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Del. Scott Surovell (D-44), left, presents his bill to members of the Rights and Responsibilities Subcommittee of the Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

The Secret World of Regulation

Advisory panel rejects effort to open records of State Corporation Commission.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Ever wonder what happens during deliberations that regulate your cell phone? How about the effort to oversee your health insurance? From your electric bill and your water bill to your sewer bill and your car insurance, the State Corporation Commission is probably one of the most consequential state agencies. And yet it operates in the dark, totally outside of the reach of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

"One of my favorite quotes is from Justice Louis Brandeis from back in the 1920s," Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) told members of a Freedom of Information Advisory Council subcommittee this week. "He wrote that a streetlight is the best policeman and sunshine is the best disinfectant."

In an effort to shine some sunshine into one of the darkest corners of Virginia government, Surovell wants to open the record of the State Corporation Commission. During the last General Assembly session, he introduced a bill to do just that. But legislators decided to table the effort and refer it to the advisory council, which sent it to the Rights and Responsibilities Subcommittee. It's members convened this week in Richmond to hear

Surovell make the case to make the commission subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act — with some exceptions. "Personally, I would like to make the entire SCC subject to FOIA," Surovell told the subcommittee. "However, I don't have an interest right now in taking on a couple thousand businesses and about 50 lobbyists."

BUSINESSES AND LOBBYISTS showed up to oppose the effort anyway and members of the subcommittee decided against endorsing the legislative effort. Opposition was led by the gas utilities and the telecommunications industry, whose representatives said they didn't see any reason for opening up the process to public scrutiny. Some parts of the commission's business resembled a judicial body, they said, while other parts required secrecy to ensure that the captains of industry could take quick and decisive action without having to worry about the public looking over their shoulders.

"If the notes and the dialogue from those meetings were to be subject to FOIA, we feel like it would have a negative effect on the way that we operate our system and ultimately have a negative effect on the customers we serve," said Brent Archer, director of business policy for Columbia Gas of Virginia. "There would be hesitancy and a reticence among the utilities to share that information to have that kind of dialogue."

Leaders of the telecommunications industry agreed, adding that the State Corporation Commission is not subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for a good reason — so industry leaders and their regulators can have open and

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What is the State Corporation Commission?

Created to replace the old Board of Public Works in the early 20th century, the State Corporation Commission has authority that extends from utilities and insurance to state-chartered financial institutions, securities, retail franchising and railroads. It's also the state's central filing

office for corporations, limited partnerships, limited liability companies and uniform commercial code liens. In 2011, the Virginia Supreme Court ruled that the State Corporation Commission is not subject to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Helping Students Get Ready for School

With volunteer help and donations, UCM provides backpacks to 1,000 children.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON
THE GAZETTE

This week, Mount Vernon's United Community Ministries, one of the Fairfax County's largest non-profit organizations, is launching the final phase of its 2013 Back to School program. UCM is distributing school supplies-filled backpacks to roughly 1,000 underprivileged students in the region through appointments at its facilities Monday through Wednesday.

"Thanks to generous community donations, UCM's Back to School program will provide 1,000 registered students living in southeast Fairfax County with backpacks and school supplies so they can fit in and succeed at school," UCM Development and Communications Officer Diane Hill said.

UCM collects the school supplies for the program in collaboration with Fairfax County's Collect for Kids initiative. The Collect for Kids program unites eight local non-profits and businesses in collecting backpacks and school supplies for thousands of economically challenged students, grades kindergarten through 12.

"UCM participates in the county's Collect for Kids initiative every year," Hill said. "We have been providing school supplies to needy students for decades."

For the past few months, families, individuals as well as local businesses throughout the com-



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Volunteer Obinna Ekeagwu helped distribute free books to families arriving to select backpacks. He is a fifth grader at Riverside Elementary in Alexandria.

munity all participated to help UCM reach its goal: enough school supplies and backpacks for 1,000 students in the Mount Vernon High School pyramid.

Certain stores provided deep discounts to non-profits participat-

ing in Collect for Kids, so Hill said she encouraged members of the community to provide funding and backpacks instead of buying school supplies at full prices. There were also online wish lists for specific types of school supplies and books.

"Many companies and organizations ran collection drives for us, including

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Cotton & Company, and congregations like Calvary Presbyterian, Heritage Presbyterian, Aldersgate United Methodist, and Virginia's Finest Auto Club," Hill said.

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'Service Above Self' Peter Knetemann is 86th Rotary Club president.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

The Rotary Club of Alexandria formally installed Peter O. Knetemann as the 86th club president at the July 9 meeting at Belle Haven Country Club that also recognized the 2013-2014 slate of officers and board members.

"The Rotary Club of Alexandria is a very special club for a variety of reasons," said Knetemann, who joined the club in 1994 after serving as a charter member of the now defunct Skyline club. "Rotary is a unique organization but Alexandria in particular seems to attract a neat kind of person — someone who is not here for their own benefit. Our members are looking beyond themselves and that's what sets us apart."

Born and raised in the Netherlands, Knetemann immigrated to the U.S. in 1980 to work for an international real estate development company serving Washington, D.C. and Alexandria.

He eventually left to become an independent mortgage broker, spending the last 20 years with PMC Mortgage Corp. headquartered in Charleston, S.C. with a regional operation in Fairfax.

"I'm not one to get easily recruited by something but it is amazing what this organization accomplishes all over the world," Knetemann said of Rotary. "This last year I have really gotten involved in programs on the local, district and international level and gained an understanding of how Rotary is different from other service clubs."

Knetemann noted that Rotary Clubs function with very little overhead so any resources collected go to serve the needs of the individual communities.



PHOTOS BY LARRY ALBERSON

The 2013-2014 officers and board members of the Rotary Club of Alexandria were sworn in during the installation ceremony July 9.

"Every year the Rotary Club of Alexandria raises \$80,000-100,000," Knetemann said. "And every dollar of that is given back to local charities."

Founded in 1928, the Rotary Club of Alexandria has approximately 150 active members.

"It's not easy to summarize what this club does," Knetemann said. "Through the tireless efforts of Joan Holden, we recognize young people with our Student of the Month awards and also raise funds for local charities with our annual Taste For Giving. But there are so many other things we do as well."

Knetemann sees the Alexandria Rotary Club as a way for community leaders to get involved in Rotary's worldwide mission.

"Rotary international doesn't work along political lines," Knetemann said. "Throughout the world, we all share the same ideals, the same outlook on life through our com-

mitment to service above self."

Knetemann did hesitate when asked about specific goals for the club. "Every president has different goals but it's a huge question if you can get them implemented," he said. "This is a volunteer organization. I cannot demand things, I can only hope to promote and inspire our members."

A resident of the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria since 1980, Knetemann and his wife Joan have been married for 27 years and have three children, ages 20, 23 and 25.

"There are so many things we can and want to achieve," Knetemann said. "I hope to continue to have a vibrant club where people are proud to be a member and want to get their friends involved. The fellowship that comes with being a Rotarian is important to me."

For more information, visit www.rotaryclubofalexandria.net.



Peter O. Knetemann, right, receives a pin from outgoing president Raymond Petniunas after being sworn in as president of the Rotary Club of Alexandria July 9 at Belle Haven Country Club.

UCM Provides Backpacks to 1,000 Children

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money and supplies for 1,000 students last year, so that was the goal for 2013 as well. Hill added that because UCM runs a food pantry that 80- 100 area families visit weekly, the organization would have been able to keep tabs on any significant increases in the number of economically disadvantaged students in the Mount Vernon High School pyramid.

"We are a social services agency, we provide emergency services for rents or utilities and a food pantry to aid 100 families," Hill said. "We are helping our clients get on the path to financial stability."

She added that socioeconomic statistics show how important UCM's Back to School Program is.

"Forty-five to 85 percent of the students in our southeast Fairfax County area are on free/reduced lunch, a key indicator of poverty," Hill said. "Compare that to the county average, which is about 25 percent of students in Fairfax County schools; the area that UCM serves has about 2-3 times higher poverty rate."



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Volunteers of all ages assisted to organize donated school supplies and stuff backpacks.

She said that the process of getting the backpacks to the right youngsters is no issue.

"Families come forward, and if you are in our geography, we can help you," Hill said.

The Back to School program is facilitated completely by volunteers, according to UCM's Volunteer and Community Outreach

Director Marcos Castillo. Volunteers include both students and parents in the Mount Vernon community.

"We have such wonderful volunteers, so things are going very well," Castillo said. "We have four ladies that lead the preparation, and all the volunteers are primarily high school students or parents who contacted me three or four months ago who wanted to be involved with this."

He said that UCM's Back to School program is something that local families look forward to every year, and that there have been at least a handful of volunteers for each phase of the project — from stuffing the backpacks to distributing them this week.

Castillo said UCM took over an old post office, and the backpack distribution takes place in a big room that was 30 years ago used for sorting out mail.

Both Castillo and Hill said this year has so far proven to be a resounding success and they attribute it to the support of the community.

"We couldn't do what we do without support from the community," Hill said. "For

the funds itself — we solicit donations, and we raise enough money to cover the program, and then we need all kinds of volunteers to stuff the backpacks."

Hill also said there was a new element introduced for this year's drive: free books available to families with backpack selection appointments.

"Families who are coming to select their stuffed backpacks have an opportunity to take free books home, as part of the Fairfax County Opportunity Neighborhood initiative that UCM plays a key role in," Hill said. "The books were donated to UCM by Books for America, Mount Vernon High School, and other sources."

The bottom line of the program, Hill said, is eliminate all roadblocks in getting all Mount Vernon students ready for and confident about starting school. She said it is amazing for UCM to see the enjoyment all children get in selecting their own backpacks for the upcoming school year.

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Firefighters to hold Cuts for Kids Days.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Students from throughout the region will be treated to free back-to-school haircuts thanks to Alexandria and Fairfax County firefighters who are sponsoring the third Cuts for Kids Days Aug. 26-28 at area recreation centers.

"Our first Cuts for Kids Day will be held at the Charles Houston Rec Center on Aug. 26," said Capt. Willie Bailey, an organizer of the event. "Barbers from the area will donate their time doing haircuts from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. We want these kids to feel good about themselves when they head back to school."

Face painting and balloon animals will be provided by Modine the Clown and popcorn and snowcone machines will be set up to provide refreshments. A fire truck will be on display and fire safety activities will be held throughout the day. In addition to the Alexandria Fire Department and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, other sponsors of Cuts for Kids Days include the Keith Burns Foundation, Charles Houston Advisory Board, Progressive Firefighters, Apple Federal Credit Union and



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Firefighter Craig White gives Jahmai Arrington a haircut during the first Cuts for Kids Day. The year's back-to-school event will take place Aug. 26-28 at area recreation centers.

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Nardos King (center) is with members of the incoming freshmen class who are 13 of the 97 students participating in the JumpStart program for freshmen.

What's New at Mt. Vernon High

Principal Nardos King outlines her vision and plans for the new year.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

There's no doubt about it. Nardos King loves being the principal of Mount Vernon High School, and she's excited to begin her eighth year at its helm — and 18th year in the school in other capacities.

"We're really excited to kick off the school year," said King, whose goal is to make MVHS a model school in Cluster IV — with a focus on literacy and math. "I'm just really hoping to be a good inspiration for my students to be successful."

Mount Vernon High has a diverse mix of about 1,935 students who come from 50 countries and speak 30 languages. The school's ethnic breakdown is as follows: Blacks 30 percent, Hispanic 34 percent, White 22 percent, Asian 6 percent, and Other 6 percent. About 90 percent of its students are in the general education program, and 16 percent require special education services. About half of its students are on free or reduced lunches.

"My vision and goals is to continue to graduate world-class citizens that are career- or college-ready," said King, a Springfield resident. "I would like to continue to engage the community into sup-

porting the school and to being part of the school family."

That goes for her staff of about 235 as well, she said: "I want my teachers to work on building relationships with students." She said students work harder when they know their teachers care — particularly at-risk students.

One of the new programs for freshmen is a JumpStart program that gives some 64 students the opportunity to talk with teachers and administrators about transitioning from middle school into high school. A summer Math JumpStart program helps them polish their math skills as well.

And thanks to a three-year, \$1.2 million grant from the Department of Defense Education Agency, students may attend a STEM Camp (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), to learn about forensic science, robotics and rocketeering. "The kids were excited about it," said King.

Like neighboring West Potomac

High, MVHS will be getting synthetic turf and practice fields in the year 2014, thanks to a School Board vote to use \$1.5 million in carryover funds, with matching money from the Board of Supervisors. "This will offer a great opportunity for our athletes and community to have equal playing fields," said King. "We're appreciative of [the grassroots community organization] VOICE — they were instrumental in rallying for the turf fields."

A new floor and bleachers were installed in its field house last year. And this year, besides the new mural in the cafeteria, MVHS will be hiring a new drama teacher and three new assistant principals: Kyle Hill and Karin Boyd, with the others still unnamed.

King is proud of the school's Major Bucks Depot, where teachers give reward cards to students for good behavior. Students can then use the coupons for free t-

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What's New at WPHS

Interim principal Bruce Butler takes helm after Cliff Hardison dies.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

Since the death of former principal Cliff Hardison this summer, West Potomac High has a new interim principal in place named Bruce Butler, 55, who came out of retirement to run the school until a permanent principal can be found. Butler led South Lakes High School in Reston for seven years.

"The reasons to be here are very sad," he said. "The school and community lost a great leader... So in my coming in, my job is to support and reinforce and develop what he had in place."

So what's new at WPHS?

With 2,300 students set to begin classes in few weeks — 100 more than last year — the school has 20 new teachers plus two new assistant principals: Maria Faz from Edison High and Laura Moore from the Bryant AIM Program.

A synthetic turf field and a new Dietz stadium field is in the works for 2014, thanks to the school's Athletic Boosters working with lawmakers to acquire the funding. The PTSA has been busy landscaping and beautifying the school grounds to make it more welcoming. "I firmly believe we have a lot of caring and bright parents [at West Potomac] — a giant group of very bright and dedicated teachers and staff," said Butler. "My job is to allow that insight and experience and idealism to coalesce for what is best for this learning community."

A believer in open communication, Butler is reaching out to the school's PTSA for its support: "I do know that's a strong connection, and we are going to expand that this year," he said. "The parents play a critical role in their own kid's life and experience. Their support enriches the academic and social experience."

Butler said his primary focus is on a great instructional program — working to expand and challenge students at the highest lev-

els. "The most important work that goes on here is the teachers' work with the students," said Butler. "Everything we do as an administrative staff is to support their ability to do the best possible job to support the kids."

To that end, West Potomac students can study medical technology, medical assistance and subjects related to health and human services at the Governor's Health and Science Academy. "There's a lot of interesting opportunities for students who want to look in the health and science fields," said Butler, of classes in occupational therapy, pharmacy technology, medical assisting, and next year, biomedical research. "It models these connections that some European countries do," he added.

Assistant Principal Alex Case, 30, said math teachers have been attending a Saturday boost camp to help strengthen students' skills in algebra II, geometry, fractions — even multi-variable calculus, the highest math that is taught.

A dozen teachers were sent to summer institutes to get training in advanced placement and honors coursework. "We've been running boost camps for the students to get extra help to be able to succeed in the most demanding classes in the schools," said Case.

Butler said one of his priorities is organizing and developing aspects of the instructional program, thus providing opportunities and time for teachers to work together to develop a challenging curriculum for students in each subject.

"We want to be able to define and clearly understand what excellence is in each course, in each discipline," said Butler. "That's a key point of focus for us."

Butler is also trying to promote the Advanced Placement and IB programs to all its students. "If students are able to engage in either AP or IB work, there is a drastic increase in their likelihood of success at the

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Butler Takes Interim Role

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university,” said Butler. “We want to engage as many as possible at the high-school level.”

Butler praised West Potomac’s special-ed program called Education for Employment, which provides students with job training skills and coaching by staff at Roy Rogers and hotels like SpringHill Suites by Marriott. “Those programs are created around the

needs of the individual student,” he added.

Students will also notice there are some brightly colored murals around the building and two new learning cottages. “We’ve had students building murals all summer as part of our positive behavior support program,” said Case. “Our thinking behind that is a beautiful school campus certainly contributes to a strong school spirit.”

What’s New at Mt. Vernon High

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shirts, backpacks and school supplies, which are all donated.

With this season being the 30th anniversary of MVHS’s state football championship, the Oscar-winning film “Undeclared” made by former student Ed Cunningham, about former football coach Bruce Patrick, will be screened at Homecoming festivities in the fall. “Bruce Patrick is going to come back on Homecoming and celebrate,” said King.

Combined with MVHS’s state soccer title last spring, along with 1979’s basketball win, this is the third state AAA title for the Majors.

For its half-time production at football games, this year’s Marching Majors Band has a new show called “Heroes,” said King. “Every year they focus on a new show, and I’m excited about that.”

In addition to all of her staff, she is thrilled to have returning football coach Barry Wells and field hockey coach Jessica Hebel, who have brought many championship wins to MVHS. The new cheerleading coach,

Shaida Darvishian, is also a 2006 MVHS grad.

King is looking forward to working with new Fairfax County Schools Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza, who replaced Jack Dale after nine years in the position. “[Garza] has already expressed her interest and support of the schools in the Mount Vernon Pyramid — and we’re excited about that,” she said.

King is also hoping to engage with community partners that are interested in supporting her school that was built in 1939 at the site of present-day ISA building on Route 1. It moved to its current spot in 1972 or 1973. MVHS also has a school partnership with The Fort Belvoir Public Relations Office.

Her husband, Stanley, is a retired colonel in the U.S. Army. Son Chadd is a 2007 MVHS grad and is a second-lieutenant stationed in Kuwait. Daughter Tracy will be a senior at North Carolina State A&T University.

So how does King really feel about school starting in September? “It’s great to be a Major,” she said. “I love this place.”

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OPINION

Excerpts from King's 'I Have a Dream'

Martin Luther King Jr. spoke to the March on Washington 50 years ago next week, Aug. 28, 1963.

Listen to audio of the entire speech at <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/multimedia/audio/128077288.html>. To read the full speech, see: <http://www.archives.gov/press/exhibits/dream-speech.pdf>

"Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous day-break to end the long night of captivity.

"But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One

hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity.

One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition. ...

"We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. ...

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"We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream. ...

"I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beware Door-to-Door Peddlers and Solicitors

To the Editor:

More than one MVCCA member association has encountered door-to-door solicitation for an education/learning program.

The solicitor is not only using PTA Board members' names to gain "confidence" of residents and access into the home; but also, the names of teachers "endorsing" the product.

Once inside the residence and making a presentation, the solicitor then asks for the names of other people with children who reside in the neighborhood. With that information, the solicitor has easy access into the home. The solicitor is also visiting a home more than once and knocking on doors after 9 p.m.

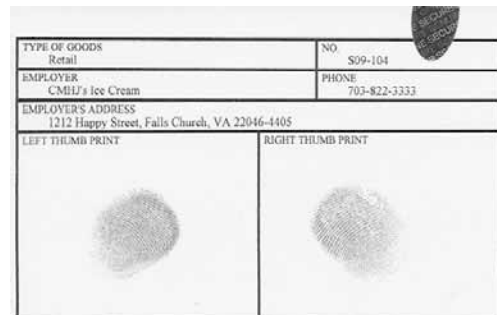
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Note: If a resident is supporting his/her neighborhood school, residents should post such a sign when their neighborhood booster club is not actively going door-to-door for their projects. Otherwise, the volunteers will not stop by their home.

A peddler or solicitor must show the license upon request and must leave the premises immediately if asked to leave.

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- ❖ Close and lock your door.
- ❖ Immediately call Fairfax County Police (non-emergency) at 703-691-2131 to report the violation.

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For more information, contact the Fairfax County Consumer Affairs office on 703-222-8435.

Here's the link to file an online complaint with Fairfax County: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/IQext/CSW_acs.asp

Queenie Cox

Committee Chair-MVCCA Consumer Affairs
Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations



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Displeased with Representation

To the Editor:

In last week's Gazette, Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) suggested that the Virginia Legislature should convene to consider impeachment of Governor McDonnell, thereby doubling down on his previous comments concerning the pending investigation of the Governor. As I pointed out in a prior letter, neither U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine nor U.S. Sen. Warner believes it is appropriate to publicly comment on a pending investigation. Delegate Surovell is undeterred. I could be wrong, but I don't recall hearing anyone else calling for the Governor's impeachment, barely 2 1/2 months from the election of his successor.

Memo to the citizens of the 44th District: The House of Delegates has 100 members of which, currently, 67 are Republicans. Delegate Surovell is a Democrat. An Internet search revealed how far out of the mainstream Delegate Surovell is, even among Democrats. Delegate Surovell enjoys a 45 percent rating from the

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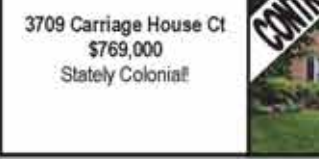
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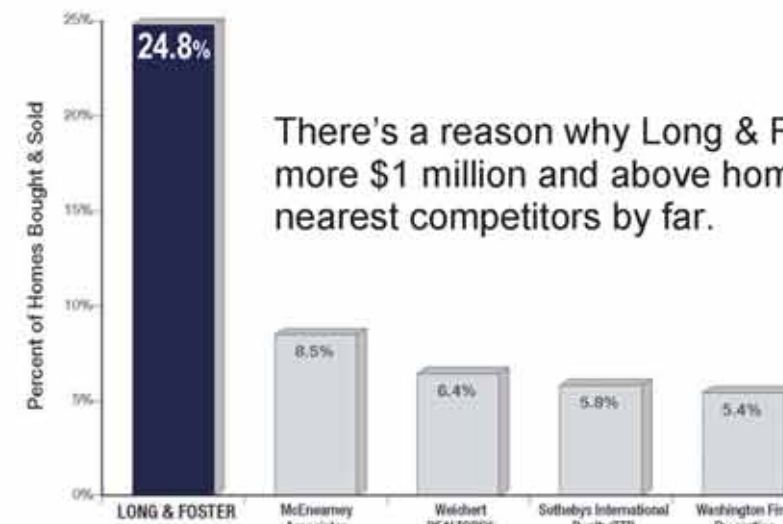


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Panel Rejects Surovell's Effort To Open Records

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frank conversations without fear that sensitive information will be revealed to the people or the press. "We enjoy that give and take with the commission and we would hate to see that dialogue become a matter of public record," said Durent Walton, who represents the Virginia Telecommunications Industry Association. "If it does, it will certainly change the combatants and people who represent us will be in a courtroom and not in an informal meeting."

OPEN GOVERNMENT advocates say the State Corporation Commission is simply too big and too important to operate outside of the public sphere. Although the rulings of the commission are public, the deliberations that lead to the conclusions are not. That's why Surovell and other supporters of government transparency are pressing to make the commission subject to public-records laws.

"It is not without precedent around the country," said Megan Rhyne, executive director of the Virginia Coalition for Open Government. "Several other state equivalents of this type of office, even ones that are constitutionally created, are nonetheless subject to, if not the entire public records and public meetings law, at least portions of it."

Since last session, Surovell has included

new exemptions to his bill in an effort to build consensus. For example, he added new language to the bill specifying that the commission will have no obligation to disclose public records detailing its regulatory activities.

"We believe that all agencies of government should be subject to FOIA with reasonable exceptions," said Sue Lewis, vice president of the League of Women Voters of Virginia. "Certain sensitive areas can still be protected, but basic administrative records should be available to the public upon request."

DURING THE SUBCOMMITTEE

meeting, members heard from one woman who opposed an effort from Dominion Virginia Power to install power lines over the James River. She was part of a group that engaged in an extended effort to build a case against the company, but she said that the group's efforts were thwarted by the broad exemption the regulatory agency enjoys. As a result, she said, much of the deliberations leading to regulation of Dominion happens in the dark. "In our attempt as private citizens to fight this blight across the James,

we learned how this game is played," said Margaret Nelson Fowler of Williamsburg. "This game is hardball and the weapon is cash."

Back in 2011, the Virginia Supreme Court ruled that that State Corporation Commission is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act. Some believe it was a correct ruling, a valid interpretation of the General

because they operate in part as a judicial body," said Scott White, deputy general counsel to the State Corporation Commission. "Nobody has come to us and said that there is an actual practical problem with the way the General Assembly has created this separate statutory framework."

LEADERS at the State Corporation Commission say they see no need for any legislation. But if legislators are going to take action, they would oppose efforts to make the commission subject to the Freedom of Information Act. Instead, they say, they would like new language added to the part of the code dealing with the commission. During

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Assembly's wishes. Others, including Surovell, feel the lack of transparency is a stretch. That's why the current legislative battle is at the center of an ongoing debate about the nexus of money and power in the commonwealth. But members of the subcommittee did not feel that Surovell's effort was worth supporting, in part, because the issue is so complicated.

"It would be very hard to apply this public meetings provision to the commission

the subcommittee meeting this week, Surovell rejected that idea. "We have an existing construct that's worked well with the rest of government, as far as I know, and it's been amended and tweaked and messed with for the last 20 or 30 years now to deal with all the contingencies that pop up," said Surovell. "And it's not clear to me why the State Corporation Commission's procurement or human relations matters are any different than anybody else's."

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Cookie went through the cat door at her home on Saturday August 3rd and did not return. Despite extensive search efforts, she seemingly had vanished into thin air. Miraculously however, on the 14th day Cookie was found!! As nearby neighbors were having coffee and reading the newspaper on their porch, they heard the faintest of mews. They began looking for its source and were surprised to discover it was coming from a 7-foot deep hole created when a previous owner installed a perimeter drain system. The hole was completely covered by the porch, which was only a few inches off the ground. Quickly, a rescue operation was launched and a 2-foot by 3-foot section of the porch was cut-out, exposing the hole. We could then see Cookie, but she was out of reach. A garden hoe with a triangular-shaped head and an 8-foot section of

quarter-round molding were taped together. The hoe was maneuvered in the bottom of the hole to get Cookie perfectly balanced, then gently raised to the surface. She was a beautiful sight, although very weak and covered with sawdust. Veterinarians at an emergency hospital found that she was severely dehydrated and had lost almost a quarter of her body weight, but otherwise in good shape. She is resting at home now and recovering from her ordeal. We deeply appreciate our friends and neighbors who helped sustain our hopes that we would find her and the many people who were keeping Cookie in their thoughts and prayers. Most of all, we appreciate the kindness and determined efforts of Cookie's rescue team—Julie, Neal, Willa, Alyssa, Anne, Walter, and Chris. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! Susan and Ken

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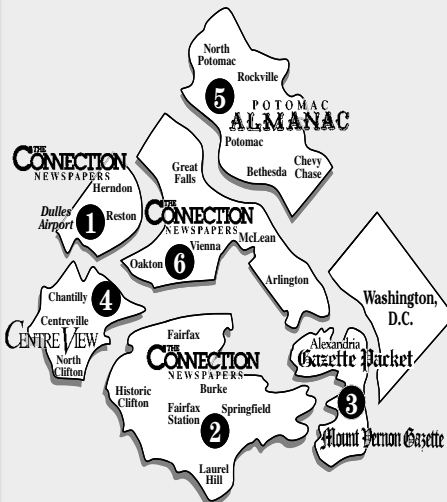
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FROM PAGE 8

Virginia National Federation of Independent Business. Only five delegates have a lower score. Delegate Surovell enjoys a 71 percent rating from the Virginia Chamber of Commerce. This seemingly high score is misleading: Only five delegates boast a lower score. Delegate Surovell has a 0 percent rating by the American Conservative Union and a 15 percent rating by the Family Foundation of Virginia. No surprise, he is rated 100 percent by Naral Pro-Choice Virginia and 100 percent by the Virginia Education Association.

In a state in which Republicans dominate the House of Delegates, how are citizens of the 44th District to expect to obtain legislation favorable to us under circumstances in which our delegate is way out of the mainstream of even Democratic thought? Voters have the ability to elect a delegate more in the mainstream of the 44th District. It appears that during this election cycle, this will not occur since no Republican will even be on the ballot in November and the one independent candidate has little chance of prevailing. This sad state of affairs can only embolden Delegate Surovell to continue to espouse his extreme views on behalf of his constituents. I'd suggest to those who wish to send Delegate Surovell a message, that they vote for one of the governor candidates but refrain from voting for a delegate. The disparity in total votes for governor and delegate among 44th District voters can inform Delegate Surovell of the displeasure of his constituents.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

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SUNDAY/AUG. 25

Choir Concert. 4 p.m. at Woodlawn Faith United Methodist Church, 7730 Fordson Rd. The Carter Gospel Singers of Alexandria celebrate 44 years with the theme "I'm Just Praising the Lord!" Call 571-659-9165.

TUESDAY/AUG. 27

Children's Haircuts. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road. Off-duty firefighters/barbers, the Progressive Firefighters of Fairfax County, Inc., WKYS 93.9 FM, Apple Federal Credit Union, Keith Burns Foundation, and local barbers throughout the community will provide free haircuts for local children on free or reduced lunch plans in anticipation of the new school year. Contact Captain Willie Bailey at 571-641-0036.

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Art Class. Running through Saturday, Aug. 31, classes meet 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Bring toddlers or preschoolers for guided exploration of clay, paint, collage, drawing and building in a supported studio environment. Classes held at Art At The Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Register online at www.artatthecenter.com.

Visiting Artists. Through Saturday, Aug. 31, the Visiting Artist Program is a professional development opportunity for emerging and experienced visual artists from all over the country and provides an opportunity for visitors to interact with a rotating group of visual artists. Torpedo Factory located at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org. Guests who visit George Washington's Mount Vernon and the International Spy Museum will be able to take advantage of **Operation: George Washington** and save 50 percent off the ticket purchase at their second destination. To redeem the offer, guests must present their receipt for admission or ticket stub from one site when purchasing their ticket to the second site. Both Mount Vernon and the International Spy Museum will honor receipts and tickets throughout August. Visit www.MountVernon.org.

Dog Days Dog Show. Through Sunday, Sept. 1 in the Athenaeum Gallery. The show includes a variety of photographs about dogdom, portraits are also included. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-683-5058.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, Sept. 1 at The Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street. The exhibit is "Radio Sebastian: You, Me, and the Void". An opening reception for the exhibit will be held Aug. 8, 6-8 p.m. in the gallery. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target or call 703-838-4565.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, Sept. 1

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Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition. At The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. Open daily through September, this exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. See how Robert E. Lee's hometown was transformed literally overnight from a prosperous commercial port into a supply, hospital, and transportation center for the Union Army, and find out why Alexandria became a destination for African Americans seeking freedom. Explore the experiences of Alexandrians and others who lived here during this time, as well as period photographs and collections items. Open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. Admission \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

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This **exhibit at Fort Ward**, located at 4301 W. Braddock Road, features objects from the museum collection, to tell this story of the event that launched the Civil War in Alexandria. Free. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Visit www.fortwaRoad.org or call 703-746-4848.

Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition at The Lyceum, 201

Tango over to Lorton Art Center QuinTango to perform Saturday.

BY BARBARA BOLAND
THE GAZETTE

QuinTango, a chamber tango music group with international acclaim, will play at Lorton Workhouse Art Center on 9601 Ox Road on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. The concert is free and concertgoers are invited to listen to the music sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority, with seating under a tent, and take in the sounds of Buenos Aires.

The QuinTango players are a quintet of two violins, cello, bass and piano and they will be accompanied by dancers Anton Gazenbeek and Mandi Messina.

Joan Singer, the founder of the group and Alexandria native, started Quintango 15 years ago after playing tango music for fun for a long time. QuinTango is the only tango music group to give a Command Performance at The White House and the only Ameri-

can tango group to give a Command Performance at the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires.

A finalist in the 2004 International Tango Competition, QuinTango has been heard on NPR's Morning Edition, CNN, and network television in both the U.S. and Costa Rica. They have also won WAMMIE awards five times. The group is currently working on its sixth album.

In the same way that jazz represents African American culture, so also tango evokes a broad spectrum of the culture of Buenos Aires and the Rio de la Plata. "I love the international aspect of the music, the fact that people all over the world love tango music and have their own takes on it,"

Singer said. "There are tango communities everywhere you go in the world. Wherever you are, there are people that love tango and that dance to it, like an underground river which if you know about it, can sweep you away."

The QuinTango players tell stories about their music and their adventures in Argentina throughout the concert, between songs. They will be signing CDs afterwards. The concert is free, and those who feel so inclined are welcome to dance on the grass.



703-746-4994.

African American Activists Exhibition. Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing photo-documentary project created in 2006 by artist-photographer Nina Tisara to identify, honor and chronicle people making current history in Alexandria. This free exhibit is at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 601 Wythe St. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-4356.

The Marshall House Incident Exhibition at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and

workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Book a Librarian. At the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St, for help with research or to better understand the library's databases and resources. Make an appointment by calling 703-746-1751.

Computer Tutoring. At the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Individual assistance from a librarian. Call 703-746-1751.

Mobile Market. Thursdays through October, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Landmark Mall parking lot on the Duke Street side. The Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture Mobile Market is a refurbished school bus offering produce, meat, eggs and more from small farmers and food artisans within 100 miles of the area. EBT cards and WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers accepted. Visit arcadiafood.org.

Encore Chorale. Mondays 10:30 a.m.-noon at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Register now for Encore Chorale's fall season. The group of singers, ages 55 and up, practice classical and holiday songs to prepare for December performances. \$150 tuition. Visit encorecreativity.org or call 301-261-5747.

Metro Club After-School Program. From Sept. 9-June 2014, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive. Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-

Friday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from \$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 22

Elephant Day. At Ten Thousand Villages, 915 King St. For the third annual Elephant Day, the store offers 20 percent off all elephant items, as well as elephant themed snacks. 15 percent of sales for the day will be donated to the International Elephant Foundation to help protect elephants in Africa and Asia. Call 703-684-1435 or visit www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com.

Blockbuster Thursday. 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Call 703-746-1702 for title.

World Short Story Discussion. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road Free. Call for title. 703-746-1704.

Evening Story Time. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Children ages 1-5 can enjoy stories. Free. 703-768-6700.

Night Time Tales. 7 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Stories and activities for children ages 3-5 with an adult. Registration required. Call 703-971-0010.

FRIDAY/AUG. 23

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. CD Release Show for Olivia and the Mates. \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 23-SEPT. 1 Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week. More than 50 restaurants



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Del Ray Artisans' Craft Night Social provides time to work on a project in progress or start a new one and get to know other creative individuals. The evening is open to all who knit, crochet, sew, scrapbook, make cards or jewelry, or any other fiber, paper or general craft that does not involve wet media other than glue. Each crafter will receive 2-3 feet of table space.

Each four-hour session is \$8 for Del Ray Artisans members and \$10 for non-members. Space is limited; register at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft. For questions about Craft Night Social, contact Lisa at artenuestra@yahoo.com.

Craft Night Socials are 5-9 p.m. on Aug. 27 and Oct. 22, at Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave.

South Washington Street. This exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. The Lyceum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call

Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Visit www.fortwaRoad.org or call 703-746-4848.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union Street. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free

at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue. The exhibit features seven Del Ray Artisans following their own theme and inspirations to create their own artwork. The gallery is free and open to the public. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

Art Exhibit. Through Sept. 2, see

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 23-25

Theatre Performance. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday at Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd. Metropolitan Performing Arts Theatre's ensemble presents "Fame: the Musical." \$20. Call 703-584-2900 or visit www.metro-theatre.org.

SATURDAY/AUG. 24

VietFest. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at Landmark Mall, 5801 Duke St. Celebrate the Vietnamese culture through art, food, history and entertainment. \$5/advance; \$7/onsite; free to people wearing full Vietnamese dress. Visit www.VietFest.com or 540-497-1661.

Grave-Marking Ceremony. 10 a.m. at the Peake Family Cemetery in Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 8115 Fordson Rd. Hosted by the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, the grave-marking ceremony will honor Revolutionary War patriots Humphrey Peake Sr. and Lieutenant William Peake. The ceremony includes the presentation of colors by the SAR Color Guard and brief discussion of the lives of the Peakes. Open to public attendance. Visit www.gwsar.org.

History Lecture. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Learn about the burning of Washington and surrender of Alexandria in August of 1814. \$10/adult; \$5/child age 5-12. Reservations recommended as space is limited. 703-549-2997.

Art Material Market. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street. Artists from all over are invited to buy, sell, or trade their new or gently used art supplies, tools, materials, and ephemera. Admission is free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org or call 703-838-4565 ext. 5.

Wag A Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 5-12 can register to read aloud to Chester, a reading therapy dog. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

Free Meditation Workshop. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn breathing technique and more. Free. 703-746-1702.

Concert. Johnny Lappen at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. 7:30 p.m. \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 24-25

Begonia Show and Sale Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday, 2-3:30 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The Potomac Branch of the American Begonia Society sponsors the annual display and sale various begonia species. Free. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Kitten Adoption Event. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at King Street Cats, 25 Dove S. Cuddle some kittens and find a new best friend. This is a two day event, everyone is welcome. Visit www.kingstreetcats.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 25

VietFest. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Landmark Mall, 5801 Duke St. Celebrate the Vietnamese culture through art, food, history and entertainment. \$5/advance; \$7/onsite; free to people wearing full Vietnamese dress. Visit www.VietFest.com or 540-497-1661.

Pride and Prejudice Celebration 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603



Art At the Center Celebrates 5th Annual Big Chalk Draw

The Big Chalk Draw will take place Friday, Aug. 30, 8-10 a.m. Meet in the Art at the Center parking lot for a morning of chalk drawing. This is a free community art event. New school supplies and backpacks for children in need in the community will be collected.

Green Spring Road. Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" turns 200. Celebrate and discuss the novel. Reservations are \$29. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Film. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Call for title. Free. 703-746-1702.

Gospel Singers in Concert. 4 p.m. at Woodlawn Faith United Methodist Church, 7730 Fordson Road. Carter Gospel Singers will be celebrating 44 years of singing ministry. Original Carter Chorus Singers will also be featured at the service. Call 571-659-9165.

MONDAY/AUG. 26

Biography Book Club. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Call for title. 703-746-1743.

Musical Play. 7:30 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 Q King St. See "1001 Black Inventions," written and directed by Alexandria's Greenfair Moses 111 and headlined by Alexandria's Andy Evans. Call 703-544-5315 or go to OldTownTheater1914.com for tickets.

TUESDAY/AUG. 27

Craft Night Social. 5-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans. Bring unfinished projects that are in progress and be social with other creative individuals. \$8 DRA members / \$10 non-members. Register: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft.

Paws to Read. 5:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required, 703-746-1705.

Martha's Mystery Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Adults can discuss "Field Gray, a Bernie Gunther Novel" by Philip Kerr. Free. 703-768-6700.

Musical Play. 7:30 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 Q King St. See "1001 Black Inventions," written and directed by Alexandria's Greenfair Moses 111 and headlined by Alexandria's Andy Evans. Call 703-544-5315 or go to OldTownTheater1914.com for tickets.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 28

Spanish Story Time. 1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All abilities and all levels can join in for stories. Free. 703-746-1702.

Cool Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Maureen Clyne of Prasada Yoga offers, outdoor yoga classes at 1900 Mt. Vernon

Avenue in Del Ray. Open to all skill levels. Free. Call 703-967-8884 or visit www.prasadayoga.com.

Book Signing. 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Jide Familoni discusses and signs his novel "Losing My Religion." Call 703-746-1751 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

THURSDAY/AUG. 29

Movie Matinee for Children. 4 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children in grades K-8 can watch a movie. Free. 703-746-1783.

Blockbuster Thursday. 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Call 703-746-1702 for title.

Film Series. 6 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Watch "Moonrise Kingdom." Free. 703-746-1704.

Martha's Family Movie. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. All ages can watch a film based on a children's classic book. Free. Registration required. 703-768-6700.

Concert. 8 p.m. at the Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Caravan of Thieves and the Funhouse perform. \$20. Call 703-544-5315 or visit www.oldtowntheater1914.com.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/AUG. 29-31

Theatre Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd. Metropolitan Performing Arts Theatre's ensemble presents "Fame: the Musical." \$20. Call 703-584-2900 or visit www.metro-theatre.org.

FRIDAY/AUG. 30

Annual Big Chalk Draw. 8-10 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Join in a morning of chalk drawing in the parking lot. Free, everyone welcome. Art at the Center will also be collecting new school supplies and backpacks for children in the community. Visit www.artatthecenter.org.

Three Dog Night. At The Birchmere 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. Tickets on sale now for \$69.50. Visit www.threedognight.com or www.birchmere.com for information.

SATURDAY/AUG. 31

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Come see The Outlaws perform. \$35. visit www.outlawsmusic.com. Robyn Ludwick will open.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 1

Music Performance. 3 p.m. at The

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BumpKin Pie will perform at the Friendship Firehouse Picnic Sunday, Aug. 25.

Friendship Firehouse Picnic

Come meet and show your appreciation for the personnel of the Alexandria Fire Department at the 2nd annual Friendship Firehouse Picnic Sunday, Aug. 25 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Grove at the Virginia Theological Seminary. Musical performances include BumpKin Pie and The Kate Moran Band. Games and activities like face painting, obstacle courses and slides will be featured along with a display of fire and EMS apparatus giving those attending a chance to explore modern fire equipment. All tickets include a membership in the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association. For tickets or more information, visit www.friendshipfire.net.

Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Violinist Benjamin Scott will perform music by Beethoven, Ravel and more. Visit www.wmpamusic.org/free or 703-799-8229.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 3

Stories and Songs. 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free. 703-746-1705.

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 2-4 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Tuesday Tots. 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months with adult. Free. 703-746-1702.

Sherwood Poetry Read-Around. 6:45 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Adults can share favorite poems, either original or by a favorite poet. Free. 703-765-3645.

Evening Storytime. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Kingstowne Centre. Children of all ages can wear pajamas and enjoy stories and activities about bedtime. Free. Registration required, 703-339-6700.

Game Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can play with their friends. Free. 703-746-1702.

Author Talk. 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Mary Radnofsky will discuss "Escape from Romania to 9/11: Rebuilding the American Dream." Free. 703-746-1702.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 4

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age

24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Down on the Farm. 10:30 a.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Children ages 4-5 can enjoy stories, songs and activities about farms and animals. Register at 703-768-6700.

Laptime Rhythm and Rhyme. 11 a.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children up to 18 months with adult. Free. 703-746-1704.

Daytime Book Discussion. 12:15 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Kingstowne Centre. Call for title. 703-339-4610.

Hitchcock Film Series. 6:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Watch a movie and then discuss it at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub. Free. 703-746-1705.

Family Story & Craft Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy crafts and stories. Free. 703-746-1702.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 5

Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Terrific Twos and Threes. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

Story Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Little One-Ders. 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Paws to Read. 5:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Register at 703-746-1702 x5.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch

Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

Night Time Tales. 7 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children ages 3-5 can listen to stories. Registration required. Call 703-971-0010.

Movies at Martha. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Adults and teens age 13 and up can enjoy a movie. Call for title. 703-768-6700.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 5-SUNDAY/OCT. 20

Art Exhibit. See "Deep, Full, And Not Quite Real" at Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. See how artists play with notions of science, psychological state and more to create art. Free. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 6

Friday Affair Market. Noon-4 p.m. at historic Hollin Hall, 1909 Windmill Lane. Purchase baked goods, treats, flowers and crafts from local vendors. Held the first and third Fridays of every month through December. Call 202-256-5332.

E-Reader Cover Craft Project. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Librarians will show how to turn a hardback book into a cover for your e-reader. Participation is limited, 703-746-1745.

Theater Production. 8 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 W King St. Bible Stories Theatre will perform "Once Upon a Time Shop." 703-544-5315 or go to OldTownTheater1914.com for tickets.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 7

Alexandria King Street Art Festival. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Old Town Alexandria, 480 King St. Free and open to the public. Also on Sunday, Sept. 8. Email Info@ArtFestival.com or call 561-746-6615.



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West Potomac senior DeMornay Pierson-El, with ball, is committed to the University of Nebraska.



Jeremiah Davis enters his second season as West Potomac head football coach.

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Nebraska Commit Pierson-El Is WPHS's Big-Play Threat

Wolverines in search of return trip to postseason.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

The West Potomac football team was nearing the end zone during a recent scrimmage against Robinson when Wolverines quarterback Preston Jones tipped an errant shotgun snap up in the air.

While the Wolverines had reason to panic, senior running back DeMornay Pierson-El showed he had everything under control.

Pierson-El transformed the potential stressor into six points, catching the botched snap and racing around the left side for a touchdown.

"That wasn't designed," head coach Jeremiah Davis later said.

Pierson-El's athleticism is a big reason why West Potomac made the playoffs in

2012. Now a senior, Pierson-El and the Wolverines will attempt to return to the postseason in Davis' second season as head coach.

Pierson-El is committed to the University of Nebraska as a slot receiver and a kick/punt returner. Davis also plans to use Pierson-El in multiple positions.

"We're going to use him all over the field," Davis said. "He has a lot of duties: he'll play the backfield, he'll play wide receiver, he'll play defense, he'll play corner, he'll play safety. ... He does it all."

Pierson-El has high expectations for his senior season.

"I plan to break some school records," he said. "Punt returns, rushing, rushing touchdowns, maybe receptions. That's it."

Pierson-El also said he's targeting the school's single-season interception record

of 10.

While the Wolverines have a star, Davis pointed out Pierson-El will have some help this season. Senior running backs Josh Carter and Kevin Carter are cousins of Pierson-El and figure to lighten his load in the backfield.

"We're not singular anymore," Davis said. "This isn't just give No. 5 the ball and watch him go."

Jones enters his first season as a varsity starter at quarterback. Senior James Harkless could see time at receiver.

On defense, Harkless is a standout cornerback who said he is receiving interest from multiple colleges.

"Last year we were really senior heavy, so this year was sort of a rebuilding process," Harkless said. "But we've come together so far. It's only two weeks into the season and [our performance during

tonight's scrimmage against Robinson] explains how hard we've been working and paying attention."

Davis described senior linebacker Darien Pickett as the "leader" of the defense.

Davis said he's noticed the Wolverines are starting to do the "little things," in regard to following directions and displaying good sportsmanship on the field.

"He's been telling us ... [to] keep our composure and be gentlemen out there," Pierson-El said, "but [also] handle [our] business."

West Potomac will play in 6A North's Conference 7 after the VHSL's six-class realignment. The conference is composed of seven of the eight teams that formed the former Patriot District. Lee is competing in 5A North's Conference 13.

The Wolverines will open the season at home at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 29 against Centreville.

The teams played twice last season, with West Potomac winning the regular-season matchup and Centreville winning in the playoffs.

"We're going to use him all over the field. ... He does it all."

— West Potomac football coach Jeremiah Davis about DeMornay Pierson-El

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Margaret R. Covert, majoring in psychology; **Emily M. Deller**, majoring in interdisciplinary health services; **Heather J. Olson**, majoring in elem/special education; and **David M. Robinson**, majoring in Spanish; earned dean's list honors for the Spring 2013 semester at Saint Joseph's University.

Anastasia C. Voellm, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Voellm of Alexandria, graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy on May 25. She was a member of the National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, and the National Spanish Honor Society while at the Academy. At the end of the school year, she received Baylor University Provost's Gold Scholarship, an Army

ROTC Scholarship, the National Honor Society Scholarship, the President's Award for Academic Achievement, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award, and the Certificate of Excellence for Spanish Honors V. She also received the Cadet in the Arena Leadership Award and the Athena Award.

Voellm participated in varsity tennis, basketball, and soccer. Her athletic awards included Athlete of the Year, and being named R-MA's MVP for tennis, basketball, and soccer. She was also named to the Delaney Athletic Conference All-Conference 1st Team in tennis, basketball and soccer. Voellm was named to the dean's list for the fourth quarter for achieving a grade point average above 3.5. She will attend Baylor University in the fall.

Ariel Raquel Harris, graduated from the College of Fine and Performing Arts at University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a bachelor of arts degree.

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Army Sgt. **John R. Hatelly** has returned to the U.S. after being deployed overseas at a forward operating base to serve in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Hatelly is a squad leader assigned to the Fourth Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. He has served in the military for three years. He is the son of Michele Parchman of Fort Belvoir. The sergeant is a 2006 graduate of Hayfield Secondary School.

Army Pvt. **Darius E. Gettridge** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Gettridge is a 2012 graduate of Mount Vernon High School.

Marine Corps Pfc. **Hector J. Gaona Torres**, a 2011 graduate of Mount

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Vernon High School, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **Tanon O. Tomatipagul** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio. Tomatipagul is the son of Nitis Olafson of Franconia Station.

Navy Seaman Recruit **Osiel A. Montoya**, son of Elena Guzman-Arevalo, of Burke, and Osiel Montoya, of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Navy Ensign **Jennifer L. Jones** graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and was commissioned to her current rank.

Navy Ensign **Jeffrey C. Christo-**

pher graduated from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned to his current rank.

Navy Seaman **Michael M. Costigan** completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Army 2nd Lt. **Yohei Sakamoto** has graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Sakamoto has served in the military for two years.

Army National Guard Pvt. **Latori M. Toney** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina.

Navy Seaman Recruit **Christopher G. Glenn** recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois.

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