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*"No matter how long the night will take,
the day will come and the sun will rise."*

-Goofy

Goofy was Bob Lassahn's favorite character.



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It's All About ...

A remembrance

By **Chip Bertino**

For the first time in the 16 year history of this newspaper, Bob Lassahn will not be among its readers. Bob passed away late Sunday morning with his wife Sherri at his side. He was 68.



Bob Lassahn

Bob was the first person I hired when this paper was launched. He started several weeks before the first edition published. He had recently retired as a lieutenant from the Baltimore City police department. Sherri had seen our help wanted ad and urged Bob to apply.

With some reluctance he did. My father-in-law, Bob Adair, who was our editor, first talked with Bob about the job. The two hit it off immediately; the retired Army officer and the retired cop or as we referred to them: the Two Bobs. During his first meeting in our office, Bob L looked over at me and asked Bob A, "Who's the kid?" Laughing, Bob A. told him, "That's the owner of the paper." Bob L's response? "You're kidding!" He eventually became editor of this paper in 2008.

Very quickly Bob became more than an employee and the relationship drifted into a friendship. Within a couple months his wife Sherri started working with my wife bagging and delivering this paper. The two became close friends. We spent a lot of time together, dining at each other's homes, at barbecues and attending something we named, "The Call." It was a silly excuse to join up at the Marina Deck Restaurant in Ocean Pines on Friday nights. There were a number of people who were a part of this group including among others, Joe and Jeanette Reynolds, Jack Barnes, Sharyn O'Hare, Roseann and Al Bridgman as well as one or more of our children. It was a fun group.

Bob was a gifted writer and poet. Although he covered OPA and county commissioner meetings for the paper, it was his feature stories that I most enjoyed. He had a knack through his writing to take readers on a casual walk along a grassy way next to a picturesque stream. It was a talent that came naturally to him. He once wrote a history on SPAM as well as Creamed Chipped Beef also known as SOS. There was the time he profiled the mating habits of a ping pong ball. His skills as a poet were extraordi-

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Sunrise — The Fellowship Alliance Church held its Easter Sunrise Services at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club.

Anthem dedicated to church

By **Dolores E. Pike**

The Community Church at Ocean Pines will host the second annual Worcester County Choral Festival this Sunday, April 19 at 3 p.m. at the church located on Route 589, where singers from throughout the county will combine their voices. Everyone is invited to attend this free event.



Mark Hayes

The featured opening selection will be the anthem "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship," which was arranged by orchestrator Mark Hayes and dedicated to Community Church at Ocean Pines. After the premier of this anthem, all subsequently published copies of the music will carry a notation with the place, date and name of the group taking part in this initial April 19 performance.

Conductor for the festival, Jean Anne Shaffer-


man of the Lorentz Music Corporation, commented that as a musical arranger, "Mark Hayes has a special affinity for 19th century American hymnody, especially those springing from the camp meeting and revivalist movement on the American frontier known as the Second Great Awakening. Perhaps it's the innate fervor of these songs, 'Zion's Walls' and 'Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal.' His characteristic rhythmic drive suits them well. And, of course, he lives in the American heartland — Kansas City, Missouri. Additionally, he is a gifted concert pianist as well as composer/arranger.


"As I was paging through one of his recent Lorenz piano four-hand collections and saw his arrangement of "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" I asked him to adapt it for choir. As luck would have it, his choir adaptation arrived on the day that I was working on the program for the Worcester


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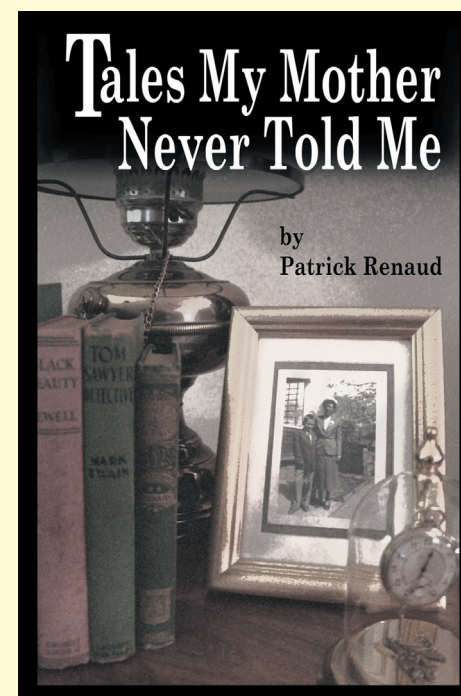
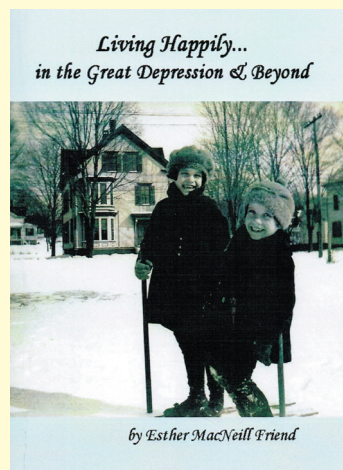
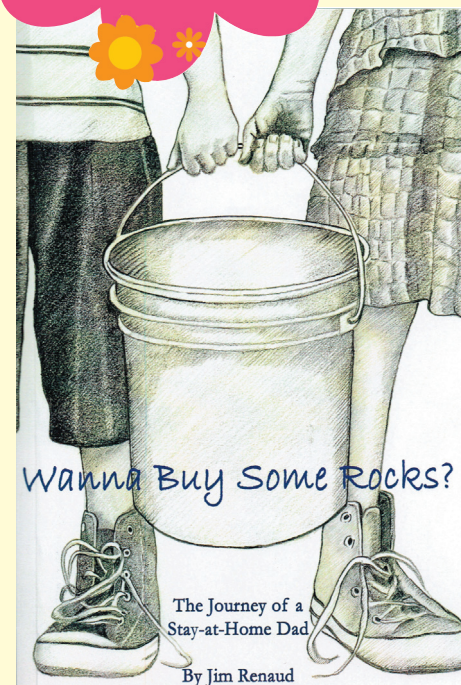
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“Anyone who walks into Chipotle and mentions the Jesse Klump program or the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund will automatically be making a donation to a program that saves lives from suicide,” said Fund President Kim Klump. “The fund gets 50% of your total bill, a very generous donation for which we thank the folks at Chipotle. Every penny from this event goes toward suicide prevention and mental health first aid.”

The Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness

& Prevention Program takes presentations and workshops on recognizing the risk of suicide and on suicide prevention first aid to groups throughout the lower Eastern Shore, free of charge. In addition, the program hosts monthly support groups for those who have lost loved ones to suicide in Berlin and Pocomoke City.

“We are proud to include Chipotle as one of our local partners,” Klump said. “Their motto is ‘Food with Integrity,’ meaning that Chipotle sources locally when possible, uses meat from animals raised without hormones and antibiotics, and supports family farmers who respect the land they farm and the animals they raise.”

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Diamonds are a thing of beauty and the ultimate gift for a loved one. Thought to be one of the hardest substances on the



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Pines Fire Dept. assists Memorial

By **Marie Gilmore**
President, Worcester County Veterans Memorial

Despite the rain, the Ocean Pines Fire Department answered the call for assistance. A cable failure caused American flag at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines to fall down two weeks ago. A good Samaritan picked it up and brought it to the Sport Core pool attendant, who notified the Veterans Memorial Board.

Once again, the Fire Department responded to the Foundation's call for assistance. Because the fire truck is very heavy, between 50,000-100,000 lbs., it requires dry solid ground to ride on. The Ocean Pines Fire Department had to plan their assist carefully, waiting for the ground to dry out. They were, however, forced to assist the volunteers of the Veterans Memorial on a rainy Tuesday morning because the forecast was for a rainy week ahead. They were spurred on by the fact that a private ceremony had been planned to honor a recently deceased Marine Corps Veteran from Ocean Pines. Dave Smith, a volunteer with the Veterans Memorial and Bill Bounds from the Ocean Pines Fire Department went up



in the bucket truck to the top of the pole to begin the repairs. Down below, Ralph Mordie, Bill Lee and John Henglein, all volunteer members of the Veterans Memorial, assisted with the

cable repair. The Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines is grateful for the quick response and dedicated service of our volunteers and the Ocean Pines Fire Department.

Pines Aquatics to hold open house

Ocean Pines Aquatics will host an open house at the Sports Core Pool on Saturday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Guests will have free use of the pool during the open house. Food will be available for purchase and the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department's fire house moon bounce will also be on site.

In addition to showcasing aquatics programs in Ocean Pines, the open house will recognize National Water Safety Month. Information about those programs and staying safe in the

water will be shared.

Ocean Pines will offer a variety of summer swim programs this summer, including indoor and outdoor swim lessons for all ages, aquatics fitness classes, summer camps and family swim events.

It will once again take part in the World's Largest Swim Lesson on June 18 and hold an Anna & Elsa Tea Party and Swim, featuring the popular "Frozen" characters, on July 11.

For more information about the open house or other aquatics events, contact the Ocean Pines Aquatics Department at 410-641-5255.

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County Choral Concert. Recalling the spirited fervor with which that group sang last year and the warm, enthusiastic reception of its audience, I knew that 'Brethren, We Have Met to Worship' could serve as a great program opener for the 2015 concert. Based upon our close friendship spanning two decades, I shared with Mark the story of the Worcester County Choral Festival and asked if he would kindly dedicate the piece to this remarkable group. He very graciously and immediately agreed."

Choirs and individual singers from throughout Worcester County have been invited to combine as one large choir in this festival of music. They will perform a repertoire of eight inspirational pieces of music under Ms. Shafferman's conducting. Accompaniment will be provided by David Leahey who has played recitals at the White House and for the Royal Family in London, England.

Music fun - Students in Miss Savanna Morgan's kindergarten class at Ocean City Elementary recently enjoyed a special St. Patrick's Day sing-along. Pictured are Kara Loudon, Miriam Glick, Lain Patchett, Avi Avakov, James Neuhauser Jr., Sadie Glick, Alyssa Jones, Matthew Looney and Mr. Frank Nanna.



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nary and I believe it was through these verses that he was best able to express himself and articulate nuance and emotion. To commemorate the accomplishments of the ladies who bagged and delivered our newspaper, he wrote, "Ode to the Bag Ladies," which he first read at a luncheon in their honor. It brought down the house.

For my wife's fortieth birthday Bob wrote and recited a special poem he had written in her honor. In it he described her unique laugh and told of the consequences of "poking the bear" before she had coffee. It was touching, sentimental and hysterical. Susan hugged him a long time after his performance. Truth be told, she liked getting hugs from Bob. She always said he was a good hugger.



Bob with Susan and me. Bob never took me too seriously.

During the several times *The Courier* moved its offices, Bob and Sherri were right there lending a hand. During one move he and Bob A gutted part of the building and constructed a production area; just

the two of them donning work hats and swinging hammers. They were like children with an Erector set, having a good time and swapping stories.

When Bob A and our family were suffering through the last stages of Bob's fight against ALS, Bob and Sherri were right there. On a Saturday morning our family was gathered at Bob's bedside at Atlantic General Hospital. The end was very near. I called Sherri and Bob who were on assignment for the paper. I asked if they would come to the hospital to keep our children company in the

waiting room. Susan and I wanted the kids to have as many familiar people around them as possible. "We're on our way," Sherri said. And they were. They spent the next eight or nine hours (I forget how many now) just being there for our children and Susan and me. They were a great comfort during that hellacious time.



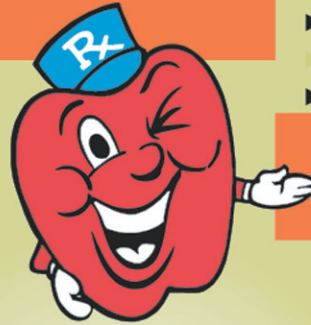
Bob and Sherri with our daughter Caden on her wedding day.

That evening, Bob and Sherri returned home with us. Bob and I each had a cigar. For several hours, Bob and Sherri listened to Susan and me and our children tell stories about Bob A. It

was a tough night made just a little more comforting by Bob's (and Sherri's) presence.

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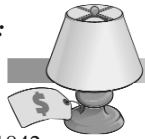
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**Dunham attends
prestigious academy**

Stephen Decatur High School junior **Reagan Dunham** attended the National Civics and Law Academy last month in Washington D.C. where she participated in learning sessions in foreign affairs, cyber security, and Supreme Court law. Dunham also met Senator Ben Cardin and participated in a mock trial activity at American University. At SDHS, Dunham is a member of the National Honor Society, the Mock Trial Team, the Academic Team, and the Student Government Association. After high school, Dunham plans to attend the University of Michigan and follow a pre-med program of study.



Graduates — Wicomico and Worcester County jail and correctional officers who graduated in the 92nd entrance-level class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury are shown in the front row, from left, **Jack K. Moyer III, Duvon O. Purnell and Joshua T. Tyndall** of the Worcester County Jail and Detention Center and **Robert M. Luckett** of the Ocean City Police Department. In the back row, from left, are **Christopher E. Condos, Joshua D. Foster, Christina L. Furniss, LeTasha T. Harmon, Edward L. Holland and Courtney J. Hutt** of the Wicomico County Department of Corrections.

Carozza to speak at RWWC

The Republican Women of Worcester County will have their April luncheon meeting on Thursday, April 23 at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. The guest speaker will be Maryland House of Delegate member Mary Beth Carozza. Cost of the luncheon is \$16 per person. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 11 a.m. To



Mary Beth Carozza

make your reservation or for more information please contact Ann Lutz at 410-208-9767 or annlutz@verizon.net.

Writers group to meet

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Cookie lesson - Ocean City Elementary School students, **Leslie Hernandez** and **Sandra Pawlowska**, from Dr. Melanie Biscoe's fourth grade class are discovering the impact of strip mining on the land using chocolate chip cookies. They created innovative ways to mine the "coal" (chocolate chips) from the "land" (the cookie) causing as little damage as possible.

Female veterans sought

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation is extending an invitation to Women Military Veterans who would like to participate in the 10th Anniversary Memorial Day ceremony. The ceremony will take place at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, located on Route 589 between Cathell and Manklin Creek Roads. Please contact Linda Shanahan at 410-200-0994.

Church to hold spring event

On Saturday, April 25, members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin will present their Spring Festival. The event will be held on the same day that the town of Berlin holds its Heritage Festival. Church members hope residents and visitors to Berlin will stop in at the church that day. The event will feature a silent auction, a sale of freshly baked items, a craft table, a book sale, and white elephants. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church located at 3 Church Street.

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In the Rear View Mirror

Television cars of the 1970s

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It would be hard, for instance, to list the decade's best-loved detective shows without Jim Rockford flashing past in his Firebird. During the show's six years on NBC, James Garner at the wheel of his gold Pontiac was truly must-see TV. Could there be a more

thrilling move than a "Rockford spin?" You know, the one where he backs up at high speed, then jams the brakes while spinning the steering wheel, using the car's momentum to spin the car 180 degrees?

And often that *was* James Garner you saw in the driver's seat. An experienced race car driver well before the show's 1974 debut, Garner noted in subsequent interviews that he'd chosen the Firebird for its maneuverability, knowing that he would be performing many of the show's automotive stunts.

Private Investigators weren't the only ones having fun behind the wheel. Just picture plain clothes officers David Starsky and Ken Hutchinson. From the first episode of "Starsky & Hutch" in fall of '75, that red Ford Torino with the white stripe

was the obvious star of the show. Every episode found room for a wild chase through the streets of LA, throwing caution (and often, passing vehicles) to the wind.

Take it from this author, who owned and drove an identical Torino for 15 years. It took an accomplished driver to keep one of those two ton coupes under control on hard cornering at any speed above a typical school zone.

Just before the decade faded, a new V8-powered star swept the screen with a roaring exhaust. An already ten-year-old 1969 Dodge Charger was bouncing along rural roads in the new CBS action show "The Dukes of Hazzard," beginning in the fall of 1979.

By the late 70s, two fuel crises had so eviscerated power and style in cars that seeing the bright orange "General

Lee" with the confederate flag on its roof was a sight for sore eyes. (Nevermind the fact that much of the time, it was screeching its tires around the twists and turns of dirt roads.)

Most noteworthy in five years of the Duke boys was the outlandishness of stunts featured. Multiple Chargers were being slammed, rolled and vaulted in a way that, after a few seasons, the show's producers struggled to find an ample supply of replacements and even began leaving notes on Charger windshields in southern California parking lots, looking for people willing to sell their cars to the production company.

Finally, we turn our attention to two different cars which shared screen time over the entire decade on one very popular show. The cars were Mercurys, and the show starred Jack Lord as Steve McGarrett: chief of police on the original "Hawaii 5-0."

Debuting in the fall of 1968, McGarrett's big, black Mercury was a common sight for the next 12 seasons, flashing past endless tropical scenery in a show filmed entirely on-location. And while Lord wasn't specifically a car guy, he knew what car he wanted to establish his character's image.

He began with a hefty '68 Park Lane sedan, black with a red leather interior—a car which, by his own accounts, could be brutally uncomfortable while wearing full make-up and filming for hours in the hot Pacific sun. After a few seasons, Ford Motor Company (which supplied all vehicles used on the show) began urging an update to a newer model in order to showcase their latest offerings...but Lord didn't like them. In fact, when he was presented with a '71 for his own personal use, he balked—insisting that

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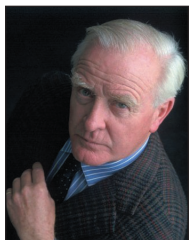
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'A Delicate Truth'

by John LeCarre

From the early 1960s and the Cold War to the new century with the rise and ramification of terrorism, John LeCarre has written about it all. David Cornwell is effectively



John LeCarre

the espionage writer in residence once having been part of British intelligence services MI5 and MI6 (England's answer to the CIA) in the 1950s and the 1960s. It was but a small detail for him to pick

out a fancy pen name. In the early years he again and again protested that his novels were not in any way autobiographical or his bosses would not have allowed him near a publisher. But to no avail...fans and book reviewers believed what they wanted.

Mr. LeCarre's protagonists are no-nonsense, pragmatic, career agents mostly of the old schoolboy upper crust...one can easily imagine the black homburg and walking stick umbrella of a man navigating a rainy London street. His espionage thrillers are cleverly designed as examinations of men and the cloudy world they inhabit; in the past he has given readers Magnus Pym ("A Perfect Spy") and George Smiley ("Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy"). As a result his books, always on the best seller lists, convey a deeper value at their core more so than other tale spinners might produce. Decidedly different from the agents that another writer of the same era, Ian Fleming, gave us in the guise of James Bond, looking for the next spy ring, the next woman and the gadgets that "M" might produce.

In Mr. LeCarre's latest novel, his 23rd, "A Delicate Truth" is a testament to his years of clandestine story spinning and brings to his fans the current brand of jihadism, mer-

cenaries and corporate medaling. You can count on his people to struggle not only against the enemy without but also within while they seek that moral base which threatens to collapse unless reason is found behind all the skullduggery, like baggage attached to the job.

In his newest thriller Mr. LeCarre lets his readers walk behind the scenes in Whitehall rather than ply "boots on the ground" actions preferred by many authors of the genre. Toby Bell, a rising Foreign Office operative, with a bachelor's eye for a pretty girl, is the private secretary of a Minister of the Crown, who has begun keeping secrets of his own. Frustrated, Toby



takes matters and career into his own hands when he surreptitiously records a meeting detailing Operation Wildlife. Toby learns that too many masters with suspect information are running the show; Americans, Brits, corporate honchos and a Texas billionaire.

Three years later a newly retired operative, Kit Probyn, learns that Wildlife, his mission on Gibraltar, that he believed successful was a disaster; innocents were killed and an army regular disgraced. Kit, urged on by his wife and daughter, (the pretty girl on Toby's radar) vows to get to the bottom of the heap of lies and engages Toby's help. Any resulting actions can threaten Kit's pension and destroy Toby's career, two good men. At this juncture of the book one operative reminds anyone who

wants to listen, "The Foreign Office has many hellholes earmarked for discontents and whistleblowers."

What are the ethical standards set by those who govern and who should be entitled to examine those standards when the smoke clears? Is there any room left on the agenda to plead, "he who is without sin" should be handed the first stone? Mr. LeCarre balances these moral questions along with a sense of urgency that propels his characters along streets and scenes redolent of London's mystery.

The pace of the story is measured and kept me reading along until the realization that those misbelieving themselves decision makers had bungled and the cover up story began in earnest. I realized an accounting was overdue and the book became a page turner. For some readers the end will be abrupt but others will accept it as a challenge and fill in what needs doing. Mr. LeCarre does not answer all of the questions for us but relies upon the depth of his readership. For him, one size of the spy story genre cannot be fitted to accommodate all readers.



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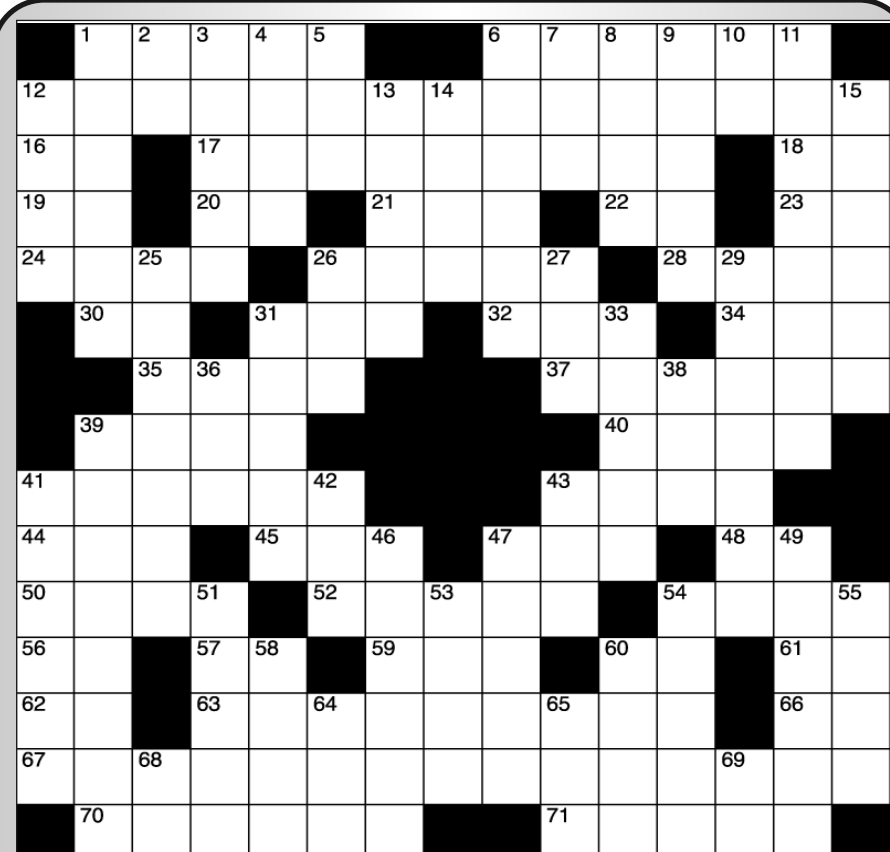
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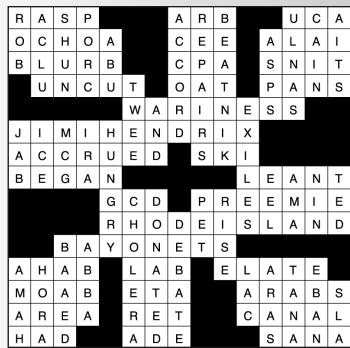
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- ACROSS**
- 1. Hindu social class
 - 6. Hassles
 - 12. Pillsbury best seller
 - 16. Midway between S and E
 - 17. A President's 1st address
 - 18. The 24th state
 - 19. Atomic #18
 - 20. Most abundant mineral in the body
 - 21. Golf score
 - 22. 14th Greek letter
 - 23. 12th Greek letter
 - 24. 4-stringed Chinese instrument
 - 26. Order of the British Empire women
 - 28. Watering places
 - 30. Atomic #58
 - 31. '___ death do us part
 - 32. Radioactivity unit
 - 34. Consumed food
 - 35. Six (Spanish)
 - 37. Hosts film festival
 - 39. S.W. plateau
 - 40. Made of fermented honey and water
 - 41. Et-___
 - 43. College army
 - 44. Flower petals
 - 45. Assist
 - 47. An open metal dish
 - 48. And, Latin
 - 50. Supreme singer
 - Diana
 - 52. Gaelic name (morning)
 - 54. Expresses pleasure
 - 56. Overdose
 - 57. Spanish be
 - 59. A border for a picture
 - 60. Doctor
 - 61. Ancient Egyptian sun god
 - 62. Lansing is the capital
 - 63. Clothed
 - 66. In contact with the surface
 - 67. 70 year olds
 - 70. Wall bracket for candles
 - 71. Metrical romance (archaic)
- DOWN**
- 1. A member of the clergy
 - 2. Gangster Capone
 - 3. The brightest star in Virgo
 - 4. Starkist's Charlie
 - 5. Amount of time
 - 6. Loaner
 - 7. Prefix denoting "in a"
 - 8. 2nd largest
 - Tunisian city
 - 9. Schenectady
 - Hospital
 - 10. Toward
 - 11. Totaled
 - 12. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
 - 13. Nonfeeding stage for insects
 - 14. Old Irish alphabet
 - 15. Brings out of sleep
 - 25. Old Spanish monetary units
 - 26. Roman God of the underworld
 - 27. Pouch
 - 29. For all ills or diseases
 - 31. Jewelled head-dress
 - 33. Hostage for Pythias
 - 36. Midway between E and SE
 - 38. Financial gain
 - 39. Tunes
 - 41. In a way, ricochets
 - 42. Direct a weapon
 - 43. Stood for election
 - 46. Harm to property
 - 47. Plate for Eucharist
 - 49. Monarch's ceremonial seat
 - 51. Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
 - 53. A nostril
 - 54. ___ Aclaba
 - 55. Without (French)
 - 58. Wound fibers to make yarn
 - 60. Nothing more than
 - 64. Political action committee
 - 65. Fail to keep pace
 - 68. Personal computer
 - 69. Indicates position



Answers for April 8

Captain Ron's Fish Tales

By Ron Fisher

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Fishing Report: It has been a long cold winter and the weather continues to be cold and windy. Shad Landing has been stocked with trout and those willing to brave the weather have been catching quite a few. Off shore a few tog are being caught but since the water is so cold the head boats need to go pretty far out to find some warmer water. Flounder should start later in April providing the water warms up to at least 50 degrees in the bays. However, no one can predict fishing from day to day you just need to go fishing and hope for good luck. Let's hope for some warm calm weather. You might want to consider joining the MSSA or Ocean Pines Angler Club to find out just where and when the really good fishing is happening.

Let's go crappie fishing: This is the time of year I like to go crappie fishing. In our area we have white and black crappie and many times they are the same colors and most can't tell them apart. Black crappie have seven or eight dorsal spines and white only six. They also have many different names such as calico bass, white perch, croppie, and papermouth to name a few. They grow 3-5" their first year and to 7-8" their second year. Most crappie caught are in the range of one half to one pound.

Where to go? One area I found to be a hot spot is the Pocomoke River at Shad Landing Just off Route 113. You will need a Maryland Freshwater Fishing License to fish this area. Be sure to check the current regulations for season, size requirements etc.

What equipment do I need? An ultra light spinning outfit spooled

with 4lb test monofilament line is best. The rod can be 5.5 or 6' you will also need a good assortment of fine quality bobbers and size six and eight short shank hooks.

What bait should I use? Crappie feed primarily on small minnows and insects. The bait of choice in my opinion is small live minnows of 1-2" maximum. These can be hooked through the lips on a size eight hook with a bobber a couple feet above the minnow. Some fishermen prefer to jig for them and an assortment of crappie jig can be found at local tackle shops.

Where should I fish? They prefer structure. Drop your minnow or jig next to boat docks, trees or cypress roots and wait for the bite with minnows or move your jig in a jiggling motion slowly so it looks like a minnow. Don't hesitate to move around until you find them. They are a schooling fish so when you catch one there are likely to be more in the area.

What about eating? How can I prepare them? Crappie are one of the best eating fish around. Here are a few recipes.

Pope's Texas crappie provided by Russell Pope. This recipe uses the whole fish cleaned and scaled.

Coat crappie in sour cream (don't thin the sour cream)

Roll in mixture of salt pepper and corn meal

Deep fry or skillet fry till light brown

Get out of the way or your own loving kin and friends will run over you to get to it.

Sharp's Crappie Recipe provided by Douglas Sharp uses fillets.

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Beware the unknown of adding a child to your bank account

By **Mike Mathers**

There is a great story used to illustrate unintended consequences, it's called "The Cobra Effect." Back when the British ruled India, a local general became interested in reducing the number of cobras. To accomplish this, he announced that the government would pay for each dead cobra turned in by a citizen. Everyone thought the program was working well, until they discovered that local entrepreneurs were breeding cobras to sell to the British. The program was quickly cancelled and so the breeders released all of their now worthless cobras into the streets. The local general didn't fully think through his plan and he accidentally increased the number of cobras in India.

Another action that many people take with good intentions is adding a child's name to their bank accounts. Most commonly, a child's name is added so they can help the parent manage their money. Unfortunately, jointly owning a bank account with

your child can have as many sneaky side effects as one of those Indian cobras. The good news though is that there are alternative ways to accomplish the same goal while avoiding all of the negative consequences.

The first negative consequence of adding a child's name to your account is that your money is exposed to that child's credit problems. Just imagine, after naming your son Helpful Harry as a co-owner on your account, he is involved in a car accident. If that mess ends up in court, your savings and checking accounts all have his name attached as an owner and will be subject to a lawsuit. The second negative consequence is that after your death, a jointly owned account will bypass your will and go straight to the living owner. Imagine that your will says to split everything evenly between Helpful Harry and your daughter, Bitter Barbara. Harry can try to explain to his sister that he was only trying to help pay the bills but the seeds may have been sown for an argument when those accounts go directly to Harry.

Before I move on to the solutions to these problems, I want to clear up another misconception. Some people believe that if they add Helpful Harry

and Bitter Barbara's name as owners, then 2/3 of the account would be protected from a nursing home. Unfortunately, that's just not true. Any bank account that you have total access to, meaning you could in theory withdraw 100% of the money, is counted fully towards nursing home payments. Another way of saying this is that every name on the account owns 100% of the account.

Fortunately, there is a way to let Helpful Harry assist you with your finances without exposing your savings to his creditors or throwing a monkey

wrench into your estate plan. The way to do this is to name Harry as your Power of Attorney. When your child is acting as power of attorney, they can monitor accounts and pay bills on your behalf. However, none of these actions make them an owner of your assets. By doing this, you keep all of the positives of joint ownership with none of the negatives.

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Mike Mathers

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when it stopped, the car bounced up and down worse than "that canoe in the closing credits."

He finally relented at the start of season seven, swapping the Park Lane for a shiny new '74 Mercury Marquis...black, of course. The effect was essentially the same: McGarrett's ominous sedan, prowling the palm-lined streets and hunting down thugs in bright, flowered shirts.

Bad guys in polyester suits, predictable plot twists....and squealing tires stealing the scene. That's what 70s TV was to me. Still memorable long beyond that little dot disappearing from the center of the screen after you'd snapped off the set.

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Fillet your catch the way you like them

Take equal parts of yellow corn meal and parmesan cheese

Add a tablespoon of dill weed (freeze-dried or fresh)

Salt and pepper to taste

Mix the above according to how much you'll need to cover your fillets. Heat your frying oil to at least 375 degrees, drop those fillets in and let'em fry till brown. Take'em out and squeeze some fresh lemon on them. Your tongue will slap your face. Hope you enjoy.

Tournament dates to remember:
May 1-3 MSSA Spring Rockfish Tournament 410-255-5535
May 23-24 6th Annual Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament 410-213-1613

Did you know? Clam larva once released from the parents' shell are about the size of a period. They scatter and sink to the bottom. There they wait for a host, usually an unsuspecting fish where the larva attach to the fish's fins, body or gills. The tissues of the fish grow over the tiny larva and create a cyst. Then the young clams break out of the cyst and fall to the bottom to live the rest of their adult lives.

Remember to take a kid fishing.



Donation
Wayne Benson, president of the Bank of Ocean City, presents a \$25,000 donation to Alane Capen, president of Coastal Hospice, towards the capital campaign to build Coastal Hospice at the Ocean, a new hospice residence and outreach center in Berlin.

Tide and Sun Chart				
* tide is for Ocean City Fishing Pier. Add two hours for Isle of Wight tide				
DATE	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thur., April 16	6:00 a.m. 6:25 a.m.	12:17 p.m.	6:23 a.m.	7:37 p.m.
Fri., April 17	6:53 a.m. 7:18 p.m.	12:48 a.m. 1:07 p.m.	6:22 a.m.	7:38 p.m.
Sat., April 18	7:44 a.m. 8:09 p.m.	1:42 a.m. 1:56 p.m.	6:20 a.m.	7:39 p.m.
Sun., April 19	8:35 a.m. 8:59 p.m.	2:34 a.m. 2:43 p.m.	6:19 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
Mon., April 20	9:24 a.m. 9:49 p.m.	3:25 a.m. 3:31 p.m.	6:18 a.m.	7:41 p.m.
Tues., April 21	10:13 a.m. 10:38 p.m.	4:16 a.m. 4:19 p.m.	6:16 a.m.	7:42 p.m.
Wed., April 22	11:02 a.m. 11:27 p.m.	5:07 a.m. 5:09 p.m.	6:15 a.m.	7:43 p.m.



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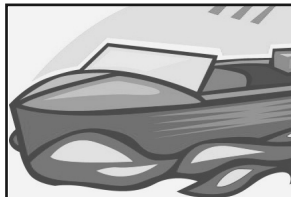
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Decker joins Kiwanis

Kacey Decker was inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City during the April 8 meeting. Kacey was born in Ocean City. She graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 2005. She attended McDaniel College; graduating with a degree in Environmental Biology. Kacey works for the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore.

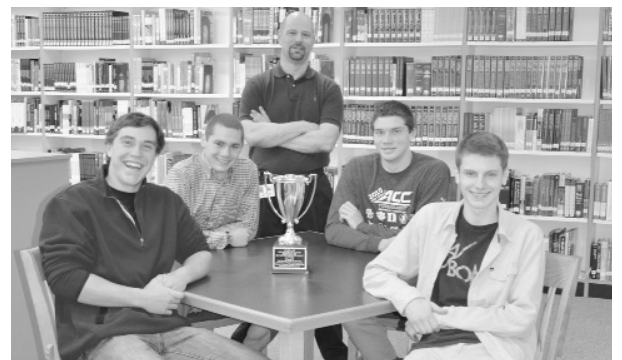
Pictured are (L-R) Kiwanis President **Carolyn Dryzga**, Kacey's sponsor **J. Graham Caldwell**, Kacey and Kiwanis Membership Chair **Mike Morton**.

Tea party to meet

The Worcester County Tea Party will meet Thursday, April 16. The guest speakers will be Worcester County Commissioners Jim Bunting and Chip Bertino who will discuss the Fiscal 2016 budget. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the large meeting room of the Ocean Pines library. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information email WCTPPatriots@gmail.com, go to the web site www.worcestercountyteaparty.com, <https://www.facebook.com/WorcesterCountyTeaParty> or call 443-614-7214.



Donation - The Empty Bowl project at the Ocean City Center for the Arts raised more than \$10,000 for programs at the non-profits Diakonia and the Art League of Ocean City. Pictured from left are **Debbi Anderson** and **Claudia Nagle**, both of Diakonia, **Rina Thaler** of the Ocean City Center for the Arts, and **Marian Bickerstaff** of The Art League of Ocean City.



Students are up for a challenge

Stephen Decatur High School Economics teacher **Kurt Marx** (standing) and his students, (left to right), **Gary Frick**, **Austin Hickey**, **Graham Hall**, and **Sean Velazquez-Alvino**, placed 2nd in their division of the Maryland Economics Challenge. This two-division competition is designed to enhance awareness and build a sense of teamwork in students through an intense competition that tests their knowledge in the areas of macroeconomics, microeconomics, international economics, and current economics events. The team competed against various Maryland high school teams from Carroll, Baltimore, Howard, and Montgomery counties.

Community Calendar

When submitting items for the calendar please include the event name, date, where held, time and a little about the event. Items being considered for the calendar need to be in by noon on Friday. E-mail to thecourier@delmarvacourier.com

Mondays

Ocean Pines Poker Club

Poker players wanted in Ocean Pines area for Monday evenings. Call 410-208-1928

Open every Monday through October: **Historic St. Martin's Church Museum.** 1-4 pm. 11413 Worcester Highway, Showell, MD. For more information, call 410-251-2849

Sweet Adelines

The Delmarva Sweet Adeline Chorus meets from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Call 410-641-6876.

Mon. & Tues.

Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge

Open bridge games Monday at 12 p.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m. at OP Community Center. Call Mary Stover 410-726-1795

Mon., Wed. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

OC Baptist Church's Thrift Shop by Seaside Christian Academy behind White Marlin Mall open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon. & Wed., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat. Call 410-251-6971.

Tuesdays

Families Anonymous

From 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at room 37 in the the Community Church at Ocean Pines on Rte. 589. For more information call Carol at 410-208-4515.

Take off Pounds Sensibly Meeting.

Berlin group No. 331, Worcester County Health Center 9730 Healthway Dr., Berlin, 5:30-7:00 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly on Tuesdays. Info: jean-duck47@gmail.com

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Poker players wanted for Gentlemen's Poker in North Gate area Ocean Pines. Game played

every Tuesday & Thursday evening 5:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. on Pinehurst Rd. Ocean Pines. Call 410-208-0063 for more information.

Wednesdays

Kiwanis Club Meeting

Weekly meetings at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors open 7 a.m. October through April.

Elks Bingo

Ocean City Elks in Ocean City (behind Fenwick Inn) open at 5:30 p.m. Early birds at 6:30 and bingo at 7 p.m. Call 410-250-2645.

Delmarva Hand Dancing

Dancing at The Fenwick Inn in Ocean City from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Contact 302-934-7951 or info@delmarvahanddancing.com

Rotary Club

Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club meetings are held at 5:45 p.m. at the Captains Table in Ocean City. Contact Stan.Kahn@carouselhotel.com.

Square Dancing

The Pinesteppers have introduction to square dancing at the OP Community Center at 7 p.m. Call Bruce Barrett at 410-208-6777.

AL-Anon/OP-West OC-Berlin

Wednesday Night Bayside Beginnings Al-Anon family meetings are held at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Thurs. & Fri.

Church Thrift Shop

Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin is open Wed. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sale Fridays. Call 410-641-1137.

Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

Church Thrift Shop

The Shepherd's Nook at Community Church at Ocean Pines is

open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 410-641-5433.

Diakonia Thrift Shop

'Used to be Mine' offers clothing, furniture, household items and more. Proceeds benefit Diakonia shelter and pantry. Located at Rte. 611 and Sunset Ave. Open 10 - 4. Call 410-213-0243.

Thursdays

Story Time

Stories, music and crafts at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3-5 at Ocean Pines library. Call 410-208-4014.

Beach Singles

Beach Singles 45 for Happy Hour at Harpoon Hanna's at 4 p.m. Call Arlene at 302-436-9577, Kate at 410-524-0649 or Dianne at 302-541-4642.

Legion Bingo

American Legion in Ocean City opens doors at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7. For information call 410-289-3166.

Gamblers Anonymous

Group meets at 8 p.m. at the Atlantic Club, 11827 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City. Call 888-424-3577 for help.

Fridays

Knights of Columbus Bingo

Bingo will be held behind St. Luke's Church, 100th St. in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments available. Call 410-524-7994.

Sundays

Sunday Night Serenity **Al-Anon Family Group** at The Woodlands/Independent Living Apt. Bldg. 1135 Ocean Parkway-Ocean Pines, Md. 21811

Third Sunday

Sharing Sunday

Bring non-perishable groceries and paper goods to the Ocean Pines southside fire hall 1 -3 p.m. to benefit local food banks.

Third Monday

Democratic Women

The Democratic Women meet 9:30 a.m. for coffee followed by

a meeting at 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Guests and new members are welcome.

Third Tuesday

Widows & Widowers Social Club.

Group meets in Ocean Pines at 1 p.m. for luncheon meeting. Call 410-208-1398.

Third Wednesday

Survivors of Suicide Meeting

Starts at 6 p.m. at the Worcester County Health Department. 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Quiet listening, caring people, no judgment. For more information, call 410-629-0164 or visit www.choosetoliveinmaryland.org.

Fourth Wednesday

Marine Corps League

First State Detachment Marine Corps League raises funds for a variety of charities and meets at 7 p.m. in VFW Post 8296, 66th St. Ocean City. Open to all fellow Marines and FMF Corpsmen. Visit www.firststatemarines.org.

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remembrance
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There was no better place to have dinner than at Bob and Sherri's dining room table. The food was always good but it was the conversation and laughter that set those experiences apart. For several years running we spent New Year's Eve at their home enjoying dinner and camaraderie. One particular holiday stands out. At the table were the Reynolds, Susan and I and the Lassahns. Susan and I had planned to take our leave around 9:30 p.m. Well, so engrossed were we in the conversation that at one point we became aware it was a few minutes before midnight. We gathered around the television and watched the ball drop in Times Square. We had completely lost track of the time.

Susan once asked Joe Reynolds what his definition of fine dining was. He articulated what many of us believed. He defined fine dining as sitting at a Bob and Sherri's table. How true!

A number of years ago a delegation of Mongolian women were visiting the United States to better understand political campaigning and elections. These were professional women who were planning to run for office in their country. When I learned about this visit from Roseann Bridgman while we were walking through the buffet line at a Versakat's concert, I had the idea of hosting a dinner for them. Unfortunately it couldn't be held at our house because we were having work done. Undeterred, when I got back to our table, I shared with Sherri my idea and that I wanted to have the dinner at her house. Without missing a beat she pulled her calendar from her purse, turned to Bob and confirmed a date.

It was Bob's idea that a full Thanksgiving dinner be prepared so the women could get an understanding of an American tradition. On the day of the dinner he deep fried four turkeys and prepared a narrative on the history of the holiday. In addition to the female visitors, host families and translators attended. I also invited several people from around the community to join us. The evening got off to a slow start because of unfamiliarity and a language barrier. Finally, as dinner was finishing up, one of the Mongolian women said that it was customary to sing Mongolian folksongs at gatherings. Joe invited them to sing. The woman replied that

usually they first drank Vodka. Joe turned to Bob and asked, "Bob do you have any Vodka?" Without missing a beat Bob said, "Hold on" and went to the kitchen freezer and extracted a chilled bottle of Vodka. From that moment on the evening morphed into a memorable event of singing and dancing. Why? Because Bob yet again had what was necessary to transform the ordinary into the extraordinary.

Bob left us too soon. As a friend said to me while we were commiserating about his passing, "Why is it that it's always the good ones who leave us too early?" Why indeed. He made us comfortable with his hearty laugh and casual manner. He possessed an illuminating personality and we were all the better for having been in his presence.

He leaves behind a wife, Sherri,



Sherri Lassahn, Chip, Bob Lassahn and Susan Bertino

with whom he was married 52 years, a daughter, three granddaughters and three great-granddaughters as well as

the many, many friends.

Goodbye friend and thank you!

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