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From left: Edward Duff and brothers Spencer and Luke Neyland check out a vendor’s bows and arrows.

From left: Sisters Kassidy Wolf, 4, Kirra Wolf, 7 and Emma Anderson, 10, drum up cookie sales.

The Thornton siblings (from left) Saniya, 7, Devin, 5 and Savina, 6, visited the face painter.

Clifton’s Julia Nash, 18 months, rides in a canopy-covered wagon.

Sarah Beard (left) and Jessica Dickinson sell lemon sticks at the Boy Scouts’ booth.

Elizabeth Aramayo (left), 13, learns to make pottery from Tammy Ratliff.
What's in a Name?

Virginia legislators work with Korean American groups to push for “East Sea” in textbooks.

By Victoria Ross

Virginia’s gubernatorial candidates Ken Cuccinelli (R) and Terry McAuliffe (D) may be light years apart on most issues, but on one issue they’ve reached a consensus.

Last month, they both pledged support to Virginia’s growing population of Korean Americans to use the dual names of “East Sea” and “Sea of Japan” to denote the body of water between Korea and Japan in Virginia’s textbooks. Koreans view the “Sea of Japan” as a legacy of Japanese colonial rule.

Currently, more than 2.5 million Korean Americans reside in the U.S. and nearly 150,000 of them live in Virginia.

“As governor, going forward, I will wholeheartedly support the effort to have our textbooks and other teaching materials reflect the concurrent names as we pursue education excellence in Virginia,” Cuccinelli wrote in a Sept. 16 letter to the Korean Community of Virginia.

Virginia’s textbooks only use Sea of Japan, which Koreans view as a legacy of Japanese colonial rule.

From left—Jung Ki Un, chairman of Voice of Korean Americans (VOKA), State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37), and Peter Kim, president of Voice of Korean Americans (VoKA). In January, Kim formed VOKA to promote the use of “the East Sea,” contending the naming dispute is critical to Korean Americans for a number of reasons.

“The entire Korean-American community in Virginia is very concerned about the situation, particularly related to educating Korean-American children about their heritage that is currently not recognized by the state,” Kim said.

“The effort is gaining momentum in Virginia,” Marsden said, noting the “East Sea” Bill will require all future textbooks purchased by the Virginia Public Schools of Education to do so.

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Complete the Circle Oct. 27

Our Daily Bread hosting food and toiletries collections, community event.

By Steve Hibbard

Our Daily Bread in Fairfax is hosting its third-annual “Complete the Circle” food-collection campaign and community event on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Fairfax High School practice field.

“We’d like to raise 10,000 pounds of food,” said Jennifer Rose, 40, development manager with Our Daily Bread.

Some 28 different groups will be participating as teams, including local Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and church groups. Already, 600 people have signed up for this year.

Organizers are asking that people bring $10-$20 food gift cards, non-perishable food, canned goods and toiletries, which will be distributed to needy families through Food for Others food bank, serving the entire county.

During the afternoon, hundreds of volunteers will gather for a “living picture,” photographed from high above by Daniel Dancer of “Art for the Sky?” at the field at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. The outer part of the circle will be comprised of food donations.

“I’m excited about completing the circle because it raises awareness about food insecurity in the most affluent of counties in the country,” said Rose, who commutes from Warrenton.

The cost is $5 to participate and includes a T-shirt. The event includes a pizza by Donatos Pizza, Whole Foods goodies and drinks. Entertainment will be provided by the children’s band, School of Rock, with face painting and fun activities geared towards children.

Corporate sponsors include: Apple Federal Credit Union, Virginia Heritage Bank and Bowman Consulting.

In the first year, 700 people attended, bringing 2,500 pounds of food. In the second year, 700 people attended, bringing 4,800 pounds of food; and contributing $5,000.

“Complete the Circle is a way to bring the community together to help fight hunger by hosting food donations, food gift cards and toiletries,” said Chris Garris, food manager of ODB. “We started a program called ‘Food Bridge,’ and are trying to help clients become more self-sufficient by offering food gift cards because they can make their own choices.”

The program targets 60 families undergoing financial hardships by offering food, toiletries and gift cards for four months. In 2012, ODB provided food assistance to 287 families for four months. The families can stay with the program for six months if they are mentored by ODB volunteers, and nine months with “Project Bridge” to help them get back on their feet again. After they complete the program, new families are rotated in the system.

According to a June 11 study by “Feeding America,” there are more than 76,000 people in affluent Fairfax County who are “food insecure,” meaning they do not know where their next meal will be coming from.

Non-perishables Needed

Canned sweet potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, beans (pinto, kidney, black, etc.), chili, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, mashed potatoes, cereal, crackers, pasta, rice, mac & cheese, peanut butter, canned meats.

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Needed toiletries can be cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, baby wipes, shampoo, toothpaste and tooth brushes, soap and deodorant.

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Military Spouse Career Summit 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Mary M. Gates Learning Center, 701 N Fairfax St., Alexandria. An interactive professional development and employment education event supports military spouses in entrepreneurship, federal employment and other sectors of the workforce. The first annual Military Spouse Small Works Art Exhibition will be held in conjunction with the career summit. [http://www.milspousesummit.com/press-2](http://www.milspousesummit.com/press-2).

**SUNDAY/OCT. 20**

Flu Shot Clinic and Lunch, 12:15 p.m., at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6007 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Free lunch precedes the flu shot clinic, $30 or use Medicare Part B (for ages 4 and up). 703-971-5151, admin@franconiaumc.org or [http://www.franconiaumc.org](http://www.franconiaumc.org).

**WEDNESDAY/OCT. 23**

Moms on the Run, 10-11:30 a.m., at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Careleigh Parkway, Springfield. Mom Liz Bryant shares her Christian perspective on the origins of Halloween and why she chose homeschooling, providing a general discourse of living as first generation Americans.

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THURSDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 24-25
Meal Program Volunteers Needed.
5:30 p.m. delivery Friday, 6:30 p.m. preparation Thursday, at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. A group of churches that serves a nutritious bagged meal to homeless people living in the woods, their vehicles, and in motels along the Route One corridor between North Kings Highway and the Fairfax County Parkway in Alexandria. All ages can help prepare and assemble the bag lunches and assist in delivery. www.franconiaumc.org.

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Bake and Craft Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Lorton Senior Center, 7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton. Browse 30 local artists, crafters and a terrific bake sale; bakers and crafters needed, reserve space now. 703-550-7195.

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Voter Identification

Virginia’s existing voter ID requirements will change in July 2014. A law requiring photo identification at the polls was signed into law in May 2013. This new photo identification requirement will not take effect until July 1, 2014. The current law allows for the acceptance of all identification documents listed here.

When you arrive at your polling place, a voting official will verify that your name is on the registration list. Voters will be asked to present one valid form of identification. It can be any of the following: Virginia voter registration card; Virginia driver’s license; military ID; any Federal, Virginia state or local government issued ID; employer issued photo ID card; concealed handgun permit; valid Virginia student ID; current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter; Social Security card.

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Check what is on your ballot at http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/

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• Help renovate 22 schools including 17 elementary schools, two middle schools (Thirteenth and Rocky Run) and three high schools (Langley, Herndon and Oakton).
• Buy land for the South West County High School
• Enhance the capacity of Westfield Elementary and South Lakes High School
• Replace or improve infrastructure, such as roofs, major mechanical systems and parking lots.


Vote Now

From now until Saturday, Nov. 2, you can vote absentee in person for a variety of reasons, but you must sign a form affirming that you do qualify. Almost everyone with a job in Northern Virginia qualifies for one particular reason, however; your work plus commute time would be 11 hours or more between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Other reasons include planned travel, pregnancy, illness or disability, being a student out of area and more. Voters can also vote absentee by mail. It’s worth looking at the absentee ballot application online before going to vote absentee in person: http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/ABApplication.pdf.

In Fairfax County, you can vote at Fairfax County Governmental Center or any one of seven “satellite” voting locations. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22033

Saturdays: Oct. 19, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday-Friday, Oct. 14-Nov. 1, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Satellite locations are in Fairfax County are also open for absentee in person voting: Sat- urdays: Oct. 19, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday-Friday: Beginning Oct. 15-Nov. 1, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

North County Human Services Building, 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, VA 20190

Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecove Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151

For more on voting absentee in Fairfax County, call 703-222-0776 or visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm.

Contact


Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-222-0776, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ehr, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Suite 232, Fairfax, VA 22035; FAX: 703-324-2205, email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

It’s Going to Take Humility

By Frank Wolf

U.S. Representative (R-VA)

I n Luke 12:48 Jesus said, “From every one who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”

The Congress and the president have been entrusted with much, namely the responsibility to govern this country.

The American people rightly expect us, regardless of party affiliation, to come together, especially during times of crisis, and find ways to get things done. They are understandably fed up with this current dysfunction, and I am too.

Each side thinks it is winning, but in reality, the country and the American people are losing. Senate Chaplain Barry Black says there’s a level of insanity involved in our current government shutdown. Asked what it would take to end the current impasse, the former Navy chaplain said, “It’s going to take humility.” Wise words.

Proverbs 16:18 says, “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.” There is too much pride poisoning this debate.

The American people should be the winner, not one party or the other, not the administration or the Congress.

Short-sighted political victories aimed at capturing the latest headline in the 24-hour news cycle will not stand the test of time, nor will they be viewed well through the lens of history, especially if on our watch the trust that must exist between elected officials and the electorate is frayed beyond repair.

For those of us who think ObamaCare is a disaster, its future will not be decided by shutting or opening of the government. The public debate surrounding ObamaCare is likely to be at the forefront heading into the mid-term elections, will play second fiddle until the government is once again operational.

It also bears mentioning, that while important, Obamacare must be placed in a larger context of the exploding national debt and deficit, and unsustainable spending and entitlement programs set against the backdrop of a public discourse bereft of civility.

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Teri Baker, of Fairfax, and her 7-week-old foster puppy, her 50th foster, are greeted by shelter volunteers. Baker has been volunteering at the shelter for eight years, and fostering puppies for five years.

Family Celebrates 50th Foster Puppy

What does the Fairfax County Animal Shelter do when it takes in an extremely young animal, one too young to adopt out? It finds a foster family willing to take on the responsibility of nurturing the sometimes days-old animal until old enough to be adopted permanently.

Recently a long-time volunteer at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, Teri Baker, of Fairfax, celebrated fostering her 50th puppy. The vast majority of those puppies are American Pit Bull Terriers — a breed surrounded by controversy and misinformation.

Baker noticed that many pit bull puppies were coming in, but few were being fostered. She saw a need and stepped in to fill it. And she says it evolved from stepping in to meet a need to something she and her husband Doug Baker absolutely love to do.

“There is a mythology that they are more aggressive than other dogs, that they bite more than ‘normal’ dogs … they’re just dogs … very smart dogs,” said Baker. She acknowledges that there are specific challenges that they incur with pit bull puppies as they working on printing and bonding with the dogs, “For example, we teach the puppies never to put their mouths on us.”

“It’s very satisfying to know in a small way we have started a lifetime of unconditional love for the adopting family and that’s what keeps us going.”

Tawny Hammond, director of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter praises Baker’s efforts and commitment, “Volunteers are the engine that drives the shelter and helps us achieve our mission. Without volunteers we couldn’t do what we need to do.”

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News

Kids Sending Smiles Around the World

Youth non-profit to hold 5K Run/Walk for Breast Cancer at Burke Lake Park

By Andrea Wiskar

The court of the 2013 Lee District Lady Citizen was in session, but there were no real surprises underway. Instead, 11-year-old Samantha Underwood and her friends were busy reminiscing about past events and planning future ones for Kids Sending Smiles (KSS)—the charitable organization her family established when a friend of Philippine ancestry told them about the conditions and the poverty, especially among young girls, in the native country. "We thought about the children's suffering," said "Queen" Samantha, "but that didn't seem to mean the same as really getting involved and doing something to help." So Samantha and a few of her elementary school friends got together, raised funds and collected donations and sent them off to a special facility for girls moving from homelessness. Doing this also quickly turned into a focus of pride, that Mrs. Underwood and company decided to take closer aims even further. With the help of their parents—a particular Mrs. Linda Underwood—Kids Sending Smiles (KSS) was founded as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit. "It brings happiness to ourselves and others by helping those in need in the United States and the world" is the official mission, and a goal that they have obviously taken to heart in the two years since they first formed.

Starting with a core group of about seven young ladies, KSS has grown to about 20 members. There are official missions—"You have to keep real records and stuff," said Samantha Wenger, one of the "originals." Any member can bring a potential project to the table.

"Then we do a blind vote," explained Katie Mackhla. "You close your eyes and raise your hand when the project you want to vote for is called. One of the adults keeps track. But whatever we pick, we all work together to make it happen." The youngest member of the group at 6 years old, homeschooled MJ’s favorite event so far was Christmas crafting at the local pool. Katie Mackhla, who attends Springfield Elementary Elementary, and Samantha Wenger, who goes to Island Creek, recalled the efforts to raise money for a rotary dog for a local toddler as high on their list. The girls held a raffle and a silent auction in April at their local Goshen Grill, even acting as servers and in community efforts toward raising the $22,000 needed to raise and train the specialized puppy.

The KSS collective have already pulled off 17 charitable projects in their short history. In addition to the suicide dog project, they have canned funds for hurricane victims, organized a winner clothing drive for those in need, made and sold jewelry and other products in a craft of the Love a Child Orphanage in Monrovia, Liberia and hand made other items for the orphans in Oklahoma. No wonder the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors honored them with a special proclamation earlier this year. Their 14th event in their most ambitious yet. On Saturday, Nov. 16, they are holding a 5K Run/ Walk for Breast Cancer at Burke Lake Park. With the help of sponsors like Metro Run and Walk, you're dedicated to runners and walkers in Springfield, the girls say they are ready. "There's a lot to do," admitted Mrs. Underwood, "but we've been working on this since April. We got together to make the bugs for the campaign this week and lots of people have helped to organ- ize it and see all of the things we need to know to do this."

The efforts of this group of community-oriented youngsters can be further explored on their website www.kidssendingsmiles.org and on their Facebook page. The children all hope to see your smiling face at Burke Lake Park on Saturday and at any of the future charitable events they are even more managing to plan—in between school work, Girl Scouts, soccer, household chores and just being kids. Many of the members of non-profit Kids Sending Smiles, founded and run by local elementary school girls, show off their banner, their Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Proclamation and the scrapbook of the 17 charitable events they have already orga- nized in their two year existence.

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the Clifton Haunted Trail aren’t real—or
are they? One thing’s for sure—they’re
deadly serious about scaring
people.

And that’s what they’ll be doing
Saturday, Oct. 26, from 7-10 p.m.,
in the Town of Clifton’s Eight-Acre
Park. (Rain date is Oct. 27.) Tick-
et tickets are $15, adults and $10, chil-
dren under 12, starting at 6:30
p.m. at the trail entrance; there are
no advance sales.

“This year’s event will include
several new, terrifying skits, in-
cluding reenactments, scary-movie
scenes and plenty of frightening
lightning and spooky props,” said
Jeff Harper of the Haunted Trail
Committee. “This is not an event
you’ll want to miss.”

No flashlights are allowed in the
park, and parents should accom-
ppany children along the trail. Since
the fright level is so intense, it’s
not recommended for those under
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Some 200 Clifton-area
Volunteers put on the
Haunted Trail and act in the sce-
narios, which include everything
from vampires to witches, pirates,
skeletons and dangerous men
wielding chainsaws. Committee
Chairman John Powell oversees
the whole event, with help from
Harper, Ester Pline and Steve
Bittner.

Harper’s in charge of the per-
formers, Pline orchestrates who’s
doing what and Bittner heads up
the electricity, making sure there
are ample generators to provide
power in the woods. Mainly
Clifton residents, the actors create
their own skits and costumes, get
the props they need, rehearse and
make their characters as realistic
as possible.

This year, students from
Centreville and Woodson High
Schools, plus Robinson Secondary,
are doing scenarios, as well. And
all will do their best to unlease the
terror of the night on innocent
visitors.

“We have skits that’ll scare you,
startle you and creep you out,” said
Harper. “We also have a dozen
roving monsters walking back-
ward on the trail to terrify people.
Last year, we were ranked by
www.VirginiaHauntedHouses.com
as one of the best haunted house/
trail events in Northern Virginia.
We even hold a training class to
teach the actors in the skits how
to scare people.”

There’s a bit of comic relief,
however, in Harper’s dancing-skel-
etons scenario. “I started it three
years ago and we’re doing it again
this year,” he said. “The Woodson
cheerleaders are joining in and
we’ll dance around to music.”

Some skits will involve fog
to give off an ominous vibe; others
will strike fear into the hearts of
trail-goers. Jacquie Lambertson
and Trish Robertson will be among
eight or nine pointy-hatted women
in the witches’ covn, and Boris
Populoh will be lurking under a
bridge.

Taylor Williams will be in a sce-
nario with crazed, chainsaw-
wielding demons, and John Kinter
will put on “his usual, over-the-
top, gory skit,” said Harper. Patrick
and Ester Pline will portray voo-
doo zombies, and Fred Anick will
lead a ghoulish crew in a grave-
yard scene.

Eric Hencken and Rick Layfield
will be scary clowns, and Ervin
Tengesdal and Sidney Sawyer will
bare their fangs as vampires. Rick
Peterson, Geri Yantis and Carter
Wyant are portraying the denizens
of Scarescoven Alley—a dangerous
place to visit—and Steve
Goetzinger will lead a marching
deross of menacing mom men.
Karen Gentry will ensnare visi-
tors in a scary spider skit; but, said
Harper, many other participants
are keeping the details of their
Haunted Trail deeds under wraps
until the big night.

THE TOWN OF CLIFTON
sponsors the Haunted Trail, using the
proceeds for town improvements,
including beautification. Another
major sponsor this year is Kevin
Hutto with Signature Financial
Partners.

Proceeds from sales of hot apple
cider, baked goods, soda, candy
and popcorn will benefit the Na-
tional Alliance on Mental Illness.
It advocates for access to services,
treatment and lifesaving medical
research for the millions of Ameri-
cans affected by mental illness.

In addition, Clifton’s newest res-
taurant, Village’s—sponsoring the
hayeide—will be selling pizza, and
2013 Clifton Haunted Trail T-shirts
may be purchased at the conces-
sions stand. And, said Harper,
“They feature a really spooky haunted trail with a skull on it.”

With professional sound and
light, this year, the event has re-
ally been kicked up a notch or two,
he added. “We usually get 3,000
people going through the trail, and
we’re trying to beat that,” said
Harper. “It’s going to be thrilling
and exciting. If you like Halloween
and like to be scared, you won’t be disappointed.”

Erich RussekRobbins spooking the trail with haunting
music.

Dancing skeletons Pla
Decosti and Elle Ramey.

Beware of Creatures in the Spooky Forest
Chills and thrills await on the Clifton Haunted Trail.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

Ester Pline, Nicole Smith and Jacquie Lambertson in the Witches Coven.

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The Choice Is Clear

To the Editor:

Within one month, Virginians will head to the polls to elect another governor. The choice is clear. One candidate has no experience in public office and is a partisan operative, while Ken Cuccinelli has dedicated his life to public service by serving as a delegate and as the commonwealth’s highest legal authority, attorney general. Ken worked to improve K-12 public education, took a personal interest in releasing an innocent man from serving 27 years in prison for a crime he did not commit, and protected women on Virginia’s college campuses.

While Ken’s opponent has no record to run on, and requires on the job training, he does pride himself on being a businessman. Virginians don’t need a governor whose business model is modeled after the failed GreenTech debacle.

Acknowledging his lack of a record, Ken’s opponent has resorted to personal attacks on Ken’s character. In a state where young women may be expelled from school if they take a Tylenol or Advil, Ken’s support of parental notification and a waiting period for minors when considering an abortion is both reasonable and necessary. Furthermore, because Ken cares about the health and safety of all women, he has followed the Virginia Board of Health’s recommendation to require women’s health care clinics to maintain the same health and safety standards as other outpatient surgical hospitals. While people may disagree on women’s issues, Ken has served and protected all the citizens of Virginia in his role as attorney general. We need this same common sense approach in our next governor.

Finally, with the recent shutdown in Washington, we need a governor who can reach across party lines and govern. The partisan attacks and intolerant rhetoric from Ken’s opponent leaves little doubt that he is incapable of being bipartisan. Ken has a record of working with both Republicans and Democrats, and I expect he will continue conducting himself in this same manner when he is elected governor.

Alice Butler-Short
Lorton

Promoting “East Sea”

From Page 4

Only through enacting reforms based on the bipartisan Simpson-Bowles recommendations will we ever solve the drivers of our deficits. We have put these tough, but important, reforms off for far too long.

To my colleagues in the Congress and to President Obama who think they are “winning” at this particular moment, we would do well to remember the words of Napoleon Bonaparte in speaking of the changing nature of public opinion: “The crowd reflect both names.

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‘Undisciplined’ South County Holds on to Beat T.C. Williams

Stallions improve to 5-1, Titans fall to 4-2.

At the conclusion of Saturday’s game at T.C. Williams High School, South County football coach Gerry Pannoni voiced displeasure with the Stallions’ effort.

“We played undisciplined,” he said. “We played sloppy, we didn’t play smart.”

But they played well enough to win.

In a matchup of 4-1 teams from Conference 7, South County overcame penalties, turnovers and big plays by the Titans to beat T.C. Williams, 44-37. Running back LeVaughn Davis’ 22-yard touchdown run gave South County a two-score lead with less than five minutes remaining and the Stallions held off a late TC rally. Trailing by seven points, the Titans drove to the South County 31 with six seconds remaining, but quarterback Darius Holland’s pass into the huddle. The following play, quarterback David Symmes connected with Kevin Quigley for a 32-yard touchdown, giving South County a 21-0 lead with 10:16 remaining in the first half. The Stallions led 28-16 at halftime and 36-23 early in the fourth quarter.

“That’s not the style of play we want to represent,” Symmes said. “We want to be able to dominate mentally and physically. I’d rather win by 21 than seven points and have it down to the last six seconds [with TC] chucking it up into the end zone.”

Did Pannoni’s on-field pep talk help?

“He definitely has a great presence and we listen to him,” Symmes said, “especially when he’s screaming at us.”

Symmes completed six of 12 passes for 73 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. He also carried nine times for 35 yards.

Davis carried 35 times for 147 yards and two touchdowns. James Simon rushed for 82 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries and sophomore fullback Thomas Wheeler scored on a 1-yard run.

South County is averaging 49.5 points per game.

T.C. Williams dropped to 4-2, but showed resiliency in defeat. Trailing 21-0 early in the second quarter, the Titans faced third-and-11 at their own 12-yard line, having gained just seven yards to that point. Running back Malik Carney took a handoff and gave the Titans a spark with an 88-yard touchdown run.

Trailing by 13 points early in the fourth quarter, Carney received another third-down carry and raced 85 yards into the end zone, cutting the South County lead to 36-30 with 10:05 remaining.

Carney, who is committed to UNC as a linebacker, finished with 15 carries for 220 yards and two touchdowns.

Davis’ 22-yard touchdown run and a two-point conversion by Gerald Hulett gave South County a 44-30 lead with less than five minutes remaining. TC responded with a three-play, 82-yard scoring drive to pull within seven. Holland, who struggled most of the afternoon, connected with Timmy Rattanaphone for a 43-yard gain on second-and-nine before finding a wide-open Alex Bledsoe for a 38-yard touchdown, cutting the South County lead to 44-37 with 3:35 left.

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—South County football coach Gerry Pannoni

TC’s final drive started at its own 25-yard line with 50 seconds remaining after South County turned it over on downs. Holland moved the Titans down to the Stallions 31 and spiked the ball with six seconds left. His desperation pass on the final play fell incomplete.

“We made lots of mistakes on both sides of the ball which contributed to our loss,” TC head coach Dennis Randolph said. “But the thing that impressed me was we stuck in there. We could have very easily—when we were down five and then they scored again, went up 13—we could have just stopped right there and said hey, it’s over … but the kids came back.”

Holland, who missed last week’s game against Annandale with an elbow contusion, completed six of 29 passes for 120 yards and a touchdown. The junior, in his first season as a varsity starter, went 1-for-14 in the first half and misfired on 19 of his first 21 attempts.

“It’s his first season as a varsity player and there’s no substitute for experience,” Randolph said. “Hopefully he gained some valuable experience tonight.”

Holland made a play with his legs in the third quarter, when his 51-yard touchdown run cut the South County lead to 28-23.

“I made a move and got [in the] open,” Holland said. “[I] saw the light and I was out.”

Mahlique Booth rushed for 50 yards and a touchdown for the Titans.

Rattanaphone had an interception.

South County will host West Potomac at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18.

“We shot ourselves in the foot with penalties,” Pannoni said. “Whether it was three TC tackles, a holding, whether it was a personal foul, if you want to keep playing in December, that’s the kind of stuff you can’t do.”

T.C. Williams will travel to face Lee.

“We had some execution problems, but overall, you can come out of this game saying we aren’t willing to lay down,” TC line- man and UNC commit Jeremiah Clarke said. “We fixed our problems from [the loss to] Centreville [and we’re] ready to fight back at the end of games and come back—stuff that’s going to help us later on in the play-offs.”

The T.C. Williams football program is looking to end a 22-year playoff drought.
Madeira School Interns ‘Furloughed’ Due to Government Shutdown

By Marilyn Campbell

The Connection

Katie Barack, an 11th grade student at The Madeira School in McLean was looking forward to spending the fall semester working in a congressional office, walking the halls of the U.S. Capitol and getting a first-hand view of the legislative process. Instead, she’s strolling along the National Mall engaging in conversations with those whose lives have been affected by the government shutdown.

“It’s so sad as a young adult because I feel powerless,” said Barack.

A major component of the school year for 11th grade students at Madeira is an internship on Capitol Hill. However, because of the government shutdown, many of Madeira’s high school juniors are unable to complete their congressional internships. So school officials restructured the program and students are now studying the government shutdown.

“The juniors affected by the shutdown [are] divided into two groups,” said Ashley Smith, associate director of communications at Madeira. “Group one will research affected monuments, government buildings and federal lands around D.C., while group two will research the more personal impact on tourists, vendors or ‘nonessential’ employees. After some prep in the morning, girls will travel down to the Hill to research and collect content in the form of interviews, photos [and] videos.”

The revised internship plan was created by the co-curriculum department in conjunction with other faculty and staff members. The goal is to help the students gain many of the skills they would have acquired from internships in congressional offices.

“The idea behind the project was to make the shutdown come alive for the girls,” said Andre Withers, the assistant head of the school and director of co-curriculum. “It is certainly an inconvenience for their co-curriculum placement as unpaid interns, but we constructed the project so that the girls could see a range of the total impact: effects on the city; a family’s disrupted plans for touring D.C.; or the visceral feeling of being deemed ‘non-essential’ by the very government that you work for.”

Withers added that the revised program is a skill-based exercise. “We wanted the girls to engage with the public and wade into the public dialogue, to research, to create a narrative and do so in a way that was expressive, artistic and compelling,” he said. “We are looking forward to seeing how the students respond to the project and the projects they produce. “I have a hard time wrapping my head around the idea that hardworking corrections officers and other federal employees will go home without pay,” said Barack. “But it makes me really grateful and aware of my privileges. It makes me want to work that much harder to be part of the solution. It’s not fair for anybody, so everybody needs to accept responsibility and start making changes.”
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