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# Crandell skips debate, candidates discuss **Tradepoint TIF and government center**



In a crowded Dist. 7 council race, four candidates tried to get some separation on Monday night's League of Women Voters forum held at the North Point Library.

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

Four of the five candidates running for county council in District 7 participated in a debate on Monday night, with the main focus on development and overcrowding. Notably absent from the debate was Councilman Todd Crandell (R-7).

Crandell informed the League of Women Voters, hosts of the debate, two weeks

ago that he would not be attending.

The East County Times reached out to Crandell as well as two aides, Doug Anderson and Ron Metzger, on Monday for comment on his absence, but as of Tuesday received no response.

Crandell's absence was felt, with multiple candidates taking aim at the - see COUNCIL RACE on page 2 -

# County's elementary schools can't crack elusive 'Top 100' list

- Marge Neal -

A website specializing in ranking the nation's schools according to a variety of criteria recently released lists of the top elementary schools in each state.

Niche.com's Top 100 Elementary Schools in Maryland is notable for the jurisdictions that dominate the list as well as the absence of any Baltimore County Public Schools.

Montgomery and Howard counties rule the Top 100 list, with 65 and 25 entries, respectively. Frederick County breaks into the list with Centerville Elementary at the no. 44 spot, and finishes with seven schools total, while Worcester makes appearances at no. 72 with Ocean City and no. 97 with Pocomoke. Anne Arundel County was the fourth and final jurisdiction to break onto the list with West Annapolis in the 94th spot.

Asked about the relevance and importance — or lack thereof — of rankings such as these, and the significance

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# More new buildings planned for TPA

- By Virginia Terhune -

Tradepoint Atlantic plans to add more than 100 acres to its space for automotive roll on-roll off operations at the redeveloping former Bethlehem Steel mill in Sparrows Point.

Pasha Automotive Services leased 21 acres off Shipyard Road in 2016 to import foreign cars by ship to Tradepoint docks for processing and delivery to inland customers.

A plan to provide more space for similar roll-on, roll-off services by additional tenants was endorsed on Sept. 11 by the county's Development Review Committee, a group of department representatives that reviews preliminary plans.

The plan shows several buildings on a 115-acre site, including two processing centers, body shop, quality shop, car wash and fuel station.

A recommendation by the DRC allows Tradepoint and its tenants to apply for building permits without a public hearing but with further plan review by county agencies to ensure compliance with county regulations.

The DRC also recently endorsed Tradepoint's concept plan to build a 1.6 million-square-foot distribution building to the east of the automotive area that can accommodate one or more tenants.

"In the last four years, we've leased 4.5 million square feet, with 3 million of it being new space," said Tradepoint spokesman Aaron Tomarchio about redevelopment to date during a Sept. 11 bus tour organized by the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce based in White Marsh.

To help the company compete with other logistics and industrial centers for tenants, Tradepoint also recently formed Revitalize Sparrows Point, a coalition of community, business and labor

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**NEWS** 

# **COUNCIL RACE** -

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"It's a shame that the Republican candidate couldn't show, and I think it's very telling," said Dave Rader, a write-in candidate, toward the end of the debate

Alongside Rader for the debate were Democratic candidate Brian Weir, Libertarian candidate Doug Stanley and another write-in candidate, Tim Fazenbaker. For over an hour on Monday night the four candidates discussed a wide range of issues, from overdevelopment and overcrowding to tax increment financing (TIF) at Tradepoint Atlantic and general safety issues.

When asked about their priorities, there was a decent amount of crossover. Both Stanley and Rader listed improving the area's infrastructure, which Stanley referred to as "outdated and falling apart."

Weir primarily focused on safety issues as his top priority. The Democratic nominee said that he would like to see more police hired. Aside from needing more police, he also added that the police need to be utilized the way they should. Instead of acting as crossing guards for schools at the beginning and end of the school day, Weir said he would like to hire senior citizens looking for part time work, which would have the twofold benefit of providing work for seniors

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Fazenbaker, a former health care executive, made a push for better school infrastructure and improved jobs. "We don't have what we should be getting [in this district]," said Fazenbaker, adding that "Crandell isn't delivering" on jobs promises.

With the Tradepoint Atlantic site being built up, Fazenbaker hammered home the point that the jobs they are bringing in need to be jobs with good wages, like manufacturing jobs, biotech and federal jobs. He also said he would like to see the TIF deal tied to school improvements.

Weir expanded on that idea, telling the audience of 60 or so people gathered at the North Point Library that they should "take it to the next level" and add \$50 million to the deal with the caveat that Tradepoint would have to provide funding for major school improvement projects.

While the overall attitude seemed to be one of resignation that the TIF deal was all but done, Fazenbaker agreed that more could be gotten out of it for the district.

"If we want to stop it, we can. If we want it to go through, we can get a better deal," said Fazenbaker.

Rader, who identified as a Democratic Republican in the mold of Thomas Jefferson, added that he didn't think it was a done deal, and that the people of the community could petition to halt the deal for at least four years. He said he was "generally opposed to billionaires getting taxpayer money."

"They have received over \$100 million in tax breaks," said Rader, adding that the group who purchased the former Bethlehem Steel yard bought it for \$110 million in 2014. "The have been making money left and right," Rader added.

Stanley agreed with Rader, saying Tradepoint should "not have corporate welfare," but he was less enthusiastic about the odds of stopping the deal. "There's a high probability the state goes around the community and pushes it through," said Stanley.

On the subject of the North Point Government Center, Stanley lamented the prospect of developers getting hold of the property that has long been the subject of fiery debates about its function in the community.

"I do not want to see the government center turned into another large chunk of asphalt," said Stanley.

Stanley said he would like to see the building utilized more. The Libertarian candidate added that the building space could be utilized by Baltimore County Public Schools to help alleviate overcrowding issues.

Weir, who has years of experience working with Baltimore County Recreation and Parks, said he would like to see a state-of-the-art theatre on that property, but that he would want to speak with community leaders and recreation and parks to find out what they want.

On the opioid epidemic, Weir took a hard line on medical marijuana.

"I am the only candidate in favor of medical marijuana," said Weir, before going into a heartfelt speech about how cannabidiol oil helped his late son with seizures before his untimely passing. "In this area we need better solutions, beds and immediate treatment," Weir said.

Fazenbaker told the audience there needed to be better treatment options than methadone clinics, and that when those clinics are brought to communities there needs to be community input to make sure these clinics aren't being placed near schools.

Rader, providing no evidence, theorized that millions of dollars earmarked for opioid treatment have gone missing, and that, if elected, he would uncover those funds and use them to treat the epidemic the way it should be treated.

"That money could go to a new facility," said Rader.

On safety around Dundalk Avenue, all candidates agreed that more collaboration with Baltimore City was necessary to combat the quality of life issues that have many local residents avoiding the area. Rader, however, took it one step further.

"We have to do everything we can to work with the city on this issue," said Rader. "If they can't handle it, we should annex it."



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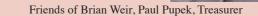


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**NEWS** 

# **TOP 100**

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of no Baltimore County elementary schools in the Top 100, the *East County Times* received this response from school system spokesman Brandon Oland: "BCPS is routinely well represented on lists put out by prominent media organizations, including *U.S. News and World Report* and *The Washington Post*. BCPS is also home to 24 Maryland Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence, 14 of which are elementary schools."

Blue Ribbon schools are so recognized for either one specific year of high standardized test scores (top 15 percent in the state) or three to five years of marked improvement in closing achievement gaps between subgroups of students, according to Maryland and National Blue Ribbon School criteria. For example, an elementary school named a Blue Ribbon School for exemplary test scores in 2000 received that recognition based on that year's fifth-grade student scores, according to Darla Strouse, the executive director of Office of Partnerships and Recognition for the Maryland State Department of

Because the awards recognize high achievement for a specific period of time, winning schools that choose to use the Blue Ribbon School logo on banners or other means of advertising must include the year the award was won, according to the National Blue Ribbon School website.

While the Top 100 schools received the most attention in the niche.com report, the organization ranked all of Maryland's elementary schools. Baltimore County first entered the list at no. 157 on the back of Pinewood, and six more Towson-area schools received nods from no. 160 (Lutherville Laboratory) through 189 (Cromwell Valley Elementary Regional Magnet School of Technology).

Northeast Baltimore County first appears with Chapel Hill at no. 221; Middle River's Vincent Farm makes the list at no. 315; Essex is first represented by Middleborough (no. 382), Edgemere gets on the list with Chesapeake Terrace at no. 474 and the Dundalk area gets its first mention with Charlesmont at no. 492.

The final Baltimore County school on the list is also an Essex-area school, with Deep Creek Elementary getting spot no. 673.

And while Montgomery and Howard counties dominate the top 100 elementary schools list, the City of Baltimore pretty much owns the bottom 100 of the more than 900 schools studied. Prince George's County has 14 of the bottom 100 schools while Baltimore owns the other 86.

Rankings in the middle of the pack

can be misleading simply because of the shear number of elementary schools in the state. For example, Baltimore County's highest ranking school, Pinewood at no. 157, would at first appear to be a mediocre ranking. But the school received an overall letter grade of A-minus. In its more detailed report card, Riderwood received an A in academics, an A-minus in quality of teachers and a B-plus in diversity. It was described as a "highly rated school."

The county's last school on the list — Deep Creek, which did not receive a numerical ranking in accordance with niche.com's methodology but was listed in the 673rd spot — received an overall grade of C, with a C-minus in academics, C-plus for teachers and a B-plus in diversity.

The website also ranked school districts in Maryland, and again, at first glance, Baltimore County's showing at no. 14 of 24 jurisdictions appears to be a less than stellar placement. But the system received an overall grade of B, and was described as an "above average" public school district with 38 percent of students testing at "at least proficient " in math and 40 percent in reading.

Howard County, judged the state's top public school district, was described as a "highly-rated" system with 59 percent of all students at least proficient in math and 58 percent

in reading.

Niche.com gave both numerical rankings and letter grades to schools that satisfied all of the judging criteria requirements, according to the site. Reviewers issue numerical rankings and overall grades based upon criteria using a process described in detail on the site under "methodology."

The rankings were developed using a combination of categories, including academics, diversity, events and clubs, quality of teachers, student-teacher ratio, state test scores, student and parent reviews and U.S. Department of Education statistics, according to the website.

A "rigorous analysis" of the data resulted in the rankings as published.

Schools missing more than 50 percent of the factors were excluded completely from the list and received neither a ranking nor a letter grade. Schools that had at least 50 percent of the factors but lacked one or more of the required factors were not included in the numerical rankings but were assigned a grade in accordance with methodology protocol, according to the site.

The final Baltimore County school to receive a numerical ranking from niche.com was Joppa View at no. 407 and the final overall ranked school was numbered 461. Numbers higher than

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# Study: Many county residents struggle just to survive

- Marge Neal -

The stock market might be at record high levels and the state's and nation's unemployment levels at or near record lows.

But those numbers don't mean much to struggling working class people who have no money to invest in the stock market and are working parttime jobs at wages insufficient to pay the most basic of living expenses.

In Baltimore County, 38 percent of all households live below what has been dubbed the ALICE threshold, according to a recent study published by United Way of Central Maryland.

ALICE stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed and is used to describe individuals and families that have enough income to put them above the federal poverty level but not enough to comfortably afford basic necessities as determined by the cost of living in each jurisdiction.

"ALICE isn't going away, and as this latest report shows, the numbers are only increasing," United Way of Central Maryland President Franklyn Baker said in a statement releasing a summary of the study. "We must continue to work together to help remove barriers in areas such as housing, transportation and child care that prevent so many of our citizens from leading a stable, secure life."

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Quarters	2,466	39 %			
Carney	12,895	44			
Dundalk	23,425	58			
Edgemere	3,200	36			
Essex	14,748	53			
Kingsville	1,591	27			
Middle River	9,791	49			
Overlea	4,799	47			
Parkville	12,579	48			
Perry Hall	11,348	33			
Rosedale	6,760	44			
Rossville	6,046	45			
White Marsh	3.582	28			

The results of the study were released via a webinar for journalists and other interested parties on Sept. 12.

For purposes of the study, basic necessities are defined as housing, child care, food, transportation and health care. This year's ALICE survival budgets also include the cost for a smart phone for each adult, which United Way no longer considers a luxury but a must have tool in terms of communications, job hunting, web searching and other day-to-day tasks.

The study results released earlier this month are based on 2016 income and costs of living, according to the report.

In Baltimore County, 38 percent of all 312, 921 households live on incomes at or below the ALICE threshold, according to the study.

In Maryland, the ALICE survival budget is \$69,672 for a family of two adults and two children and \$26,052 for an individual, while the federal poverty level is set at \$24,300 for a family of four and \$11,880 for an individual.

The United Way study determined that an individual living in Baltimore County needs to make a full-time hourly wage of \$14.13 just to make the survival budget, which is \$2,355 a month or \$28,260 annually, according to the report. A family of four would need to make a combined \$38.17 per hour hour just to provide basic necessities, which cost \$6,362 per month or \$76,344 annually.

In eastern Baltimore County, the percentage of households at or below the ALICE threshold (including poverty) varies from slightly below to considerably above the state average.

Kingsville and White Marsh residents fare the best with 27 and 28 percent, respectively, of all households struggling to survive. The Dundalk area, the largest east side community with 23,425 households, has an ALICE/poverty level of 58 percent, with Essex (14,748 households) at 53 percent, Middle River (9,791) at 49 percent and Parkville (12,579 households) at 48 percent.

Contributing to workers' struggles to make ends meet is the domination of low-wage jobs, according to the report. Half of all jobs pay less than \$20 an hour, and more and more workers

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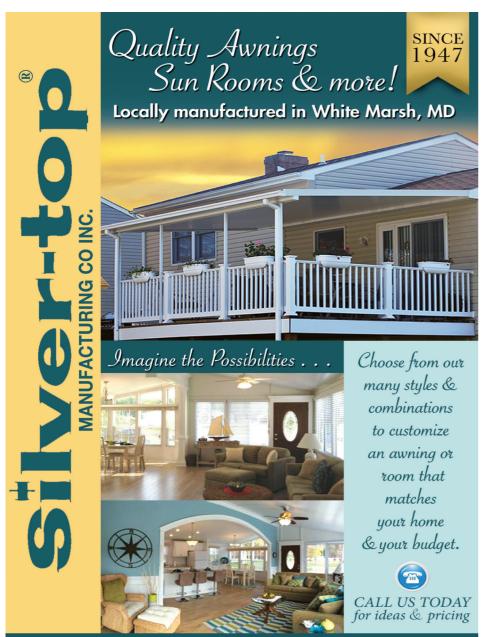
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# STRUGGLE

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depend on "gig" work and contractual jobs that offer no benefits and little to no stability or permanence.

In addition, survival budgets are increasing at a rate far surpassing the rate of inflation, according to the study.

From 2010 to 2016, Maryland's survival budgets have increased by 27 percent, as compared to a nine-percent inflation rate for the same time period, according to the United Way summary.

"At United Way of Central Maryland, the ALICE findings have reinforced our fight to ensure strong, healthy families in the neighborhoods we serve," Baker said in the statement. "This updated research underscores the work still to be done in both advocating for and providing services to this vulnerable population."

Asked during the webinar how the data would be used specifically to help vulnerable and struggling citizens, Baker said the data will arm advocates with the information needed to promote legislation for things like increased minimum wages and to better design programs that serve and assist citizens in their quests to improve the quality of their lives.

To view the entire study, feel free to visit uwcm. org/ALICE.

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# TOP 100 -

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that were assigned in order of appearance by the Times simply for reference to placement on the list of about 925 schools.

While county schools spokesman Oland refused to expand on the county's response on the value of the study when asked, MSDE's Strouse said she "very much" sees the value of such studies and subsequent

"I appreciate these studies and think there's merit to them, but I'm not a statistical guru like others are and I'm not in a position to say this one's great and that one's not," she said. "I think the truth is, when all those criteria are combined and studied, the resulting rankings are important — they give you an overall picture of the institution."

Such studies can help parents decide where to live, where to send their kids to college and be used as a tool by specific schools to improve academics and other elements of the school experience, Strouse believes.

# **County Executive Debates**

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# TRADEPOINT

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organizations to support Tradepoint's request for a TIF. The requested TIF, or tax increment financing agreement, would provide up to \$150 million to finish building and upgrading roads and water and sewer lines

on the 3,200-acre former Bethlehem Steel site. Baltimore County has commissioned RKG Associates based in Alexandria, Va. to do a feasibility study of the proposal.

If approved by the County Council before the end of the year, the TIF would enable the sale of bonds through MEDCO (Maryland Economic Development Corporation), a quasi-government body based in Baltimore that sells revenue bonds to generate capital for a varity of construction projects.

Tradepoint would have the money to spend early next year, and bond holders would be repaid over time from part of the additional tax revenue due the county and state that will be generated by higher assessments on the redeveloped steel mill.

In the meantime, Tradepoint has already invested millions of dollars to upgrade its rail and docking facilities as it continues to prepare sections of its property for a range of industrial, commercial and retail tenants.

Tomarchio said Tradepoint is taking down some remaining buildings from the steel operation while simultaneously doing environmental cleanup work and juggling new construction projects.

"We look at the sites like a Rubik's Cube," he said. "There are different combinations and every day it's changing."

Already built by Tradepoint and still to be leased is a 1 million-square-foot building that could serve one or more tenants next to Fed Ex's distribution center off Bethlehem Boulevard.

Tradepoint also built a 1.3-million-square-foot building for Under Armour due to open in the spring and a 855,000-square-foot fulfillment center built for Amazon,



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which has started to hire 1,500 people to fill warehouse jobs before the holidays.

It also built two logistics buildings totaling 350,000 square feet near its wharf on the Patapso River to accommodate bulk importers such as Perdue AgriBusiness, which imports organic grains.

Also in the works is a 70-acre retail and restaurant complex off Bethlehem Boulevard at the north end of the site that will include a Royal Farms store that is expected to open in 2020 after Amazon and Under Armour are up and running with thousands of employees.

Cutting through the retail site from east to west is the Tin Mill canal that formerly carried wastewater from steel making operations towards Bear Creek.

Contaminated soil from the canal is being removed section by section and the channel relined to accept

stormwater from the redeveloped site.

Tradepoint has scheduled its annual fall open house for the public on Thursday, Oct. 18, starting at 6 p.m. at the Tradepoint offices off Sparrows Point Boulevard. For more information about Tradepoint Atlantic, visit www.tradepointatlantic.com or facebook/ www.facebook.com/TradepointATL. For more information about the TIF coalition, visit revitalizesparrowspoint.com.

#### **Correction Notice**

A story headlined "New luxury apartments on track for White Marsh" on page 3 of the Sept. 20, 2018, edition incorrectly named a school that could accept overflow students. The correct name is the Villa Cresta Elementary school located in Parkville. The East County Times regrets the error.



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# **Magnet Programs**

Application Deadline: November 16, 2018

Magnet applications for the 2019-2020 school year will be available from the BCPS Magnet Programs' Web site (tinyurl.com/BCPSMagnet), starting at 12 noon on Monday, September 17, 2018.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, November 16, 2018.

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# **Magnet Application Meetings**

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# Fall HOME AND GARDEN

# Autumn is a prime time to tend lawns and gardens

Autumn is gardening season. That statement may not seem right to those who think of the spring as the peak time to care for lawns and gardens. However, autumn is an ideal time to get into the garden and ensure that flowers, trees and garden beds will overwinter successfully.

A number of things make autumn a prime gardening season. The cooler days of fall enable gardeners to spend ample time outdoors without the threat of blazing heat. In addition, soil harbors a lot of residual warmth in autumn. Also, the colder temperatures haven't yet arrived in autumn, nor have the leaves

completely fallen, making fall a prime time to assess what's already in the landscape, what needs pruning back and where to address planting for next year.

Gardening enthusiasts can focus their attention on these areas this fall.

- Pamper perennials. As annuals and perennials start to fall back, mark the spots where perennials are located so they can be easily identified later on. This way, when planning spots for spring bulbs or other spring layouts for next year, perennials won't be overlooked or covered over.
- Prune shrubs. Look at shrubs and trees and cut out dead or diseased wood.
- Clean up borders. Weed and tidy up borders and lawn edging.

- Install pavers or rock wall. Embrace the cooler temperatures to work on labor-intensive projects, such as putting in a garden bed or retaining wall.
- Remove spent summer veggies. Take out vegetable garden plants that have already bloomed and borne fruit. Tidy up vegetable gardens and start to sow cooler weather plants, such as onions, garlic, beans, and sweet peas.
- Rake and compost. Rake the leaves and gather grass clippings to add to the compost pile.
- Plant spring bulbs. Get tulips and other spring bulbs ready for planting so they'll burst with color next year.
- Dig up herbs. Relocate herbs like parsley or basil to indoor gardens. Otherwise, strip all leaves and

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# Fall HOME AND GARDEN

# Winterize to safeguard your home from harsh weather

Autumn is a beautiful time of year marked by welcoming cooler temperatures and the natural beauty of leaves changing colors. Autumn also has a tendency to fly by, as if the powerful weather of winter simply cannot wait to make its presence felt.

With such a seemingly short time between the end of summer and the dawn of winter, homeowners know they don't have too many weekends in between to prepare their homes for the potentially harsh months ahead. But such preparation, often referred to as "winterizing," can make a home more comfortable when the mercury dips below freezing, while saving homeowners substantial amounts of money along the way.

• Clean the gutters. Leaves falling in fall can be a beautiful sight to behold, but many of those leaves are likely finding their way into your gutters, where they can lodge and cause a host of problems down the road. If the leaves and additional debris, such as twigs and dirt, that pile up in your gutters are not cleared out before the first winter storm, the results can be costly and even catastrophic.

Winter rain and snowfall needs a place to go upon hitting your roof, and gutters facilitate the travel of such precipitation from your roof into street-level drainage systems. If gutters are backed up with leaves and other debris, then ice dams may form, forcing water to seep in through the roof. That damage can be costly and can even cause the roof to collapse inward in areas with heavy snowfall. Clean gutters throughout the fall, especially if your property has many trees, and be sure to check gutters one last time before the arrival of winter.

• Tend to your attic. Homeowners who have attics in their homes might want to add some extra

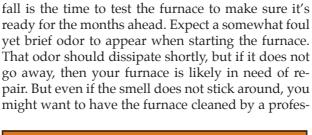
insulation up there, especially those who recall feeling cold inside their homes | sulation in a home. A good rule of thumb when determining if your attic needs more insulation is to look for the ceiling joists. If you can see the joists, then you need more insulation.

· Address leaky windows and doors. Sometimes attic insulation is not the culprit when it comes to a cold home. Oftentimes, leaky windows and doors are the real bad guys in a drafty home. Fall is a great time to inspect for leaky windows and doors, as the wind outside can serve as your partner. When the wind outside is blowing, take a tour of your home's windows and doorways, standing next to them to determine if there any holes or leaks that are letting outdoor air inside. If you notice any leaks beneath exterior doors, install some door sweeps to keep outdoor air where it belongs. Leaks around windows can be snuffed out with caulk or weather stripping.

• Test the furnace. Homeowners typically do not devote much thought to their furnaces in spring, summer and fall. But with winter on the horizon, fall is the time to test the furnace to make sure it's ready for the months ahead. Expect a somewhat foul yet brief odor to appear when starting the furnace. That odor should dissipate shortly, but if it does not go away, then your furnace is likely in need of repair. But even if the smell does not stick around, you

sional anyway. Such cleanings ensure the furnace works efficiently throughout the winter.

• Clean the garage. You might not mind parking in the driveway during the warmer months of the year, but why subject your vehicles to harsh winter weather if you don't have to? Clean the garage in the fall so you have an indoor parking spot throughout the winter season. Protecting your car from the elements can add years to its life and also saves you the trouble of digging your car out of the snow.





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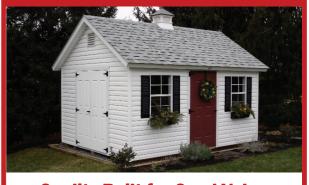
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# Fifth defendant in armed robbery of Dundalk arms shop sentenced to 13 years

U.S. District Judge Richard D. Bennett sentenced David Wise, a/k/a Rambo and Rampage, age 23, of Baltimore, to 13 years in prison on Sept. 21, followed by three years of supervised release, for the armed robbery of a federally licensed firearms dealer.

"David Wise and his co-defendants targeted a gun dealer in order to steal and resell the guns on the street. Through the coordinated efforts of our law enforcement partners, many of the guns were recovered, and a group of armed robbers has been put behind bars," said U.S. Attorney Robert K. Hur.

According to his plea agreement and other court documents, on Aug. 5, 2016, Wise and four co-conspirators robbed a bait, tackle and gun store in Dundalk that was a federally licensed firearms dealer. Specifically, Raymond McCullough, the principal planner and orchestrator of the robbery, drove the co-conspirators in a stolen pick-up truck to the store to conduct the robbery.

The group had specifically targeted the store in order to pilfer firearms for subsequent sale and use, and brought firearms to force the victims to submit and zip-ties to bind the victims. Wise and Lerron Sheppard entered the store, pointed guns at the store owners, and demanded money and guns. Fearing for their lives, the victims complied. Wise and Sheppard bound one victim with zip-ties, then ordered the second victim to assist them in getting the cash and firearms.

While Wise stood guard over the victims, Sheppard unlocked the front door of the store (which had automatically locked) so that Smith and Tavon Hawkins could enter. McCullough backed the pick-up truck to the front of the store and waited outside. Wise, Smith, Hawkins and Sheppard then proceeded to plunder the store of cash and 37 firearms, including three assault rifles and a silencer. The men packed the firearms in duffel bags and backpacks and carried them outside to the pick-up truck. Sheppard then pushed the second victim in a safe and locked her inside. The men then fled to an apartment in Baltimore, where they divided the cash and firearms among themselves. Wise received several guns, including one of the assault rifles.

During the investigation of this robbery, law enforcement recovered many of the firearms taken during the robbery and learned that the defendants had committed additional robberies in the weeks before the robbery of the firearms dealer. As part of their plea agreements and/or at their sentencing hearings, David Wise, Raymond McCullough, and Lerron Sheppard admitted committing these additional robberies. Wise is the fifth, and final, defendant to be sentenced to federal prison in this case.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. United States Attorney Robert K. Hur commended the ATF, FBI and Baltimore County Police Department for their work in the investigation.



# Overlea shooting leaves one man injured

Baltimore County Police are investigating an early morning shooting that took place in the 5400 block of Hamilton Avenue on Sept. 20.

Police were called to the 6000 block of Barstow Road around 1 a.m. after the victim, a 30-year-old man, was heard yelling for help. He suffered a gunshot wound to the lower body when a vehicle approached him as he was walking on Hamilton Avenue near Radecke Avenue and someone inside the vehicle shot at him. Both the victim and the suspect fled the location. The victim was taken to a local hospital for treatment of a wound not thought to be lifethreatening.

The Baltimore County Police Violent Crimes Unit is investigating the circumstances surrounding this shooting. Anyone with additional information on this incident or the suspect is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020.

# Police attempting to identify armed robbery suspects

Baltimore County Police are seeking the public's help in identifying three armed robbery suspects.

On June 10, at 12:40 a.m., a female suspect came into the Super 8 Motel located in the unit-block of Stemmers Run Road in Essex and asked the front desk clerk for a room key to a particular room inside the motel. The woman left the motel after the clerk refused to give her a key.

The female suspect came back into the lobby of the motel, along with two additional suspects. The two male suspects were wearing face masks when all three approached the clerk.

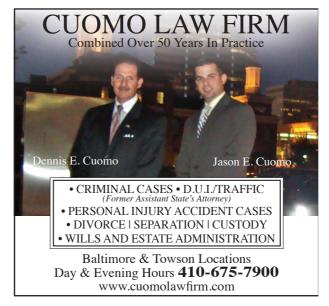
The female suspect once again asked for a room key. After the front desk clerk refused, one of the other suspects implied that he had a weapon and told the clerk to give the woman the room key. In fear for his life, the clerk complied and gave the female suspect the room key. Shortly afterwards, the suspects fled the area.

The first suspect is described as a black female, 25 to 35 years old, 5'6" and 140 pounds. She was wearing a green polka dot bandana, a gray Pittsburgh Steelers T-shirt, black pants and black Nike flip-flops.

The second suspect is described as a black male, 18-25 years old, 5'9" and 200 pounds. He was wearing a ski mask, a black jacket and black pants.

The third suspect is described as a black male, 18-25 years old, 5'8" and 160 pounds. He was wearing a ski mask, a black hooded sweatshirt, dark colored pants and shoes. This suspect implied that he had a weapon during the robbery.

If anyone has information about this armed robbery, please call Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020. Anonymous tips can also be sent to Metro Crime Stoppers, offers rewards for information in connection with felony offenses, at 1-866-7LOCKUP.



# Police investigating overnight stabbing of three people

On Sept. 23 at 12:17 a.m., Baltimore County Police were called to the parking lot of a bar located in the 12300-block of Philadelphia Road in Kingsville for a stabbing. Police arrived and found three victims. The adult male victims were transported to a local hospital with injuries not thought to be life-threatening. Detectives this week continue to investigate the

circumstances leading up to this incident. If anyone has information about this case, please call the Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020.

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# Suspect arrested in Dundalk double shooting case

Tavon Powell, wanted for the homicides of Gabrielle Paugh and Aaron Wearins in Dundalk on August 27, was found and apprehended in Kenner, La., early in the morning on Sept. 18 by the United States Marshals Service.

Detectives from the Baltimore County Police Homicide Unit contacted the U.S. Marshals Service after their investigation lead them to believe that Powell had fled Maryland. The U.S. Marshals Service developed information that Powell was staying at a location in Kenner, just outside of New Orleans. They confirmed Powell's location Sept. 18, and took him into custody.

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 in Baltimore, succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead on Aug. 29.

The Baltimore County Police Homicide Unit will send detectives to Louisiana to further investigate the homicides.

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On Sept. 18, Dorothy Louise Hobson (nee Bittinger), beloved wife of the late Garland Lloyd Hobson Sr.; devoted mother of Susan Marie Piniecki and her husband Ronald, Garland Lloyd Hobson Jr. and his wife Susan Cawley and Michelle Ottenberg and her husband Garg; loving grandmother of Julie Hobson, Dr. Ronald Piniecki, Misty Sanchez, Gregory Ottenberg, Geoffrey Ottenberg, Brandon Piniecki, Tyler Piniecki, Mariah Piniecki, Tiana Piniecki and Isaiah Piniecki; cherished great-grandmother of Zoe Huppman, Angeline Piniecki, Austin Piniecki and Xavier Sanchez; dear sister of Geraldine Kavnoudis. Also survived by many other loving relatives and friends.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk. Interment at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Johnson City, Tennessee.

# **Takos, Gregory**

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, Gregory Allen Takos, beloved husband of Natalie Liza Takos; loving father of Grayson Alexander Takos; son of Gloria and Anthony Takos; brother of Michael Anthony Takos. Gregory was also survived by many other loving family and friends. He was considered the jack of all trades, fixing everything and anything he could. With a passion for dragons and a talent for tattooing, Gregory's art and loving spirit will live on forever. He will be dearly missed.

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### Hall, Guy Lester Jr.

Suddenly on Sept. 21, Guy Lester Hall Jr., beloved son of Carolyn S. Hall (nee Stevens) and the late Guy Lester Hall Sr.; devoted brother of Carolyn R. Hause; cherished uncle of Kelly R. Day. Also survived by a host of loving family and friends.

Services provided by Bruzdzinski Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Ebenezer United Methodist Cemetery.

#### **Campbell, Harold Anthony**

On Sept. 20, Harold Anthony Campbell, beloved husband of Cynthia Branham Campbell; loving father of Christina Lillian Bussard and her husband George "Buddy"; Alexander Joseph Campbell; cherished grandfather of Lillian Lee Bussard and Paige Elizabeth Bussard; devoted brother of Linda Whatley; dear uncle of Melissa Whatley and Jason Whatley.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk. Interment at St. Johns Long Green.

#### **Wood, Bruce Boyd**

On Sept. 20, Bruce Boyd Wood, beloved husband of Bridgette Ann Wood; cherished father of Samantha Wood, Jason Palmer and his wife Tiffany, Lauren Palmer Meekins and her husband Nick and the late Trevor Daniel Watts; devoted grandfather of Desmond Meekins, Vivienne Meekins, Fiona Meekins; loving brother of Warren Wood and his wife LuzMarine, Michael Wood and his wife Kathy and the late Alma Wood. Also survived by his loving parents Nancy Martindale-Wood and the late James Warren Wood as well as his uncle Ed Martindale and wife Sandy and aunt Martha Satti and husband Art.

A private cremation was held. A memorial service and celebration of life are pending. Arrangements by the family owned Bruzdzinski Funeral Home P.A.

### Miller, Lloyd Jr.

On Sept. 23, Lloyd "Butch" Miller, Jr., beloved husband of Susan Miller; loving father of Eric Miller and his wife Loni; cherished grandfather of Matthew and Brody Miller; dear brother of Mitzie Lepka, Robert Miller and the late Lorraine Flury.

Friends may call at the family owned Bruzdzinski Funeral Home P.A. at 1407 Old Eastern Avenue on Thursday from 3 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. Funeral services on Thursday at 8 p.m. A private cremation will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Lloyd's name to either: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or any veteran's association of your choice.

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### **King, Betty Jean Beatty**

Betty Jean Beatty King, 88 years, of Port Deposit, MD, passed away Sept. 21 at home. Born April 28, 1930 in Cabarrus County, NC, she was the daughter of the late Jackson Walter Beatty, Sr. and Henrietta Little Beatty.

Mrs. King was a librarian and also worked for various insurance agencies. She was a member of the White Marsh Baptist Church, the Pleasant View Baptist Church of Port Deposit, MD and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. King is survived by her son C. Michael King and wife Mary Safrine King, of Novi, MI; daughter B. Marlene King Backert and husband James E. Backert, Jr. of Port Deposit, MD; grandsons Christopher James Backert and Gregory Michael King; granddaughters, Kelly Marlene Backert Ellison and Angela Marie King Bryan; nine great-grandchildren; sisters Nova Beatty Stephens, Nellie Beatty Hatley and Shirley Beatty Love. Mrs. King was preceded in death by her husband Charles William King; brothers Jackson W. Beatty, Jr. and Tommy Little Beatty; and sister Joyce Beatty King Isbell.

Services provided by Lee A. Patterson & Son Funeral Home, P.A., Perryville, MD. Interment at Holly Hills Memorial Gardens in Middle River. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Pleasant View Baptist Church or the White Marsh Baptist Church in care of Lee A. Patterson & Son Funeral Home, P.A., P.O. Box 766, Perryville, MD 21903-0766.

#### Franz, Mary

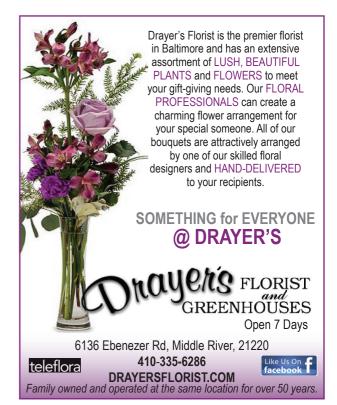
On Sept. 22, Mary Catherine Franz, beloved wife of the late Eugene L. Franz; devoted mother of Denise M. Hershel and her husband Rich, Rhonda J. Franz and her husband Herb Floyd and Roger E. Franz and his wife Sandy; loving grandmother of Heather Spilker and her husband Paul and Matthew Hershel; dear great-grandmother of Vinny Spilker and Mia Spilker; loving sister of Lawrence Casale and the late Sam Casale.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home. Interment Gardens of Faith Memorial Gardens.

#### **Cripps, Thomas Robert**

On Sept. 17, Thomas Robert Cripps, beloved husband of Lynn Cripps and the late Alma Taliaferro; devoted father of Ben Cripps, Brian Ransdell, Jason Ransdell, the late Paul Cripps and the late Alma Cripps; loving brother of Doris Randall.

A memorial service will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 10 am.



# How to recognize potential brake problems

Maintaining a vehicle is more than just a way to protect one's financial investment. Vehicle maintenance can protect against accidents and make the road safer for drivers and their passengers as well as their fellow motorists.

Fully functioning brakes are an important component of automotive safety. In its 2015 Crash Stats report, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said that brake-related problems accounted for 22 percent of crashes where vehicular failure was cited as the cause of the collision. Bad brakes are particularly notorious for rear-end collisions. Faulty, worn brake lines, antilock brake system malfunctions and worn brake pads and discs are some potential brake problems.

It is important that motorists learn to recognize the

first symptoms of brake trouble so they can address issues before they put drivers, their passengers and other motorists at risk of accident or injury.

- Unusual noises: Screeching, grinding, rubbing, and high-pitched sounds are common indicators that brake pads, rotors and other parts of the braking system need attention. Worn pads can cause damage to other vehicle parts, resulting in more expensive repairs if they're not addressed promptly.
- Pulling: If the car pulls to one side when applying the brakes, this may indicate brake pad linings are wearing down unevenly. A brake adjustment may be necessary. Pulling also may be indicative of an object or debris caught in the brake fluid.
- Less responsive: If when pressing on the brake pedal the brakes just do not seem to be as effective as

they once were, or it is necessary to press the pedal harder for the brakes to engage, there may be a brake fluid leak or an air leak. Check under the vehicle to see if any fluids are pooling.

- Pungent odors: Firestone Tire Company says a burning smell may be indicative of worn out brake pads and friction on the tires. Each of these issues require immediate attention.
- Vibrations: Certain vibrations may indicate brake issues. Rotors can become warped from metalon-metal rubbing, potentially leading to a failure of the vehicle to brake properly. Vibrations also may indicate tires are misaligned. These problems can be properly assessed by a trained mechanic.

Do not let potential brake problems go unchecked. Keeping brakes in good working order helps drivers stop more readily and avoid collisions.

# Why do brake rotors warp?

Braking systems are comprised of various components, including rotors. Rotors are large metal discs that can be seen behind the wheels of the car. Rotors can sometimes appear to warp, and many drivers may question why this occurs or if this is a significant problem.

Rotors cannot really warp. Automotive experts note that rotors are metal discs that are cast under extreme heat conditions. It would take a similar application of heat by the braking system for rotors to actually bend, which is impossible. Other factors make rotors appear to be warped, so describing such rotors as "warped" is an easy way to explain the problem to vehicle owners.

For brakes to work correctly, brake pads must be applied squarely and evenly against the rotor. But friction can cause some brake pad materials to form residue on certain areas of the rotor, eventually contributing to uneven rotor surface levels. Some spots become thicker, while others may thin out.

Drivers' own habits, including their braking tendencies, can contribute to uneven rotors. The automotive advice resource Your Mechanic says that riding the brakes for prolonged periods of time can cause hot brake pads to "paint" the rotors. So constant braking should be avoided.

Drivers also can shift into a lower gear when driving downhill so that prolonged breaking is unnecessary. Also, avoiding frequent hard breaking may help. People who live in an area where they're hard on the brakes either because of hilly terrain or traffic may find such environments can take a toll on the performance of their vehicles' brake systems.

Brake system issues, such as front brakes having to work harder than rear brakes, or over-torqueing when wheels are installed, also may cause rotors to warp, advise automotive experts at Kal Tires. Moss Motoring also states that new pads and brake pads need to be fitted correctly and properly "bedded." Bedding is the initial transfer of friction material from pad to the disc to form a smooth, uniform layer. Break-in instructions should be included with new brake installation.

Warped rotors can cause symptoms such as squeaky sounds and lead to jittery feelings in the car when brakes are applied. Such rotors also can cause the vehicle to vibrate when coming to a stop.

# Fluids to check before your next road trip

For many traveling enthusiasts, few things are more enticing than the open road. Road trips have long been popular, and that popularity appears to be on the rise.

Before embarking on road trips, motorists would be wise to inspect their vehicles to ensure their getaways are not derailed by car troubles.

• Brake fluid: Brake fluid, which should always be topped off before beginning a road trip, might also shed light on potentially serious problems. Brake fluid looks honey-like and translucent when fresh. A puddle beneath a vehicle that is clear to brown and slick indicates a brake fluid leak, which can ultimately lead to a complete failure of the brakes. The NMA recommends brake fluid be changed at least once every three to four years.

- Transmission fluid: When fresh, transmission fluid is red, darkening over time. However, transmission fluid should never appear brown or black, which indicates potential internal damage to the transmission. To find issues with the transmission fluid, the NMA recommends drivers wipe a cool dipstick between their thumb and index finger. If even the slightest bit of grit is felt when wiping the dipstick, the transmission is likely in need of work.
- Oil: Drivers should change their vehicles' oil before road trips, especially if they will be lengthy.
- Windshield washer fluid: Filling the windshield washer fluid reservoir before embarking on a trip ensures drivers' visibility won't be adversely affected by unforeseen issues that can soil windshields.



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# Not worth buying this 'HOUSE'...but maybe renting someday

- By Teddy Durgin -

"The House With a Clock in Its Walls" may have been a great book by John Bellairs. But as a movie, it's quite confused about what it wants to be. From my perspective, it tries to be three films in one -- a supernatural mystery, a serious drama about losing one's family, and an outright horror film. Director Eli Roth just can't bring them together to form a cohesive whole.

There are definitely things I admired about this movie. I liked that it didn't update the story from 1955 to the modern day. Because it takes place in the '50s where the local cinema plays a cheesy creature feature and boys and girls thrill to the new invention of TV and their

serialized sci-fi and adventure shows, there is a certain gee-whiz element and belief in magic untainted by 21st century cynicism that comes across in its best passages

I also liked that the film took its time to set its table. It has some faith in its audience to not want to get to the spectacle and pyrotechnics right away and instead introduces three intriguing characters — Lewis (Owen Vaccaro), a newly orphaned 10-year-old boy; Jonathan (Jack Black), Lewis' oddball uncle who has been charged with taking of the kid after his parents died in a car accident; and Mrs Zimmerman (Cate Blanchett), Jonathan's mysterious neighbor.

titular manor that Jonathan maintains a house that is full of clocks, features a large stained glass window that changes images with the twists of the plot, has a chair that seems to be the family pet, and a large cabinet that Jonathan tells Lewis to never open. And, yes, the house seems to have a certain consciousness with weird groans at night. Could the ticking clock in the walls possibly be a beating heart? A trapped soul? Or something more ... sinister?

Lewis is our through line into the story. We see things unfold through his eyes. Through him and with him, we discover that Jonathan is an actual warlock and Mrs. Zimmerman is an actual witch. Fortunately, they're really just a couple of bickering friends who seem to be protecting the secrets of the house in order to safeguard their small Michigan town and possibly the world.

This is all good stuff ... eh, to a point. The problem is indeed balance. For me, the most interesting element was the character dynamics. Lewis lost his mom and dad, and Mrs. Zimmerman somehow lost her husband and daughter. We learn a lot about Lewis and his trauma, but very little about Zimmerman's tragic past. The key relationship in the film really should have been the two of them instead of Lewis and his uncle. In fact, the film only half-heartedly brings them together as kindred spirits late and keeps Blanchett on the sidelines for a key part of the climax.

Similarly, the relationship between Jonathan and Mrs. Zimmerman remains vague. Black and Blanchett don't have enough chemistry for the film to convincingly put them together as romantic interests, even though that's what's hinted at late. It doesn't even really go into specifics about how these two wound up living next door to each other or how deep or long their friendship goes back.

The mystery of the house and the film's central villain (played by Kyle MacLachlan) works well. But Roth goes a bit too intense with the scary movie/ horror elements here. Best known for his garish, often sickening, and extreme horror flicks like "Hostel" and "The Green Inferno," Roth is just not the guy to be goosing your kids with jump scares, re-animated corpses. and apocalyptic doomsday scenarios. His action climax is pretty relentless, and at least a couple of young overwhelmed kids had to be led out by their parents at the screening Lattended.

A mixed review, for sure. For a movie with a clock at its center, it sure did have a lot of people around me checking the times on their cell phones. That's always fun for the old corneas. But, hey, at least it kept my eyes from getting sleepy.

# 'THE NUN' is one twisted sister

- By Teddy Durgin -

So, I finally got around to seeing the latest horror film with a shrieking, hysterical ghoul at the center Hellbent on scaring the heck out of the audience and warning of the end of days. But enough about "Fahrenheit 11/9." What I really want to review is "The Nun," the latest addition to "The Conjuring" horror universe that's been making piles of cash the last couple of weeks!

So far, there have been five films in this series that, interestingly, didn't start out by design as a series. But the overarching storyline has been getting deeper and creepier with each passing installment. "The Nun," which chronologically takes place before the other four films, is the least of these films. It's good for some really terrific jump scares and some very heavy Gothic dread throughout. You're never quite comfortable watching it. But I was hoping for more connectivity with the other films. Except for a prologue and an epilogue that ties in with the first "Conjuring," this is pretty much a "skulk around the dark in a haunted house for 90 minutes" kind of flick.

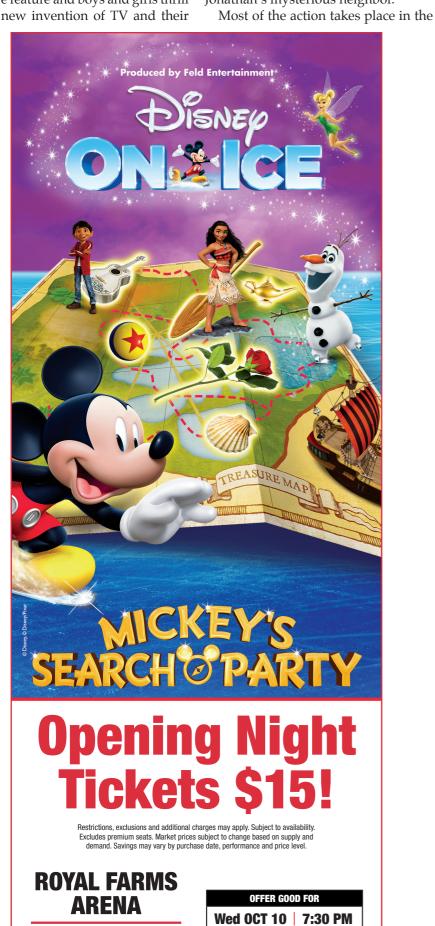
It's good and watchable while it lasts. But it doesn't last very long, and it doesn't linger very long afterwards either. Demian Bichir and Taissa Farmiga star as Father Burke and Sister Irene, respectively, who are dispatched to a remote Romanian convent in the early 1950s after a nun hangs herself there. Father Burke, we learn, is the man the Catholic Church summons when there's something strange in the neighborhood ... something weird ... and it don't look good.

It soon becomes clear that their mission is not to investigate the possibility of an ancient evil, it's to assess whether an ancient evil that had been imprisoned there has actually escaped. This leads to many, many scenes where the two leads and the audience wishes they had packed a LOT more flashlights. Seriously, Burke and Irene conduct nearly their entire investigation via candlelight at night. And the titular evil "Nun" flat-out loves, loves, LOVES blowing out those candles just before she appears.

She also loves just going around a corner of the shadowy, cloistered abbey a second or two before the priest and/or nun see her. So, she's always drawing them deeper and deeper in. It's effective for a while, but then becomes repetitive. Fortunately, I really like Bichir and Farmiga as actors. The former reminds me of Gabriel Byrne during his mid-1990s heyday, while Farmiga looks and speaks so much like her older sister (and original "Conjuring" star) Vera Farmiga, it's the most eerie thing in the flick.

Ooooh, and I liked Jonas Bloquet as Frenchie, a hunky delivery man who discovers the dead nun and transports Father Burke and Sister Irene to the abbev. He's the one dude in the film that serves as the surrogate audience member. And I love that one of his first reactions upon returning to the local village after getting the you-know-what scared out of him is to ... arm himself to the teeth before

"The Nun" is watchable, but disposable. But if you are a "Conjuring" completionist as I am, you gotta see it!



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#### **Astronaut to Celebrate with Scouts**

Former NASA astronaut Tom Jones, an Essex native and graduate of Kenwood High School, will be the guest speaker when Boy Scout Troop 355 celebrates its 80th anniversary celebration from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Essex Elks Lodge, 1007 E. Homberg Ave. Jones achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Troop 355. All current and former members of all ranks are invited to attend. Tickets cost \$25 for ages 11 and older and \$15 for children ages 2-10. The meal will be catered by Mission BBQ. Space is limited. To buy tickets, email Rebecca Douglas at sktls911@aol.com, or send a text message to 410-299-0660.

### **Crab Feast**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus Council 2452, 1707 Eastern Blvd. in Essex, will hold its annual crab feast from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14. The menu will include crab soup, pulled pork, hot dogs and fixings, a variety of side dishes and cold salads, desserts, soda, beer and set-ups. Buffet will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. and crabs will be served from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$45 each. Dine-in service only. For info. and tickets, call Gary Heil, 443-563-0020.

# **Gunpowder VFW Karaoke**

Gunpowder VFW Post 10067, 6309 Ebenezer Road in Middle River, will host Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28. For more information, call 410-335-8933.

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IN THE MATTER OF A PETITION FOR: Adoption OF: Adult Male

CASE NO: 03-A-18-000049 AD

PUBLICATION OF SHOW CAUSE ORDER

TO: Randy Dawson Unknown

RELATIONSHIP TO ADOPTEE: Natural Father

#### YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:

- 1. A Petition has been filed for Adoption of Male Adult born to Heather Merann Carlton on 8/12/1999 in Baltimore, MD.
- 2. If this Order is served on you on or before September 14, 2018 and you wish to object to the Adoption, you must file a Notice of Objection on or before October 14, 2018 at the County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204.
- 3. WHETHER THE PETITION REQUESTS ADOPTION OR GUARDIANSHIP, IF YOU DO NOT FILE A NOTICE OF OB-JECTION ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE STATED ABOVE A DECREE TERMINATION YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE ENTERED WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT.
- 4. You may want to hire an attorney to help you. You are entitled to have the Court appoint an attorney to represent you in this proceeding if:
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  - (1) you are at least ten years old and, because of disability, are incapable of consenting to the adoption or of effectively participating in the proceeding, or
  - (2) the proceeding involves the involuntary termination of the parental rights of your parents.
  - (b) you are a natural parent of the person to be adopted or for whom a guardian is sought and
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