

## Tri-County Passings

### Patricia Langdon



was clearly the most competent person in her home and she was always successful at anything she attempted to do. She could change the coil in the dryer, put together a party for 25 people, and tend to someone's injury, often all in the same day. She also loved to play golf and mahjong with her friends. After she raised her family in Yorktown Heights, NY Pat and Dave retired to The Villages in Lady Lake, Florida outside Orlando, FL in 1998, where they would live out a retirement fantasy life for most of the rest of their days.

Former Villages (Lady Lake, FL) and Yorktown Heights, N.Y. resident Patricia (Pat) Ann (O'Connor) Langdon passed from this earth on February 25th, 2018 to reunite in Heaven, with her beloved husband David Langdon, who predeceased her in 2016. Patricia was born March 29, 1939 in the Bronx, N.Y., to Frank and Eleanor (Kennington) O'Connor. She graduated from St. Barnabas High School, in the Woodlawn section of the Bronx, and then received her Nursing Degree from Misericordia Hospital School of Nursing in The Bronx in 1961. Pat seriously contemplated becoming a nun until fate intervened. At a mixer, in the Catskills in 1960, she met Dave (her future husband of 54 years). She remained a devout Catholic her whole life, but the tall, smooth talking, auburn haired guy, from the opposite side of the tracks had simply proved to be too much to overcome. They were married on May 13th, 1961. Pat began work as a nurse at Misericordia Hospital in the Bronx in 1961. From 1968 she worked at Hudson Valley Hospital in Peekskill, NY (formerly Peekskill Community Hospital) until her retirement in 1997. Her natural instincts as a caregiver and her servant's heart always made her an excellent and conscientious nurse, a wonderful mother, and a loving wife. Pat and Dave lived briefly in the Bronx and White Plains before settling in Yorktown Heights, NY in 1968 where they raised their 4 children. Pat was constantly the Oakside neighborhood nurse on call to tend to the prolific scrapes, cuts, bruises, and the occasional broken bone suffered by the Oakside children, throughout their rambunctious lives. She

Pat and Dave loved the golf cart community lifestyle in The Villages and they made many, many dear friends there. For several years they threw the Legendary Langdon's St. Patrick's Day Party and Langdon's New Year's Eve Party at their home bar, Langdon's Irish Pub, complete with lovely parting gifts for all of their guests. Pat was an avid and enthusiastic volunteer for many worthy charities and community service organizations. She was always willing to lend a hand, to help anyone in need, or tend to the infirmed. Once a nurse always a nurse till the end. She and Dave delivered Meals on Wheels to those in need for years and cherished the friends they made through that endeavor. St. Timothy's Catholic Church, Operation Shoebox, The Retired Nurses Association, Respite Care for the dying, were also recipients of her vast experience, and her energy and time. She loved her children and doted on her beloved grandchildren. She was a loyal and kind friend and simply a wonderful person. Pat will be greatly missed by her family and friends and all whose lives she touched. Parent is one of the most cherished titles that the world can bestow, and one of the greatest blessings is to have parents you call Mom and Dad. All of the Langdons are fortunate, both to be parents, and to have been gifted with such great parents, our Mom (Pat) and Dad (Dave). Pat is survived by her children Chris (Kerry), Matt, Glenn (Denise), Jennifer (Eric Correll) and by her grandchildren Sean, Cash, Danielle, Jamie, Quinn, Charlotte, and her sister Ellie Chase. She was predeceased by her brothers Frank, John, Richie, and Charlie O'Connor. A celebration of her exemplary life is planned for June in N.Y.

### Robert Francis Miller (Age 99)



On Thursday, March 1, 2018, of Washington, DC and The Villages, Florida. Beloved husband of the late Anna F. Miller, Theodosia S. Miller and Ellen M. Miller; father of Joanne C. Genevish; grandfather of Nicholas G. Genevish and Anne M. (Brad) Matanin; great-grandfather of Reid Robert and Avery Anne Matanin; step-father of the late James (Diane) Henderson, late Lee Vertuno, Suzanne Vertuno and Jay Vertuno; brother of the late Mary (Joseph) Khuen, Norman (Peggy) Miller, Margaret (Lawrence) Hartnett, Harry (Mildred) Miller, and Catherine (Kenneth) Usilton. Forever remembered by numerous nieces, nephews, step-grandchildren, extended family and dear friends.

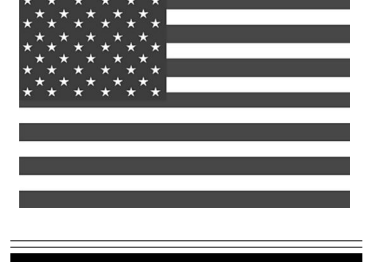
Born in 1918 to the late John and Margaret Miller in the Eckington neighborhood of Northeast Washington.

A 1936 graduate of St. John's College High School. World War II veteran from 1941 to 1945 serving in the European Theater of Operations, United States Army from Normandy through the Battle of the Bulge.

Retired in 1972 as a Lieutenant after 27 years with the Metropolitan Police Department. Member of the Knights of Columbus, V.F.W. American Legion, B.P.O.E. and L.O.O.M.

Relatives and friends may call at Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, MD, (Valet Parking), on Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Rd., Beltsville, MD, on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 10 a.m. Interment Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in the name of Robert F. Miller to the Dollard Suter Family Fund (police). MedStar Montgomery Medical Center, or St. John's College High School. www.COLLINSFUNERALHOME.com



### NOTABLE DEATH

## Inventor's Firm: Creator Of the Wind-Up Radio Dies

The Associated Press

**LONDON** Trevor Baylis, creator of the clockwork radio, has died at 80. David Bunting, CEO of Trevor Baylis Brands, said Baylis died Monday after a lengthy illness.

Baylis developed his best-known invention after seeing a television program on AIDS in Africa and learning that people weren't getting lifesaving information because they didn't have electricity and couldn't afford batteries to power radios. Inspired by old-fashioned gramophones, Baylis designed a wind-up radio.

## local news

# Commission Discusses Transportation Projects At Wildwood Workshop

The commissioners also discussed a possible time change for future meetings.

By RACHEL STUART  
Daily Sun Staff Writer

**WILDWOOD** At the Wildwood City Commission workshop Monday, commissioners discussed updates to area transportation projects.

The commission discussed the U.S. Highway 301 Complete Streets Project, on Main Street from Huey Street to Cleveland Avenue (County Road 466A).

City Manager Jason McHugh said the study phase for the project is funded, and Florida Department of Transportation will conduct the study at some point this year.

"That's the first part of the project," McHugh said.

For the study phase, FDOT will assess the established boundaries of the project and identify recommended improvements, which could include enhanced landscaping, access management, medians and safety enhancements for pedestrians, multi-modal lanes and decorative fixtures.

Community Redevelopment Area projects also were discussed at the meeting, which include repaving and restriping roadways, adding a sidewalk connection on Huey Street, improving the park on Maddox Street and adding stop bars and crosswalks at 35 locations.

The commission also reviewed a proposal to extend Meggison Road south into the future Village of Southern Oaks. McHugh said he does not know how far the road will extend.

In regards to County Road

501 improvements — widening the road from two lanes to a divided four-lane section from county roads 468 to 470 — McHugh said the road will temporarily close for construction within the next few weeks.

He anticipates it will remain closed through the end of the year.

Construction currently is underway on County Road 468 to widen the road from two lanes to a four-lane divided roadway with bike lanes and sidewalks from U.S. Highway 301 to County Road 505. McHugh said he does not know the completion date for the project.

Times for future commission meetings also were discussed at the workshop.

The commission directed McHugh to prepare a resolution to modify city commission meetings on the second Monday of each month to take place at 9 a.m. instead of 7 p.m.

The commission will review the resolution for approval at the March 12 meeting.

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### PUBLIC SAFETY

## Weirsdale Teen Missing Since February

The Marion County Sheriff's Office issued a missing person report Monday for Weirsdale resident Michael Edward Sparks.



Sparks, 16, was last seen Feb. 28 when he was dropped off at his school bus stop. He never showed up for class at Lake Weir High School, according to the report. Officials believe Sparks may be trying to travel to Montana or Ohio. Anyone with information on his whereabouts should call 352-732-9111.

—Katherine Brown, Daily Sun

### NEWS IN BRIEF

## Contractors Prepare to Work On U.S. Hwy 301

**WILDWOOD** Expect temporary lane closures to start within the next couple of weeks on two sections of U.S. Highway 301 in Sumter County.

Motorists should expect the closures as workers refurbish the pavement during the day on one stretch of the highway in front of the Peppertree apartments and strip retail center and also another stretch between county roads 202/104 and CR 204 north of County Road 466 in the Oxford section of Wildwood, according to the Florida Department of Transportation.

Lighted construction signs are up advising motorists of the pending construction at both sections of the highway.

—David R. Corder, Daily Sun

## Feel the Beat at Tao: Drumheart Performance

The internationally acclaimed Japanese percussion group comes March 13 to the Sharon.

By KRISTEN FIORE  
Daily Sun Staff Writer

Residents soon can enjoy the traditional drum music of Japan without traveling any farther than the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

Internationally acclaimed Japanese percussion group Drum Tao will perform at 7 p.m. March 13 at The Sharon. Taro Harasaki, one of the lead performers in the group, describes the show as an energetic and traditional Japanese performance with a modern twist.

"Our show is full of energy and power," Harasaki said. "It encourages, energizes and empowers people. We want people to enjoy the show."

Harasaki said Drum Tao was formed about 25 years ago. In 2004, Drum Tao attended the Edinburgh Festival Fringe for the first time and was a smash hit, according to the group's official website.

Now the group boasts performances in more than 24 countries and 500 cities.

The group's new show, Tao: Drumheart, features traditional Japanese percussion with new modern elements, not only in the music but in the set, choreography and costumes.

Harasaki said Drum Tao is one of the most popular shows in Japan, and the group is excited to bring the show and culture to the United States.



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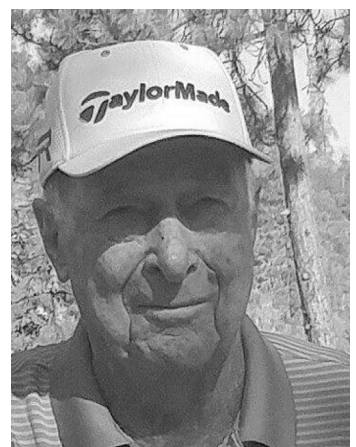
Today, the group boasts performances in more than 24 countries and 500 cities.

"This is our first time going to The Villages," Harasaki said. "We're so happy to be going and to perform for the people there. We really recommend that they come and see the show, because it's something a lot of people have never seen."

Tickets for Tao: Drumheart range from \$30 to \$76 and can be purchased online at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location.

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### Harold "Bud" Wiechman



he would also spend much of his time with.

Bud made an impression for his quiet and willing call to help friends, neighbors and family, and was a fantastic example of a fine, self-effacing citizen and neighbor.

He loved golf, and loved to cook and bake oatmeal cookies. His favorite daily routine was happy hour, which he also called "Beer:30".

Many friends and family will miss Bud's dry humor and golf lessons.

On February 27th, 2018, Major Harold "Bud" Wiechman, 88, passed away peacefully with family by his side.

Born in California, he joined the Air Force at age 19. Bud was a pilot and quickly became a Major, flying C-130s, his greatest love.

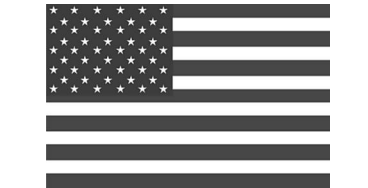
He fell in love and married Consuelo Hill and shared Air Force life for twenty years. After leaving the service, he showed his talent by designing and building a series of condominium complexes on South Padre Island, TX. However, much of his retired life was spent living in The Villages and playing golf with his buddies at Hacienda Golf Resort.

When Bud traveled, and he did a lot, he would fly out to Midpines, CA, to see family. He would also go on wonderful trips with his devoted friend of fifteen years, Laura Joiner, who

Survived by his loving daughter Sherri Waltrip (Tampa), granddaughter Lynn Baker and her husband Monte Baker (Texas), grandson Ron "Bud" Makelke (California), Nephew Greg Brown & his wife Mary Brown, Great-Nephew Kyle Brown, Sister Charlotte Brown (all from California).

We will miss you, so much, on this crazy planet of "turds & hurtles".

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