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# Netanyahu: Strikes 'only the beginning'

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DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip -Israel launched airstrikes across the Gaza Strip early Tuesday, killing more than 400 Palestinians, local health officials said, and shattering Hamas refused Israeli demands to freeing all hostages held by the mila ceasefire in place since January change the ceasefire agreement. In itant group. with its deadliest bombardment in a a statement aired on national tele-17-month war with Hamas.

### Gaza attacks kill 400+ Palestinians

hu ordered the strikes, which killed press ahead until it achieves all of its vision, he said the attack was "only

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanya- the beginning" and that Israel would

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Palestinians inspect the damage at Al-Tabi'in School in central Gaza Strip following an Israeli airstrike Tuesday.

# Putin, **Trump** confer on war

Agree to pause attacks against infrastructure, energy targets

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed during a lengthy call Tuesday to an immediate pause in strikes against energy and infrastructure targets in the Ukraine war, but the Russian leader stopped short of backing a broader 30-day pause in fighting that the

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Justice rejects call for impeaching judge: 2A

DEATHS

**BEEMAN** — Edna M. (Miller), 99, of Bloomington, formerly of Lona-

**BITTINGER** — Charles "Chuck"

**CAMERON** — Eva "Eve" C.

COSNER — Pauline E., 90, of

**EICHNER** — The Rev. C. Freder-

**HIMMLER** — Frances M. (Mes-

IRWIN — James H. "Jim," 88, of

MALOOF — Donald M. "Don," 84,

**SCHOENADEL** — William "Bill" A. Sr., 84, of Cumberland.

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A. Sr., 74, of Ridgeley, W.Va.

(Roman), 101, of LaVale.

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Keyser, W.Va.

Cumberland.

of LaVale.

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A two-vehicle crash Tuesday afternoon involving a school bus injured two people.

# Two injured in crash involving school bus

CUMBERLAND TIMES-NEWS

CORRIGANVILLE — Two people were injured Tuesday afternoon in a two-vehicle accident involving a school bus on state Route 36 in the Corrigan-

There were no students on the bus.

The bus operator was taken to UPMC Western Maryland for treatment. The driver of the second vehicle was reportedly flown to a Baltimore hospital by dent, and further details were not imme-Trooper 5, a Maryland State Police diately available.

No students were on board

medevac helicopter, for treatment of seri-The Allegany County Department of Emergency Services said the crash

occurred about 3:40 p.m. Multiple fire and rescue units responded to the scene. The Allegany County Sheriff's Office was investigating the cause of the acci-

# Dumbhundred neighborhood residents seek designation

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CUMBERLAND — Outside the recently renovated Baltimore Street area, many residents hope to see similar progress for their neighborhoods, Brian Plitnik said.

Plitnik, who formed the Historic Columbia Street Action Committee, was at Tuesday's mayor and City Council meeting to ask for the state-recognized Dumbhundred Historic District, also known as Stony Battery — North End, to be listed as a National Register Historic District.

While the neighborhood includes some neglected properties, a lot of its residents care about the area, Plitnik said.

Anne Devaughn, who has lived on Independence Street for 40 years, agreed.

"I think now there is new energy in our area," she said. Ruth Davis-Rogers, the city's historic preservation planner, said the NRHD designation would make the

financial incentives such as tax credits and facade grants.

The Dumbhundred, located on the north side of Cumberland, "is one of our oldest areas," she said.

Many wealthy people, including Cumberland architect Wright Butler, lived in the neighborhood at the turn of the 20th century.

The community included tanneries and breweries, Davis-Rogers said, adding that when non-English speaking folks moved in, area residents added "dumb" to the English land measurement "hundred" and the neighborhood's name was born.

"We had a local baseball team called the Dumbhundreds," she said.

Today, many properties on Columbia Street in The Dumbhundred are being restored, Davis-Rogers said.

An NRHD designation would be at no cost to the city, she said.

"We're here to protect Dumbhundred district eligi- the property values," Davisble for historic preservation Rogers said.

## Town hall to address plan for aging population

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CUMBERLAND — The public is invited to a town hall in Allegany County next week to discuss a plan for Maryland's aging population.

Five years from now, more than a quarter of the state's residents will be at least 60 years old.

That demographic, according to the Maryland Department of Aging, has increased over the years.

In 2000, the 60 and older popula-

tion represented 15% of all Maryland- dinated care, services and social ers, and by 2020, that percentage grew to 23%.

living longer than ever, Gov. Wes financially secure, socially connect-Moore in January 2024 signed an ed and purposeful lives," the organiexecutive order that mandates devel- zation said. opment of Longevity Ready Maryland, a 10-year plan "to address the to more integrated service delivchallenges and maximize the benefits and opportunities of an aging those who participate to ensure the society," the Department of Aging needs of all Marylanders are heard,"

"By ensuring equal access to coor-

determinants that enable healthy longevity, we can become a state Because people in the state are where all Marylanders lead healthy,

> The LRM plan aims to "lead ery models and provide a voice to

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### **IF YOU GO**

■ What: Town hall to discuss plan for Maryland's aging population.

■ When: 1 to 3 p.m. March 25.

■ Where: Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11490 Moss Ave., in the multi-purpose building.

■ Registration: Free at aging.maryland.gov/LRM/Pages/Planning.aspx.

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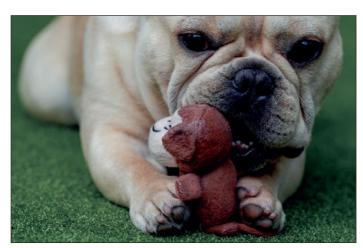




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# Page Two

### IN BRIEF



A French bulldog plays with a toy at the 148th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show May 13 in New York.

### French bulldog is still top U.S. breed

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. still has a major case of French bulldog fever. But a very different breed is chasing dog lovers' hearts.

The comical, controversial Frenchie tops the American Kennel Club's annual rundown of the nation's most prevalent purebred dogs for a third year in a row. Next are Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers, German shepherds, poodles and other longtime faves.

Keep an eye on the cane corso. The powerful, protective breed vaulted from 47th to 14th in the rankings in just a decade. Popularity is seen as a mixed blessing among dog breeders and as an outright scourge by their critics.

### **EPA** could fire 1,000+ employees

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency plans to eliminate its scientific research team and could fire more than 1,000 scientists and other employees who help provide the scientific foundation for rules safeguarding human health and the environment.

As many as 1,155 chemists, biologists, toxicologists and other scientists — 75% of the research program's staff — could be laid off, according to documents reviewed by Democratic staff on the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology. The plan calls for dissolving the research office and reassigning remaining staff to other parts of the agency. The planned layoffs were first reported by The New York Times.

### U.S. births increased last year

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. births rose slightly last year, but experts don't see it as evidence of reversing a longterm decline.

A little more than 3.6 million births were reported for 2024. That's 22,250 more than the final tally of 2023 U.S. births, which was released Tuesday. The 2024 total is likely to grow at least a little when the numbers are finalized, but another set of preliminary data shows overall birth rates rose only for one group of people: Hispanic women.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the data. The average age of mothers at first birth has continued to rise, hitting 27 1/2 years. It was  $21 \frac{1}{2}$  in the early 1970s.

### Judge: USAID dismantling likely a violation

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge ruled Tuesday that the dismantling of the U.S. Agency for International Development likely violated the Constitution in an order that blocked Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency from making further cuts to the agency.

U.S. District Judge Theodore Chuang ordered the Trump administration to restore email and computer access to all employees of USAID, including those who were placed on administrative leave. The lawsuit singled out Musk as a defendant covered by the preliminary injunction.

Lawyers for USAID employees and contractors had requested the order.

### Justice rejects call for impeaching judge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Chief Justice

John Roberts rejected calls for impeach-



**ROBERTS** 

ing federal judges shortly after President Donald Trump demanded the removal of a judge who ruled against his deportation plans.

"For more than two centuries, it has been established that impeachment is not an appropriate response to disagreement concerning a judicial decision," Roberts said in a rare statement.

The flashpoint for the latest controversy was deportations of alleged Venezuelan

gang members to El Salvador, which is being paid by the U.S. to imprison them.

### Pentagon cutting up to 60K civilian jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A senior defense official says that roughly 50,000 to 60,000 civilian jobs will be cut in the Defense Department. But fewer than 21,000 workers who took a voluntary resignation plan are leaving in the coming months.

The official said Tuesday that to reach the goal of a 5% to 8% cut in a civilian workforce of more than 900,000, the department aims to cut another 6,000 positions a month by simply not replacing workers who routinely leave.

The cuts are part of the broader effort by the Department of Government Efficiency Service to slash the federal workforce and dismantle U.S. agencies. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity to provide personnel details.

Always double-check numbers through the state lottery or its retailers.

### **LOTTERIES**

Maryland **Night Pick Three** 0-6-8 **Night Pick Four** 8-2-4-1 Bonus Match 5 4-6-13-30-36 Bonus Ball: 35 **Day Pick Three** 3-4-0 **Day Pick Four** 2-6-7-2 **Monday Multi-Match** 

8-9-11-12-23-25 Late night drawings will appear

in Friday's edition.

West Virginia

**Daily Three Daily Four** 0-4-1-6 4-7-10-11-14-17

Pennsylvania

Pick 3 0-7-8 Pick 4 1-5-8-2 **Cash Five** 8-12-27-28-34

### **OBITUARIES**

### PAULINE E. COSNER

KEYSER, W.VA. — Pauline wife Vicky, Eric A. Cosner and Elizabeth Cosner, 90, of Keyser, W.Va., passed away on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Keyser Healthcare Center, Keyser.

Pauline was born on June 30, 1934, in Gormania, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Ezra and Sylvia (Lipscomb) Liller. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arlie E. Cosner, Jr.; brothers, Paul Allen Liller, Thomas J. Lipscomb and Leon Kenneth Liller; a foster child, Carl Lynn; and a greatgranddaughter, Angie Cosner; her father and mother-inlaw, Arlie Cosner, Sr. and Elsie Cosner; sister-in-laws, Ann Cosner and Carol Cos-

Pauline enjoyed many things in life, including her family. She also loved gardening and going bowling.

Surviving are her children, Arlie E. "Ed" Cosner, III and wife Pattie, and Andrew E. Cosner and fiancé Maria, all of Keyser; grandchildren, Mindy L. Hartman and husband Devon, Roth E. Cosner and wife Christina, Sadie Wilt. Justin A. Cosner and fiancé Theresa and Andrew E. Cosner, Jr.; great-grandchildren, Austin Hartman, Emily Hartman, Lina Cosner, Mischa Cosner, Roth Cosner, Jr., Layla Cosner, Kaidence Wilt, Daisy McCusker, Bentley McCusker, and Henry Sigley; one sister, Leona Beckman of Linthicum, Md. Also surviving several nieces nephews.

At Mrs. Cosner's request, there will be no visitation or services.

Private inurnment will be in the Potomac Memorial Gardens. Kevser.

Condolences may be left at smithfuneralhomes.net.

### CHARLES A. BITTINGER

RIDGELEY, W.VA. — Charles "Chuck" A. Bittinger, Sr., 74, of Ridgeley, W.Va., passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by loved ones on March 16, 2025.

Born Feb. 5, 1951, in Cumberland, Md., he was the son of the late Robert Lee Sr. and Myrtle Irene Bittinger. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Lee Bittinger,

Chuck graduated from Fort Hill High School in the class of 1969, and then joined the family business Bittinger Contracting with his father and later, with his sons. Chuck was a member of Wiley Ford Covenant Brethren Church.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing especially for catfish but most of all, spending time with his family at the farm.

Surviving is his wife of 53 years, Brenda Bittinger; his three sons, Charles "Chuckie" Bittinger Jr. and wife Donna, Bobby Bittinger and wife Tiffany, and Timmy Bittinger and wife Melissa; grandchildren, Kaytlyn Peer (Ethan), Bobby Jr. (Morgan), Leah (fiancé Tucker), Adam, John (fiancée Rachel), Lara; step grandchildren, Evan, Faith, Noah, Hope, Peyton, and Brynleigh; great-grandchildren, Allirose, Jaxen, Liam, Lydia; a sister, Anna Dawson (Rick); a brother, Dennis Bit-



tinger; his many friends; church family; and a large extended family.

The family would like to thank WVU Cancer Center -Potomac Valley Hospital, UPMC Western Maryland -ICU Unit, and Mineral County Hospice for the exceptional care, compassion, and support that was given during this difficult time.

In accordance with his wishes he will be cremated and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date at his farm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are requested to be directed to Wiley Ford Covenant Brethren Church. Scarpelli Funeral Home,

P.A. is assisting the family and condolences can be made at: www.ScarpelliFH.com.

### **EVA C. CAMERON**

LAVALE — Eva "Eve" Catherine (Roman) Cameron, 101, of LaVale, Md., passed away on Sunday, March 16, 2025, at Allegany Health Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Born April 15, 1923, to Eva Roman Shives and James Clifford Shives. After her mother passed away, she was adopted by her grandparents, John and Mary (Garlick) Roman. She graduated from Allegany High School in 1941. She worked at Montgomery Ward, Kelly-Springfield Tire Company and retired from PPG Industries. Eve was married to John Wilbur Cameron who died in 2003. They were married for 55 years. Her son, Joseph John Cameron died in 2015.

Eve is survived by her daughter, Debbie J. Chambers and husband Jerry C. Chambers; her granddaughter, Christy Mae Pratt and husband William R. Pratt, Niles, Mich.; her grandson, Jared John Chambers and wife Lauren (Argenta) Chambers; and her great-grand-sons, Carson John Chambers and Mason Joseph Chambers, Youngsville, N.C.

Eve was a member of the



Daughters of the Nile ReTemple #118 and the Ali Ghan Temple Drum and Bugle Corps and also Cedarettes of Cumberland. She was a member of the former Zion United Methodist Church.

Per her request, she will be cremated and services will be

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at Allegany Health Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for all the care and compassion given.

Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., is assisting the family.

### DONALD M. MALOOF

LAVALE — Donald M. Maloof, 84, of LaVale, passed away under the generous care of Allegany Health in Cumberland on March 17, 2025.

Born Oct. 9, 1940, in Cartersville, Ga., he was the son of the late John and Helen (Cassis) Maloof.

He was also preceded in death by his beloved wife, Laura Maloof; his brothers, John and Ronald Maloof; and, his half-sister, Annicia Maloof.

Don began his medical career in Georgia and moved to West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he was a respiratory therapist. He relocated to Cumberland in the mid 1960's for a position at Memorial Hospital, and was tasked with setting up the respiratory care department and sleep lab. Don retired from Memorial Hospital in 2000 after 32 years. He was active in the com-

munity, belonging to Queen City Lodge #131, A.F. & A.M.; 32nd. Degree, Cumberland Scottish Rite Bodies; Ali Ghan Shrine where he was involved in the Motor Corps, Camper Club, and Cartoon Capers; and Forest #140, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Don joined the Cumberland Rotary Club and helped establish the LaVale Rotary Club. For his years of



dedicated service, he was named a Paul Harris Fellow. Survivors include

daughter, Leslie Maloof and husband Scott Lohr; and grandson, Kaden Lohr. Friends will be received at

the Upchurch Funeral Home, P.A., Cumberland, on Friday, March 21st., from 6 to 7 p.m. Queen City Lodge #131,

A.F. & A.M. will conduct a memorial service at 7 p.m. A memorial service will fol-

low the Masonic service, with the Rev. Lark Muncy, officiat-

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ali Ghan Transportation Fund, P.O. Box 1416, Cumberland, MD

21501-1416.

More obituaries appear on Page 5A

### DATE **BOOK**

Today is the 78th day of 2025. There are 287 days left in the year.

### ON THIS DATE

In 1945, during World War II, more than 800 service members were killed when a Japanese dive bomber attacked the carrier USS Franklin

near Japan. In 1966, Texas Western (now

the University of Texas at El Paso) became the first team to start five Black players in the NCAA basketball tournament's championship game; they defeated top-ranked Kentucky in the final, 72-65.

In 1987, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and

Hahn, a former church secretary. In 1995. 17 months after announc-

ing his retirement from basketball, Michael Jordan returned to play in the NBA with his former team, the Chicago Bulls. (He would go on to win three more NBA championships alongside the three he and the Bulls had already won.)

In 2003, in a televised address, President George W. Bush money scandal involving Jessica announced that coalition forces had

begun an invasion of Iraq. (Bush would declare victory just over five weeks later in his "Mission Accomplished" speech.)

### **TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS**

Actor Ursula Andress is 89. Singer Ruth Pointer (The Pointer Sisters) is 79. Actor Glenn Close is 78. Actor Bruce Willis is 70. NFL coach Andy Reid is 67. Actor Ebon Moss-Bachrach is 48..

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Selma

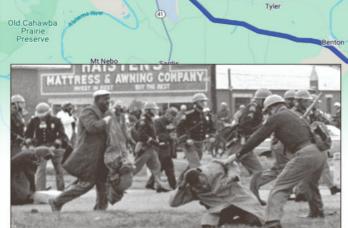
Sheriff's officers pin Annie Lee Cooper,

**March 7-25, 1965 | 60 years later** E SELMA TO MONTGOMERY



Civil Rights Movement Archive

Police surround protestors at Dexter Avenue Baptist church in Montgomery on March 11, 1965.



Officers attack protestors on Bloody Sunday, March 7, 1965, using billy clubs, horses and tear



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The Rev. James Reeb, second from left, marches with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to his left, on March 9, 1965.



Montgomery

Alabama Department of Public Safety

Police surround and block marchers from reaching the Alabama Capitol in Montgomery on March 10, 1965.



Dr. Martin Luther King, at front, third from right, and others march across the Alabama River on the first of a five-day, 54-mile march to the state capitol in Montgomery, Ala., on March 21, 1965.

leaders in early 1965 started targeting Selma, Alabama, as a place for protests..

The Feb. 18 killing of Jimmie Lee Jackson in Marion, just 30 miles away, during a demonstration, started a chain reaction of key moments for the movement.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference organizer James Bevel said, "We will march Jimmie's body to the state capitol in Montgomery and lie it on the steps so Gov. George Wallace can see what he's done," according to the National Civil Rights Museum.

Jackson was buried and his funeral was

Civil Rights Movement March 3, however, Bevel's comment sparked the the violence kneeled idea of a march.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., at Jackson's funeral, endorsed a march from Selma to Montgomery.

The first attempt, March 7, would become known as Bloody Sunday. In a violent attack, state and local law enforcement officers turned back protesters just blocks after they started.

The attack caused national outrage and prompted federal Judge Frank Johnson to issue an injunction against the march until a hearing could take place.

On March 9, about 2,000 marchers approached the state

troopers at the site of prayed, got up and went back to Selma on "Turnaround Tuesday.'

A week later, President Lyndon B. Johnson called on Congress to pass a voting rights bill and the judge lifted the injunction the next day.

Wallace refused President Johnson's request to use state officers to protect the marchers, so the president federalized 1,900 Alabama National Guard troops and sent 2,000 soldiers and dozens of FBI agents and federal marshals.

About 3,200 marchers set out from Selma on the 54-mile march on March 21, stopping at

four campsites along the

When U.S. Route 80 narrowed to two lanes the group was limited for safety to 300 people, most of whom marched the entire 54 miles.

By the time they approached the state capitol in Montgomery, the number of marchers had swelled to 25,000.

King delivered what is known as the "Our God is Marching On" or the "How Long? Not Long" speech to the marchers from a platform in front of the capitol building.

A few months later, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act, which the president signed into law Aug. 6, 1965.

### 'Bloody Sunday,' The March, More

### 1965

☐ Jan. 2: Martin Luther King Jr. speaks at Brown Chapel AME Church in Selma, defying a court injunction. The speech kicks off a renewed voting rights effort.

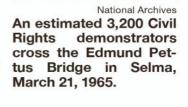
☐ Jan. 25: Demonstrations in Selma continue. Dallas County Sheriff Jim Clark billyclubs Mrs. Annie Lee Cooper.

☐ Feb. 1: More than 700 are arrested during injunction-defying marches, including King and many school children.

☐ Feb. 5: King posts bond, is released from jail and his "Letter from Selma Jail" appears in the New York Times.

☐ Feb. 18: In Marion, Alabama, 30 miles from Selma, Jimmie Lee Jackson is shot defending his grandfather during a civil rights demonstration. He dies eight days later.

■ March 3: King speaks to more than 1,000 people at Jackson's funeral and endorses a march from Selma to Montgomery.



☐ March 7: "Bloody Sunday" in Selma: Hosea Williams and John Lewis lead 600 civil rights marchers east out of Selma on U.S. Route 80. They travel six blocks, to the eastern side of the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where state and local officers use billy clubs, horses and tear gas to drive them back over the bridge. More than a hundred people are hurt.

☐ March 21-25: About 3,200 marchers in Selma, many clergy who have come from around the country, set out for Montgomery, walking 12 miles a day and sleeping in fields. Only a symbolic 300 are allowed to make the full march due to safety as U.S. Route 80 narrows.

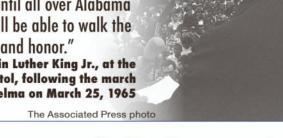
☐ March 25: Joined by Montgomery residents, marchers are 25,000 strong by the time they reach the state capitol, where King delivers an address. The Confederate flag and Alabama state flag wave over the capitol dome while marchers wave American flags. That evening, civil rights worker Viola Liuzzo, from Detroit, is shot and killed while driving marchers home to Selma.

☐ August 6: The Voting Rights Act is passed into law.

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"Let us march on ballot boxes until brotherhood becomes more than a meaningless word in an opening prayer, but the order of the day on every legislative agenda. Let us march on ballot boxes until all over Alabama God's children will be able to walk the Earth in decency and honor."

- The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., at the Alabam State Capitol, following the march from Selma on March 25, 1965



# SOME VICTIMS OF SELMA-RELATED VIOLENCE

Jimmie Lee Jackson is shot by police Feb. 18, 1965, and dies eight days later. His death was the catalyst for the Bloody Sunday march.



John Lewis, as one of the leaders of the first March to Montgomery on March 7, 1965, Bloody Sunday, suffers a fractured skull in the attack.



The Rev. James Reeb is killed by a white segregationist in Selma on March 9. His death added to the national outrage over Bloody Sunday.



Viola Liuzzo, activist, is shot and killed by Ku Klux Klan members while she transported marchers from Montgomery back to Selma on March 25.

### SELMA TO MONTGOMERY, BY THE NUMBERS

### 600

### Marchers who set out on the first attempt, March 7, which turned into Bloody Sunday.

2,000

Marchers who, on March 9. approached the Bloody Sunday site, prayed and turned around. 3,200

Marchers who set out for Montgomery on March 21, with federal officers there for protection.

25,000 Marchers

during the final leg of the march as residents from city of Montgomery joined.

Jim Clark's violence toward civil rights supporters was captured on camera and video and helped fuel the movement in 1965.

**Dallas County Sheriff** 

Clark and Gov. George Wallace wore pins that said "Never," crystalizing their stances on voting rights. Clark was voted out of office in 1966.



On Jan. 18, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others were assaulted as they broke Jim Crow conventions in Selma hotels and restaurants.

George Lincoln Rockwell of the American Nazi Party arrived as an "observer." James Robinson of the National States Rights Party punched King and kicked him in the groin. Robinson was arrested by Dallas County Sheriff Jim Clark.

On March 24, carloads and busloads of people joined the march as U.S. Route 80 widened. Many were celebrities.

That night, at City of St. Jude, the march's last campsite, Harry Belafonte set up a late evening show, "Stars for Freedom," featuring performers such as Sammy Davis Jr., Tony Bennett and Nina Simone.

**CUMBERLAND TIMES-NEWS** 

### The First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble; and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

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# **Sunshine Week**

### Public has right to know what is going on in government

The Times-News is joining the March 16-22 observance of Sunshine Week, a nationwide media effort designed to provide increased transparency in government.

It is held annually in conjunction with the March 16 birthday of James Madison, the father of the Constitution. He was a key proponent of the Bill of Rights, which includes the First Amendment that

preserves the freedoms of religion, speech and the press, and the rights of the people to peaceably assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances.

Officials at all levels of America's government want us to believe they have our best interests at heart, but often are secretive because secrecy preserves power. Power



is easier to retain when no one knows what you are doing with it ... which is why Thomas Jefferson said the press would be "the first to be shut up by those who fear the investigation of their actions."

What's legally considered public information is often treated otherwise by the government. Each state government and the federal government say they are trying to increase transparency, but continue to maneuver around the Right-To-Know.

Jefferson said this about the press:

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive those papers and be capable of reading them."

The people won't know what government is up to unless someone tells them, and government has repeatedly demonstrated it can't be trusted to do that.

Recent mistrust is well-earned when there are state legislatures in Texas, Kansas, Iowa and Utah restricting the access of, or outright banning, journalists from the floor of their houses for, we imagine, concerns over of having to take accountability for their actions. Or when a credentialed journalist and photographer are banned from Air Force One because their company does not parrot the administration's line on something trivial like the name of a body of water.

What's important to remember is none of this is new. The founding fathers made freedom of speech the First Amendment for a reason.

The First Amendment has the effect of guaranteeing that the balance of power between the executive, judicial and legislative branches of government also includes the press — which in America is decidedly not a function of government or a tool of government, as it is in other countries.

Government insists it that it wants transparency, so our legislatures enact Sunshine Laws and Freedom of Information acts. However, it gets around transparency through such actions as charging fees for information to which people are legally entitled or by creating exemptions from their Freedom of Information acts. Most often, government simply - and conveniently - neglects to tell us what it is doing.

America has always had a few leaders who like to blame the press for the country's problems. They say the press is disloyal and contributes to dissent, tells the people things they're better off not knowing and is actually an enemy of the people.

Such people are often in the nation's highest offices. The press usually looks at these outbursts as positive reinforcement, and an indication that it's doing what it's supposed to do.

Fortunately, America also has leaders who are diligent and vocal in protecting all of our freedoms, particularly those covered by the First Amendment. They know that America wouldn't be America without these freedoms, and they are aware that the press is the people's staunchest ally.

Jefferson was one of the first to realize this. He said it was the duty of the press to "Educate and inform the whole mass of the people. They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty."

What Jefferson didn't anticipate was the new paradigm caused by social media, which allows fake news that only exists to mislead and reaffirm previously held factitious beliefs to profligate. It makes the job of the journalist committed to finding out the whole truth all the more important, even as they have to yell louder to be heard.

You have a right to know what's going on in government.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **Mid-Atlantic transmission** line bad news for our area

The proposed Mid-Atlantic Resiliency Link transmission line supported by Sen. Mike McKay and Del. Jim Hinebaugh is bad news for our region. We will get no benefits from this transmission line, no electricity (all will go to Virginia for data centers), no jobs (NextEra has no requirement to hire local contractors or buy from local businesses) and a dubious promise of \$350 million over 40 years in "property taxes," at least that is what Hinebaugh told me.

To get an \$8.5 million/year tax bill like that, NextEra would have to buy 125,000 acres in our counties. This is the equivalent of all our farmland combined, farms where the majority of the

wildlands that protect drinking water, in our backyards for AI data centers in hunting grounds, brook trout fisheries and old growth forest, 26 miles would be on private land. What we do get is higher electric bills to pay for this line, loss of our most natural landscapes, loss of protection for Westernport drinking water, permanent loss of hundreds of acres of forest (600) and loss of use of our private property for rights of way, some to be taken by eminent domain.

Republicans downstate are the only ones voting against this as they know what new transmission lines mean to their constituents with the just approved MPRP line in Carroll and Frederick counties. Unlike our delegates, they are fighting for their farmers and residents to protect their lands, views and natural resources.

We hear Democrats are voting for 35-mile length of this line would be this because Gov. Wes Moore has brobuilt. Even if they go through the three kered some deal to exchange the MARL

Hagerstown. Tell former Sen. George Edwards, who is arranging private meetings between NextEra and elected officials, McKay and Hinebaugh to kill SB0399/HB1270 and stand up for our residents.

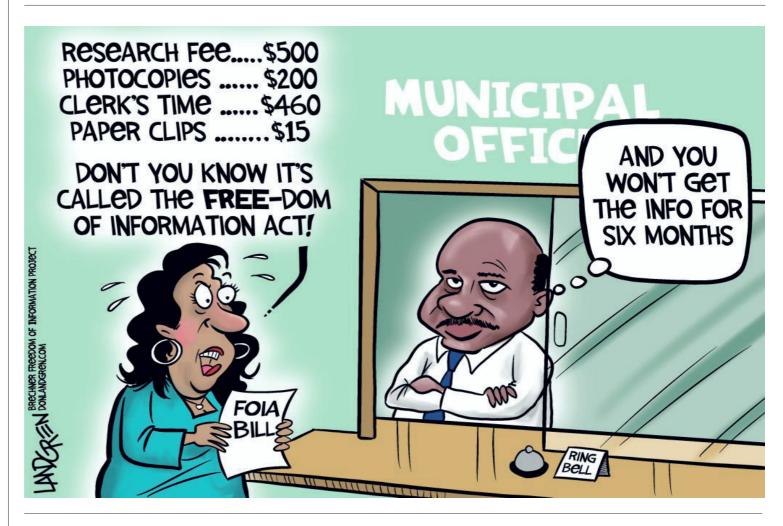
> **Steve Storck Oakland**

### Officials dismantle laws to protect natural resources

In the last few years, at the behest of electricity providers, our local and state elected and appointed officials are recklessly dismantling our existing laws and regulations enacted to protect our natural resources.

And, that's a damn shame.

John N. Bambacus Frostburg



# Government transparency spotty in states, worsening

As the director of the Virginia Coalition for Open Government — a 29-yearold nonpartisan, nonprofit devoted to helping the public navigate the ins and outs of access to state and local government records and meetings – I'm often asked which state has the best open records or open meetings law.

It's a fool's gambit to give a conclusive answer.

The words on the page of any given state law may look fine. But those words can be stretched to the point of breaking by some local government. school district or state agency. Meanwhile, just one city over, or at another agency even within the same building, those words may be applied within both

the letter and the spirit of the law. State by state. Locality by local-

ity. It's going to be different. Nonetheless, regardless of the strengths or weaknesses of each state's laws, there are a few chal-

lenges every state faces. To start at the very top, the constant drama that characterizes our national political scenes sucks the oxygen out of state transparency efforts. Coalition leaders like me can wave flags, blow whistles, or yell at the top of our lungs, but we are all too often drowned out by the din of partisan rancor at the federal level.

So, there's an overarching climate state open-government advocates must overcome. But there are specific state-wide threats we are all dealing with right now.

The cost of obtaining public records varies by state, with charges for materials like paper and flash drives widely allowed. However, states differ on fees for search, review, or redaction time. No perfect fee statute exists, though, because provisions are often manipulated. The sad reality is that fees are used as a deterrent: If we charge enough,



**MEGAN RHYNE** 

they will go away. This interferes with journalists' ability to get records they need for reporting, and it means people of limited means are priced out of their ability to hold their government accountable.

> High fees are often justified by governmental bodies by what they see as a legion of "vex-

atious requesters." These are people who bombard public bodies with records requests just to throw sand in the gears of government operations. Some states have already put limits on how many requests someone can file or under what circumstances, and many other states are trying.

Disappointingly, there are bad actors, but what is driving many of these governmental bodies across the country to paint requestors as vexatious is the sheer amount of records that are generated even for a relatively simple request. We are all drowning in email. We use email for everything, we attach things, we "CC" everyone or "reply all," we create long email chains that quote and requote the previous message. Even for a narrow period of time or for a limited number of email inboxes, the number of potentially responsive records that must be combed through is immense.

Two vexatious issues plaguing public meetings in every state are public comment periods and electronic meetings. Comment periods — with their limited public forum First Amendment implications — are often not even a part of a state's open meetings law, but we've

all seen videos of the vitriol spewed by speakers on the one hand, to citizens being manhandled out of a meeting on the other. State open-government coalitions spend a lot of their time explaining what their law and the constitution say about public comment periods.

During COVID, we all learned that meetings could be rigged up to ensure the public got to observe and participate in virtual meetings. After COVID, it seems that many governmental bodies forgot. While members of councils, commissions and boards fight for their own right to participate remotely, they have balked at suggestions that they give the public that same right to observe and/or participate via Zoom or some alternative platform.

Some of these challenges are intentional obstacles thrown in the way of the media and the public to prevent them from knowing too much. But some are the product of inadequate training. Even states with mandated training struggle with scofflaws and high turnover. Training, too often, also comes from sources that encourage a presumed-closed mindset instead of a presumed-open one.

There are plenty of other areas we all struggle with right now: police accountability, economic development, disappearing messaging apps, lack of enforcement mechanisms, underutilization of

technology, and on and on and on. If state open-government coalition leaders have one thing to be thankful for it's that they will always have work to do.

Megan Rhyne has been the executive director of the Virginia Coalition for Open Government since 2008 and worked with the organization for 10 years prior to that. She is also the part-time administrator for the National Freedom of Information Coalition. She can be reached at mrhyne@nfoic.org.

### **BIBLE DIGEST**

"You believe that there is one God; you do well: the devils also believe, and tremble." (James 2:19 AKJV) **SEND US YOUR LETTERS** 

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# For the Record

### OBITUARIES

### REV. C. FREDERICK EICHNER

LITTLETON, N.C. — Rev. C. Frederick Eichner

Littleton, N.C. The Rev. C. Frederick Eichner, 83, passed away Feb. 6, 2025, with his wife, Gail E. (Bennett) by his side at the ECU Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie, N.C., following complications of a long illness, with recent extended family visits by his daughter, Karen E. Curington (Edward) and former wife, Dorothy (Eckert) Lewis of Nashville, Tenn., and his son, Jon C. Eichner (Kerrin) of Huntington Station, Long Island, N.Y., and stepdaughter, Stacia Davis (Jeffrey Ludwig) of Morgantown, W.Va. He was born to Carl J. Eichner and Catherine Leona (Brandt) in Cumberland, Md. on Dec. 17,

Fred graduated from Allegany High School in Cumberland in 1959, Gettysburg College in 1964, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa. in 1966. He was ordained as a Minister in 1966 at his home church, Saint John's Church in Cumberland, Md.

Fred once wrote that his experience was primarily in suburban and small town settings, but what he neglected to add were those suburban churches were in quickly growing areas: The first two served were Christ Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Va. 1966-1972 and the second was Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Severna Park, Md. 1972-2002. Both churches had significant building programs and Fred read the blueprints and walked every inch of progress daily. For example: At Christ Lutheran, he not only monitored progress but handcrafted the cross which still hangs over the altar today and he was photographed by the local newspaper watching the steeple take its journey to its final resting spot atop the completed church. Equally attentive at Our Shepherd he found a hallway leading some 100' from what was to be the former narthex to the new narthex built of 100% block when it should have been a row of windows looking out onto the parking lot at Huebner Way and Eichner's pond. Additionally, Fred's artistic inspiration led him to design the stained glass windows in the sanctuary of Our Shepherd completed in 1983.

Also, in November 1983 at the end of Our Shepherd's month long 25th Silver Anniversary celebrations, Fred and Gail were the first couple to be married in the newly finished sanctuary.

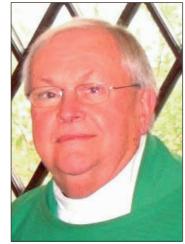
In Fredericksburg in addition to the building program, he met with the challenges of being a new father and new parish minister as he collaborated with activist and artist Johnny P. Johnson on civil rights initiatives and expanded campus ministry and outreach programs at the adjacent Mary Washington

Fred's ministry In Severna Park at Our Shepherd focused not only on Sunday mornings doing what he liked best -preaching -- but parish ministry as a whole from the children at Our Shepherd's own pre-school to adult classes to old fashioned home visits of not only those new to the growing area but shut-ins and members of the church as well as guiding other programs with a particular pride in the Men at Work Bible Study Group and the Stephen Ministry.

As Severna Park was in its growth era of the 70s onward, Fred would form an ecumenical group of ministers including at least Pasadena, Severna Park and Millersville to spawn several other groups. One of which is still going strong today. That group is SPAN, Serving People Across Neighborhoods since 1990 and housed in Our Shepherd's former parsonage where Fred once resided. That same group maintained a quarterly Pre-marital Conference to be attended by all their engaged couples and; additionally they helped to dent a wee bit of time from the local marching band where confirmands were frequently dinged for missing practices. Further, they also had annual pulpit exchanges and shared youth and Lenten events

growing community ties! In Annapolis, Fred chaired a Foster Care Review Board for ten years, and with that the group lobbied the Anne





**Arundel County Circuit Court** for a Family Division to be successfully added in 1998.

Fred also served for many years as Hospice of the Chesapeake's chaplain for those unchurched and organized and led support meetings with the nursing staff to decompress from their challenging jobs.

In 2002, Pastor Fred said Aloha to his flock in Severna Park to take on one last call in a completely different setting, Lakeside Lutheran Church at Lake Gaston in Littleton, N.C.

Here, Fred started another ecumenical group and brought area churches to gather for Good Friday services intertwining their ministers and choirs. They helped to grow a local organization which became John 3:16, joined forces with which (Child Abuse C.A.R.E. Resource and Education). Now, John 3:16 has its own building, grounds, camps and offers educational support and parental resources helping families of these children with basic needs fostering family growth and stability in Littleton, N.C.

Fred considered it his greatest privilege when Lakeside Lutheran Church decided to answer the call offered at the 2006 Virginia Synod Assembly: consider mentoring a seminarian! Lakeside Lutheran would go on to mentor three seminarians from the Theological Seminary of Gettysburg, Carolyn Simonds Shank, 2007; Eric Moser, 2008 and Julie Scheibel Monnard. 2011. Now Reverends Carolyn and Eric each have their own parish in the Delaware-Maryland Synod and Julie is assistant to the Bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod.

Following Fred's retirement in 2011, he worked with Halifax County's Hospice program for several years and served as interim at All Saints Episcopal Church in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., supplying in several other Episcopal settings at the behest of then Bishop Michael Curry of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina.

Fred's free time was spent writing Lessons Learned for the Our Shepherd's online Bible Study group, Lift Your Spirits led by Alex McKeague via zoom, and of course, following his New York Yankees and watching golf knowing he'd never again hit his proud-ly obtained 8 handicap. His last driving pleasures were taking their Sheltie, Marshall, for rides on the golf cart throughout their rural neighborhood.

Besides his wife and children, he leaves behind six grandchildren, Josh Curington (Angelica Perez), Provi-Village, Texas; Nicholas Curington (Kaylene Cobacho), Leesburg, Fla.; Laura Ludwig, Morgantown, W.Va.; Jaycee, Hunter, and Kallie Eichner all of Huntington Station, N.Y.

Two services will be conducted:

A Memorial Service will be held at Lakeside Lutheran Church in Littleton, N.C., on Saturday March 29, at 1 p.m., by the Rev. Christine Roe and Bishop Emeritus James Mauney.

And at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Severna Park, Md., Bishop William (Bill) Gohl, Jr. will conduct Fred's funeral on Saturday, April 26, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Carolyn (Simonds) Shank, and Rev. Matt Beers with Fred's ashes interred at Our Shepherd's Memorial Garden.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to either of the above churches' music programs.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on March 29, 2025, at Lakeside Lutheran Church, 2427 Eaton Ferry Road, Littleton, NC 27850.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on April 26, 2025, at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 400 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD 21146.

### EDNA M. BEEMAN

BLOOMINGTON — Edna Marie (Miller) Beeman, 99, formerly a long-time resident of Lonaconing and currently of Bloomington, died Feb. 13, 2025, at home, where she lived with her daughter and son-in-law. Born on March 21, 1925, in Moscow, she was the daughter of the late William Miller and Dora Alma (Andrews) Miller.

Together with her parents, she was also preceded in death by her beloved husband, E. Galen Beeman, on November 7, 2006; two siblings, Emogene Beeman and Allen E. Miller; and a granddaughter, Leah Youngblood, who died January 14, 2025. Edna married E. Galen

Beeman on April 20, 1946, and they had one daughter, Sandra Kay. Mrs. Beeman lived with her daughter and son-inlaw for 22 years, nine of those years were spent in North Carolina.

Edna was a homemaker who loved her family dearly, and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Lonaconing. She was also a member of the Frostburg American Legion Auxiliary, former Lonaconing Lions Club Past President, and a lifetime member of the Eastern Star, formerly Martha Washington Chapter #10. She loved to play bingo and

call the numbers out, go bowling at the Bowler in Del's Mixed League, attend Lions chicken BBQ's and Legion poppy sales.

She also really liked the beach. Her last grand adventure took place when she rode a motorcycle through Winston

In later years, Edna loved to paint by numbers, and presented about 40 of her paintings to each family member as well as several friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Kay (Beeman) Youngblood and hus-Dennis; grandchildren, Luretta M Gomer (Will), Gail L Moon (Michael), Kenneth E Lease Jr., and Nathan Youngblood (Jamie); nine great-grandchildren, Heather Emerick, Ashley Ritchey, Victoria Ken-

CUMBERLAND — James

Harold Irwin of 15550 West-

wood Rd., Cresaptown, Md.,

passed away on Nov. 26, 2024,

at UPMC-Western Maryland,

Cumberland, surrounded by

family members after a brief

Mr. Irwin was born Aug. 7,

High

1954. The very next day, he

enlisted in the United States

Air Force. After completing

basic training at Sampson Air

Force Base, New York, and

airplane mechanic school

training at Amarillo Air Force

Base, Texas, Mr. Irwin served

two and a half years with the

United States Air Force in

Germany. During his service,

he received the National

Defense Service Medal and

the Army Occupation Medal

ried Sally Sue Stark in Cumberland, Md. They had 2

children, Sue Ellen and Laura

After Mr. Irwin's military

service, he became a member

of the Defense Contract

Administration Services and

joined the Defense Logistics

Agency where he was part of a highly trained team that inspected and accepted com-

plex components for the Navy's Nuclear Propulsion Program. He then joined Alle-

gany Ballistics Laboratory in

Cumberland, Md. in 1970 where he worked as an

ammunition quality assur-

ance specialist. During his

career at ABL he received

several Sustained Superior

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retired from ABL in 1991 with

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1936 in Salis-

bury, Pa. He

attended Salis-

bury-Elk Lick

graduating in

School,



nell, Jesse Winebrenner, Breanna Duncan, Brady Baker, Mason Baker, Justin Youngblood and Fiona Youngblood.

She is also survived by five generations/seventeen greatgreat-grandchildren: Leo Ginty IV, Noah, Amelia and Lin-Rounds, Autumn, coln Mackenzie and Ryleigh Ritchey, Mylee and Michael McDonald, Lennox Gibbs, Tristan Winebrenner, Camree Corbin, Wyatt and Remington Baker, Kyleigh Baker, Elias Seringer, and Bentley Youngblood; a brother, Robert L. Miller; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Norma and Paul R Brode; a special niece, Carol J. Long, who spent time with Edna, sat with her; and many other nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will be received on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wilhelm-Eakin Funeral Home, P.A., Lonaconing. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m., with Rev. Thomas Morgan officiating. A Celebration of Edna's life will be held after at First Presbyterian Church Hall.

Inurnment will take place at Laurel Hill Cemetery at a lat-

The family would like to thank Hospice of Garrett County for all of their kindness in Mrs. Beeman's care and give a special thank you to Joanna Gank and Lisa Sypolt.

In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to Hospice of Garrett Co at PO Box 271 Oakland, Md 21550.

36 years of service at the age

of 55. He and Sally spent their

retirement years traveling

and enjoying their 4 grand-children. Jim enjoyed hunt-

ing, fishing, and competed in a

number of skeet shooting

Mr. Irwin is preceded in death by his wife, Sally; par-

ents, Joseph Delano (stepfa-

ther) and mother Eva Nell

Delano. He is survived by his

daughters, Sue Ellen (Irwin)

Hauge and husband David of

Knoxville, Tenn.; Laura

Nadine (Irwin) Bittner and

husband David of Hilton Head

Island, S.C.; grandchildren,

Sarah Elizabeth Hauge of Nashville, Tenn., James

Andrew Hauge and wife Kate of Spring Hill, Tenn.; Jessica

(Bittner) Capps and husband

Jim of Purcellville, Virginia;

and Erica (Bittner) Allen and

husband Dustin of Woodbury,

Tenn. In addition, Mr. Irwin is

survived by 4 great-grandchil-

dren, Ida Patricia Hauge and

Henry Irwin Hauge of Spring

Hill, Tenn., and Eila Capri

Allen and Cedar Wells Allen of

A private graveside cere-mony will be held at Sunset

Woodbury, Tenn.

Memorial Park.

competitions.

JAMES H. IRWIN

### FRANCES M. HIMMLER

Frances Marie (Messenger) Himmler of Cumberland, Md., passed away on March 10, 2025, at the home of her daughter, Linda Himmler Bayline in Salisbury, Md. Before moving to Salisbury with her daughter, she lived in Cumberland for 67 years. Frances was born Aug. 18,

1936, to the late James and Ruth (Simpson) Messenger in Tunnelton, W.Va. She was the eldest of 6 children, 2 brothers and 3 sisters. She graduated from Tunnelton High School in 1954. She relocated to Cumberland, Md., where she attended Sacred Heart Nursing School and where she met the love of her life, Patrick L. Himmler. They then were married on Aug. 16th, 1958, and were happily married for 59 years until his passing in 2017. She began her career at Sacred Heart Hospital as a surgical nurse. That is where she met Dr. Andrew Stasko that later became the doctor she worked beside for 25 years prior to her retirement in 2000. During her nursing school as well as her nursing career, she made many friends that she remained very close with until her passing. Frances was a lifelong

member of Saint Peter and Paul's Catholic Church. After retirement, she enjoyed quilting, gardening, baking her special "Ginger Cookies", traveling with friends, and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great -grandchildren. She was a faithful and loving wife, daughter, sister, mother and Meemaw.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Patrick L. Himmler; and both sons, Patrick M. Himmler and Christopher L. Himmler. In addition to her sisters, Phyllis Funk, Donna Messenger and brother, James Messenger.



Lastly, two sisters-in-law, Anna Mae Randall and Jane Mitchell.

She leaves behind a large extended family. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Himmler Bayline of Salisbury, Md.; Her grandchildren, Elizabeth (Troy) Gravenor, Sarah K. Walters (Warren Dykes) and Ian J. Walters, all of Salisbury, Md., Christina Greathouse (Cleatus Bell) of Christina Winchester, Va., Stephanie R. Himmler (Chad May) of Gerrardstown, W.Va. She also leaves behind an incredibly special daughter-in -law. Pamela Himmler of Inwood, W.Va.; eleven greatgrandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received at Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, Md., (www.adamsfamilyfuneralho me.com) on Sunday, March 23, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 11 a.m., at Our Lady of the Mountains Parish-The Shrine of Saint Peter and Paul.

Interment will be in S.S. Peter and Paul Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: Ian Walters, Joseph Walters, Warren Dykes, Troy Gravenor, Tristan White and Warren Dykes

### WILLIAM "BILL" A. SCHOENADEL CUMBERLAND — William

"Bill" Aaron Schoenadel, Sr., 84, of Cumberland, Md., passed away on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at Devlin Manor Health Care Center.

Born June 1, 1940, in Cumberland, Md., Mr. Schoenadel was the son of the late George Charles Schoenadel and Vivian Hope (Jones) Schoenadel. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Donna Schoenadel; a brother, George "Sonny" Schoenadel; and his sisters, Rose Marie Phillips and Carole Wolfe.

Bill was a Veteran of the United States Army and retired from Wilson's Market. He was a lifetime member of the Ridgeley Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a member of Kingsley United Methodist Church and New Covenant United Methodist Church. Bill enjoyed woodworking and fishing.

Bill is survived by a son, William A. Schoenadel, Jr. and wife Diane; his daughters, Tammy Long and husband Raymond; and Sandra Metty and significant other Mark Carver; a brother, Michael Schoenadel; his sisters, Judith Hoyman; and Millie Ciccone-Lindsey; his grandchildren, Rachel Mills and husband Corey; Rebekah Schoenadel; Shawnda James and fiancé Benjamin Nicol, Raymond Long, II and wife Ali; and Corey Metty and fiancé Nikea Hamilton; as



well as his great-grandchildren, Nicole and Ryder Dupree; Caeleigh and Carson Mills; Mazilyn James; Weston Nicols; Savannah Long; and a great-grandson due September.

Friends will be received at Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, Md., (www.adamsfamilyfuneralho me.com) on Thursday, March 20, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A funeral service will begin at

Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Park.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at Devlin Manor for all the care provided.

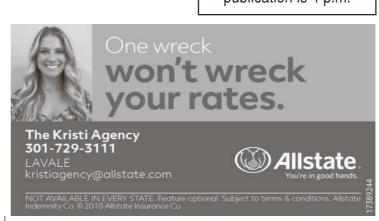
In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made in his name to: Ridgeley Volunteer Department, P.O. Box 619, Ridgeley, WV 26753.

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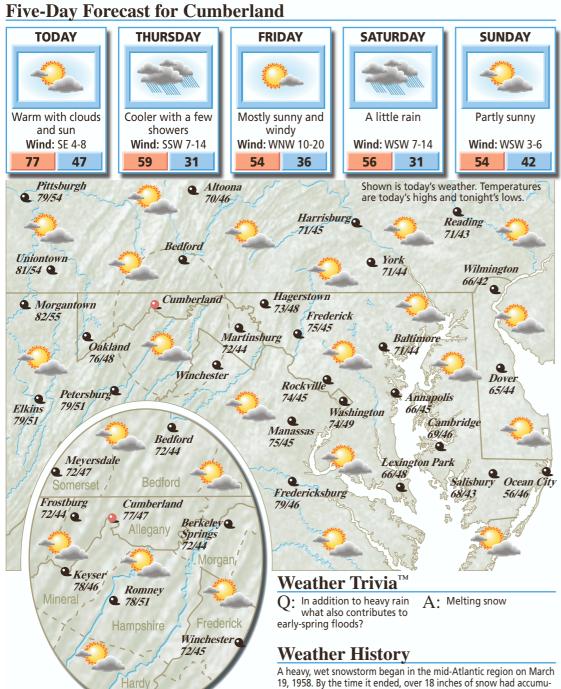




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### **Health Indices Today**

Arthritis Pain	2	Beneficial					
Asthma	0	Beneficial					
Pollen Level	3	Moderate					
Air Quality	42	Good					
Air Quality Source: airnow.gov							

### High/Lows

High and low temperatures for the past 24 hours as of 3 p.m. Tuesday

	High	Low
altimore	64	34
harleston	69	28
larksburg	65	26
umberland	66	27
lkins	64	22
rederick	64	34
lagerstown	60	32
1artinsburg	62	36
organtown 1	64	27
ittsburgh	64	28
Vashington, DC	66	39

### **Maryland Cities**

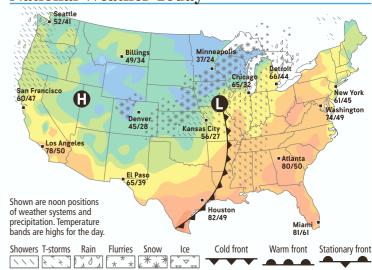
	Today	Thu.
City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Aberdeen	67/43/pc	63/37/sh
Annapolis	66/45/pc	64/36/t
Cambridge	69/46/pc	68/39/sh
Easton	70/45/pc	68/38/sh
Ocean City	56/46/pc	58/42/sh
Rockville	74/45/pc	65/33/t
Salisbury	68/43/pc	68/38/sh
Westminster	73/46/pc	64/34/t

### **West Virginia Cities**

	Today	Thu.
City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Beckley	78/49/pc	53/24/sh
Charles Town	73/46/pc	59/34/sh
Fairmont	82/54/pc	60/30/sh
Huntington	79/48/pc	53/27/sn
Parkersburg	81/52/pc	56/27/sh
Wheeling	79/53/pc	57/28/sh

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### National Weather Today



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Birmir	ngham	1	78/42	!/t	53/32	2/s	Loui	isville		70/	42/t		32/sn												
Boise			52/37/		49/36			nphis			39/t		39/s												
Bosto			50/38/		49/42		Mia				61/s		60/s												
Buffal			72/53/		57/27			neapo	lis		24/sn		32/pc												
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Legend: s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.								w, i-ice.																	

### Sun and Moon

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	Today	Thu.
Sunrise	7:20 a.m.	7:18 a.m.
Sunset	7:26 p.m.	7:27 p.m.
Moonrise	12:01 a.m.	1:04 a.m.
Moonset	9:32 a.m.	10:08 a.m.

### Moon Phases









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### **Town hall**: Plan for aging population will be addressed

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MDOA said.

Goals of the plan include formation of a longevity "ecosystem" that connects a network of organizations, government businesses, agencies, health care providers, researchers and key stakeholders to work collaboratively with older Marylanders to enhance quality of life.

Economic opportunities through an age-inclusive workforce and multigenerational consumer participation will be promoted.

Other priorities in the plan include affordable housing, health care, retirement planning, health, well-

ness and mobility. Implementation of the

plan is set for July 2025. According to the Department of Aging, how long and how well Marylanders live depends largely on their ZIP code.

"Where someone lives can significantly influence their life expectancy and overall well-being," MDOA Communications Director Barbara Sigler said.

Factors including access to health care, quality of education, income levels, environmental conditions, and community safety vary widely across the state, she said.

"These differences can create disparities in health outcomes and life expectancy," Sigler said.

Many rural areas in Maryland, including Dorchester, Allegany and Kent counties, have a much higher percentage of lower-income older adults, she said.

Gender also influences how well Marylanders age, with women earning 14% less than men in the state — a pay disparity "that is even more pronounced for Black and Hispanic women," Sigler said.

"Because women are and older adults, it impacts tmcminn@times-news.com

their ability to save for the future, care for themselves and invest in Social Securi-'she said.

Part of Longevity Ready Maryland's focus is on creation of an equitable and inclusive environment for all Marylanders, including addressing economic disparities faced by women. Sigler said.

"While its primary goal is to prepare Maryland for an aging population, it also emphasizes improving economic opportunities for women, particularly those in caregiving roles and the direct care workforce, where women are disproportionately represented and often earn below a living wage," she said.

"A significant part of LRM is cross-sector collaboration, and (MDOA) has been working with the Maryland Department of Labor and the Governor's WorkForce Development Board on growing jobs in Maryland, including quality jobs in the caregiver sector," Sigler said.

The public is invited to review Maryland's plan to transform its approach to

A town hall will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. March 25 at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11490 Moss Ave., in

the multi-purpose building. To register, which is free but required as space is limited, visit aging.mary-land.gov/LRM/Pages/ Planning.aspx.

"We chose to hold town halls in the eastern, central and Western Maryland geographic regions to ensure access to both rural and urban communities,' Sigler said.

Additionally, MDOA will host virtual town halls.

"The LRM plan is posted on LRM.Maryland.gov for anyone to review and provide feedback," she said.

Teresa McMinn is a reporter for also much more likely to the Cumberland Times-News. She be caregivers to children can be reached at 304-639-2371 or

### Gaza: Israeli airstrikes kill more than 400 Palestinians

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All further ceasefire negotiations will take place "under fire," he said. The White House said it had been consulted and voiced support for Israel's actions.

The Israeli military ordered people to evacuate eastern Gaza and head toward the center of the territory, indicating that Israel could soon launch renewed ground operations. The new campaign comes as aid groups warn supplies are running out two weeks after Israel cut off all food, medicine, fuel and other goods to Gaza's 2 million Palestinians.

"Israel will, from now on, act against Hamas with increasing military

strength," Netanyahu's office said. The attack during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan could signal the full resumption of a war that has already killed tens of thousands of Palestinians and caused widespread destruction across Gaza. It also raised concerns about the fate of the roughly two dozen hostages held by Hamas who are believed to still be alive.

The renewal of the campaign against Hamas, which receives support from

A senior Hamas official said Netanyahu's decision to return to war amounts to a "death sentence" for the remaining hostages.

Iran, came as the U.S. and Israel stepped up attacks this week across the region. The U.S. launched deadly strikes against Iran-allied rebels in Yemen, while Israel has targeted Iranbacked militants in Lebanon and Syria.

A senior Hamas official said Netanyahu's decision to return to war amounts to a "death sentence" for the remaining hostages. Izzat al-Risheq accused Netanyahu of launching the strikes to save his far-right governing coalition.

Hamas said at least six senior officials were killed in Tuesday's strikes.

Israel said they included the head of Hamas' civilian government, a justice ministry official and two security agen-

cy chiefs. There were no reports of any attacks Missing Families Forum said.

by Hamas several hours after the bom-

But Yemen's Houthi rebels fired rockets toward Israel for the first time since the ceasefire began. The volley set off sirens in Israel's southern Negev desert but was intercepted before it reached the country's territory, the military said.

The strikes came as Netanyahu faces mounting domestic pressure, with mass protests planned over his handling of the hostage crisis and his decision to fire the head of Israel's internal security agency. His latest testimony in a long-running corruption trial was can-

celed after the strikes. The strikes appeared to give Netanyahu a political boost. A far-right party led by Itamar Ben-Gvir that had bolted the government over the ceasefire announced Tuesday it was rejoining.

The main group representing families of the hostages accused the government of backing out of the ceasefire. "We are shocked, angry and terrified by the deliberate dismantling of the process to return our loved ones from the terrible captivity of Hamas," the Hostages and

## **War**: Agree to immediate ceasefire for energy, infrastructure

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U.S. administration is pressing for.

White House The described it as the first step in a "movement to peace" that it hopes will include a maritime ceasefire in the Black Sea and eventually a full and lasting end to the fighting.

There was no indication that Putin has backed away from his previous conditions, fiercely opposed by Kyiv, to consider a broader ceasefire. Russia wants Ukraine to renounce any prospect of joining the NATO military alliance, sharply cut its army, and protect Russian language and culture to keep the country in Moscow's orbit, among other concessions.

In fact, Putin during the call reiterated his demand for an end to foreign military and intelligence assistance to Ukraine, according to the Kremlin.

after the call Shortly ended, air raid alerts sound-

cials urged people to seek shelter.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told reporters that Ukraine is open to any proposals that lead to a sustainable and just peace, but stressed the need for full transparency in dis-

"We need to understand what the conversation about," Zelenskyy said.

"What are the details? And hopefully, we will be fully informed, and our partners will discuss everything with

He added: "There are two sides in this war — Russia and Ukraine. Trying to negotiate without Ukraine, in my view, will not be productive."

Ukrainian officials had proposed a ceasefire covering the Black Sea and longrange missile strikes and the release of prisoners at their meeting with a U.S delegation in Saudi Arabia this month.

immediately ed in Kyiv, followed by explo-Trump

sions in the city. Local offi- cheered Tuesday's develop- Russia will also hand over to ment as a major step toward his ultimate goal of ending the biggest land war in Europe since World War II.

"We agreed to an immediate Ceasefire on all Energy and Infrastructure, with an understanding that we will be working quickly to have a Complete Ceasefire and, ultimately, an END to this very horrible War between Russia and Ukraine," Trump said on social media.

Putin also told Trump that Russia and Ukraine are set to exchange 175 prisoners of war each Wednesday, and

Ukraine 23 badly wounded soldiers, the Kremlin said.

The limited pause comes as Trump still hopes to get Russia to sign off on his 30-day ceasefire proposal aimed at ending the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Ukrainian officials last week agreed to the 30-day ceasefire proposal during talks in Saudi Arabia led by Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Zelenskyy, however, remains skeptical that Putin is ready for peace as Russian forces continue to pound Ukraine.

