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## 'MAKING ART TO SAVE THE WORLD'



Coreen Wellminster, of Arnold, practices and teaches the Ukrainian art of Pysanky. PAUL W. GILLESPIE/CAPITAL GAZETTE PHOTOS

By Dana Munro

**A**s Ukraine is thrust into the international spotlight due to the recent Russian invasion, Marylanders are starting to learn more about Ukrainian customs like Pysanky art, or traditional egg decorating often done ahead of Easter. But for Arnold resident Coreen Wellminster, the art form is second nature. Wellminster's family roots can be traced to a community in the Carpathian Mountain range of East Central Europe. She said that over the course of different political regimes, the village her great-grandparents emigrated from changed

Amid the turmoil in Europe, Arnold woman teaches Ukrainian art of egg decorating

hands. It was Estonia at one point, it was Ukraine at another, and it's now in the Czech Republic. But due to the village's proximity to Ukraine, it adopted Ukrainian customs like Pysanky. "I had many great-aunts to watch when I was growing up pulling out their Pysanky supplies and sitting down and writing on eggs, usually around this time, right before Easter," said Wellminster. The process starts with washing the egg with dish soap and wiping it down with white vinegar to prepare it. The artist then takes a kistka, a stylus made of wood and copper, fills it with heated wax and creates the design on the egg. The egg is then dipped in different-colored dyes.

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### DEATH OF NAVY MOM

## Records detail hunt for suspect

Man arrested in 2021 Annapolis shooting to face trial this winter

By Dan Belson

Within hours of the shooting death of Michelle Cummings last June, Annapolis police had set out to capture their primary suspect in the incident and placed him behind bars before midnight the same day, according to court records.

Police did not file charges in the shooting or identify the suspect, Angelo Harrod, now 30, until weeks after they had arrested him on June 29 in a testy encounter at a convenience store on Forest Drive, near a house where they believed he had been staying in the weeks leading up to the shooting, according to police affidavits made public in circuit court this year.

The affidavits for search warrants, which were filed publicly by prosecutors as lawyers argue whether certain evidence is to be admitted at Harrod's trial this winter, paint a picture of the days before and after the fatal shooting of Michelle Cummings, who was in town to drop off her son, Leonard "Trey" Cummings, at the Naval Academy for Induction Day.

Police say Harrod fired a volley of shots intended for a man and a woman who were sitting in a vehicle near a dead-end on Pleasant Street. But instead, the projectiles crossed through a patch of woods toward the patio of The Graduate Hotel, where Cummings

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An ambitious effort by the World Health Organization to calculate the global death toll from the pandemic has found that vastly more people died than previously believed — a total of about 15 million by the end of 2021. Page 2

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## As pot industry grows more competitive, one Maryland dispensary plans to thrive

By Giacomo Bologna

If Anthony Darby had to do it all over again, he couldn't — at least not in today's cannabis industry. Newly laid off and living off a severance package in 2015, Darby was looking for something more meaningful to do with his life. He considered becoming a lacrosse coach. But he knew the state of Maryland was poised to launch a medical cannabis industry. Knowing firsthand the benefits of using cannabis, Darby got

together with a couple of college friends and a doctor he'd recently met and they filled out a hundred-plus pages of forms, detailing their plans for a cannabis dispensary on the Eastern Shore. More than 700 applicants vied for 94 dispensary licenses. Some had hired pricey consultants or made deals with out-of-state management firms to help with their application, but Darby and his friends won a license on their own. As relative novices, they bootstrapped their Salisbury business

— Peninsula Alternative Health — into one of Maryland's bigger dispensaries. That was when Maryland's cannabis market was still in its infancy. In just a few years, the state's cannabis industry has gone from crawling on the floor to hitting its head on the ceiling. The number of new patients is tapering off. Companies are consolidating. Deep-pocketed, out-of-state firms

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Anthony Darby, CEO of Peninsula Alternative Health, at the dispensary in Salisbury. AMY DAVIS/BALTIMORE SUN

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