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John W. Foust (D) taps Gov. Terry McAuliffe to headline his House campaign fundraiser. **B5**



MARYLAND

Krist Koranteng, 32, has been charged with using online dating sites to cheat elderly victims. **B3**



OBITUARIES

Journalist Robert Sherrill, 89, wrote about political leaders, Big Oil and the gun industry. **B5**

A busker wins the first round of a federal lawsuit challenging the regional transit authority's ban on performing for tips at stations



Does Metro call the tune?

BY PAUL DUGGAN

Alex W. Young, who makes his living with a guitar and a song, says he finally got tired of being shooed away from Metro stations by police officers.

He saw no harm in what he was doing — playing music for tips outside subway entrances, his instrument case open at his feet. Buskers are part of the traditional fabric of public transportation in America, Young says. And with a lawyer by his side, he has gone to federal court, intent on proving his point.

"All I'm doing is, I'm entertaining people," says the 27-year-old performer. "And by having my guitar case open, what I'm saying is, I'm just trying to brighten your day, and if you'd like to support my music, you can donate."

To the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, however, Young was violating Section 100.10 of the Regulations Concerning the Use of WMATA Property, which decrees, "No individual carrying out free speech activity will carry out any commercial activity." You want to strum your Gibson and belt out tunes on Metro-controlled sidewalks

YOUNG CONTINUED ON B4



PHOTOS BY BONNIE JO MOUNT/THE WASHINGTON POST

Alex Young sings and plays the guitar outside the Vienna Metro station in Northern Virginia. Young, 27, mounted a legal challenge in federal court to Metro's ban on playing for tips at stations. Last week, he won an injunction that allows him — and other buskers — to play for tips at Metro stations as long as they perform at least 15 feet from the entrances.

McDonnell has no use for 'we'



Petula Dvorak

Bob McDonnell has, apparently, mistaken Judge James R. Spencer for his marriage counselor.

The former governor of Virginia seems to have forgotten he

is on trial for public corruption and is busy ticking off the slights, arguments, miscommunications, huffs and petty scorekeeping of his marriage before the Richmond jury and the ever-patient judge as though they were all there to witness his couples counseling sessions.

On Thursday, McDonnell (R) proclaimed that his decision to drag his marriage through the mud was a tough one. "It's going to be very, very difficult," McDonnell testified, his voice growing almost inaudible. "It's going to be hard for me to talk about."

Of course, McDonnell could have avoided putting his

DVORAK CONTINUED ON B4

Blindsided by gifts, loans

The former governor lays bare the unraveling of his marriage. **A1**

Go-go club licensing rule stirs anger

Music joints' collisions with violence shut felons out of ownership ranks

BY WESLEY ROBINSON

Brian Logan is a businessman. He owns a hair salon, does landscaping and works as a DJ. But what Logan cannot do is run a go-go club in his native Prince George's County.

In July 2011, after a string of homicides linked to clubs in the area, the county passed a law prohibiting anyone convicted of a felony from operating a dance hall that plays music. That means Logan, who was convicted in 2000 of possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute, cannot operate a club, something he says he was unaware of until after he had invested in a dance hall in Landover.

"People with prior convictions own other businesses," Logan argued. And after serving 18 months in jail and a year of probation, he was able to have his voting rights reinstated. So, he asks, why can't he run a dance club?

The reasons have much to do with how the music is perceived in the region.

Go-go music is the District's own indigenous style of music.



MARVIN JOSEPH/THE WASHINGTON POST

"I'm a productive man," says businessman Brian Logan, whose record keeps him from owning a club in Prince George's County.

Steeped in a heavy bass line and backed by a heavy beat, the music has been the soundtrack for a number of black Washingtonians and others in the close-in suburbs. Over the years, violence has sometimes overlapped with clubs playing the music.

That violence led Prince George's officials to pass a law that many hoped would dissuade those with criminal inclinations. But for lovers of the music, the law is seen as overly restrictive — and worse.

This summer, club owners — most with no criminal record — filed a \$10 million lawsuit in U.S.

District Court alleging discrimination, but the case was dismissed. Logan was among the plaintiffs.

"I know that I'm a productive man," he added. He conservatively estimates that approval of the legislation has cost the club \$120,000 in revenue and that he's also lost money because he had to give up a majority share in the business. "I've paid my debt to society, and I've been rehabilitated. Nobody's perfect, but everyone does have the right to do better and change."

The suit was part of a wave of activism by local advocates who

LOGAN CONTINUED ON B3

Gray authorizes new D.C. school boundary policy

CHANGES TO TAKE EFFECT IN FALL 2015

About a third of students live in the rezoned areas

BY MICHAEL ALISON CHANDLER AND MIKE DeBONIS

D.C. Mayor Vincent C. Gray (D) authorized new school boundaries Thursday that are slated to go into effect for the 2015-2016 school year and that will in coming years change the assigned schools for tens of thousands of students.

The plan is the first comprehensive overhaul of the city's school boundaries in more than 40 years, and it aims to create a more coherent school system while encouraging residents to invest in neighborhood schools.

Gray's decision to accept the final recommendations of an advisory committee caps a contentious and emotional 10-month process, in which residents have worried about how the new lines will affect their children's academic opportunities and their real estate values in a city where school quality varies dramatically,

often along racial and socioeconomic lines.

"An enormous amount of thought has gone into this effort," Gray said in an interview Thursday.

By acting now, he said, he relieved the next mayor of having to make a politically perilous decision.

"I don't have any political motives at this point, obviously," he said. "The ball got punted down the field repeatedly. No more punting."

The announcement, made just days before the school year begins Monday, was timed to comply with a law that families should have at least a year's notice before any boundary changes go into effect.

Mayoral candidates Muriel E. Bowser (D) and David A. Catania (I) said through their spokesmen that they would reserve comment while they review the final plan. Both have in the past called for the process to slow down to give the next mayor more influence.

Mayoral candidate Carol Schwartz (I) had also called for a delay, but on Thursday she praised some aspects of the plan, including those that aim to distribute at-risk students more equitably throughout the school system. At this point, she said, "it is what it is."

Each D.C. home now will be assigned to one elementary, middle or high school. The plan also

BOUNDARIES CONTINUED ON B5

2 D.C. firefighters in Mills case disciplined

Nobody will lose job; officials, man's family call punishments too soft

BY PETER HERMANN

Mayor Vincent C. Gray, the District's interim fire chief and the family of a man who collapsed across the street from a fire station are condemning as too lenient the punishment given to two firefighters found guilty of ignoring cries to help save the life of Medric "Cecil" Mills Jr. in January.

Neither firefighter will be fired. Instead, one who retired to his bunk to study for a promotional exam instead of helping Mills, 77, will be given a 60-day suspension without pay, and a second was given a reprimand. Mills, who had collapsed of a heart attack down the street from the fire station on

Rhode Island Avenue in Northeast, died hours later at a hospital.

On Thursday, top D.C. officials called the fire department's disciplinary system a failure that needs to quickly be overhauled to give the executive more authority over panels made up of firefighters with the ranks of battalion chiefs and captains. The system is a result of collective bargaining between the District and the firefighters union.

"Justice was not done today," Gray (D) said after the decisions were announced to exonerate one firefighter, reprimand a second and suspend a third. The rules prohibit the fire chief from overturning a trial board's ruling or increasing the recommended punishment.

Mills's family members, in a statement released by their attorney, called the rulings "appalling" and said "it speaks volumes about the culture and what firefighters

MILLS CONTINUED ON B5

Md. landlord accused of plot to force out tenants

Man charged with hiring arborist and others to remove two renters

BY DAN MORSE

There is the standard eviction process: Give the tenant notice and hope that works, go to court and bring in the law if it doesn't.

And then there is what — according to Montgomery County police — a 71-year-old landlord did: pay \$1,000 to a 220-pound tree-removal guy named Bunny to drag a pair of wayward renters out.

The landlord, Martin G. Winepol, has been charged with conspiracy to commit assault as well as conspiracy to commit burglary and robbery, police said Thursday. The latter charges relate to detectives' assertion that the tree-remover, along with four other people, broke into the tenants' apartment,



Winepol



Johnson

grabbed a cellphone from a 72-year-old woman as she was trying to call 911, and broke it as they were dragging and pushing her out, according to court records.

Police allege the accomplice is Garfield "Bunny" Johnson, 50, who has been charged with assault, robbery and other crimes.

Johnson admitted to detectives that he was at the scene the night of the altercation — Aug. 6 — and that he saw a commotion and heard Winepol say he was paying several people "to scare and kick-out" tenants, according to court records. But Johnson told detectives that he was there only to

LANDLORD CONTINUED ON B3

VIRGINIA

Deputy who accidentally shot his daughter won't face charges

BY CAITLIN GIBSON

A Loudoun County sheriff's deputy who accidentally shot his teenage daughter after mistaking her for an intruder will not be charged, according to the Frederick County commonwealth's attorney's office.

The shooting occurred about 3:30 a.m. Aug. 12 when Easton McDonald responded to a security alarm in his Winchester home. After hearing noises coming from outside the garage door, McDon-

ald saw a dark shadow moving toward him and fired a shot from a privately owned gun, striking his 16-year-old daughter in the torso, according to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

The teen, a student at Millbrook High School, had been returning home after apparently sneaking out, investigators said.

After the shot was fired, McDonald recognized his daughter's voice and called 911, said Frederick Sheriff's Office Capt. Donnie Lang.

McDonald told the 911 operator that he would take his daughter to the hospital, Lang said, but lost control of his vehicle and struck a barricade en route. The deputy was not hurt in the crash, which caused no additional injuries to his daughter. An ambulance then took the teen to Winchester Medical Center, where she remains hospitalized in stable condition, authorities said.

In a statement Wednesday, the Frederick County commonwealth's attorney said that, after an investi-

gation by the Frederick Sheriff's Office, it was determined that there was "no evidence upon which to base" any criminal charges.

"The investigation revealed that at the time of the shooting, Mr. McDonald believed that his daughter had been in her room asleep for several hours. He was unaware that she had left the house approximately two hours before to meet a friend nearby," the statement said.

"Believing that all family members were present and accounted

for within the home, Mr. McDonald mistakenly believed that the person or persons attempting to enter his home through the garage represented a dangerous intrusion," the statement said. "His subsequent use of a lawfully possessed firearm was predicated on this mistake of fact, coupled with his desire to protect his home and family."

Calls to the McDonald home Thursday were not immediately returned.

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LOCAL DIGEST

VIRGINIA

Ex-congressman to lead GMU board

Former congressman Tom Davis will become the next leader of the governing board of George Mason University, officials announced Thursday.

Davis, a Republican who represented Northern Virginia in the House from January 1995 to November 2008, was elected rector of the university's Board of Visitors in a vote of the board. Then-Gov. Robert F. McDonnell (R) named Davis to the 16-member board in 2013.

— Nick Anderson

Conviction in case linked to heroin death

A drug dealer who had been linked to the overdose death of a McLean High School junior was convicted of conspiracy to distribute heroin on Monday but acquitted of responsibility for the teen's death.

Prosecutors charged that Antowan Thorne, 37, sold heroin to 16-year-old Emylee Lonczak and three others who drove from Virginia to the District together to buy the drug on Aug. 21, 2013. The four then used the drug.

Lonczak lost consciousness and died.

U.S. District Judge Leonie M. Brinkema ruled that the government had not proven the charge that Thorne's heroin distribution resulted in Lonczak's death.

— Julie Zauzmer

Warner and Gillespie will meet eight times

Sen. Mark R. Warner (D-Va.) on Thursday agreed to eight appearances with Republican challenger Ed Gillespie before the November election.

In addition to a televised debate in West Virginia last month, the candidates will square off in two more televised debates: on Oct. 7 in Fairfax County and in Richmond on Oct. 13. They also agreed to four joint appearances: two in Northern Virginia in September, one in Danville in October and another that has yet to be scheduled.

Gillespie previously accepted six invitations to debate Warner. The campaign is still in talks regarding a Hampton Roads event and has not yet received an invitation to a Roanoke event.—

— Jenna Portnoy

Club rule called overly restrictive

LOGAN FROM B1

also tried to unseat Karen Toles (D-Suitland), a council member who was the bill's sponsor. And although both efforts failed, activists said they are unbowed as they ramp up their efforts and continue their lobbying work.

"We're going back to the drawing board, but we haven't quit," said longtime regional activist Ronald L. Moten, who has helped organize residents around the issue. "There's some things we need to do better on our end, but the county has to be willing to work with us."

County officials maintain that the law is not targeted toward a particular group or music but is simply a way of managing late-night crime that often involves places that serve alcohol. After the bill was passed in July 2011, many go-go venues vanished.

Toles said the dismissal of the lawsuit affirms the bill. The first-term council member, whose district includes Capital Heights, Temple Hills and Suitland, chairs the county's public safety committee. The law, she said, ensures the safety of county businesses and residents.

But Moten said that crime was declining in Prince George's long before the bill became law. Community organizers worked with police in 2007 to help curb violence, he added, but still provide an outlet for go-go music.

Statistics reported to the FBI show that since 2006, violent crime in the county has fallen. The rate dropped 7.4 percent from 2005 to 2006 and has fallen every year since by at least 3 percent,

through 2012. This year, violent crime is on pace to be nearly 27 percent lower than last year.

Moten said that the law has prevented people from operating makeshift dance halls in barber shops and other ill-equipped venues but that it also has been to the detriment of legitimate business.

Police officials in Prince George's said that continued strict code enforcement ensure that crime rates drop annually. They said the department doesn't discriminate against any specific business and goes only after venues violating code, adding that businesses are not targeted and checks of premises are random or a result of citizen complaints.

Indeed, some residents said that the law has helped curb violence in their communities late at night.

Alice Bishop, president of the Templeton Knolls Civic Association, called the bill a good idea but said it isn't tough enough.

There are still issues with violence and lewd behavior, she said, adding that the county isn't doing a good job enforcing the bill and that violators aren't always being held accountable.

"Enforcement is bad," she said. "If the Board of License Commissioners and liquor inspectors do their job well, then the bill works."

Dominic Hobson, known as Nico of GoGoRadio.com, believes that the issue is one of class discrimination more than race. He added that go-go continues to fight an uphill battle because of a lack of legal representation and poor publicity.

"If go-go was doing what it was supposed to be, we should have a



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Brian Logan was part of an unsuccessful suit claiming discrimination concerning go-go club licenses.

venue in each quadrant of the city that we've paid for within our own structure," Hobson said. "If we did this, we wouldn't have an issue."

William Tucker Jr., a Prince George's resident who was born in the District, said the issue is people within the music community are not compromising with the public will.

"This is something within the local culture in which many people, not all, simply aren't professional," Tucker said. "They want to be seen as artists, taken as promoters, consultants, et cetera, but they won't do what it takes to be seen as legitimate businessmen."

Tucker, president and founder of WOOK-LP (103.1 FM), said he plays go-go and has done so to

help erase the genre's stigma. He noted that the bill requires only that businesses submit plans and pay for a license, which is hardly discriminatory.

Issues of violence had been tied to a venue formerly owned by Dan Richardson. Before the legislation took effect, a man was fatally shot outside Plaza 23 in Temple Hills. Richardson said an outside promoter rented the space for the night and that four off-duty local and municipal police officers were working there. The killing remains unsolved, he said.

"That was the only incident that ever happened at my establishment," Richardson said. "We didn't understand how they were able to get off the premises without being caught."

People without criminal records who have applied for licenses also have qualms with the bill and the difficulty of getting a license.

Richardson said his business struggled after the bill took effect. While the council discussed the measure before its approval, he couldn't apply for a license. Richardson said he didn't receive a license until February 2012 and was nine months behind on bills. The city reports the venue was closed in 2012 as a result of violations.

"A lot of people praise it, because clubs are shutting down. I don't think that's an answer to the safety issues," Richardson said. "Why are you putting all of these stipulations on a dance license?"

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Arborist denies that he helped remove tenants

LANDLORD FROM B1

collect \$1,000 as a deposit for a future tree-removal job, the records state.

Winepol and his wife live at the house, which is on Cashell Road in the Olney area and has been carved into apartments, including one leased to a special agent at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, according to court records. Housing inspectors have joined the probe and condemned the dwelling, saying it had four illegal accessory apartments, five kitchens and 15 occupants.

Winepol, who has been released on bond, declined to comment, referring questions to his attorney, S. David Elling, of the Gaithersburg firm of Elling & Elling.

He declined to comment on the matter but said that early in criminal cases, "things aren't always what they seem to be."

Johnson, also free on bond, said he did nothing wrong. "I was falsely accused," he said.

The allegations

In a narrative laid out in affidavits, detectives alleged that Winepol had planned the forced eviction enough to warn at least three other residents to stay in their rooms if they heard noises or screams.

The story begins before that, when two of the tenants — the 72-year-old and her son, 50, who both stayed in a basement apartment — fell two months' behind in their rent.

At the time, according to police,

Winepol had grown frustrated with the length and legal costs of the traditional eviction process. He knew Johnson, who lives outside Baltimore, because Johnson had removed trees for him in the past, police said.

It isn't clear from the affidavits when and how Winepol may have approached Johnson for the alleged eviction job. But according to the detectives, by Aug. 6, Johnson was headed for the home.

That day, Winepol had conversations with other tenants — including the Homeland Security agent. Winepol asked him if he could borrow \$500 to \$1,000. The agent said no but drove Winepol to a bank, where the landlord withdrew \$1,000. At one point, he told the agent he intended to pay several people to force out other tenants.

Winepol told him to stay in his room if he heard noises. The agent advised him not to force the tenants out, according to the affidavit.

At 8:51 p.m., two calls were placed to 911, one about a woman screaming for help and the other about a woman screaming for help and banging on a window.

The agent heard screams and a door slam and ran out to the driveway, hoping to take down vehicle or license-plate information, court papers say. But by then, the visitors had left.

The female victim told detectives that sometime after 8:30 p.m., she walked from a kitchen to her bedroom and saw a group of strangers. She tried to shut the door on them, but they wouldn't

let her. She yelled to her son, who was outside smoking, for help.

He rushed in and would later describe the group as four men and one woman — all 6 feet tall. At least one of the intruders advised that "the landlord said they had to go and pack their stuff," according to at least one of the victims.

The 50-year-old tenant suffered a cut and scrapes, but neither victim appeared to have been seriously injured, according to court papers.

Afterward

Winepol told detectives that he hadn't heard or seen anything suspicious during the night in question, according to the affidavits. Regarding the trip to the bank, Winepol said he needed money for tree removal.

A detective called Johnson, and he agreed to meet in a Best Buy parking lot outside Baltimore. Johnson told the detectives that he went to the residence at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 6. But, he said, he was just there to discuss tree-removal work.

In an interview Thursday, Johnson said that he's a hard-working arborist who doesn't steal from people and that every year he holds a soccer tournament to raise money to donate back-to-school bags to children.

In 2007, Winepol pleaded guilty to failing to obey a restraining order filed by one of his tenants.

Police had been called to a dispute at the same house, where they asked Winepol to leave the renter's living area. When he refused, they moved to place him under arrest, according to police affidavits. "Who do you think you are? King?" Winepol told one of the officers, according to a police account. "You don't tell me what to do!"

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MARYLAND

Man, 32, faces charges in online dating scam

He is accused of bilking elderly people lured into romantic relationships

BY JULIE ZAUZMER

A Maryland man was arrested Thursday on charges that he and other conspirators used dating Web sites to identify elderly men and women, then defraud them out of tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Federal prosecutors say that Krist Koranteng, 32, worked with four other people to lure at least three victims into romantic relationships, using Match.com and Chemistry.com. The conspirators then convinced the victims to send money to accounts controlled by Koranteng.

The alleged conspirators gave the victims many reasons to send money: They would invest it in gold. They needed to pay hospital bills for sick relatives. They would spend the money on plane tickets to come visit the victims, with whom they had formed romantic relationships via e-mail, phone conversations and text messages.

The stories worked, prosecutors say. The indictment states that a victim who lived in West Virginia and Ohio deposited \$22,000 in October 2012 into an account controlled by Koranteng. The same woman then

transferred \$90,000 to the account in February 2013, \$80,000 in March and \$250,000 to another account in April.

The indictment says that Koranteng sent her roses for her birthday in November, as well as e-mails around the same time to reassure her that the gold she had invested in was real. In December, she sent a check for \$65,000.

The indictment says that another victim in Cleburne, Tex., deposited \$30,500 in an account controlled by Koranteng, and a victim in British Columbia sent more than \$30,000 by wire transfer.

Koranteng was arrested by Montgomery County police in January and charged with theft of more than \$100,000. At that time, police seized \$7,694 from him. The Circuit Court charges were dropped so that federal prosecutors could pursue their case, said Ramon Korionoff, a spokesman for the county state's attorney's office.

Since January, police have seized a total of more than \$290,000 from 17 accounts, the indictment says.

The four co-conspirators named in the indictment have not been charged.

Koranteng's attorney declined to comment. Koranteng is scheduled to appear in court again Monday.

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LOTTERIES

Results from Aug. 21

DISTRICT

Mid-Day Lucky Numbers: 6-1-5
Mid-Day DC-4: 3-7-0-1
Mid-Day DC-5: 5-0-5-4-5
Lucky Numbers (Wed.): 8-9-9
Lucky Numbers (Thu.): 6-2-2
DC-4 (Wed.): 6-9-3-9
DC-4 (Thu.): 2-1-4-8
DC-5 (Wed.): 8-2-5-6-6
DC-5 (Thu.): 0-1-7-6-8

MARYLAND

Mid-Day Pick 3: 5-9-8
Mid-Day Pick 4: 4-1-6-1
Night/Pick 3 (Wed.): 0-8-3
Pick 3 (Thu.): 8-4-4
Pick 4 (Wed.): 8-4-3-6
Pick 4 (Thu.): 2-9-5-4
Multi-Match: 8-12-14-24-33-36
Match 5 (Wed.): 1-3-6-31-32 *23
Match 5 (Thu.): 10-16-17-19-33 *9
5 Card Cash: 10D-QD-JS-2D-5D



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Day/Pick-3: 7-0-2
Pick-4: 5-0-6-6
Cash-5: 2-25-31-32-33
Night/Pick-3 (Wed.): 3-5-4
Pick-3 (Thu.): 3-4-0
Pick-4 (Wed.): 7-0-5-0
Pick-4 (Thu.): 5-2-6-5
Cash-5 (Wed.): 6-10-16-21-25
Cash-5 (Thu.): 4-10-23-29-30
Win for Life: 9-15-21-32-34-38 *41

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Decades of Dollars: 4-11-12-19-33-40
Powerball: 4-8-21-38-40 **3
Power Play: 2x
Hot Lotto: 17-25-27-34-38 *7
*Bonus Ball **Powerball
†Hot Ball ‡Free Ball

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