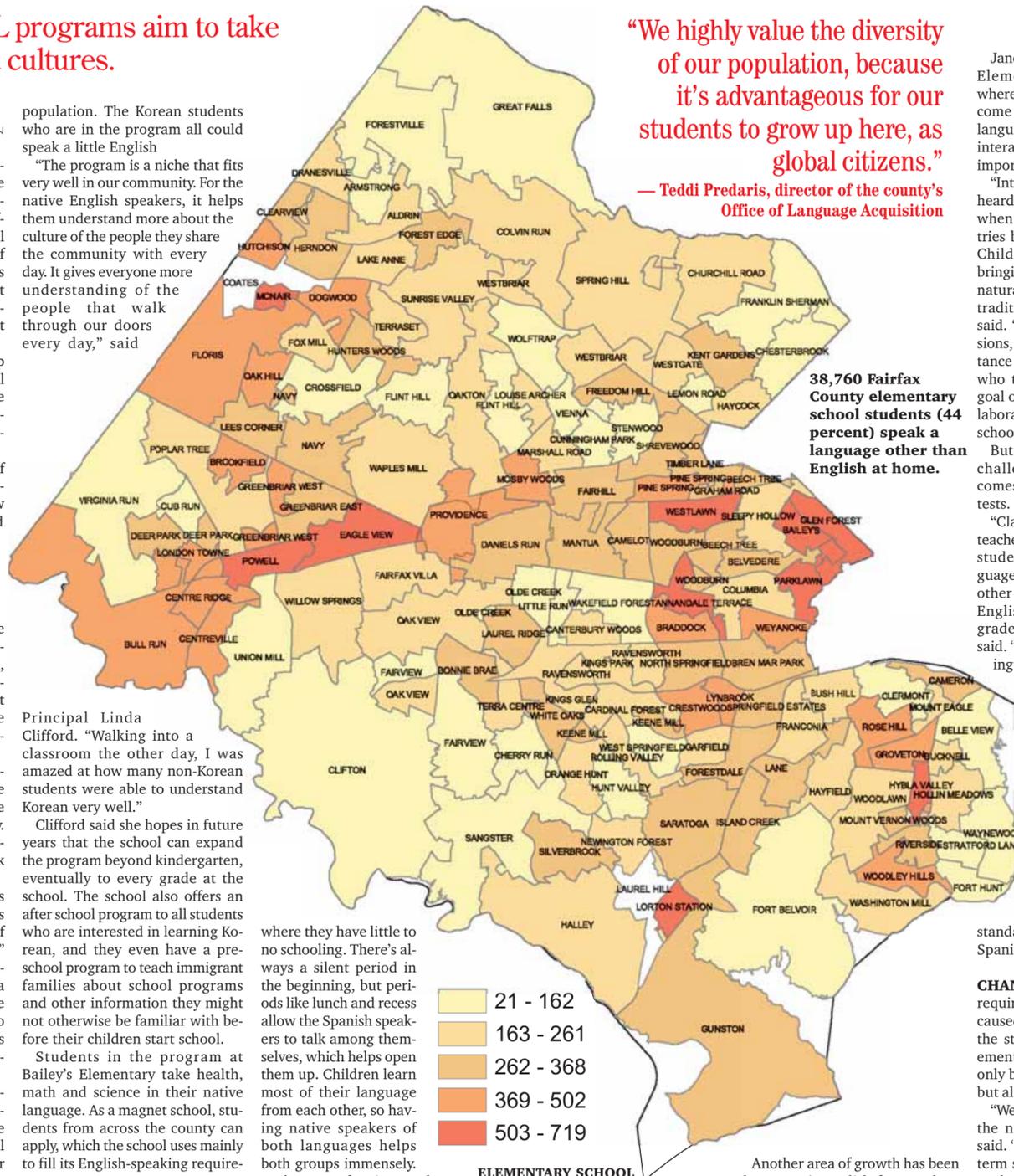
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Schools Using Diversity for Student Benefits

Immersion, ESOL programs aim to take advantage of area cultures.

“We highly value the diversity of our population, because it’s advantageous for our students to grow up here, as global citizens.”
— Teddi Predaris, director of the county’s Office of Language Acquisition



38,760 Fairfax County elementary school students (44 percent) speak a language other than English at home.

By ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As Fairfax County has experienced massive growth in its international population, its effects have spread to its educational institutions. Forty-four percent of the Fairfax County Public Schools students come from homes that speak a language other than English, which includes 160 different languages.

In 2006, the county came up with the goal to eventually have all graduates be able to communicate in two languages. The county currently offers 11 different languages.

“We highly value the diversity of our population, because it’s advantageous for our students to grow up here, as global citizens,” said Teddi Predaris, director of the county’s Office of Language Acquisition. “We believe it’s a huge asset for our students in their future endeavors.”

Approximately 28 percent of the county’s current population are foreign born, with Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Arabic, Urdu and Chinese/Mandarin being the most common languages spoken in the homes of elementary school students.

The county’s kindergarten two-way immersion program is one method used by schools to take advantage of increasing diversity. The program consists of half English speakers and half who speak the immersion language.

“In this program, the teachers and students are language models for each other, and they spend half the day working at each language,” Predaris said. “Our criteria for adding these programs is having a large enough population of the non-English speaking group to make a 50-50 mix possible. This is one of the models we hope to expand in coming years.”

The county has five Spanish kindergarten two-way immersion programs, at Bailey’s, Braddock, Lake Anne, London Towne and Rose Hill Elementary Schools. New this year is a Korean two-way immersion school at Colin Powell Elementary School in Centreville.

THE PROGRAM AT COLIN POWELL was designed to take advantage of the area’s large Korean

population. The Korean students who are in the program all could speak a little English.

“The program is a niche that fits very well in our community. For the native English speakers, it helps them understand more about the culture of the people they share the community with every day. It gives everyone more understanding of the people that walk through our doors every day,” said

Principal Linda Clifford. “Walking into a classroom the other day, I was amazed at how many non-Korean students were able to understand Korean very well.”

Clifford said she hopes in future years that the school can expand the program beyond kindergarten, eventually to every grade at the school. The school also offers an after school program to all students who are interested in learning Korean, and they even have a pre-school program to teach immigrant families about school programs and other information they might not otherwise be familiar with before their children start school.

Students in the program at Bailey’s Elementary take health, math and science in their native language. As a magnet school, students from across the county can apply, which the school uses mainly to fill its English-speaking requirement.

“The native Spanish speakers come to Bailey’s with a wide range of English skills, depending on where they come from,” said Assistant Principal Rachel Charlton. “Some come from very rural areas

where they have little to no schooling. There’s always a silent period in the beginning, but periods like lunch and recess allow the Spanish speakers to talk among themselves, which helps open them up. Children learn most of their language from each other, so having native speakers of both languages helps both groups immensely. Each group of native speakers gets to be the language role model for half a day, with the other students learning from them. It really boosts their confidence.”

COUNTY SCHOOLS also feature

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS
Students who speak a language other than English at home

immersion programs in Japanese, German and French at elementary and middle schools.

Janet Funk, principal of Gunston Elementary School in Lorton, where approximately 300 students come from a home where another language is spoken, says everyday interaction with new cultures is an important part of early education.

“Interesting conversations can be heard in the lunchroom, especially when students from other countries bring their food from home. Children are very interested in bringing their favorite foods, which naturally flows to a discussion of traditions and celebrations,” she said. “With these informal discussions, the students learn the importance of accepting classmates for who they are. This supports our goal of cultural acceptance and collaborative interaction among our school community.”

But with such diversity comes challenges, especially when it comes to Standards of Learning tests.

“Classroom teachers and ESOL teachers work diligently to help the students learn the English language. Many of our students from other countries are still learning English and are reading below grade level expectations,” Funk said. “These students receive reading instruction in the classroom setting and the ESOL classroom. They are receiving a ‘double’ dose of reading on a regularly scheduled basis. However, when it comes time to take the SOL tests, they are required to take the test on grade level in a language in which they are not proficient.”

In Virginia, SOL tests must be taken in English, but in Texas, for example, standardized tests can be taken in Spanish.

CHANGES to the state’s licensure requirements this year have also caused some difficulties. This year, the state required teachers in elementary school programs to not only be licensed in their language, but also for elementary education.

“We’ve struggled this year due to the new requirement,” Charlton said. “We’ve had to use some long-term subs until as recently as two or three weeks ago before we had enough full time teachers that met qualifications. Now I think the universities are aware of the change, so it might be better in future years, but it can definitely make it difficult to find people.”

“Marshall has an international student body from all walks of life, from the four corners of the world . . . We are the face of what Fairfax County is in 2012.”

— George C. Marshall High School Principal Jay Pearson

George C. Marshall High School has a student population representing more than 90 nations.



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Marshall High Is the Face of Fairfax County

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VIEWPOINTS

What was your biggest concern or fear when moving to U.S. schools?

—DONNA MANZ

Kasthury Paramiswaran, senior, Malaysia

“I had a close group of friends there and I didn’t know anybody here,” on leaving Malaysia when she had made friends in her native high school. “I still work very hard in my [I.B.] classes.”



Jia Loh, senior, Malaysia

“My biggest fear was finding friends. Still find it hard



Dalila Ferrara, junior, Italy

“Actually, I was really happy to move here. My only fear was that I wouldn’t be accepted. That didn’t happen. My biggest dream is to get an MBA from Harvard.”



Amber Holder, senior, Panama

“My biggest fear was that I wouldn’t



Millan Mbise, senior, Tanzania

“The cultural aspect. For example, in Tanzania there is little interaction with teachers. The teachers are strict, classes are very intense. It’s not like that here. I played varsity soccer last year and that helped me a lot with the transition to Marshall.



“I figured out what I wanted to do with my life when I moved here. I want to be a pharmacist.”

to join cliques. Most of my friends are international students. I’m still working on that part of the transition. My dream is to find a high-paying job I like, accounting or law.”

have the same friends throughout my academic career. My dream is to establish a music education system that would produce more diverse, well-rounded musicians, not just musicians who are skilled in just one instrument.”

academics-only that define your future, a selected group of students said in the recent discussion with Pearson and an interviewer. In the U.S., the students said, you have extracurricular programs that enhance the total person. What the U.S. does not have, however, that international schools stress, is an emphasis on foreign language fluency.

English is a compulsory curriculum in many school systems the world over. Some students, such as Kasthury Paramiswaran, a Marshall senior from Malaysia, speak multiple languages, fluent in each. Kasthury’s family moved around the world as part of her father’s job, and Kasthury mastered four languages in her journeys. She said she still works very hard in her I.B. subjects, getting “A’s in every one of her classes. She is applying to colleges in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

Jia Loh, a Malaysian native who has been in the U.S. for two years, said the transition to schools here was “hard,” even though the academic environment is less intense than in Malaysia.

“I had to adjust to different cultures. It was hard to find friends who share my culture.”

Dalila Ferrara’s family moved around Italy; her father is in the military there. In the early 1990s, he was assigned to a U.S. base in Texas and his experience there was not a good one. “He warned me not to tell people I’m Italian,” Dalila said. “He told me not to be proud

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FIVE INVITED STUDENTS gathered in a roundtable discussion at Marshall recently. What they agreed on is that American schools are less-intense academically, less-academically pressuring than schools outside the U.S. In other countries, it is

A Chanukah Message

**Fix the darkness
... make light.**

BY RABBI LEIBEL FAJNLAND
DIRECTOR OF CHABAD OF
RESTON-HERNDON

The holiday of Chanukah is set to begin. The menorah lighting, parties, dreidel games and gelt-giving will once more be in full swing. And though last year we promised the world not to treat ourselves to too many latkes and jelly donuts, this time around, once again we will have to start some weight loss program to shed the extra pounds as soon as the holiday is over.

Although for many of us, that above would be an accurate portrayal of the standard time-tested celebration of Chanukah, Chabad mysticism teaches us that this year, as in every Chanukah holiday (and ever holiday for that matter) of every year, there is a new Chanukah light, a new never revealed before energy that permeates all of us, empowering us to



Rabbi Leibel Fajnlанд

reach yet loftier heights in the spirit of Chanukah, in the triumph of light over darkness.

Have you ever eaten a doughnut and wondered where the hole went? Ah yes, this riddle has plagued carb lovers for years. Yet the answer still evades us.

A similar question, though less popular, has been asked by great thinkers of the past: When one lights a candle in a dark room, where does the darkness go? The answer given is that darkness has

no existence of its own. It is a non-entity. It is simply the absence of light. Once a candle is lit, the darkness disappears. It doesn't go into the closet, or to the next room. It simply disappears.

On Chanukah we light candles. We start with one candle, enough for the initial expulsion of darkness. Each day we add a candle, going a step further in brightening our lives, until the light reaches its ultimate goal: to completely dispel the darkness.

Every year on Chanukah we celebrate the great triumph of the Macabees, led by the brave Judah the Macabee, over the mighty Greek army which had invaded the Holy Land of Israel, threatening to prevent the Jews from practicing their traditions.

After a courageous fight, the Macabean army, small and weak as they were, prevailed with the help of G-d, over the enemy. The victory is a symbol of a small glimmer of light being triumphant over a great darkness—which at the time seemed to be in command. With the notion that darkness is but the lack of light, the victory

Community Chanukah Events

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❖ Outdoor Chanukah Festival

Witness the lighting of a giant ice menorah by a special guest. Enjoy live family entertainment, prize drawings, hot chocolate, Chanukah donuts, latkes, chocolate gelt and dreidels, Chanukah family film, and lots of holiday cheer for the whole family.

❖ Chanukah Story Hour and Olive Press Workshop

Join us at Reston Regional Library for Chanukah story time. Have your kids spellbound as they make their own oil at our famous Olive Oil Workshop. All little artists can test their skills with a Chanukah craft. Enjoy Chanukah treats and much more, Thursday, Dec. 13 from 4:15-5:15 p.m., at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston.

All events are free. Reservations are available at www.chabadrh.org.

was easily attainable.

In a world where G-dliness—and goodness for that matter is, say, not on the top of everyone's prioritized agenda, one may feel at times that darkness is, in fact, prevailing. It may seem that the mundane is sometimes taking more precedence on our daily lives and directing our everyday activities. To combat the darkness, we must remember it is but an absence of light. We must light that small candle, bring that little bit of G-dliness, or goodness, back into our lives and the world around us.

Once we begin with the tiny

flame within us, the process of ridding the world of darkness will increase, until we will be able to bask in the ultimate light of goodness, decency and harmony.

It is my hope and prayer that all our combined efforts to publicize the message and inspiration of Chanukah—of light over might, decency and freedom over darkness and oppression, unites all people and brings us one step closer to an age where there is only peace and respect among of all of G-d's children.

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NEWSPAPERS



The townspeople hold a funeral for one of their residents during Herndon High School's production of "Brigadoon," which starts Nov. 30.



Fiona (played by Molly Nuss) and Tommy (played by Paul Morgan) struggle with their feelings for each other during a scene in Herndon High School's production of "Brigadoon."

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Herndon High Performs 'Brigadoon'

Theater department puts on annual fall musical.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

For many cast members in the Herndon High School Theatre Department, the musical "Brigadoon" wasn't a familiar title to them. The story of two New Yorkers who stumble upon a mystical disappearing Scottish village features one of the young men, Tommy, who falls in love with one of the town's residents, only to be confronted by the fact that the town only appears once every hundred years.

"It's sort of a classic that nobody knows about," said senior Molly Nuss, who plays Fiona, the woman Tommy falls in love with.

Nuss says she really enjoyed the reality of her character, who despite being trapped in a village that only appears once a century, has plenty of depth.

"She shows an entire range of emotion throughout the play, she's sassy and fiery, but also very serious. Her character is very relatable," she said. "Throughout much of the play, she seems to wear a mask, before coming out as she really is."

Senior Paul Morgan, who plays Tommy, says he was familiar with the 1954 film starring Gene Kelly, who is his favorite actor.

"The love songs are really great, they range from confusion, to Tommy finding a direction, only to lose it again," he said. "From a performance standpoint it's the most demanding role I've played, a lot of singing and dancing, but it's also the best role I've played."

NEW YORKERS Tommy and Jeff, played by senior Chris Hrozencik,



Paul Morgan, in the role of Tommy, is haunted by the loss of Fiona, during the Herndon High School production of "Brigadoon," opening Nov. 30.

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find themselves surrounded by a town full of people trapped in the past. Hrozencik's character is a sardonic drinker that tries to keep Tommy grounded, even as he becomes more infatuated with Fiona.

"He was definitely a fun character to play, he's older and a drunk, but there are scenes, particularly at the end, where there are comic moments that also show the true reality of his character," he said.

Hrozencik isn't the only actor who plays a character vastly different from himself. Senior Amy Freeman plays Meg Brockie, a lovestruck woman who chases Jeff

for much of the play.

"She's so flighty and promiscuous, it was fun to put myself into the role, that's what acting is all about," she said. "I love the song at the end of the first act, 'The Love of My Life,' where she reflects on how strange her love life is. And the whole time she's chasing Jeff, he's so dismissive, but she couldn't care less."

The students stay true to the play, speaking in thick Scottish accents throughout the play, and wearing the tartan attire and petticoats that are Scotland's signature.



From left, New Yorkers Tommy, played by senior Paul Morgan and Jeff, played by senior Chris Hrozencik, discuss the town of Brigadoon in the Herndon High School production of "Brigadoon," starting Nov. 30.

Like most of Herndon's musicals, this one features accompaniment from a pit orchestra, also students at Herndon High School.

"The orchestra helps add power and emotion to the scenes, and that's something we can draw on as actors," Nuss said.

Senior Megan Overton, who plays the role of Jean, said the process of learning a completely new musical was very rewarding.

"Once we started doing research, seeing the movie and learning the songs, it was really a fun process. Once it all starts com-

ing together, with the great costumes and the set pieces, it just adds a whole new energy," she said. "We're so lucky to be able to have the pit orchestra performing, a lot of schools don't have that opportunity."

"BRIGADOON" will be performed at the Herndon High School auditorium Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.herndonadrama.org.

ENTERTAINMENT

Send announcements to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 29

The Early History of Reston—Translating the Dream to Reality. 7-9 p.m., at the Jo Ann Rose Gallery at the Reston Community Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. A panel of early Reston-marketing experts present a program on the origins of Reston, the nation's first large-scale planned community. 703-709-7700, restonmuseum@gmail.com or www.restonmuseum.org.

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Reston Lions Club Annual Citrus Sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at the club's trailer at Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza N, Reston. Fresh Florida navel oranges, pink grapefruit, tangelos and gourmet peanuts, Vermont cheese and Ohio Buckeye Chocolates available; purchase proceeds benefit sight and hearing programs in Reston-Herndon area (eyeglasses hearing aids also accepted for recycling). www.RestonLions.org.

Artist-led Creativity Challenge. 7-10 p.m., at GRACE, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. Work in teams with limited materials to design unique, nature-based creations inspired by artworks in the current CAIRNS: Works by Pam Rogers exhibit; beverages and light snack included. \$10 per person for members and residents of Small District 5; \$20, non-members/non-



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residents. www.restonarts.org/AdultPrograms.htm.

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Holiday Homes Tour of Herndon.

10 a.m.-4 p.m., at various homes in Reston. Tour Herndon homes in high holiday fashion—tickets available at Herndon Florist, ArtSpace, and Herndon Community Center. \$15 in advance; \$20 day of. 703-435-6800 ext. 2222 or facebook.com/holidayhomestour.

Winter Open House. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Glass harpist

Jamey Turner plays while shoppers look for crafts from the Council for the Arts of Herndon; refreshments courtesy of the Fortnightly Club and Friends of the Herndon Library. 703-437-8855 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

Amadeus Concerts: Gloria. 4 p.m., at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Sacred and secular holiday seasonal favorites make a varied, festive concert. \$30. www.amadeusconcerts.com.

The Reston Choral: The Wonder of the Season. 4 p.m., 7:30 p.m., at RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Gloria presented with chorus, organ, brass and percussion—the 90-vocie chorus also performs excerpts of Handel's Judas Maccabeus and popular holiday favorites. \$25, adults; seniors and youth ages 16-18, \$20; youth under 15, free. 7003-436-1111 or www.restonchorale.org.

Global Campfire 2012. 4-6 p.m., at the Walker Center Fire Ring on Soapstone Road between Glade and Lawyers Roads, Reston. An awareness event featuring group sing-along, camp games, marshmallow roasting, a campfire, music from Ashleigh Cevalier and welcome from Global Camps Africa Founder Phil Lillenthal; bring chairs, blankets and flashlights for your group. www.GlobalCampsAfrica.org.

Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides. 4-9 p.m., at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. Enjoy carriage rides through Reston Town Center with pick up location on Market Street next to Talbots and all proceeds benefitting local non-profit organization. \$5; children under 5 free.

Holiday Tree Lighting and Sing-

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Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce 30th Anniversary Celebration. 7-11 p.m., at The Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Dr., Reston. The entire community gets down to commemorate three decades of service and leadership in the Dulles corridor with the help of valet service, South Lakes High School's string quartet, dance band Diamond Alley, a silent auction, photo booth and an open bar with Ice Luge; sponsorships available. \$135-175. 703-707-9045 or <http://www.restonchamber.org/events/eventdetail.aspx?EventID=947>.

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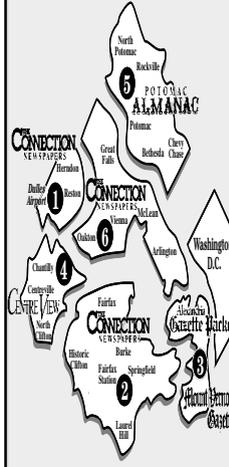
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Pay Now, Bye Later



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Contrary to last week's column, if I do pay for it now (things I can't afford), then I'll be so in debt later that I may end up saying "bye" anyway - from the stress of it. And if that were to happen; dying with a smile on my face, so to speak, would I be truly better off now anticipating that later was not going to be my problem? Do I want to be a modern day version of George Raft, the American actor from the 1930s and 40s best known for his portrayals of mobsters, who said about his Hollywood money: "I must have gone through \$10 million during my career. Part of the loot went for gambling, part for horses and part for women. The rest I spent foolishly."

My problem is that I don't want to spend my money foolishly, just in case I continue to outlive my original prognosis. There's plenty of things I can afford to do without, but money unfortunately is not one of them. The real question, to me, is: do I want to take responsibility for my own actions (lifestyle choices, purchases, miscellaneous financial commitments) and live within my means, or do I want to spend selfishly, live my life and let the chips - or rather bills, fall where they may? After all, eventually (if you know what I mean?), payment may be difficult to collect. And given the fact that as a stage IV lung cancer patient, I am considered "terminal," which means my best years may be behind me, don't I have enough problems at present whereby I shouldn't worry too much about what happens later (somebody else's problem by then)? Then again, if I do pay now, surely there would be a sense of satisfaction/sense of accomplishment, but would paying for any of it (or all of it) now compromise my future? Need I be overly concerned about later when the ship I'm presently steering is listing and taking on water?

Stress hardly provides aid and comfort when imposed on a cancer patient and more so than on an able-bodied, non-terminal man or woman. Finding that balance between what I need today to get me to tomorrow, versus what I need tomorrow to get me through today, is the axis on which that bane of my existence turns. Do I indulge myself? Do I deprive myself? Do I live like there are plenty of tomorrows? Or do I live like tomorrows are in short supply? Do I reach for the brass ring (on the Merry-go-round of life, metaphorically speaking) or do I saddle a real horse and ride off into the sunset? Is time on my side or is it running down my leg?

Unfortunately, there's nothing that I can do today to guarantee me a tomorrow. I have cancer. However, living recklessly, irresponsibly, selfishly may in an awkward way get me through today easier than if I towed the typical Kenny-type line (I'm funny, but I'm not fun). Nevertheless, I keep coming back to an emotional instinct I have: I don't want to give up on myself or my future and paying now assures that I won't. I do plenty of pretending but I'm not going to pretend that I'm the reincarnation of George Raft (besides, he was also an excellent dancer, which I'm not). He may have known what he was doing; I'm not really sure I do.

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We Are the World, at Garfield

Teachers discuss challenges of teaching English as a Second Language.

BY MICHELLE KAIN
THE CONNECTION

Garfield Elementary School in Springfield, like all of Fairfax County, has a population that reflects a wide range of backgrounds. With 33 languages spoken, the school's ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) program has had to expand. The school has a first grade class of 60 students, 58 of whom are ESOL students ranging from levels one through four.

Jane Cofie-Raczko, who has been a teacher for the past 13 years, teaches one of three first grade classes in which all 20 of the students have English as a second language.

The majority of these students are from Hispanic or Middle Eastern backgrounds and common languages include Spanish, Arabic, Urdu, Farsi, Korean, Chinese and Vietnamese. The challenges involved with teaching these students depend on their proficiency with the English language.

"For students who speak almost no English, it can be difficult to communicate to the students that you want them to succeed and that you are there to help them. It can also be difficult to get the students to ask for help, mostly due to their lack of confidence in their speaking ability. For students with a better knowledge of the social language, it can be tough to give them a similarly strong academic language. Add the already difficult material to learning English for the first time and it can be very challenging," said Cofie-Raczko.

"The success of the students with the curriculum and their preparedness for middle and high school depends on the schooling they received in their home country as well as when they enrolled



Jane Cofie-Raczko gives her first grade class the details regarding their upcoming test.

at Garfield," said Rozi Khakpour, an ESOL teacher at Garfield Elementary.

Students who have attended Garfield from the start get the opportunity to develop oral language at an early age through programs such as Lunch and Bunch in which kindergartners with English as a second language meet twice a week to have lunch and practice this important skill.

The program, along with others, have proven to be successful as "students who have been at Garfield since kindergarten often exceed in high school and earn positions on the honor roll," Khakpour said.

"Another thing that has proven to be helpful," said Kirsten Howard, another first grade teacher, "is Garfield's social curriculum." This social curriculum, which concentrates on teaching students cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy, and self-control, has given students a greater awareness outside themselves and has helped them in middle in high school as demonstrated by their willingness to take on leadership positions.



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FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION

'Hidden Curriculum'

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of being Italian." Dalila carried that warning with her when she entered Marshall. The dire warning turned out to have no basis at her new school. "When I tell people here I'm Italian, they say, 'oh, I love Italy' and then, I'm so relieved. Yes, I am proud to say I'm Italian here."

In Italy, it was always school and studying through late evening, Dalila said. She had no social life there.

"When I came here, it was such a relief," she said. "I was so happy I finally had time for myself."

Millan Mbise, from Tanzania, was pleasantly surprised by the degree of interaction between students and teachers. Teachers are less approachable than in the U.S. Millan, whose native language is Swahili, grew up speaking English,

up their native language.

"Studies show that bilingual students do better academically."

Bloom said the school helps newly-immigrated students to transition by embracing the families as they enter the school. Relationship-building is how he refers to the partnership. "When you establish that relationship with new families from other countries, you get rid of a lot of hurdles. When you do that, the families feel valued and a part of the Freedom Hill family. We have students learning from one another simply from their exposure to each other."

The children of Freedom Hill Elementary School are so accustomed to establishing relationships within the classroom, they don't recognize barriers, Bloom said. "It's a representation of the world."

Bloom refers to the school's di-

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— Scott Bloom, Freedom Hill principal

as well. English is compulsory in the schools, and, Millan calls it the "unofficial" language of Tanzania.

Millan is bused from Marshall daily to Falls Church High School for a class in "pharmacy technology." He learned what he wanted to do with his life while living here and attending an American school. He wants to be a pharmacist some day.

FREEDOM HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL feeds into the Marshall pyramid. Like Marshall, Freedom Hill is the world in microcosm. There are more than 42 languages spoken in the students' homes and the children of Freedom Hill represent more than 53 countries. Some Freedom Hill students are from diplomatic families, already bilingual or multilingual with English exposure. Others are new to English. The school, through its many ESOL levels, works with these students to help them adapt to English.

"Within the realm of school, the kids are held accountable to communicate in the English language," said first-year Freedom Hill principal Scott Bloom. As the kids interact with their peers, they pick up English.

"I like to think we also recognize the importance of kids having that dual-language skill," Bloom said. "We want them to learn English, but, we don't want them to give

versity as a "hidden curriculum."

"There's so much value in having a school where children from all over the world can come together," Bloom said. "You set the stage for the children to share their history, backgrounds, culture, and experiences. "There's so much power in bringing all these different cultures together that I think it's justified to call it a hidden curriculum."

"The kids don't even know they're learning from this diversity."

Marshall's roundtable students eager to discuss their new lives all said that school life is more pressured in their native countries with little opportunities within the school system to learn nonacademic things. Schools do not promote extracurricular activities as they do here.

"Students are pushed by their parents to excel academically in Malaysia," Kasthury said. "Many of these kids commit suicide. They're told, 'if you're not the best, you'll never succeed.'"

Amber Holder has found a multitude of extracurricular activities to engage in. In Panama, there was only a single option. Here, she said, she's involved with the marching band, the literary magazine and other programs. "In Panama, you have to find one place to fit in. But, here, you can fit in in many places."

Oakton Football Wins Northern Region Championship

Cougars beat Westfield for first region title since 2008.

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THE CONNECTION

After a 6-0 start, the Oakton football team's 2012 season nearly derailed during a four-game losing streak. Doubt started to creep in after a 49-28 defeat against Centreville in the regular season finale on Nov. 2. The Cougars finished fifth in the six-team Concorde District and went a month without tasting victory. Oakton managed to qualify for the playoffs, but how long would the Cougars last?

"To be honest, we did lose the faith," Oakton senior Andy Boone said. "I think we lost the faith when we lost to Centreville, because that was such a heart-wrenching loss. . . . They just ran all over us [and] we couldn't do anything in the second half on offense. It felt like some of the guys were down and we just didn't know what to do. Some of the kids were getting ready to go back to basketball season."

Oakton would enter regionals as a low seed, meaning the Cougars would face a tough opponent in the quarterfinals.

"First, we thought we were going to play Westfield and all the kids on the team were bummed," Boone said. "We thought we were going to be out of the playoffs."

Instead, No. 7 Oakton was matched against No. 2 Lake Braddock, the team which knocked the Cougars out of the 2011 playoffs. With a chance for revenge as motivation, Oakton won, 20-13, on Nov. 9—the Cougars' first win in 35 days. The following week, Oakton edged No. 3 Centreville, 14-13, in the semifinals on Nov. 16.

On Nov. 24, Oakton traveled to face top-seed Westfield with the region title on the line. While the Cougars might have been intimidated by the undefeated Bulldogs at the start of the postseason, a confident Oakton team took the field on Saturday and brought home a banner.

OAKTON DEFEATED WESTFIELD, 23-16, in the Division 6 Northern Region football final at Westfield High School, continuing a considerable turnaround for the Cougars. Oakton rebounded from a four-game losing streak to beat the top three seeds en route to the Cougars' first region championship since 2008.

"Just looking back on our season," quarterback Kyle Downer said Saturday, "it's amazing how we got here."

Downer had another big game for Oakton, carrying 18 times for 119 yards and a touchdown, and completing four of 10 passes for 53 yards and two scores. He also intercepted a pass on defense. Downer's 3-yard touchdown run with 37 seconds remaining in the second quarter gave the Cougars a lead they would not relinquish.

Oakton led 13-7 at halftime and, after a scoreless third quarter, took a two-possession lead on Brian Burns' 31-yard field goal with 9:08 remaining in the fourth. Burns missed an extra-point attempt earlier in the game, but head coach Jason Rowley didn't lose faith in his kicker, saying the missed PAT was a result of the wind.

"I've got all the confidence in the world in Brian," Rowley said. "He did a great job today."

Burns' field goal gave Oakton a 16-7 lead. Westfield fumbled on its next offensive play and Oakton's



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Oakton quarterback Kyle Downer threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score against Westfield in the Division 6 Northern Region football final on Nov. 24.

Daniel Mansfield scooped up the ball and returned it to the Bulldogs 10-yard line. Four plays later, Downer connected with Boone for a four-yard touchdown on fourth-and-goal, helping give the Cougars a 23-7 advantage with 6:31 remaining. Westfield would score a touchdown and add a late field goal, but it wasn't enough.

Boone finished with four receptions for 53 yards and two touchdowns. He also had 22 rushing yards on three carries.

"It feels like a relief," Boone said of winning the region title. "I've been in probably nine championships in my life and I've never won one before, so just to win a championship feels amazing—just that weight lifted off your shoulder."

Westfield defeated Oakton during the regular season, 28-14, on Oct. 19. The Cougars totaled 401 yards of offense, but had trouble finishing drives. Oakton ran 19 plays after reaching the Westfield 30-yard line, but managed just one touchdown. The Cougars' other score came on a 35-yard run.

ON SATURDAY, Oakton scored four of the five times it had the ball inside the Westfield 30, including three touchdowns.

"It was all about finishing drives," Rowley said. "It felt like in the first time we played them that we could get the ball to the 30 and then we'd get stifled and couldn't put the ball in the end zone. Since that game, we've really talked about finishing drives on offense."

After a scoreless first quarter, Oakton took the lead when Downer hit Boone with a 21-yard touchdown pass with 7:30 remaining in the second. Trailing 7-0, it didn't take Westfield long to respond. Devon Burns returned the ensuing kickoff to the Oakton 30-yard line and running back Dalaun Richardson carried the ball into the end zone on Westfield's next play from scrimmage.

Oakton countered with an 11-play, 80-yard drive, capped by Downer's 3-yard touchdown run. Westfield wouldn't score again until quarterback Chris Mullins crossed the goal line on a 1-yard sneak with 1:31 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Richardson rushed for 117 yards and a touchdown for Westfield.

With the victory, Oakton advanced to the state playoffs. The Cougars will host L.C. Bird at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1 in the semifinals. L.C. Bird, the Central Region champion, is undefeated.

SPORTS BRIEFS



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Marshall's Mackenzie Haight, seen at the VHSL state meet, competed at the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships South Regional on Nov. 24.

Marshall's Haight Competes in Regional Championships

Marshall junior Mackenzie Haight, who earned all-state this year, competed at the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships South Regional on Nov. 24 in Charlotte, N.C. He finished 49th with a time of 15:46 in the seeded boys' race. The top 10 finishers qualified for nationals on Dec. 8 in San Diego.

Haight finished 10th at the VHSL state meet with a time of 15:52 on Nov. 17 at Great Meadow.

Chantilly senior Sean McGorty won the Foot Locker regional meet with course-record time of 14:28.

In the girls' race, three Northern Virginia harriers qualified for nationals. Lake Braddock senior Sophie Chase won the event with a time of 17:05. West Springfield junior Caroline Alcorta placed eight with a time of 17:19 and Oakton sophomore Allie Klimkiewicz was ninth with a time of 17:29.

Athletes from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia competed in the meet.

Herndon Field Hockey Players Honored

Herndon sophomore forward Sofia Palacios earned first-team All-Northern Region honors for the 2012 season. Senior defender/midfielder Sarah Betti and sophomore midfielder Taylor Stone were named second team all-region.

Betti, Palacios and Stone also received first-team All-Concorde District honors for the 2012 season.

Junior midfielder Rachel Delmontagne, senior defender Annie Kelley and junior goalkeeper Sarah Suter and junior midfielder Katherine Wilson were named to the second team.

Herndon Boys' Basketball Home Opener

The Herndon boys' basketball team will face West Potomac in its home opener at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30.

Langley Boys' Basketball Season Opener

The Langley boys' basketball team will face Centreville for its season opener at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29 at South Lakes High School. The following night, Langley will face Oakton at 5:30 p.m. at South Lakes. The Saxons' home opener is Dec. 14 against South Lakes.

South Lakes Boys' Basketball to Open Season

The South Lakes boys' basketball team will open the 2012-13 season with a home game against Oakton at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29. The following night, the Seahawks will host Centreville at 7 p.m.

Put the Zip on Homelessness

Second Annual Jeans Day Campaign to End Homelessness launches.

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce (Fairfax Chamber), in partnership with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, The Connection Newspapers and Apple Federal Credit Union, has announced the Second Annual Jeans Day to Put the ZIP on Homelessness (jeansday2012.eventbrite.com).

On Jeans Day 2012—Friday, Dec. 14—businesses, county agencies, non-profit organizations and civic and faith-based groups in Northern Virginia will allow employees or members to wear jeans to work or gatherings in exchange for a \$5 contribution to End Homelessness. Last year, more than 100 employers, representing 3,000 employees, participated in the initiative.

Twenty-two organizations, representing nearly 2,000 employees, have already signed up to participate in Jeans Day 2012, including:

- ❖ City of Fairfax Regional Library
- ❖ CPS Professional Services, LLC
- ❖ Ernst & Young
- ❖ Fairfax County Department of Housing
- ❖ Fairfax County Department of Human Resources
- ❖ Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood & Community Services
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- ❖ Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness
- ❖ Fairfax County Retirement Administration Agency
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- ❖ Reston Association
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- ❖ WSP Environment & Energy

"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. "Northern Virginia businesses step up every day to support our community in many ways, but we're especially excited about this opportunity because it's a chance for employees to get involved directly."

"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 Homelessness. Everyone is in need of some type of help at one point in time or another. Now, we need

Partners

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce (Fairfax Chamber), the Voice of Business in Northern Virginia™, represents more than 625 member companies with nearly 500,000 employees throughout the region. Since 1925, the chamber has been working to build a strong business community by providing unparalleled access to business development & thought leadership opportunities; professional development & mentoring; and business advocacy and strategic community partnerships. Learn more at www.fairfaxchamber.org.

In 2008, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors established a 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) to manage, coordinate and monitor day-to-day implementation of the community's plan. A governing board governs the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness and along with OPEH engages community partners from nonprofits, businesses, the faith-based community, and county agencies in its efforts to implement the 10-Year Plan. More information is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless.

The Connection Newspapers, an award winning group of 15 weekly newspapers and online sites in Northern Virginia, reaches more than 170,000 home and business readers every week. The Connection is a winner of the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service for coverage of homelessness. The Connection provides targeted marketing tailored to individual business objectives, including print, web and social media. Visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com. Free digital subscriptions are available at www.connectionnewspapers.com/subscribe.

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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," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova.

"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."

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. The majority of people without homes in our community are children and working families. Homelessness affects everyone, with social and economic costs to the community, including increased public costs for medical care and education.

Interested organizations can register to participate in the initiative any time between now and Dec. 14, and can do so at <http://jeansday2012.eventbrite.com>.

More information about homelessness in Fairfax County, and the partnership to end it, is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/>.

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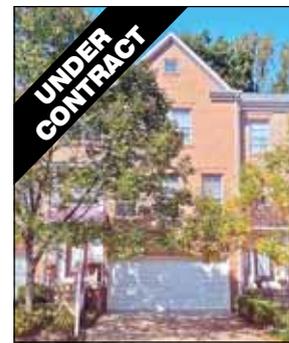


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