



*The spirit of the season thrives in our decorated homes. Family Album has more such beautiful displays on page 2.*



*Friends from Hosanna Worship wish all a Merry Christmas. See even more well wishes throughout this issue.*



*Jolly Old St. Nick has a famous poem written about him. Read about it in Fun Facts on page 7.*



*The mask helps obscure this Santa, recently in the news. See if you know him and the other Santas on Name the Santa on page 13.*



*Season's Greetings from all of us at the Monocle!*

# Family Album



*A few of  
the Monocle's  
favorite home  
decorations  
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## Season's Greetings at A Time of New Hope

By Rande Davis

This edition of the *Monocle*, our second annual Season's Greetings issue, is our heartfelt memento from all of us at the newspaper and our advertisers in 2020, to you, our valued and loyal readers.

Amazingly, in this small town, we are blessed to have nearly forty charitable or nonprofit service groups providing care, love, and support to us by helping make life better here every day. In this issue, many are extending their seasonal best wishes to you now and into the new year. We invite any of the other such groups to join us next year in sharing this loving sentiment as well.

We especially thank our advertisers without whom the *Monocle* could not even exist. Their sense of community is demonstrated, not only as advertisers in the *Monocle*, but throughout the whole year in all they do to serve us. Their importance to the community is not just in their products and services but through their contributions and donations to the charitable service groups among us. We are a much better community because of them. We deeply thank them and hope that you do, too, by your continued patronage of them every single day year-round. Whenever you need to purchase anything, please always consider our advertisers first.

Our cover picture once again seeks to recreate one of Norman Rockwell's famous paintings which was originally drawn for the cover of another

cherished publication, *The Saturday Evening Post*. Mr. Rockwell's original painting can be seen in the picture frame on the wall. His art always touched everyone's heart by bringing forth a shared sense of humanity that softened the harsher lines that can divide us. We thank Danny and Adrienne Embrey, and their children, Max and Penelope, for so accurately depicting the awe and wonder of a child's Christmas discovery.

The *Monocle* is fortunate to have the creative abilities of our entire staff of diverse contributing writers, photographers, and layout and design people as well as our conscientious delivery people in chronicling your life all year long. We were so saddened to have lost this year our friend and equestrian writer, Andie Devynck, while welcoming new contributors Andrew Sojka (School News) and Tor Ofsthun (Center Stage).

Finally, we humbly acknowledge you, our readers, for your oft-stated words of encouragement and understanding even at times when perfection was not achieved in our mission to chronicle our shared life from the past and in the present. It is such a joy to report on the gifts of our youth, contributions of neighbors and friends, and especially in honoring those seniors among us who truly created this world in which we reside.

As these words were being written (December 13), a nearly miraculous vaccine to fight the pandemic began distribution nationally. How wonderfully appropriate during this special time of the year that the promises of this season seem to give us hope for a better new year.



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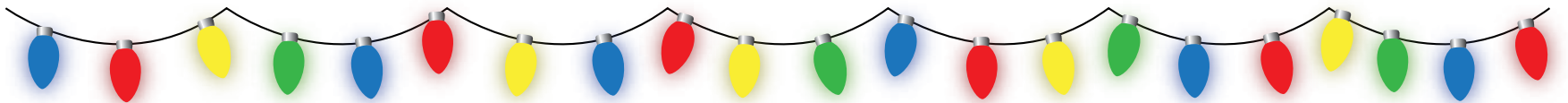
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*The stockings were hung by  
the chimney with care, in  
hopes that Saint Nicholas  
soon would be there.*

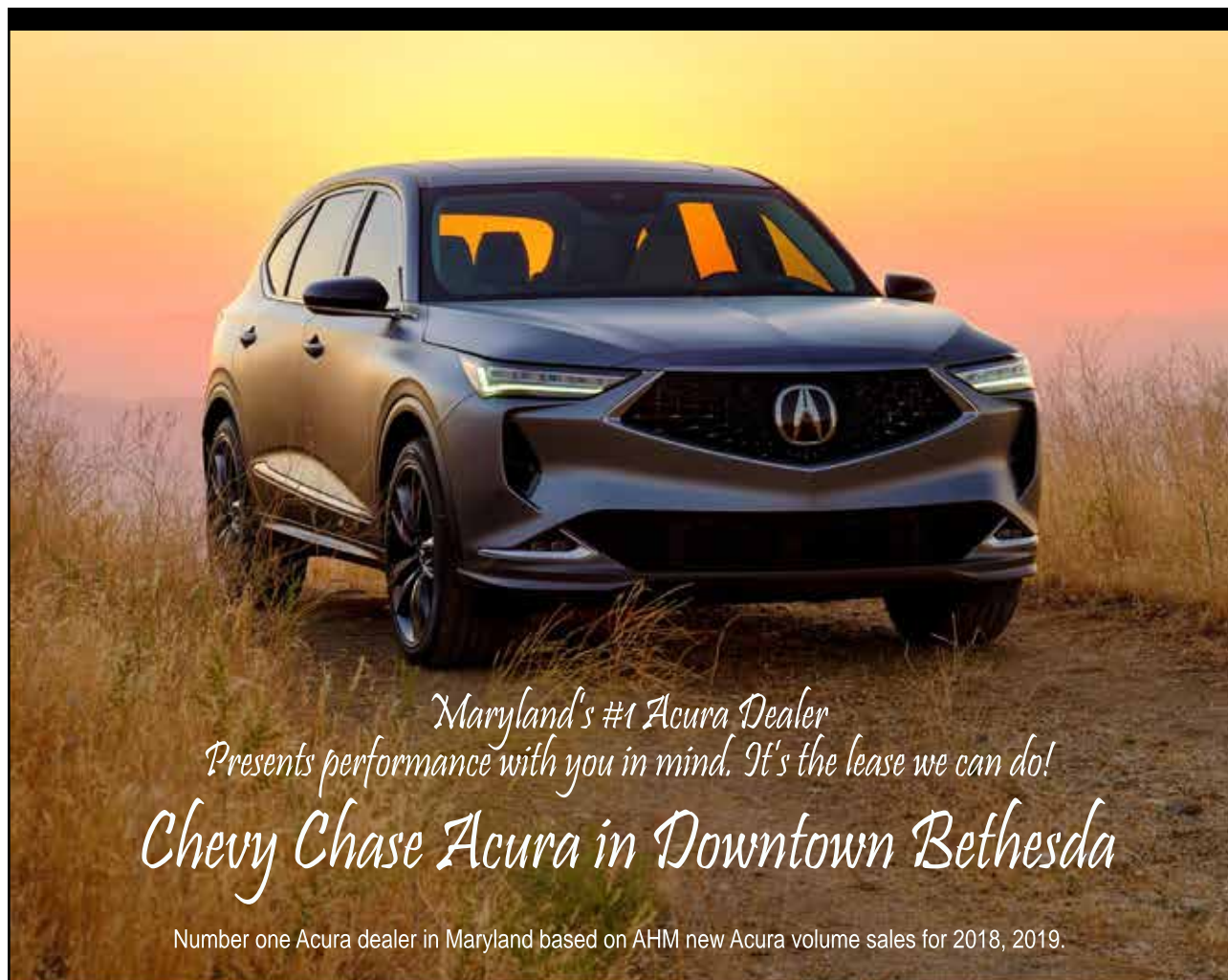
*The children were nestled  
all snug in their beds,  
while visions of sugarplums  
danced in their heads.*

*And mamma in her kerchief,  
and I in my cap, had just  
settled our brains, for a  
long winter's nap...*

According to legend, Clement Clarke Moore wrote his immortal poem, *A Visit from St. Nicholas*, also known as *The Night Before Christmas*, for his family on Christmas Eve in 1822. He never intended that it be published, but a family friend, Miss Harriet Butler, learned of the poem some time later from Moore's children. She copied it into her album and submitted it to the editor of the *Troy (New York) Sentinel* where it made its first appearance in print on December 23, 1823. Soon, the poem began to be reprinted in other newspapers, almanacs, and magazines, with the first appearance in a book in *The New York Book of Poetry*, edited by Charles Fenno Hoffman, in 1837.

It was not until 1844, however, that Moore himself acknowledged authorship in a volume of his poetry entitled *Poems*, published at the request of his children. One hundred and eighty years later, it is the most-published, most-read, most-memorized, and most-collected book in all of Christmas literature.

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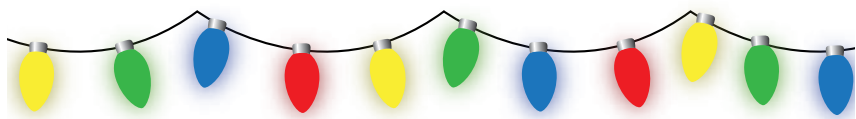


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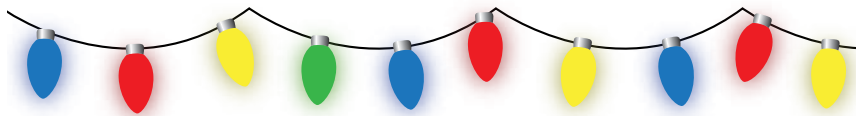
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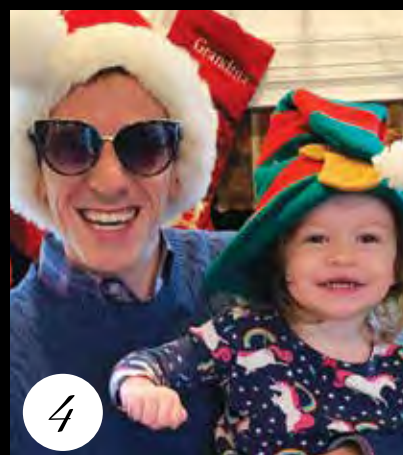
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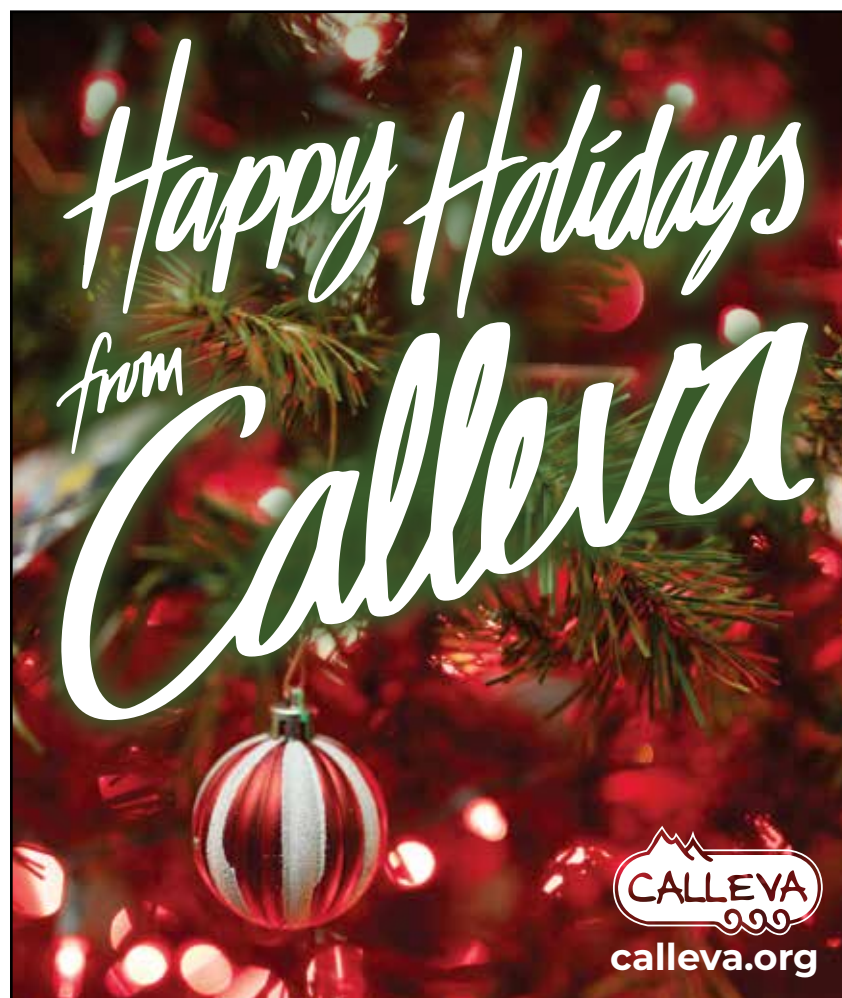
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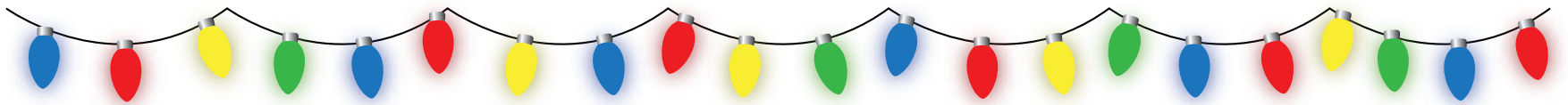
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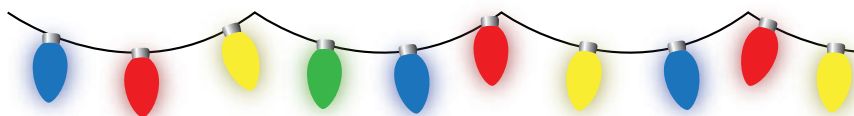
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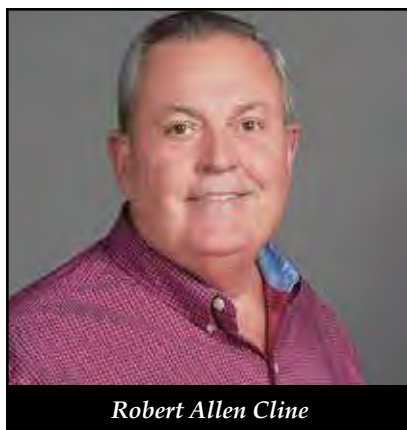
Born on January 9, 1953 in Washington, D.C., he was the son of the late Walter and Jean E. (Stokes) Cline.

A forty-year employee of the National Geographic Society, he retired as Vice President of General Services and Facilities. He was a dedicated member of Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church, serving as a trustee for many years.

Along with his wife, Robert is survived by their three children: Lynda Sweet and husband Benjamin, Deborah Stewart and husband Jason, William Cline and wife Sara; one brother, Kenneth W. Cline; and six grandchildren, Logan and Emily Sweet, Aiden, Mia, and Weston Stewart, and Emma Cline.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to the Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church, PO Box 358, Poolesville, MD 20837.



Robert Allen Cline

### Marguerite Isabella Felice Jeffries

Marguerite Isabella Felice Jeffries, 74, died at home after a long illness on December 5, 2020. She was born on August 7, 1946 in the Bronx, New York to Margaret Demarest Felice and Ralph Alexander Felice.

She was an only child and raised in Whitestone and College Point, Queens, New York and went to Catholic grade and high school. She graduated from St. John's University in Jamaica, New York with a degree in Spanish and Secondary Education. Throughout her life, she spoke excellent Spanish, something most people never knew.

Upon graduation from college, she started working for American Airlines in Manhattan as a reservations supervisor. She worked there until she married Francis (Fran) Jeffries on June 29, 1969. Fran was on U.S. Navy active duty and stationed in Monterey, California. In August 1969, they moved to San Angelo, Texas when Fran received another assignment. They stayed there until August 1971 when Fran was transferred to Ft. Meade, Maryland. Their final move was to Poolesville in 1975.

Marguerite loved to make floral arrangements and worked for a couple of local florists. She was active in Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church. She and Fran had many dogs over the years, and at one time had four dogs at the same time. She was an avid Yankee fan and enjoyed a couple of trips to Coopers-town to visit the Baseball Hall of Fame. We imagine she is now with all her dogs, especially Sandy, waiting for the Yankee 2021 season to begin.

Marguerite is survived by Fran; two children, Michael Jeffries and wife Laurie of Odenton, Maryland, and Kathryn Jeffries Quilligan and husband Mike of Cary, North Carolina; and grandchildren, Grace, Caiden, and Charlie Kate Jeffries, and Lois Felice Quilligan.

Donations can be made in her name to the Humane Society of the United States.



Marguerite Isabella Felice Jeffries

### Laura Amy Morrow

Laura Amy Morrow, 65, of Poolesville, passed away peacefully on November 30, 2020, at home.

She was the loving wife and best friend of the late William Morrow, Jr.

Born on July 13, 1955, in Asheville, North Carolina, she was the daughter of the late William David and Rebecca Jane (Warthen) Holder.

For Amy, family was the most important thing in her life, beginning with her devotion to her late husband Bill. She loved spending time with and spoiling her grandchildren, and few things made her happier than gathering her children and grandchildren at her house for family birthdays and holiday celebrations.

Amy is survived by her three children: Adrienne Morrow, William Morrow III and wife Melissa Sander, and Margaret Swensen and husband Eric. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Kyle Johnson, Katie Morrow, Caroline Johnson, Quinn Morrow, and Stella Swensen; and her first cousin, best friend, and occasional partner in crime Laura Jean Lambert.

She was preceded in death by one sister and five brothers.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her memory to the ASPCA.



Laura Amy Morrow

### Victor E. Origoni

Victor E. Origoni, 93, died peacefully in his home in Poolesville on December 2, 2020.

He was the loving husband of the late Regina Brennan Origoni.

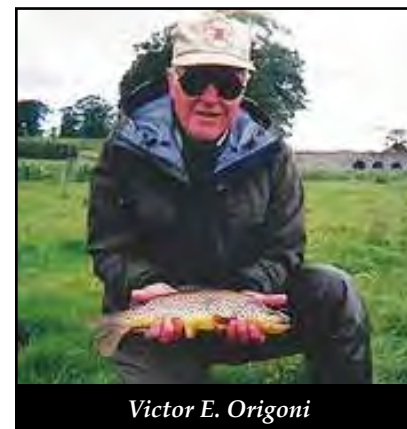
Born on January 16, 1927 in Emerson, New Jersey, he was the son of the late Silvio Charles and Lucia Maria (Pascarella) Origoni.

Victor is survived by one brother, Silvio M. Origoni and his wife Virginia Ann of Rivervale, New Jersey; numerous nieces and nephews; and he will also be missed by many grandnieces and nephews whom he welcomed on his farm to share his love of the outdoors with them.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and chemist by trade. He was a longstanding member and past president of the BCC-IWLA.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to Bethesda-Chevy Chase IWLA, 20601 Izaak Walton Way, Poolesville, MD 20837 or Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Suite 100 Rockville, MD 20850.



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### Otis McCellan Burdette

Otis (Bubbie) McCellan Burdette passed away November 24 at Meritus Hospital in Hagerstown due to COVID-19 complications.

Born in Frederick and raised in Dickerson, Otis was pre-deceased by his parents, John R. and Helen I. Burdette, and two brothers, Doug and Tommy.

He was a 1965 graduate of Poolesville High School. He worked for Steuart Petroleum before he became a lifetime truck driver. He worked for several companies for years before joining Wind Mill Acres in Hagerstown. His real joy was farming, and he always took time off to plant harvest for Bob Raver, Eric Spates, or anyone else who needed a big man to move a big piece of farm equipment. He was an avid bowler, at times in three leagues a season, and had a trophy case of rings and awards for perfect games.

Being a PHS graduate, he always enjoyed the spring and fall get-togethers and kept in touch with many schoolmates and friends from the area. He enjoyed eating out, road trips, spending hours at flea markets and antique malls, as well as taking cruises, touring the USA, and dancing with his soulmate.

He will be lovingly missed by his daughter Julianne Kelasinski, of Lakewood, Washington, son Steven Klasinski of Olympia, Washington; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; brother Russell Burdette and wife Carole Ocean of Isle Beach, North Carolina; nephews Christopher and John Burdette; and his brother's son Adam and daughter Katie.

He will be missed by his many friends and co-workers, and especially by Ginnie for their nearly twenty years together.



Otis McCellan Burdette

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By Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

Well, 'tis the season for many humans to celebrate the arrival of Santa, or Harry Chanukah—or dance around the Festivus pole airing their grievances. During these times filled with family, friends, and new objects, your family pets can feel anything but in the Holiday Spirit.

Remember, you may love your friends and relatives: Uncle Hank, “Hey all dogs love me,” while he accidentally bangs them on the head with his cane; Aunt Ginger, “I don’t understand why your cat is hissing at me,” as she tries to pet your cat with her sweater covered in her intact male cat’s fur; your niece Sally, “Wow, Fluffy’s tail is really swishing fast. She must really love me because my dog’s tail wags fast when he is happy. I think I’ll hug Fluffy.”

Your pets, on the other paw, may not be as fond of your friends and relatives. Remember, your furry friends like to have consistent routines. It is hard enough for them to get you to remember what feeding time is and how often the litter box needs to be changed on normal days. When your friends and relatives descend on your home, any chance of routine can vanish.

We also tend to hide new humans in different rooms when they visit. Suddenly, your children are in the basement, and Grandma and Grandpa are in their rooms. Your pets have to navigate the new world order. Sometimes, this can cause issues with normal behavior for your pets.

We often ask our four-footed family members to change their sleeping patterns and locations during the holidays. This does not always work for your pet. They can get as grumpy as you do when they have to listen to War Movie blaring on the television until 4:00 a.m.

All the family members and friends love to bring gifts and special treats. These are strange new objects that your pets need to investigate, open, and often ingest while our attention is diverted as everyone is watching Rudolph fight the Abominable Snowman on television.

We know that you want to include your furry friends in the Holiday Fun, but sometimes it is better to let them have their own space where routine, quiet, and calm are the gifts you give them.

Nobody will be happy when Fluffy bites Sally’s hand. Everyone wonders where you went wrong when your cat pees on Aunt Ginger’s suitcase.

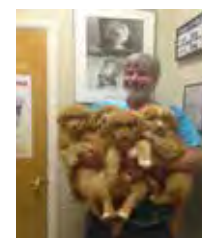
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