

News

Celebrating Holi at Meredith College

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Meredith College's Interfaith Council sponsored its very own Holi Festival on Monday, March 17. All around the world, people welcomed spring by celebrating Holi, an annual Hindu festival that has mythological, cultural, and social significance marking the coming of spring.

Rain and ice did not stop students from coming together and learning about Hindu culture. Karishma Patel, a Hindu student at Meredith, kicked off the festival by explaining what Holi is. Then students said good bye to winter by filling the air with green, blue, red, orange, and yellow powders as Indian music played in the background. Students

not only got to participate in a traditional Hindu Festival they also enjoyed traditional Indian cuisine from Kabob and Curry a new Indian restaurant on Hillsborough Street.

The Interfaith Council held a meeting to help students learn more about Hinduism. They also brought in a local author to discuss Hinduism from the perspective of an interfaith Christian-Hindu marriage. The series of Hindu focused events ended with the celebrating of Holi.

Holi is a fun holiday that helps bring people together and helps strengthen a community's bond. If you missed out on these local festivities, you still have an opportunity to participate in UNC Chapel Hill's Festival of Color.



via Jenny Gerardo, staff writer

Turbulence and Violence Ensues in Crimea

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On March 21, Russian President Vladimir Putin annexed Crimea, stirring international controversy. CNN explained that from the vantage point of both the United States and the European Union, the actions taken by Russia for allowing Crimea to join the Russian Federation was a direct violation of international law. By March 18, Putin had signed a treaty that welcomed Crimea as a part of the Russian Federation. This annexation was not received well by Crimeans and Russians, as the legality of the matter was also questioned by citizens and observers abroad. According to BBC, prior to the March 21 annexation, 97% of Crimeans reportedly backed a union with Russia.

The crisis itself though has been brewing since November 2013. A series of tumultuous events have followed this occurrence, including violent protests and the removal of the now former Ukrainian President, Viktor Yanukovich. The annexation of Crimea has only exacerbated the uncertainty and violence within Europe. The issue of territoriality comes to

the forefront, as Crimea had been a part of the Ukraine since the 1950s.

The United States and the European Union have issued sanctions designed to freeze assets and affect a number of Russian and Ukrainian officials with close ties to Putin. And despite the acquisition of an entire country, Russia now faces economic issues larger than the sanctions made clear by President Obama, which may have adverse effects upon Russia's foreign trade system. Leading up to the crisis, Russia's already weak economy was further damaged by foreign investors with the removal of money from Russian banks and corporations. The economic sanctions resulted in two prominent credit card companies, Visa and MasterCard, to no longer service two Russian banks, and even dropped the value of the Russian stock market.

According to CNN, Ukrainian interim President Oleksander Turchynov recently ordered that the armed forces residing in Crimea be removed immediately. This breaking of protectorate status in Crimea signals not only the divide from Crimea, but also the disruption of a nation in need of political resolution.



via rt.com

Washington Mudslide Increases outside Assistance

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The recent mudslide in Washington has caused alarm amongst citizens. Because of the severity of the mudslide, outside help has been reinforced to help clean up the damage. According to NPR, the National Guard has been recruited to help search for any possible survivors of the incident.

The statistics for the rural incident have been reported as 14 dead and multiple people missing. The National Guard is continuing their search for 176 potentially missing persons. President Obama recently gave commentary on the situation, stating that "We hope for the best, but we recognize this is a tough situation."

Flight MH370 Investigation Concluded

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Najib Razak, the Prime Minister of Malaysia, announced on Monday that according to the calculations of international experts, Flight MH370 crashed into the Indian Ocean, reports BBC News. It is believed all the passengers are dead. Malaysian Airlines's Flight MH370 to Beijing, China took off from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on March 8. Less than an hour later, Ma-

laysian air traffic control lost contact with the plane.

According to BBC News, the last contact was via military radar that plotted the plane away from its intended course. Since March 8, authorities from all over the world have been searching for the plane, and after reviewing recent satellite data, came to the conclusion that it had crashed into the Indian Ocean.

Richardson Found Guilty on All Counts

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On March 25, Jonathan Douglas Richardson was found guilty of all charges relating to the sexual and physical abuse and the murder of Meghan Skiba that occurred in July, 2010. Skiba was Richardson's former girlfriend's four-year-old daughter. According to WRAL, Richardson was convicted of murder, kidnapping, and sexual offense, all in the first degree, as

well as felony child abuse. Prosecutors said that Richardson repeatedly satisfied his "sadistic desires" by tormenting, torturing and terrorizing the girl for 10 days in a shed behind his grandparents' home.

Skiba later died three days after admission to UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill from blunt force trauma to the head. The jury will now decide if Richardson should receive the death penalty, which will occur on March 26.

An advertisement for a dual master's degree program. It features the logos of NC State University, Poole College of Management, and the Jenkins Graduate School. The text highlights the 'Dual Master Degree Program' in Global Luxury Management, offered by The Strategic Business Foundation for the Global Luxury Market. It lists benefits such as 'Essential Learning', 'Real-world Industry Involvement', and 'Applied Curriculum'. It also mentions '2 Masters Degrees in 1 Year' and provides the website URL: HTTP://POOLE.NCSU.EDU/MGLM.