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- Pastor Dan S. Baty

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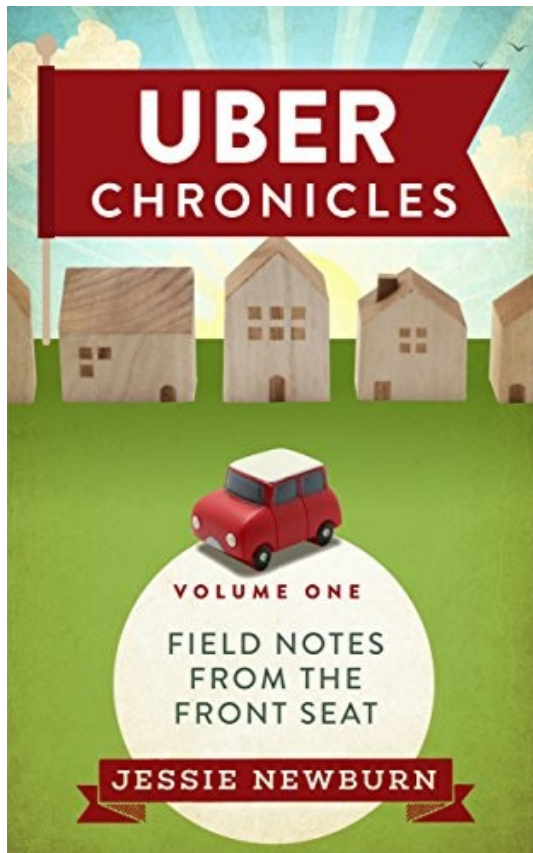
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Columbia Resident Chronicles Experiences Driving Miss Daisy, et al, as Uber Driver



After years of connecting with people in and around Howard County through TotallyHoco and HoCoBlogs, Jessie Newburn writes a book, where she continues to connect.

Columbia resident Jessie Newburn has published a book, *Uber Chronicles: Field Notes from the Front Seat*.

The book chronicles her trips, adventures and even some rather ho-hum times driving for Uber in the Baltimore-Washington area. She shares a story about each and every passenger she has picked up: the exchange and the conversation. There is also a "key experience" gleaned from each of the 56 rides she describes.

Says Gabe Karpati, one of her pre-release readers, "There is a relaxing magical quality to the way she writes these stories. A sweet quiet zen silence that is shining through every line. Jessie presents these encounters like a meditation, where the seer observes but doesn't get entangled."

"Driving for Uber has been an unexpected gift," Newburn says. "I've been taken by the intimacy of shared space and time with my passengers."

I think in some ways passengers are willing to reveal more information about their lives with me and other Uber drivers when they know that our time together is defined and (mostly) short. And sometimes they want a quiet ride with no conversation. The book covers each and every passenger."

The book, currently on Kindle, is available at Amazon.com, <http://bit.ly/uber-chronicles>

A Facebook page for fans of the book can be found at facebook.com/uberchronicles.

Jessie Newburn lives in Columbia, Maryland, between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. She has been driving for Uber (and occasionally Lyft) since early 2016. As many passengers ask, "do you have another job?" she does. She is the #BizDev Manager at Atigro Digital Marketing. Jessie is also the founder of HoCoBlogs, a community of several hundred local bloggers, and of Totally-HoCo, a locally focused calendar site.

Look for next week's issue
with more stories about local
residents

Publisher's Notes

Bringing the Larger Community Together is a Worthwhile Venture



Community. Now there's a word for you. We hear the term frequently; especially in news stories or from spokespersons for philanthropic organizations. Generally, we have a sense of what the word means, but do we feel it? Do we experience community?

Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary defines community as "a unified body of individuals." When was the last time you thought of yourself as belonging to a group and walking in one accord with the other members?

Merriam-Webster goes on to describe one type of unified body or community as "the people with common interests living in a particular area."

So here we are living in close proximity, yet too often we are not connected. There is a myriad of reasons for our isolation within a community, including demanding schedules, ethnic diversity, and of course, the socio-economic divide. Those are just three points among many.

One element that is frequently missing might be communication. How can there be unity, if there is no voice? If those who have the voice cannot be heard by others, then how do we come together?

While we have social media and other means of connecting, the lines are not always drawn to the dots. Those who use one platform or belong to a particular organization are still apart from the larger throng.

Profitable news outlets must, by their nature, be about the numbers. So a city or county-wide newspaper may have some news that relates to you, but typically not much. Too much news about everyone else, but not about me, is a problem for those wanting to know what is happening down the street.

Here at the Guilford Gazette, we have been examining ways to produce a newspaper that meets the needs of the people in this community. You may ask, which community? We endeavor to cover Savage, Kings Contrivance, North Laurel, Jessup, and Guilford, while they all have their distinct characteristics they have one thing in common. Each of those areas falls within the Hammond High School district.

A good community deserves a good newspaper and our aim is to be that newspaper beginning now.

In this comeback issue, we are light on original articles, but in the coming weeks, expect to see news designed just for you.

We are looking forward to this journey with you.

Ricardo L. Whitaker

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Politics

Cardin Calls for the End of Kicking Budget Can Down the Road

Press Release from
Sen. Ben Cardin

WASHINGTON –

“Four months into the fiscal year, Republicans, who control the White House and both houses of Congress, finally understand that we cannot govern from continuing resolution to continuing resolution.

It took extreme measures to get us to this point. Leader McConnell will be held to his word that we

will have a spending bill that addresses both defense and non-defense priorities, along with a fair opportunity to pass immigration reform.

“Democrats never wanted to see the federal government shut down, even for a few days, but we needed to take a stand to keep this budget can from being kicked down the road again and again.

For Marylanders who work for or support the federal government, in-

cluding our military personnel, the frustration and hurt of a shutdown has hit especially hard. There is no such thing as a ‘good shutdown,’ as the president characterized it.

I’m proud of the military and civilian workers in Maryland who support our federal government, and will do all I can to ensure they are made whole after this experience.

These public servants represent the best of America and they deserve our respect and gratitude.”

Ben Cardin is a U.S. Senator from Maryland, and a ranking member of the U.S. Foreign Relations Committee and a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

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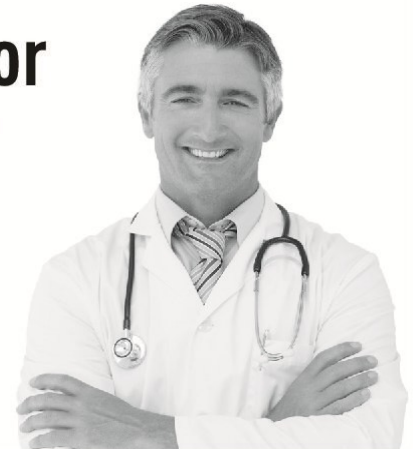
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EMTs Could Ride Bicycles to Disaster Scenes and Car Accidents

by **Zach Shapiro**
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland — From a proposal to protect ship captains from laser pointers to a possible end to a front license tag, here are some of the more interesting bills recently introduced in the Maryland General Assembly.

Public Safety – Emergency Medical Services (HB0139 and HB0140): Delegate Tony Knotts, D-Prince George's, is pushing for legislation to equip fire departments with motorcycles and bicycles for a faster response time in certain situations.

With vehicles that can maneuver through standstill traffic or go off terrain, Knotts said, EMTs can "cut life-saving times in half."

Opponents argue that a law wouldn't change anything – it's not illegal for an EMT to use a bike – but Knotts, who's fought for this for three years, thinks it will take legislation to raise awareness and encourage authorities to use them.

Criminal Law – Misuse of Laser Pointer (HB0125): Laser pointers can blind ship captains and aircraft pilots, said Calvert County Sheriff Mike Evans, who testified with Delegate Mark Fisher, R-

Calvert, during a House Judiciary hearing.

In April, deputies investigated an incident involving a laser pointer directed at Coast Guard vessels in the Chesapeake Bay. They found a suspect but, given the current law, couldn't file appropriate charges.

Knowingly shining a light at an aircraft and causing bodily harm to a pilot is punishable by imprisonment for up to 25 years – this bill would match that penalty for doing the same to vessels and other vehicles.

Public Information Act – Suits Filed by Custodians – Prohibition (SB0167): Sen. Brian Feldman, D-Montgomery, is taking proactive measures to try to protect the requester under the Public Information Act.

In rare cases, a custodian of public records has turned around and sued the requester – it's a way of scaring the requester with potential fees and litigation so that they back off, Feldman said.

Though no such case has happened in Maryland – current law establishes that all are entitled access to information on government affairs and that the Office of the Attorney General must post the contact information for every unit representative – Feldman said he wants Maryland to lead

the way in transparency.

The bill is not meant to override current law, in which access to some material is illegal, but the opposition argues that it does and would also lead to abuse of rights by the requester.

Motor Vehicle Laws – Registration Plants – Single Registration Plate Requirement (SB0012): Maryland could join 19 other states in requiring just a rear license plate for all vehicles.

Currently, only five classes of vehicles, including motorcycles and trailers, have just one plate. Sen. Katherine Klausmeier, D-Baltimore County and sponsor, said owners of vehicles without a front tag can rack up costs trying to install it themselves.

There's considerable opposition to this bill. Wicomico County Sheriff Mike Lewis testified that the front tag can be critical to finding hit-and-run offenders, saying it's "the only investigative piece of tangible evidence we have to link us to the striking vehicle."

Even if the tag doesn't fall off in a collision, Lewis said, it can leave an imprint in the other car. Opponents also argue that there are fiscal and safety benefits to having two tags. For one, front plates are often easier for electronic

tolls to read. And two, the Maryland Correctional Enterprises employs 70 inmates at the license tag plant at Jessup Correctional Institution.

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services warned that a new law would eliminate some job opportunities.

Sales and Use Tax – Hygienic Aids – Exemption (SB0081): A bill requested by Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot would exempt female hygienic products from the state sales and use tax.

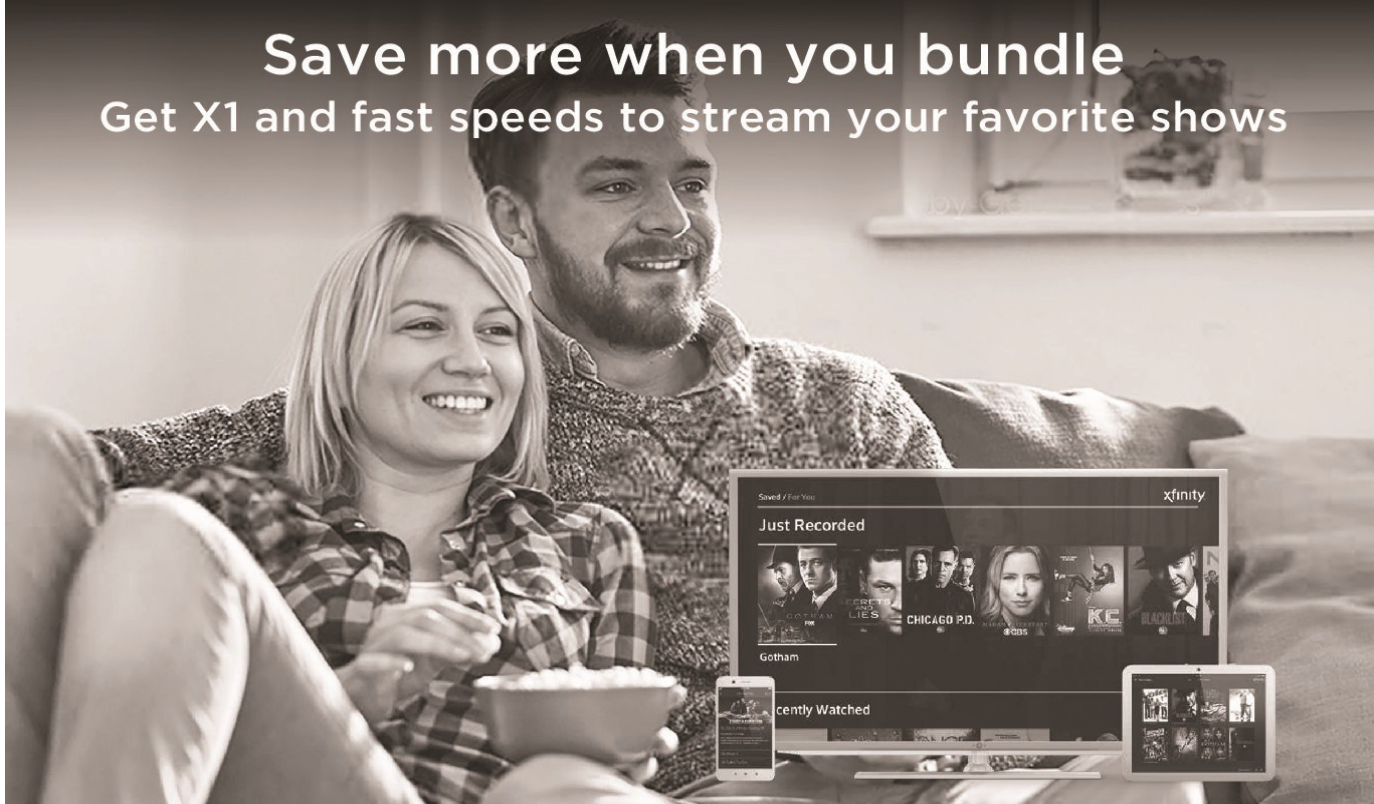
Under current law, tampons are exempt from the tax, along with baby oil, baby powder, sanitary napkins and disposable medical supplies.

Sponsored by Sen. Edward Kasemeyer, D-Baltimore and Howard Counties, the bill would follow the lead of Washington, D.C., which exempted all female hygiene products from sales and use tax in 2016.

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Business

Five Ways to Improve Your Financial Plan in 2018



by **StatePoint**

Spending too much and saving too little? Getting out of your current financial rut can feel daunting without the right habits and tools. Here are five ways to improve your financial plan now.

1. Set goals. What do your plans include? A car or house? An expensive getaway? Long-term retirement savings or a college fund for your children? Start by identifying your goals clearly. Then, figure out how to get there.

2. Plan smarter, not harder. The right tools on-

hand can make the business of financial planning easier. Consider such tools as a multi-functional desktop printing calculator, such as Casio's HR-150TMPlus, which features a 12-digit easy-to-read display and can print 2.4 lines per second. With two-color printing in red and black, exchange calculation and tax calculation, it can help you stay organized and accountable.

3. Follow the money.

Take a deep look into your spending habits. While a \$5 cup of coffee or a lunch out with coworkers may not seem like much at the time, indulging in these

expenditures five days a week will really add up over time. Think of all the money that can be put towards savings by making small changes to everyday habits. For example, pick one or two days a week to enjoy a lunch out with friends, but bring your own lunch the other days of the week. Skip the pricey latte and get yourself a thermos, so you can enjoy coffee brewed at home on your commute.

4. Analyze your expenses.

New apps and websites that connect to all your finances, including bank accounts, savings, credit cards, student loans and

more, can help you track your expenses and create and manage budgets. Graphs and charts help you understand all facets of your finances, so you can be more in tune with where your money is going, helping you navigate a plan to use it more wisely.

5. Make a change. Want to put your money to good, long-term use in a way that won't put a strain on your wallet? A selection of apps automatically round-up the leftover change from purchases made by you with your debit cards, and puts that change towards something else -- like student loans or investments.

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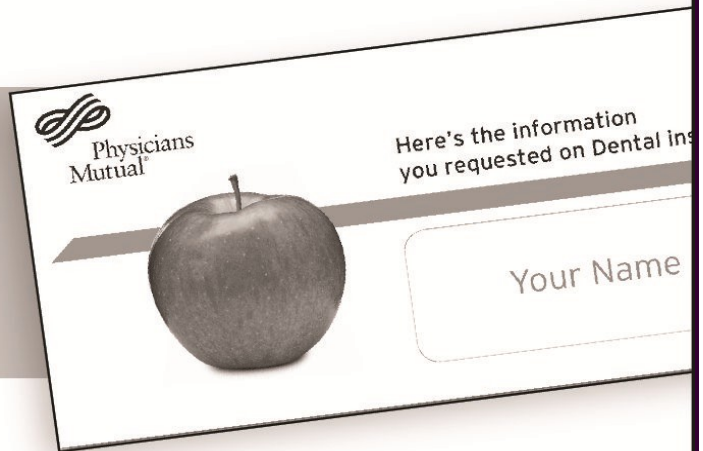


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Religion

Does the Christian Life Grant Immunity from Pain?



by **Dan S. Baty**

The men and women cursed, drank and smoked. Some had been into drugs and other stuff and some were burned out from the stressful climb to the top of their professions. Most were Christians. I was one of them and I loved being with them.

I had been hired to facilitate a series of discussions for people who just wanted to talk about life as it is, without editing any of their feelings and without the fear of being judged.

They wanted to be able to cry and scream and argue. They wanted to wrestle with truth; not sip tea and chat with it. They wanted to talk about the God of their experience

and attempt to reconcile Him with the God of their professed faith.

They wanted space to authentically process and recover.

The person who hired me to facilitate this group was a former pastor who had given up on the church as a vehicle for allowing people that space. He had concluded the church was far too mulched by dogma and traditions to allow true love to bloom. Love that embraces messy spirituality and cares for real people.

I didn't agree with his conclusion. In fact, as I was leading one of these sessions it became clear to me that I wanted to create a church environment that respected each person's place, pace and proc-

ess, just as the Lord respects mine. Just as He respected the seekers at the tavern.

We don't live in an easy world. It does no good to pretend that the issues Christians face are any easier than the ones facing those who do not believe.

It doesn't help the cause of Christ when believers act as though they are beyond human pain, confusion or sadness. The apostle Paul notes that to one degree or another all temptations are common to mankind (1 Corinthians 10:13), which includes Christians.

The grand difference between believers and non-believers is not found in a formula that prevents all suffering but in the treatment. The treatment that

comes from a living Savior, Jesus Christ, who not only accepted the sick and the sinful, they were His focus: *"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance"* (Luke 5:31-32).

Our "secret" to success is an increasingly intimate relationship with a living Savior who never judges us and is always coaching us to greater heights of living. So let us imitate Him in our treatment of one another.

(I'd love to hear from you. Write me at Pastor@ValleyBrook.church. You can also follow me on Facebook @ Dan S. Baty.)

Health

Fun Ways Your Family Can Get Fit Together, Right Now



by **StatePoint**

Is your fitness routine stuck in a rut? Searching for ways to spend more time with your family?

Why not combine these goals? There are a variety of ways to lead an active lifestyle that are suitable for the whole family and can include children of all ages.

Let these four creative ideas help you turn each day into an opportunity to get fit and have fun as a family, without stepping foot into the gym. As with any workout, it's important to have the proper gear, and that starts with footwear. So, each exercise below has a suggestion of what to look for when it comes to choosing the right shoe.

- **Participate in a charity run/walk:** Whether you're a seasoned runner or have just signed up to run your

first 5K, many fundraising races accommodate the entire family. For younger children, look for events that allow jogging strollers or that host a Fun Run. Events that show the importance of communities working together for a larger cause can provide a bonus to the fun.

Shoe to try: Nike, Adidas and Converse all have a variety of "updated classic" styles available in men, women and children's sizing, so that every family member can find a pair that reflects their personalities, while also providing necessary support for race day.

- **Outdoor activities:** Heading outdoors to go camping or hiking burns calories, while providing incredible views and memories.

Shoe to try: Built to go off-roading, ASICS hiking shoes features reversed

lugs on the outsole to ensure a dependable grip both uphill and downhill.

- **HIIT:** High-Intensity interval training is being incorporated into a lot of workouts these days. HIIT workouts alternate a quick, intense period of exercise, such as running or cycling, followed by a short, active recovery.

Shoe to try: A lightweight cross training shoes with a stable base -- such as a Nike Flex Trainer -- are a good selection when it comes to HIIT workouts.

- **Bodyweight training:** The benefits of bodyweight training are seemingly endless. From push-ups to squats, these exercises require no additional equipment and can be done anywhere and performed with many modifications. Get creative with your family by doing a circuit of your favorite bodyweight

exercises in the park.

Shoe to try: A shoe with a mesh and synthetic upper material is designed to keep feet cool. Find this feature in a style, such as the New Balance, which also have special midsoles to ensure comfort from start to finish.

New footwear is a great way for each family member to show his or her style, while getting motivated to meet fitness goals. Once you've got the plan in place, get into a fitness routine that works for your family and stick with it. For a one-stop-shopping experience, visit the Athletic Shop at Rack Room Shoes in stores or online.

To help ensure that everyone meets their fitness goals, consider combining fun family quality time with your workouts.

Sports

Globetrotters Coming to New UMBC Center in March



The Harlem Globetrotters' Firefly Fisher showing off for a packed crowd in Atlanta. **Photo by Brett Meister, Courtesy of the Harlem Globetrotters**

After 91 years of thrilling and exciting crowds of basketball fans all over the world, the [Harlem Globetrotters](#) will bring their 2018 “Amazing Feats of Basketball World Tour” to **UMBC Event Center in Baltimore on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 7 p.m.** The event will mark the first family show to debut at the newly built multi-purpose facility.

The Harlem Globetrotters will take their show to a new level this year by celebrating the special blend of basketball and entertainment which has made the team iconic. The team's

upcoming performance will showcase the high-flying, fun, and memory-making moments that the Globetrotters are known for. The dribbling, the dunking, and the shooting – don't forget, they led all of basketball in 4-point shots made in 2017 – will all be on full display during the 2018 tour.

The Globetrotters feature the world's largest collection of elite dunkers, including six players who have competed in the annual College Slam Dunk contest held during Final Four weekend, a Guinness World Record holder for slam dunks, and the 2016

winner of the popular TV show “The Dunk King.” The high-flying dunks do not end with the players, as 2018 will also mark the debut of the “Flying Globies” – an amazing acrobatic trampoline dunk team, which will defy gravity during the game action with their exciting in-air stunts.

The Globetrotters show is unrivaled in the world of family entertainment, with all-star Showmen like Big Easy Lofton, Hi-Lite Bruton, Ant Atkinson, and Hammer Harrison, as well as fan favorites Firefly Fisher, Bull Bullard, Thun-

der Law and Cheese Chisholm. To match the growing popularity of the Globetrotters' female stars, the team will feature four female players – the largest female roster in team history – including TNT Lister, Ace Jackson, Hoops Green, and Torch George.

Calendar

Savage Historical Society Meets at Faith and Ministry Center



Event: Savage Historical Society occurs on **Mon, Feb 19, 2018** at 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Category: Special Event

Location:

Faith & Ministry Center
9032 Baltimore Street
Savage MD 20763

TOPIC: "Wendel Bollman: Building Bridges

PRESENTER: Galen R. Menne, President, SHS

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Contact: Helen Rushing, Secretary

Zumba for Women at Kings Contrivance Center Through Feb 10th

Event: Zumba with Nefertiti repeats every week on **Saturday** at 10:15am beginning **Sat, Jan 27, 2018** and ending **Sat, Feb 10, 2018**

Category: Sports & Fitness

Location:

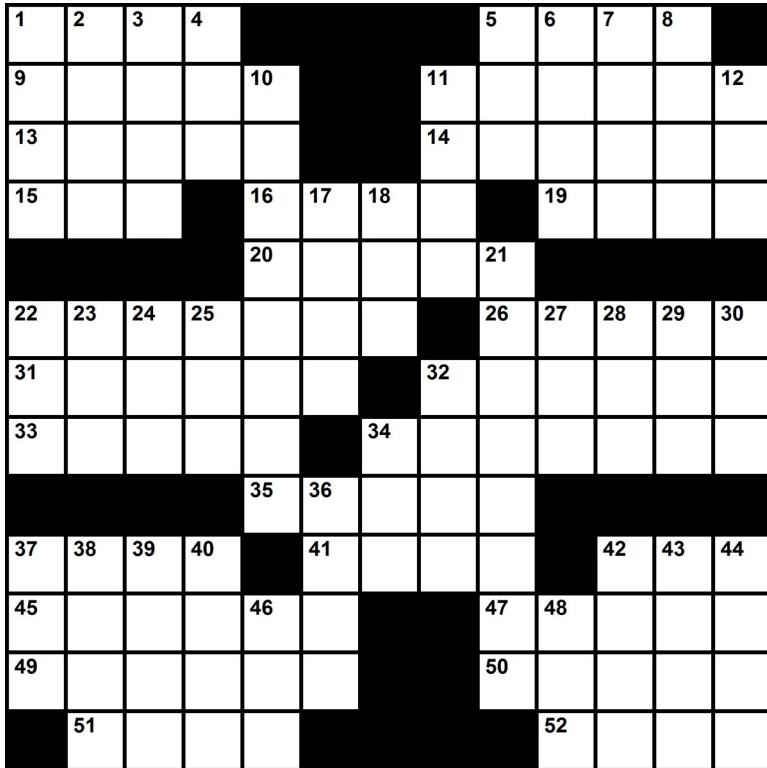
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Comics / Puzzles



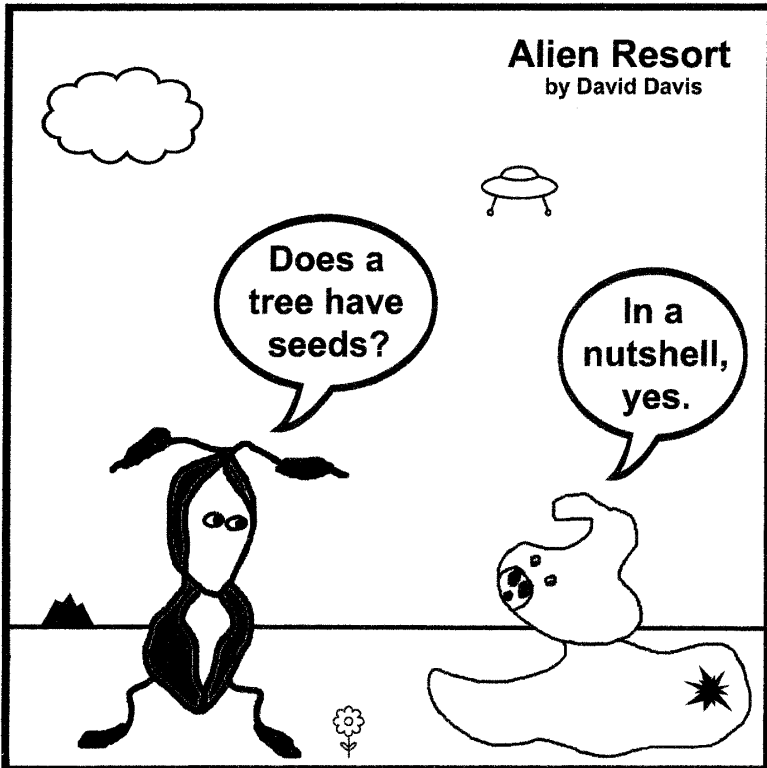
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Across

- 1. Hagglng word
- 5. Burst
- 9. Posed
- 11. Oregonian
- 13. Like some lingerie
- 14. Marvel at
- 15. Haul off
- 16. Bible book
- 19. Ran, as colors
- 20. Not as good
- 22. In a rush
- 26. Townie
- 31. Harsh
- 32. House check and balance
- 33. Lacing
- 34. Paid for
- 35. "Naughty you!"
- 37. Kuwaiti
- 41. Sign in a store window
- 42. Martini ingredient
- 45. Carmaker's woe
- 47. Exchange your car
- 49. Deserved
- 50. Things to deck
- 51. Take a breather
- 52. Convene

Down

- 4. Recognize
- 5. Greenhouse plot
- 6. Souvlaki meat
- 7. Google promised not to be
- 8. Wolf type
- 10. Lotteries
- 11. Low in pitch
- 12. Scarlet or burgundy
- 17. Icy
- 18. Attempt
- 21. Hour before midnight
- 22. QB's cry
- 23. "___ calls?"
- 24. Mountain shoe
- 25. Metal
- 27. Number
- 28. Garage contents
- 29. Devoured
- 30. Was ahead
- 32. Just a little bit
- 34. Baseball hat
- 36. Reserve
- 37. "We __ Family"
- 38. Back end
- 39. Farm unit
- 40. Forbids
- 42. Strong wind
- 43. Like some threats
- 44. Branch headquarters?
- 46. Court decision
- 48. Computer memory



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Crime

HCPD Crime Bulletin Within the Hammond District Boundaries

MONDAY, JAN. 29

Robbery Arrest Update:

Police have made an arrest in a year-old armed robbery in ElkrIDGE, John Ciri Gray, 20, of Sawmill Branch road in Gwynn Oak, has been charged in a case from Jan. 29, 2017, with armed robbery, robbery, assault, theft, and weapon violations. Police believe that Gray entered Maria's Baja Cafe in the 7800 block of Washington Boulevard around 8:24 p.m., displayed a gun, and demanded cash. The employees complied and Gray fled. No one was injured.

Robbery:

Columbia, 21046: CVS Pharmacy, 8600 block of Guilford Road, Jan. 29 at 10:27 a.m. An employee reported that two male suspects with their faces partially covered entered the store, threatened the employee, and stole prescription medication before fleeing. No one was injured. The investigation is ongoing.

SUSPECTS: two black males, one 5'10" wearing a dark sleeved shirt and green vest, the other 5'7" wearing dark clothing and a jacket

Carjacking:

Laurel, 20707: 10100 block of Washington Boulevard, Jan 27 at 2:35 a.m. An adult male victim reported that a male suspect entered the passenger seat of his vehicle, implied a weapon, and demanded cash. The victim fled and the suspect drove off in the vehicle. Police located the vehicle and the suspect and arrested him. No one was injured.

ARRESTED: Preston Lee Harrison, 28, of Laurel Avenue in Laurel, charged with armed carjacking, armed robbery, kidnapping, motor vehicle theft, rogue and vagabond, and theft

Commercial burglary:

Jessup, 2017: Ortega Tire, 8800 block of Washington Boulevard, Jan. 28 at 1:23 p.m.

Unknown suspect(s) gained entry to the business by breaking a window and stole tires.

Vehicle theft:

Columbia, 21045: 7200 block of Sleep Soft Circle, Jan. 27-28 overnight

2012 Nissan Versa

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

Vehicle theft:

ElkrIDGE, 21075: 5700 block of Washington Boulevard, Jan. 25, 10:14 a.m.

GMC truck

Laurel, 20723: Lynn Buff Court & Washington Boulevard, Jan. 25, 8:10 p.m.

2009 Mercedes-Benz C-Class

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

Vehicle theft:

Columbia, 21046: 8700 block of Robert Fulton Drive, Jan. 24, 8:15 a.m.

2008 BMW, tags MD/39121CG

Laurel, 20723: 9500 block of Lynn Buff Court, Jan. 24, 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 24

Residential burglary

Columbia, 21045: 9200 block of Curtis Drive, Jan. 22, 9:30 p.m. A female suspect gained entry to the residence without permission by accessing a key from a realtor lock box. Police responded and arrested her.

ARRESTED: Diane Michelle Amory, 52, of Blue Ridge Drive in Annapolis, charged with burglary and theft

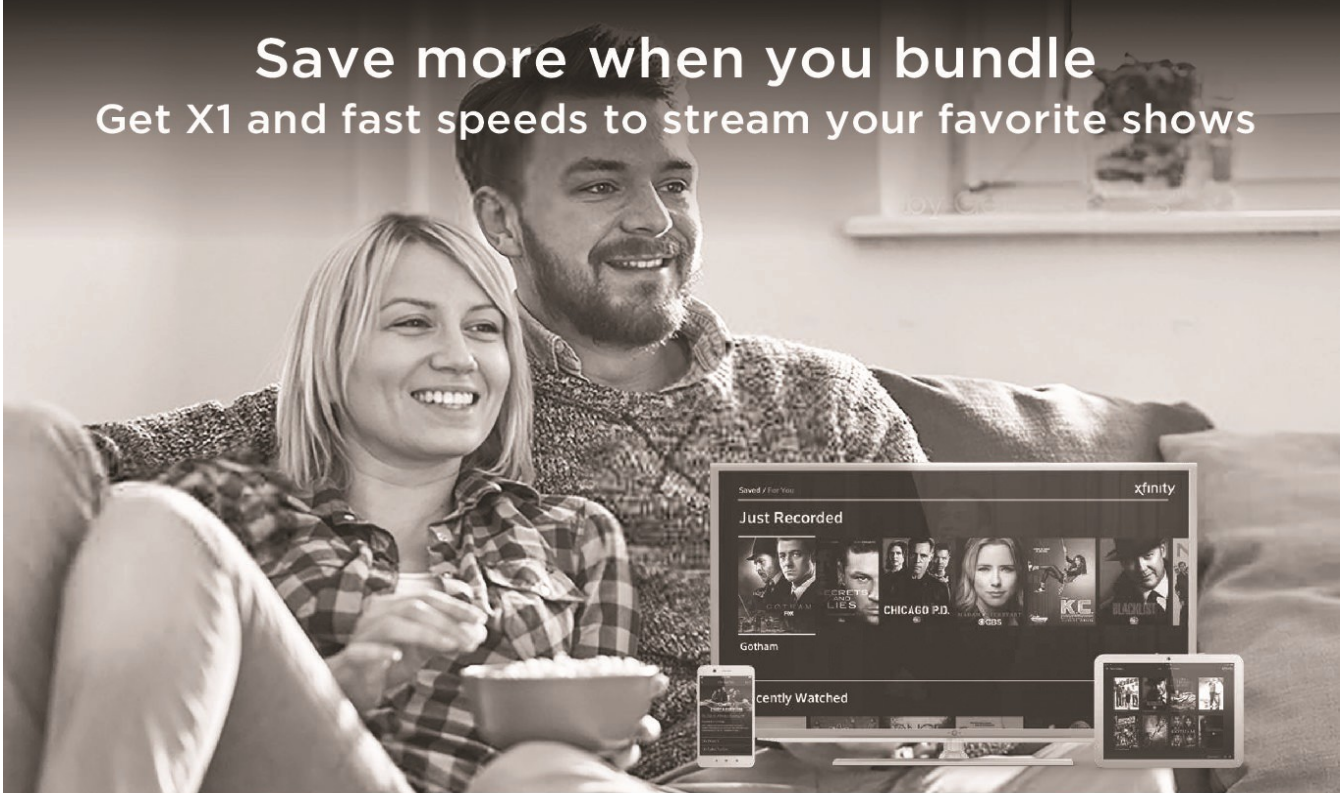
TUESDAY, JAN 23

Residential burglary

Savage, 20763: 8800 block of Baltimore St., Jan. 22, 4:30 p.m. Police responded, reported several individuals were inside a vacant residence without permission. **ARRESTED:** Sebastian Cruz, 18 of Savage, MD

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