

The St. Mary's Today is a tabloid-sized newspaper that is published in [St. Mary's County, Maryland](#). The publisher is [Kenneth C. Rossignol](#). The paper focuses on crime, law enforcement and local government. Sometimes referred to as "The Rag," an implication that the paper deals in yellow journalism.

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Notable Events

2007: The paper and Rossignol are accused of racism after a cartoon appears that depicts 3 black males from P.G. County driving to St. Mary's County to conduct armed robberies. The men are depicted in stereo-typical racist caricatures with wide noses, large lips, and dreadlocks. The cartoon was drawn by Calvert artist Billy Woodward, Jr. Woodward does artwork for the publication on a contract basis.^[1] ^[2] In April 2007, SMT published a cartoon that appeared in the Post of four black basketball players that appeared to have the same characteristics that brought the SMT criticism for being racist.^[3]

2005: St. Mary's Today won the competitive contract to publish the St. Mary's County Government advertisements. This privilege was long held by the [Enterprise](#). The Enterprise serves St. Mary's County and is owned by [Southern Maryland Newspapers](#). That company is owned by [Gazette Newspapers Inc.](#) which is a division of the [Washington Post Company](#). Then County Commissioner President [Thomas F. McKay](#) was not pleased with the decision according to a story published in the Washington Post.^[4]

1999-2005: The newspaper and it's publisher achieved national fame for what has become known as the [Newspaper Caper](#). The incident has become an important freedom of speech case.

Lawsuits

[Kenneth C. Rossignol](#) and/or St. Mary's Today have been sued several times, according to the Maryland Judiciary Case Search Database.

- AHMAR MUSTI KHAN, former reporter, sued Rossignol on 2/5/2007, case number 040300001832007. Judgment in favor of defendant.
- BRYAN JAFFE, former reporter, sued Rossignol on 7/6/2006 for \$4955, case number 040300008802005. Complaint dismissed by court. Jaffe went on to become the first editor for the [County](#)

Times.

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External Links

- Online Edition of St. Mary's Today