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THU 7/14		89° /71°	Humid with clouds and sun	MON 7/18		89° /73°	A couple of morning showers
FRI 7/15		84° /71°	Variably cloudy and humid	TUE 7/19		88° /76°	Cloudy, humid; a p.m. t-storm
SAT 7/16		84° /71°	Partly sunny and humid	WED 7/20		90° /77°	Mostly sunny and humid
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# Hundreds Of Pax NAS Jobs In the Balance Over Contract Shift

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Defense contractor DynCorp International LLC (DI) has long been the holder of a major aircraft maintenance contract at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, employing hundreds of people in the community.

That is changing.

DynCorp announced in a letter to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County that it has lost its bid with the U.S. Navy to continue its contract and would be laying off its workforce on base.

"DI has learned it has not been awarded the new contract supporting aircraft maintenance and contractor logistics support services on behalf of the U.S. Department of Navy for the Naval Test Wing Atlantic," a June 30 missive reads. "As a result, DI's operations at Patuxent River Naval Air Station... will close and the employment of all DI employees performing work on the current... contract, expected to end on 2 September, 2022."

DI has been purchased recently by Amentum, the letter confirms, and the contract has been picked up by competitor Vertex Aerospace LLC.

The DI jobs affected include 549 aircraft mechanics and 65 quality control inspectors, according to the letter sent to commissioners.

In all 935 employees have been laid off.

One DynCorp employee, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a company memorandum sent to them about the loss of the contract, which their em-



ployer had held for many years, showed that Vertex had underbid the contract by 12 percent. "That's big," the employee said, noting that DynCorp had filed an appeal to the Navy, arguing that Vertex would not be able to effectively fulfill the contract at such a price.

A press release from Vertex Aerospace from April stated the contract award was for \$850 million.

The employee said, however, that in recent weeks Dyncorp had lost its appeal and they and their co-workers were reapplying for their jobs with Vertex.

"We think they're going to absorb a lot of people [from DynCorp]," the employee said. "Everyone's on pins and needles."

The employee said that he and co-workers will lose their sick leave and their vacation time, though they will be paid for accrued vacation time.

"Vertex looks forward to working closely with Naval Test Wing Atlantic to maintain the aircraft used to test and evaluate emerging capabilities for the naval aviation community," said Ed Boyington, President and CEO of The Vertex Company in a press release. "The new contract has a period of performance of one year with six, one-year options."

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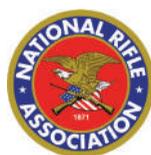
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# Millison Plaza Sold



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said this week that a shopping center that has stood as one of the commercial centers of Lexington Park for decades has been sold to an out-of-town development company.

Speaking during commissioner time at the July 12 business meeting, Hewitt signaled that the recent sale could spark hope for more commercial revitalization in the county's oldest development district.

Hewitt said he met with the new owners of the 17.8 acres of property, which includes the county's gymnastics center, the week prior.

"They purchased Millison Plaza, the Big Lots, the Showtime Deli's there... all the way over to the [AMC Lexington Park 6] movie theatre," Hewitt said, noting the new owners were Atlantic Realty.

"They're a very interesting group," Hewitt said of the new owners. "They specialize in purchasing these types of locations."

"They showed us several 'before-and-afters' of properties they've done in Baltimore City, Baltimore County... but they have big plans."

Hewitt said the realty group had a "re-

lationship" with a "national grocer they're going to try and bring into Lexington Park."

"That's a great idea," Hewitt said. "These people really have a lot on the ball."

The main question for the county government, though, Hewitt said, is the future of the gymnastics center.

"We have some decisions to make," the District 2 commissioner said. "But it's good news for Lexington Park."

Hewitt said he asked the developer if the AICUZ (Aircraft Incident Compatible Use Zone) that reaches out from around Patuxent River Naval Air Station, which limits redevelopment in the community, would be a problem.

The developer representatives did not think the AICUZ would pose much of an obstacle, Hewitt reported.

The developer plans renovations to buildings as well as upgrading their facades, said Hewitt, including putting in traffic flow improvements through the property.

The developer's "aggressive plan," Hewitt said, also envisioned town homes and condominiums in the area.

Attempts to contact Atlantic Realty as of press time for comment on this article were unsuccessful.

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# Appeals Board Taking Up Royal Farms Case

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A controversial Royal Farms gas station and convenience store approved in the spring to be built on Tulagi Place has been appealed by citizens who oppose its construction to the county Board of Appeals.

The hearing, which had been scheduled for June 14 has been postponed at the applicants' request to August 25.

The county planning commission approved the concept site plan for the Royal Farms project over much consternation from the nearby community in Lexington Park over traffic congestion concerns as well as the planned demolition of aging buildings at Tulagi Place which house businesses such as Linda's Café, which has long operated there on a lease.

The property is owned by the Whitlow family of Virginia and would be leased to Royal Farms, according to land use documents.

The appellants, Julia King and James Carr, are arguing that the planning commission erred in its 4-to-3 decision of April 25 because they did not take into account the "historical and cultural resources during the review process as directed by the Lexington Park Development District Master Plan."

"The plan specifically identifies as im-

portant historical and cultural places Freedom Park, the African American Monument, the surviving Lexington Manor duplex — now a museum focused on the United States Colored Troops during the Civil War — markers describing Lexington Park history, and the Three Notch Theatre, all located adjacent or in close proximity to the proposed Royal Farms development," King's request for appeal states.

The project would encompass a 5,154 square foot convenience store and a 5,280 square foot fuel sales canopy to be situated across from Gate 2 of Patuxent River Naval Air Station at the end of Great Mills Road.

The head of the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance, Gary Kessler, said placing such a large development directly across from one of the most congested intersections in Lexington Park during the morning and evening rush hours meant safety and force security problems.

"It seems clear that the proposed project poses serious security and force projection implications," Kessler wrote to land use staff. "It is well-known that traffic congestion always raises such concerns."

"Typically, any proposal to put something that close to the entry of the base would call for a careful study of security and force protection."

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## Limited Refunds Available for Partially Cancelled Jazz Fest



By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

The annual Potomac Jazz and Seafood Festival suffered severe weather and flooding on its second day over the weekend, causing one-third of the three-day festival to be cancelled.

County government officials who helped put the event together say they are offering limited refunds to those who bought the \$85 ticket for the Saturday event at the St. Clements Island Museum grounds in Colton's Point.

Karen Stone, head of the county's Division of Museums, a subset of the Department of Parks and Recreation, said her office had sent e-mails or placed phone calls to everyone who purchased a Saturday ticket with the offer of a 50 percent refund.

"The next thing we're doing is giving people a gift certificate for the remaining cost of the ticket to use against admission next year," Stone said. "So, the first refund of \$42.50 goes back into your bank account and the rest goes over to next year so you only have to pay \$42.50

"You're getting all your money back just in two steps," Stone said of the offer.

Customers must respond to either the e-mail or phone call to qualify for the refunds, she said, noting that the expenses already incurred to put on the festival necessitated the staggered refunds.

"We still have a lot of bills to pay," Stone told The County Times.

Andrew Ponti, one of the county employees who helped coordinate the event, said the cancellation of the second day's events, which has long been the main attraction, was almost unprecedented.

"That was the first time we've had to cancel the Saturday portion in 22 years," Ponti said.

Stone said the county is also asking those who paid for the Saturday tickets to consider forgoing the refund and allowing the event to keep the price as a donation.

"But we understand if they can't given the times we're in," Stone said.

The Friday and Sunday events, which took place in Leonardtown, were still a success she said and musicians who had been contracted to perform Saturday in Colton's Point came to a gathering to meet festival attendees.

"They were really great about it," Stone said. "It's what we could do."

She said the county was considering bringing back one musician later this year to perform at a reduced cost — they had offered to do so — but there were no firm plans as yet.

"It was not an easy decision," Stone said of the cancellation. "But we really had to think of the safety of our customers."

Colton's Point Road was flooded in three places, she said.

"It wouldn't have been fun or safe for anyone," said Stone.

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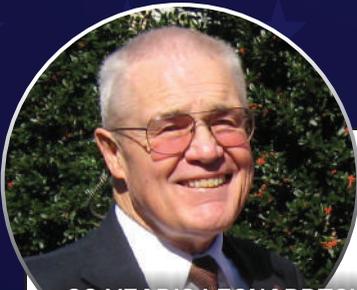


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During his 4 years as Commissioner President, he got State funding for the Leonardtown Streetscape project, secured 2.5 million dollars for the Leonardtown Wharf Public Park redevelopment and worked to find a

location for a winery to be run by a grape growers cooperative. He also secured the funding to build the Port of Leonardtown Winery as an important tourism component as well as assuring a market for grape growers transitioning from tobacco crops.

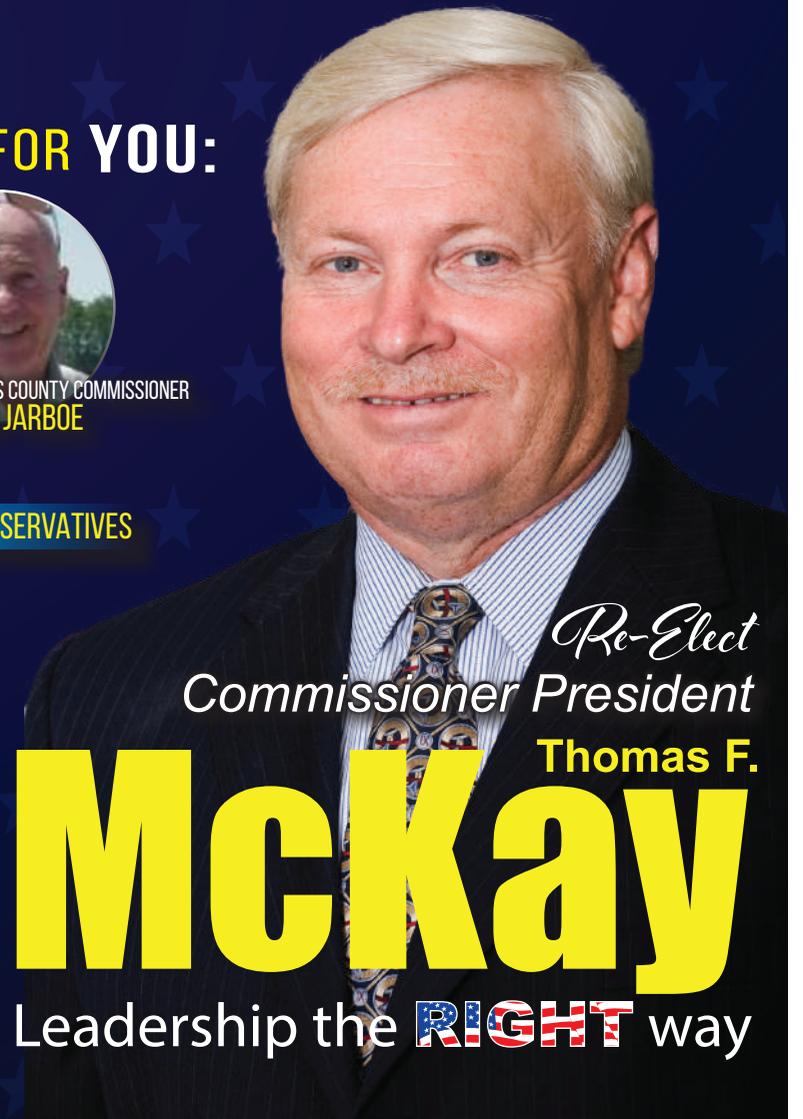
Working with the Town government, these Leonardtown projects have made a tremendous difference in the successful revitalization of downtown Leonardtown.

Outside of Leonardtown, the list of projects accomplished under Tommy McKay's leadership was equally impressive. Many of these projects would not have come to fruition without his ability to bring partners together to make things happen.

Today these improvements continue to benefit all citizens of St. Mary's County.

I strongly support Tommy McKay for St. Mary's County Commissioner President. Please vote on July 19th for a strong and experienced leader.

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# Charlotte Hall Chipotle Site Plan Approved

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

A new restaurant is likely coming to North County after the county planning commission unanimously approved a new Chipotle to be located on the site now occupied by a vacant motor lodge on Three Notch Road.

The project's final approval is contingent upon any road improvements connected to the project required by the state or county being completed before the issuance of a use and occupancy permit, planning commission documents.

The proposed restaurant would be 2,325 square feet in size and feature a drive-thru lane; it would replace the Charlotte Hall Motel

It would be situated on approximately 1.8 acres between two other fast-food establishments; a McDonald's and a Burger King.

The applicant, Golden Beach Properties, LLC, is requesting an additional six parking spaces in addition to the 30 required by the county to allow for more curb side pick-up of meals.

Representatives for the applicant



said the nature of the restaurant would be different than similar establishments.

"The drive-thru is for orders that have been placed in advance," said Sue Greer, attorney for the applicant.

Greer said no traffic study was done for the project because the proposed use produced less than 50 additional vehicle trips at peak hours.

"The intent is to make the site better," said Nelson Arrojo, of Bay Engineering, Inc., the engineering firm retained by Golden Beach

Properties, LLC. "We're going to provide storm water management.

"There is no storm water management within the 1.78 acres."

The site would also offer some beautification with its enhanced landscaping, Arrojo said.

Hancock Drive would be the main point of entry to get to the restaurant with several other drives in the area that could be used to exit or enter alternatively, said planning commission chair Howard Thompson.

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Preliminary investigation determined

that a silver 2009 Mercury Sable, operated by Jessica Marie Myres, age 27 of Mechanicsville, failed to negotiate a turn in the roadway. The vehicle left the roadway, became airborne and then landed into the unoccupied building. Myres was transported to an area trauma center with incapacitating injuries.

At this time, speed appears to be a contributing factor in the crash.

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# Local Management Boards Receive Increased Funding



The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services on July 8 announced \$23 million in funding for local management boards in support of children and families across Maryland. Governor Larry Hogan increased funding for the awards this year by \$4.5 million, including \$1.5 million for local care team coordinators who ensure that youth with intensive needs receive the appropriate services.

Calvert County's board will receive \$536,744 and St. Mary's will get \$530,488.

"Local management boards play an important role in strengthening our communities and we are proud to support them," said Governor Hogan. "This funding will work to comprehensively support children and families around Maryland."

Established in the 1990s, local management boards empower local authorities to plan, implement, and monitor service programs for

organizations that serve youth and families. Active in each jurisdiction, the boards collaborate with local stakeholders and agencies to support many aspects of child and family services, including reducing the impact of incarceration on communities, reducing youth homelessness and child hunger, and preventing out-of-state residential placements.

"One of our office's top priorities is making sure children and youth in Maryland have every possible advantage in life," said Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Kunle Adeyemo. "We will continue to provide this critical funding and work with all of our community stakeholders to ensure local management boards' important missions are accomplished."

*Press Release from Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services*



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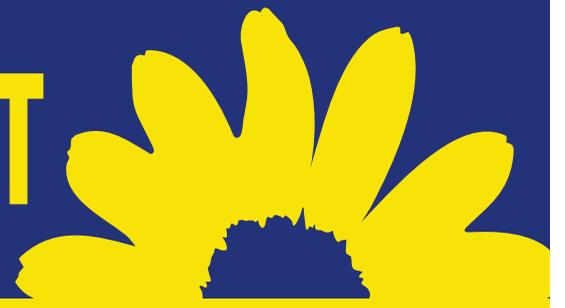


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# Commissioners Urge Voters Out to the Polls

By Guy Leonard  
Staff Writer

Given low turnout numbers for early voting this election cycle, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County urged registered voters take advantage of one of three early voting sites set up in Hollywood, Lexington Park and Mechanicsville.

This is the first year that the county has had to provide three different early voting polling places because of a change in state law; traditionally the sole early voting site has been at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department on Three Notch Road.

The usual torrent of election campaign signs line the road leading up to the polling place but the torrent of voters has been lacking.

"The number of people who have been voting is pretty low," County Commissioner Todd Morgan, who is running for the District 29C delegate seat, said July 12 during the board's business meeting. "I would encourage you, since we're spending all of this money, I think it's over a quarter million dollars, ... would you please come out and use them."

"This is your tax dollars being spent because we had to go from one to three to be in accordance with the law."

Commissioner Mike Hewitt said the early voting sites meant significant time spent for poll workers before the polls open at 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ensuring election propriety.

"It's a long day for these elections judges and the people who do that job," Hewitt, who is running for reelection in District 2, said.

Hewitt said there were multiple ways to cast ballots, including by mail and at drop off boxes that called into question the need for two additional early voting sites.

"It's about bang for the buck," Hewitt said. "This needs to be reviewed, not this year but maybe in two years."

The final day for early voting is July 14; Primary Election Day is July 19.

For the first four days of early voting, starting on July 7 to July 10, the St. Mary's County Board of Elections listed that fewer than 200 people throughout the entire county took advantage of either of the three sites.

That number had begun to increase,

however, by July 11, according to board of elections reports.

By 3 p.m. that day a total of 341 voters had cast their ballots; 213 at the Hollywood site, 72 at the Lexington Park site and just 56 in Mechanicsville.

Republicans taking part in early voting far outweighed Democrats at 233 to 100, more than double.

The small remainder of votes were cast by voters without party affiliation.

By July 12 at the 3 p.m. mark the numbers were similar with 329 votes cast between 230 Republicans versus just 92 Democrats.

Wendy Adkins, director of the county elections board, said the total number of early ballots cast was 3,040 as of 3 p.m. July 13.

"I think that's pretty average for a gubernatorial primary," Adkins said.

The number of early votes cast is a fraction of the number of mail-in ballots requested by residents, just over 6,900.

There are approximately 75,500 registered voters in St. Mary's County.

Adkins could not say with certainty whether such a large number of mail-in ballots would cause a delay in finding out the winners in races the night of July 19.

Much depended on the turnout of voters on Election Day, she said.

"We tabulate the early voting ballots first," Adkins said. "Then we tabulate the Election Day results and those are released on election night."

Two days later, election board workers begin canvassing the first batch of mail-in ballots, with the results of the initial canvass to be released that night or early the next morning, Adkins said.

Provisional ballots will be canvassed on July 27, she said, which ensures that ballots cast on Election Day were the only ones cast by residents who had also requested a mail-in ballot.

This canvassing is to ensure that no one is allowed to vote more than once, Adkins said.

The final canvassing of mail-in ballots will be conducted on July 29.

"That's the day we should be able to certify the elections results," said Adkins.

Elections officials noted that before the



beginning of early voting the GOP had seen a local surge in registrants, with 1,000 voters switching to their side of the political spectrum.

The Democrats, by contrast, lost 772 voters on their rolls, election officials said.

With so many key races in St. Mary's such as the State's Attorney and Sheriff's office likely to be decided in the primary, some Democrats said privately that they had changed their party affiliations in or-

der to help shape the outcome of those two races in particular.

Commissioner Eric Colvin, also running for re-election in District 1, said the low turnout for early voting meant that it would be faster to get in to cast an early ballot.

"There's no lines," Colvin said. "With low turnout your vote counts more."

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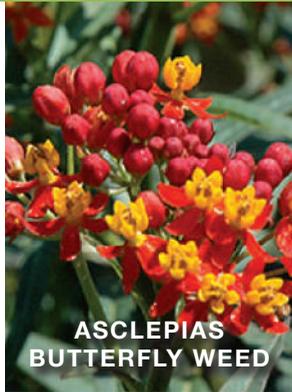


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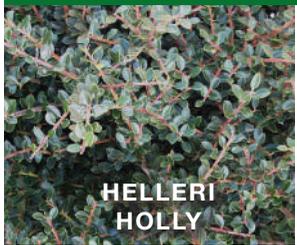
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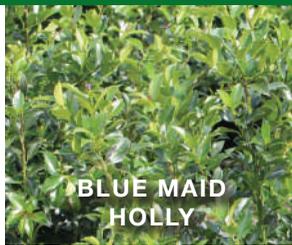
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# ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME REPORT

## Fatal Crash in Lexington Park Under Investigation

Matthew Mark Mazza, age 27 of Lexington Park, was served a warrant on Sunday, July 10 for Life Threatening Injury by Vehicle or Boat while Under the Influence; Cause Life Threatening Injury by Vehicle or Boat While Impaired; Life Threatening Injury Driver/Operator; Driving, Attempting to Drive Vehicle while Under the Influence of Alcohol; Driving, Attempting to Drive while Impaired by Alcohol; Reckless Driving; Negligent Driving and Failure to Control Vehicle Speed on Highway to Avoid Collision. Mazza is being held at the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center awaiting a bond hearing this afternoon.

Mazza is alleged to have caused a fatal crash in Lexington Park over the weekend

On Saturday, July 9 at approximately 3:35 am, patrol deputies from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision in the area of Willows Road and Abberly Crest Lane in Lexington Park. Deputies arrived on scene and observed a rear-end style motor vehicle collision with one operator unresponsive. Due to the severity of the collision, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Collision

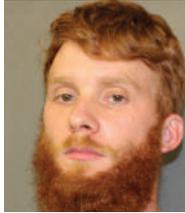
Reconstruction Unit was requested.

Members of the Reconstruction Unit responded to the scene and assumed the investigation. Preliminary investigation determined that a 2012 Chevrolet Silverado, operated by Matthew Mark Mazza, age 27 of Lexington Park, was traveling northbound on Willows Road in the area of Abberly Crest Lane when it struck the rear end of a 2015 Ford Focus, which was operated by Jamari Tyrese Duckett, age 18 of Great Mills.

Duckett was transported to an area hospital in critical condition, but later succumbed to his injuries on Sunday, July 10, 2022.

At this time, speed and alcohol appear to be contributing factors.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or any events leading up to it and has not already provided a statement is asked to call Cpl. Brandon Foor at 301-475-4200, ext. 72265 or email [brandon.foor@stmarysmd.com](mailto:brandon.foor@stmarysmd.com).



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Plaintiff

vs.

Oliver W. Wilson  
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and

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and

all unknown owners of the property described below, their heirs, devisees and personal representatives and their or any of their heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, grantees, assigns, or successors in right, title and interest and any and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the property described as:

\*Unassigned, Lot 21 Block 52, Plat 1/91, Longview Beach A/C 07-014716,

Defendants

**AMENDED ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

The object of this proceeding is to secure the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in the following property, sold by the Collector of Taxes for St. Mary's County to the Plaintiff:

**\*Unassigned, Lot 21 Block 52, Plat 1/91, Longview Beach also known as Account Number: 07-014716**

The Complaint states, among other things, that the amounts necessary for redemption have not been paid. It is therefore on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

**ORDERED**, that notice be given by insertion of a copy of this ORDER in some newspaper having a general circulation in St. Mary's County once a week for 3 successive weeks, warning all persons interested in the property to appear in this Court by the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022 and redeem the property and answer the Complaint, or thereafter a Final Judgment will be entered foreclosing all rights of redemption in the property, and vesting in the Plaintiff a title, free and clear of all encumbrances.

Debra J. Burch  
Clerk of Court for  
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IN THE MATTER OF ELIJAH JAMES BOYER  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO ELIJAH JAMES HOFFMAN  
BY AND THROUGH THEIR MOTHER/FATHER/GUARDIAN AVERY HOFFMAN

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland

Case No.: C-18-FM-22-000432  
Notice (Minor)

The above Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name from ELIJAH JAMES BOYER to ELIJAH JAMES HOFFMAN. The petitioner is seeking a name change because: Avery Hoffman is the only name listed for parent on birth certificate. Avery Hoffman is sole caregiver.

Any person may file an objection to the Petition on or before the 08/14/2022. The objection must be supported by an affidavit (written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation) and served upon all parties (Md Rule 1-321). If no timely objection is filed, the court may enter a default judgement or grant the name change.

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To begin with, all three legs of the stool are facing challenges. Let's consider them:

• **Employer pensions**

A generation ago, workers employed in many companies could count on a set monthly pension income to help them through their retirement years. Today, pensions – also known as defined benefit plans – are mostly found in public sector employment, as most private-sector employers have replaced their pensions with 401(k) and similar plans. These plans can be quite effective at helping build resources for retirement, but they do place most of the responsibility for saving on the employee.

• **Social Security**

Social Security has come under financial pressure because the workers-to-retirees ratio has declined significantly, according to the Social Security Administration's 2021 Board of Trustees Report. A number of proposals have been brought forward on how to improve the long-term financial security of the Social Security system.

• **Personal savings and investments**

In terms of building savings and investments for retirement, the picture is somewhat mixed. The national savings rate has increased in recent years, but more than half of American workers still say their retirement savings are not where they should be, according to a 2021 survey from Bankrate, a personal finance website. And

the same survey found that just over half of investors with a 401(k) or IRA have taken early withdrawals – that is, they withdrew money before they retired. Furthermore, we may be waiting too long even to begin saving/investing for retirement. A survey from Age Wave and Edward Jones found that respondents began saving for retirement at an average age of 38, but the majority said they should have started saving a decade earlier.

You have options for improving some parts of your own three-legged stool. For example, no matter what happens to Social Security, you can still decide when to start taking payments. You can begin collecting benefits as early as 62, but your monthly checks will be larger if you wait until your “full” retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. You can even delay taking benefits until they “max out” at age 70.

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The three-legged stool may not be as universal as it once was – but you can still construct a sturdy structure to support your retirement needs in the future.

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Society and holds certifications as Peer Educator from Stanford University and Lung Health Ambassador from Johns Hopkins. He is an active member of Teens Against Nicotine and with the group visited the Maryland State Legislature to encourage the passage of Tobacco Law 21 raising the minimum sales age for tobacco products including all electronic smoking devices. He is an enthusiastic, dedicated member of the Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and, although the youngest, consistently ranks as a top responder. Robert will attend West Virginia University to major in electrical engineering with a minor in aerospace engineering. We are extremely proud of Kevin and Robert and wish them every success in the pursuit of their goals.



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## Support Doug Gansler

**To the Editor:**

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Democratically yours,

*Philip Dorsey, Attorney  
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## Vote for Colvin

**To the Editor:**

I'm writing to encourage everyone to vote to re-elect my friend Eric Colvin for St. Mary's County District 1 Commissioner. During his first term Eric has proven himself to be a responsible and dedicated commissioner and voting for him to have a second term is the best choice for our county. He did not miss a single commissioner meeting and he is always responsive to his constituents. No matter what the topic or issue, Eric approaches it with a calm and well researched manner. He is fiscally conservative and puts in the work to make sure our tax dollars are well utilized for our community and the burden on the citizens remains small. I'll be voting for Eric Colvin for re-election in the Republican primary and I hope you will too!

*Mitch Goddard  
 Valley Lee, MD*

If you would like to submit a Letter to the Editor include your name & town of residence.  
 Email: [DickMyers@countytimes.net](mailto:DickMyers@countytimes.net)

## Have you ever felt that you've been erased?

*Or cancelled? Or that you're invisible?*

The founding of Maryland's Orphans' Court dates to 1677 in St. Mary's City when Phillip Calvert - the 6th (and orphaned) son of the first Lord Baltimore - personally saw to it that the Assembly enacted laws protecting heirs and creditors and the intergenerational transfer of property for an early Maryland society in which fathers usually died before children were old enough to control property.

Throughout history, widows and orphans have traditionally been part of an overlooked and marginalized population.

As an educator with experience teaching students from diverse backgrounds, as a credentialed professional, and as a lifelong enthusiastic participant in community endeavors, Ellynne Brice Davis will use her skills to oversee wills, estates and guardianships as a Judge of St. Mary's County's Orphans' Court; she will abide by the Code of Conduct for Maryland Judges, and will advocate for rightful heirs according to established Maryland law.

Since the 17th century, there has never been a Republican woman on the St. Mary's County Orphans' Court; single-shot her in on July 19.

Don't let your inheritance be erased.

Sincerely,

*James Davis  
 Leonardtown, MD*

## Supports Faye Wheeler

**To the Editor:**

I've known Faye Wheeler for many years. She is a dedicated Civil Servant with 29 years of experience and knowledge of how to lead and manage the Circuit Court Clerk's office. At some point in your life, your path will take you to the Clerk of the Court for either personal or business reasons. I want to be served by people who really care about me and my needs for the services this office provides. I want to trust that I'm getting good information and efficient processing to meet my needs including taking my credit card!

When a servant leader, like Faye, looks out and takes care of the employees, they take really good care of you, the customer. That's what I want in my county's Clerk of the Court. Faye, with dedication and competence, will restore efficiency, trust, and stewardship in this office to serve us and the county. She'll even implement credit card payments. For her to do this, she needs your vote. She is the right person for this office. Vote for Faye Wheeler.

*Michele Altman  
 Hollywood, Maryland*

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## The Way We Were...

History and Stories of St Mary's County from long-ago to just yesterday

### Rob of the Bowl: A Legend of St. Inigoe's

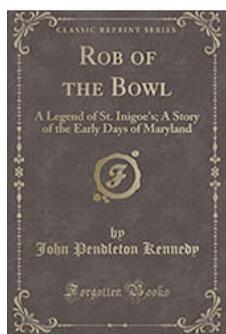
Few people have heard of John Pendleton Kennedy, a Maryland statesman and novelist who was born in October 1795. His career as a public servant spanned some 50 years as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and later in the U.S. House of Representatives as a member of the Whig Party.

In addition to public service and law, Kennedy was a writer and novelist. Between 1823 and his death in 1870 in Newport, R.I., he published six novels and counted among his friends George Henry Calvert, James Fenimore Cooper, Charles Dickens, Washington Irving, Edgar Allan Poe, William Gilmore Simms, and William M. Thackeray.

Among Kennedy's six novels is *Rob of the Bowl: A Legend of St. Inigoe's*. The story takes place in 1681 in St Mary's City during a period of conflict between Lord Baltimore, who was the Catholic Proprietary, and the Protestant settlers coming into power in Jamestown, VA.

In the story, St Mary's City is plagued by a haunted Wizard's Chapel that creates a steady stream of gossip and fear among. Kennedy instills a gothic sensibility into his story, for the Wizard's Chapel groans and rumbles at night, and blood spots are said to appear regularly on its floors. Ghosts are not to blame. It is Robert Swale, familiarly known as Rob of the Bowl, who orchestrates the Chapel's haunting. A recluse, Rob teams up with an evil pirate named Richard Cocklescraft to store smuggled cargo illicitly in the Wizard's Chapel. The two scheme together to haunt the Chapel as a ruse to keep the locals away from their stash.

Cocklescraft manages to disrupt the harmony of St Mary's. He fails miserably at courting a young maiden, Blanche Warden, the daughter of one of Lord Baltimore's chief officials. After losing a duel over Blanche's honor with the Secretary to Lord Baltimore, Albert Verheyden,



Cocklescraft defects to the Protestants and aids them in their uprising against Catholic officials. As Cocklescraft plots his personal revenge against Verheyden, Rob of the Bowl realizes that he is Verheyden's long-lost father.

Order is finally restored to St Mary's City after Rob redeems himself by preventing his former cohort from murdering Verheyden and kidnapping Blanche aboard his ship during the uprising.

A real page turner – for the 19th Century, perhaps. But *Rob of the Bowl* failed to achieve popular success at the time or, well, since. It was his last. Yet, Kennedy's wit, grand writing style, a host of well-drawn minor characters make the novel worth a look.

Kennedy's political career ended after he briefly served as secretary of the navy for President Millard Fillmore; however, he would become an ardent Unionist during the Civil War.

You can find *Rob of the Bowl* on Amazon – both as a Kindle book and paperback.

## Wanderings of an Aimless Mind

by Shelby Oppermann



### LIFE IN BLACK AND WHITE

I have the Keurig humming, brewing a cup of Folger's Black Silk coffee, though I will pour half out. My traditional cup of Scottish Breakfast tea in the early morning is usually enough caffeine, cream, and sugar to get me through a day and a half. But on column writing day, I love to have a bit of coffee to give me that true, traditional writing stereotype of the 20th century author hunkered down over their Remington typewriter with black coffee and cigarettes at hand (although I have never smoked). I can feel like Ernest Hemingway, Wolfe (Thomas and Tom) or Virginia Woolf, Mickey Spillane for fun, Dashiell Hammett, or Agatha Christie. Then my heart starts racing from the additional caffeine and I regret having the coffee. As my two-finger pecking skips across the keyboard, I notice how much the caffeine does affect me.

I think I need to get my mother's old Remington back from my son Ryan for a while just for fun. She was an excellent clerk-typist (with speed and no mistakes) from her early secretarial years in DC to her many years working for the State of Maryland. My mother could also type amazing stories on that old Remington as well as write hundreds of letters to different elected officials and companies about various things that bothered her. The Remington sat at the end of our metal and Formica dining room table for years. She even wrote stories for my sons on that typewriter. Watching my mother type away with her Love That Red lipstick stained coffee cup as well as lipstick-stained Salem cigarettes slowly sending up a winding, wispy trail of smoke always made me think she was one of the old black and white movies come to life.

Maybe that's why I watch too many old classic and Film Noir movies on TCM on rainy days or on quiet Sunday afternoons – reminders of those days growing up on the sofa watching old *Thin Man*, *Charlie Chan*, and *Sherlock Holmes* movies. I have probably seen them all over and over since childhood, and never tire of them. Any movie with William Powell and Myrna Loy is always good for intrigue and innuendo. The neatest movies are the pre-code movies from the late 20s to early



30s before religious organizations campaigned against anti-heroes in the movies like *Public Enemy*, *Scarface*, and *Little Caesar* where villains were idolized, and risqué women with the heart of gold were portrayed. "Pre-Code Hollywood was the brief era in the American film industry between the widespread adoption of sound in pictures in 1929 and the enforcement of the Motion Picture Production Code censorship guidelines, popularly known as the "Hays Code", in mid-1934." The studios hired a Presbyterian elder, William Hayes, along with Catholic Layman Martin Quigley, and Jesuit priest, Father Danial A. Lord to oversee and rehabilitate Hollywood's image and create a code for movies to go by.

Of course, now, those codes are long gone, and seem mild to the films and television of today. But the old black and white films have such beautiful lighting and shadows; the depth in grayscale was remarkable. Women's rhinestone encrusted gowns and beautiful diamond jewelry shimmered in a way that color film can't match. Can you imagine watching *The Thin Man* movies, or *Frankenstein* or *Nosferatu* in color?

As I write, it is getting darker and darker outside with a chance for thunderstorms most every day this week. Sounds like a perfect week to watch old movies, and maybe sift through the old black and white photos of my mother and family. Maybe my mother will channel her spirit of writing and typing technique through my hands... or probably not, I'll be a two finger typist forever.

To each new day's adventure, Shelby Please send your ideas or comments to: [shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com](mailto:shelbys.wanderings@yahoo.com) or find me on Facebook

**Marguerite “Margie”**

**Davis**



Marguerite “Margie” Davis of California MD, formally of Dedham/Jamaica Plain MA, passed away Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at the age of 86. Born March 1936 as the youngest of ten to Irish immigrants Jack (a gardener to a couple of wealthy families “on the hill”) and Mary Kelly (a laundress when ankle length dresses were in style), raised in the Catholic faith, Margie and her nine siblings helped found the small neighborhood of Jamaica Plain, being one of the first families in that area. (Jamaica Plain has since flourished into a not so small area; but the homestead is still in a Kelly’s hand; making it a Kelly landmark of close to 100 years!)

After graduating high school and venturing out into the world, she met by chance through a girlfriend, a smooth-talking Italian Navy man from Washington DC; Francis “Frankie” Davis. After a whirlwind year courtship, they married in an Irish/Italian wedding in the Kelly family church in 1962, where they were married for 44 years until his passing in December of 2006. Immediately following the wedding, they whisked away into military life, relocating six times during their career to settle here, in St. Mary’s County MD in 1978. Amazingly, during all that travel here and there, Margie found time to have three children, John, Kellie, and Kathleen. (Notice the Irish names? Story has it we looked like our Italian dad at birth, so mom made sure we had something highlighted from her side of the family.)

A homemaker and a wonderful mother, with abundant shenanigans, smiles, laughter, and lot of Catholic prayers throughout the years, Margie maintained a loving household for 59 years. Attending many of children sporting events and school plays, hustling to ballet classes only to find out your kid has two left feet and just can’t dance, and swatting a few backsides along the way (a few of those backside were the St. Andrew Estate neighborhood kids that were just up to no good – Ahh, got to love growing up on the 80’s), Margie maintain her sanity by crocheting afghans, sweaters, mittens, hats and scarfs. I don’t think there was a niece or nephew who didn’t have a “Margie Original”.

Survived by her children John, Kellie and Kathleen and loving granddaughter Emma; she is also survived by two siblings Theresa McKenney and Francis Kelly of Massachusetts. (That’s not counting all the nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews nine sibling can create over the years.) In summary,

a few of Margie’s favorite sayings that have shaped the Davis children over the years: “No means no – do not ask again; Do you want me to get your father; Even if I tell you no you’re going to do it anyway; See, God punished you because you didn’t listen to your mother; Don’t even ask because you are not missing Church no matter how late you stay out” and our favorite “Don’t Let Your Wants Hurt You”, as she walk away while you’re throwing a childish tantrum because we wanted something beyond our means. In the illustrious words of Margie, “make sure you go to the bathroom before mass because once your backside is in the pew your there to the end; there’s no getting up.”

If interested, you are welcome to come by and pay your respects to Margie. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM in St. John’s Catholic Church Hollywood, MD with Father Ray Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery

**Agnes Louise Holt**



Agnes Louise Holt, “Little Louise”, 87 of Leonardtown, MD, formerly from Morganza, MD, passed away on July 6, 2022 at her resi-

dence surrounded by her loved ones. Born on March 7, 1935 in Helen, MD, she was the daughter to the late Benjamin Bond and the late Mary Cecelia Reed. Agnes is survived by her loving husband whom she married at St. Joseph’s Church on June 22, 1955, her children; William Holt, Jr. (Diane) of Mechanicsville, MD, Agnes Nelson (Francis) of California, MD, Paul Holt (Jacqueline) of Morganza, MD, Philip Holt of Leonardtown, MD, Bernadette Randolph (Cornell) of North Chesterfield, VA, Kelly Holt (Eunice) of Compton, MD, and Karen Holt of Leonardtown, MD, 16 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren.

Little Louise was a lifelong St. Mary’s County, MD resident where she graduated from Saint Joseph’s Colored School in 1950 and Charles County Community College on April 22, 1981 where she took a course in food sanitation. Agnes worked at the St. Mary’s County Public Schools for 35 years and Private School Sector for 13 years. She worked as a food service cook at Chopticon High School, Margaret Brent Middle School, and St. Mary’s Academy.

Louise’s devotion to family was her biggest passion which led to the many hobbies she enjoyed. In her younger years, you would find her participating in outdoor sports like softball, badminton, and fishing with her family. Cooking was not just for her job; you would find her

preparing foods at family functions. Louise was a member of two social clubs: the “10 Women” and the “Try Me Club”. She took a cake decorating class, enabling her to make professional wedding and birthday cakes. When it came to sewing, she volunteered to make formal outfits for family and friends. At age 80, she still had clients that she sewed for. Louise was always ready for a good game of cards that could go well into the night. Her favorite past time was puzzles which includes crosswords, find-a-word, and jigsaw puzzles. Weather permitting, she enjoyed walking in her yard daily. The smile of the day was observing the wildlife around her.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday July 19, 2022 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Morganza MD. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 AM with Fr. Andrew Royals officiating. Interment will follow at the Queen of Peace Cemetery in Helen, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Philip Holt, Robert Young, Damian Chase, Timothy Holt, Paul Herbert, and George Young.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.mgfh.com](http://www.mgfh.com).

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**Mildred Marie Weaver**



Mildred Marie Weaver, “Millie”, 79, of California, MD, formerly of Sanford, NC, passed away on July 5, 2022 at her home. Born

on December 26, 1942 in Cherry Tree, PA, she was the daughter of the late Mary Vanderhoof and the late Raymond Vanderhoof. She was the loving wife of the late James Weaver, whom she married on October 18, 1958 in Titusville, PA, and who preceded her in death on January 24, 2016. Millie is survived by her children James Weaver, Jr. of Valley Lee, MD and Debra Weaver of Lexington Park, MD, her brother Donald Vanderhoof of Townville, PA, her grandchildren Jessica Richard, Jennifer Osborne, Jamie Seiss, and Jason DuBard, and her great grandchildren Danielle Richard, Kiersten Richard, Hunter Richard, Haley Osborne, Whitney Osborne, and DecLan Seiss.

Millie moved to St. Mary’s County, MD from Virginia Beach, VA in 1971. She then moved to Sanford, NC in 2006 before returning to St. Mary’s County in 2016. Millie was a library technician for DynCorp in Patuxent River, MD for 20 years. She belonged to the Enlisted Wives

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Club and the CPO Wives Club, and loved golfing, bowling, gardening, and occasional shopping. Millie enjoyed her family and her dogs, Lexi and Chewey.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM in the Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home, Leonardtown, MD, where a prayer service will be held at 7:00PM with Deacon Juan Ortiz officiating. Interment will be held in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA at a later date.

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### Frances Ruth (Franny) Long



Frances Ruth (Franny) Long, 83, of Leonardtown, MD, passed away peacefully at her home on July 4, 2022. Born

on November 24, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Kathleen Brown Hayden and James Bradley Hayden. Franny married the love of her life John A (Buddy) Long at St Aloysius Church in Leonardtown, MD on June 7, 1958, and they enjoyed 64 years of wonderful marriage to this very day. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Cathy Lacey (Jim) of Leonardtown, MD Karen Sager (Tim), of Tullahoma, TN, Susan Jarboe (David) of Mechanicsville, MD, and Buddy Long Jr of Leonardtown, MD seven grandchildren, Jeff Lacey, Brandon Daye (Kristen), Brien Sager, Daniel Jarboe (Sabrina), Nicole Edwards (Mike), Tyler Long, and Cody Jarboe (Taylor). She was preceded in death by her brother, Allan Hayden of Leonardtown, MD and her grandson, Andy Sager of Keller, TX. She is also survived by 6 great grandchildren, Camryn Edwards, Aiden Edwards, Eli Edwards, Theo Jarboe, Caleb Edwards, and Claire Jarboe. Along with her siblings James E.

Hayden, III, (Brenda) of Whitsett, NC, and Cheryl Laskowski (Jim) of Little Rivers, SC.

While the better part of Franny's life was spent as Mom and homemaker, she spent 19 years working in the school cafeteria at Leonardtown Elementary School, where she enjoyed serving the many young children who came to know her as Aunt Franny.

Her grandchildren were her greatest joy, as she and her husband Buddy spent many weekends at soccer games, baseball games, dance recitals and competitions, thus instilling the continued love and support to their next family generation.

Franny's most cherished moments in life were the countless hours spent with her children at Father Andrew White Parochial School, where she volunteered as a room mother, assisted in the library, and worked the haunted house during annual school Fundays. She also coached the girl's basketball team and helped with P.E. She chaperoned many class trips. During this time she developed a special bond with Lisa Abell Kohut who still affectionately refers to her as Mom.

Franny was also blessed with a wonderful talent of crocheting. She shared her beautiful creations with family, friends and coworkers. Her greatest joy came from designing an afghan that was specifically suited for each grandchild and great grandchild.

She was also an excellent baker, sending batches of homemade cookies with her husband for his fellow workers and countless others. She was also well recognized and appreciated for the delicious pumpkin rolls, delivered to so many family and friends during the holidays. Her love for the different seasons was easily recognizable, with the many decorations she adorned the house with, inside and out, establishing the Long residence as not only a house with decorations, but a warm, inviting home for everyone who visited.

The doors to the Long home were always open to all who visited, due in large part to Franny's warmth

and love.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of St Mary's, P.O. Box 260, Leonardtown, MD, 20650, and/or ACTS, 21808 Coltons Points Road, Avenue, MD 20609

### Susan Marie Lunceford



Susan Marie Lunceford, 72, of Mechanicsville, MD, formerly of Indian Head, MD, passed away on July 3, 2022 at her home. Born

on February 8, 1950 in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Marie Irene Lipsie (Walter) and the late Joseph Walter Dyer. Susan is survived by her son, Stephen Lunceford (Carla) of Mechanicsville, MD and two grandchildren, Seth and Noah. She was preceded in death by her siblings Joseph Dyer and David Dyer.

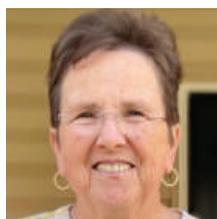
Susan graduated from La Reine High School in 1968. She was an Inventory Manager Specialist for the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Indian Head for 34 years, retiring in January 2008. Susan moved to St. Mary's County, MD from Charles County, MD two years ago. She was an animal lover who always had a treat for the dogs in the neighborhood, and was always willing to help a friend in need.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 10:00AM in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Mechanicsville, MD with Father Keith Woods officiating. Interment will follow in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery, Waldorf, MD. Serving as pallbearers will be Noah Lunceford, Seth Lunceford, Stephen Lunceford, and Carla Lunceford.

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### Rebecca Wood Norris



Rebecca Wood Norris, "Becky", 75, of Leonardtown, MD, formerly of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away on July 2, 2022 at

her home. Born on December 10, 1946, she was the daughter of the late Lucy Yvonne Wood and the late James Gibbons Wood. Becky was the loving wife of the late William Andrew "Billy" Norris, whom she married on May 27, 1967 in Mechanicsville, MD, and who preceded her in death on July 17, 2008. She is survived by her siblings Son Wood of Hollywood, MD, Emily Norris of Mechanicsville, MD,

Quintin Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, Michael Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, Gerald Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, Nancy Hall of Mechanicsville, MD, Victor Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, Steve Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, Susan Pullen of Ocean Isle Beach, NC, Sheila Hill of Mechanicsville, MD, Vivian Downey of Mechanicsville, MD, Lynn Wood of Mechanicsville, MD, and Justine Farrell of Mechanicsville, MD, her children Tony Norris (Sheri) of Leonardtown, MD, and Karen Tippett (Troy) of Mechanicsville, MD, as well as her grandchildren Courtney Norris, Garrett Norris, Kaitlyn Tippett, Alex Tippett, and Ryan McLean, and her great grandchildren Jackson Arias, Karmen Arias, and Banks Bock. Becky was preceded in death by her sibling Pat Wood.

Becky was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Margaret Brent in 1964. She was a secretary for the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office for 34 years, until her retirement on April 30, 2001.

Becky enjoyed playing cards, yard sailing, sewing, spending time with her family and watching her children and grandchildren play softball and volleyball.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

### James (Jim) "Junior" Bailey



James (Jim) "Junior" Bailey, 95, of Valley Lee, MD, passed away on July 2, 2022, at St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, MD.

Born November 6, 1926, in River Springs, MD, he was the son of the late Charles Bailey and Mary Ruby Rock. Jim is survived by his children Joseph Bailey (Beverly) of Tall Timbers, MD, Jean Bailey (John Nicholas) of Laurel, MD, Susan Bailey of Jacksonville, NC, six (6) grandchildren, five (5) great-grandchildren and his dearly-loved nephews Michael Sopchick (AnnMarie) of Crofton, MD, Steve Sopchick (Kathy) of Ellicott City, MD, and niece Tracy Sopchick, of Denver, CO. He was preceded in death by his ex-wife Leatrice Joy Fritz Bailey, sister Katherine Sopchick, brother-in-law Eugene (Sop) Sopchick of Silver Spring, MD, and step-father Harold Rolfe.

Jim was a lifelong resident of St. Mary's County, MD. He attended Charlotte Hall Military Academy then enlisted in the U.S. Army in June of 1944 where he served as an aircraft engine mechanic. He was honorably discharged in October 1946, having received the WWII Victory Medal. In 1950, he was em-



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ployed by the federal government at the Torpedo Testing Range in Piney Point, MD, and then as an electronics technician at Pax River. Jim retired from the federal government as a Project Manager in 1981 after receiving a Meritorious Civilian Service award. Some of the accomplishments of Jim and associates' can be found in the National Electronics Museum (Linthicum, Md) and Battleship Cove Maritime Museum (Fall River, MA). He worked for Sanders Associates in Boston, MA, until fully retiring in 1991. At this time, he followed his passion and became a farmer and Nutrient Management Consultant.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman and he enjoyed many hobbies. He raced boats, played baseball, softball, and golf. He was a member of the Dean's Sunoco slow-pitch softball team and a 60 and over team. Jim was inducted in the St. Mary's Softball hall-of-fame and played in the Senior Olympics and Senior Softball World Series. He was an avid golfer and played well into his 80's with the Wicomico men's league. He was a member of the Mulligan group. Jim was a licensed Ham radio operator. He was a certified turfgrass professional and nutrient management consultant. At an early age, Jim obtained a private pilot license in a Piper J3 Cub and he enjoyed piloting many aircraft from golden age classics to modern types. He was an avid reader and loved to learn.

Jim was a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. He treasured spending time with his family and his friends. He was very fortunate and appreciative to be blessed with many, many great friends during his lifetime.

A grave-site service will be held on Friday, July 15, 2022, beginning at 11:00 at St. George's Episcopal Church cemetery. The family asks that everyone be mindful of Covid protocols and keep a proper distance.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jim's memory to the 2nd District Volunteer Rescue Squad, Valley Lee, MD.

### Monica Ann Droddy



Monica Ann Droddy, "BG" "Monka", 57, of Leonardtown, MD, formerly of Upper Marlboro, MD, passed away on July 1, 2022 in Leonardtown, MD. Born on February 1, 1965 in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of Jerry Lee Droddy of Leonardtown, MD and the late Charlotte Ann Droddy. Monica is survived by her children Anya "Amanda" Baker (Eric) of Englewood, FL and Jacob D. Campbell of Leonardtown, MD, her siblings Jerry Droddy, Jr., of Myrtle Beach, SC, Jacqueline Droddy (Keith) of

Shady Side, MD, and Terry Droddy (Chris) of Upper Marlboro, MD, her grandchildren Eva, Charlotte, Theo, and Emmy Baker, all of Englewood, FL, her nieces Taylor Fowler and Brooke Volta of Upper Marlboro, MD, Anna Devoto of Shady Side, MD, James Droddy of Port Charlotte, FL, and Jerra Droddy of Myrtle Beach, SC, as well as her great nephew, Ryland.

Monica graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in 1983, and then attended Prince George's Community College. She spent almost 40 years working in the auto industry, and was employed at various dealerships in the DC metropolitan area. Most recently, Monica was a finance manager at Bayside Toyota in Prince Frederick. Monica was proud of her son, Jacob, for serving in the U.S. Army, stationed in Vicenza, Italy. She loved spending time with family and traveling, especially to beaches in Florida and Myrtle Beach, SC; Monica most recently fell in love with Oahu, HI, and visited three times in the past two years. She was very generous and loving, and especially enjoyed giving to others, springing for seafood dinners, crabs, family trips, and cruises. Most of all, Monica cherished her role as a devoted and loving grandmother or "BG" as she was nicknamed by her grandkids.

All services will be private.

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### Joseph Wilmer Cusic



Joseph Wilmer Cusic, "Keefer", 85, of Mechanicsville, MD, formerly of Oraville, MD, passed away on June 30, 2022 in Cal-

laway, MD. Born on December 14, 1936 in Oraville, MD, he was the son of the late Annie Gertrude Norris and the late Thomas Wilmer Cusic. Joseph was the loving husband of Mary Long Cusic, whom he married on July 9, 1960 in St. Mary's Church, Newport, MD. He is survived by his children Tammy M. Weber (Jack) of Leonardtown, MD, Karen A. Miedzinski (Randy) of Mechanicsville, MD, Mary Jo Cooper of Mechanicsville, MD, and David A. Cusic of Leonardtown, MD, six grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. Joseph was preceded in death by his siblings James Bernard Cusic, Cecilia Wood, Thomas Alton Cusic, Shirley Cusic, Franklin Cusic, Samuel Cusic, and Jean Wathen.

Joseph was a lifelong St. Mary's County, MD resident and graduated from Margaret Brent High School. He worked in carpentry for Edward

Diehl in Mechanicsville, MD for 40 years, retiring in 1994. Joseph enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching his favorite baseball team, the Baltimore Orioles, crabbing, his favorite flowers (dahlias), and planting and working in the garden.

All services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations to defray funeral costs would be appreciated.

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### Gerald Don Schmidt



Gerald Don Schmidt, 72, passed away Friday, June 24, 2022, in Memphis, Tennessee formerly from Ridge, MD.

Gerald was a US Navy veteran and devoted Catholic, and co-coordinated the St. William RCIA program. He was also a devoted loving husband and love to fish. He earned an Associates of Science degree in computer science from College of Southern Maryland in 1986. He retired from the Department of the Navy CNIC in 2017. He was preceded in death by his parents Mr. Fred and Mrs. Kathleen Schmidt, son Stephen Schmidt, and daughter Erika Schmidt. Survivors include his wife Mrs. Elizabeth "Lisa" Schmidt, and sisters Rhonda Stokes and husband Bobby, Cecilia Dishman and husband JC.

The family did receive friends Thursday, June 30, 2022, at Munford Funeral Home – Munford Chapel from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM and Friday, July 1, 2022, from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at St. William Catholic Church.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or American Kidney Foundation.

It is with a heavy heart that another angel has gained their wings on June 27, 2022 Kaileb Paul Martinez born November 17, 2021 to his parents, Amber Nicole Vera and Charles Barrett Martinez of Lusby, MD at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital. Since the very first day we welcomed our sweet boy Kaileb he had a smile that could light up a room. It didn't matter what the occasion was or the time of day, you could always find him smiling back at you full of life, happiness and so much love. Kaileb loved to sit and talk to his mom even if nobody but him knew what was being said, and if he wasn't with his mom, you could always find him right alongside his big sissy Skylar. Kaileb loved taking long walks or having his sister push him in his little blue swing with that big smile of his and bright blue eyes that will be missed each and every day that he is no longer with us. In addition to his parents

Kaileb is survived by his brothers, Charles A. Martinez (7), Charles B. Martinez, Jr. (4) along with his two sisters, Skylar G. Martinez (9) and Kayla L. Martinez (2) of Lusby, MD. Kaileb is also survived by his grandparents, Sandra M. Vera, Leroy Vera (4 years passed), Scott K. Marple of Lusby, MD followed also by his grandparents, Lisa M. Martinez (Griggs), Paulo R. Martinez and Charles S. Barrett of Hollywood, MD. Though our sweet boy's work and time here with us ended so soon, the memories and imprint he left on the hearts and the lives of so many will last an entire lifetime.

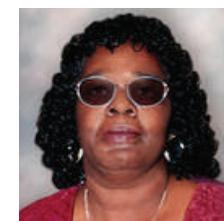
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And Bring You Home Again. Goodbyes Are Not Forever, Goodbyes Are Not The End,

They Simply Mean We'll Miss You Until We Meet Again".

At this time services are pending.

### Antoinette Nelson



Antoinette Nelson, 71, of Mechanicsville, MD, passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonard-

town, MD.

She was born on June 1, 1951, in Baltimore, MD to the late Joseph Phillip Ford and Agnes Theresa Holt. Antoinette was the only child of this union. She was the sibling to eight (8) of her mother's children and 12 of her father's children.

Antoinette fell in love with Clarence V. Nelson, Sr. in 1970. They shared 25 years of marriage, before his passing in 1996. Together, they had three (3) children: Gerald Holt, Sr. (Monica) of Indian Head, MD; Kim Nelson Farmer (Latee Sr.) and Clarence V. Nelson, Jr. of Mechanicsville, MD; and three (3) bonus children: Apryl Yates-Lee (Kevan) of Loveville, MD, Lonita Nelson of Great Mills, MD and J. Wayne Caudle of Mechanicsville, MD. She also helped care for and raise many neighborhood children—whether they were biologically related didn't matter because she loved them all.

Affectionately known as Nana, Momma, Anjanetta, Aqanetta, and Aquafina (Fina). Antoinette was a fiercely dedicated mother to her children and the many children whom she cared for and raised while employed as a childcare provider for more than 40+ years. She was also known in the community as "the Candy Lady". For many years, neighborhood children could purchase sodas, chocolate bars, taffy, and bubble gum from her.

Family and community were above all else to Antoinette, a value she instilled in everyone around her. She spent many years serving her community as a member and

volunteer of the St. Joseph Recreation Center Committee and as a 4-H leader—proving neighborhood children with community, spirituality, and learning opportunities to develop their potential.

Antoinette was a good listener and a great friend to many, especially Sarah Knott and Brenda Shade. She was known to offer very sound advice and “a shoulder to cry on” during your time of need. Until her passing, several of the children she cared for over the years often called seeking guidance and her opinion.

In addition to family and the community, Antoinette was passionate about music and dancing. She loved to listen to gospel music around her home. But, when she wanted to kick up her heels and dance, Antoinette would travel all over Southern Maryland to hear Hardway Connection and Paul Wills.

A devout Catholic, Antoinette was a life-long member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and understood the importance of a relationship with the Lord and exposed her children to the Bible and catholic education. She could often be found saying the Rosary and lighting blessed candles while praying for others.

Antoinette loved her grandchildren dearly—Gerald Jr. (Aj), Darius, Bryana, Tyler, Faith, Latee Jr., Shakyra, Elijah; and her bonus grands: Lamont, Torrence, Alexis, Lamar, Jr., Martin (Marty), and ShyAnn. She was anxiously awaiting the arrival of her first great-grandchild, Bryelle Monette.

Antoinette will be fondly remembered for the love she gave to everyone who entered her home; the prayers she prayed over people in need; the advice she gave to the bewildered; the people she welcomed when they had nowhere else to go; the children she took care of when their parents couldn't afford to pay childcare; and the cakes, candy and caramel apples she made on Sundays, special occasions, and holidays. She was her family's biggest cheerleader and their constant supporter. She was loved and will be sincerely missed.

In addition to her children, grandchildren, and God-child Marlo Herbert; Antoinette is survived by her aunt, Gertrude Thornton; siblings (mother's children) James, Douglas, J. Ronnie, Martin, and Eric Holt; (father's children) Patricia Ann Monroe, Aretha Middleton, Phillip, James, Andrew, John, Allen, Thomas, and Melvin Ford. She is predeceased by both of her parents; and (mother's children) Evangeline Bryant, Hosea and Darnell Holt, and (father's children) David, Stanley, and Steven Ford.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

Arrangements by Brinsfield Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. in Charlotte Hall, MD.

### Edward Brent Simpson



Edward Brent Simpson, 71 of Charlotte Hall, MD peacefully passed away on June 29, 2022, surrounded by loved ones at his home.

Brent was born on March 7, 1951, in La Plata to the late Joseph Brennan, Sr., and the late Sarah Louise Davis Simpson. He is also predeceased by his brothers, Joseph Brennan Simpson, Jr., James Michael Simpson, Sr., sister, Mary “Peggy” Bailey, and brother-in-law, Wayne St.Clair. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Barbara Elaine St.Clair Simpson, daughters, Wendy Getgen (Rodne), Kristin Simpson, Jamie Brown (John, Jr.), and Jessica McEwan (Donald), all of Charlotte Hall, MD. He is also survived by 11 grandkids, Lewis, Tyler, Jax, Kaitlyn, Jarett, Jenna, John, III, Mia, Addison, Brody, and Brooklyn, sister, Barbara Bowling (Richard), sisters-in-law, Irma Simpson and Debra St.Clair, many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Brent graduated from Archbishop Neale School in 1969. He grew up working on the family farm and continued to help harvest crops and tobacco while also working at Verizon. He retired from Verizon with 40 ½ years of service. Brent enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching westerns, going to family gatherings, spending time with his grandkids, vacationing with Elaine, and spending time on the family farm.

The family will receive friends on Friday, July 8, 2022, from 9 AM until Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM at St. Mary's Newport Church (11555 St. Mary's Church Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622) with Father Matthew Fish officiating.

Interment to follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Lewis Morgan, IV, Tyler Getgen, Jax Getgen, Jarett Getgen, John Brown, III, Steven Bowling, Jr., James Simpson, Jr., and David Simpson. Honorary Pallbearer will be Brody McEwan.

Memorial donations can be made to Dentsville Volunteer EMS, Fire & Auxiliary

(12135 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646).

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### Braeden Lee Leathers



Braeden Lee Leathers, 14, of California, MD (formerly of San Diego, CA) passed away on July 2, 2022.

He was born on December 22, 2007, in Brunswick, ME to Ronald Lee Leathers II and Tabitha Grace Adelle Johnson Leathers of California, MD.

Braeden was a light to all who knew him. He was the most loving, sympathetic, devoted person in the world. He cared so deeply and passionately. Braeden genuinely wanted everyone around him to be happy and seemed to make it his life's mission to make others laugh.

Braeden was a very accomplished young man and took pride in all his successes. His academics and achieving high honors were very important to him and he would shout to the world about his 3.875 GPA upon completing middle school.

Braeden was very active; he played baseball, football, basketball, ice hockey and trained jiu-jitsu. He also had a lot of passion for music. He loved playing the guitar (both acoustic and electric) and showing off the new songs he would learn. Braeden loved to remake music and create his own; he would even write lyrics to songs and create a beat to match. He was always dancing around the room, singing and tapping to create his own beats even when he was away from his little studio. Braeden also loved cruising the backroads and blaring music with the windows down. He loved road trips, gaming online with his friends, BMXing (including tinkering with his bike, taking it apart and putting it back together), fishing, kayaking, and camping.

Braeden was a very inquisitive individual who was always researching and analyzing every curious little thought that ran through his mind to obtain a better understanding. He was articulate and intellectual and loved having conversations and respectful debates about life with his peers and elders.

Braeden profoundly touched all those who came into his life. To know him is to love him.

In addition to his loving parents, Ronnie and Tabitha, Braeden is also survived by his sister, Autumn Leathers of California, MD; grandparents: Ron Leathers and Teresa Fletcher of Brighton, IL, Holly Selhime of Heber Springs, AR, Mark Sanders of Bethalto, IL, Keith Johnson of Brookeland, TX; aunts, Sharon Wedberg of Omaha, NE and Wendy Fletcher of Bethalto, IL; uncles, Bryan Johnson of San Antonio, TX and Noah Leathers of Alton, IL, and many extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends for Braeden's Life Celebration on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., with a Service celebrated by Reverend Joe Orlando at 6:00 p.m., at Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22945 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Interment will be private.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.brinsfieldfuneral.com](http://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com).

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### William Combs Pritchard



William Combs Pritchard, age 75, of Tellico Village, Loudon, TN, passed away on Tuesday June 14th 2022, with his

family at his side.

Bill was born January 24th 1947 in Leonardtown Maryland to Edwin Granger and Helen Combs Pritchard. Bill attended Holy Angels school in Avenue, MD. and later Ryken High school graduating in 1965. He attended the University of Maryland College Park graduating in 1969. He enjoyed a long career in safety management. Bill was an award winning nature photographer. He also enjoyed traveling, golfing and sailing.

Bill is survived by his loving wife Doris, his son Brian(Tracy), his daughter Kelly Aves, his grandchildren, Ava Pritchard, Azure Aves and Leighton Aves and his brother Edwin (Donna) and his sister Flora Nicholas(Billy). He is also survived by his nieces Jennifer Pritchard and Katie Nicholas plus numerous step children: Paul(Heidi)Stackhouse, Don(Inee)Stackhouse and James(Michelle)Stackhouse and his step grandchildren Christina, Kelleyanne, Paul Robert, Tammy, Jesse, J.J., Anna, Jonathan, Drew and Amber.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, nephew Christopher Pritchard and step daughter Tammy Stackhouse. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to St. Mary's Ryken High school 22600 Camp Calvert Rd. Leonardtown, MD. 20650 in Bill's memory.

### Sidney Damien “Tex”

#### Koranek



Sidney Damien “Tex” Koranek, 81, of Lexington Park, MD passed away peacefully in his sleep July 2, 2022. He was

born November 20, 1940 in San Antonio, Texas. He is survived by his wife Judith “Judy” and all five of his children, Colleen Quinn (husband Shawn), Mary Russell, Richard “Ricky” Koranek (wife Luci), Cynthia “Cindy” Koranek, and Robert “Bobby” Koranek (wife Michelle).

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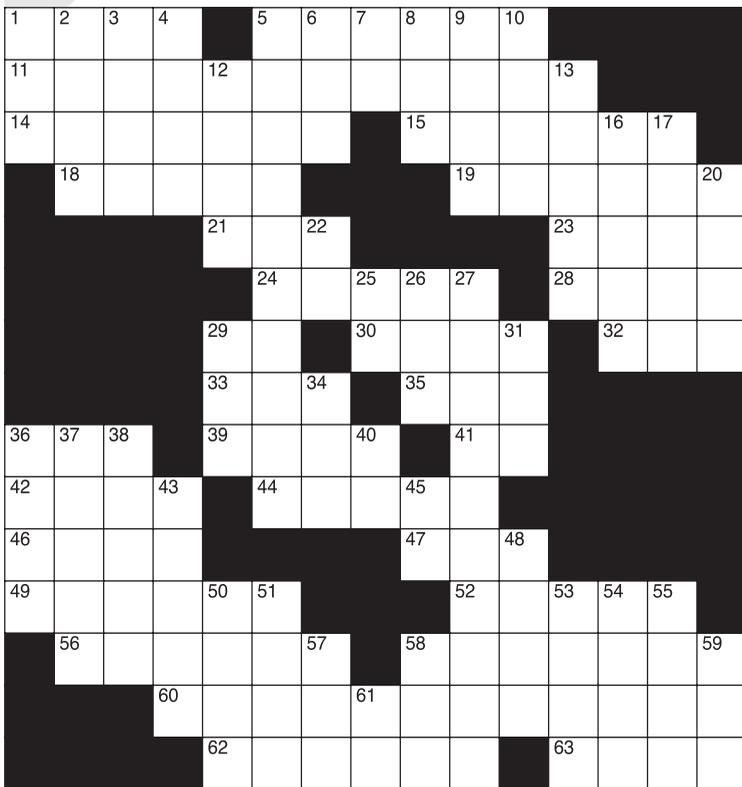
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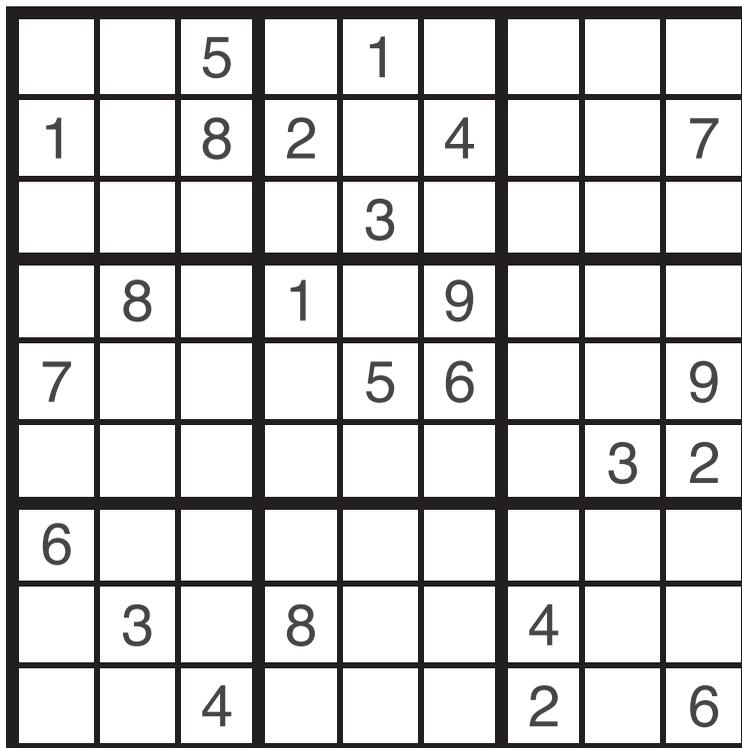
- 1. Absence of difficulty
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. More cushy
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Large, fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. NY Mets legend Tommie
- 24. Icelandic books
- 28. Pop
- 29. Hammer is one
- 30. Sense of self-importance
- 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
- 33. Can't be found
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Passports and licenses are two
- 39. Snake-like fishes
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Popular computers

- 44. Intermediate ecological stage
- 46. Wings
- 47. Used in combination
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jewelled headdress
- 56. Slow
- 58. Famous Falls
- 60. Reassertions
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- 63. Hyphen

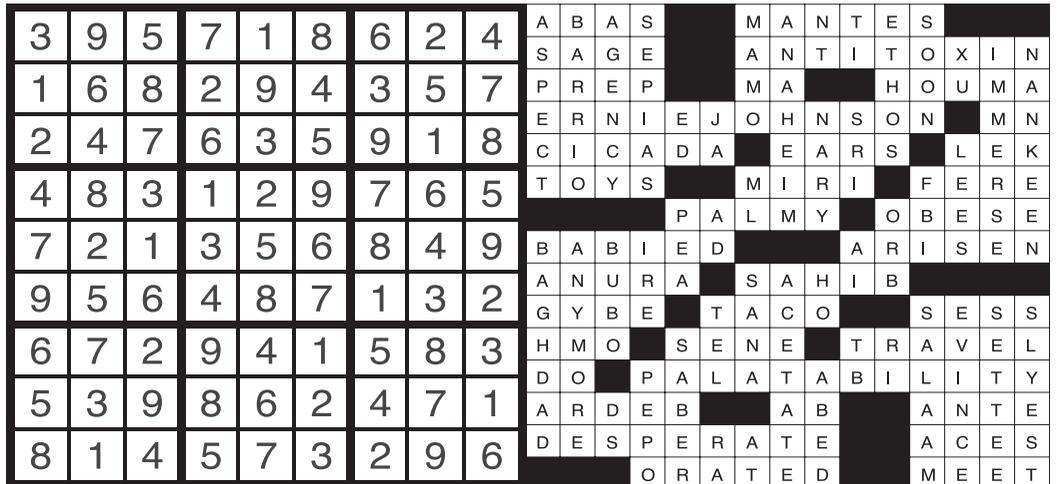
**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel large quantities
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. Genetically distinct varieties
- 6. Dialect of Chinese
- 7. Famous Mr. T character
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. Menace to yards
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Willis and Robert are two
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)

- 22. It shows who you are
- 25. The First State (abbr.)
- 26. Get older
- 27. Associations
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Leader
- 37. Plants in the legume family
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's father
- 43. Scads
- 45. Morning
- 48. Length of a line (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. Small, thin person
- 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Word element meaning ear
- 58. To the \_\_ degree
- 59. Residue of something burned
- 61. It cools your home



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