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SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT DR. DANIEL CURRY

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Younger Students to Go Hybrid on Nov. 9

School Board Decides on 3-2 Vote

By Dick Myers
Editor

With dozens of parents and students protesting outside for a return to school and with pages and pages of emails in their inbox, many from teachers fearful of a return, the Calvert County Board of Education at their Oct. 8 meeting was faced with a tough, no-win decision.

The board, on a 3-2 vote, decided to begin hybrid learning for students, Pre-K through 2nd Grade, beginning Nov. 9. A motion two weeks ago would have started the hybrid model on Oct. 26 but stalled on a 2-2 vote. New board member Pat Nutter broke the tie at the Oct. 8 meeting.

The main difference between the plan from two weeks ago and the one approved, in addition to remaining virtual until the end of the first marking period, is that a separate pool of teachers will be created to just teach the one-third of the students whose parents want to continue the all-online learning. That teacher pool will tap those who are most vulnerable or who have vulnerable family members.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Diane Workman said, "We should be able to dedicate in most schools at most grade levels, if not at every grade level yet, one teacher who will just teach virtually to those students who are 100 percent virtual."

Workman said in teaching both in-school and online learners, teachers would at times focus on one or the other to make it easier on them.

School Superintendent Dr. Daniel Curry said at the beginning of the discussion, "I believe we all are grieving. We're all grieving the loss of a long-time friend -- school as we know it. I'll call it 'normal.' Normal has been gone now for more than six months. Normal has left us and we don't know when or if we will ever see it again."

Curry added, "Many of our children are struggling. Many are logging in and not engaging. That is why we're seeking to add another dimension to the new normal, by bringing students to school

again in a hybrid model. Distancing requires us to limit the total population at any one time, but for students to come in and sit in a room together and ask questions by raising their real hand, not a digital hand, will allow us to move a little toward the old norm."

During the discussion Board Member Dawn Balinski expressed serious reservations about the impact of the hybrid model on teachers.

Balinski said, "I frankly don't believe that I would support hybrid, which is just killing me because I wanted children to come into school. But I don't think that I could support it." She added, "It seems like we're leaving the entire burden of making it work on the teacher and in a very, very difficult situation."

Curry challenged Balinski: "That means we wouldn't even try it. Is that your point?"

She ultimately supported the first step in the transition to a hybrid model.

Board Members President Inez Claggett and Vice President PaMela Cousins voted against the move as they had done two weeks ago.

Nutter said before casting the tie-breaking vote, "I want everybody to be safe. But there comes a time when you had to have a plan. We're in such an unusual time. It scares me to death at my age to go certain places, but I have to go. We have to make a decision."

After the meeting, the board continued to be barraged with emails, more than a hundred, opposing the decision and Education Association of Calvert County President Dona Ostenso sent a letter expressing concerns (see separate story).

Some teachers believe there is slippage between what was promised at the school board meeting and what they are being told in their schools by their principals about the dedicated online system.

Curry said the teachers will learn to adapt. "We've seen our teachers grow from scared and doubtful about their ability to manage online to learning to be, as one told me, she was a techno."

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Teachers: Hybrid Plan 'Creates Confusion'

By Dick Myers
Editor

After watching the virtual Calvert County Board of Education Oct. 8 meeting, Calvert Education Association President Dona Ostenson says she went away "very frustrated" by the board's decision on the hybrid model for younger learners, Pre-K to 2nd Grade.

Ostenson said she heard that same frustration from teachers the next day when they came back from their schools confused about what they were being told by principals versus what was said at the meeting. She urged them to write to the school board, and more than 100 have done so to date.

BuT she also sat down and carefully crafted her concerns in a letter to the school board.

She said in the letter that her frustration was "not because I am opposed to students safely returning to the classroom for face to face instruction, but because the 'proposed plan' that was published on Board Docs October 5th was not updated to include the revisions that were shared during the Board meeting Thursday.

"This creates confusion among staff of what was said and what was approved by you, the board. Communication has been mentioned at several of the last BOE meetings as a concern among teachers and even members of the board. This is why it is so important to see a completed plan before it is approved.

"When the revised plan was shared by Ms. Workman, she did not go over the When or the timeline in the proposal because CCPS had decided to pause the start day on the timeline from October 26th to November 9th. It was stated that the timeline would need to be adjusted for the new start day.

"But what was not said was that PreK-2 students would all be starting on November 9th. I question this because in both of the proposed reopening plans and timelines (September 24th and October 5th) students in grades K and 2 would begin October 26th and students in PreK and 1 would begin on November 9th. The rationale for this in both proposed plans was to begin with two grade levels to work out safe arrival, dismissal, lunch, and recess procedures. This would allow schools to work through the full rotation of both weeks, prior to starting the second group of students. So, when did this change? Is this what you approved? What else is going to be implemented absent your approval or vetted by the community?

"During both board meetings there were many questions around scheduling, but very few answers. I understand that Dr. Curry and Ms. Workman want principals to work with their staff to build a schedule that works for them. However, the proposed plan says that time has been built into the schedule for teachers who are teaching the hybrid model to check-in with the students at home and respond



Calvert Education Association President Dona Ostenson

to their questions and that teachers will sanitize their materials at the end of the day.

"We need to see a basic schedule for all K-2 teachers, so we can brainstorm solutions before the problems arise.

"This is a major concern for teachers because there is never enough time in the day to do what they need to do now, much less ask them to do more. Teachers are exhausted more now than they ever have been over the course of their entire career.

"During the presentation, Dr. Curry said a major revision to the plan, was to allow the students who were remaining 100 percent online to have a dedicated virtual teacher. Parents felt this was important to ensure that their child would continue to get the same level of instruction and attention that he/she currently receives. Then by taking these students out of the equation, the hybrid teacher would only have to plan and teach the students in A week and B week, helping to alleviate about one-third of the hybrid teacher's planning. This proposal would also provide accommodations for teachers who are not able to come back into the building to teach because of their own health or that of a family member to continue to teach virtually. Is this not what you approved?

"Why were principals communicating with their staff on Friday that they would have to determine if a 100-percent virtual teacher is viable? Then when they determine it is not (and this has already occurred), teachers will be teaching three groups concurrently (Group A, Group B and Group Virtual). Now instead of the teacher having nine students face to face and nine students online, he/she will have nine students face to face and 14 students online.

"You cannot continue to keep filling in the gaps of your plan(s) by counting on the good will of teachers to keep students safe and actively engaged in their learning by exploiting how much they care about their students."

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When Will School Sports Return?

By Dick Myers
Editor

When will sports be returning to Calvert County Public Schools? The answer to the question remains elusive, but there are signs it may be earlier than first announced.

The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) announced in September the postponement of fall sports such as football and the concurrent open of fall, winter, and spring sports on Feb. 1 of next year.

Since then, Governor Larry Hogan and State School Superintendent Dr. Karen Salmon issued an advisory that "On October 7, 2020, all local school systems may choose to begin formal fall sport season practices in preparation for a competition season which will begin on October 27."

Calvert County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Daniel Curry said those October dates were advisory and that the February start for all three sports seasons was still in place.

Curry told the school board at their Oct. 8 meeting that the state superintendent's association wants sports to start sooner.

Curry told The County Times that the group representing the public-school ath-



letic directors is proposing to start winter sports on Dec. 7. That would include basketball, wrestling, indoor track, and swimming. It would accommodate holiday tournaments.

The proposal being kicked around would still start fall sports, such as football, in February. Meanwhile the football teams are cleared for conditioning activities on their schools' fields.

Curry insisted that nothing has been approved and that the Southern Maryland Athletic Conference would also have to go along with it regionally so teams in the tri-county could play each other.

Curry told the board, "I would be inclined to say that should that get approved by the state, I would be inclined to go along with that in order to give our students an opportunity to participate in the same kind of seasonal schedule that the rest of the state catches onto and adopts."

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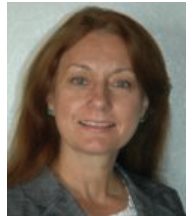
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HOYER & PALOMBI SQUARE OFF

The candidates for the 5th Congressional District, Incumbent House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and Republican challenger Chris Palombi agreed to answer The County Times' questions about key local and national issues.

District 5 covers all of Southern Maryland.

What will you do to ensure Southern Maryland recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic both in terms of health and economically?

Hoyer: "The two are tied together closely. [Students] need to be back in school and people need to get back to work. I'm supportive of federal investment and propping up our families and our businesses, especially our small businesses."

Hoyer said the federal government needed to find a way to provide more stimulus to avoid either a recession or full depression in the economy.

"We need to make sure we get a deal to give the country another shot in the arm."

Palombi: "I think that's mostly a local and state issue. The PPP program ran out so fast... a lot of big companies had the personnel to process those applications as quickly as possible. [Businesses with just a few employees] missed out on the program."

Palombi said programs like the PPP should be replenished but with a focus on very small businesses and proprietorships.

"The ultimate stimulus though, is reopening," Palombi said, adding that Congress must find a way to provide more stimulus. "It's infuriating that they can't compromise."

Do you favor defunding regional police? What reforms, if any, do you support for law enforcement? Explain.

Hoyer: "Absolutely not, it's a thoughtless sentiment. The vast majority of our police act in a proper way. But if they break the law they need to be held accountable the same way a politician or public official would."

Hoyer said police reform was necessary to avoid excessive use of force and curtail certain procedures that led to tragic deaths.

"We need a system of accountability... and we need to outlaw restraint techniques such as chokeholds. Things such as no-knock warrants can give rise to something like what happened in the Breonna Taylor incident."

Palombi: "I don't. [All the debate over defunding the police] is lowering their manpower. That's not going to solve our problems. We need to find ways to eliminate excessive force at all costs."

Palombi said officers could use more and better training in the use of force but agencies had to work to ensure a work/life balance for officers and that they were ready to face the rigors of the job each day.

Palombi favored "equitable policing" and even potentially "national use of force guidelines."

What are your plans to improve regional/local infrastructure such as the Thomas Johnson Bridge and the intersection at Route 5 and Great Mills Road?

Hoyer: "We need to invest in the Great Mills/Rt. 5 area. I'm committed to that. I'll be working to get additional federal dollars next year in that project particularly."

Hoyer said that federal funding was also needed for the Thomas Johnson Bridge if there was ever to be a replacement.

"I hope to get help there as well," Hoyer said.

Palombi: "Those projects have been a long time coming. We need to make sure we have funding in place for that."

Palombi said federal funds also need to be made available for bridge expansion and to bolster evacuation routes for Southern Maryland.

"We need to find ways to make tax dollars work more efficiently,"

Palombi said.

What will you do to protect the flow of work opportunities

on Pax River NAS and improve the building infrastructure there?

Hoyer: "We need to work closely with the proponents of the base, including the Navy Alliance so when we have a challenge, we can overcome it. "We need to be making sure that with the expertise at Pax River that we don't have a stovepipe there. We have the capabilities to take in a broad range of work there."

Hoyer said there were often concerns among U.S. Navy leadership that varied kinds of technology work at the base could detract from the main mission there of test and evaluation of aircraft, he believed the base could accomplish both.

"We need to reassure them that we can get our core work done," said Hoyer.

Palombi: "The buildings there are quite aged. We need to ensure the quality and security of the infrastructure at all our military bases."

Palombi said cybersecurity was both a focus of work and a needed security feature at the base as well as the conventional security measures there.

"We need to pursue that and make sure that's secure as well," Palombi said.

He believed the cyber security presence on base could help spark support technical services outside the main gate and boost the local economy.

Will you work to provide federal funding to make working from home easier for both defense sector employees and everyday residents, such as increased broadband access?

Hoyer: "We passed a bill July 1... with a very substantial investment in broadband and it cost \$500 million less than what was required by the President."

Hoyer said that the COVID-19 pandemic has shown how important internet access is and that "everybody has the availability of broadband."

"It's a critically important invest-

ment," Hoyer said, adding that the nation's electrical and internet grids were open to cyberattack. "We need to upgrade our grid substantially."

Palombi: "There would have to be federal funding to assist with that. There are a lot of people in the District who still don't have access to the internet. When my wife and I moved here there was no access and we had to have Comcast lay cable; that helped our neighbors out."

He lamented the lack of competition regionally in providing internet services.

"It stinks when you have a lack of choice."

What are your plans or ideas to specifically help small businesses recover from losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Hoyer: The PPP program provided money to businesses when they lost revenues due to the coronavirus shutdowns and the Heroes Act would do much the same for local and state governments and agencies.

"It's [the PPP program] made all the difference but it needs to be re-uped," Hoyer said adding that the Senate has not voted on the package and likely would not.

"It's a shame the Senate hasn't taken it up. It's time for us to get an agreement together."

Palombi: "The PPP program needs to be modified for sure [to aid very small businesses]. Small businesses thrive when dollars stay local. I'm a big free market person."

Palombi said he wanted to find ways to incentivize consumers to buy locally and bring back the supply chain from foreign dependency.

"We rely too much on foreign supply lines we need to think about giving tax breaks to get them [companies and industries] to come back here. It can help restore our vanishing middle class. Just bringing that back to the country is a win-win."

Do you favor sanctioning China for its role in the spread of the novel coronavirus?

MEET THE Candidates



U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer (D-MD-5th), a Democrat, has served in Congress for 40 years and is the House Majority Leader. Before serving in Congress he was the President of the Maryland State Senate. He lives in St. Mary's County.



Chris Palombi, the Republican challenger, works as a hockey coach at St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown and is a self-taught web developer and former officer with the U.S. Capitol Police Department. He grew up in Calvert County and resides there with his wife and three children.

Hoyer: "I favor sanctioning China... but not particularly for the coronavirus. I'm in favor of sanctioning China because of its unfair trade practices, theft of intellectual property and its belligerence in foreign policy."

Palombi: "Yes, they need to be held accountable, but first we need to bring the supply chain back to the U.S. China has stolen our intellectual property, has been caught multiple times hacking our systems and stealing data and also has a horrible human rights crisis going on with their treatment of their citizens, including Uighurs."

The CCP must be held accountable for this, as well as their involvement in the COVID-19 outbreak."

What would you do to reform immigration policy?

Hoyer: "Everybody in Washington, D.C. knows that current immigration police does not work. "We need immigration, especially so we have the personnel we need to fill jobs. We need border security... but I'm against taking children away from their parents."

Hoyer has opposed President Trump's border wall project but has pressed for comprehensive border surveillance through technology and efficient use of law enforcement.

Palombi: "It's up to Congress to legislate. Congress needs to act [to provide the country] with the security of our borders."

Congress had to act to reduce the backlog of legal immigration applications, Palombi said, but allowing illegal immigrants to earn money here but not pay taxes was not sustainable, especially when it concerned sanctuary cities and free education.

"We can't continue to support pro-

grams with taxpayer dollars for people who come here illegally. We want people to come here but they need to use the proper channels."

What actions do you favor in health care reform?

Hoyer: Hoyer said the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, has helped millions of Americans get health insurance coverage and he continues to support it.

"It's at risk from the Trump Administration."

He said the continued attacks, if successful, would result in millions losing health insurance.

Hoyer said he was in favor of continuing to find ways to expand benefits and continue lowering health care costs.

Palombi: "I'd like to modify it [the

Affordable Care Act]. The over regulation has led to skyrocketing premiums. Consumers should have choices in their health care and there needs to be transparency in health care costs. [The mandate to accept pre-existing conditions] is here to stay, it's not going anywhere."

Palombi favored options such as health care savings plans, direct primary care subscriptions refundable health care tax credits.



Incumbent Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat “Irish” Mahoney

By Dick Myers
Editor

Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat “Irish” Mahoney is seeking reelection for a second four-year term in the Nov. 3 election. He is being challenged by Joshua Johnson (see separate story) and Stewart Cumbo (email requests for an interview were not answered).

“I love being mayor. I love the people of Chesapeake Beach and I love the town,” Mahoney said during an interview on Oct. 8.

He was asked if there was any doubt about running again. He said, “It’s a wonderful job for a retired person. I have a comfortable pension, so I don’t need any money, but it’s a great way to volunteer my time for public service, to the talent and people that I love. So, it’s a fantastic way to spend your post retirement life.”

He said it’s a seven-day-a-week job. “It’s definitely like running your own business. You never get time off.” He said even when on vacation he takes the job along with him.

But he has strong help in the job. “We have a spectacular town administrator who loves this town and certainly makes my job as a mayor much easier,” he said.

About the challenges of running a town in a pandemic, he said, “It was new and it was something that came on us, but I’m proud to say that, through my leadership and social responsibility schools, during this pandemic my administration rebalanced our town budget while keeping our tax rate decrease in place at no loss of services to the citizens, no furloughs, no tapping on our reserves.



Chesapeake Beach incumbent Mayor Pat “Irish” Mahoney

We kept our families safe.”

“I was able to show some strong leadership,” he said, which included restricting attendance at the water park to county and town residents and to the beach just to town residents.

“We needed to lessen the exposure to our citizens and that’s what I did,” Mahoney asserted.

Gaming revenue, which is an important line item in the town budget, has been impacted. But Mahoney explained, “We always underestimate our revenue from gaming, and it paid off this year. So, the fact that we underestimated by maybe 50 percent of a good year where I came in even on that.”

He said his main accomplishments of

the past four years fall into three categories: “fiscal responsibility, our children and families, and preserving our small-town charm.”

Fiscal responsibility included reducing the tax rate for four consecutive years and securing \$2.5 million in grants.

For children and families, he touted the acquisition of Kellam’s Field from the county. The town is set to name the park at Kellam’s Field “Miller-Loveless” after Sen. Mike Miller and Megan Loveless, who loved the tot lot at the park and died at the age of two.

He was asked if he saw any growth in town impacting that small-town charm. He said, “Not really, we really need to keep a stern eye with controlled, low growth. The schools can’t take any more population. The roads are crowded enough from tourism and the people who live here. So, we really don’t need any more residential growth in town. What we’d like to do is encourage mom and pop type businesses in town.”

The post-COVID agenda, he said, includes development of the park, expanding the sidewalk system, and the new Beach Elementary School.

“What we need to do is fully engrain these projects with each other, so they become a reality.”

He praised the town council he’s worked with for the past four years. “It’s probably been the most cooperative town council in the last 50 years. They focus on the issues. They believe in attacking issues, not each other. They are very congenial and respectful.”

Mahoney’s opponent Johnson is running in part opposed to the mayor’s stance on short-term rentals. Mahoney said, “These weekend and short-term rentals have been illegal in Chesapeake Beach for 60 years. It’s always been in the zoning code that you’re not allowed to have a commercial enterprise in a residential neighborhood.”

“They bring nothing into the town for the majority of citizens,” he insisted.

His other opponent, Cumbo, a former town councilman, has charged it was Mahoney who gave the information to the state prosecutor’s office about Cumbo illegally recording conversations without notification. Cumbo entered a Alford plea to the charges which carried a potential 5-10-year jail sentence. According to Cumbo’s attorneys, he entered the plea in exchange for a recommended disposition of probation before judgement, which did not give Cumbo a criminal record. An Alford Plea means the defendant doesn’t admit guilt but concedes the state has enough evidence for conviction.

Cumbo’s conviction made him ineligible to continue to serve on the council. In a letter to the editor he insisted he was unaware what he was doing was illegal.

Mahoney said, “I don’t intend to comment on any of the candidate’s personal life. It’s my intention on this campaign to stay the high road and focus on the accomplishments of this administration and the issues and priorities that we need going forward.”

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Joshua Johnson: Chesapeake Beach Mayoral Candidate

By Dick Myers
Editor

Joshua Johnson is one of two challengers running against incumbent Chesapeake Beach Mayor Pat “Irish” Mahoney in the Nov. 3 town election.

Johnson, 43, has lived in town for four years. He told The County Times in an Oct. 8 interview, “I was born and raised in Iowa and came from a pretty meager upbringing. My dad was a pastor in a smaller community. I got into the golf business, which brought me to the East Coast.” He was head pro at a golf course in Stafford County, Va. He started investing in real estate and branched out to that, although he still does golf consultancy.

He was asked if the contentious short-term rental issue prompted him to run. “It really did,” he said, “due to the fact that there was no due process put in place, there was no transparency. There was no public forum. There were no facts that any of this is based on. Pat Mahoney is quoted on television News Channel 4 as saying that there were party houses. Sheriff Mike Evans has made that vividly clear, also on record with News Channel 4, that there were no parties reported in all of February.”

He added, “Pat Mahoney has decided to put his foot down.”

He insisted that rentals such as Airbnb use copious cleaning regimens to protect against COVID-19. “There has to be no one in the room 24 hours in advance and the 24 hours after.”



Joshua Johnson

“It is clear that Pat Mahoney did not do his research. He’s on it more and he’s running off of a personal agenda,” Johnson asserted.

Johnson explained, “I’m really running on the idea that we all have equal rights, that we all should have due process. The freedoms here in the United States that we all enjoy, we get joy because we work hard, because we can achieve the American dream through working hard. And we deserve to have that here.”

He said, “People have been coming here for generations. This year alone, I had three generations of a family that’s been staying summers here.”

Johnson congratulated Gerald Donovan of the Chesapeake Resort and Spa (and former long-time mayor) for his entrepreneurship. He said, “He’s really the modern-day Walt Disney World for this area.” He said the short-term rentals complement what the resort does.

“I think part of being a mayor is being able to have an open dialogue and being able to talk to people about uncomfort-

able decisions that are made. You don’t have a mayor for the easy ones.”

Johnson said Mahoney has a vision of Chesapeake Beach being Mayberry, but instead the town has a Barney Fife.

Johnson was asked if there is room in town for additional residential growth. He said, “I’ve been in small communities all my life. And one thing that we need to make sure whether it would be the individual that doesn’t want to grow, or the individual that wants excessive growth, we all have to grow. We need to leave something for our children. I want my children that are going to the best of the finest schools here in Maryland to be able to stay right here with me and have a decent job in doing so. And when we kill growth, we kill the ability for our kids or grandkids to be able to have a place that they can call home. They’re going to leave here. They’re going to go to DC. They’re going to go to Texas. They’re going to go somewhere else that has a vision and an understanding that we grow, or we die.”

He said in 10 years his vision for the town would be “to have some comfortable growth, 10 to 20 percent. You want to make sure that it’s done right and respecting the people that have been here for generations. We’re also respecting the people that enjoy what the Bay has to offer.”

Johnson said Mahoney is putting all of his economic development eggs in one basket – tourism. “I’m a hundred percent behind the Rod ‘N Reel Club, but I’m a

hundred percent behind local businesses and diversification. So that if we do have a blip in the radar, we don’t all go down together on a sinking ship.”

Johnson, regarding the town’s fiscal situation, criticized the town for holding an \$11 million surplus. “We’ve got people out there that are struggling,” he said, proposing to give \$500 to every household.

He also criticized the salaries being paid to key staff. “We are a town of 6,000 people. We should absolutely be somewhere in the realm of what would be average and not 60 percent above that. There’s no justification for it.”

As to the current council, he said, “One of the reasons why I ran for mayor is I believe we have good people in there. I just believe at the end of the day at least a portion of them have been misguided.”

He said he is supporting one of the town council challengers, Jonathan Evans. “I believe he was also affected by this arbitrary and completely lacking policy in place for short-term rentals.”

Johnson was asked how with a job he would manage being mayor versus Mahoney who is retired. He said, “If we can organize things, it’s amazing what we could get done. And I think that there has to be some accountability with that as well.”

Johnson and his wife have two children, aged 11 and 12, Windy Hill students now at home learning virtually.

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DIY Projects That Can Conserve Energy



Home renovation projects can pay numerous dividends. Renovations can have a positive effect on resale value, make homes more livable for residents and, in some ways, make homes more affordable.

Renovation projects that aim to conserve energy can save homeowners substantial amounts of money. Such projects don't often require considerable effort or even sizable financial investments, which can make homeowners skeptical as to just how much they can save after completing the project. But the scale of a project may have little to do with how much homeowners will save. For example, the U.S. Department of Energy notes that a relatively effortless task like turning back a thermostat between 7° and 10° F for eight hours per day can save homeowners as much as \$83 per year. A more labor-intensive task like planting shade trees saves homeowners an average of between \$35 and \$119 per year.

When looking for ways to conserve energy around the house and save money, homeowners need not necessarily commit to expensive projects. The DOE notes that the following are some energy-saving projects and details what homeowners can expect to save after completing them. While each individual project may not result in jaw-dropping savings, homeowners who follow many of these recommendations may end up saving more than \$1,000 per year.

Project: Install exterior low-e storm windows.

What is it? Low-e windows reflect infrared heat back into a home. Such windows are coated with an ultra-thin layer of metal that improves the window's insulation ability.

How much can I save? Homeowners who install low-e windows can save between 12 and 33 percent on

their annual heating and cooling costs.

Project: Seal uncontrolled air leaks.

What is it? Air leaks let cool air in during winter and warm air in during summer. Caulking, sealing and weather stripping all cracks and large openings can cut back on air leaks that are costing you money. The DOE recommends hiring a contractor to seal any leaks on heating and cooling ducts.

How much can I save? Homeowners who seal uncontrolled air leaks can save between 10 and 20 percent on their annual heating and cooling bills.

Project: Plant shade trees.

What is it? If you plant a deciduous tree between six and eight feet tall near your home, it will begin to shade your windows within a year of being planted. Depending on the species of the tree and the home, the shade tree will begin shading the roof within five to 10 years. The DOE notes that shading is the most cost-effective way to reduce air conditioning costs.

How much can I save? Properly planted shade trees can reduce air conditioning costs by anywhere from 15 to 50 percent.

Project: Insulate the water heater tank

What is it? New water tanks are likely already insulated. But homeowners with older hot water tanks can insulate their tanks with a water heater insulating blanket kit.

How much can I save? Insulating a water heater tank can save homeowners as much as 16 percent on their annual water heating bills.

Even the smallest DIY projects can produce big savings. More information about energy-saving home improvement projects can be found at www.energy.gov.

Prepare Your Deck For Winter

Homeowners often take steps to winterize the interior of their homes in the weeks before winter's arrival, but such efforts should extend to the outside of a home as well.

Decks make for great gathering places when the weather permits. Decks are where many people spend their free time and eat their meals come spring and summer, when the temperatures climb and the sun sets well into the evening. But as summer turns to fall, homeowners must take measures to protect their decks from potentially harsh winter weather.

• Inspect the deck for problems. Decks tend to be used more often in summer than any other time of year. That makes fall and early winter an ideal time to inspect for wear and tear and any additional issues that may have cropped up throughout the summer. Damaged boards and loose handrails should be fixed before winter arrives, especially for homeowners who plan to use their decks in winter. Fixing such issues in winter and even into spring may be difficult thanks to harsh conditions, so make good use of the relatively calm autumn weather to fix any issues on the deck.

• Clear the deck of potted plants. Even homeowners who intend to use their decks in winter should remove potted

plants from the deck in the fall. The home improvement experts at HGTV note that moisture can get trapped between deck boards and plastic, wood or ceramic containers in cold weather, and that can contribute to mildew, discoloration or decay.

• Store unnecessary furniture. Homeowners who like to sit on their decks in winter will no doubt want to leave some furniture out over the winter. But those with lots of furniture for entertaining guests can likely move the majority of that furniture into a garage or shed for the winter. HGTV notes that doing so will prevent the potential formation of blemishes on the deck that can result from inconsistent weathering.

• Remove snow, but do so carefully. Prolonged contact with snow and ice can damage a deck. As a result, homeowners should clear snow from their decks when accumulation is significant. HGTV recommends using a snow blower on the deck to avoid scarring. If a shovel must be used, push snow with the planks to reduce the risk of damaging the deck.

Homeowners who take steps to protect their decks throughout the winter months can ensure these popular areas are ready once entertaining season returns in the spring.



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What to Know About DIY Insulation



Perhaps due in part to the popularity of home improvement television shows, many homeowners now tackle an assortment of home projects without professional assistance. These weekend warriors embrace the do-it-yourself philosophy to home improvement, saving lots of money along the way.

As rewarding as successful DIY projects can be, it's important that homeowners avoid getting in over their heads. Some projects, such as those that involve plumbing or roofing, tend to be best left to the professionals. But many other projects, including insulation installation, are very DIY-friendly.

Can I install insulation myself?

The Insulation Institute notes

that DIY insulation installation is definitely doable, though typically only when homeowners are installing certain types of insulation. The Institute notes that installing fiberglass or mineral wool insulation can be simple. However, homeowners who prefer spray foam insulation should leave installation to the professionals.

What should I do before beginning the project?

The Insulation Institute advises homeowners who are going to install insulation to determine if vapor retarders, sometimes referred to as "vapor barriers," will need to be installed before they begin the project. Vapor diffusion retarders can reduce the amount of moisture

transferred by air currents, but they are not always necessary. Factors such as climate, cladding type (i.e., brick, stucco, wood, etc.) and the location of the wall being insulated will help homeowners determine if they need vapor diffusion retarders. Homes located in places with mixed climates often need vapor diffusion retarders. DIYers can visit www.insulationinstitute.org to learn more or consult with an insulation or watersealing professional to determine if they need vapor diffusion retarders.

DIYers will need the appropriate tools and attire before beginning an insulation installation project. In addition to the insulation itself, the online resource The Home Im-

provement Web® recommends the following tools:

- Safety glasses
- Dust mask or respirator
- Stapler (electric, standard, or hammer type)
- 3/8" or 1/2" staples
- Protective clothing
- Work light
- Tape measure
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- Straightedge for cutting insulation

DIYers can access any number of insulation installation tutorials online to determine if they can install insulation without hiring professionals.



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Considerations Before Warming Up The First Fire

A warm fire can make even the coldest winter day more enjoyable. Fireplaces may not get much use in spring or summer, but come late fall and throughout the winter, the fireplace can be a great place for families to gather.

Before fireplace season hits full swing, homeowners might want to brush up on a few fireplace facts so they can safely enjoy nights spent sitting by the crackling flames.

The Chimney Safety Institute of America advises homeowners with fireplaces to hire a CSIA-certified chimney sweep to clean their fireplaces. After a lengthy period of non-use, various issues could be affecting the chimney, many of which might not be noticeable to an untrained eye. Professional, certified chimney sweeps have extensive knowledge of fireplaces, making them valuable resources who can let homeowners know if any safety issues developed since fireplaces were last used. The National Protection Agency recommends that chimneys be swept at least once per year.

A full inspection of the chimney might be in order as well. Chimney service technicians will conduct thorough examinations of readily accessible portions of the chimney exterior and interior and accessible portions of the

appliance and the chimney connection. The CSIA recommends that homeowners who plan to use their chimneys as they have in the past request a Level 1 inspection, which will examine the soundness of the chimney structure and flue as well as the basic appliance installation and connections. Technicians also will verify if the chimney is free of obstruction and combustible deposits.

Homeowners also should inspect their chimney dampers before lighting their first fires of the season. Dampers should open and close smoothly. If not, a service technician can help fix or replace the damper.

Firewood is another thing homeowners must consider before lighting their first fires of the season. The CSIA says that well-seasoned firewood works best, noting that wood that is not well-seasoned will produce more smoke than heat. In addition, the home improvement resource This Old House recommends using dense wood that's been split and stored in a high and dry place for at least six months. Oak is an example of dense wood that, when stored properly, can make for an enjoyable fireplace experience. Avoid softwoods like pine. Pine can produce a lot of creosote, which is a byprod-



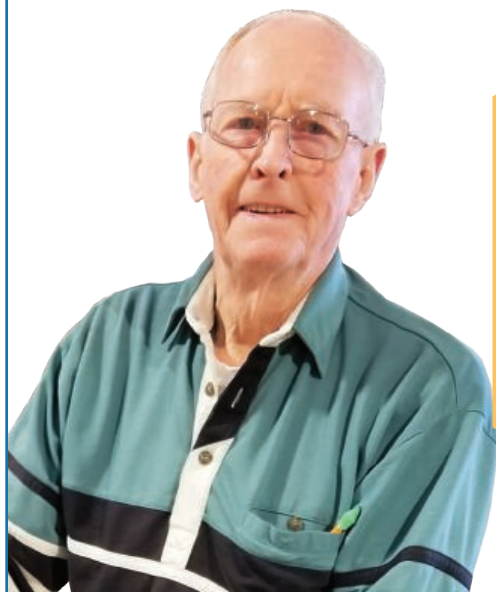
uct of wood combustion. Creosote is highly flammable, and as it builds up in a chimney, the risk for a chimney fire increases. Choosing the right wood, making sure it's well-seasoned and having a chimney professionally cleaned can reduce the risk of a creosote-related chimney fire. A Level 1 inspection

should determine if there are potentially dangerous levels of creosote deposits in the chimney.

Before nestling up to a fireplace this winter, homeowners should consider a host of factors and safety measures to ensure their fireplaces are safe and ready for the season ahead.

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Theft of Campaign Signs

September 28th – October 4th the Calvert County Sheriff's office responded to 10 calls for theft of campaign signs throughout the county.

Theft 20-50938

On September 29, 2020, Deputy P. Wood responded to Knight Ave. in Dunkirk, MD for a reported stolen bicycle that occurred sometime between September 25th and September 27th. The victim stated she placed the bicycle inside her vehicle on Friday, September 25th and noticed the bike was missing on Sunday, September 27th. The bicycle is described as a 26-inch women's Magna mountain bike, white, black, and turquoise in color. The value of stolen property is \$200.

Theft 20-51252

On September 30, 2020, Deputy R. Gough responded to Stamper Ct. in Prince Frederick, MD for a theft complaint. The victim stated his vehicle registration sticker was stolen from his vehicles license plate sometime between September 29th at 6:30 p.m. and September 30th at 11:30 a.m. The value of stolen property is \$67.

Damage Property 20-51608

On October 2, 2020, Deputy R. Evans responded to the area of White Sands Dr. in Lusby, MD for a property damage report. The victim advised sometime between October 1st at 7:00 p.m. and October 2nd at 7 a.m. unknown suspect(s) damaged 3 Trump campaign signs by spray painting "BLM". These signs were located in the area of White Sands Dr. and Nursery Rd. in Lusby, MD. The value of damaged property is \$600.

Arrests:

On September 29, 2020, Calvert Emergency Communications broadcasted a lookout for a silver Ford Fusion with stolen registration plates in the area of Southern Maryland Blvd. / E. Chesapeake Beach Rd. in Dunkirk, MD. Deputy Savick observed the Ford Fusion at Southern Maryland Blvd. and Camaleer Pass and initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle began to switch lanes and slam on the brakes before making a U-turn to head back north on Southern Maryland Blvd. The vehicle continued to drive at a high rate of speed causing multiple crashes. The vehicle then travelled in the grass median, lost control, ultimately ended up travelling across a field, and ended up in a creek bed. Deputy Savick noticed a male exit the vehicle dressed in all black and fled on foot. Deputy Savick began a foot pursuit. The male subject was apprehended by Deputy W. McDowell and identified at **Jason L. Lee (22)**. Deputy Savick placed Mr. Lee under arrest and transported him to the Calvert



Jason L Lee

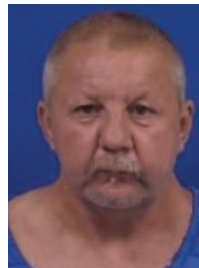
County Detention Center where he was charged with Theft \$100 but less than \$1,500, Malicious Destruction of Property \$1,000 plus value, Trespassing, and issued multiple traffic citations.

On October 1, 2020, Deputy Freeland responded to River View Rd. in Broomes Island, MD for a welfare check on a male subject. Deputy Freeland made contact with the subject, **Gregory D. Farren (64)**, walking across the lawn. Deputy Freeland detected the strong odor of alcohol emanating from Mr. Farren's breath, and observed him to have significantly slurred speech and lack of balance. Deputy Freeland made multiple requests for Mr. Farren to go back inside which Mr. Farren ignored and continued to act in a disruptive manner. After multiple requests, Deputy Freeland placed Mr. Farren under arrest and transported him to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with Disorderly Conduct.



Gregory D. Farren

On October 1, 2020, Deputy B. Sampson was conducting a patrol check on Radio Rd. in Prince Frederick, MD when he located **Kenneth L. Elliott (51)**, **Joseph F. Partonen (57)**, and **John B. Noone (58)** trespassing on the property after being told the night before to vacate the premise. Mr. Elliott, Mr. Partonen and Mr. Noone were all detained and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where they were charged accordingly. **Noone** was charged with Trespassing, Disorderly, and Threat of Arson; **Elliott** was charged with Trespassing and Damage Property; **Partonen** was charged with Trespassing.



Kenneth L Elliot



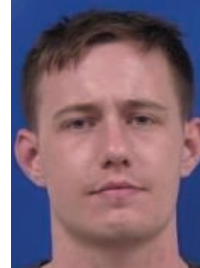
Joseph F Partonen



John B Noone

On October 2, 2020, units were dispatched to Lazy River Rd. in Lusby, MD for a check welfare call. Calvert Emergency Communications relayed to responding officers that OnStar received a call from a male stating he needed help, the OnStar representative indicated the male then hung up. Officers arrived on the scene and located a vehicle with a male sitting in the driver's seat. While

officers were speaking with the male, they noticed a strong odor of alcohol emitting from him. The male identified as **Patrick J. Shevlin (24)** was unable to find his identification in his vehicle; Mr. Shevlin proceeded into the residence where officers were invited in. While in the residence, Deputy W. Freeland observed a Tupperware container with a green leafy substance that appeared to be marijuana. Mr. Shevlin demanded that Deputy Freeland put his weed down; Mr. Shevlin struck Deputy Freeland several times in his hands while attempting to take the container. Deputy Freeland swatted Mr. Shevlin's hand away then Mr. Shevlin pushed Deputy Freeland in his chest. After observing the assault on Deputy Freeland, Deputy S. Naughton placed Mr. Shevlin on the ground and advised him he was under arrest. Mr. Shevlin would not follow the commands to put his hands behind his back. The deputies were able to get Mr. Shevlin in custody and transport him to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS Possession – Marijuana +10 grams, Resisting Arrest, and Assault on Peace Officer.



Patrick J Shevlin

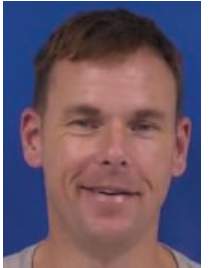
On October 2, 2020, Calvert Emergency Communications broadcasted a lookout for vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed in the area of Southern Maryland Blvd. / Lyons Creek Rd. in Dunkirk, MD. Deputy Savick observed the vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Southern Maryland Blvd. / Ward Rd. Deputy Savick conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the driver **Anthony D. Cauley-Jenkins (30)**; at which time Deputy Savick could smell the strong odor of marijuana. Deputy Savick noticed a marijuana cigarette (blunt) in the cup holder. Mr. Cauley-Jenkins exited the vehicle and Deputy Savick conducted a search of the vehicle. During the search, Deputy Savick located a black backpack containing marijuana. Mr. Cauley-Jenkins was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center and charged with CDS Possession- Marijuana; CDS Possession with intent to distribute - marijuana.



Anthony D Cauley-Jenkins

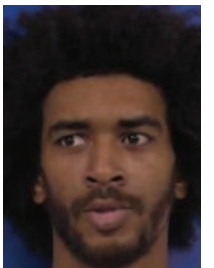
On October 3, 2020, Calvert Emergency Communications broadcasted a lookout for a white van that was driving erratically on Southern Maryland Blvd. in the area of Lower Marlboro

Rd. in Huntingtown, MD. Deputy W. McDowell located the van and conducted a traffic stop on Southern Maryland Blvd. at Bright Ln. in Owings, MD. Upon making contact with the occupants, Deputy McDowell observed the driver, **James Allan Winters (40)**, to have slurred speech, lethargic movements, and white residue on his nostrils. Winters and the passenger exited the vehicle and a search was conducted which resulted in a prescription bottle containing three suspected Alprazolam pills, and two suspected Clonazepam pills. Also located inside the vehicle was a white cut straw containing a white residue, and a green cut straw. Winters was placed under arrest and transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS: Possession-Not Marijuana, CDS: Possession of Paraphernalia, and multiple traffic citations.



James Allan Winters

On October 3, 2020, Cpl. M. Robshaw was running radar in the area of Southern Maryland Blvd. / Chaney Rd. Dunkirk, MD when a vehicle approached him at a high rate of speed. Cpl. M. Robshaw initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle at Southern Maryland Blvd. / Ashwood Dr. in Dunkirk. Cpl. Robshaw identified the driver as **David L. Gray III (27)**. Calvert Emergency Communications advised Mr. Gray had a possible warrant through Charles County. Calvert Emergency Communications confirmed the warrant status as being active through the Charles County Sheriff's Office. Deputy W. McDowell arrived on the scene and assisted with the traffic stop. While Cpl. Robshaw was speaking with Mr. Gray, Deputy W. McDowell observed a large dark colored zip lock bag on the backseat of the vehicle. Mr. Gray advised he had marijuana and shrooms (Psilocybin) in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a mason jar with suspected marijuana and a zip lock bag with shrooms. Mr. Gray was transported to the Calvert County Detention Center where he was charged with CDS Possession – marijuana and CDS possession – Psilocybin Mushrooms.



David L Gray

Editor's Note: The above arrests are not an indication of guilt or innocence as the cases have not been adjudicated.

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IF YOU HAVE A LIVING TRUST, PLEASE READ THIS

Contributing Writer:
Lynda J. Striegel

If you have created a living trust, you have already taken steps to avoid the probate process. The concept of the living trust is to re-title all of a person's assets into the name of their trust so that when they die they are not holding any assets into their sole name and therefore there is no probate. But, beware. A living trust is just what it says—a living document. If you have a living trust you must make sure you have (1) placed all your assets into the name of your trust; and (2) kept your trust and beneficiary designations up to date.

1. Placing your assets into your living trust.

So many times clients have come to see me proudly holding their binders for their living trusts. Upon review, I have found that the client's assets are not in the trust and, without that, the assets must go through the probate process to get to loved ones.

Unfortunately, many people who have living trusts die without realizing that they have not funded their trusts and their loved ones then have to go through the probate process—something their living trusts are intended to prevent.

For example, you must re-title your house into the name of your living trust through filing a new deed to the house. The house will not technically be moved into the trust by simply saying so in the trust document. The same holds true for your other assets. Each asset is different, but the approach must be the same—fill out all required forms to technically re-title the asset.

How does it happen that some clients have no assets in their trusts? Some attorneys that create living trusts require that their clients take all the steps necessary to re-title the assets into the name of the trust. I recommend you do not obtain a living trust without assurances that the attorney will prepare all transfers of your assets into the trust. This is not something you should try to do yourself. First, life often intervenes in plans and clients do not have the time or knowledge to figure out how to re-title their assets. Second, moving assets can be complicated with various forms to fill out that are confusing. The clients should not have to do work to fund their trusts. Their attorneys

should do that work for the clients.

Don't let this be your reality. If you already have a living trust, make sure all your assets have been re-titled into the name of your living trust. And, don't forget. If you acquire a new piece of real property, acquire it in the name of the trust so that you do not need to file a separate deed to re-title it. Most attorneys will provide you with an affidavit of trust to enable you to provide a document to the title company so that they can title the property in the name of your trust.

2. Keep Your Living Trust Up to Date

In our practice, we meet with clients every few years to update their trusts. Why? We want to make sure that the clients have not purchased an asset (like a house, for example) in their sole name. If they have, we will take steps to prepare a deed to transfer the house into the name of their trust. Often, clients' wishes will change over time. Clients that have named certain beneficiaries for their estates may wish to change the names of beneficiaries. Beneficiaries may die and precipitate a change. Investments and brokers may change. Retirement funds may change, etc. Whatever it is, you must keep on top of the changes in your life by including the changes in your living trust package. If you do not, there may be terrible consequences.

For example, one married couple prepared a living trust and the wife died leaving her share to the husband. The husband remarried but the trust was never changed to reflect this. On the death of the husband, part of the estate went to the relatives of the first wife.

It isn't difficult to amend a trust to make changes. The concept of a living trust is to avoid the hassles of the probate process and create a very easy transition for loved ones when you die. But the transition is only going to be an easy one if the trust is up to date. If you have not reviewed your living trust in more than three or four years, do it now.

If you would like to learn more about living trusts and other estate planning matters, join me at 11am on the third Wednesday of each month at our office at 8906 Bay Avenue, North Beach. Call 301-855-2246 to reserve your spot.

A View From The BLEACHERS

The Curious Case of Edward Patrick

Edward Patrick, Eddie for short, hails from the San Francisco Bay Area. Growing up in the 1980s and early 1990s, Eddie had the good fortune of experiencing the heyday of 49ers teams coached by Hall of Famer Bill Walsh and, his successor, George Seifert.

Walsh was the mastermind behind the then innovative West Coast offense and built the 49ers into an absolute juggernaut. Between 1981 and 1994, the 49ers won five Super Bowls and were NFL darlings. Aside from the strike-shortened 1982 season, San Francisco never won less than ten games between 1981 and 1998. That is...ridiculous. The Washington Football Team hasn't won more than 10 games in any season since 1991!

The 49ers players from that era are an embarrassment of talent – Ronnie Lott, Steve Young, Dwight Clarke, John Taylor, Ricky Watters, Roger Craig, Fred Dean, Charles Haley,

Brent Jones, Randy Cross, Deion Sanders and, maybe the best overall player in NFL history, Jerry freaking Rice.

The trained eye likely caught an omission. Eddie's favorite all-time 49er was QB Joe Montana. How could a kid not love number 16? Montana was elegant and a cold-blooded slayer under pressure. No ordinary Joe, Montana was 4-0 in Super Bowls and never threw an interception on the game's biggest stage. He outdueled Dan Marino in San Francisco's Super Bowl XIX win over Miami, authored a last minute, game-winning touchdown drive to beat the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl XXIII and routed an over-matched Denver Broncos team 55-10 in a signature performance in Super Bowl XIV.

Eddie proudly rocked a number 16 49ers jersey in the 80s and likely re-enacted Montana's most amazing plays in his backyard, as did most Bay

Area kids. But for Eddie this was no transient childhood fascination. He so idolized Montana that he became a youth quarterback of some consequence himself. Eddie made it way all the way to big-time college football, carving out a solid, if not spectacular career at a blueblood program.

Eddie wasn't athletically gifted, but he had a mind for the game and, most importantly, a competitive drive of rare intensity. Passed over many times on draft day, he still scratched and clawed his way onto an NFL roster. In a modern-day Wally Pipp-Lou Gehrig moment, injury offered Eddie a shot to start in the league, an opportunity he seized and never relinquished. He won a bunch of Super Bowls himself, defied father Time and grew into an icon of the sport.

Eddie's legacy is a complicated one, though. He never completely harnessed the competitive drive that buoyed his success. Eddie was demonstrative on the field, frequently berated teammates, would bend the truth about his shortcomings and spin stories about the tricks he would pull to maintain a competitive edge. Suggesting that he was a bad teammate or compromised the integrity of the sport might be a stretch, but the accusation wouldn't be completely unfounded.

There is an argument that Eddie is the best ever; the back of his football card would almost certainly lead to

the conclusion that his accomplishments have surpassed that his idol, Joe Montana. But there are off-flavors to his bowl of chili. Neither he nor his organization always did things the right way, and once doubt is created, questions seep into character and integrity cracks.

The sports sleuths have likely identified Edward Patrick. He is Thomas Edward Patrick Brady. Or just Tom Brady. He has won six Super Bowls and might be the greatest player of all time. But equally as real as the Super Bowls are his frequent, theatric lashings of failing teammates, "Deflategate" and his mysteriously destroyed cell phone, and his curious relationship with trainer Alex Guerrero and his unprecedented longevity.

Which is okay, I think. Short of blatant cheating or some other egregious personal transgression, athletes, especially football players, are ultimately judged on wins and losses. But it is good Eddie...errr...Brady found his way in sports and in football, particularly. Deflecting blame, random petulance, a lack of transparency, occasional dishonesty and bullying tendencies are unacceptable leadership traits in most other walks of life.

Or at least they used to be. Send comments to RonaldGuyJr@gmail.com

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Saturday, November 21, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m.

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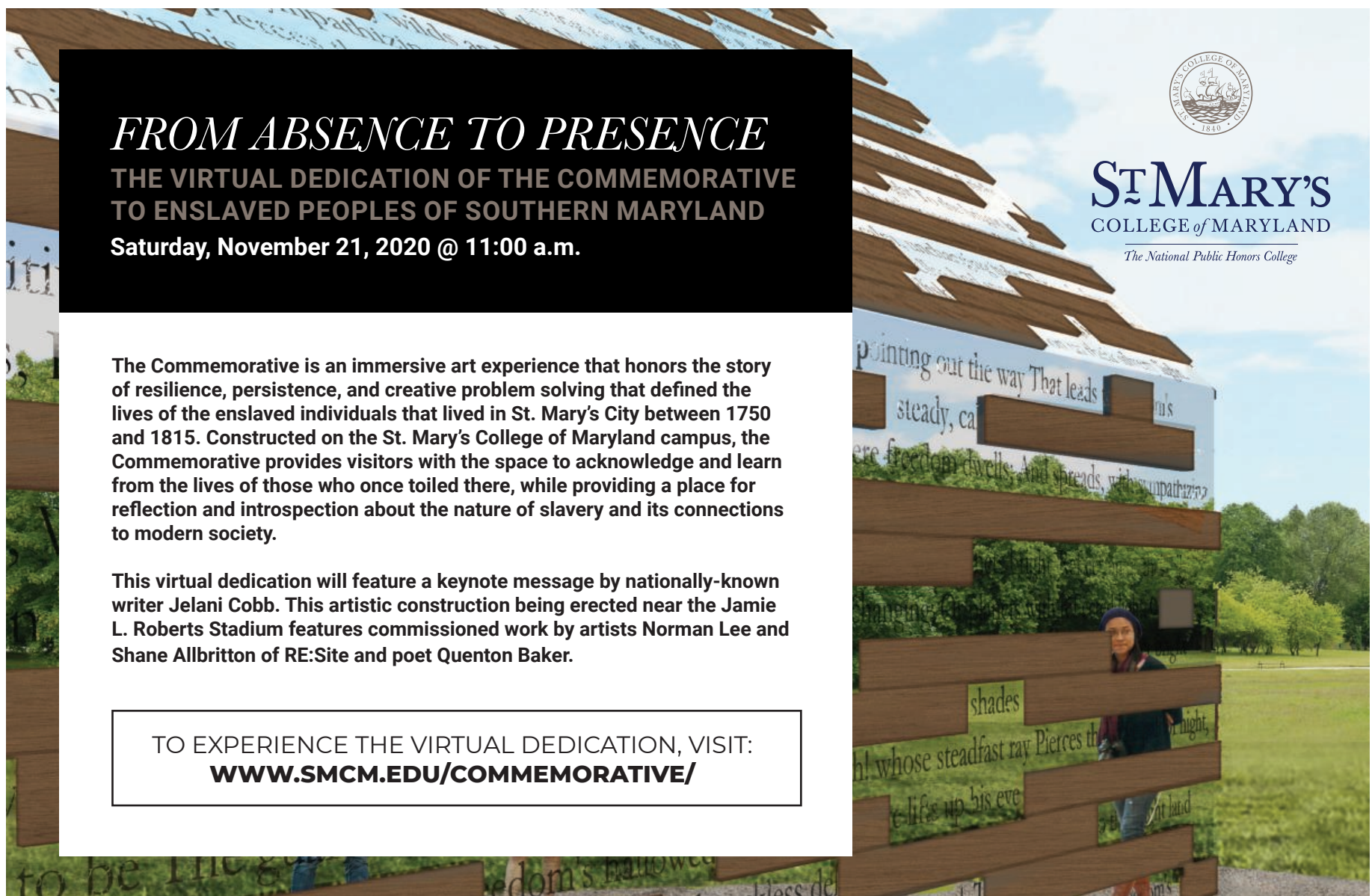
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Robin Joanne Dyer



Robin Joanne Dyer, 57, of Lusby, MD passed away on October 7, 2020 at her residence.

Born June 19, 1963 in Prince Georges County, MD, she was the daughter of William

Howard Dyer and Linda Mary (Montgomery) Dyer.

Robin graduated from Surrattsville High School in 1982. She was a Nursing Assistant at Calvert Memorial Physical Rehabilitation Center. Robin loved camping, going to the beach, and attending concerts at the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons. She enjoyed arts and crafts, painting, gardening, and planting tomatoes.

Robin is survived by her son, Nick Dyer of Phoenix, AZ; her parents, Linda and Billy Dyer of Lusby, MD; and her brothers, Bill Dyer and wife Tina of Waldorf, MD, Bruce Dyer of Occoquan, VA, Michael Dyer of Lusby, MD, and faithful family pet dog Smokey.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.

Jacob William Hancher



Jacob William Hancher, 23, passed away October 03, 2020 in Myrtle Beach, SC while serving in the line of duty with the Myrtle Beach Police Department. He was born July 24, 1997 in Silver

Spring, MD.

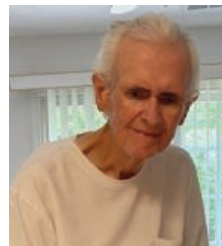
Jacob graduated from Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf, MD in 2015 and attended Horry Georgetown Technical College in Conway, SC. He began his career with the Myrtle Beach Police Department in 2015 as a Community Service Officer and became a Myrtle Beach Police Officer in January 2020. Prior to moving to Myrtle Beach, he was a member of the Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Station 3 from 2014 to 2015. After moving to Myrtle Beach, he became a member of the Horry County Fire Rescue, Station 45. He was also an Eagle Scout, Troop 417 in Waldorf, MD and a member of St. James Catholic

Church in Conway.

He is survived by his mother, Suzanne Ondrus Williams and her husband Gene Euchler; father, Jeffrey Hancher and his wife Katherine; siblings, Alexis Hancher, Cecelia Ondrus Williams, Andrew Conklin, Jensen Conklin, and Hope Euchler; maternal grandparents, Paul and Barbara Ondrus; paternal grandparents, Joseph and Betty Hancher; step-paternal grandfather, David Dodson; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

To leave a condolence for the family, please go to www.rauschfuneralhomes.com.

Thomas Gene "Tom" Rance, Jr.



Thomas Gene "Tom" Rance, Jr., 70, of California, MD and formerly from Los Angeles, CA, Logansport, IN and Grand Haven, MI, passed away on October 3, 2020 at Washington Hospital Center.

Born August 31, 1950 in Grandhaven, MI, he was the son of the late Thomas Gene Rance, Sr. and Betty (Allen) Rance Wrosch.

Tom worked in sales and services for a printing and bindery for many years and then worked in various sales positions throughout his career. He loved boating and all sports and volunteered at the Calvert Marine Museum.

Tom is survived by his wife, Fredda Rance; his brother, Richard Rance (Debby) of OK, Bruce Chase (Janice) of MA; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Victoria Rance Cooper; and his step-father, Leo Wrosch.

All arrangements are private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Make a Wish, Gift Processing, 1702 East Highland Avenue, Suite 400, Phoenix, AZ 85016 or the American Diabetes Association, Attn: Service Center, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 or a charity of one's choice.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.rauschfuneralhomes.com

Ella Jane Bowen Altizer

Ella Jane Bowen born on December



20,1927, passed away October 9, 2020.

She was the daughter of Thomas Davis and Dada Weeks.

She married George Altizer on July 22, 1944 in

Floyd county.

They had four children together: George, Roger, Connie, and Roy.

Jane had a strong christian faith. Throughout her life she attended church activities and supported a church in the community that she lived.

They joined a new church First Baptist Church of Calvert County. As founding members of the church Jane and George dedicated themselves to the success of this church. George Altizer died in a logging accident in 1974. They shared 31 years of marriage together.

She worked at the A&P food store in Prince Frederick for 11 years.

Jane then took a position at Baltimore Gas and Electric power plant for 15 years.

In July of 1979 Jane married Mr. Joe. Aka. Malcom Joe Bowen

This marriage added to her family a daughter Betty and a son Tommy.

She and Joe traveled extensively with friends Ernest and Violette Rowell. They were able to visit all the states in the North American Continent, many parks, monuments and parts of Canada.

Jane especially enjoyed Alaska and the top of the world highway.

She has traveled to the Bahamas, St Lucia and Mexico. Throughout her life she has maintained an interest in sewing and crocheting. Her artistic talent was expressed in her work with textiles. Examples of her work has earned her multiple first place and grand prize recognition in the county fair. She is known for her expertise in quilt making.

She has made several wedding dresses for grand daughters and friends.

She appreciates her christian family and pastors whom she was able to share her faith with.

Jane is thankful to God for all her children, grand children, great grand children, relatives, friends and neighbors who helped her during her life.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Calvert County, 155 German Chapel Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678; 410-535-0892; Link:

<https://calverthospice.org/>

Funeral arrangements were made by Rausch Funeral Home.

Anthony Charles Brown



Anthony Charles Brown, 34 of Prince Frederick, MD passed away on October 3, 2020 in Baltimore, MD. He was born in Washington, D.C. on March 30, 1986, the son of Pastor Charles and Mrs. Diane Brown.

Anthony loved spending time with family and friends, fishing, playing basketball, read-

ing Biblical and historical works, and most of all, spending time with his two daughters whom he adored. He carried a hearty sense of humor, bringing laughter to his friends and family. He was a 2004 graduate of Calvert High School and attended Washington Bible College. An industrious worker, Anthony worked in the fields of masonry, construction, and landscaping. Anthony professed faith and salvation in Jesus Christ and attended East Baltimore Graffiti Church, where he most recently worked renovating the new church building.

Anthony was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Edward Sheppard, and beloved dog, Buster. He will be missed dearly by his surviving twin daughters, Aurora and Iris Brown of Arizona; parents Charles and Diane Brown of Baltimore, MD; sister Melissa Fleck of Maryland; brother Manuel Osborne of Dunkirk, MD; maternal grandmother Sylvia Kaldor of Grasonville, MD; and paternal grandparents Thomas and Louise Brown of Mount Jackson, VA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be mailed to: Salvation Army Northern VA ARC, 6528 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Funeral arrangements were by Rausch Funeral Home.

Robert Joseph "Bob" Procopio, Sr.



Robert Joseph "Bob" Procopio, Sr., 69, of Dunkirk passed away October 2, 2020. He was born December 7, 1950 in Washington, D.C. to Dominick and Philomena (Corrado) Procopio.

Bob grew up in Hillcrest Heights and graduated from Potomac High School. He married Barbara Riskin in 1973 and they lived in Ft. Washington before moving to Lothian, and later Dunkirk. He was employed as a home-builder and the owner and operator of Procopio Brothers/Pro Mark Homes, retiring in 2005. Following his retirement, he started a landscaping business, ProBuilt Contractors, with his sons in 2006 which they still operate today. In his spare time Bob enjoyed sports, playing cards with family and friends, and spending time with his grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Bob is survived by his loving wife Barbara Procopio of Dunkirk, sons Robert J. "Bobby" Procopio, Jr. and his wife Chandra of Dunkirk and Daniel A. "Danny" Procopio and his wife Brigette of Church Hill. He is also survived by four grandchildren, a brother Dominick Procopio, Jr., sisters Rosemary Bradford and Diane Abbott, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Joseph and Ronald Procopio.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Bob's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through the Bob Procopio Memorial Fund, a charity that was near and dear to his heart and one that he personally donated to on a monthly basis for many years.

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Calvert Community Calendar

To submit your event listing to go in our Community Calendar, please email timescalendar@county-times.net with the listing details by 12 p.m. on the Monday prior to our Thursday publication.

Thursday, October 15

Calvert Toastmasters Zoom Meeting

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Our club provides a supportive and positive learning experience for members to develop public speaking and leadership skills. Please email cu-a942nd@gmail.com for the password if you need it.

Sea Squirts

Calvert Marine Museum; various times

This program invites adults and children 18 months to 3 years to discover the museum together through music, stories, and special activities. Join us for story time and a take away craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity limited to 12 people per session. This month's theme is O is for Otters. This program is now offered at various times throughout the day, to accommodate guests during all sessions. For specific times, please visit calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Tuesday, October 20

Science for Citizens Seminar.

Online; 7 p.m.

The Patuxent River estuary has been changing for centuries, but we have relatively detailed information on the ecology of the river for only the most recent decades. In annual reports of the overall 'health' of the River, the Patuxent consistently receives poor grades, despite extensive restoration efforts. During this seminar, discover how recent monitoring in the Patuxent and its many small tributary companions has helped to reveal some of the mysteries of this river estuary to better inform its restoration. <http://www.usmf.org/scienceforcitizens/>

Thursday, October 22

Liberty and Justice for All? The History of Voting Rights in America

Online; 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

College of Southern Maryland Professor of History and Humanities and Social Sciences Department Chair Dr. Christine Arnold-Lourie travel through history to discover the evolution of American voting rights: How certain populations were denied the right to vote, the hard-fought battles to gain suffrage and discriminatory voting practices that still exist today. Hosted by CSM's Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. Center for Leadership, Student Life Department and Equity and Inclusive Diversity Office, and St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) Center for

the Study of Democracy and SMCM's Student Activities Department, registration is required for this free Zoom event. Register here: <https://csm.zoom.us/j/8422222222>

Little Minnows

Calvert Marine Museum; Various Times

For preschoolers ages 3 - 5, with an adult. This program focuses on one of the museum's three themes. Join us for story time and a take away craft, available while supplies last. Sessions are 15-20 minutes. Capacity limited to 12 people per session. This month's theme is Otters: Slip Slide Away. This program is now offered at various times throughout the day, to accommodate guests during all sessions. For specific times, please visit calvertmarinemuseum.com.

Ongoing

Calvert Library Auction

Preview: October 11 - 17; Bidding October 18 - 25

Preview items at chesapeakeauctionhouse.com. To inspect items, please contact Scott Deacon at 443-975-1001 or skdeacon2@aol.com.

CalvART Gallery

October 7 - November 8

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ArtsWorks@7th

ArtWorks@7th announces 'Local Flair' an invitational show beginning Friday, September 11 through Sunday, November 1. Works by 12 local artists are featured at the gallery with an opening outdoor reception Saturday, September 12 from 11am to 5pm. Browse the gallery's newly renovated space to see exciting new works from invited local artists. Physical distance and masks are required in the gallery at 8905 Chesapeake Avenue, North Beach. Preview and 24/7 shop online at FB www.artworks@7th.com and on Instagram or by appointment at 410-286-5278.



Letters TO THE Editor

A Police Citizen's Review Board

To the Editor

Let us begin by saying that we readily acknowledge, and appreciate, the difficulty of policing. We support those who seek to serve and protect us when policing is properly and effectively done. We understand that it is made more difficult when some choose violence and lawlessness to express their discontent. Such behavior is unacceptable and must have appropriate responses.

It is, however, the very difficulty and complexity of protecting the public from violence while protecting the public's right to engage in peaceful assembly and free speech that makes police accountability essential in a free country.

That said, given the current climate of awareness, brought about by the needless police-inflicted death of Mr. George Floyd, we the members of All Saints Episcopal Church, Sunderland, request the Calvert

County Sheriff's Office support. We want to ensure that in Calvert County, the citizens who are the source of policing authority are able to assess the appropriateness of police policies and their application, and the

performance of those who employ force on our behalf over Calvert County citizens and others.

To that end, we propose forming a Citizens Review Board to share authority, advise and work with police officials in the development of use-of-force policies, training of officers, and reviewing allegations of police misconduct. The board should be independent, representative of the community, and have the power to ensure all necessary information can be discovered.

In the current climate, we believe that adopting these measures would strengthen the standing of the Sheriff's Office in the community and would go a long way to providing the transparency that will protect and serve everyone, including our deputies in the field. We invite the Sheriff and officials from the county, as well as interested members of the public, to discuss these critical issues and we offer our resources to assist in making that possible.

Rev. Ken Phelps, Jr., Rector

Rev. Lisa Siciliano, Deacon

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The People of All Saints Parish



For more information & to register for events visit <http://calvertlibrary.info>

Thursday, October 15, 2020

Red Cross Volunteer Recruitment

12:30pm-1:30pm.

NOW is the perfect time to become a RED CROSS VOLUNTEER.. GET TRAINED.. and BE PREPARED to help your local community! The Open House will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. You can join with or without video through your phone or computer! Questions? Contact the Volunteer Services team at NCGCVolRecruitment@redcross.org. Register here: <http://www.redcross.org/volopenhouse> Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Teen Advisory Council of Students Meeting (Virtual)

5:00pm-6:00pm.

Teens! Calvert Library needs you! We want the library to be a safe space where teens can hang out and freely access books and information. We can't do this in our buildings right now, but we still want to assist teens virtually. That is where you come in! TACOS meets monthly to help us with our events and services. You will receive 1 Service Learning hour for attending each meeting. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Homeschooling, the Library, and You! (ZOOM)

7:00pm-8:30pm.

Join us for information about the resources

the library has to offer new and seasoned homeschool families, followed by a panel discussion with experienced homeschoolers eager to answer your questions. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Friday, October 16, 2020

Writers by the Bay

7:30pm-9:00pm.

Looking for a writers' group? All writers and would-be writers are welcome to come for critique & camaraderie. Please email pfwriter@comcast.net or DACwriter@verizon.net to receive the link to join the meeting. Calvert Library Virtual Branch, 410-535-0291. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Storytime Outside @ Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Art Center

10:00am-10:45am.

Join Calvert Library as we take Storytime on the road! We'll share some stories, sing songs and have some socially distanced fun on the lawn at AMG! Registration is required & attendees will be limited to ensure social distancing. In the event of inclement weather, event may be canceled. Please check the library's website for more information. Calvert Library Prince Frederick, 850 Costley Way, 410-535-0291 or 301-855-1862. <https://CalvertLibrary.info>.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Battered corners: dog-__
- 6. __ Mater: one's school
- 10. National capital
- 14. Frogs and toads order
- 15. Bathrooms (French)
- 17. Praise
- 19. Witch
- 20. Consume
- 21. Pork and lamb are two types
- 22. Rocky peak
- 23. Women's undergarments
- 24. From end to end
- 26. Bed sheets
- 29. South Sudanese king
- 31. Dislike immensely
- 32. Diving seabird
- 34. Breathe noisily
- 35. Full of roots
- 37. Inside
- 38. Small island in a river
- 39. Tear into pieces
- 40. "CSI" actor George
- 41. Make less dense
- 43. Derogatory term for a country native
- 45. Pike and pickerel genus

- 46. Important in respiration and other biochemical reactions (abbr.)
- 47. Belgian city
- 49. "The Joy Luck Club" author
- 50. Essence of "Aloha"
- 53. Suggestions
- 57. One who overindulges
- 58. Expression
- 59. Maize dough
- 60. Make into leather
- 61. British noblemen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One of two or more people or things
- 2. Small, deerlike water buffalo
- 3. Part of a ladder
- 4. Unit of work
- 5. Patriotic women
- 6. Fragrant essential oil
- 7. Aggressive, uncouth man
- 8. One thousandth of an inch
- 9. Brisk and cheerful readiness
- 10. Serving no practical purpose
- 11. Prevent from going forward
- 12. Camera part
- 13. Former CIA
- 16. Colorless, odorless gas

- 18. Long division of time
- 22. Atomic #73
- 23. Make a bleating sound
- 24. The kids love him
- 25. Female condition prior to menstrual period
- 27. Founder of Sikhism
- 28. Sudanese swamp
- 29. He/she can help with your finances
- 30. Part of the human body
- 31. Mortar trough
- 33. Greek island
- 35. Change pagination
- 36. Queens hip hop group
- 37. Precursor to the EU
- 39. A way to go on
- 42. Slender marine fish
- 43. Georgetown's mascot
- 44. Farm state
- 46. Military leader (abbr.)
- 47. Russian river
- 48. Teams' best pitchers
- 49. In a more positive way
- 50. Long French river
- 51. Reactive structures in organic chemistry
- 52. Distinctive practices
- 53. Male gypsy
- 54. When you hope to get there
- 55. Men's fashion accessory
- 56. Journalist Tarbell

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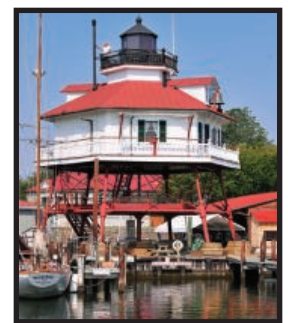
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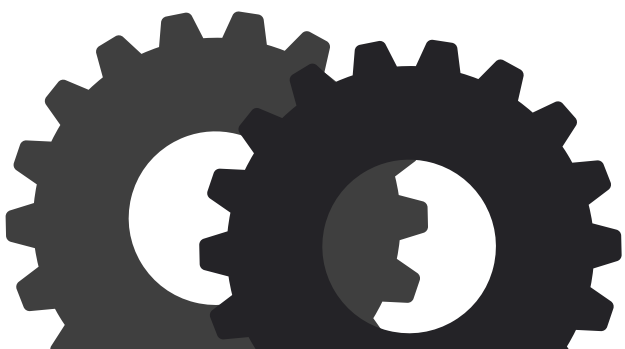


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