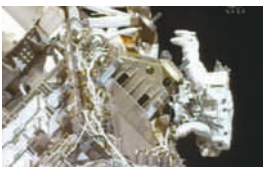


EDUCATION

Fairfax County pupils got a direct line to astronauts in space. They had plenty of questions for them. **B2**



JOHN KELLY'S WASHINGTON

What's the best way to get 200 books from London to Washington? All I know is it won't be cheap. **B3**



OBITUARIES

Johnny Mann led a TV singing group known for its upbeat, patriotic songs in the 1950s and '60s. **B5**

"We are always reminded on this day every year that we have to make our transportation system safer."

Muriel E. Bowser, representing Ward 4 on the D.C. Council



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A place to honor Metro crash victims

5 years later, family members and D.C. officials attend groundbreaking for a park near Red Line

BY JULIE ZAUZMER

The 6-year-old who ran across a new District park site Sunday afternoon, beaded braids bouncing, doesn't remember the smiling woman pictured on her T-shirt.

"I Love You Mom," the shirt reads. But Ava DuBose was just a baby when her mom died. Five years ago, Veronica DuBose was one of nine victims of the deadliest train crash in Metro history, and she and the others will soon be memorialized at the park Ava visited Sunday.

"It's very hard. Every year is hard for us," said Carolyn Jenkins, Ava's grandmother, who is raising the girl and her 12-year-old brother.

The crash occurred on June 22, 2009, between the Fort Totten and Takoma Metro stations on the Red Line at the height of the evening rush hour. It killed a train operator and eight riders and injured 80. To mark the anniversary, about a dozen members of DuBose's family and dozens of dignitaries, relatives of victims and others were present at the groundbreaking for the park near the crash site in Northeast Washington.

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TOP: Ava DuBose, 6, hoists one of the shovels at a groundbreaking for a memorial park in Northeast Washington. Her mother, Veronica DuBose, died in the 2009 Metrorail crash that occurred between the Fort Totten and Takoma stations. ABOVE: Darlene Cunningham, whose niece, LaVonda "Nikki" King, was killed, gazes across a bridge after the ceremony. [To see a photo gallery, go to postlocal.com.](#)

LDS panel considers case of women's activist

Kate Kelly, a former Va. resident, objects to male-only priesthood

BY WESLEY ROBINSON

Whatever happens, Kate Kelly says, she'll always consider herself a Mormon.

A disciplinary council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints met Sunday to decide whether to oust Kelly. She is a lifelong Mormon and former resident of Northern Virginia who founded a group that seeks the ordination of women — contrary to church doctrine.

"I don't think they can take away that identity," Kelly said. "The gravity of this situation is incomparable. . . . It's the worst thing that can happen to you. There's still hope for a good outcome. I'm still holding out hope."

Late in the evening, a church member announced that the

council's decision, expected on Sunday, likely would come Monday.

Kelly, a human rights lawyer who now lives in Provo, Utah, was accused of apostasy, or turning away from the principles of the gospel, because of her role in the organization Ordain Women. As markers of her faith, she noted that she had participated in a mission, attended Brigham Young University and was married in the church.

Kelly, 33, said in an interview that she has been serving an informal probation for about a month. That meant that her church privileges, such as taking a sacrament and being considered an active member of the congregation, were revoked, although she could continue to attend church and tithe.

Kelly's supporters, of varied faiths, staged a vigil Sunday evening outside the Oakton Virginia Stake Center, where the disciplinary council convened. Members of the group sang hymns and spoke of the effects of the church's policies on women.

DECISION CONTINUED ON B4

CAMPAIGN 2014 MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S RACE

Primary candidates spend weekend listening and talking to the voters

Brown, Gansler, Mizeur make final sales pitches at churches, delis, homes

BY JENNA JOHNSON AND ARELIS HERNÁNDEZ

With fewer than 48 hours until polls open for the Maryland gubernatorial primary Tuesday, most candidates used Sunday to talk with as many voters as possible, inviting reporters along to watch and listen.

Lt. Gov. Anthony G. Brown, the front-runner in the Democratic race, could not be located until Sunday evening, when he allowed reporters to witness him visiting a campaign office in Silver Spring.

Brown said he spent the day visiting two large Prince George's County churches and greeting shoppers in nearby grocery stores.

The campaign's Twitter ac-

count, @BrownforMD, chronicled a Sunday "caravan" tour with stops at the Baltimore Latino Fest and a campaign office in Howard County.

But as of 7:30 p.m., the tweeted photos showed Brown's running mate, Howard County Executive Ken Ulman, and not the candidate himself.

A Washington Post poll earlier this month found that 46 percent of likely Democratic voters support Brown — putting him 23 percentage points ahead of Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler (D) and 30 points ahead of Del. Heather R. Mizeur (D-Montgomery).

Even with that large a lead, Brown has said that he will not be "lulled into complacency."

"There's a newly coined verb in the campaign world . . . 'Don't get Cantored,'" Brown said Friday during an interview on the Kojo Nnamdi Show on WAMU 88.5, referring to House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.), who suffered a stunning primary loss earlier this month.

Gansler got off to a frustrating start in Towson on Sunday when a young campaign staffer locked his keys in his car — along with fliers and other campaign materials that Gansler had planned to use while knocking on doors and chatting with voters.

"You get what you pay for," a frustrated Gansler said of the 20-something's mistake to two reporters who had tagged along to watch the candidate door-knock in an apartment complex while sprinting back and forth across the street.

Gansler briefly talked with two voters, both men, and left handwritten notes on several doors of known Democrats: "Sorry I missed you. Doug."

Most candidates don't waste their time with door-knocking because it's time-consuming and difficult to catch voters at home, especially on a beautiful summer afternoon.

But Gansler said he finds it invaluable. (Although he struck out in Towson, he had better luck

CAMPAIGN CONTINUED ON B4

Tax cuts may test next D.C. mayor

FINANCE OFFICIALS FAULT BUDGET PLAN

'Deficiencies' involve debt cap, flexibility

BY MIKE DeBONIS

It was not a particularly controversial vote — perfunctory, even. But in voting for a city budget that includes wide-ranging tax cuts and slashes spending through at least 2018, the two leading candidates to become the District's next mayor may have deeply complicated their potential administrations.

D.C. Council members Muriel E. Bowser (D-Ward 4) and David A. Catania (I-At Large) backed the spending plan orchestrated by Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D) in a May 28 vote. Both say they continue to support the package of income, business and estate tax cuts it contains.

But financial officials have closely scrutinized the council's plan in recent weeks, with the city's chief financial officer saying it contains "several deficiencies," including violating the District's legal cap on borrowing and taking away necessary budgetary flexibility. For the new budget to pass muster, Mendelson acknowledged last week, fiscal "triggers" will have to be added.

That means the tax cuts will only be implemented once new revenue materializes to support them — as much as \$160 million a year. The upshot is that future revenue increases above and beyond those already projected will be plowed into the tax cuts and will not be available for future programs and projects championed by the mayoral candidates.

"It drastically reduces all future BUDGET CONTINUED ON B3

Montgomery unveils plan to reduce failures on math exams

BY DONNA ST. GEORGE

Montgomery County school officials have found no single cause to explain the district's steep failure rates on high school math exams, but they are proposing a series of steps designed to help boost student performance and close the math achievement gap.

Superintendent Joshua P. Starr offered a plan last week following concerns that started more than a year ago when exam failure rates of 50 percent to 60 percent in some courses alarmed parents in the high-performing school system.

Starr's plan includes measures to beef up math expertise at the elementary school level, reconsider policies about how students progress through math, add new diagnostic tools to help support struggling students, increase professional development, and start an online library of teacher and student resources.

The recommendations draw on a lengthy effort by a district-created math work group to examine the issues behind exam failures and what can be done to turn things around. The group's report was issued as Starr released his recommendations.

"The final report indicates that, as we know, there is no single factor responsible for high rates of failure on math exams and therefore there will not be one single strategy to improve student performance," Starr told school board members as he described his approach.

MATH CONTINUED ON B5

Candidates hit the trail for final weekend of campaigning

CAMPAIGN FROM B1

later in the afternoon.)
“You get a feel for the neighborhoods and the issues there,” he said.
Gansler took a break at Uncle Wiggly’s Deli and Ice Cream in Baltimore, ordering coffee and a dulce de leche milkshake. He was quickly recognized. A Republican-turned-independent said he would vote for Gansler if he could because of the candidate’s moderate stances, especially on taxes. One woman said that she recognized Gansler’s voice from his television ads.
Another woman promised to vote for him because Annapolis needs a change. And an older man scolded the attorney general for running a negative campaign that left “a bad taste in my mouth.”

“There’s a newly coined verb in the campaign world . . . ‘Don’t get Cantored.’”

Lt. Gov. Anthony G. Brown, referring to this month’s stunning primary loss by Rep. Eric Cantor (R-Va.)

“Would you like me to buy you a milkshake?” Gansler offered. He said he had been forced to attack Brown on substantive issues when the lieutenant governor unfairly went after his family.
“Thank you for your support,” Gansler told the man. “I’ll try to be nice.”
Republican gubernatorial hopeful Larry Hogan continued a bus tour of the state on Sunday with stops in rural western Maryland. Harford County Executive David Craig, another GOP hopeful, chatted with voters and other politicians at a picnic at the American Veterans Post in Frederick. There was fried chicken, coleslaw, live music and nearly nonstop talk of taxes.
In chatting with a candidate for Orphan’s Court judge in Frederick, Craig explained why one family in his church is moving to

Florida.
“All because of taxes,” Craig said, shaking his head and adjusting his cap. He says high taxes have pushed thousands of residents out of Maryland. Craig has proposed gradually abolishing the state’s income tax.
Democratic hopeful Mizeur also invited reporters to watch her interact with voters at two farmers markets, a Unitarian church and a deli.
At a market in Bethesda, she shook hands, petted dogs and repeatedly said: “I would love to be able to earn your vote on Tuesday.”
She gushed about the grassroots support she has been receiving, especially in Baltimore, where her campaign has aired the most television ads.
“We’re rocking in Baltimore,” she told a man who said he

e-mailed his friends a list of candidates they should vote for on Tuesday, including Mizeur.
In talking with two women who said they were undecided, Mizeur rattled off her priorities — increasing the minimum wage higher and more quickly than planned, closing corporate tax loopholes, reinstating the millionaires’ tax and opening free pre-kindergarten classes to all 4-year-olds, using revenue from taxing legalized marijuana.
“You have my vote,” one woman said. The other nodded. Mizeur high-fived both of them — and then asked them each to find five friends to do the same.
At one point, a woman carrying bags of produce wished Mizeur good luck.
“I don’t need luck,” Mizeur responded. “I need your vote.”
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Lt. Gov. Anthony G. Brown, running for the Democratic nomination in the race to become Maryland’s governor, greets volunteers and workers Sunday at a campaign field office in Silver Spring, Md. [More photos from the gubernatorial campaign trail at postlocal.com.](#)



Maryland Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler visited Towson and Baltimore on the final Sunday before Tuesday’s primary vote.



Del. Heather R. Mizeur (D-Montgomery) makes a stop at the Parkway Deli and Restaurant in Silver Spring, Md., on Sunday.

Mormon disciplinary council in Va. considers case of women’s activist

DECISION FROM B1

Ally Isom, a spokeswoman for the LDS Church, said it was praying for those who were deciding Kelly’s fate.
“In the church, we want everyone to feel welcome, safe and valued, and of course, there is room to ask questions,” Isom said. “But how we ask is just as important as what we ask. We should not try to dictate to God what is right for His church.”
Greg Prince, 66, a retired scientist and a self-described liberal Mormon and historian of the faith, said he spoke to Kelly and cautioned her not to be too aggressive in her activism. He said he is ambivalent as to whether women should be ordained but strongly believes that Mormon women should have more of a voice in the faith than they do.
“Frankly, I think women should be allowed to make the decision for themselves,” Prince said. “Part of our problem is we’ve had men make all binding decisions.”

A 2012 Pew Research Center poll of Mormons found little support for women in the priesthood. Only 11 percent said they believed women should be ordained, and 87 percent thought that priesthood should be reserved for men. The poll also found that women were more likely to say that only men should be ordained.
“The conversation has totally changed,” Kelly said Sunday. “Many are coming out to publicly support” the ordination of women.
Kelly also pointed out that even the disciplinary council for men is different than that for women. Her council consisted of three men from the local church, whereas a council for men would consist of 15 higher-ranked church officials.
James Patterson, 32, a member of the LDS Church in Fairfax County who wrote a blog post questioning the church’s disciplinary councils for women, said he thinks Kelly is being treated unfairly. “She has no way of

knowing if her leaders are following the handbook,” he said.
Patterson added that the church has made changes because of internal activism, and he thinks that is what Kelly is trying to accomplish.
“What Kate and Ordain Women are doing is faithfully agitating the church,” Patterson said.
Kelly is one of at least two high-profile Mormons currently subject to disciplinary councils. John Dehlin, of Logan, Utah, was described in an Associated Press story as an outspoken advocate for gays and the creator of a Web forum for those questioning their faith. He is to face a disciplinary council next week.
Prince likened the current climate to excommunication proceedings in 1993 known as “the September Six.” In those cases, six LDS members were ousted or disciplined for beliefs that diverged from accepted doctrine.
Kelly said she and Dehlin have different concerns, but she stands in solidarity with Dehlin’s efforts and believes the church would



Kate Kelly, founder of a group that supports the ordination of women in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, participates in a vigil Sunday in Salt Lake City.

suffer a profound loss if Dehlin was ousted.
“If we’re guilty of apostasy for having questions and doubts, then every single person is guilty,” Kelly said. “There’s no person that doesn’t have doubts; we’re just speaking them out loud.”
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With a touch of cool, summer arrives

BY MARTIN WEIL

It did not matter on Saturday if the sun did not appear, and there was a chill in the air, and the day was the coolest of the entire month of June in Washington. Despite the seasons seeming to have their signals crossed, the summer solstice occurred.
It’s a question of astronomy and celestial mechanics, the inexorable movement of the heavenly bodies. Even if the high temperature in Washington on Saturday was only 75 degrees, it may now be declared that we are in the season of summer.
It is a matter of the tilt of the axis of the earth, and of the northern hemisphere leaning as far toward the sun as it ever does. The moment when that happens, which this year in Washington was 6:51 a.m. Eastern time Saturday, is commonly regarded as the start of summer.
The 75-degree high temperature at Reagan National Airport

did not seem to signal summer. It was lower than the top temperature of every other day this month. Until Saturday, June 1 was the coolest, by that standard, with a high of 77. The only other June day with a high in the 70s was June 14, with a 78-degree reading.
People could be forgiven this year for arguing that summer truly began on some other day. June 17 was a good candidate. The mercury reached 97 degrees and set a record for the date. It was the second of three consecutive 90-degree days last week.
Those three 90-degree readings in succession met many people’s standards for a heat wave. It was the first heat wave of the season and was certainly more suggestive of summer than was Saturday.
On Saturday, at the time of the solstice, it had been overcast in Washington for a while, so the sun could not readily be seen. At about the time when the sun would have appeared to be at its

northernmost point, light rain began to fall in Washington, helping to foster the impression that April was coming around again.
Or at least mid-May.
At Dulles International Airport, that spring-like sensation was even more pronounced. At the time of the solstice, a soupy blend of rain, fog and mist had cut visibility to three miles. The mercury stood at 65 degrees.
The week to come is expected to be far more reminiscent of Washington’s image of genuine summer weather.
A National Weather Service forecast predicted Sunday night that Monday’s high temperatures would be in the mid-80s, with Tuesday’s a couple of degrees above that.
By Wednesday, according to the forecast, temperatures could once again touch the 90-degree mark that is generally regarded as symbolic of summer and its well-known Washington heat.
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