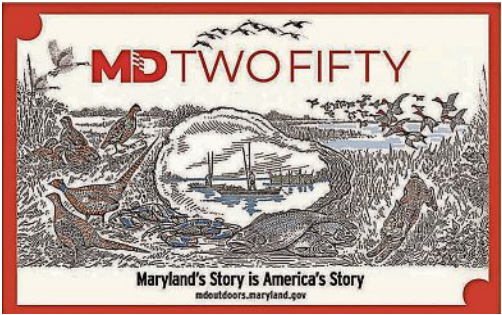




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Trump administration sues state

Lawsuit is over immigration policies

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The U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit Thursday, July 9 against Maryland and Attorney General Anthony Brown, claiming the state has “sanctuary policies that interfere” with enforcement of federal immigration laws, according to a Justice Department

release. Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche has instructed the Justice Department’s Civil Division “to identify state and local laws, policies, and practices that facilitate violations of federal laws or impede lawful federal operations,” the release states. The lawsuit specifically cites the Community Trust Act passed by a majority of Maryland lawmakers earlier this year. The lawsuit says the act’s “purpose and effect is to obstruct federal law enforcement and thwart the constitutional obligation of the President of the United States to take care that the immigration laws enacted by Congress are enforced.”

“It is time to prioritize public safety over politics. Maryland’s citizens deserve better.”

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The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Baltimore, asks that the provisions challenged in the Community Trust Act, which the Justice Department claims violate the Supremacy Clause and other

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Washington County honors the first president

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The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts’ new “Founding Artists, Founding Movements: 250 Years of Art in the United States” installation features a bust of George Washington by an unidentified artist.

The sculpture, one of several featured in the exhibit, demonstrates how artists shaped public perceptions of leaders before photography became widespread, according to the museum.

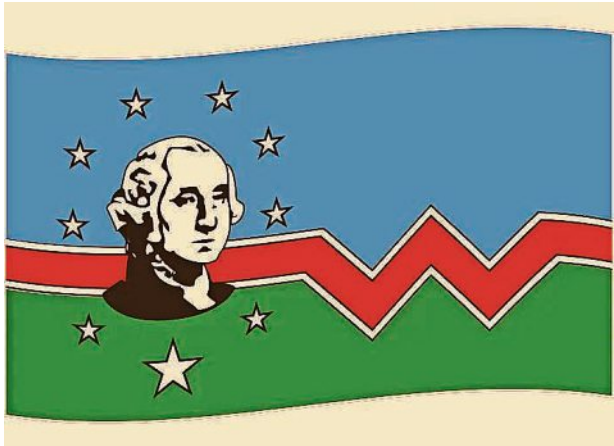
Additionally, a historically accurate sculpture of George Washington will be installed in front of the courthouse on West Washington Street in downtown Hagerstown.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved sculptor Toby Mendez’s project concept, in

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TOP: A bust of George Washington made by an unidentified artist will be featured in the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts reinstallation. PROVIDED BY BAILEY RAFTER/WASHINGTON COUNTY MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

RIGHT: The Washington County flag. PROVIDED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Maryland man sentenced for trying to aid terrorist group

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A Maryland man was sentenced this week to 15 years in prison for attempting to provide material support or resources to the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS, according to the U.S. Department of Justice and federal court records.

Michael Sam Teekaye Jr., 22, of Hanover, pleaded guilty to the charge in January in U.S. District Court in Baltimore, according to the case docket.

Court records indicate Teekaye has a history of mental illness.

Between his guilty plea and sentencing, guards found two homemade weapons in Teekaye’s cell, according to a Justice Department release issued July 8. One was a large knife.

According to the release and court documents, Teekaye disclosed plans to join and fight for ISIS while communicating with a female undercover law enforcement officer.

“Mr. Teekaye sought to support a foreign terrorist organization that has committed unspeakable acts of violence and took real-world steps to carry out a terrorist attack in Maryland,” U.S. Attorney Kelly O’Hayes for the District of Maryland said in the release. “Today’s sentence underscores that those who seek to aid terrorist organizations will be identified, prosecuted, and held fully accountable. I commend the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force and our law-enforcement partners for their exceptional work in disrupting this threat and protecting our communities before any harm could occur. There is no margin for error when it comes to terrorism.”

FBI Baltimore Field Office Special Agent in Charge Jimmy Paul said in the release that “undoubtedly, lives were saved because law enforcement thwarted Teekaye’s plan to join ISIS and murder Americans.”

“The FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force works around the clock to protect our country by identifying threats like this and preventing them from being carried out and harming our citizens,” Paul said.

Teekaye communicated with the undercover officer multiple times between March and April 2023.

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