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Study guide

Linda Martin, the office manager for Ocean Pines Public Works, will lead an effort to update a study of Ocean Pines' replacement reserves.

The Association originally commissioned the study in 2015, hiring Virginia-based firm Design Management Associates Inc. (DMA) to do the work.

Once the initial study was done, Doug Greene, reserve specialist and partner with DMA, presented his findings to the Ocean Pines Board in 2016, which included a recommendation of the necessary level of Ocean Pines reserves, based on its assets. DMA used proprietary software to make the calculation.

The Board last reviewed the study in 2018. Starting in February, Martin will work to update the contents of the study.

"Linda will be reporting to me as we review and update the fixed assets register," General Manager John Viola said.

Viola said Martin would interact with Director of Finance and Operational Logistics Steve Phillips, Accounting Manager Julia Johnson, and the Ocean Pines Budget and Finance Committee.

"She will also meet with all department heads to receive their input on the updates," Viola said. "Following that, she will engage with Doug Greene from DMA, who will use their software to update our calculations and determine the overall status."

After Ocean Pines and DMA update the register and confirm the calculations, Viola will host a virtual town hall, when Martin and the Budget and Finance Committee will present the results.

Martin was born and raised on the western shore of Maryland. She majored in accounting at Anne Arundel Community College and started her career with the Department of the Army, in their resource management division. Martin has held other financial-related positions in retail, medical and community-based organizations.

She moved to the Eastern Shore in 2006 and worked for the Public Works/CPI Department from 2006-2017 as an office coordinator. Last October, Viola reached out to Martin and asked her to return to Ocean Pines as an office manager in the Public Works department, which she accepted.

Martin currently lives in Selbyville with her husband, Jim.



Linda Martin

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County accepting applications for hotel, lodging relief grant

Accommodation providers whose operations were disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic are urged to apply for grant funds through the Worcester County Hotel and Lodging Relief Grant. Grant funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, and applications will be accepted until funds have been expended.

"These funds have been generously allocated by the governor through the Department of Commerce to assist the hotel and lodging industry, one of the most severely impacted by COVID-19 due to required closures and travel re-

strictions," Tourism and Economic Development Director Melanie Pursel said. "The intent of these funds is to give businesses much needed relief and continue to employ hundreds of people in our region as we move towards recovery."

The Worcester County Hotel and Lodging Relief Grant Fund is capitalized through the State of Maryland. Terms and conditions of the program are established by the State of Maryland and Worcester County. Grant funds may be used to help accommodation providers with payroll and rent, the purchase of personal protective

equipment, sanitation services, or other COVID-19 related costs.

To learn more about this grant opportunity, including the general terms, conditions, and eligibility, or to apply, visit www.choosemarylandscoast.org. Applicants should thoroughly review eligibility requirements and the Frequently Asked Questions prior to applying. Submitting an incomplete or inaccurate application may render an applicant ineligible for program funding.

For additional information, contact Worcester County Economic Development at (410) 632-3112.

Art League to host virtual lunch and learn

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"Join us online to hear great stories from Joanne and ask questions about what inspires her artwork while you

eat your lunch," Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League, said. "Everyone is welcome to join in on the Zoom. You don't have to be an artist!"

Registration for the Zoom event is available at www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org or by calling 410-524-9433.

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A different sort of home schooling

Prepared by **Jack Barnes**

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"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

2. My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. My father taught me LOGIC.

"Because I said so, that's why."

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC.

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. My father taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."

14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.

"Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about ENVY.

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.

"Just wait until we get home."

17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING.

"You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"

18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

19. My mother taught me ESP.

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"



20. My father taught me HUMOR.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. My mother taught me GENETICS.

"You're just like your father."

23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS.

"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. My mother taught me WISDOM.

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

25. My father taught me about JUSTICE.

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

Courier Almanac

On February 3, 2002, the New England Patriots shock football fans everywhere by defeating the heavily favored St. Louis Rams, 20-17, to take home their first Super Bowl victory. Pats' kicker Adam Vinatieri made a 48-yard field goal to win the game just as the clock expired.



Super Bowl XXXVI took place at the Superdome in New Orleans with a crowd of almost 73,000 in attendance. In the wake of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America, the game was played amidst intense security and included a tribute to the 9/11 victims. Former President George H.W. Bush conducted the coin toss, the first

president to ever do so in person. Mariah Carey sang the National Anthem and U2 performed during the halftime show.



National Girls and Women in Sports Day takes place each February and marks the perfect opportunity to shed light on female professional athletes who dominate the courts, tracks, fields, and much more. The following are the seven most famous female athletes as ranked by ESPN's World Fame 100.

1. Serena Williams (Tennis)
2. Maria Sharapova (Tennis)
3. Venus Williams (Tennis)
4. Saina Nehwal (Badminton)

5. Caroline Wozniacki (Tennis)
6. Simona Halep (Tennis)
7. Alex Morgan (Soccer)

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A roll in a mattress or two or three

Moving mattresses and bed frames are my least favorite tasks to undertake. Yet, on a recent weekend there I was moving mattresses and bed frames. The purchase of a new mattress put into motion a cascading series of events that included a game of musical mattresses

I'd be uncomfortable if my wife was asking the questions. So I didn't answer. I referred everything to my wife who fielded them just fine.

After what seemed like an eternity, a mattress was selected. Payment and delivery arrangements were finalized and out the door we went.

The next day we prepared for the delivery. Now try to follow me. The queen size mattress in our room was going to the guest room to replace the full size mattress. The full size mattress in the guest room was moving

to our son's room to replace the twin size mattress that was to be discarded. Are you with me?

So we got started. First we disassembled our son's bed and removed the mattress. Then we lifted and pulled the mattress in the guest room down the hall and leaned it against the wall as we took apart the bed frame only to put it back together a few minutes later in our son's room. Just an aside, moving a mattress is a cumbersome undertaking. There are never any handles where you need them. And inevitably it's a very tight squeeze to turn the corner into the hallway. But I digress yet again.

From the storage unit we retrieved a queen size bed frame, foot and head board. What a challenge it was to align the frame screws and nuts for tightening. My fingers were at just the right distance from my face that eye focus was ever changing. With my reading glasses perched at a slant on my nose, I still had to bob my head up and down to see exactly what I was doing. I nearly gave myself whiplash. Of course this was only half the challenge as I had to work over a belly that hasn't yet recovered from Christmas sweets ... from 2008.

In about an hour and half we had the beds in two rooms set up. As of this writing we're waiting for the delivery of the new mattress.

I just hope that after all we went through that the relationship with this new mattress is long lasting and not a fleeting romance destined for disappointment and unfulfilled expectations.

Author's Note: This column was first published in 2016. Since then, there have been at least two more mattress related experiences that were quite similar to the above narrative.



It's All About. . .

By **Chip Bertino**

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among three rooms, several trips into the attic to retrieve the proper bed frames and an excursion to the storage unit for a different head and foot board.

It all started innocently enough when my wife and I decided it was time to replace the mattress and box spring in our room. Admittedly the decision was long overdue but as happens so often in life other priorities emerged that required more immediate attention.

Purchasing a mattress is a unique undertaking that resembles little the purchase of say a new car or carpet or for that matter anything else. I should note that some mattresses cost many times more than my first car. But I digress.

The relationship between you and your mattress is an intimate, hopefully long lasting one. Yet, the only way I can describe the process of selecting a suitable mattress is akin to speed dating. You try to get all the relevant information in as short a period of time possible and hope for the best. Slam, bam, thank you ma'am.

There's only way to assess if a mattress is a good match and that is to sleep with it. That's rather hard to do in under fluorescent lights in a cavernous showroom with other people milling about. But you really can't get around the process: you have to lay on different ones trying to determine which is more comfortable. And while laying down, rolling over and rolling back and moving on to the next one, there's a salesman, albeit well meaning, asking all sorts of questions that are highly personal. "What position do you sleep in?" "Do you prefer a hard or soft one?"

I know the information is necessary for a proper match-up but I don't like answering such questions. I'm shy and



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Shopping locally is now more crucial than ever

The importance of shopping locally has been emphasized with increasing urgency in recent years. Events like Small Business Saturday and Plaid Friday have brought some

Business reported that about half of all the businesses in the survey reported a 25 percent drop in sales since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, and roughly one in five businesses have seen sales decline by more than 50 percent. If the economic climate does not radically improve, 20 percent of small businesses won't survive.

According to NBC News, small businesses employ 60 million people in the United States, almost half of the nation's private-sector em-

ployees. In addition, small businesses generate tax revenues that help communities by funding schools, maintaining parks and contributing to public safety programs.

However, based on research from the Federal Reserve Bank of

New York, even before COVID-19 spread across the world, only 20 percent of healthy small businesses had sufficient cash reserves to continue to operate if they experienced a revenue loss for two months. Some have been shuttered for much longer.

Individuals looking for everything from clothing to home improvement services to office supplies can look to small businesses to fill those needs.

Look for small businesses for any and all of your shopping needs. Chances are items sold by big box retailers also are sold by small businesses. When the options are the same or similar, purchase from a small business instead of its big box competitor.

Readily provide recommendations of small businesses with which you have done business. Too often people are quick to complain about places that have failed them, but those same people don't think to say kind words about companies that went above and beyond. Share great experiences on social media or through word of mouth.

Talk to small businesses owners first if you have an issue. It's tempting to go directly to social media to complain about something, but such complaints can have a dire impact. Always take issues to the manager or business owner first to see if a

resolution can be reached. A manager may not be aware of an issue at all. Give small businesses a chance to make it right before taking things public.

If you own a small business, rely on other small businesses to fulfill your needs. Order supplies from fellow small business owners, seek the help of local financial advisors and tax professionals and use local suppliers and delivery personnel.

Small businesses have experienced unprecedented setbacks due to COVID-19. By supporting small businesses, communities can help them regain stable footing.

Financial aid info session scheduled

Wor-Wic Community College is inviting prospective students and their families in Worcester County to learn more about applying for financial aid and how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 5 p.m., via Zoom.

Visit the events section of www.worwic.edu or <http://www.worwic.edu> for more information or to register.

Promise scholarship session offered

Wor-Wic Community College will hold an information session for anyone interested in the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship on Wednesday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom.

Changes have recently been made to this program, increasing the number of people who could qualify.

Currently-enrolled or prospective credit or non-credit students, anyone with a high school diploma or GED, and high school seniors (and their parents) are invited to attend.

Information will be provided about eligibility, program requirements and deadlines to apply.

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much-needed attention to the importance of shopping local, which is even more crucial now as so many small businesses try to survive the pandemic.

A poll from the trade group the National Federation of Independent



NAACP officers sworn in

Berlin Councilmember, Shaneka N. Nichols, swore in the 2021 Worcester County NAACP Officers through a Zoom meeting held on Jan. 20, 2021.

The Branch Officers are: Ivory Smith (president), Linda Hilliard (secretary) and Christine Clark (treasurer).

Executive Directors are Rev. Jay Jones, Dr. Roxie Dennis Acholonu (religious affairs), Catherine Freeman (political action), Judy Harris-Davis (press and publicity), Larry Ryan (environmental and climate justice)

The Worcester County NAACP meets the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Phone 410-213-1956 for information.

How small businesses can support each other grow

Small businesses play a vital role in economies across the globe. The Small Business Administration says small businesses, which are defined as firms that have fewer than 500 employees, comprise 99.9 percent of all businesses in the United States. Small businesses may be defined differently elsewhere in the world (in the European Union, small businesses are defined as firms with 50 or fewer employees), but they are no less valuable to their economies.

Because of the key role small businesses play, including employing millions of people throughout the world, it is essential that small businesses thrive and prosper. There is much the public can do to help small businesses be successful, but there also are steps small business owners can take to assist one another.

Pass along opportunities. As a business owner, if you come across a resource or an opportunity that may not be the ideal fit for your own company, consider sharing the information with another small business owner or recommending another firm

that might make for a more suitable partner.

Promote one another. Make sure there is a prominent and visible collection of business cards or promotional materials available in your facility. For example, if you are a local real estate agent, you can promote and recommend mortgage brokers, home inspectors, interior designers, and moving companies. If you own a store, enable other businesses to advertise their own stores and services.

Organize networking and meeting opportunities. Networking and meeting with others in the industry is a great way to share ideas to see what may be working for others and what is not. Networking meetings also provide great opportunities to work on potential collaborations.

Consider sharing resources. Certain businesses may benefit from sharing facilities, equipment or even supplies and other resources as cost-saving measures. This also may open



up opportunities to collaborate.

Use one another's services. One of the simplest ways to help another small business is to be their customer. This is the ultimate show of support and can help validate your recommendation.

Explore co-branding or co-market-

ing. Some businesses support each other by working together. Finding ways to work together can be effective, especially in similar industries. For example, pet store owners can work exclusively with a nearby dog trainer, and both can market their services together.

Start a social media group. A small business with social media savvy can be the administrator/moderator of a local group that encourages other businesses in the area to frequently post and advertise their businesses.

Small businesses can work together to support one another so these vital cogs in the economy can flourish.

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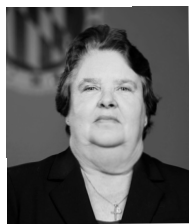
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Warden to retire

Following a decorated career in corrections, Worcester County Jail Warden Donna Bounds has announced she will retire on February 28, 2021.



Donna Bounds

"As the County's warden, Donna has had the responsibility for the charge and care of the County's inmates," Chief Administrative Officer Harold Higgins said. "Inmates in the County are referred to as trustees, and with 39 years of service to this County, I cannot think of a more trustworthy individual to have taken on the day to day responsibilities of the Jail."

Bounds, a certified corrections officer, began her career as a correctional officer in the small County Jail on Court Street on March 1, 1982 and rose through the ranks. She was promoted to Operations Commander in 2007, Assistant Warden in 2011, and Warden in 2017. Bounds has dedicated her career to the humane treatment of legally confined inmates. She has served as the head of an outstanding team whose

ongoing commitment to excellence and years of leadership have played a pivotal role in the jail earning the Recognition of Achievement Award from the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards (MCCS) for achieving 100% compliance for 18 consecutive years. Under her direction, the Jail continues to be recognized as one of the finest correctional institutions in the state.

"I am truly thankful and blessed to have had the opportunity to work in my home town of Snow Hill for 39 years at the Worcester County Jail," Bounds said. "I would like to thank the county commissioners past and present for the support through the years. I would like to thank my past and current coworkers for helping make my career a success."

Bounds is a 2003 graduate of Wilmington University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, and a graduate of Wor-Wic Community College, where she earned correctional officer certification in 1982 and an Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice in 1989. She received certification from the Maryland State Police to collect DNA samples. Bounds is also Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) certified by the Department of Justice, and a state-certified in-service corrections instructor.

Upon Warden Bound's retirement, former Assistant Warden Fulton Holland will step into the position of warden. Holland is a certified corrections officer with 23 years of experience in law enforcement and correctional services who has a proven record of success overseeing Worcester County Jail operations.

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Donation - Ocean City American Legion Post 166 donated \$150,903 in 2020, primarily to local, regional, and state organizations. Most of the funds came from earnings from the Post's slot machines, the operation of which is permitted by the state as long as at least 50 percent of the proceeds are donated to charitable organizations or other worthy causes. The Post's donations exceeded the state-mandated amount by \$51,282, despite the fact the Post and its slot machine operations were closed or operated under capacity limitations for most of the year because of Covid-19 protocols.

Donations went to churches to help programs for the needy, charitable organizations, for boy and girl scout troops and projects, veteran's groups, high schools, and for scholarships to high school and college students. Donations also went to first responders and paramedics, organizations classified as community caregivers, cultural and environmental organizations.

Above Post Commander **Tom Wengert** (L), and Donations Committee Chair **Bo Spicer** hold ceremonial check showing the amount of money contributed by the Post in 2020.

Women's Club to award scholarships

The Women's Club of Ocean Pines (WCOP) will be awarding scholarships in June 2021 to promising students who are full-time residents of Ocean Pines. These students must graduate from high school in good standing with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and plan to attend an accredited institution for further education. These awards may be used by the recipient to help defray post-high school expenses at any approved degree, certificate-granting college or university, technical or vocational school.

The WCOP Scholarship committee will consider the applicant's

needs, goals, scholarship, citizenship, community service, extra-curricular activities and motivation. The club believes in non-discrimination on the basis of race, gender, national origin or family status, in both principle and practice.

Applications for these scholarships may be found on the Naviance website. All applications must be returned to a senior counselor at Stephen Decatur High School by March 22. Qualifying applicants who do not attend Stephen Decatur High School are asked to call 410-641-8046 for information and/or an application.

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Free in-person art classes offered

As a creative indoor option during the winter months, the Art League of Ocean City is offering free art classes to the public, including both children and adults, in-person at the Ocean City Center for the Arts on 94th St. bayside.

The free classes are sponsored in part by a grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and the Donnie Williams Foundation.

"Our free classes are such a fun way for everyone in the community to enjoy a few hours of creative time," Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League, said. "You don't have to be an artist or have any art experience to join in, just be open for some fun. Our free classes fill up quickly, so we suggest reserving your place as soon as possible."

Space in each class is limited for safety, and advance registration is re-

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Identify winter birds in backyards

Birds flittering around the neighborhood are a common sight during spring and summer, and these welcome guests can be enjoyable to observe as they nest, feed and interact. When the weather cools in fall and winter, many birds seek out warmer climates, but a good number of these feathered friends stick around.

Certain birds can be found all winter long across regions of North America. The Great American Bird Count is a program that is run by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society. Its purpose is to seek the help of volunteer bird-watchers across North America to observe and count all the birds seen in a 15-minute interval during a four-day data collection period. This program helps identify birds that are most commonly seen in cold temperatures and study the composition and distribution of the winter bird populations across North America. Birds seen during this time may change from year to year, though certain species are more likely to be around in the winter months.

Northern cardinals: One of the more iconic winter birds, the bright red cardinals are around much of the year but perhaps most noticeable against the snowy, stark landscape of a winter's day. Cardinals use their bright, powerful bills to crack open seeds and cut through sugary fruits to help them survive the winter.

Tree sparrows: Tree sparrows are large-bodied and long-tailed sparrows with gray and reddish-brown streaking along the edges of their feathers. They also wear a bright chestnut colored cap. Despite their name, tree sparrows spend much of their time on the ground feeding. The bird count has

unveiled a greater number of tree swallows in recent years. These birds are insectivorous, so milder winters may be contributing to their increased presence.

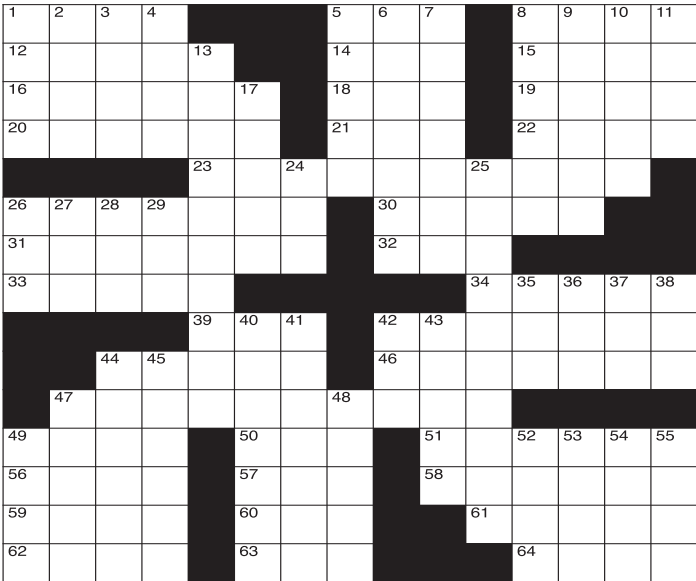
Tufted titmice: Tufted titmice resemble cardinals in body and head shape, albeit on a smaller scale, but they are pale gray in coloring. These are bold birds who defend territory with scolding calls.

Blue jays: These common, vibrant birds are well known to many people. They are large-crested songbirds with broad, round tails. They have white or light gray feathering on the underside of their bodies with various shades of blue, black and white on the top. A favorite food is acorns, and these birds are often found on forest edges. Their calls are loud and carry long distances.

Mourning doves: Many people hear mourning doves before they actually see them, as their soft cooing often comes from roof rafters and tree branches. These birds have plump bodies and long, tapered necks, with a head that looks particularly small in comparison. They tend to be brown to buff color. When the birds take off for flight, their wings make sharp whistling or whinnying sounds.

American goldfinches: These birds are sometimes called the "wild canary" of the Americas. They have distinctive yellow plumage that fades in winter to a palette of buff, brown and gray. They're small seed-eating birds that often travel in flocks.

Birds may need a little help surviving in the winter. Keep fresh, unfrozen water around and supplement food scavenged with peanut butter, suet and nuts. Brush piles, roost boxes or birdhouses can provide needed shelter.

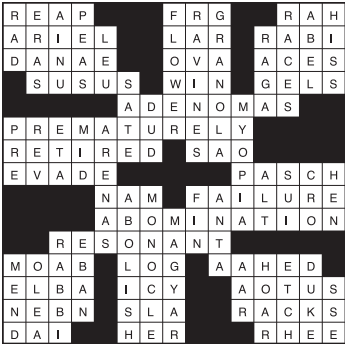


CLUES ACROSS

1. Nuclear near reach weapon
5. Of she
8. Hyperbolic function
12. Rice dish
14. A team's best pitcher
15. Strong and healthy
16. Induces
18. Popular manga series
19. From a distance
20. Split
21. Consumed
22. Cushions
23. All over
26. One who provides food
30. St. ___ Girl, brand of beer
31. Walking slowly
32. Wood
33. Semitic gods
34. Bugle
39. 60-minute periods (abbr.)
42. Congressman
44. Plant of the heath family
46. Subdivision of an army
47. Having many different forms
49. Shellfish
50. Latin for hail
51. Between sixth and seventh
56. Maori war dance
57. Precious or semiprecious stone
58. Teeter totter
59. Deity
60. A major division of geological time
61. Fishing net
62. Small Caribbean bird
63. Field force unit
64. Japanese beverage

CLUES DOWN

1. Prevents oil spills
2. Monetary unit
3. The color of the sky
4. Dough used to make tortillas
5. Popular comic strip character
6. Distinct form of a plant
7. Replenishment
8. Has its own altar
9. Expedition to see animals
10. Group of related organisms
11. His and ___
13. Frenetically
17. Small integer
24. Unit of energy
25. Studies of culture
26. Taxi
27. Doctors' group
28. Don't know when yet
29. Former measure of length
35. Popular CBS series
36. Skin condition
37. Christian creator and ruler of the universe
38. They ___
40. Caused severe damage
41. Work done under harsh conditions for no pay
42. One point east of due south
43. Sea eagles
44. Drenched
45. State capital
47. Italian city
48. Sweetheart (archaic)
49. Brief talk
52. Popular disco group: Bee ___
53. First Chinese dynasty
54. Military vehicle
55. Chinese Moslem



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Astronomy & Spaceflight

By Douglas Hemmick, Ph.D.



Space-X launching broadband service

Most space fans know that Space-X CEO, Elon Musk, is a “renaissance man” who pursues diversified ventures. Building “Tesla” electric vehicles represents a good example. Even his company Space-X is not only sending rockets to the International Space Station, but is also offering satellite broadband internet service, known as “Starlink.” On December 7 of last year, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) awarded \$885 million to Space-X’s Starlink system for the extension of broadband into under-served rural areas of the U.S.

The FCC awarded a total of \$9.2 billion funding to 180 companies, including cable operators, electric coop-

eratives, and satellite companies. The aim of this program is to expand broadband to an additional 5.2 million rural homes and businesses across America, and offering speeds of 100 megabits per second. Space-X has been allotted 640,000 locations throughout 35 states.

In 2015 Space-X began developing its Starlink internet system, and launched the first test satellites in 2018. Currently there are more than 1000 of the satellites circling the Earth.

Space-X has been firing those satellites into orbit at the rate of 60 per launch and is planning to expand the fleet to as many as 12,000. Some cus-

tomers in the northern US are already receiving the “beta phase” of broadband service, which has been active since last October. Service became available in December of 2020 for those in southern Canada, and in January of this year for the UK.

Costs to join the beta service are \$99 per month plus \$499 for the required equipment. During 2021 the upstate rural areas of New York are among Starlink’s planned expansions, for example near Lake Placid and Lake George. Speeds of 85 Mbps to 100 Mbps have been typical in the beta phase. Space-X’s goal is to consistently perform between 100 to 150 Mbps, and eventually to operate at 1 Gbps.

Starlink affiliates are already operating in European locales, including the Netherlands, Germany and Greece. Nations around the globe have also expressed interest, among them are Australia, India, Japan, New Zealand, and South Africa. Ground-based stations communicating with the satellites are in Alaska, Australia

and the U.S., and expansions into France and New Zealand are being planned.

On January 20, Starlink’s first launch of 2021 blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida carrying another 60 internet satellites, and current plans call for two launches per month throughout the year.

Ultimately as many as 40,000



Starlink satellites will form a vast network spanning the globe

Starlink satellites around the globe may be broadcasting internet service.

As 2020 ended, Space-X celebrated another remarkable year. History was made on May 30, as Musk’s company became the first commercial venture

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Holland named new jail warden

The Worcester County Commissioners named Fulton Holland to serve as the new warden for the new Worcester County Jail (WCJ).



Fulton Holland

“Holland’s strong leadership skills and experience managing operations coupled with his professional and courteous treatment of all staff, inmates, and detainees make him ideally suited for this new role,” Commissioner President Mitrecic said.

Holland, a certified corrections officer with 23 years of experience in law enforcement and correctional services, has a proven record of success overseeing WCJ operations. He is skilled in negotiation, investigation, de-escalation, and conflict resolution and strives to maintain productive communications with inmates and detainees to appropriately review their various needs and make effective recommendations on their behalf. He is part of the outstanding team whose commitment to excellence has resulted in the WCJ earning the Recognition of Achievement Award from the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards for achieving 100% compliance for 18 consecutive years.

“I’m eager to begin my journey as the warden and would like to thank the Commissioners, Chief Administrative Officer Harold Higgins, and retiring Warden Donna Bounds for trusting me to fulfill the duties of the warden,”

Holland said. “Thank you to the employees for their willingness to follow me, as I lead them by example with ethics, morals, and values as the foundation. We are a family, and I will operate the facility as such. I will focus on employee retention, empowerment, and development to ensure that everyone is operating at their full potential for the betterment of the jail.”

In 2019 Holland graduated Summa Cum Laude from East Coast Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. He is also Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) certified by the Department of Justice and earned certifications in ServSafe, weapons, first line supervisor, and Live Scan. He began his career with the WCJ in 1997, was named WCJ Officer of the Year in 2009, and was promoted to assistant warden of classification and correctional services in 2012. He is the PREA coordinator and investigator for the WCJ and the liaison between the jail and allied agencies, including the State’s Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, and criminal court system.

Holland believes in maintaining a productive work-life balance. Outside of his professional life, he dedicates his time to family and friends, playing the keyboard, and working on motorcycles.

He is a lifelong Worcester County resident who was born and raised in Bishopville. Holland will take over for current WCJ Warden Donna Bounds who will retire this February.

classes

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quired by calling 410-524-9433 at www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org/Classes. The Art League will provide all materials. Mask wearing and social distancing are required.

“Creative Kids” for children ages six and older will be held on Saturdays from 1p.m. to 2 p.m. on February 6, February 20, March 6, and March 20. Lindsey Winters, art teacher at Showell Elementary School, will lead the children in a fun artmaking session using a variety of mixed media.

Barbara Buford is the instructor for “heART & Soul,” for adults on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon on February 25 and March 25. This class is geared towards those dealing with stress, trauma or grief, and projects

are designed to focus on centering and healing.

“Free Family Arts Days” are for the whole family, so children must be accompanied by an adult, and adults must be accompanied by a child. Barbara Buford will instruct this class on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon on February 27 and March 13 during the winter, and also into the spring on April 10 and May 8.

Admission is always free to the Ocean City Center for the Arts at 502 94th Street, home of the Art League of Ocean City, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. More information is available at 410-524-9433 or ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org.



Donations - Local seamstresses and donors from Pillowcase Ministry have been urgently working to provide for the victims of Guatemala’s two hurricanes, COVID and economic disaster and for children in Kenya’s UpendoKids Village Orphanage. Kelly and Steve Smith of Living Sent Ministries, Princess Anne, MD, welcome the donations and coordinate delivery of the handmade goods to the most destitute people. Gifts recently sent include: 173 dresses, 179 pairs of shorts, 557 market bags, 128 sleep mats, and 58 shower kits, as well as numerous other goods, including over one thousand face masks.

State-side, Pillowcase Ministries has helped the needy in the Appalachian region through the Christian Appalachian Project. Donations for them included: sweaters, hand-knitted winter hats, socks, diaper bags with handmade blankets, hats and baby supplies, hygiene products, and food for children. Financial contributions are welcomed at this time for the Pillowcase Ministry Project. Call Barbara at 443-669-3781 for information.

Pictured are Kenyan children holding their plarn (plastic yarn) school bags which contain school supplies.

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National Estuary Program reauthorized

Congress reaffirmed its support and strong commitment to the National Estuary Program, a time tested, non-regulatory program that enables communities to restore and protect the bays and estuaries they call home. The Maryland Coastal Bays Program (MCBP) is one of 28 "estuaries of national significance" along every coast that will benefit directly from legislation approved by Congress.

The Protect and Restore America's Estuaries Act, with strong bipartisan support and unanimous approval from the Senate, was signed into law on January 13, 2021. The Act reaffirms support for the work of the National Estuary Program, and nearly doubles the annual funding limit to \$50 million. Under the new law, each NEP could receive as much as \$1 million each year.

MCBP works with our communities at the local level to protect the coastal resources essential for tourism, commerce, storm protection, clean water, and marine-based food supply such as fisheries and aquaculture. Increasing threats from pollution, harmful algal blooms, accelerating land loss, and risks to biodiversity threaten the vitality of estuaries across the country, and are a growing concern.

"In addition to funding research and providing grants, the National Estuary Program ensures that the management plans governing nationally significant estuaries consider the effects of increasing and recurring extreme weather events and develop and implement appropriate adaptation strategies," said Kevin Smith, executive director of MCBP. "We are greatly appreciative of the strong support

from our Senators and Representatives for the important work being done in our estuaries through our program and in collaboration with so many partners across sectors," said Smith.

MCBP is a grassroot, multi-stakeholder collaboration working to protect the five coastal bays behind Ocean City and Assateague Island. The Maryland Coastal Bays watershed is an impressive coastal resource; it supports abundant wildlife and a wealth of aquatic resources in a relaxing rural atmosphere unique to the mid-Atlantic region. Here, residents and tourists alike enjoy fishing, hunting, boating, sunbathing, and the natural serenity offered by the sea. As one of the most ecologically diverse regions in the state, the collective watershed of these bays encompasses approximately 175 square miles of Maryland's coastal plain. It supports numerous rare and threatened plant and animal species, forests, and wetlands vital to migratory songbirds and waterfowl, as well as numerous important commercial and recreational fin and shellfish species.

This year marks the 25th year as an organization. MCBP will mark this anniversary with special events (Covid-safe of course) and activities for our community. Throughout this 25th anniversary year, MCBP will be engaging our community in a "Save Our Coastal Bay Birds" initiative which is focused on the protection and conservation of black skimmers, royal terns, and common terns.

For more information on the program or how you can become involved contact Sandi Smith at sandis@md-coastalbays.org.

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In the Rear View Mirror

Orphan Cars of the 60s

By **Brue Palmer**

The word orphan brings to mind Oliver Twist, holding out his bowl to ask for more gruel. But, to an auto fanatic, an orphan is a car, originally made by a company which no longer exists. History offers many examples.

Let's look at a decade synonymous with change and upheaval. The 1960s. The first major automotive casualty came as the decade began when Ford's Edsel was fading fast. Edsel had been introduced with much pomp three years earlier; a mid-priced offering from Ford with much

on the lots dwindled leaving what would be a grand total of just over 110,000 orphans (orphaned Edsels) roaming the streets.

Ford's Edsel wasn't the only casualty of that recession. Chrysler saw the same fate come to a much longer-standing line of cars, their DeSoto. Unlike Edsel, DeSoto had been around since 1929...introduced by Walter P. Chrysler with a remarkable debut, breaking a record for the most first-model-year sales ever at over 81,000. DeSoto, like Edsel, was a mid-priced car but DeSoto inherited

the '61s, Chrysler ended the DeSoto run leaving what remained of the more than 2 million DeSotos built as a fleet without a parent. Orphans.

By mid-decade, America's oldest auto company closed its doors. Studebaker was incorporated in the 1850s by five brothers who built wagons. By the end of the 19th century, Studebaker was transitioning to horseless carriages and success was swift. For 1908, more than 8000 "cars" were sold, placing Studebaker third in sales behind only Ford and Buick.

Along the way, Studebaker scored many firsts; the first-ever outdoor proving grounds for testing vehicles, the first manufacturer to surpass 50 different models in a model year and styling advances including the first wrap-around glass rear-window (on the '47 Starlight



Corporation in 1958 failed to turn things around and by March of '66 Studebaker was no more, leaving untold millions of orphans roaming the streets.

The last cars orphaned during the decade were orphaned in name only. From 1900-1915, Kenosha, WI was home to Rambler, a company which never built more than 3,600 cars in a year. The name disappeared when Nash bought-out Rambler, only to reappear as the name of a Nash model 35 years later. Who could ever forget the 1950s tune about "the little Nash Rambler"?

But, that same GM-Ford price war also rocked Nash hard enough that they wound up merging with the flailing Hudson Corporation, renamed as American Motors Corporation and streamlining their brand name to be Rambler, at the direction of company president George Romney (yes, Mitt Romney's father).

When Romney left to become Governor of Michigan by the mid-60s, the new company president thought the Rambler name felt stodgy. He demanded it be phased out, in favor of corporate-shortened AMC. By June 30, 1969 the last car to bear a Rambler badge rolled off the assembly line and the Rambler, too, was an automotive orphan.

Time has passed; other car-makers have disappeared. Today

we have an entirely different crop of orphans still rolling down the road: Mercurys, Oldsmobiles, Plymouths and Pontiacs are among the parentless wheels on the modern road. Automotive orphans are just a sign of the evolving automotive world. Ever in search of a better bowl of gruel.



Above: 1960 Edsel
Top right: 1963 Studebaker
At Right: 1966 Rambler

of the excess reserved for high-end cars. Air conditioning, 400+ cubic inch engines and even a floating speedometer with an early form of cruise-control were among the options.

But just as those '58 Edsels arrived...a recession was grounding the American economy. Almost overnight, the middle class car-buyer had to scale down spending plans. Ford's projected annual sales of 200,000 fell far short at just over 63,000. Things got worse in 1959 with less than 45,000.

1960 Edsels had just begun rolling out when the Edsel project was cancelled. Word hit the street in November, '59...and as the calendar turned to 1960, the small stock of new Edsels

strong in-house competition when parent company Chrysler also bought out Dodge and added their mid-priced cars to the corporate line-up.

Even so, DeSoto sales remained consistent through the lean years of war and sales boom of the post-war era. Then, the nation's economic slide pulled the rug out from under DeSoto. Mid-decade production of more than 100,000 cars/year had tumbled to less than 40,000 in 1958 and the slide continued with barely 25,000 sold for 1960. Not long after production began on



Coupe). In 1950 Studebaker reached an all-time production high of 320,000.

But strong initial post-war sales quickly faded when a price-war erupted between Ford and GM. The smaller manufacturers suffered but none more so than Studebaker. A merger with the fast-fading Packard

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to fly astronauts into space. On that date, Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken flew in the Space-X "Dragon" capsule to the International Space Station (ISS). Space-X then repeated the feat carrying four more astronauts to the ISS on November 16. In total, the company launched 26 missions to orbit in 2020, breaking its previous record of 21 in 2018. Among these were 14 launches for the Starlink project. In August, the Space Force Command awarded a \$316 million deal jointly to Space-X and United Launch Alliance to power its surveillance satellites from 2022 to 2024. In October, Musk's space-faring Tesla roadster, previously launched aboard a Space-X rocket, passed nearby the Planet Mars. On December 19, Space-X closed the year by launching a new spy satellite for the National Reconnaissance Office.

February 5 is the 50th anniversary of the 1971 Apollo 14 moon landing.

In February, stargazers can see the full wintertime display after about 7 p.m. Constella-

tions include Orion the Hunter, Taurus the Bull, and Gemini the Twins. Orion the Hunter is the most famous and perhaps most enjoyable of all constellations. Stargazers can see the man-shaped figure complete with two stars at the "shoulders," two at the "knees" as well as three stars making up the "belt." At the upper left shoulder of Orion, the star "Betelgeuse" appears, with its slightly red hue.

The moon will highlight a few celestial features this month. On Feb-

ruary 18, watch for it to appear 4 degrees south of Mars. On the 19th, in the first quarter phase, it appears between the bright star Aldebaran of Taurus and the Pleiades cluster. Meanwhile, Mars is still close by, just to the right of the trio. The Pleiades, popularly known as the Seven Sisters, is a favorite target for stargazers interested in counting the number of stars they can spot, especially with binoculars.

Wishing good luck and clear skies to all stargazers.



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