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**Education Foundation seeks school supply donations** 



Teachers from across Baltimore County will descend on Boscov's in the White Marsh Mall on Aug. 25 for the annual school supply giveaway, sponsored by the Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools. File photo.

- By Patrick Taylor -

For the fourth consecutive year, the Education Foundation for Baltimore County Public Schools (EFBCPS) is holding a school supply drive to help educators prepare for the year ahead.

The supply drive runs until Aug. 19, with supplies being given away on Aug. 25 at Boscov's in White Marsh Mall. The most needed school supplies, according to a release from BCPS, are: folders, composition books / notebooks, pencils, crayons, highlighters / markers, glue sticks, scissors, backpacks, binders, pens, Post-it Notes, and primary journals (composition books that include space for drawing).

"The Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools extends a grateful 'thank you' to the community and business partners for their continuous and growing support of the BCPS school supply drive, "Back to School Involves You, Too" Campaign," said Deborah S. Phelps, executive director of EFBCPS. "The initiative is a reminder that all those who give - from retirees to elected officials to our community partners - have a stake in ensuring a successful start to the new school year."

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branches will accept donations through Aug. 17, with a "Stuff a Truck" event taking place at the Cockeysville branch on Aug. 18, after which donations will be sent to Boscov's.

Earlier this year, the National Center for Education Statistics released a study that found 94 percent of teachers pay for classroom supplies, spending an average of \$479 per year, while about 7 percent of teachers spend more than \$1,000 per year.

Abby Beytin, president of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, said there have been times in the past where she spent around \$1,000 for school supplies,

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**NEWS** 

## In wake of White Marsh Mall brawl, property group, local officials plot path forward

- By Patrick Taylor -

On Saturday night, Aug. 4, two adults and seven juveniles were arrested after an altercation at White Marsh Mall. On Monday morning, Baltimore County Council members Cathy Bevins (D-6) and David Marks (R-5) met with local police and representatives from General Growth Properties (GGP) and Federal Realty to plot a path forward.

Chicago-based GGP owns White Marsh Mall and Federal Realty owns the adjacent Avenue at White Marsh.

Bevins and Marks presented a unified front in calling for a curfew, much like the one put in place at the Towson Town Center, also owned by GGP. Following a slew of issues at the Towson mall two years ago, Marks, along with local business owners, pushed for a curfew for children under the age of 18. Now, on Fridays and Saturdays there, anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult after 5 p.m.

"I brought up the curfew," said Bevins. "GGP didn't talk about it. They didn't bite. I said "look, David Marks lived through this at Towson Town... and he said it made a world of difference having a curfew and having children be accompanied by a parent."

Bevins said everyone in attendance at Monday's meeting was in agreement that there is, at times, an issue with

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conduct at the mall. But they did not necessarily agree on a path forward.

When asked about the meeting, GGP's senior manager of public relations, Lindsay Kahn, issued a statement on behalf of the property group.

"There was an altercation between young adults at White Marsh Mall on Saturday evening," the statement read. "While our security and the police acted swiftly to handle the situation, some individuals became verbally and physically aggressive with law enforcement in the parking lot which led to arrests. We are grateful for our partnership with the Baltimore County Police Department which helped to ensure that our guests were not impacted by this unfortunate incident. Nothing is more important to us than creating a safe environment for our guests, retailers and community."

"We never publicly discuss the details of our security program because to do so would compromise its effectiveness," the statement continues. "However, I can say that we are working closely with our partners at the Baltimore County Police Department as we evaluate our protocols to prevent future incidents."

Aside from a potential curfew, Bevins also floated the idea of reaching out to the Maryland Transit Administration about late-night bus stops near the mall. White Marsh Mall closes at 9 p.m., but there is a bus line that operates until 1:30 a.m. nearby. Bevins said she is not sure whether that line picks up at the park-and-ride or on Honeygo, but if it is the latter she would like to see something changed.

"It seems like there's this gap between the Avenue closing and the mall closing and that's when the trouble happens," said Bevins.

Bevins told The East County Times that she spoke with Towson area chamber of commerce members who spoke highly of the curfew at the Towson Town Center, saying it helped not just mall business but the surrounding businesses as well. And recognizing the efforts that management at The Avenue at White Marsh have undertaken over the last few years, she does not want to see a flourishing business community suffer.

"I have worked very closely with The Avenue over the last few years. I'm so proud of the way they have changed that venue and made it more family friendly," said Bevins, citing the addition of the ice rink and concerts. "The mall could take a page out of their book. They've done nothing for 30 years."

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While other remedies are being sought, both Bevins and Marks view a curfew as the best way to help alleviate some of these issues.

"I agree with Councilwoman Bevins that the mall immediately needs to implement a youth policy," said Marks. "I think it's something [mall management] is definitely exploring. It won't solve every incident, but it certainly helps the overall sense of security."

Bevins also noted that she approached Baltimore County Police Captain Joseph Conger, who heads up the White Marsh precinct, back in February about conduct issues at the mall. Conger allegedly told her that the mall and White Marsh precinct have a good working relationship, but Bevins can't help but wonder if anything is actually being done on that front.

"What happened between Feb. and now?" Bevins said.

The two adults arrested on Saturday night have been identified as Michael Jerard Forrester, 19, and Tyrell Davon Rigby, 19, both of whom reside in Baltimore. Seven juveniles were also arrested. All seven are 16 years old and live in Baltimore. No further information about the juveniles is available.



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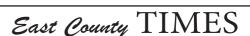
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**NEWS** 

## Health department forces closure of Geresbeck's meat, dairy sections

- By Devin Crum -

On Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 1, The Baltimore County Department of Health found during an inspection that some food items at Geresbeck's Food Market in Middle River were not up to snuff.

According to customers who were in the store at the time of the inspection, large amounts of meat and dairy items were being pulled from the shelves after being found to not be at the proper temperatures.

Geresbeck's had just begun their weekly sale that day, advertising lower prices

on many items, several meat and dairy products among them.

Health department spokeswoman Elyn Garrett-Jones confirmed that refrigeration problems following inspection were the reason for their action in the store last week

"As part of our regular inspections, our staff visited the establishment on Aug. 1 and determined that the refrigerated cases were not functioning optimally," Garrett-Jones said. "As a result, Geresbeck's staff were instructed to pull food items that were not at proper refrigeration

temperatures."

Some aisles in the store were temporarily closed while health department officials evaluated the food to determine if it should be saved or discarded, Garrett-Jones said, but they did not force closure of the store itself. Items that did not meet required temperatures were discarded while all others were moved to the walk-in units.

She said the inspection was one of three regularly scheduled inspections per year and was not the result of complaints.

Information was not immediately available regarding if Geresbeck's has

had any previous health violations.

The store's general manager, John Stricker, also confirmed the refrigeration issues, but declined to comment further.

"We had a couple refrigeration problems that we worked on and that's it," he said.

He would not answer questions about what items were involved or how much had to be discarded.

But one customer in the store at the time said patrons were blocked from buying any of the meat products in the display case. Another said a lot of dairy items were being pulled from shelves as well.

## Nepali center in Glen Arm concludes week-long event

- By Virginia Terhune -

A week-long cultural and fundraising event held outdoors at the Nepali American Cultural Center in Glen Arm ended Friday without serious incident despite worries about potential conflicts between visitors and neighbors who monitored the event from a distance.

Neighbors did not attend or walk onto the property but used video cameras to document the event from the outside, said Dewey Clark, a nearby resident and president of the recently formed Gunpowder Falls Watershed Association.

"No one tried to interfere in any way or express animus," Clark said of the neighbors, who are among more than 100 residents of Long Green Valley who object to the county having allowed a religious institution to operate in an agriculturally zoned area.

The association has filed an appeal with the county Board of Appeals about the county's award of a special exception

to the center in January that allows a church or religious center to operate in a rurally zoned area subject to condtions.

The hearing started July 19, and a second day of testimony is scheduled for Sept. 6 in Towson.

The association has repeatedly stressed that its objections are based on the effects on local property owners of an institution that can draw crowds to an area zoned for agricultural use.

"This is all about competing rights," Clark said. "It's all about land use."

Center leaders, however, say there is a church and school in the area that regularly draws traffic and that they also have a right to use their property, even though their religious observances may be unfamiliar to those around them.

Nepal is a small country bounded by the Himalayas and Tibet to the north and India to the south. Members of the Nepali American community bought the 31-acre site in Glen Arm once owned by a relative of Napoleon Bonaparte as a place to hold services and preserve the unique culture of Nepal.

Outdoor activities last week included the reading by a visiting priest of historic texts revered by Hindus and Buddhists, as well as songs, music and dancing by participants. A tent was erected with seating and outdoor portable toilets provided.

One condition of the special exception granted to the center requires that it install a new well and septic system before the house can be used for services.

Outdoor events cannot generate amplified noise or music, and state highway officials must grant an access permit for the entrance off Harford Road located a short distance south of the Mt. Vista Road roundabout.

Clark said he called the fire marshal's of-

fice during the week, claiming that people were going inside the building and that amplified noise was coming from the property. But as of Monday, no citations had been issued by the county.

"We tried to file a complaint but got no response," he said.

A spokesman for the center, Kris Ghimire, also said that he was not aware that any citations had been issued for violating the conditions attached to the special exception.

"We alerted police like in the past to help with the traffic and safety of our members," Ghimire wrote in an email. "Parkville police has been very helpful. They were at the temple when we had an open house for the neighbors [in February]."

Baltimore County code enforcement officials had indicated in July that they

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## Hillshire residents give proposed Scarfield project the cold shoulder

- By Marge Neal -

The opinions, concerns and other general comments made at a community input meeting Aug. 1 left no question where Hillshire community residents stand on a new development being proposed by local developer and apartment complex owner Frank Scarfield.

They don't want it.

Scarfield has long been the subject of complaints in the Greater Dundalk community because of neglect and dilapidation of the former Seagram's property while he owned it, as well as well-publicized complaints about apartment complex maintenance and other issues.

The developer bought a 4.4-acre tract of land off German Hill Road in Dundalk in September 2017 and announced his plan to build 18 individual homes on the property, to be known as Hillshire Overlook. The property is deeded in the name of Hillshire Road Property LLC, and the taxation records list Scarfield's son, Frank Scarfield Jr., as a contact for the group.

A community input meeting at the North Point library was packed with Hillshire residents and others interested to hear the details of the project as proposed.

Scarfield Jr. attended the meeting but did not address the crowd, even when asked to answer a specific question by a resident.

The property in question is a wooded area at the end of Hillshire Road.

The developer is proposing 18, two-story homes that would be about 40 feet wide and 42 feet deep, according to Matt Bishop, a landscape architect who spoke on behalf of the project.

Bishop also spoke of the preliminary plans for stormwater management, sidewalks and public water and sewer lines.

Residents were concerned about many aspects of the proposal, including the inconvenience during construction, but seemed most concerned about water runoff and potential flooding.

Dan Morrison, who lives on German Hill Road, spoke of water runoff and erosion that is causing him to lose six to 10 inches of his property per year.

"I can no longer use my driveway," Morrison said at the meeting. "I have to use the common driveway that I have with my neighbor."

Hillshire is a hill that runs up from German Hill, according to residents, and water from parts of the developed road run down to German Hill, while excess water near the top of the road tends to drain into the wooded area under consideration for development.

Hillshire Road resident Jessica Beswick said she is concerned about what will happen during construction and after the land is cleared of trees and root systems that currently absorb storm water.

Bishop said the land would be cleared before construction, and silt fences would be built to keep water contained to the construction site.

That explanation was met with derision from the crowd, which expressed doubt such a fence would keep their homes from being flooded or damaged should extreme storms occur during construction.

When residents lamented the loss of community open space on the site that is heavily used by local residents, the attorney representing Scarfield reminded residents the property is and has been privately owned and such use was unauthorized.

"This is a piece of private property," he told the crowd. "It isn't a public park for your children."

Discussion got heated on several occasions, including during the discussion of who would be responsible for maintaining the storm water management pond once the houses were all sold and the builder was out of the picture.

Bishop said the pond would be the responsibility of the homeowner's association, which did not sit well with attendees.

"Boston Courts is supposed to be a homeowners association and it's not," one citizen said to loud applause.

Boston Courts is a Scarfield development on Boston Street, off Dundalk Avenue.

When suggestions were made to have the project canned, or to have Baltimore County buy the land from Scarfield to make it open space for the community, Morrison, who said he works in the construction trades, took exception.

Despite the damage occurring to his property, Morrison said, "We're not here opposing this project."

Many in the crowd burst into loud and simultaneous responses of, "Yes, we are."

"So because you don't get your way, we can't build anything - is that what you're saying?" Morrison asked.

He reminded the crowd that the proposal is still in the concept stage, as Bishop had done several times. Morrison implored his neighbors to stay involved in the development process to express their concerns and to keep the present on for the project to "be done right."

Since Scarfield is working within the existing zoning allowances of the property, according to Bishop, a community benefit for the area is not required. Current zoning would permit the construction of 24 houses, while Scarfield is proposing only 18, Bishop said.

Residents are also concerned the project will not set aside any local open space within the development.

Baltimore County requires 1,000 feet of open space per housing unit, Bishop said, but also allows a developer to pay a fee in lieu of open space if the size would be small and a maintenance nuisance more than anything else.

Scarfield's plan is proposing to pay that fee instead of creating a dedicated open space, Bishop said.

State Senator Johnny Ray Salling expressed his desire that the community's concerns be heard and that the relevant studies be done properly.

"Everything below that, houses, businesses, everything is downhill from there," Salling said of the proposed development. "The potential for flooding is there."

On top of concerns about traffic, school overcrowding, access for emergency equipment on a road that is not wide enough for two cars to pass in opposing directions, and the loss of wildlife in the wooded area, residents were equally concerned about a developer who has a perceived negative reputation in the area.

"Scarfield has a history in Dundalk of not taking care of his properties," one resident said to yelling and applause.

"We may not be able to stop your development," Beswick said toward the end of the meeting, "but we will make it as hard as we can."

Scarfield now has one year to incorporate county agency comments and any community input he chooses to create a development plan that would go to a development plan conference, then be ruled upon by a hearing officer.





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## SUPPLY DRIVE

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while others frequently spend \$500 or more on supplies. Even with the help of supply drives, teachers are frequently paying out of pocket for traditional supplies and other items that usually are not included in these drives but are more pertinent to classroom learning or a student's general wellbeing.

"We are always looking for various supplies, but it is not always, paper, pens and pencils," said Beytin. "Sometimes the items go with a specific unit, or even paying out money for students who don't have enough money to buy their own lunches."

Aside from the EFBCPS drive, it is not uncommon for schools to hold individual drives. Last year, Sussex Elementary teamed up with Cove Village to bring in supplies for students. This year, on Aug. 30, the school will team up with Cove Village yet again. With more than 80 percent of students receiving free and reduced-cost lunches, Sussex Elementary is one of the neediest schools in the county, which means supply drives play a big role in making sure the students have what they need.

Eric Thompson, a fifth grade teacher at Sussex, said last year's partnership with Cove Village was a success, and he hopes that this year the partnership will result in every student being well-supplied.

But even with the supply drives, Thompson said it is not uncommon for teachers to spend a couple hundred dollars on supplies for students.

"I would say that from personal experience, teachers usually spend close to \$150 - \$200 a year on school supplies," said Thompson.

At last year's supply pickup at Boscov's, multiple teachers expressed gratitude but wondered why they had to dip into their personal savings. That sentiment was echoed by Beytin on Monday afternoon.

"We know other businesses provide all the materials needed for their staffs," said Beytin. "Why don't we provide it for our teachers which then helps our students?"

In 2002, Congress passed a measure that allowed teachers to receive a \$250 tax deduction for classroom supply spending. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, between 2002 and 2017, inflation rates have driven up prices by about 36 percent.

House Democrats, led by Maryland Representative Anthony Brown, have proposed upping the deduction to \$500.

"In spite of tight classroom budgets, limited education resources and low pay, educators take hundreds of dollars out of their pockets to purchase supplies for their students to ensure every child has the resources they need to learn and succeed," Brown said in a press release in May. "Increasing this deduction acknowledges the importance of their work, is a small 'thank you' for the counselors, principals and teachers who make financial sacrifices to benefit their students, and helps achieve the outcomes we want for all our kids."

While Brown and other members of Congress look to provide relief via federal tax deductions, BCPS officials included a 2-percent salary increase, amounting to about \$20 million, for teachers and staff in this year's operating budget.

Aside from the Baltimore County Public Library branch locations, donations can be dropped off at Boscov's in White Marsh Mall, the Education Foundation office in Towson, all First Financial Credit Union locations in Baltimore County, all Office Depot and Office Max locations in Baltimore County, The Pinder Plotkin Legal Team office in Parkville and both Slice Pizza locations in Towson and White Marsh.

"The last thing children should worry about on the first day of school is a lack of supplies," said Baltimore County Public Library director Paula Miller, "and we're happy to be able to help kids in need get started on a successful year."



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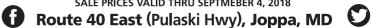
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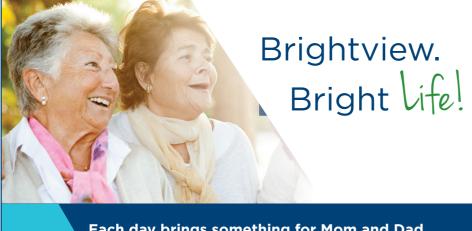






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**NEWS** 

## **Crandell introduces resolution for new Josenhans Corner PUD**

- By Devin Crum -

Seventh District Baltimore County Councilman Todd Crandell introduced a resolution to the County Council Monday, Aug. 6, to allow further review of a proposed new senior housing complex in Essex.

The project, dubbed "Sycamore Springs," would consist of 84 rental apartments for seniors aged 62 and older in a planned unit development (PUD). They would be built on a roughly 4.5-acre site on Old Eastern Avenue between Back River Neck Road and MD-702/Southeastern Boulevard near what used to be known as Josenhans Corner.

Because the existing zoning on the site is a mix of residential, office and community business uses, the project is being pursued as a PUD to offer a better final product.

As a PUD, Crandell had leverage over the developer - Herman and Kittle Properties, Inc. - in the negotiating process.

Doug Anderson, legislative aide to Crandell, said at the Aug. 1 Essex-Middle River Civic Council meeting that the councilman asked for a covenant agreement right away to be sure the project remains senior housing after it is built.

"So the covenant will go on the PUD that it must remain senior housing for 40 years," Anderson said.

The developer also initially proposed a \$30,000 contribution as the community benefit which is required for PUDs, but

that amount was eventually doubled through negotiation.

'We have settled at \$60,000 for the community benefit," he said. But they did not lock in whom or what would be the beneficiary of those funds.

"We kept it open-ended because there's a lot of change coming in November," he said. "We don't know yet really where it's going to be best used."

EMRCC President Bob Bendler said he would like to make sure the East Baltimore County Task Force is involved with the use of the community benefit funds.

The task force, a committee of the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce, has worked over the last year to clean up and revitalize the Essex business core. EMRCC suggested at a meeting with the developer about the project in December 2017 that the task force and/or the Back River Restoration Committee should be the beneficiary since they have both worked extensively to clean up Essex and the surrounding areas.

Anderson said he does not foresee any problems passing the PUD resolution since Crandell's office has received at least seven letters of support from community organizations, including the Rockaway Beach Improvement Association which had opposed a previous plan for workforce housing apartments at the site.

"It would be nice to finally see that corner blossom the way much of the area around it has," Anderson said.

## Community association to appeal townhouse project approval in White Marsh

- Bu Devin Crum

After opposing the approval of a nearby townhouse project in White Marsh known as Pulaski Crossing and ultimately losing that battle, the Bowerman-Loreley Beach Community Association has decided to continue the fight at the next level.

The BLBCA filed their appeal to Administrative Law Judge John Beverungen's decision to approve the project about two weeks after the decision came out in June, according to the group's president, Courtney Gruber.

A hearing date before the Baltimore County Board of Appeals has not yet been set.

Pulaski Crossing would see 150 townhouses built on a 31.5-acre site along Pulaski Highway in White Marsh, in what residents have said is a heavily commercial area not fit for a residential community.

Gruber said they are appealing because they believe the ALJ's initial decison to deny the project was the correct one.

"We were disappointed with the planning board's decision" that the plan is not a master plan conflict, she said.

Beverungen inititally denied the plan citing a master plan conflict but was forced to stay his decision finding that master

plan conflicts must be ruled on by the Baltimore County Planning Board.

The planning board voted 9-2 that the plan was not a master plan conflict, and as a result, the ALJ was forced to approve the project since his denial was based solely on the perceived conflict.

Gruber could not go into extensive detail because the case is ongoing, but she held that the development does conflict with the master plan.

"It doesn't follow the master plan, and that's actually exactly what Judge Beverungen said in his ruling," she said. "We don't think that 150 townhomes are compatible with that space.

"It's just a matter of getting another set of eyes on it and hoping for the best," Gruber said of the appeal.

The Essex-Middle River Civic Council, of which BLBCA is a member, took a stance against rezoning the subject site which enabled the project to go forward in 2016 because it involved changing land zoned for resource conservation to residential. EMRCC, like BLBCA, then opposed the Pulaski Crossing proposal because it would put a residential use within a heavily commercial corridor.

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could not stop the event but could cite the center for violating the special exception conditions if the event went forward. They did not return a request for comment on Monday.

Regarding traffic, Clark said there no accidents at the entrance but there were some "near misses" as visitors inched into the roadway to see if any cars were coming around the curve.

State Highway officials have recommended that a new entrance be created or that extra turning lanes be installed in front of the existing entrance before a permit is issued. Ghimire also suggested that a right-turn only exit might be a solution to worries about turning south on Harford Road near the curve.





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## **Banning the sale of animals from puppy mills**

- By Delegate Eric Bromwell (D-8) -

Governor Hogan signed a bill into law that prohibits retail pet stores from selling puppies and kittens born in "puppy mills." Every year, 500,000 puppies are born in puppy mills and sold in pet stores. Indeed, 99 percent of puppies sold in pet stores come from puppy mills. These lucrative and legal enterprises have been around since the early 1960s and can earn their owners more than \$300,000 annually.

Puppy mills confine about 1 million breeder dogs in tiny, cramped cages, breeding them about twice a year. These defenseless animals are burned out by the time they're five years old. Then, they are killed by the puppy mills.

Pet stores in Maryland are already subject to strict regulations. They have to be transparent about the breeders from which they buy. They cannot buy from breeders who have gotten a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) citation in the past two years. However, it should be noted that a two-year investigation into the USDA, which licenses breeders, found that the USDA is allowing breeders with the worst possible infractions to stay in the business of

breeding. Unfortunately, when a breeder is USDAlicensed, people think that's a federal stamp of approval. That is not always the case.

Despite existing state regulations, Governor Hogan signed into law a bill that takes an additional step to emphasize that pet stores cannot get their for-sale puppies from puppy mills. California is the only other state with a similar law.

Anyone who has ever known the unconditional love and loyalty of a dog is horrified by the cruel conditions these defenseless animals are forced to endure at puppy mills. The fact that these puppy mills are lucrative businesses is abhorrent.

A few years ago, a documentary about puppy mills aired on television. I saw it, and those images of the torture and euthanasia of helpless animals has never left my mind. Such blatant cruelty should never be tolerated. I, like the millions of dog and cat lovers in the nation, am appalled at the torturous life to which these animals are subjected. There should be laws to protect these animals who are helpless to help themselves. I am happy to say that the new state law, which becomes effective in January 2020, takes strong action to prohibit the sale of dogs bred in puppy mills from being sold in retail pet stores in the state.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on this or any other issue of concern to you. As always, I encourage and welcome your input.

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## **Metzgar explains Medicare Part D**

- By Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6) -Delegate Ric Metzgar would like to explain the changes to Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage for State of Maryland retirees which takes effect Jan. 1, 2019.

It is important to note that this change took place in 2011 under the O'Malley Administration before any of the current Elected Officials came into office as part of the state pension reform legislation passed in 2011.

To ease the transition, the state will provide assistance to reimburse State of Maryland retirees' out-ofpocket expenses and provide additional aid for low income retirees.

The Hogan Administration will institute a one year transition program that will reimburse all out-of-pocket prescription expenses for state retirees in excess of \$1,500 which is the limit under the current state plan. This program will be open to all state retirees shifting to the federal Medicare Part D prescription coverage beginning on Jan. 1, 2019.

Also, the Department of Budget and Management

with the support of the Maryland General Assembly will provide assistance for retirees through the existing Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program in the Maryland Department of Health.

This program assists low and middle income Maryland residents with their Medicare Part D premium and coverage gap costs and applies to people whose income is 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level or below which is less than \$36,420 for one person and \$49,380 for two people. As of now, the program provides a maximum of \$40 per month to assist eligible participants cover their Medicare Part D premiums and \$1,000 toward the coverage gap subsidy.

The Maryland Department of Budget and Management will work with the State Retirement Agency to assist state retirees who might be eligible for the program. It commits to fully funding the program as it currently exists and covering additional costs as the result of the new enrollment from state retirees. Program details are posted on the website at dbm.maryland.gov/benefits/ pages/default.aspx.

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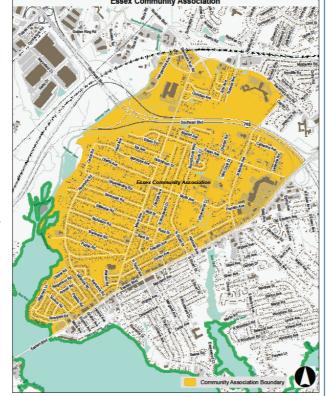


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## Free Breakfast

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## **GRASP Meeting**

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## **Overlea Farmers Market**

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## **Food Pantry**

Dundalk Church of the Nazarene, 1626 Lynch Road, has a food pantry with nonperishable food items. If you are in need or are interested in donating, please call the church at 410-288-5136.

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## **Searching for veterans**

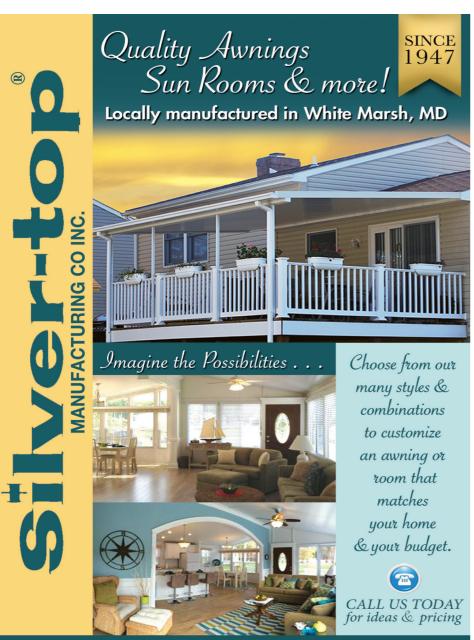
Local Post 58 of the 29th Division Association, which is based in Essex, is searching for WWII veterans who participated in the liberation of France. The French government will award the Legion of Honor to veterans who participated in the liberation of France during the Second World War. The project is an ongoing effort to find living veterans or local families to be recognized at a ceremony in November. Names can be submitted to Post Adjutant Bruce Kahl at brucekahl@gmail.com.

## **Free Mammograms**

Baltimore County Womens Cancer Protection is currently offering free mammograms to those who wish to be screened. Call 410-887-3432 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

## **Collecting for Comrades**

The Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent 4 is collecting toiletries for male and female hospitalized veterans at the Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center in Baltimore. Items requested include one-gallon zip-lock bags, liquid hand soap, shampoo, disposable razors, shave gel, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, denture cleaner, non-alcoholic mouthwash, nail clippers, combs, socks, feminine sanitary products and wordsearch/crossword puzzles. Items can be brought to the Essex-Holly Neck Memorial VFW Post 2621, 206 Riverside Road, between the hours of 2 - 10 p.m.



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## Rider dies in Kingsville motorcycle crash

The Baltimore County Police Crash Investigation Team is continuing to investigate a motorcycle crash on Philadelphia Road after the rider died on July 30.

Police responded to Philadelphia Road near Bradshaw Road around 12:43 a.m. Monday morning when a motorcyclist leaving the Dew Drop Inn collided with the side of 1996 GMC Jimmy traveling eastbound on Philadelphia Road. The operator of the motorcycle, identified as Paul James Trossbach, 59, of the 1500 block of Main Street in Whiteford, was ejected from the motorcycle, sustaining life-threatening injuries. He was transported to R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma where he died around 6 p.m. that evening.

The circumstances surrounding this crash continue to be investigated.

## Fire department receives grant for Bariatric Units

The Baltimore County Fire Department has been awarded a federal grant of nearly \$682,000 to purchase three state-of-the-art bariatric medic units.

The new bariatric medic units (ambulances) will be strategically placed across the county and will be available for dispatch regardless of location of the medical emergency.

Bariatric medicine is a specialty focusing on the needs of patients who are overweight or obese. These medic units will be specially equipped to meet the specific needs of bariatric patients.

"Our mission is to treat every patient with expertise and dignity and to make every patient as comfortable as possible," said Fire Chief Kyrle W. Preis III. "This federal grant helps us fulfill that mission."

The grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency under the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The terms of the grant include a 10 percent contribution by Baltimore County.

"We appreciate the support of Senators Chris Van Hollen (D) and Ben Cardin (D) and the rest of the U.S. Congressional delegation for helping to secure this important funding so we can provide state-ofthe-art medical care to our residents," said County Executive Don Mohler.

Receipt of the award is pending approval by the County Council.

## Precinct 9/White Marsh

Second Degree Burglary: On Aug. 3, officers from the White Marsh precinct responded to a burglary call in the 5300 block of Nottingridge Road. Sometime between 3 p.m. on Aug. 2 and 6:30 a.m. on Aug. 3, an unknown suspect entered the unsecured building at the construction site and stole copper pipes.

First Degree Burglary: Baltimore County Police were called to the 1000 block of Brightstone Drive in Rosedale on July 30, shortly before 2 a.m. Sometime between 5 p.m. on July 29 and 1:54 a.m. on July 30, an unknown suspect forced open the sliding door to gain entry into the victim's apartment. Once inside, the suspect ransacked the apartment and stole vari-

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## Middle River man arrested on hit-and-run charges

Police have identified the man who struck a 3-yearold child on Right Wing Drive in Middle River on Aug. 5 as Michael William Houston Burns, 46, of the unit block of Walkway Court in Middle River.

Burns was located and arrested around 9 p.m. in the 200 block of Glider Drive in Middle River, just a half mile from the scene of the hit-and-run crash, after an astute resident called 9-1-1 to report seeing the suspect vehicle depicted on the Baltimore County Facebook page shortly after the crash occurred.

Burns is charged with associated hit-and-run crash charges as well as driving on a suspended license. He is held at the Baltimore County Detention Center on no bail status pending a bail review hearing.

Burns struck the 3-year-old girl when she ran out from between parked cars on Right Wing Drive in Middle River, causing serious injuries to the child. She was transported to an area hospital with a suspected broken leg but is expected to survive.

Witnesses told police the driver initially stopped, stated that he did not see the little girl and didn't mean to hit her, then quickly fled the scene.

Baltimore County Police would like to extend a special thanks to Ms. Stephanie, who called 9-1-1 after spotting the suspect vehicle!

## **Stabbing in Parkville** believed to be robbery

Police now believe that a stabbing incident that occurred on the parking lot of Maria's Carry Out on Aug. 2 was a targeted attempted robbery.

Further investigation into the incident at 1812 Taylor Avenue indicates that as the 36-year-old victim was getting into his vehicle in the corner of the parking lot around 9:30 p.m., the suspect entered onto the lot through a hole in the fencing, grabbed the victim's cell phone from his hands and threw him onto the ground. The suspect stabbed the victim in a lower extremity and reached into one of his pockets. When the suspect found nothing he began to rummage through the victim's car, apparently searching for cash, but finding none. The suspect fled the location on foot, possibly southbound on Beverly Avenue.

The victim was transported to an area hospital but is expected to survive his wounds. The victim indicated that the suspect never checked his other pocket, which did have cash in it, so it is likely that the suspect saw the victim put cash into his pocket earlier. The victim's cell phone was located on the ground next to his vehicle during the initial phase of

Anyone who may have information on this suspect, only described as a taller black male with a baseball cap, possibly white and red shirt with dark colored pants, is asked to contact police.

## Current crime trends

Since July 4, there have been three residential burglaries in the New Shiloh community in the Dundalk Precinct. Two cases occurred between 7 a.m. and 7:33 p.m. One case occurred between 11:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. Rear doors were targeted in all cases. Items taken include a safe, jewelry, a purse and money.

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## Parkville man charged in fatal accident

The driver struck by an unlicensed suspect fleeing troopers in a stolen truck has died and the suspect has been charged with more than two dozen criminal and traffic offenses in Baltimore County.

The victim is identified as Leon M. Jones, 58, of Hunt Valley. He died on Aug. 6 despite efforts to save his life at the University of Maryland R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, where he had been flown by a Maryland State Police helicop-

The suspect is identified as Zackery M. Haeger, 26, of Parkville. Based on evidence developed by the Maryland State Police Crash Team and troopers from the Golden Ring Barrack and after consultation with the Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office, Haeger, was charged on Aug. 6 with negligent manslaughter by auto, criminally negligent manslaughter by vehicle, negligent auto homicide while under the influence, homicide by a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol, homicide by a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs, homicide by a motor vehicle while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance, two counts of first degree assault, two counts of second degree assault, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle and over a dozen traffic violations.

The preliminary investigation by the Maryland State Police Crash Team indicates that shortly before 2 p.m. on Aug. 6, a call was received at the Golden Ring Barrack reporting a Ford F550 dump truck owned by a roofing company from Hampstead, Md., had been stolen in Baltimore. The truck was reportedly traveling north on I-83 and troopers responded

Troopers located the unoccupied stolen truck in the parking lot of a Wal-Mart on York Road at Frankel Way, in Cockeysville. Troopers set up a surveillance and saw a male leave the store and get into the truck. Troopers in uniform and marked police patrol vehicles attempted to stop the driver, but he refused to stop and accelerated directly at two troopers who were on foot. The troopers jumped out of the way to avoid being struck.

The suspect drove south on York Road as troopers followed with lights and sirens activated. The investigation indicates the suspect drove down the center median lane on York Road, exceeding the speed limit and failing to stop at a red light. The suspect struck another vehicle at Padonia Road and York Road, causing disabling damage to that vehicle.

The suspect turned left onto Padonia Road then left onto Cranbrook Road. The investigation indicates the suspect crossed the double yellow center line into the southbound lanes of Cranbrook Road in the area of Rossbrooke Road. A Nissan Versa, driven by Mr. Jones, was traveling in the southbound lanes of Cranbrook Road. The investigation indicates Mr. Jones swerved into the northbound lanes to avoid being struck, but the suspect reentered the northbound lanes and struck the Nissan head-on.

The suspect then fled on foot from the truck. Troopers pursued and arrested him a short distance away.

The suspect requested medical attention and was transported to Sinai Hospital for evaluation. He gave a false name to troopers, but a fingerprint check positively identified the suspect as Haeger.

Following his release from the hospital, he was taken to the Golden Ring Barrack where charges were placed against him. He was taken for an initial appearance before a court commissioner and is being held without bond in the Baltimore County Deten-

A check of Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration records determined Haeger does not have a driver's license. The investigation is continuing.

#### **OBITUARIES**

Anna Renault, a life-long resident of the Back River Neck community who advocated for a variety of issues and concerns on behalf of her neighbors, died Aug. 1, of metastatic breast cancer. She was 68.

The former Anna Green was the daughter of Mary Louise Geckle and the late Frederick R. Green Sr.

Born and reared in the Cedar Beach community on the Back River peninsula, Ms. Renault attended Our Lady of Mount Carmel School before graduating from Kenwood High School in 1969.

She retired after working about 30 years as a secretary for the Maryland State Department of Education's Department of Rehabilitative Services, according to her older sister, Mary Jean McCarter.

As involved in a variety of community organizations as Ms. Renault was, she was perhaps best known and remembered as a warrior and a cancer survivor, having battled the disease nine times since the age of 27.

"I have no idea how she handled all of that," Mc-Carter said of her sister's illnesses. "It just boggles my mind."

After her original diagnosis of uterine cancer in 1977 at the age of 27, Ms. Renault successfully fought off two rounds of skin cancer, two bouts each of colon cancer and ovarian cancer and then breast cancer before the 2015 diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer that would claim her life.

As a result of her many years as a cancer survivor, Ms. Renault was involved with a variety of cancerassociated organizations and projects, including the Dundalk and Essex Relay for Life gatherings.

Ms. Renault was also a prolific writer, having authored or compiled at least 15 books, some of which chronicled the journey of fighting her illnesses, according to her sister.

"And I have no idea where she got the inspiration to write all those books," McCarter said.

Ms. Renault was a ubiquitous presence in the community, attending meetings and events, volunteering her services or offering a word of encouragement.

"She was so positive, so inspirational," said Delegate Ric Metzgar. "And how many people do you know who had nine lives — Anna had nine lives.

Metzgar said he was happy he got to spend some time with Ms. Renault on July 27, when he visited her

"I'm very grateful for our last conversation and glad I could spend some time with her in prayer," Metzgar said of the friend he's had since the early 1990s.

Kevin McDonough, vice president of the Rockaway

Anna Renault, local writer, succumbs to breast cancer Beach Improvement Association, said he got to know Anna after she was assigned to cover the dedication of a community entrance sign being dedicated in the memory of Jackie Nickel, a longtime community activist and local writer and journalist.

"I was just amazed at her tenacity, energy and love of life," McDonough said. "And after each battle with cancer, to still have so much energy and willingness to battle again was an inspiration to so many others."

Ms. Renault shared her time, gifts and talents with a variety of organizations, including the Baltimore County Commission for Women, MedStar Franklin Square medical center's Cancer Care Center and the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Essex, and was involved in writers' groups, according to Metzgar. She also was a regular contributing writer for The Avenue News.

As word of Ms. Renault's death spread across social media outlets, including Facebook, many friends and acquaintances weighed in with their comments.

"She made such a positive difference and affected many lives, including mine," wrote Wes Henson. "Her positive [spirit] and energy will be missed."

"I didn't know her," wrote Kelly Trautwein Herring. "But I have about a zillion Facebook friends who are friends with her, from various parts of my life. She must have been something special."

"If more people were like Anna, the world would be a better place," wrote Dan Baldwin. "She will be deeply missed by many."

In her community, people feel the same way.

"If I could live half the life Anna lived, I would be proud," McDonough said. "Even in the midst of her personal struggles, she dedicated her life to helping others."

"Anna will be sorely missed in my life," Metzgar said. "Our loss is truly heaven's gain."

"Anna was a wonderful person who loved and enriched eastern Baltimore County," Councilman David Marks said in a statement to the East County Times. "Her courage in fighting cancer will remain an inspiration to all who battle this disease."

In addition to her sister and mother, Ms. Renault is survived by her daughter Sue Ann Fryza (Joe); brother James Green; three grandchildren; and many other loving relatives and friends. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by brother Richard "Dickie"

A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 1706 Old Eastern Ave in Essex, followed immediately by a reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1707 Old

Eastern Ave. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish or dessert to share.

Donations in Ms. Renault's name may be made to Mount Carmel Church or Back River United Methodist Church, 544 Back River Neck Road, Essex, MD 21221.

## **Dorn, Captain Frank**

On Aug. 3, Captain Frank Dorn, beloved husband of the late Nancy Dorn; devoted father of Joseph Dorn and his wife Debra, Cecelia Heise and her fiance James Sullivan, Frances Malec and her husband Patrick; dear grandfather of William Heise, Joseph Dorn, Brandon Malec, Brittney Heise, Nicholas Malec and Vincent Malec; great-grandfather of Jeremy Heise, Isabella Bauer, Cooper Dorn and Nicholas Malec.

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## **Brune, Herbert**

On Aug. 3, Herbert Brune, beloved husband of Phyllis Brune (nee Britton); devoted father of Herbert Brune, Jr. and his wife Michelle, Janet Ewing, Edward Brune, Michael Brune and his wife Gina, and David Brune and his wife Robin; loving grandfather of Jeremy, Michael Jr., and Danielle Brune; brother of Dolores Brune. Herbert is also survived by his loving dog, Buddy, and other loving relatives and friends.

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### **Crab Cake Dinner**

Gunpowder VFW Post 10067 Auxiliary, 6309 Ebenezer Road in Middle River, will hold its monthly dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10. The meal will include one, four-ounce crab cake, French fries, cole slaw and peas and carrots with dessert and drink. The cost is \$15. For info., call the post, 410-335-8933.

### **WAVFC Pit Beef Fundraiser**

Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company, 214 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will hold a pit beef, ham and turkey fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (or until sold out) on Saturday, Aug. 11. Sandwiches cost \$6. Meals, which include chips and a can of soda or bottle of water, cost \$8. Meals for children 7 and younger cost \$5. The event will be held on the front ramp.

## Free Bingo at Eastpoint Mall

Eastpoint Mall will hold a free bingo session in its food court area the third Thursday of each month. The next session is from 9 to 10 a.m. Aug. 21.

## **Essex Day Vendors Needed**

Essex Day, set for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, is accepting vendor applications for the new and improved event. Applications must be submitted by Aug. 15, along with payment. Submitting an application does not guarantee being accepted. The committee will evaluate all applications and notify all applicants of their status about 15 days after the application is received. Fees vary according to the type of vendor applying. For more info. regarding vendor space and sponsorships available, send an email to essexdayfestival@gmail.com or call 443-579-4913.

## **Back River UMC Gospel Weekend**

Back River United Methodist Church, 544 Back River Neck Road in Essex, will hold its first Gospel Weekend on Aug. 10 and 11. Soul'd Out will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, and Steve Hess and Southern Salvation will perform at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11. Admission is free but an offering will be taken. Info: www.backriverumc.com.

### **Zion UCC Book Sale**

The Woman's Guild of Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Golden Ring Road in Essex, will hold its monthly book sale in the church hall (one block past the church on the right). Hardbacks cost \$1 each and paperbacks and videotapes cost 25 cents each. Many large-print editions are available. Magazines are free. For more information, call Retha, 410-682-6571.

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The Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum, Hangar 5, 701 Wilson Point Road in Middle River, seeks vendors and shoppers for its outdoor flea market season, with events set for Aug. 11 and Sept. 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Spaces cost \$15 and spaces with a table cost \$25. Household items, arts and crafts, fashion, services and unique market finds will be available to shoppers. To reserve a space, call 410-682-6122, or email martinmuseum@gmail.com.



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## Christopher Robin Is a Honey of a Good Family Film

- By Teddy Durgin -

There's a key moment in Disney's "Christopher Robin" that gave me the feels. I've worked for a variety of publications over the years, and I've seen people come and go from writing, editorial, production and executive positions. Those who didn't quit but instead were shown the door, the explanation given has almost never been "They were fired" or "They were terminated." The most frequent explanation has been "We had to let him/her go." Oh yeah, like they'd been holding these people back from leaving all this time.

In "Christopher Robin," the title character (Ewan McGregor) is no longer the little boy traipsing merrily through author A.A. Milne's Hundred Acre Wood with Winnie the Pooh and Tigger, too. He's an adult who has moved on from his childhood adventures, gotten married, become a father, survived World War II and obtained a job as an "efficiency expert" at a British luggage company. But the baggage biz has had a tough time in the post-WWII years, and Christopher's boss (Mark Gatiss) tasks him with cutting 20 percent of the payroll to keep the firm afloat.

Consequently, Christopher Robin has to work all weekend crunching the numbers and, in turn, disappoint his wife Evelyn (Hayley Atwell) and daughter Madeline (Bronte Carmichael) who had planned to travel to the Robin family cottage in the English countryside for a holiday. Christopher stays behind in London and eventually gets to a point where he struggles with his conscience on a public park bench. There, he's surprised to discover his old pal Pooh has made the trek through a portal to take him back to the Hundred Acre Wood for one more adventure.

Christopher at first objects, giving the bear the same reasons he has given his family for not having fun with them. Deadlines, commitments, weekend workload. He tells him he has to put together a report and "let a lot of good people go." To which Pooh, in the film's key moment, recalls the years and years Christopher Robin has been away and asks innocently, "Did you let me go?"

The line will tug at the heart strings of any grown-up today who can't quite recall what it was like to play in open fields; fly kites; have picnics with stuffed animals; or just lie on the ground, look up at the sky, and ... well ... do nothing for an afternoon. It's actually one of many such earnest moments in "Christopher Robin," a sweet film that delivers smiles, chuckles and gentle fun.

I don't want to oversell it. So, I'm keeping the adjectives to words like "sweet" and "gentle." It's one of those films that's rated PG, but it's really G. There's no cursing. Almost nothing in the way of violence (save for a brief, non-graphic WWII sequence). And certainly no sex

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or nudity (er, unless you count Pooh Bear walking around in a crop top and no pants).

The film comes a bit too close for my tastes to vilifying the working man (and woman). Pooh and the others get on the adult Christopher Robin for not having a sense of play anymore and for not taking the time to just do nothing. It's a



nice sentiment. But, at the same time, I wouldn't have blamed Christopher Robin had he just lost it on the bear, throttled him and raged, "Look, Pooh! Do you have a mortgage? A wife? A kid? Forget Heffalumps in the fog. I got wolves at the door, demanding the taxes ... the electric bill ... the car note. OK, do you wanna help me? Do you really wanna help your ol' pal, C.R.? Then let's monetize the Hundred Acre Wood! Bulldoze it and turn it into a mixed-use development with luxury condos and retail. Yeah, yeah. Preservation and all. We'll keep some of it as a wildlife preserve for Owl and Rabbit. Hey, One Acre Wood is still a pretty big Wood. Oh, and get that honey outta my face! Now, if you have some honey bourbon - Jim Beam Honey Bourbon Whiskey, specifically - then now we're talkin'! Let's get hammered, Bear! Let's get--"

Ahem. I digress.

The good news is Forster and Co. bring it all home in the end, with Christopher Robin taking inspiration from the gentle A.A. Milne philosophies and applying them to a business model he then tries to sell to his company's boardroom. At the very least, despite some slow spots early, this movie will delight your children, from the charming opening credits to the classic "The End" ending when the film ... lets you go.

"Christopher Robin" is rated PG for some action.

## Teddy Tries to Shed Light on The Darkest Minds

- By Teddy Durgin -

"The Darkest Minds" is one of those movies that I wish was as good as the people promoting it have made it out to be. What intrigued me going into it was that Dan Cohen and Shawn Levy are the producers, and I'm a big fan of their "Stranger Things" series on Netflix. I'd heard director Jennifer Yuh Nelson's Q&A on XM satellite radio's Entertainment Weekly radio channel and seen star Amandla Stenberg interviewed on various shows. They really made this new flick out to be more than just your standard, derivative young adult dystopian action thriller - but it's not.

It's pretty much elements of "The Hunger Games," "Divergent," "The Maze Runner" and (yes) "Stranger Things" all thrown into a blender and churned out on screen to make today's anxious, angst-ridden tweens and teens feel even worse about themselves and the world. Like many of those aforementioned franchises, this one is an adaptation of a novel series.

The film is set in a not-too-distant future alternate Earth in which a the mysterious IAAN pandemic has wiped out 90 or so percent of America's youth population. Those kids who survive now have superpowers and are color-coded by the evil adults. Blues and Greens are deemed fairly harmless, while Reds and Oranges are lethal threats and must be hunted down.

Much of the flick has a TV movie quality to it, with production values that are sub-HBO, Netflix or Showtime, including some of the most drab locations the scouting team could find. Nelson as a director scored big helming a couple of the "Kung Fu Panda" movies. But that's animation. She doesn't really show much in the way of visual, live-action flair to make up for Chad Hodge's lacking script here.

And it's amazing how forgettable "The Darkest Minds" is. I saw it over the weekend, and much of it is leaving my dark mind already.

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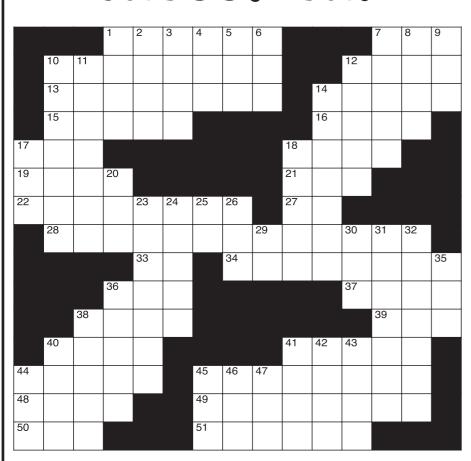
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- 12. Horse mackerel
- 13. Type of steroid
- 14. Make dry
- 15. The Godfather's adopted son
- 16. Ivanovic and Gastever
- 17. Horror movie franchise
- 18. Grab
- 19. Iranian city
- 21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 22. One's illicit lover
- 27. Fake smarts (abbr.)
- 28. Where Jersey natives depart from

- 33. Doctor
- 34. Front feet
- 36. Insurance option
- 37. Some is "wicked"
- 38. Type of weaving
- 39. Religious woman
- 40. One point east of southeast
- 41. Prestigious literary prize
- 44. Tiny humans
- 45. Relish over
- 48. Computer manufacturer
- 49. Envelops
- 50. One type is dippin'
- 51. Bequeaths

## **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Dice game
- 2. Greek goddess of youth
- 3. Piers Anthony protagonist
- 4. One-thousandth of an inch
- 5. JFK Library architect
- 6. A type of corrosion (abbr.)
- 7. Beat up
- 8. Political action committees
- 9. Antidiuretic hormone
- 10. Of the desert
- 11. Oblivious of
- 12. Actress Lathan
- 14. Musical instrument
- 17. It's in a plant
- 18. One-time special prosecutor
- 20. Indigenous people of Brazil
- 23. Mothers
- 24. Mongolian desert

- 25. Great Britain, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- 26. British air aces
- 29. A lover to Zeus
- 30. Frequently
- 31. Get together again
- 32. Gives a permanent post
- 35. Sun worshippers love one
- 36. Ammonia-producing process
- 38. 4th month of the Jewish calendar
- 40. New England river
- 41. Stores grain
- 42. Confess openly
- 43. Quarterbacks do it
- 44. Not good
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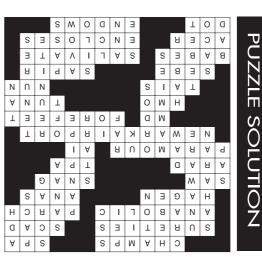


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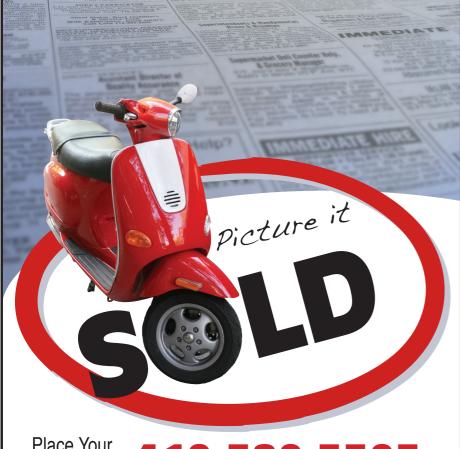
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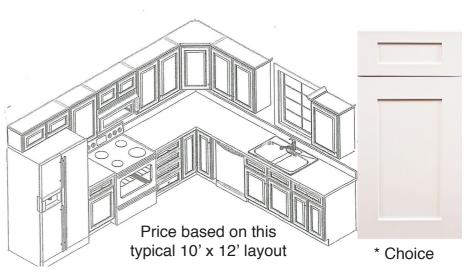




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