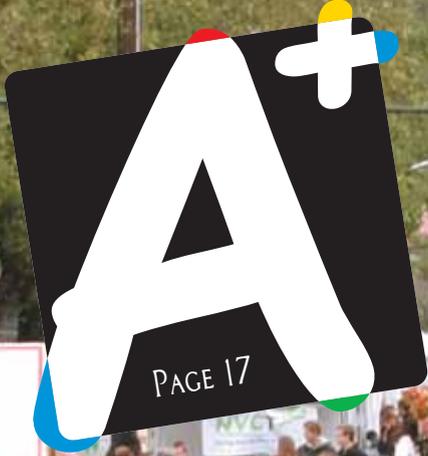


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A drizzly morning couldn't keep the crowds away from Clifton Day.

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

Crowd Enjoys Clifton Day 2013

Crowds flocked to the 46th annual Clifton Day, Sunday, Oct. 13.

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.

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State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) participates in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Korean National Ceremony where the Korean War dead are buried. In August, Marsden and his wife, Julia, spent a week in South Korea as guests of the Government of the Republic of Korea. He was invited to discuss his sponsorship of the “East Sea” bill, and also to present a resolution from the Southern Legislative Conference encouraging trade development between the United States and Korea.



Our Daily Bread Development Manager Jennifer Rose, 40, with Food Manager Chris Garris, 50.

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Complete the Circle Oct. 27

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

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

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 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 at-

tended, 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.

To participate, visit the website: www.odbfairfax.org or contact Jennifer Rose at develop@ODBFairfax.org, or 703-273-8829. For Food for Others sponsorship information, contact Jessica Cogen at JCogen@foodforothers.org or call 703-207-9173.

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.

Toiletries Needed

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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What’s in a Name?

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

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

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” designation 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.

“As governor, I will ensure that as new texts are purchased or downloaded, they reflect this important historical truth,” McAuliffe wrote to the Korean Community of Virginia on Sept. 25.

For the past year, state Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) has been leading Virginia’s legislative efforts to add the “East Sea” in public school textbooks.

Marsden has been working with Peter Y. Kim, a Chantilly businessman, who is president of the non-profit 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



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

From left—Jung Ki Un, chairman of Voice of Korean Americans (VOKA), State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37), and Peter Kim, president of VOKA, display a petition 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. Currently, Virginia’s textbooks only use Sea of Japan, which Koreans view as historically inaccurate and a legacy of Japanese colonial rule.

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FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 18-19

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 work force. The first annual Military Spouse Small Works Art Exhibition will be held in conjunction with the career summit. <http://www.milspousesummit.com/press-2>.

SUNDAY/OCT. 20

Flu Shot Clinic and Lunch. 12:15 p.m., 1-2 p.m., at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 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>.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 23

Moms on the Run. 10-11:30 a.m., at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carleigh 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

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Congressman Jim Moran's

2013 Annual Women's Issues Conference

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013
*9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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The conference will include workshops on major issues impacting women and information tables representing local and national non-profit organizations.

*Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.; event will start at 10:00 a.m. to prevent a conflict with the Alexandria Breast Cancer Walk.

For more information and to register, visit moran.house.gov or call 703-971-4700.

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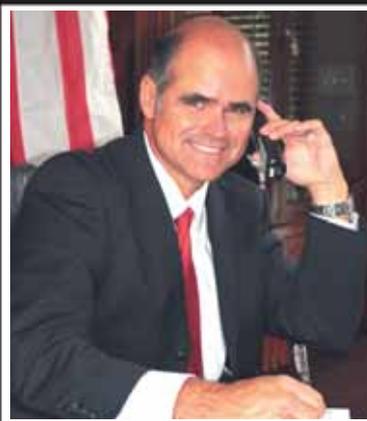
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From left—Lynn O'Connor (president & CEO of Westminster Ingleside Communities), Jennifer Wing (associate executive director WLR), Libby Bush (executive director WLR) and Glenn West (executive director, WLR 1992-2012).

Westminster at Lake Ridge Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The 20th anniversary of the founding of Westminster at Lake Ridge, a continuing care non-profit community, was held on Saturday, Oct. 5 near historic Occoquan. Nearly 400 people came out for the celebration.

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Christian. \$7 per mother, which includes coffee, tea, and homemade treats; free childcare, RSVP. MomsOnTheRun4@gmail.com.

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.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

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.

ONGOING

John Witt Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century. The patriotic, genealogical and heraldic society for women of lineal descendants of an ancestor who lived or served prior to 1701 in one of the original colonies in the geographical area of the present U.S. is accepting new members; the chapter meets four times yearly. jsmithtot@aol.com.



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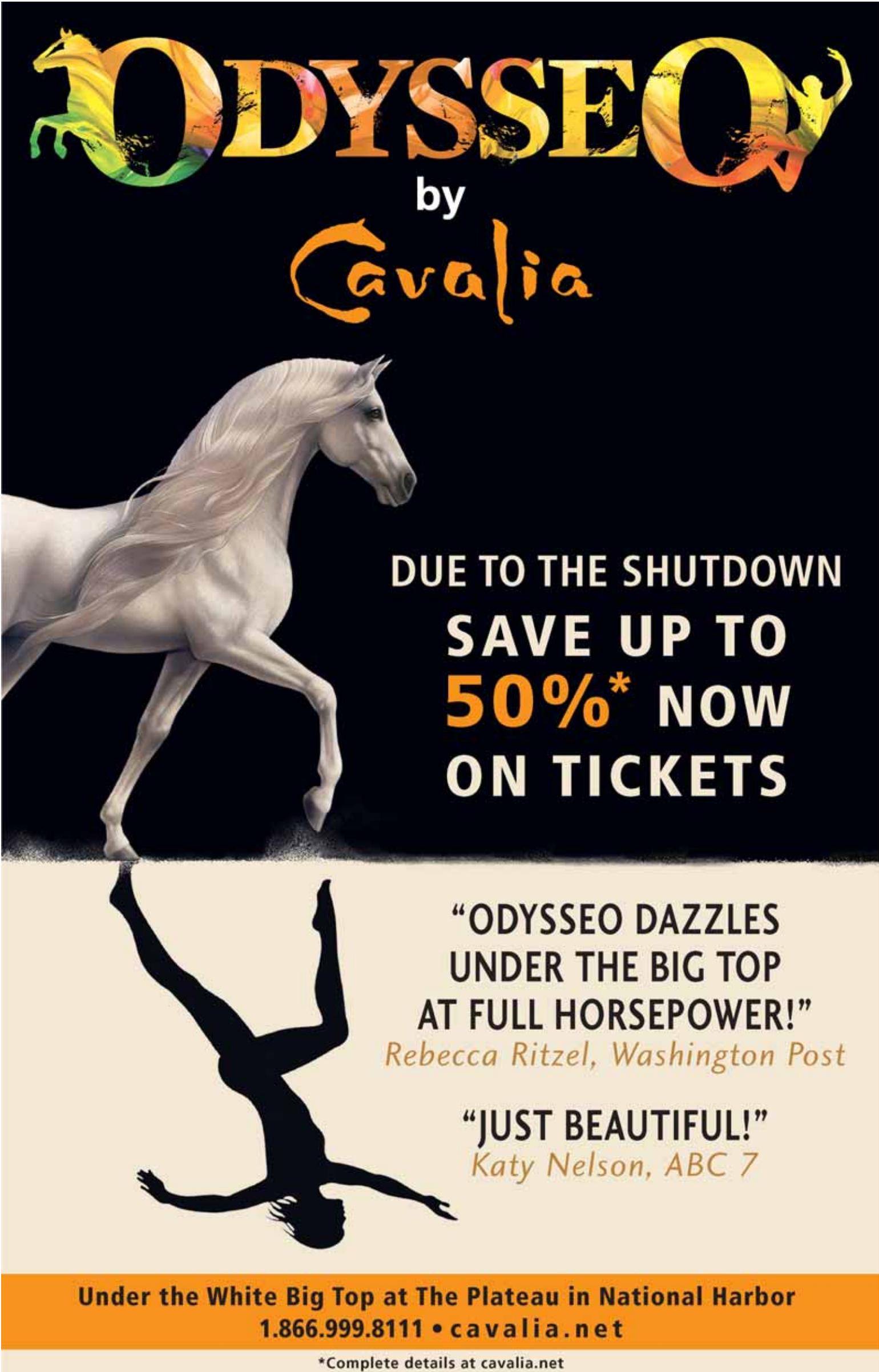
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Don't Let Negatives Keep You from Voting

Choices are stark; think about what principles should guide governance in Virginia for the next four years.

Every Virginia voter will have the option to cast a ballot for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and their member of the Virginia House of Delegates.

While much of the coverage and advertising at the top of the ticket has been negative in the extreme, it will still matter who is governor. Don't turn up your nose, hold your nose if necessary, and go vote. You can vote on Nov. 5; most likely you can vote before that.

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.

On the Ballot 2013

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

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COLUMN

It's Going to Take Humility'

BY FRANK WOLF
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
(R-10)



In Luke 12:48 Jesus said, "From everyone 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, espe-

cially 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 the 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

sons, 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 22035.

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

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

The satellite locations in Fairfax County are also open for absentee in person voting; Saturdays: Oct. 19, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday-Friday: Beginning Oct. 15-Nov. 1, 3:30-7 p.m.

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

❖ Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft 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>.

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Fairfax County voters will be asked to vote YES or NO on the \$250 million school bond question in the general election. The schools plan to use the money to:

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

See <http://www.fcps.edu/news/bond13.shtml> for more details.

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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.”



Teri Baker, of Fairfax, is pictured in the lobby of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter with her 50th foster puppy, a 7-week-old mixed breed. Baker has been volunteering at the shelter for 8 years, and fostering puppies for 5 years.



Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler thanks Teri Baker, of Fairfax, for her long commitment to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter in celebration of her 50th foster puppy. Says Roessler of Baker’s efforts, “Volunteers make the difference here at the shelter.”

FAITH NOTES

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Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children’s church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcspringfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship

services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

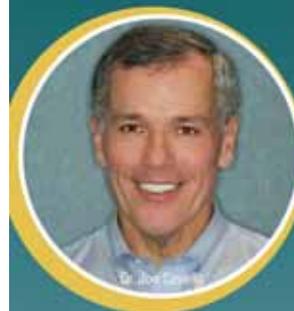
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.popl.org.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register. 703-451-5320.

JCCNV Mother’s Circle program, for women who are not Jewish but are raising Jewish children.

Free education in Jewish rituals, practices and values, while respecting the participant’s choice to retain her own religious identity. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax. Contact Laurie Albert, 703-537-3064 or LaurieA@jccnv.org.

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Kids Sending Smiles Around the World

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

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

The Court of the 2013 Lee District Lady Fairfax was in session, but there were no royal activities 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 they established when a friend of Philippine ancestry told Samantha about the conditions and the poverty, especially among young girls, in the native country of her family. “We thought about just sending money,” 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 transitional facility for girls moving from homelessness. Doing this charitable work felt so good, that Miss Underwood and company decided to take their efforts even further. With the help of their parents—in particular Mrs. Laurie Underwood—Kids Sending Smiles (KSS) was founded as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit. “To bring happiness to ourselves and others by helping those in need in the United States and around the world” is their 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 meetings—“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.



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER

Founding members of Kids Sending Smiles do a little reminiscing as they look over the scrapbook of their non-profit’s activities. From left: Laila Tucker, 9, Island Creek Elementary, Adaya Beard, 10, Lorton Station Elementary, Tatiana Joseph, 10, Lane Elementary, Alliyah Beard, 11, Lorton Station, Samantha Underwood, 10, Springfield Estates Elementary, Samantha Wenger, 10, Island Creek.

“Then we do a blind vote,” explained Katie Machado. “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, home-

schooled Molly’s favorite event so far was Christmas caroling at the local pool. Katie Machado, who attends Springfield Estates Elementary, and Samantha Wenger, who goes to Island Creek, recall the efforts to raise money for a seizure dog for a local toddler as high on their lists. The girls held a raffle and a silent auction in April at their local Genghis Grill, even acting as servers to aid in community efforts toward raising the \$22,000 needed to raise and train the specialized pooches.

The KSS collective have already pulled off 17 charitable projects in their short history. In addition to the seizure dog projects, they have raised funds for Hurricane Sandy victims, organized a winter clothing drive for those in need, made and sold jewelry and other products in aid of the Love a Child Orphanage in Monrovia, Liberia and raised relief effort funds for tornado victims in Oklahoma. No wonder the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors honored them with a special proclamation earlier this

year. Their 18th event is their most ambitious yet. On Saturday, Oct. 19, they are holding a 5K Run/Walk for Breast Cancer at Burke Lake Park. With the help of sponsors like Metro Run and Walk, a store dedicated to runners and walkers in Springfield, the girls say they are ready. “There’s a lot to do,” admitted Ms. Underwood, “but we’ve been working on this since April. We got together to make the bags for the runners this week and lots of people have helped to organize it and teach us all the things we need to know to do this.”

THE EFFORTS of this group of community-spirited youngsters can be further explored on their website at 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 now 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 organized in their two year existence.

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CALENDAR



"Cascade," Joe St. Germain, 20x12, oil on canvas. See Germain's work in an exhibition in Building W-5. The exhibit is up through Nov. 3.

Beware of Creatures in the Spooky Forest

Chills and thrills await on the Clifton Haunted Trail.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Surely, the vampires, witches, goblins and ghouls lying in wait for their victims along 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.) Tickets are \$15, adults and \$10, children 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, including 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 accompany children along the trail. Since the fright level is so intense, it's not recommended for those under 8. Because this event is so popular, attendees might want to arrive early, as the trail tends to get crowded during the later hours.

Sturdy shoes are advised; snacks and beverages will be available. Free parking is available at Clifton Elementary, on the flood plain, and at the Clifton House Shops on Chapel Road, where hayrides will take trail-goers to and from the park. For more information, see www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

However, children not wanting to go on the trail, plus parents waiting for teens to emerge from it, will be able to watch movies under the stars on a large screen at the park's entrance. This year's movies are "Cloverfield" and "Poltergeist."



Dancing skeletons Pia Deconti and Elle Ramey.

Meanwhile, those brave enough to enter Clifton's 14th annual Haunted Trail will encounter 20 spine-tingling scenarios—the best of the past, plus some spooky new ones. Bloody mayhem is afoot, and zombies, ghosts and other undead creatures are eager to pounce on those who dare to disturb them. After all, the trail's slogan is, "It's only eight acres—what could possibly happen to you?"

"This year's trail is bigger and better than ever," said Harper. "We have new skits, plus professional, Halloween geeks—area residents whose year-'round hobby is Halloween. They're engineers who make props and have even made their own fog machine to put fog all over the bridge where people enter the trail. They're making the trail scarier and more dramatic."

SOME 200 CLIFTON-AREA VOLUNTEERS put on the Haunted Trail and act in the scenarios, 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 performers, 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 unleash the terrors 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 backward 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-skeletons 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' coven, and Boris Populoh will be lurking under a bridge.

Taylor Williams will be in a scenario 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 voodoo zombies, and Fred Ansick will lead a ghoulish crew in a graveyard scene.

Eric Hencken and Rick Layfield will be scary clowns, and Erin Tengesdal and Sydney Sawyer will bare their fangs as vampires. Rick Peterson, Geri Yantis and Carter Wyant are portraying the denizens of Scarecrow Alley—a dangerous place to visit—and Steve Goetzinger will lead a mangy mess of menacing moss men.

Karen Gentry will ensnare visitors 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 National Alliance on Mental Illness. It advocates for access to services, treatment and lifesaving medical research for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

In addition, Clifton's newest restaurant, Villaggio's—sponsoring the hayride—will be selling pizza, and 2013 Clifton Haunted Trail T-shirts may be purchased at the concessions 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 really 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."

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. For more entertainment events in the county, go to: <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2013/may/22/fairfax-county-calendar/>.

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY/ OCT. 19-DEC. 1

Home for Dinner. Closing reception 6-9 p.m., Nov. 29, in the Vulcan Gallery, Community Action Space, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. LCAC and the Workhouse are collaborating on the exhibition filled with arts that helps raise awareness about hunger and homelessness in southeast Fairfax County. Home for Dinner will showcase how community members can make a difference; bring canned food as a donation. www.workhousearts.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 17

Havok supporting Soulfly. 5-11 p.m., Empire, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Denver-based band plays in support of new record "Unnatural Selection." www.empire-nova.com.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 19

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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 plan 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 responsible and reasonable. 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

Wolf

FROM PAGE 8

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

which follows me with adulation would run with the same eagerness were I marching to the Guillotine."

I return again to the sentiments of scripture: We have been given a great trust, and it is demanded of us to come together to solve these problems.

It is time to show some humility. It is time to govern.

Let's get the government back open, ensure we don't default on our debt and then commit ourselves to curbing unsustainable entitlement spending.

Promoting "East Sea"

FROM PAGE 4

reflect both names.

"What we call things is important, and names have deep meaning," Marsden said. "This would go a long way in speeding up the integration of our Korean-American population, and making people feel accepted and respected."

The dispute over the name has been simmering between Japan and South Korea for decades. In 1992, objections to the name Sea of Japan were first raised by North Korea and South Korea at the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.

Since 1997, South Korea has campaigned the International Hydrographic Organization, the governing body responsible for the naming of bodies of water, for the additional use of the East Sea name on the grounds that the term Sea of Japan only became popular globally during Japan's colonial rule of the peninsula. Japan used the name Sea of Japan has been used internationally since the 19th century, before the Korean Peninsula came under Japanese rule.

"What's important to me as a state representative is that we already teach students about the controversy, so our textbooks ought to reflect that fact," Marsden said. "All they are looking for is a position of respect."

Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) announced he is sponsoring a similar bill in the House this year.

"It is not right that their position on this issue be ignored," said Hugo in a statement. "It is not right that so many of our Korean-American students are taught that there is only one name for this body of water, when their culture and history say otherwise."

Kim said his group's final goal is to include "the East Sea" in all textbooks used at elementary, junior high and high schools in 50 states by March 2017, when the International Hydrographic Organization holds a meeting to discuss Seoul's request for the concurrent use in formal international maps.

"In keeping with America's high standard of education, our children would benefit from learning geography that includes current geo-political information," Kim said.

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South County running back LeVaughn Davis carries the ball against T.C. Williams on Oct. 12.

South County quarterback David Symmes threw two touchdown passes against T.C. Williams on Oct. 12.

‘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 end zone fell incomplete. South County was flagged for numerous penalties, committed two turnovers and allowed three TC touchdown runs of at least 51 yards. Despite their struggles, the Stallions improved to 5-1 with key contributors Robert Avery (RB/DB), Ed Kargbo (LB) and Campbell Buhrow (RB/LB) set to return within the next few weeks.

“I guess if there’s a silver lining, it’s we’re winning without several of our very good kids and they’re close to coming back,” Pannoni said. “... We’re finding a way to win, but that wasn’t good enough. That was bad. That was a bad performance, I thought.”

After a 15-yard South County penalty in the second quarter, Pannoni called timeout,

walked onto the field and chewed out the Stallions offense in the huddle. On 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.

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

—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 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 lineman 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 playoffs.”

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 af-

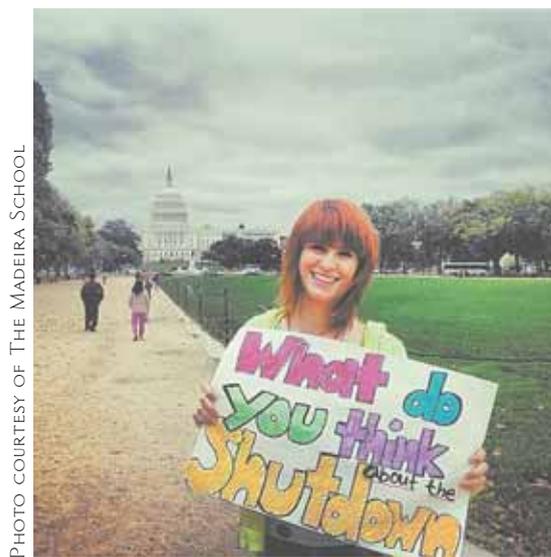


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Rose McAvoy, an 11th grade student at The Madeira School, is spending time on the National Mall studying the effect that the government shutdown has on tourists, government employees and others.

"The idea behind the project was to make the shutdown come alive for the girls."

— Andre Withers, The Madeira School

ected 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.

School officials hope the students' research will help them understand the scope of the government shutdown. "The idea behind the project was to make the shut-

Local students turn lost internship into a learning experience.

down 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. Madeira officials say they 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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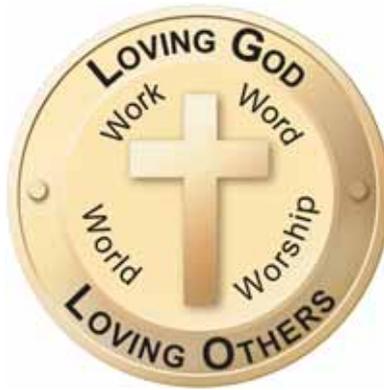
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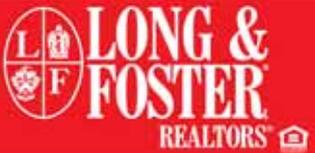
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