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VERSE OF THE WEEK -Proverbs 16:3 Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.



Multiple school supply giveaways assist local families in need



Eastpoint Mall held its third annual school backpack giveaway, complete with a fashion show to display clothes available in the complex's stores. Photo by Patrick Taylor.

- By Marge Neal -

A popular television commercial that resurfaces each August declares this time period "the most wonderful time of the year," with ecstatic parents doing back-to-school shopping while their obviously forlorn children mope in the background.

While the advertisement is funny, this time of year is financially stressful to families that already struggle with day-to-day needs. The extra demands of extensive school supply lists can push parents over the edge.

But thanks to many community organizations and businesses that recognize the issue, school supply time is considerably less stressful for many area families.

Last week, the Norwood Elementary School community was the beneficiary of a United Way of Central Maryland effort that provided supply-filled backpacks to children in need.

United Way partnered with a variety of businesses, including Under Armour, - see SCHOOL on page 4 -

Defenders Day celebration marks community role in Battle of North Point

- By Marge Neal -

Fort Howard Park will once again march back in time this weekend when it hosts Greater Dundalk's annual Defenders Day celebration.

The county's waterfront park at the end of North Point Road will take visitors back to the early 1800s with period demonstrations, exhibits, talks and reenactments of the Battle of North Point.

"Our basic aim is to educate the public about the War of 1812 and the role our community played," said Buzz Chriest, a reenactor and member of the Dundalk-



Photo courtesy Aisquith's Sharpshooters.

Patapsco Neck Historical Society, which sponsors the annual event. "Every year, we have people come who have never - see DEFENDERS on page 5 -

Trucking company buys Dreamers property in Dundalk

Liquor license transfers to marina site in Sparrows Point - Article & photo by Virginia Terhune -

The new owner of what once was the Dreamers adult entertainment bar in Dundalk is in the process of transforming the building into new offices for his trucking company.

"We hope to move by the end of September," said Jeff Cochran, who will be relocating Cochran Trucking company and its five employees from his Essex office to the two-story building at 4000 Old North Point Road which he is currently renovating.

In the meantime, he and son-in-law, Robbie Sine, have opened an outdoor stand on the property called Stacy's Snowballs, named for Cochran's daughter, that is open daily from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., except on Saturdays when it opens at 11 a.m.

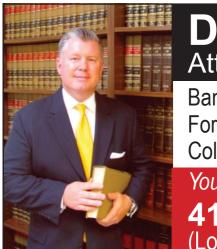
Egg custard is the most popular flavor so far, said Sine, who also sells packaged snacks, coffee, sodas and ice cream bars. The family is also working on opening a pit beef stand on the site to bring in revenue to help finance the renovations.

"It's an easy spot to stop and get something to eat," said Cochran, about the location at the intersection with Old Battle Grove Road on a route that truckers regularly use to reach North Point Boulevard and I-695.

Dreamers' previous owners were forced to put the bar on the market in 2017 after the county Board of Liquor License Commissioners suspended their license and fined them \$4,000 after reported drug overdoses on the premises.

The owners, who defaulted on their mortgage, were facing \$106,000 in judgments against them, according to testimony before the liquor board.

'Considering what it used to be, I think - see DREAMERS on page 7 -



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- By Marge Neal -

A popular proverb states that if you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. But if you teach him to fish, you feed him for a lifetime.

The folks at Chase United Methodist Church have put a new spin on that proverb with the planting of a summer garden that feeds the clients of its monthly food pantry. While the pantry depends on the donations of local businesses and individuals, the garden allows church members to contribute to the effort they ask others to sustain, even if just for a few months of the year.

A variety of church volunteers, from adults to vacation Bible school students, has taken on planting and nurturing the garden, making it an altruistic, multigenerational act of giving and learning.

"It's just exploding now," church volunteer Sherri Tester said last month of the bountiful garden. "The VBS kids went out and picked produce for us to give out Saturday - the refrigerator is full and I can't pick any more until Saturday morning because I don't have anywhere to put it."

This is the second year for the church garden, according to Tester. Last year's effort was smaller, and based upon its success this year's is larger with more of a variety of vegetables.

Some members were at first concerned about the image of the church, with a garden growing on the lawn, according to Tester. But the idea grew on members and they embraced the idea, especially

Chase UMC garden feeds the masses

when they saw the good to come out of the effort, she said.

The church operates a small food pantry in cooperation with Piney Grove UMC in Bowleys Quarters. About 15 families regularly use the once-a-month community service, according to pantry volunteers. Piney Grove hosts the pantry because it has the space to do so, whereas Chase does not, according to volunteers.

While the pantry mainly distributes nonperishable foods, volunteers take advantage of opportunities to give out fresh produce, bread and bagels and fresh and frozen meat when those items are available. Volunteers work extra hard at drumming up donations around Thanksgiving and Christmas to procure frozen turkeys and other items for traditional holiday meals.

The Rev. Walter Jackson, pastor of Chase UMC, said he considers the garden a gift to the community.

"It really was a grassroots, from-theground-up effort," he said of the garden, tongue firmly in cheek. "It's one of Sherri's goals to educate the kids that everything we need comes from God, and the garden helped support that belief."

As of this week, the bountiful garden was still exploding, and volunteers picked about 200 pounds of fresh produce, including tomatoes, zucchinis, cucumbers, squash and green peppers, to give out at the pantry on Aug. 16, according to Tester.

The unusually wet summer has taken its toll on the effort, but some hard work and some emergency construction to support

the tomato plants saved them, Tester said.

"We had so much rain, it pulled the tomato cages out of the ground and all the plants crashed to the ground," she said. "I went to Home Depot and bought lumber to build a system that would support the plants and get the tomatoes up off the ground so they wouldn't rot."

The church volunteer spent about two hours out in the rain saving the plants.

"The pastor saw me out there in the rain and came out to help me," she said with a chuckle, referring to Rev. Jackson. "The two of us, out there in the pouring rain, building away to save the tomatoes - it was a sight to see."

In addition to providing fresh produce for pantry clients, the vegetables are also given out to church members, according to Jackson.

"We have some church members who, simply because of pride or humility, would never admit they can't afford to buy fresh vegetables on a regular basis; they would never ask for help," he said. "This way, we put the food out there for anyone to take and no one has to know their circumstances."

Jackson said the gardeners have harvested the garden about four times so far and have used the bounty to feed between 13 and 25 families.

Again referring to the effort as a gift to the community, Jackson said the garden "is a result of listening to the voice of God through the people."

While the garden may embody the proverb about fishing, Tester believes it also depicts a Biblical verse, but elevates the lesson.

"There's a passage in the Bible that says the farm 'seconds' are left in the fields for the poor," she said. "At Chase United Methodist, they get the firsts."



Rev. Walter Jackson celebrated the completion of an emergency structure to save the garden's tomatoes during a summer storm. Photo courtesy of Sherri Tester.





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SCHOOL

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Miles and Stockbridge, T. Rowe Price and Johns Hopkins Medicine, to gather donated school supplies, pack the backpacks and distribute them to students through area nonprofits and schools, according to a statement from United Way.

Volunteers gave supplies out at Norwood on Aug. 22, as well as at targeted schools in Anne Arundel, Harford and Howard counties and Baltimore city.

"Fighting for student success in every community throughout our region is an important part of our work," Franklyn Baker, president and CEO of UW of Central Maryland, said in the statement. "Academic success is often predicated by the first few weeks of school. This is why we are in every county in central Maryland today, ensuring that our students are given the opportunity to get off to a strong start this school year."

Under Armour donated 2,000 backpacks to the effort, and another 500 were acquired through a series of donation drives held at local businesses, according to the statement.

On Saturday, Aug. 25, Eastpoint Mall held its third annual backpack giveaway, according to mall General Manager Mark Seaman. Families had to register in advance to receive the supplies, which were all donated by mall merchants.

"We have 363 backpacks - what we don't give away today we'll donate them to Bal-



A Norwood Elementary School student smiled after receiving his new backpack and supplies to start the upcoming school year. Photo courtesy of United Way.



Norwood Elementary staff and volunteers worked diligently to fill the backpacks last Wednesday before distributing them to students. Photo courtesy of United Way.

timore County Public Schools," Seaman told the *East County Times* at the event. "Those wishing to receive a backpack had to pre-register, but sometimes you get noshows. When that happens, the backpacks get donated directly to the school system."

For the second consecutive year, the school supply giveaway was accompanied by a back-to-school fashion show featuring clothing available at mall stores.

"It's a great event," Seaman said. "As you can see, it brings the community out, and that's what we want. We want the mall to be a community center, so this really just supports that ideal."

Deep Creek Middle School on Saturday was the site for Love Fest, a community event sponsored by a local church, according to Assistant Principal Alain Chalmin.

"It was not a school-sponsored event," Chalmin said. "A local church, new to the community, asked if they could use our property for an event to give out free school supplies."

Instead of simply providing a table piled with school supplies, the event also offered a variety of family-friendly activities and games, according to Chalmin.

"They made it more of a community event," Chalmin said. "They just wanted to reach out to the community and provide this service."

A recent survey from the National Retail Federation found that families with children in elementary through high school plan to spend an average of \$684.79 on back-to-school supplies this year, according to the United Way statement.

School supply giveaways such as these recent events help at-risk students stay in school, stay on track for graduation and be prepared to pursue a career or attend college or other post-secondary education program, officials believe.

Patrick Taylor contributed to this report.

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- continued from page 1 heard of the Battle of North Point - they have no idea this happened in their back yard."

Chriest is a long-time member of Aisquith's Sharpshooteers, a Battle of North Point reenactment group well known in the Greater Dundalk community and beyond. "We are named after the actual civilian

militia group that defended the North Point peninsula during the battle," Chriest said. "The two privates, Wells and Mc-Comas, who were credited with killing British General Ross, were members of Aisquith's Sharpshooters.'

The free event at Fort Howard Park is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, with a rain date of Monday, Sept. 3 (Labor Day).

The celebration will include crafts, games, community exhibits and information tables and displays set up by organizations specifically dedicated to the War of 1812 and the Battle of North Point, according to Chriest.

Two battle reenactments will be held, with groups from Western Maryland, Baltimore city and New Jersey joining the Sharpshooters.

'And we'll sit around and talk a lot," Chriest said with a laugh. "We like talking to people about the battle and the history of the day."

Unfortunately, much of the "history" of the battle is more local lore, with not a lot of documentation, the reenactor believes.

"A lot of the battle's history is really unknown and there are many conflicting versions," he said. "But the longer we



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do this, the more we find out and the more we are able to confirm," he said. "It's an ongoing thing."

In addition to activities and demonstrations that will appeal to a variety of ages, food will be sold and the historical society will sell souvenirs and resources relevant to the area and the battle, according to Chriest.

Fort Howard Park is located at 9500 North Point Road in Fort Howard (the park road forks to the left near the entrance to the former Fort Howard VA Medical Center campus). Admission and parking are free.

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School Resource Officers ready for challenges of new school year

- By Patrick Taylor -

Following highly publicized school shootings earlier this year in Florida and in St. Mary's County, districts all over Maryland are gearing up for more extensive training and focusing on preventing school shootings and minimizing potential damage.

On Monday, a group of school resource officers (SROs) gathered in Hunt Valley to go over policy and response changes and discuss the year ahead.

Aside from adding SROs (Baltimore County Public Schools has 19 additional SROs this year), BCPS has done a lot more to quell fears by adding 50 psychologists, counselors and social workers, beefing up security and training teachers and administrators.

During the summer, 332 administrators, police officers, central office staff and teachers participated in a two-day certification course in active-shooter response training.

The 332 staffers took part in ALICE training, which stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate. Over the course of the year, those who have already been trained will, in turn, train others.

"This is something that thankfully we have been preparing for over the last two years," said April Lewis, the executive director of school safety for BCPS.

Lewis said the plan is to ultimately get everyone involved with BCPS trained to deal with active shooter situations, including substitute teachers and bus drivers.

Lewis said that by the end of September, all BCPS schools will have gone through training for lockdowns. To avoid confusion with the public, messages will be sent out by the school system before lockdown training takes place. While publicity surrounding school shootings has grown, school shootings in and of themselves have not been on the rise in recent years. A study done by Northeastern University professor James Alan Fox found that while multiple-victim shootings are on the rise in general, that is not the case in schools, where the U.S. averages about one per year. Fox also contends that the number of gunshot victims at schools is down from the 1990s, dropping from 0.55 students per million in 1992-93 to 0.15 students per million in 2014-15.

Still, in Baltimore County, the push to make schools safer took on a different life after Robery Wayne Gladdon, 15, shot Daniel Borowy, a special needs student, at Perry Hall High School on the first day of classes in August of 2012. Borowy survived the shooting, but the way the school system viewed safety seems to have shifted on that day.

Since that time there has been a steady rise in the use of SROs, increased surveillance, key-card entry and more added to schools across the county. The addition of ALICE training is a natural progression, especially in the wake of events from earlier this year.

The ALICE Training Institute has worked with thousands of police and law enforcement agencies, school systems, government, businesses and more to prepare for the event of an active shooter. ALICE came about in the wake of the shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado, which also saw the rise of School Resource Officers.

The ALICE program shows people what to do in a lockdown situation and how to evacuate safely in the case of an active shooter. It lays out a blueprint for how those caught in an active-shooter incident should respond until help arrives. The ALICE program lays out the steps one needs to take in the event of an active shooter right in its name: Be alert to danger, lockdown the building, inform others, counter the danger and evacuate from trouble.

The training includes how to barricade entrances and how those without weapons can fight back.

While 332 staffers in BCPS have already received full training, 17,000 school system employees have already completed online training. Their training will continue once the school year begins with inperson instruction. Lewis told the SROs gathered in Hunt Valley that training for such an event could prove to be traumatic for some.

"We already had one person tell us they were traumatized from the online training," Lewis said.

Lewis also told those gathered that the plan would soon be available online for parents to review.

In December of 2017, Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-7) held an active shooter training session at Eastern Assembly of God in Dundalk in the wake of a church shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas. With a panel comprised of Maryland State Police officials, private security personnel and others, they walked a group of pastors through different scenarios and showed and explained how to react.

The training undertaken that night was not ALICE training, but the message was similar - avoid danger, deny danger the ability to reach you via barricading and other means, and defend should the shooter break through. And in the wake of the mass shooting at Annapolis-based news outlet *The Capital Gazette* which took place at the end of June, more businesses are stepping up to offer similar training for their staffs.

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DREAMERS

- continued from page 1 the community is coming out ahead on this one," said Rob Zacherl, president of the Wells McComas Citizens Improvement Association, which represents the surrounding community.

Cochran, who grew up in Edgemere, graduated from Sparrows Point High School in 1987 and married his wife Sharon in 1989. After working for a car dealer, he drove for Bauer Trucking in Edgemere, then worked as an automotive service manager and body shop manager before going back to trucking.

The Cochrans were driving to visit their son on Old Battle Grove Road when they happened to see the for-sale sign on the Dreamers site. They subsequently bought the property in June for \$325,000, according to state property records.

The purchase includes a requirement until October 2019 to continue providing 30 parking spaces for use by the BD Health Services methadone clinic, located across from Dreamers on Old North Point Road.

Cochran said the first thing he did after buying the property was to take down the rooftop sign displaying a female dancer. A woman approached him and asked if she could have it.

"That was me," she told Cochran, who plans to give her the sign.

Cochran said he really likes classic cars, and down the road he envisions hosting alcohol-free, family-friendly events on a grassy area behind the building that could include car shows and cruise nights. "I'm hoping to grow down here," Cochran said. "I can't

"I'm hoping to grow down here," Cochran said. "I can't wait to see a good, positive thing here. When all is said and done, I hope it's a nice community gathering place."

Liquor license transfers to marina

The Dreamers liquor license was purchased by David Carey, who bought the former North Point Cove Marina at 4309 Shore Road, which is about three miles



Jeff Cochran (left) secures a sign for his new snowball stand on the former Dreamers site as son-in-law Rob Sine assists.

from the Dreamers site in Sparrows Point.

He paid \$1,350,000 for the property in April and plans to open a 50-seat, casual dining restaurant and a 20-seat outdoor tiki bar called Tiki Lee's, according to liquor board records.

Carey, whose father Lee was an ironworker, owns a home in Sparrows Point and operates two restaurants: Lee's Landing Dock Bar on the Susquehanna River in Port Deposit and Lee's Pint and Shell (formerly Saute) in Canton.

He plans to employ 30 people, provide 90 parking spaces and offer 90 transient boat slips for free to visiting restaurant customers only, with no slips available for lease to the general public, according to the records.

About 20 neighbors on Shore Road and nearby Wise Avenue Extended objected to the plan and hired a law-

yer to represent them because of expected problems with traffic, parking, loud music and lack of control over patrons who have been drinking.

The liquor board initially denied the license transfer with a 2-to-1 vote in May, but Carey's lawyer asked for reconsideration, and after Carey reached a settlement with neighbors, the board approved the license transfer on Aug. 6 with conditions.

Conditions include construction of a new road called Libs Lane that will link the marina directly to Morse Lane, diverting restaurant traffic and deliveries away from houses on Wise Avenue Extended and Shore Road.

The license will not be granted until the county issues a grading permit for the road.

Carey must also submit a landscaping plan when applying for a building permit, and no music can be played between 10 p.m. and closing.



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- By Delegate Eric Bromwell (D-8) -According to a 2018 Goucher College poll, 52 percent of Marylanders say they personally know someone who has been addicted to opioids. A *Washington Post*-University of Maryland poll in 2015 found that nearly 30 percent of Marylanders had a close friend or relative who was addicted. That's an increase of over 20 percent in just three years. Just

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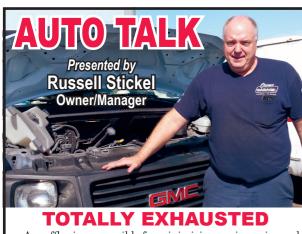
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The fight against opioid addiction and overdose deaths continues

like the constantly rising opioid overdose death numbers, the rising number of Marylanders who have personal knowledge of someone who is addicted indicate the spiraling rise of addiction and death in Maryland.

For the seventh straight year, deaths due to drug and alcohol intoxication rose. Last year, they rose by 9 percent to a record 2,282 deaths. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, Maryland ranks 5th nationally for opioid overdose deaths.

The reason for the explosion of opioid deaths is fentanyl, which is mixed with heroin. Fentanyl, which has been flooding the state in the past few years, has been implicated in nearly 70 percent of the state's overdose deaths in 2017. Clay Stamp, Executive Director of the state's Opioid Operational Command Center, has said, "If it were not for fentanyl, we would be making greater headway" with a number of steps we have taken. Maryland fatalities caused by fentantyl rose 42 percent from 2016 to 2017, from 1,119 to 1,594 deaths.

Every year, Maryland has taken steps to fight the drug death epidemic. In March 2017, Governor Hogan declared a state of emergency in response to the opioid epidemic. The State has appropriated a total of \$50 million in additional funds to support Maryland's prevention, recovery and enforcement efforts. In addition, the state has expanded the number of Medicaid residential treatment beds, established a prescription drug monitoring program to help doctors track patients' opioid prescriptions, expanded access to naloxone (a drug that will reverse an opioid overdose), and brought drug education programs into the schools.

Last month, the U.S. Department of Labor announced that Maryland was one of six states that will receive a grant to provide re-employment services to residents affected by opioid use.

During the recent 2018 General Assembly, the fight against the opioid crisis continued with the passage of legislation to authorize an emergency medical service or a police officer who treats or transports to a medical facility an individual experiencing an overdose to report the incident to the appropriate technology platform, including the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. Another bill approved by the Legislature requires a health care provider to advise a patient of the benefits and risks associated with a prescribed opioid. Still another measure receiving passage requires the Maryland Health Department to establish a tip line for a person to report

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Stream valley in White Marsh to be repaired, new truck restrictions on Cowenton

- By Councilman David Marks (R-5) -

At the end of August, contractors will begin work to restore approximately 7,000 linear feet of the West Branch of the White Marsh Run North Fork. This stream valley extends along near the Southfield and Castlemill Circle communities. The waterway is heavily eroded. The project will regrade stream banks with natural materials, and once construction is completed, the entire site will be planted with native trees, shrubs and perennials.

"If you live near Southfield and Castlemill Circle, you no doubt understand the impact of flooding on the White Marsh Run," Councilman Marks commented. "The banks are heavily eroded, impacting both public and private property. I am pleased that contractors will begin stabilizing the West Branch of the North Fork."

The contractor is Monumental Paving and Excava-

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a licensed prescriber suspected of overprescribing medication, such as pain killers.

Drug addicted deaths are taking the lives of the young and old, rich and poor, educated and uneducated. Drug addiction knows no geographic, social or age boundaries. It is a public health problem of epic proportion. The only certainty I know about drug addiction and overdose deaths is that this state will continue to work to combat it on every level, using every tool at its disposal. That, I can promise you.

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. tion. Construction should be finished next spring.

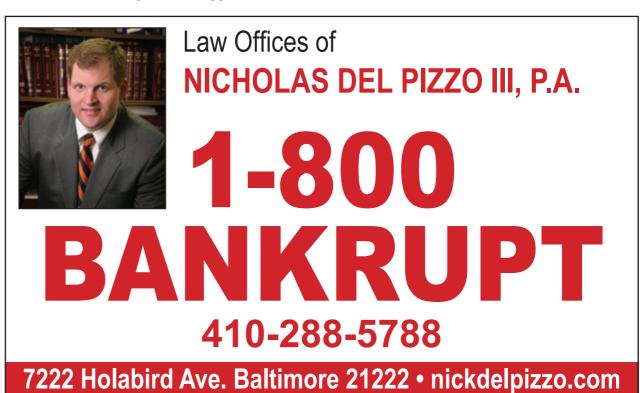
Marks also announced that new truck restrictions will be implemented in Perry Hall's Honeygo area. The changes will hopefully encourage trucks to use Honeygo Boulevard instead of Cowenton Avenue and Joppa Road in the Chapel Hill Elementary School area.

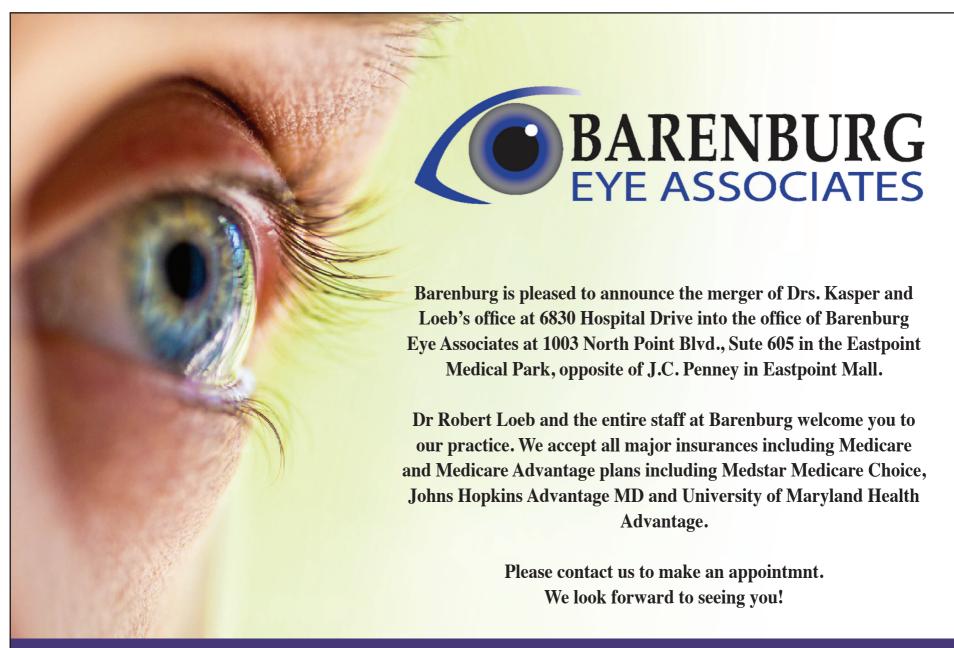
Trucks making deliveries to the Honeygo Village Center will no longer be able to use Cowenton Avenue between Philadelphia and Joppa Roads, and



Joppa Road between Philadelphia Road and Scott Moore Way and Cowenton Avenue. Signs should be completed on or before Sept. 14. The Department of Public Works made the changes after Councilman Marks received complaints from constituents and an investigation by police and county engineers.

"Honeygo Boulevard was always designed to carry truck traffic. Our neighborhood streets should not be overwhelmed with trucks making deliveries," Marks said.





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Community News

NPVCA Meeting

The monthly meeting of the North Point Village Civic Association will be held Thursday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m. in the SERRC meeting room, 4021 North Point Blvd. in Dundalk. We will discuss community and crime updates and our yearly schedule of events. For more information, call 410-477-4095.

Hunter Safety Courses

The Baltimore County Game and Fish Protective Association will conduct hunter safety courses on club grounds at 3400 Northwind Road in Carney. Classes will be held Sept. 19, 20, 26 and 27 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. with a Field Day Sept. 29 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Classes are free. Class size is limited to 60 seats. Register online at www.register-ed.com. For more information, call 443-695-2565.

ESCA Meeting

The Eastfield-Stanbrook Civic Association will hold its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Grange Elementary School cafeteria, 2000 Church Road in Dundalk. We will discuss the future of the association. We are asking for ideas for speakers and any areas of concern. For more information, call Karen Cruz at 410-285-7399.

Free Breakfast

Middle River Baptist Church, 610 Middle River Road, will hold a free breakfast for our neighbors in need on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 9 - 10 a.m. Menu includes eggs, sausage, waffles, cereal, fruit cup, bread and butter, orange drink and coffee. We look forward to seeing you! Vans will pick up at the Eastern Resource Center at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call 410-686-8810.



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Searching for WWII veterans

Post 58 of the 29th Division Association is searching for WWII veterans who participated in the liberation of France. The French government will award the Legion of Honor to veterans from the Second World War. This is an ongoing effort to find living veterans or their families to be recognized at a ceremony in November. Names can be submitted to brucekahl@gmail.com.

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Stranded summer: How the Bowleys Quarters VFD fared without their main vessel

- By Patrick Taylor -

Back in May, the Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department (BQVFD) found themselves in a lurch. Marine Unit 217, a 2002 23-foot Jones Brothers Center Console, had been burglarized to the tune of about \$13,000 in electronic devices.

For a volunteer department that handles an average of 87 calls in the water each year, the loss of Unit 217 was a punch to the gut.

"It was difficult without that vessel," said BQVFD Chief John Heinz. "It was out of service. You just can't run it without electronics. And the way they cut the electronics, we weren't sure what was shorted out, if there was power applied and they crossed positive and negative - what else got wiped out?"

By the beginning of August, Unit 217 was operable again. But operating without it from May through July proved to be difficult at times and impossible at other times.

According to Heinz, Unit 217 is the vessel BQVFD utilizes most. Because of its size, it is able to navigate under rail crossings and reach areas their larger vessel, a 30-foot Grady White, cannot reach.

"We had a couple of boat fires, one in the Bush River, one in the \bar{G} unpowder River, that we couldn't get to because Unit 217 could not get up there," said Heinz. "When you go up the Gunpowder into Bush River you have the Amtrak tracks. Our larger boat cannot fit under those railroad tracks."

When BOVFD can't respond to service, the onus falls on the North Point Edgemere Volunteer Fire Department to respond. But getting to the Middle River area from North Point can take about 20 minutes, and 20 minutes on the water in dire straights can be deadly.

"A lot can happen in that time. You can only tread water so long," said Heinz.

Heinz also told the East County Times of an incident BQVFD responded to near Hart Miller Island. A man drunkenly jumped off of his boat earlier this year and ended up with pain in his neck. It ultimately ended up being a nerve-pinch, or "stinger," but, as Heinz noted, that information isn't always available when the rescue workers are responding.

Because of the depth of the water where the man was injured, the Grady White was not able to get to the him. So volunteers floated a backboard out about 50 or 60 feet, got the man strapped in and floated him

Police investigate shooting on Wise Avenue

At 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 27, Baltimore County Police were called to the unit-block of Wise Avenue in Dundalk for a shooting. Officers arrived and found two victims suffering from gunshot wounds. Both victims were transported to a local hospital for treatment. The female victim, identified as Gabrielle Marie Paugh, 26, of the unit-block of Wise Avenue, was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The male victim, Aaron Michael Wearins, 34, of the 3000-block of Mcelderry Street, 21205 is listed in critical condition.

Baltimore County Police homicide detectives believe that both victims were targeted in this case. If anyone has information about this shooting, please call Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020.

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back to the Grady White.

Eventually the man was taken to Rocky Point Park where he was loaded into an ambulance and taken to the hospital. The patient ultimately ended up fine, but without Unit 217 available it elongated the process and made things a bit trickier. And while they were able to make it to this call, the volunteer group ended up missing a few over the summer months. The damage went beyond an inability to respond to certain calls, too. It also inhibited training.

"There were some calls that were missed," said Heinz. "It definitely hurt us. It hurt us on training, it hurt us on the emergency responses and just on the preparedness of what we have to do."

Heinz explained how tricky handling fires on the water can be. The pressure from the hose can push the fire department's boat away from the boat it's trying to save, while also pushing the boat in danger away. So members of the BQVFD have to learn how to tie the boats together to prevent that from happening. But without Unit 217, the training was essentially sidelined.

175 miles of shoreline,

83 square miles of open water The area covered by BQVFD and North Point Edgemere is vast, essentially reaching Kent County. In total, the two volunteer companies cover 175 miles of shoreline and just over 83 square miles of open water.

And the Baltimore County Fire Department does not have a vessel.

Year round, marine response duties fall on the volunteers. From March to early November, BQVFD keeps its boats in the water. When winter hits, Unit 217 is kept at the station but is able to be put in the water at a moment's notice.

"We have the equipment, the dry suits, cleats that can walk across the ice, everything pretty much," said Heinz. "When we say 'Marine Team' people think it's seasonal, but we're a year-round team."

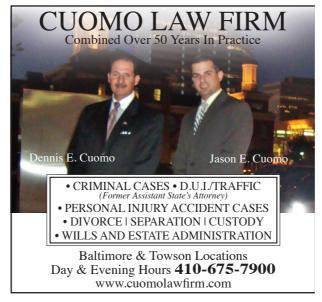
Heinz said that comes in handy around November when boaters from up north begin to make their way down south. There's an uptick of boats in the area as these boaters migrate south to Florida and other destinations, which keeps the BQVFD in the water a bit longer. They're also out each year for the lighted boat parade on Middle River.

"All these snowbirds leave and head down to Flor-

One injured in Rosedale shooting

On Aug. 23, at 1:30 a.m., Baltimore County Police were called to the unit-block of Leatherwood Place in Rosedale for a call of gunshots. After arrival, officers located a victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the mid-body.

The victim, a 24-year-old male was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Police are actively investigating this case and hope to provide more details as additional information becomes available.



ida," said Heinz "They're coming through Baltimore County. If they have a problem, we have to go out."

One step forward, one step back

Heading into the season, things were looking up for BQVFD. Through a generous donation, they were able to upgrade their tools. Before the upgrade, the group was dealing with the oldest set of tools in the county.

A few months back, Heinz was also able to grab a Stewart and Stevenson 2.5 ton light medium tactical vehicle (LMTV) via military surplus. That truck should be ready for use by mid-September, and will help with extricating people from precarious situations, like floods.

With all of these upgrades, Unit 217 getting burglarized was a step in the wrong direction.

A donation from the Marine Trades Association of Baltimore County covered the \$1,000 insurance deductible for the electronic equipment that was stolen, but now BQVFD faces another tough challenge - replacing Unit 217. The hull is taking on water, and considering it's a former fishing boat it's not quite as good as it could be. But at a cost of \$238,000, a new vessel could be a long way off. So far the fire company has raised \$990 from 19 donors.

"The BQVFD has done a lot with consumer-grade fiberglass fishing boats," said Heinz. "It's time for our citizens to be properly treated with an all-hazards metal boat that's going to hold up, a true work boat. We've got to get it somehow."

Heinz said the group has applied for grants for the past four years, but each year they have been declined. He said they have strong justification, but they don't have the experience with grant writing.

"There are certain phrases and words that those offering the grants look for that we don't know. We haven't figured it out, how to word it properly to get that funding," said Heinz.

The military surplus is also an option, but those boats tend to get snatched up quickly. There's also a lot more work that comes with refurbishing.

"It can be done, but we'd rather buy a brand new, with manufacturer's warranties, true all-hazards boat that has medical, fire pump, underwater sonar and radars that can handle bad weather. Because we go out when everyone's coming back in," said Heinz.

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The PAT McDONOUGH Mollie Tibbetts and the pro-illegal crowd

- By Del. Pat McDonough (R-7) -Mollie Tibbetts, a 20-year-old student at

the University of Iowa, was allegedly abducted and murdered by Cristhian Bahena Rivera. Mollie was out running when she was abducted and killed by "multiple sharp forced injuries." Rivera led law enforcement to her body which was lying in a cornfield nearby.

Rivera, a native of Mexico, is an illegal immigrant was and jailed on a \$5 million cash-only bond. Rivera could face life without parole in Iowa. Here's the problem; there is no capital punishment in Iowa. Since he is only 27, Tibbetts' family, friends and the rest of us must feed, clothe, provide a flat-screen television and top-of-the-line medical care, probably for the next 50 years. There is even the chance liberals in Iowa may abolish life without parole like they ended the death penalty.

Kate Steinle was murdered in the San Francisco waterfront area in 2015. She died in her father's arms. Kate's killer had been deported numerous times but because of San Francisco's sanctuary policy, her murderer was found not guilty and was again released. Sarah Root, a college student had her life ended by an illegal immigrant in a drunken driving collision in Nebraska. The reason he was on the streets was because Obama officials would not allow ICE to place a detainer on him. Kate and Sarah both

Reporthad legislation introduced in Congress
that would require tough action against
illegal immigrants who commit crimes
that result in death or injury. The bills
have been bottled up in Congress by
criminal illegal immigrant supporters.

The figures are staggering when it comes to the cost to taxpayers for criminal illegal immigrants. The federal government spends about \$1.5 billion a year on incarceration and the states spend much more. Of the inmates that have been released, about 15 percent break the law again. According to the Government Accounting Office, 30 percent of the federal prison population are illegals and 77 percent of those are Mexican. Taxpayers spend \$117 billion a year on illegals for their education, healthcare, criminal justice and public service needs. The estimated population of illegals in the United States ranges from 11 million to 30 million. It is difficult to estimate the actual numbers because of the lack of information and a failure of cooperation by sanctuary policy politicians.

The pro-illegal crowd was a big part of the problem for Mollie, Kate, Sarah and now it is for the rest of us. The pro-illegal crowd supports stopping the Wall, open borders, sanctuary policies, abolishing ICE and amnesty. All of these actions will kill job opportunities, dismantle the rule of law and leave us open to dangerous terrorists. Sadly, these people have more passion for the illegals than for their victims and American citizens.

Senator and Presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren recently stated on CNN

that the real problem with the immigration system is "separation of illegal immigrant families at the border." Nancy Pelosi, speaking in Texas, urged Democrats to go vote so they could win a majority in the House and help illegals cross the border. At the local level, the Democrat Mayor of Portland, Ore., ordered local police to "stand down" when a large mob of violent leftists attacked the ICE headquarters in his city. The neighborhood was littered and trashed, the headquarters building was defaced and the American flag was torn down and replaced with the Antifa flag. Finally, ICE reinforcements arrived and pressure from citizens who had witnessed the mayhem forced the mayor to exercise his responsibility which was to protect property and lives.

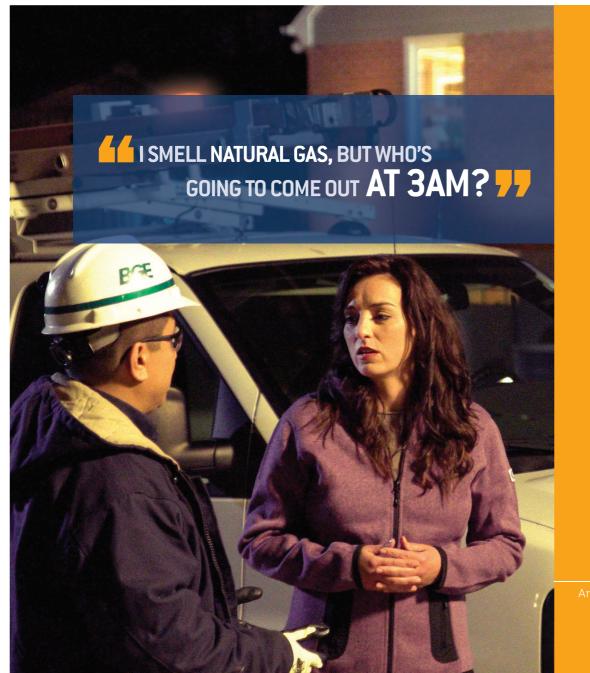
The mayor of Oakland, Calif., provided advanced public notice to illegal alien drug gangs that ICE was about to launch a well-planned assault on the city's drug dealers. There are so many stories and examples of elected representatives violating the law in order to assist illegal immigrants that are too numerous to mention. So many of us wonder what is wrong with these people and politicians.

In terms of policy, Maryland is already a sanctuary state. We house more than 400,000 illegals within our borders. Some estimates claim Maryland taxpayers spend \$2 billion a year on this problem. Lawfully, the illegals should be deported from the state, but instead they receive driver's licenses and taxpayer-financed discounted college tuitions. As a legislator, I voted against the driver's license bill and I helped lead the fight on the successful petition drive to get the discounted tuition proposal on the ballot. A large turnout of liberal voters from Montgomery, Prince Georges and other counties and a \$500,000 contribution to the campaign against our petition from George Soros helped the pro-illegal crowd win the referendum. The Maryland General Assembly is infested with pro-illegal immigrant advocates. They will pass an official Maryland State Sanctuary Law like the one in California. Governor Ben Jealous would gleefully sign the law. Governor Hogan would veto the sanctuary law, but it will probably suffer an override by the Maryland General Assembly.

Don't forget, the late Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kaminetz signed official documents making our county a sanctuary county. Baltimore County is awash in Mexican heroin imported and distributed by local MS13 gangs. Why would any county where its citizens have been murdered and injured by drugs accept sanctuary policies? Any elected representatives in Baltimore County who are pro-sanctuary policies are, in essence, pro-MS13. It is time for a strong federal strike force, ICE team reinforcement and local zero-tolerance police force working in partnership to protect our citizens and prevent a Mollie Tibbetts tragedy from occurring in our county.

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Remembering Our Loved Ones

CALLIGAN, DOROTHY

On Aug. 21, 2018 Born Jan. 10, 1929. Dorothy is survived by her son Gene Jr. and wife Stefanie, daughter-in-law Laura and grandchildren Yvonne Bowings, Cynthia Said,

Gene Calligan III and Keith Calligan. Also survived by nine great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by

husband Gene Calligan Sr., son Gary and daughters Jayne and Arlene.

Services provided by Bruzdzinski Funeral Home.

On July 19 Mark "Animal" Price of Essex, MD passed away, losing his battle with COPD. He was 58 years old. He was born on Nov. 16, 1959 to Eugene and Dora Price. He was an only child. He was an "All American Boy." He loved Orioles baseball, Ravens football (as long as they weren't playing



Dallas - they were his first love), eating crabs, shooting pool, playing cards and the ocean. Mark was an organ donor and was able to donate his liver to a man in need. Mark is survived by his loving wife of only six short years, Donna, his granddaughter Isla, mother Dora Price and his late father Eugene Price, Aunt Susan Glover, cousin Dwayne and his wife Maria and his longtime faithful companion, his dog, Baby Girl. He is also survived by a host of in-laws, extended family and friends.

A celebration of life was held in Mark's honor at Brewer's Landing on Aug. 5. Thanks to all who planned, contributed and came. Mark will be missed but will remain forever in our hearts.

Strozykowski, Rosemary

On Aug. 26, Rosemary Teresa Strozykowski, beloved wife of the late George A. Strozykowski; devoted mother of George J. Strozykowski and his wife Catherine, Albert L. Strozykowski and his wife Teresa and Marie T. Prietz and her husband Douglas E. Also survived by many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk on Fri., Aug. 31 at 10 a.m. Family will receive friends on Thurs. from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 p.m. Interment at Gardens of Faith Memorial Gardens.

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Tasker, Theodore

On Aug. 20, long time Essex resident Teddy Tasker, father of Holly Ann Ellis of West Virginia; son of the late Frank Tasker Jr. and Evalyn M. Tasker; brother of Ronald C. Tasker and William H. Tasker. He is predeceased by siblings

Betty Coscia, Barbara Tadlock, Frank R. Tasker and Larry M. Tasker. He is also survived by two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Teddy was an entrepreneur who reveled in restoring vintage automobiles and participated in many of the local auto shows, winning trophies and prizes for his entries. He also enjoyed motorcycle riding, stock car racing, NASCAR and anything to do with speed.

Arrangements are private.

Faulkner, Nicholas

On Aug. 25, Nicholas "Nick" Faulkner, beloved son of Teresa and Steve Brown, Carol and James McBride; devoted brother of Candi Hatgis and her husband Jonathan, Daroll, Jennifer Carr and her husband John, and Troy; cherished uncle of John Steven, Landon and Kaden.

Friends may call at Christian Fellowship Church of God, 12909 Eastern Ave. in Middle River, on Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. Funeral service on Wednesday at 11 a.m. from Chase Christian Fellowship Church of God. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, please make donations in Nick's name to Kennedy Krieger Institute, 707 North Broadway, Baltimore, Maryland 21205, Attn: Office of Philanthropy.

Hicks, Charles Sr.

On Aug. 25, Charles "Bo" Hicks Sr., beloved husband of many years of Darlene Hicks (nee Bell); loving father of Charles "Chuck" Hicks Jr. and wife Colleen, James Hicks and wife Nicki, John Young and wife Julie, William Young and wife Nancy and Brian Schoonover; cherished grandfather of Ryan Hicks, Sean Hicks, Erica Hicks, Jack Young, Jeff Young, Joanie Young, Brittany Heitman, Katie Young and Kendall Schoonover; dear brother of Judy Collier and husband Ed and the late Sandy Winters and husband Ronald, Dorothy Fink and James Hicks; predeceased by his parents Burley and Dorothy Hicks. Also survived by sisters and brothers-in-law, numerous nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Services provided by Bruzdzinski Funeral Home of Essex. Entombment in Holly Hill Memorial Gardens. Donations can be made to the American Heart Assoc.



Pouncy, Robert

On Aug. 25, Robert "Sean" Pouncy, beloved husband of Michelle D. Pouncy (nee Magione); devoted father of Teresa Michelle Pouncy and Daniel Sean Pouncy; loving son of the late Tommy G. Pouncy, Sr. and Sue C. Pouncy; dear brother of Tommy G. Pouncy, Jr., Timothy P. Pouncy, Norma Jo Thomas, Carollee Bangle, Terry Lee White, Ronnie Pouncy Boudreaux and his twin brother, John E. Pouncy; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk. Entombment in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Bean, Phyllis M.

On Friday, Aug. 24, Phyllis M. Bean, beloved wife of the late Lewis B. Bean, Jr.; loving mother of Lewis B. Bean, III and his wife Vickie, Jeannette Hoffner and her husband Michael, Dolores Cesenaro and her husband Gus, and Phillip Bean and his wife Dawn; grandmother of Michael, Jennifer, Autumn, Stacey, Cilicia, Megan, and Emily; great-grandmother of Aaron, Tyriek, June, Justin, Joie, Madison, Colton, and Avery; sister of Jeannette Brown, and aunt of Sissy. Also survived by many other loving family and friends.

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A 30-year look back at the comedies of 1988

- By Teddy Durgin -

OK, dear readers, we REALLY need to laugh these days, don't ya think? And by that, I mean we need a string of good, sustained comedies on the big screen to counteract all of the negativity being vomited 24/7 out of the Internet, TV, radio and the corner store. Sweet Caviezel, I've never seen so many humor-deprived sourpusses!

What we need is a year like 1988. I'd thought about re-running a tribute I wrote 10 years ago to that late, great year in film because, first, everything released in theaters then is celebrating its 30th anniversary now, and second, it truly remains one of my favorite years ever. It was an innocent time for me personally. It was the year I turned 18, went to my senior prom, graduated high school and started college. It was also the year I first met Charlie Babbit, Roger Rabbit, John McClane, Prince Akeem and Chucky.

Looking back at the flicks of that year, you could almost argue that comedies could have darn-near made up the five Best Picture nominations at the Academy Awards. Even the actual Best Picture winner, "Rain Man," is a very funny movie in long stretches. Sigh. Thirty years. Hard to believe. Here's a look back at the best big-screen laughfests of 1988 (in alphabetical order):

1) "Big" - Great flick. Tom Hanks, the

former "Bosom Buddies" TV star, got his first Oscar nomination for it. And thus began what I remember was The Peter Scolari Watch. When would his former sitcom cast mate also break through, start getting the movie parts and reaping the awards season notice? Unfortunately, Scolari stayed ... er ... "Small."

2) "Biloxi Blues" - One of the most underrated films of the 1980s. This was Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical story of his time in the Army in the waning days of World War II. So many great scenes: Sgt. Toomey dressing down the troops, the soldiers' wager over what to do with one week left to live, Eugene and Rowena, Eugene's dance with Daisy at the USO, anytime "How High the Moon" plays in the film. I love this movie. Somewhere there's music, indeed.

3) "Bull Durham" - Kevin Costner lived out some serious baseball dreams in the late '80s. In 1988, he starred in this classic about a journeyman catcher ("I'm the player to be named later") assigned to a minor league team to tutor the franchise's hot young pitching prospect (Tim Robbins). In turn, the two men vie for the affections of Susan Sarandon's Annie Savoy, a local woman who's made a career out of bedding the team's top prospects and making them better players. One year later, Costner would make what I consider to be the finest baseball film ever, "Field of Dreams." 4) "Coming to America" - Eddie Murphy's best movie. Yup, I said it! Better than "48 Hours." Better than "Trading Places." Better than "Beverly Hills Cop." Nothing else left to say except ... "Just let your SOUL GLOW!"

5) "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" - Quick "Star Wars" trivia: This is the movie where the galaxies converged and Yoda (Frank Oz) directed The Emperor (Ian McDiarmid, who played Caine's snooty butler). For real!

6) "A Fish Called Wanda" - Comedy rarely gets Academy Award notice, but Kevin Kline's demented, pro-American thief Otto was so sublime a comic creation, he just had to be honored with a Best Supporting Actor Oscar. Great dialogue ("We didn't lose Vietnam! It was a TIE!"), too. And let's throw some love to John Cleese, Jamie Lee Curtis and Michael Palin. For my money, only the "Seinfeld" team have made for a better comedy quartet.

7) "Funny Farm" - Quite possibly my favorite comedy. I just love the story. Two Manhattanites move to the rural town of Redbud so Andy (Chevy Chase) can write the Great American Novel and his wife (Madolyn Smith) can live the quiet, country life. But everyone in the town is either insane, crooked or hates them. So to sell the house, Andy and his wife pay each of the residents \$50 to act like the people in Norman Rockwell's idyllic Saturday Evening Post cover paintings. The climax is brilliant, and the early scenes with the movers are comedy gold.

8) "The Great Outdoors" - John Candy eating that 96-ounce steak was funny in '88. Today ... so sad.

9) "The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!" - It's impossible to watch now for the dated humor and the presence of Orenthal James Simpson in a major supporting role. But I still love the flick, especially the bit with Queen Elizabeth at the ballgame, hocking a loogie, and throwing out a sick curve ball for the first pitch.

10) "Working Girl" - If you ever get wistful for the World Trade Center, no film has a more loving look at the Manhattan skyline that was than this film's beautiful opening credits sequence. I always get a little choked up watching the Staten Island Ferry making its daily journey into Lower Manhattan while Carly Simon's Oscar-winning, hymn-like "Let the River Flow" plays over the soundtrack. Other than that, the film is darn funny, with great comic performances by Melanie Griffith, Sigourney Weaver and Harrison Ford.

Ten more funny '88 faves: "Beetlejuice," "Crossing Delancey," "Hairspray," "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka," "Married to the Mob," "Midnight Run," "Scrooged," "She's Having a Baby," "Twins" and "Without a Clue."



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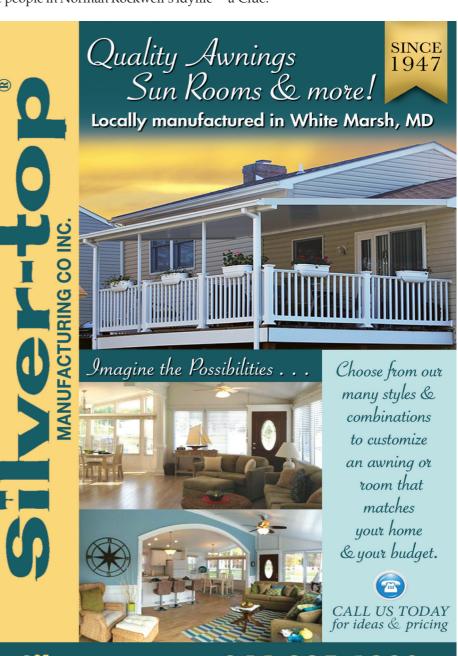
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'Happytime Murders' is no master of puppets

- By Teddy Durgin -

"The Happytime Murders" is a movie that could have worked and worked brilliantly if the people involved had just gotten a handle on their concept, their story, the story's tone and ... well ... a lot more. Yes, dear readers, it's that R-rated comedy you've probably seen commercials and trailers for, featuring Muppet-like puppets smoking, drinking, gambling, cursing, fornicating and (yes) murdering.

"The Happytime Murders" is directed by Brian Henson, son of Muppets legend Jim Henson, and it's produced by a division of the family business known as "Henson Alternative." I understand the need to stretch creatively. Years ago, Jerry Zucker wanted to take a break from his and his brothers' parody gagfests like "Airplane!" and "Top Secret!" So, he made "Ghost." And it was wonderful. Wes Craven was known for years as the director of "Scream" and "A Nightmare on Elm Street." But two-thirds of the way through his horror career, he decided to direct "Music of the Heart" about one teacher's struggle to teach the violin to inner-city youth.

"The Happytime Murders" plays less like Henson and Co. stretching creatively and more like them trying to prove they can be every bit as crass, edgy and profane as people like Seth MacFarlane and Trey Parker and Matt Stone. The resulting film plays like an unearthed gag reel the various puppeteers might have spliced together working late nights over the years and then shown at parties - a gag reel featuring their puppets doing naughty things.

"The Happytime Murders" indeed tells a "Roger Rabbit"-like story that's set in a world where humans co-exist with sentient puppets. Phil Phillips (Bill Barretta) is a puppet that used to be a cop, but lost his badge when he accidentally shot an innocent bystander while trying to save his partner Connie's (Melissa McCarthy) life. He now works as a P.I. in the seedy part of Los Angeles and spends his days chain smoking and gulping down cheap whiskey.

His life changes when he becomes mixed up in a series of murders targeting the cast of a long-canceled sitcom that starred his former human girlfriend Jenny (Elizabeth Banks) and a majority-puppet cast. He teams up with Connie, who has become bitter towards puppets over the years, to try and find the killer. Meanwhile, Phil also is working a blackmail case involving a nymphomaniac puppet named Sandra (Dorien Davies) that begins to tie in with the Happytime Murders.

Henson and Co. are all over the map tonally with this one. Phil narrates the film like he's some kind of foul-mouthed Humphrey Bogart circa 1940s film noir. But when he and Connie team up, the film shifts to an '80s-era, mismatched



buddy cop flick.

Now, I'll be completely honest here and acknowledge there are some very big laughs delivered throughout this film's merciful 90-minute running time. The Phil and Sandra sex scene is hilarious. And behind-the-scenes footage that plays over the end credits showing how the puppeteers filmed this scene is just as funny, right down to the puppeteers staying in character between takes.

But after a while, the novelty of "Muppets Gone Wild" wears off and you realize this would be a really bad movie if a cast of entirely human stars were acting out the same story. This is pretty empty entertainment, folks.

The Happytime Murders is rated R.



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JADs re-brands but still brings the same great taste

- Article & photos by Patrick Taylor -

A few months back new ownership took over JADs Caddyshack, and like most businesses that go through a change in ownership there have been some changes, including the name. Instead of JADs, Caddyshack, we now have JP's Restaurant, Bar and Grill. For fans of the food, though, fear not - most of the changes are aesthetic.

The dining room has been completely refurbished, with new lighting, new seating and some fresh paint. And with a new look often comes new dishes and new specials. Despite that, manager Billy Shea told *The East County Times* that really not a whole lot has changed.

"We still have the Shea's breakfast and do all the catering," said Billy. "We have a lot of the same dishes, but we needed to do something."

Shea and Ms. Won cha Shin, the new owner, are hopeful that the refurbished dining area will help attract a younger crowd.

But they aren't just betting on brightening up the dining room bringing in a new crowd. They are taking some common themes and adding little twists - like their Taco Wednesday deal, which offers a variety of tacos for \$2 or \$3 a pop.

"Everyone does Taco Tuesday, and we thought 'You know, people like tacos on days other than Tuesday,'" said Shea. "So this is for the people who didn't quite get their fill on Tuesday, or had to miss

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When I stopped by JP's last week, Shea and Ms. Wancha offered some dishes for tasting. Since we were just on the subject of tacos, it seems like that's a good place to start.

The fish taco and the boom boom shrimp taco were absolutely heavenly, especially the latter. Topped with some greens, cheese and a tangy sauce, these were some of the best tacos I've had in the area. Served with a side of wild Spanish rice, I would have been content to sit their all day eating nothing but the tacos and rice.

As good as the tacos are, there was plenty more to try, including the delectable fried chicken. I was shocked to see what was essentially half of a chicken fried to perfection on my plate when it was delivered. Complete with a wing, a



The fish tacos and shrimp tacos are otherworldly at JP's

drumstick, a thigh and a breast, this could easily be dinner for two. And on Friday evenings, you can find it on special for \$9.99, which has to be one of the best deals on the east side.

But if you're going to eat out on the east side, you have to go with something crab related. I tried the cream of crab soup, the stuffed shrimp (which is stuffed with crab imperial) and the crab cake. As you can expect, there was no shortage of large hunks of crab meat in any of the aforementioned dishes.

The dish that stuck out for its uniqueness was the stuffed shrimp. Comprised of crab imperial made with lump and jumbo lump crab meat, pimentos and green peppers, this dish is then baked golden brown. This dish is so hearty it might be worth it to share.

Finally, if you're thinking of dessert

options, JP's has teamed up with Yia Yia's Bakery, serving up some of the best desserts around. I was lucky enough to try both the orange dreamsicle cake and the brownie bottom cheesecake, and they were equally delightful. I would recommend the orange dreamsicle cake if you have just had a larger meal, and the heavier brownie bottom cheesecake if you thought ahead and left some room.

With Ms. Won cha Shin now at the helm and her son John acting as general manager, things are looking up for JP's. Ms. Won cha Shin also owns a Korean restaurant in Glen Burnie, which she has successfully run for 20+ years.

"It was time to try something new," said Ms. Won cha Shin.

JP's is located at 137 Back River Neck Road in Essex. For more information, please visit www.jadscaddyshack.com.



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Chase United Methodist Church will hold a crab feast from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2, at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave. in Nottingham. Tickets cost \$60. Children under 5 admitted free. Menu will include salads, pit beef and ham, hot and mild sausage, barbeque chicken, catfish tenders and a variety of side dishes. For more information, call Deborah Jones, 443-253-3550; Liz Whitlock at the church office (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday), 410-335-2172; or Millie Williams, 410-335-5896.



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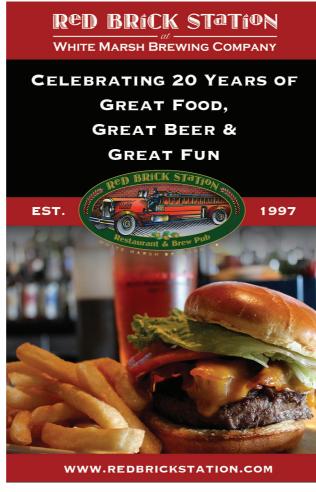
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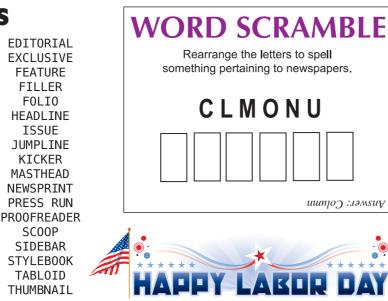
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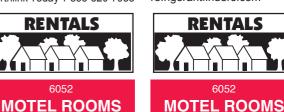
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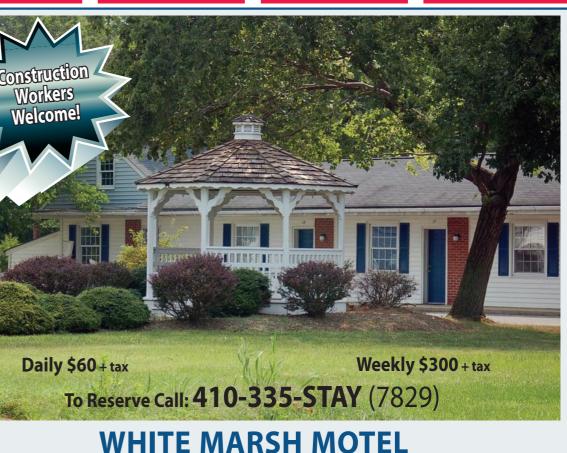
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