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Overlea Community Association holds first lights contest



This home on E. Northern Parkway was voted by community members as the runner-up in the Overlea Community Association's first-ever Christmas light contest. The OCA encourages people to come see the light displays even though the holiday has passed.

- by Emily Blackner -

The Overlea Community Association announced the winners of its first-ever Christmas light contest on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

A committee of community members, including Doris Poling, chose 10 finalists from the hundreds of photos of decorated homes submitted and directed Overlea residents to the community's Facebook page to vote for their favorite.

"It was very difficult," Poling said of the selection process. "We were looking for houses that we thought captured the beauty of an Overlea home."

The Facebook posting reached nearly 2,000 viewers, Poling said, with 83 people casting their votes. The winning houses were on Linden Avenue (first and third place) and E. Northern Parkway (second place), but homes on W. Overlea, W. and E. Elm, Madeline and Beech avenues were also included in the contest.

Poling said that the committee decided to hold the contest voting on Facebook because it draws a large audience. Half of the community members are members of the Facebook group, she noted.

"The way we run it is, it is for not

just Overlea, but we want people on the outside looking in at Overlea to see what Overlea is all about," she said.

The winning homeowners will receive prize packages donated by local businesses like Carrabba's restaurant, Deniro's pizza and Beltway Movies 6, as well as overnight stays for two in White Marsh hotels.

"We're very excited about the prize packages," Poling said.

She also noted that this was the first year the community had held a lights contest, revealing that it had only been planned in the last month.

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State legislators offer preview of 2016 General Assembly session

- by Emily Blackner -

With the 2016 General Assembly session approaching, the *East County Times* reached out to members of the Baltimore County state delegation to discuss their plans and priorities.

For Delegate Bob Long, a Republican returning to Annapolis for his second year, the main priority is home ownership.

more County delegation to help promote homeownership with tax incentives to help homeowners revitalize their homes," he said.

Long said he plans to introduce a bill about the homeowners' tax credit and create a program to provide tax breaks for homeowners who are fixing up or improving their houses and property.

He said the overall state of the economy is an important factor in people's

decision to buy a home, so he will focus on lowering taxes and attracting good-paying jobs to the area.

"I know that sounds like a campaign stump speech, but it's important. If people have good jobs they can afford to buy a home," he explained.

Long also noted that his job is not just about proposing his own legislation, but also about voting on bills proposed by others.

"I'm down there to fight bad bills and ensure they don't get passed, or do what I can to make a bad bill better," he said.

Long also said he wants to work to address the issue of abandoned boats, as well as re-introduce legislation from last session to create a tax-free shopping week for college students and their families to purchase textbooks.

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Wujek had long list of accomplishments, some unfinished business

- by Devin Crum -

Harry Wujek, Jr. was born on Sept. 26, 1935, the son of Harry and Maryanne, and grew up in the Canton neighborhood of Baltimore. And while his professional resume was long and diversified, it was his career of volunteerism and community activism that meant most to his family, friends and the people of eastern Baltimore County.

When Wujek came of age, he first worked briefly for the Glenn L. Martin Company. But that work moved him to Florida and he did not like being so far from his family, according to his son, Harry J. Wujek Sr. He returned home after only a year, purchasing a home with his wife, Josephine, in the Charlesmont neighborhood of Dundalk, and like so many others of the time, got a job working for the Bethlehem Steel Company where he

worked for nearly 30 years.

After retiring from Bethlehem Steel, Wujek worked for 10 years at Loyola Federal Savings Bank as vice president of Purchasing, Records and Telecommunications. After Loyola, he worked for the next three years as a financial planner for Kissinger Financial Services, Inc. in Timonium, served as senior vice president at Performance, Inc. in Woodlawn where he worked in product development and marketing, and concluded his professional career in 1999 as president of Bayside Consulting in Baltimore.

However, Wujek became involved in



Harry Wujek Jr.

volunteer work early in his life alongside his professional career, which began with his service as a member, as Little League Commissioner, and as a youth baseball team manager within the Gray Manor/Charlesmont Recreation Council. He also served for 15 years as a Junior Achievement Advisor, teaching high school students about how to start and operate a business.

In the summers, the Wujek family lived seasonally in a home in Millers Island, which they renovated in 1988 to be livable year round, according to Wujek Sr.

Unfortunately, Hurricane Isabel struck eastern Baltimore County in 2003 with devastating effects, and it caused Wujek's Millers Island home to again need renovations and to be lifted up out of the path of future floods. But this never deterred him from his community service.

Counted among Wujek's many accolades were an Environmental Improvement - Community / Public Involvement award from the Maryland Port Authority while he was a member of the Harbor Team, a Baltimore County Hero Award for service and even a citation from Senator Barbara A. Mikulski for outstanding service to victims of Hurricane Isabel, all coming in 2004. He also received a Milestone Award from the Dundalk Renaissance Corporation in 2008.

He was also a member and past vice president of the Millers Island Community Association, as well as a member, director and Board chairman for the Millers Island-Edgemere Business Association.

Soon after his retirement in 1999, Wujek was elected president of the North Point Peninsula Community Coordinat-

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Clasing led life of service to community, veterans

- by Devin Crum -

"Passionate," "dedicated" and "selfless" are words that some might use to describe the late Alfred Clasing Jr. And if anyone was constantly volunteering to be involved with community issues, it was him, according to his son, Alfred Clasing III.

Clasing Jr. was born on Nov. 19, 1925, in Baltimore. And he had such pride in his country growing up that he insisted on volunteering for military service in World War II just one week after his 17th birthday. He needed his parents' permission since he was not yet 18, so his mother went with him to the recruiter's office.

"She wasn't happy about it, but she did it anyway," Clasing III explained.

Clasing Jr. returned home in 1946 after three years in the service and immediately began work at Bethlehem Steel, where he remained employed for 36 years.

Although the family began in the Greektown neighborhood of Baltimore, Clasing, his wife, Marie, and their children - eventually six of them - moved to a house on the lower Back River Neck Peninsula in Essex when Clasing III was in second grade.

"He wanted a single-family home," Clasing III said of his father, adding that he also wanted his family to be raised in a rural setting. And in those days, that is what the area was. "The woods, the marshes and the Bay were our backyard; I loved it," he affirmed.

Clasing Jr. and his wife lived in that same house until his passing on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

But during his time there, Clasing was involved in just about everything that concerned his community, his son explained, including being instrumental in developing the lower peninsula's first community

plan, the first of its kind in Baltimore County.

"There was a feeling that communities should have a say in what happened in their neighborhoods," Clasing III maintained. And his father had invested himself in preserving the character of the area.

That first community plan, as well as successive plans, would be used to guide development on the lower peninsula through to the present.

"My dad was heavily involved in organizing those community meetings" while developing the plans and getting the community's input to county government. And Clasing Jr. recognized that the plans would have to be done over and over with time because the wants and needs of the community can change.

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CONTEST

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"It's a learning process," she said. "So if we do it again the selection process might be refined."

Although the contest is over for this

year, Poling encouraged people to come view the lights displays throughout the community.

"We have beautiful housing stock in Overlea, and this is a really great way to showcase these great houses," Poling said.



This display on Linden Avenue took home third place in the contest.



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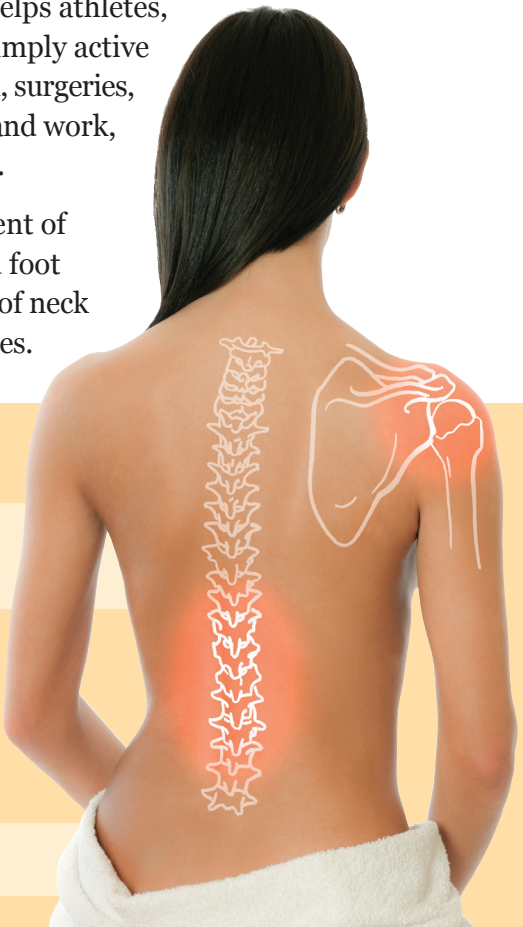
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WUJEK

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ing Council - later called the North Point Peninsula Council (NPPC) - and it was there that he would make his longest-lasting impacts.

Wujek's involvement and leadership in the NPPC was instrumental in bringing a major grocery store chain - the Edgemere Food Lion - to the North Point Peninsula in 2002, which it had never had before. He and the organization also helped raise the funds to build and maintain the North Point Peninsula Gateway monument at the intersection of North Point Boulevard and North Point Road.

Wujek also endlessly advocated for the completion and implementation of a North Point Peninsula Community Plan. And toward that end, he and the NPPC conducted a survey of all 4,000 residences and businesses in the area to solicit information regarding any changes, preservations or improvements that they sought for the peninsula.

Using the information and ideas gathered from the survey, the NPPC prepared a proposal for former Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith, who committed to producing a community plan for the peninsula with the survey results as the basis for the plan. The North Point Peninsula Community Plan was officially unveiled to the community on Dec. 6, 2007.

Through the NPPC, Wujek advocated for and saw completion of a traffic study of the peninsula as well, which could be used in future planning. And he also helped organize annual community clean-

up programs for the area.

Through all of his community service and activism, Wujek's son said he just wanted to make improvements for the betterment of his community.

"He didn't want to sit idle at home," Wujek Sr. explained.

Indeed, even after Wujek decided to relinquish his leadership of the NPPC earlier this year, he was determined to not sit around and "become a couch potato," indicating to the *East County Times* at the time that he could potentially seek a county Planning Board position.

Sadly, Wujek did not get to see some of his goals for the North Point Peninsula come to fruition, such as the implementation of the community plan, to include a streetscape for North Point Road in Edgemere with sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drainage and traffic improvements.

He also did not get to see the eventual completion of the redevelopment at Fort Howard and other major developments on the peninsula, over which he and the NPPC kept a watchful eye during his tenure.

Wujek was diagnosed with lymphoma in mid-October, and his condition deteriorated quickly, his son noted. The illness claimed his life on Dec. 17 at the age of 80.

Wujek Sr. surmised that his father's legacy would be his contributions to the community and his achievements in improving it. "He was so proud of that," he said.

He added to that his father's love of family. "That was very important to him," Wujek Sr. explained. So much so that, on his 80th birthday, Wujek presented each

of his children with a card thanking them for helping him celebrate the milestone and emphasizing the importance of family.

"Today, I reflect on my mom and dad and the most important gift they gave me, the importance of family and to think of others before themselves. Today is the perfect time for me to pass their gift on to each of you. Make time for family. It is the most important gift you will ever receive," the card read.

Wujek Sr. relayed that there were a lot of things his father started that he wished he had been able to finish. "He hoped that others would pick up where he left off and see things through."

Fran Taylor, a former vice president of the NPPC under Wujek and newly-elected president of the organization, indicated that he intends to do just that.

"For nearly two decades, Harry led efforts to improve the quality of life on the North Point Peninsula while preserving the rural charm of this historic Baltimore County community," Taylor affirmed. "From his extensive contacts with county officials to his leadership roles with the North Point Peninsula Council and the Millers Island-Edgemere Business Association, Harry's unique passion and commitment to furthering enhancements will never be duplicated.

"Harry was a great personal mentor to me in that he prepared me to lead the Council. I will use this experience to move the Council forward with the help of the newly-elected Board and members," Taylor concluded.

CLASING

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"I think my father understood better than most that you have to remain continually vigilant" with community issues, Clasing III contended. "He didn't wind up here; he chose to be here because he saw the value here. And he never changed his mind."

Many will remember Clasing Jr. for his involvement with veterans affairs, but his son revealed that that was not until later in his life. "I know [his military service] was a part of his life that he thought about all the time," but he did not discuss it with his family, he said.

But by the time he reached his 60s, Clasing Jr. began to be heavily involved in veterans affairs. And his son opined that by that time he had found some peace with his military service.

Clasing became involved in the American Legion, VFW, the Lamky-Luther-Whitehead Veterans Memorial - of which he was a founder and past president - and, perhaps most prominently, the Save Fort Howard campaign.

He was one of many who made deposits to live at the planned veterans community at Fort Howard, and he was "very disappointed" when that plan collapsed.

"In his later years, it became very important to him to be around other veterans," Clasing III revealed. "He wanted to live in a community of veterans."

Clasing received his deposit back, but refused to cash the check until the other veterans received theirs as well. And he continued to advocate until the end that Fort Howard should remain for veterans.

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Long and his fellow District 6 representatives, plan to hold a town hall meeting on Monday, Jan. 4, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the North Point Library to discuss more of their plans and goals for the upcoming session.

In District 7, the full slate of veteran lawmakers will return in January, among them Senator J. B. Jennings, (R), who serves as the Minority Leader for the legislature's upper chamber.

"As Minority Leader a lot of my concern is going to be working with Governor Hogan to get his agenda passed, to promote and protect his office and his agenda," Jennings said.

He predicts that the governor's proposals will include more tax reductions and reviews of state agencies, which fall under the legislature's purview.

"We're going to try to clean up different state agencies and be more efficient on the state level," he said.

Jennings also said he will work to prevent the legislature and its Democratic leaders from overreaching its powers in an effort to fight the governor.

Jennings' individual priorities will deal mainly with 2nd Amendment rights and other gun issues, he revealed.

He plans to push for the passage of his bill allowing National Guard soldiers to carry their guns on

base. As reported in the *East County Times* in August, the bill was pre-filed in response to the Chattanooga, Tenn., attack on military recruiting centers on July 16.

"We want our men and women in uniform to be safe," Jennings said.

Another bill would make the purchase of equipment like gun locks and safes tax-exempt as an incentive for gun owners to use them and increase safety.

Overall, Jennings said he is confident in the governor's agenda and is looking forward to the session.

"It's gonna be fun, like every other session," he declared.

But another longtime Republican legislator, Del. John Cluster from District 8, disagreed.

"I believe it's gonna be ugly," he said. "I was there during the Ehrlich days; it seems like it's gonna be like that again. [The Democrats] are going to go after the governor any way they can."

Cluster feels that the biggest point of contention will be the projected budget surplus. "The first thing Democrats want to do is spend it. But the governor wants to put that money away to deal with the structural deficit in years to come."

Cluster has also drafted several bills he plans to introduce during the session. He is working with the county delegation on the issue of foreclosures, specifically that many foreclosed houses fall into disrepair and negatively impact the neighborhoods they are in.

"We've got to figure out a way to at least make them presentable," he said. The delegation is looking to other states to see what legislative solutions have worked, like going after banks or prior homeowners.

His other major priority is safety and the security of law enforcement officers state-wide, Cluster said.

"We need to protect our law enforcement officers," he asserted. "Everyone seems to be coming down on them, and we need to help protect our Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights."

Cluster wants to add several new protections, including a stipulation that all internal investigations be completed within 90 days and a provision called Final Order, which states that a chief or commissioner cannot override the decision of the Trial Board.

"Why even have a trial board if the chief can go and change its decision?" he asked.

Cluster also plans to continue his push to put school resource officers, who are trained police officers with full powers, in every school in the state.

"With all the gun violence perpetrated in schools, it's important to have a police officer there," he said.

And a fifth provision Cluster will propose is an animal rights bill that would allow a citizen who sees an animal locked in a car, in visible distress, to do whatever they need to to free that animal without fear of civil or criminal charges.

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Food Pantry

New Life Sanctuary, 4 Margaret Ave. in Essex, has a food pantry for those in need every Saturday from noon - 2 p.m. on the side of the building facing Margaret Avenue. For more information, call the church office at 410-687-1199.

GRASP Meeting

Grief Recovery After Substance Passing 1st Maryland Chapter meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Camp Chapel United Methodist Church, 5000 E. Joppa Road in Perry Hall. Please pre-register by contacting Toni at 443-554-6150.

GPIA Meeting

The Graceland Park Improvement Association will hold this month's meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Graceland United Methodist Church, 6714 Youngstown Ave. in Dundalk. Speakers this month are Baltimore City Councilman James Kraft and Baltimore County Councilman Todd Crandell. We will also have police officers from Baltimore City and County who will give crime stats for communities. We welcome residents of the Medford community as well. For more information, contact Celestine "Babe" Grabowski at 410-288-4046 or gpiamd@verizon.net.

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Associates and residents at Brightview White Marsh raised money for the Alzheimer's Association throughout the year with a variety of fundraisers for residents, their families, associates and others.

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Recently, the community geared up for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in October.

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Manley, Wilbur L.

On Nov. 26, Wilbur L. Manley, beloved husband of Ruth Liz Manley (nee Cook); devoted father of Raymond Manley and his wife Nancy and Grace "Naomi" Manley; dear grandfather of Jonathan and Kelly and great-grandfather of Jordan and Sophia.

Visitation was held on Nov. 29 at the Cvach/Rosedale Funeral Home and on Nov. 30 at the Oak Crest Village chapel, where funeral services were conducted. Interment Bel Air Memorial Gardens.

Bailey, Christopher A.

On Dec. 12, Christopher Allen Bailey, beloved son of Kathy L. Bailey (nee Diffenbaugh); devoted brother of Nicole Diffenbaugh, Andrea Frazier and Wayne Simpson; dear grandson of Robert Diffenbaugh, Sr. and the late Shirley Diffenbaugh.

Visitation was held at the Cvach/Rosedale Funeral Home on Dec. 16 and 17. A mass of Christian burial was held at St. Clement Church on Dec. 18. Interment Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Jaworski, Robert J., Jr.

On Dec. 20, Robert Joseph Jaworski, Jr., devoted father of Andrew Jaworski and his wife Christine; loving son of Dorothy (nee Hildebrand) and the late Robert Jaworski, Sr.; dear brother of Karen.

Visitation and a funeral service were held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Dec. 27 and 28, respectively. Interment Gardens of Faith Memorial Gardens.

Diffendall, Charlotte

On Dec. 18, Charlotte H. "Toots" Diffendall (nee Letke), beloved wife of the late Charles "Buck" Diffendall; devoted mother of the late Kimberly Ann Wines; dear sister of David J. Letke and his wife Barbara and the late Herman and Donald Letke; loving grandmother of Casey H. Wines and his wife Heather. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on Dec. 21 at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex, where a Catholic prayer service was held on Dec. 22. Entombment Lorraine Park Cemetery.

**Duke, Donald L.**

On Nov. 30, Donald L. Duke of Englewood, Fla., formerly of Baltimore, beloved father of Ginger Miller and husband Matthew of Bel Air, Donald M. Duke of Baltimore and Renae Nelson and husband George of Baltimore; dear brother of Dennis Duke and wife Tammy of Essex, Mike Duke and wife Dorothy of Randallstown, Suzi Daniel of Dundalk, Rhonda DiPietro and husband Vince of Parkville and the late Patricia Griffith. Also survived by seven grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. He will be lovingly missed by everyone who knew him.

A memorial gathering and service were held at the Parkview Funeral Home on Dec. 30. Cremation followed. Condolences to the family may be left at www.parkviewfh.com.

Mundy, David G.

On Dec. 26, David Mundy, 84, beloved husband of the late Ada Mundy (nee Barker); loving father of Barbara Brandner and her husband Charles and Mary Eisely and her husband Jack; cherished grandfather of four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Also survived by other loving family members.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 1, from 3 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. at the Bruzdinski Funeral Home P.A., 1407 Old Eastern Ave. in Essex, where a funeral service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 2, at 11 a.m. Interment Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

Richardson, William "Bill"

On Dec. 21, William W. Richardson, 78, of Richardson Farms. Born March 23, 1937, he took over the farm's operations in 1984 and expanded operations by purchasing or renting land from nearby farms to allow the enterprise to grow. He served as wholesale buyer and manager of the Northeast Market until his passing.

He was the beloved husband of Barbara Richardson (nee Meyers); devoted son of the late Wesley and Doris (nee Wagner) Richardson; loving father of Marty, Don, John, Diane, Leslie and Wesley; cherished grandfather of Marty, Mandy, Christopher, Leanna, Jamie, Nancy, Kerrie, Emily, Brian, Nick, Dylan, Sophia, Collin, Henry and Kayla; also survived by a brother and two sisters.

A private viewing and funeral service were held. Memorial contributions may be made to Cowenton United Methodist Church, 10838 Red Lion Road, White Marsh, MD 21162 or the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Department, 5419 Ebenezer Road, White Marsh, MD 21162 or www.wmvfc.org.

Timmerman, Anna M.

On Nov. 28, Anna May Timmerman (nee Hofmeier), beloved wife of the late Charles J. Timmerman; devoted mother of Sharon L. Hardesty and Charann Sager; dear grandmother of Darren, Stacie and Jamie Hardesty and Ricky and Melanie Sager; dear great-grandmother of Jaden, Olivia and Haleigh.

Visitation and funeral services were held at the Cvach/Rosedale Funeral Home on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, respectively. Interment Holly Hill Cemetery.

Cromwell, Benjamin F.

On Dec. 25, Benjamin F. Cromwell, 94, beloved husband of Nina B. Cromwell; devoted father of Nancy Karpowicz, Donald Cromwell and Vicki Vogel. Also survived by four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Wujek, Harry, Jr.

On Dec. 17, Harry Wujek, Jr., 80, lifelong civic volunteer and community activist and longtime Miller Island resident, died after his battle with lymphoma.

Harry was born in Baltimore on September 26, 1935, the son of Harry and Maryanne (nee Jasinski) Wujek. He worked at Bethlehem Steel Co. for almost 30 years in the engineering and construction departments. After retiring from Bethlehem Steel, Harry worked for 10 years at Loyola Federal Savings Bank as vice president of purchasing, records and telecommunications. After Loyola, Harry worked for the next three years as a financial planner for Kissinger Financial Services, Inc. in Timonium, served as Sr. Vice President at Performance Inc. in Woodlawn, and concluded his professional career in 1999 as president of Bayside Consulting in Baltimore.

After retiring in 1999, Harry continued his work as a volunteer and community activist. He became involved in volunteer work early in his life, starting with the Gray Manor/Charlesmont Recreation Council youth baseball programs, where he served as a member, Little League commissioner and team manager. Harry served for 15 years as a junior achievement advisor teaching high school students about how to start and operate a business through a learn-by-doing process. Harry was a United Way volunteer, coordinator and solicitor and a muscular dystrophy summer camp volunteer. He was a member of the Baltimore County Telecommunications Advisory Panel, where he helped oversee the Comcast Cable Company contract. Harry was a member and past vice president of the Miller Island Community association; member, director and board chairman for the Miller Island Edgemere Business Association; member of the Baltimore County Tower Review Committee and the Hart-Miller Island Dredge Disposal Oversight Committee; and president of the North Point Peninsula Community Coordinating Council (NPC), where he was instrumental in bringing the Food Lion to the North Point peninsula.

Harry is the beloved husband of his wife of 59 years, Josephine L. Wujek; devoted father of Harry J. Wujek, Sr. and his wife Marianne and Steven M. Wujek, Sr. and his wife Dawn; loving grandfather of Amanda and Michael, Steven and Emma, Harry and Ashley, Fallon, Heather and Joe; dear great-grandfather of Lucas and Logan; and brother of Theresa Zink and Walter Wujek. Harry is also survived by other loving relatives and friends.

Romeo, Anthony J., Jr.

Suddenly, on Dec. 27, Anthony Joseph Romeo, Jr. He was born April 15, 1987, in Baltimore City and in his youth was a happy, friendly and caring boy. He was preceded in death by his brother, Mark A. Romeo, Sr., whose loss he never overcame; the constant depression finally overcame Anthony.

He leaves behind many family members and friends, including his parents Anthony J. Romeo, Sr. and Tammy R. Christou; grandmother Rosemary Christou; longtime girlfriend Ashley Rose Zebrowski and their children Vince A. Zebrowski, Anthony J. Romeo III and Faith Marie Romeo; paternal aunts and uncles Kathy Cook and Frank, Joseph and Theresa Romeo; maternal uncles Christos Jr., Dimitrios Sr., John M., and Joseph L. Christou and David N. Taylor and childhood friend Nick Tussing.

Interment Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Marek, Joseph P., Jr.

On Dec. 19, Joseph Paul Marek, Jr., survived by Norma Nouvet, Ruth Marek, Herman Meusel and Amanda Yaya; devoted brother of Eileen Wychgram; dear grandfather of Shelby and Tristan; dear great-grandfather of Madison.

Visitation and funeral prayers were held at the Cvach/Rosedale Funeral Home on Dec. 22. Entombment Gardens of Faith Cemetery.

Benedict, Karla L.

On Dec. 23, Karla L. Benedict, beloved daughter of Frank Benedict and his wife Brenda and the late Sherri (nee Hunt); dear sister of Anthony and the late Frankie Benedict; loving niece of BettyJo Wilke; dear cousin of Megan and Mike Wilke.

Visitation was held on Dec. 29 at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex, where services were held on Dec. 30. Interment Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Henry, Brent

On Dec. 6, Brent Henry, devoted husband of the late Kim Henry (nee Friskey); beloved father of Jacki and Jessie Henry; loving son of Mary Alexander and the late Woodrow "Lefty" R. Henry; dear brother of Karla Henry, Denise Mihavetz, Shane Henry and Zolita Courter; cherished grandson of Alma Sobota and the late Charles Sobota. Also survived by many other family members and friends.

Sampson, Zachary W.

On Dec. 23, Zachary William Sampson, beloved fiancé of Mindy Guraleczka; devoted father of Zachary William Sampson, Jr., Darien Cole Guraleczka, Dannin Renee Schuchardt, Marlee Raine Guraleczka-Sampson, Ariyah Laine Guraleczka-Sampson and Cassius Vance Guraleczka-Sampson; loving son of Rita Sampson and the late William C. Sampson; dear brother of Justin Sampson, Steve Piunti and Billy Piunti. Also survived by many other loving family members and friends.

Visitation was held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex on Dec. 30. Interment private.

Montilla, Lino

On Dec. 23, Lino M. Montilla, Jr., beloved husband of Myma Montilla (nee Cueto); devoted father of Jovencio Montilla and his wife Maricel, Lino C. Montilla III and Maria C. Montilla and her husband William Hoofnagle; dear grandfather of Julia Montilla and Sofia Hoofnagle.

Visitation was held at the Cvach/Rosedale Funeral Home on Dec. 27 and 28. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Clement Church on Dec. 29. Interment Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens.

Greenleaf, Arden B.

On Dec. 25, Arden Bradford Greenleaf, 66, cherished son of Madeline Greenleaf and the late Arden S. Greenleaf; loving brother of Stephen L. Greenleaf. Also survived by a host of loving family and friends.

Visitation and a funeral service were held at the Bruzdinski Funeral Home on Dec. 29 and 30, respectively. Entombment Meadowridge Memorial Park in Elkridge.

Pope, Dolores M.

On Nov. 24, Dolores M. Pope, beloved wife of the late Francis F. Pope; devoted mother of the late Paulette F. Pope; dear sister of Mary Catallamo. Also survived by her aunt Mary Fuka and many cousins.

Visitation was held at the Cvach/Rosedale Funeral Home on Nov. 30. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Clement Church in Rosedale on Dec. 1. Interment Gardens of Faith Cemetery.

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Perry Hall students take first in Chemathon

Teams from Pikesville High School and Perry Hall High School emerged as top winners when Baltimore County Public Schools' most dedicated science students gathered at Dulaney High School to participate in the annual Physics Olympics and Chemathon.

A team from Pikesville High School won first place in the Physics Olympics. Members of the winning team are Ye Jin Bae, Eli Fastow, Chad Fisher, Logan Flaks, Hannah Lobell, Lance Morris and Daniel Shats. A Perry Hall High School team - comprised of Rachel Callimer, Andrew Grupp, Josie Kim, Melissa Turner and Charles Zhang - came in first in the Chemathon. Both events took place on Dec. 5.

Thirty teams from 18 schools par-

ticipated in the Physics Olympics. The six Olympic events included a paper rockets competition, a quiz show, an egg drop and a wind turbine competition. At the competition's end, a team from Dulaney came in second place and there was a three-way tie for 3rd place among Hereford Team 1, Overlea and Perry Hall Team 2.

The smaller Chemathon involved 10 teams from five schools. The six chemistry challenges included determining the density of unknown objects, making the largest bubble, making a bouncy ball and participating in a poster competition. Carver and Dulaney Team 1 tied for second place in the Chemathon, and Dulaney Team 2 placed third.

Showing blue pride on Team BCPS Day

In just a little less than a month, a wave of blue pride will overcome the Baltimore County community and beyond as Baltimore County Public Schools continues to engage more alumni, partners and community members in Team BCPS Day.

On the next Team BCPS Day, Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016, all members of Team BCPS (current, former and future students, families, staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters of the school system) are encouraged to wear blue and share messages about what Team BCPS means to them.

"When we began Team BCPS Day two years ago," Superintendent Dallas Dance said, "we thought it would be a fun way to reengage students and staff following winter break and to promote pride in the entire school system, not just individual schools. What we have experienced, however, is that it is also a great way to connect with our business, higher education, faith and community partners. We are so excited that Team BCPS Day grows every year."

For Team BCPS Day 2016, BCPS is rallying alumni and neighbors to share class pictures and pictures of classrooms, schools and school activities from the near and distant past to help celebrate BCPS growth. These photos can be sent to communications@bcps.

org on or before Jan. 14 or shared on Twitter using #BCPSblue. This activity celebrates the newly published "Building the Future" book written by a BCPS employee about the school system's history. This book is available for purchase through the Education Foundation for BCPS. More information can be found at <http://educationfoundationbcps.org/news/2015/09/building-the-future>.

Alumni and business partners also are encouraged to submit written or video messages about how and why they are part of and love Team BCPS. These messages also can be sent to communications@bcps.org or shared on Twitter.

On Jan. 14, 2016, as in past years, everyone in the school system and community will be encouraged to wear blue and to use creative means to share their blue pride. On this day, photos, videos and messages can be shared with BCPS via social media using the hashtag #BCPSblue or via e-mail to communications@bcps.org. We can't wait to see you sporting blue and are excited to see your imaginative representations of Team BCPS throughout the county and beyond!

Photos from last year can be seen at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/bcps/albums/72157649889457387>.

Maryland Department of Transportation



Three New Workshops Public Comment Period Extended To January 11, 2016

MTA will host three new public workshops to provide additional opportunities to learn more about the benefits of the proposed BaltimoreLink transit improvement plan and has extended the public comment period to January 11, 2016. BaltimoreLink is a proposed multi-phase plan that will create an interconnected transit system and redesign the entire local and express bus system throughout Baltimore. The plan also includes adding 12 new high-frequency, color-coded bus routes that will improve connections to jobs and other transit modes.

Workshops will include a presentation and be conducted in an open house format. The same information will be presented at each workshop.

If you could not attend any of the previous workshops this is your chance to learn about the proposed transit improvement plan and to give MTA your feedback. Complete details on BaltimoreLink can be found at mta.maryland.gov/baltimorelink. We want to hear from you!

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Bay-Vanguard train garden on display into the new year

- Article & photo by Devin Crum -

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The branch is probably the only bank around with such a display, and it is certainly the only Bay-Vanguard branch you'll find with it since it has the most

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According to Assistant Branch Manager Nancy Coomer, bank President David Flair first came up with the idea for a train garden last year, making this the second year for the display. And the bank's senior vice president of lending, Jeff Collier, owns the trains and equipment.


"They just thought it would be nice to have for the holidays," Coomer explained. "I think they're just trying to bring the

'old fashioned' back into Christmas."

The garden has been on display since Dec. 10 and will stay there until after the new year, though the end date has not been officially determined, Coomer said. She noted that the branch usually sets out candy and cookies with the display for customers to enjoy as well.

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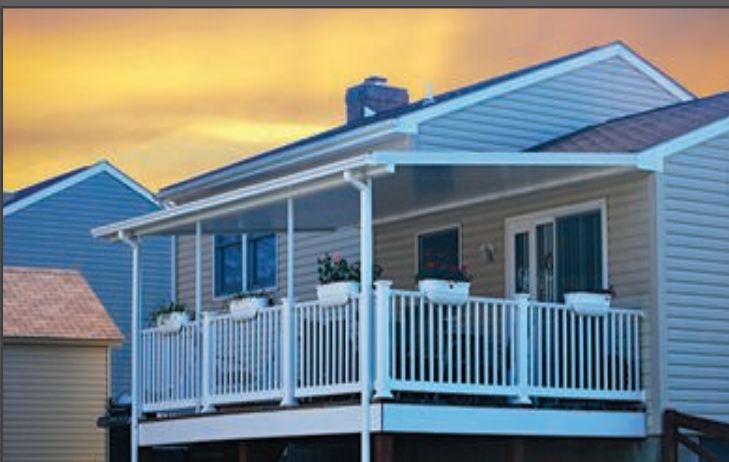
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Cold weather is here, no doubt about that. Just dressing to go outside in the morning to warm the car seems to take forever. It would be so easy just to start up the car, run back into that warm, cozy house and have a little more coffee. Not a good idea. In the amount of time it takes to walk into your home someone can steal your vehicle.

Car thieves wait and watch for people to walk away and then strike. They are not only in your neighborhood, but at convenience stores waiting for you to run in to get a quick cup of coffee. You may think that locking your keys in the car will dissuade these criminals, but it doesn't. They can pick a lock oftentimes faster than you can open it with your key. Baltimore County Police Sergeant Robert Jagoe, a member of the Regional Auto Theft Team (RATT), said that in one study, more than 25 percent of the vehicles stolen in the area were due to keys left in the ignition.

There are many reasons not to leave your car unattended: walking in the cold is not fun, making car payments on a car that is no longer available to you, insurance that probably will not pay for your mistake. And lastly you could get a ticket if a Baltimore County police officer sees that you have stepped away from your vehicle.

It may take you only a minute to run into a convenience store for a cup of coffee or a morning paper. But if you leave your keys in the car with the motor running, it takes a thief only seconds to drive off with your car.

A surprising number of people, however, do just that: they leave the keys in the ignition and let the motor run while they run into the store. A 1996 survey by the Regional Auto Theft Team showed that 25 percent of stolen cars were taken when the driver left the keys in the ignition. Leaving your keys behind like that is an open invitation to criminals, so don't give them that opportunity. When you park your car, take the keys.

Police investigating fatal hit and run in Middle River

Baltimore County Police are investigating a fatal hit and run accident in the Middle River area. Just after 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 27, police received a call when a passerby saw a man lying along the shoulder of Pulaski Highway near Martin Boulevard. The man was pronounced deceased shortly afterwards.

The victim has been identified as Andrew James McNeal, 26. Investigators determined that McNeal was struck as he was walking along Pulaski Highway, heading northbound approaching Martin Boulevard. The car involved in the crash left the scene.

A person turned himself in to Baltimore County Police on Dec. 29 in connection with this fatal hit and run crash. Official charges have not yet been filed and no further information is available at this time.

If anyone has any information concerning this crash, please call Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020.

Current crime trends

Since Dec. 4, there have been three street robberies within the Perry Hall area of the White Marsh Precinct. There has been no new activity since Dec. 14.

Since Nov. 30, there have been 10 residential burglaries in the city line vicinity of the White Marsh Precinct. Eight cases occurred between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. with four occurring between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Two cases occurred overnight, and one case occurred at 5:36 a.m. Unlocked doors or windows were used to enter locations in most cases. A front window was broken in one case and a rear sliding door was forced in two cases. The keys taken in residences were used to target vehicles in two cases.

Since Nov. 29, there have been five residential burglaries in the Fox Ridge Manor community in the Essex Precinct. Four cases occurred between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. One case occurred between 5 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. Front doors were forced in three cases. Rear windows or doors were forced in two cases.

MSP reminds citizens to drive sober or get pulled over

The Maryland State Police are warning drivers they can expect enforcement of speed, occupant restraint and most importantly DUI laws this holiday season.

The State Police Impaired Driving Reduction Effort and troopers statewide will be out in force focusing efforts on impaired, distracted and aggressive drivers. This effort is intended to reduce traffic crashes and the resulting injuries and deaths on Maryland roads. The Maryland State Police remind drivers all year, but especially during the holiday season, that drinking alcohol and driving should never mix.

"There is no excuse for impaired driving, so we will accept no excuse," Maryland State Police Superintendent Colonel William M. Palozzi said. "State troopers and law enforcement officers throughout Maryland are focused on identifying and arresting impaired drivers, whose numbers always increase during the holiday season. "We are dedicating our efforts this year to the memory of Montgomery County Police Officer Noah Leotta, who was struck less than three weeks ago by an alleged impaired driver and died at the age of 24."

On average, one-third (31 percent) of all fatal crashes in America involve drunk driving. In the month of December 2014, there were 82 people killed in crashes involving at least one driver or motorcycle operator with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. Two of those deaths occurred on Christmas Day. So far this year, Maryland State Police have made more than 6,700 DUI arrests.

As Maryland state troopers support the state highway safety plan "Toward Zero Deaths," motorists need to be aware of the dangers of alcohol. Alcohol takes effect quickly and wears off slowly. It tends to reduce one's control, judgment and coordination. In addition, perceptual abilities, speech and speed of reflexes can be impaired.

Impaired drivers can face jail time, lose their driver's licenses, incur higher insurance rates and dozens of other expenses ranging from attorney fees, court costs, car towing repairs, to lost wages due to time off from work. Even worse, a drunk driver can claim someone's life, or even their own.

Earlier this year in 2015, Maryland State Police received a national award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police for traffic safety initiatives. The Maryland State Police were recognized for their commitment and continuous efforts to keep Maryland's roads safe.

Please follow these tips to keep Maryland roads safe this holiday season:

- * Have a plan before you drink any alcoholic beverages. One drink can impair your judgment and increase the risk of getting arrested for driving drunk.

- * Designate a driver.

- * Be attentive while traveling this holiday.

- * Ensure everyone is secured by a seatbelt.

- * Call 911 to report drunk drivers.

- * When in doubt, sleep on a couch or utilize a taxi or rideshare service.

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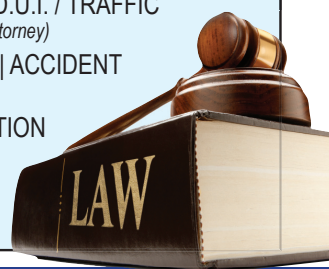
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Mikulski fought for Fort Meade to be a partner in the Healthy Base Initiative

U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D), vice chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced on Dec. 18 that the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 includes \$3 million for the Healthy Base Initiative, which aims to increase health and wellness of civilians and families members on military bases.

The legislation has passed both the Senate and the House of Representatives and now heads to the White House to be signed into law by the President.

"The Healthy Base Initiative helps our military and their families be fit for duty as the best fighting force and best family support that they can be," Mikulski said. "I led the way in getting Fort Meade partnered in the Healthy Base Initiative to serve as a model healthy base worthy of our military families. At Fort Meade, no longer will being healthy just mean the absence of illness; it will mean whole body wellness. By providing our men and women in uniform, their families and civilian personnel with health and wellness services, we will help them build and sustain healthy lives."

This federal funding will be used to continue the Healthy Base Initiative nationwide. As a leader in the program

and as the Healthy Base Initiative enters its next phase, the results of the Fort Meade demonstration program will be used by the Department of Defense (DoD) and turned into healthy living solutions for military bases across the country.

According to the DoD, obesity and tobacco use by U.S. military health care beneficiaries add more than \$3 billion per year to the DoD budget in health care costs and lost duty days.

In 2013, Mikulski announced that Fort Meade had been designated as a partner in the Healthy Base Initiative. Mikulski led the charge for Fort Meade to be included in the demonstration project, which focused on improving nutritional choices, increasing physical activity, encouraging obesity reduction, decreasing tobacco use, reducing stress and contributing to whole body wellness on military bases.

Fort Meade expanded the availability of healthy choice farmers markets, created on-base walking trails and enhanced tobacco-free designated zones. These healthy living enhancements are accessible to the entire Fort Meade community of 56,000 men and women who work there as one of Maryland's largest employers.

Councilman Marks recommends David Ninos to Arts and Sciences Commission

Baltimore County Councilman David Marks has recommended Parkville resident David Ninos to fill the vacant Fifth District seat on the Baltimore County Commission on Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Ninos is a teacher at Perry Hall Middle School and has a longtime background in education and the arts. He has been an instructor at the Mary-

land Institute College of Art Young People's Studios, the Perry Hall Drama Club and Wishing Star Theater.

The Commission on Arts and Sciences recommends financial support to cultural entities, many of which are attended by Baltimore County students.

"It is an honor to recommend an educator to this important commission," Marks commented.



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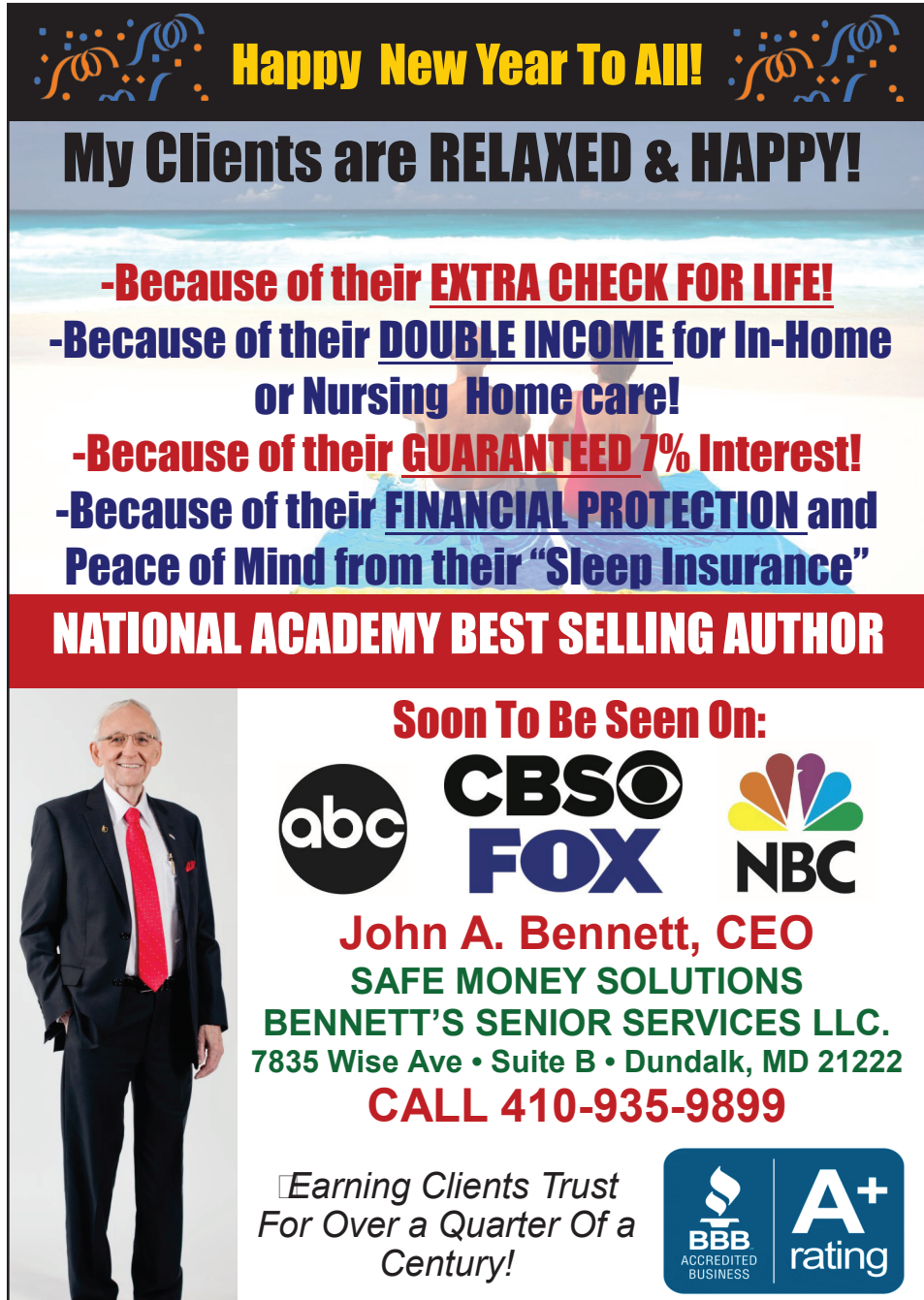


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Being thankful for the many blessings we have in Dundalk, I often take the opportunity to tour our community and just take it all in. To our credit, we have an active community where something is always going on, be it playing sports or walkers and runners using our local tracks. Avid cyclists get their roadwork in on Peninsula Expressway and families participate in various activities at our parks.

We also have some excellent community facilities which support our pursuit of fitness and better health. These include the Southeast Regional Recreation Center indoor soccer facility, the Watersedge Recreation Center and the beautiful community center in Turner Station. These facilities certainly are great enhancements

to our community. To my knowledge these facilities were built with our tax dollars and no one complained, as they were sorely needed and well deserved. These and other communities throughout Baltimore County were not required to give up a blade of grass of public land to get them. So why are the residents of Eastfield-Stanbrook being required to pay a "king's ransom" in public land with the proposed sale of North Point Government Center to get the recreation facility that is needed in their community? This is discrimination and it's not fair! Is it because County Executive Kevin Kamenetz chooses to govern like a king?

*Chas Scheidt
Dundalk*

Baltimore County Needs to be Careful

Having experienced the re-segregation of a neighborhood in Baltimore City, Baltimore County rulers need to be mindful of not only the number of folks being moved from the city to the county, but also their location. While I do have some issues with giving people something that they have not lifted a finger to obtain, trying to give people a better chance at succeeding is not a bad thing.

In the good old days it was block busting real estate speculators that tore apart neighborhoods for profit. Government should not be doing the same thing because it feels good. In order to avoid the re-segregation of neighborhoods in Baltimore County, the numbers of people being moved into a specific neighborhood is important and needs to be well thought out. I know, well-thought-out government is an oxymoron.

Re-segregation occurs when an influx of people with a very different value system are moved into existing

neighborhoods. If you look at why re-segregation happens, you will find that it has three distinct episodes. First, the bigots are gone immediately. Second, when the character of the neighborhood begins to visibly change, another group leaves. The second episode is the most critical. This visible change happens when the streets become full of litter, police and emergency responders' presence becomes frequent and things begin to go missing from back yards. The third episode occurs when the people who thought it could work get tired of the mess, noise and violence and leave. Giving people an opportunity to improve their circumstances should not disadvantage people who worked hard for what they have obtained.

Be careful. Baltimore City has an agenda, and I doubt that they care what the untoward results are.

*William M. Libercci, Sr.
Perry Hall*

The Tale of Two Kamenetzs

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz must have an evil twin brother. In my opinion, this is the only logical explanation for his bizarre behavior in dealing with county park land. It's either that or he fell down the rabbit hole with Alice in Wonderland.

Reportedly, Kamenetz is engaged in negotiations to purchase the 2.5-acre Radebaugh property in Towson. If successful, the county plans to utilize this property as a passive park, with the main purpose of preserving it from development. Hopefully this purchase will occur. The acquisition of open space and park land anywhere is important to the quality of life everywhere!

Amazingly, the opposite dynamic is occurring with the North Point Government Center property in Dundalk.

He is attempting to sell off acres of land (actively used by the public for over 60 years) so that commercial development can occur. The "good twin" is buying private property long used for business in Towson to preserve it from development. On the other hand, the "evil twin" is selling public land long used for recreation in Dundalk so that development may occur. As the Lost in Space robot stated to Will Robinson, "this does not compute!" I just wish these "twins" would get their act together before more damage is done. If an "evil twin" doesn't exist, Mr. Kamenetz does deserve some credit for perhaps being the only person on earth who can really speak out of both sides of his mouth!

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New 'Point Break' remake is pointless

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POINT BREAK



- by Teddy Durgin -

I've always said that if Hollywood is going to remake its own movies, why remake the good ones?! Seriously! Why remake "Planet of the Apes" or "Poltergeist" or "A Nightmare on Elm Street?" There are PLENTY of bad movies out there that should have been good the

first time around that are worthy of a second stab.

Let's face it, folks. It's completely fair and accurate to say that 1991's "Point Break" was a bad movie. Oh, now, I've probably seen in its entirety four or five times over the years, and parts of it a dozen more. If it's on cable and I am flipping around late at night, I'm stopping for

at least 15 or 20 minutes. It's one of those "good-bad" movies. On every level, it is 100 percent cheese. Total junk. Keanu Reeves as an FBI agent named Johnny Utah?! Gary Busey as his G-man mentor?! Patrick Swayze as the head of an elite gang of bank-robbing surfers (or was it surfing bank robbers)?! And that wonderfully over-the-top ending where Utah lets Bodhi basically surf to his death and Johnny walks away throwing his badge into the ocean?! There's still a part of me that's amazed the film was even made, much less green-lit.

But the director of note on that film was Kathryn Bigelow, who would eventually go on to become the first woman to win a Best Director Academy Award for "The Hurt Locker." So, the original was at least made with some degree of professionalism and skill. I can't say the same for the remake, which hit theaters on Christmas Day. Oh, it hulks up the stunts and makes the law-breaking thrill seekers some of the most extreme daredevils ever. But there's no spark to the film and certainly no star power.

Luke Bracey as the new Johnny Utah looks like he was pulled off of a Calvin Klein jeans commercial shoot. Yeah, he can deliver a line more believably than Keanu in his younger days. But he's almost instantly forgettable. Edgar Ramirez, on the other hand, gives Bodhi a very different vibe than what Swayze brought to the character. And I appreciated that. But, again, he seems very much like a B-team choice here. Other than that, Ray Winstone and Delroy Lindo again excel at picking up paychecks, while Teresa Palmer gives a more traditionally sexy turn as the female lead over Lori Petty 24 years ago.

The film is in love with snowboarding, motor cross and other extreme sports. But the only extreme here is the filmmakers' commitment to updating the material and making it bigger, bolder, louder... and more tedious. It feels more like some kind of weird ESPN3 highlight reel linked together with tedious dialogue scenes and less like an actual movie.

Yes, it's fun to bag on the '91 original. But at least there was a certain loony innocence to that picture. It's what has made it re-watchable over the years, in fact. Heck, seeing this new film... it's almost made me re-evaluate the first one. Is it actually a good movie?! Nah! And neither is this, my friends.

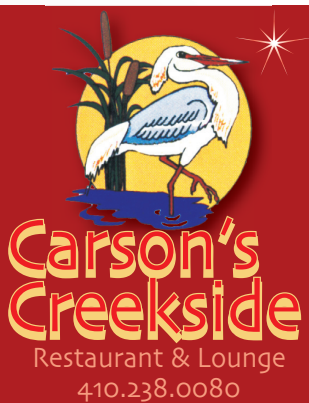
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- by Teddy Durgin -

It's been a few years since I followed professional football religiously. Oh yeah, I used to be one of those dudes who watched a good 10 hours of the pigskin every given Sunday in the fall and early winter. I played Fantasy Football for a decade straight. And I followed the off-season free agent and trade dramas like people follow soap operas. But a funny thing happened to me a few years back. I got to a point in my life where I realized all of the players in the NFL were younger than me. In my 20s and 30s, I always thought to myself, "You know if I had about 100 pounds more muscle and could run, THESE GUYS would be my teammates, my competitors, my contemporaries."

And then there was the time commitment. I just couldn't put in the time anymore or spare the emotions. I'd spend hours getting SO involved in the games, playing office pools, drafting Fantasy players, and... at the end of Sunday... the millionaire players were going home to their Vicodin and six-figure endorsement deals and I was having to prepare for another work week.

And, as for Fantasy? Well, I won my league the final three consecutive years I was in it. The thrill was gone there, too. In my farewell address to my fellow team owners, I quoted the great Hans Gruber: "And when Alexander saw the breadth of his domain, he wept, for there were no more worlds to conquer." It was a glorious exit.

Oh, I still follow the sport in a very round-about way. I'll always watch the Super Bowl. And I am aware of how the Ravens are doing in the standings each week. But I am no longer emotionally invested in whether

they win or lose. So, it took a fairly good movie like "Concussion" to get me to really care about the game again and those involved. In fact, this movie is good enough that you don't have to be a fan of the game at all to appreciate it. It's basically a corporate corruption story, a David Vs. Goliath tale akin to "The Insider," "Norma Rae" or "Erin Brockovich." It doesn't matter if it's the tobacco biz, the textile industry or pro football, the basic story is the same... and it's a good one.

Based on a true story, Will Smith stars as Dr. Bennet Omalu, the Pittsburgh-based pathologist who was the first to uncover the truth about brain damage in football players who suffer repeated concussions and other

head trauma in the course of normal practice and play. He published his findings in a medical journal and was promptly demonized and marginalized by the National Football League. But as the list of NFL greats who committed suicide or suffered other indignities due to their impaired cognitive states grew, Omalu's research began to gain momentum and the league faced a crisis like none other.

"Concussion" chronicles the good doc's thrill of discovery that so quickly turned to the agony of defeat when the powerful business interests of the NFL went at him with all guns to discredit his research. Smith is terrific in the lead role, effortlessly adopting a Nigerian accent and disappearing into the role. This is the rare performance by a major movie star in which you don't see the star, but the character. I never once said to myself, "Why's the Fresh Prince talking so different?" or anything similar. This guy has shown real growth as an actor. Best of all, none of his offspring appear with him.

"Concussion" manages to bring its story home in its final moments with a moving speech by Omalu in front of an NFL Players Association meeting. As he talks to the various linemen, receivers and other players and their significant others, he sees visions of the deceased players who suffered brain injuries that he performed autopsies on. It's a very freeing, cathartic moment on screen. "Concussion" is not a movie that will make you stand up and cheer. But it may just change how you watch the games each Sunday and Monday night. And who knows? After seeing it, you may join me on the sidelines.

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Dundalk prevails while Kenwood falters on day one of the Dundalk Holiday Tournament

- Article & photos by Patrick Taylor -

Before I get into the meat of the first day of the Dundalk Holiday Tournament, I need to give a shout out to the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) for enforcing one of the most arbitrary rules I've ever heard of.

Within the first few minutes of Dundalk's game against Reginald F. Lewis (RFL), an RFL player was sent to the bench by the referees for a major infraction - his sleeves were not the same length. One sleeve from his long sleeve uniform was cut off while the other was kept long. The referee told the player and coach he was in violation of the rules and the player took a seat on the bench, his evening finished before it really even had a chance to begin.

Now, first and foremost, I've never even seen a player wear a long sleeve uniform in basketball. But there's a first for everything, I suppose. But I found it to be a bit harsh to end a player's evening simply because he had one long sleeve.

Sure, it's in violation of the rules. But why is that even a rule to begin with? Players can still wear compression sleeves, which is essentially the same thing as wearing a long sleeve shirt. In this instance I'd wager that the player didn't want to shell out the \$15 on a sleeve and figured, "hey, I've got two, might as well just keep one."

I understand the importance of rules, especially concerning uniforms. Later on in the game Dundalk guard Malik Winston had to come out of the game because blood was coming through the bandage on his knee. That's the way it should be. A player bleeding openly is a health issue, and one that was rectified immediately. Winston left the game and Dundalk's trainer fixed up his bandage. No damage done.

But for the life of me I can't figure out why a player can't keep a sleeve long. It seems like nitpicking for the sake of nitpicking.

Like most sports, the MPSSAA rulebook for basketball is lengthy. You can bet that not a single player participating has read it, and I'd wager that most coaches haven't given it anything other than a glance. Is that their fault? Yes. But at the same time, a player shouldn't lose game eligibility because one sleeve is long. If both sleeves are short? Cool. If both are long? Cool. But don't you DARE have a combination!

I reached out for comment and clarification from the MPSSAA and was told that according to Rule 3, Section 5, Article 5 of the rule book that a player cannot alter a jersey from its original state. I get that. But this is really no different than a player going sleeveless and wearing a compression sleeve. Anyway, on to the games!

Dundalk took on RFL in the nightcap of day one of the Dundalk Holiday Tournament and managed to pull off a 69 - 54 win.

On the offensive side, both teams struggled to get going in the opening quarter. Ball handling was wild, passes were overthrown and miscommunication was king. With as many turnovers as there were, usually I'd call it a defensive battle. But in actuality, both teams were just relatively inept in the first eight minutes. Winston struggled to find his shot early, and sharpshooter Duron Ball couldn't find his stroke. Winston eventually settled in and dropped five quick points, giving Dundalk a 10 - 7 lead after the first quarter.

From there, things picked up. Dundalk began utilizing their full court press to great effect, causing turnovers with their high pressure style. Those turnovers didn't always lead to points, but they often did.

Carl Bradley, a senior forward for the Owls, really picked his game up after an up-and-down first quarter. In the first, Bradley did well on the boards, pulling in multiple offensive rebounds to keep plays alive. But Bradley also had a tendency to put his head down as soon as he received the ball, which led to some poor shots and turnovers.

But in the second quarter that changed. Bradley did well to take the ball inside and draw double coverage, only to kick the ball out to an open man. Not only did that give him more room to breathe underneath (with RFL players now weary of the kickout), but it also left Dundalk guards with open looks. Ball, Keshawn Henry and Nick Parrish all



Nick Parrish hits a free throw after getting fouled.



Kenwood players fight for a rebound in Monday night's Dundalk Tournament match against Duval.

benefitted from Bradley's ability to kick it out, with each hitting big shots to keep Dundalk in the lead.

At the end of the second quarter, Dundalk went on a bit of a run thanks to some boneheaded plays from RFL. A flagrant foul miles away from the basket gave Dundalk two free throws and possession. Nick Parrish hit his free throws and on the ensuing possession, Daquan Bowman was fouled attempting a three. He hit two of three free throws to extend the lead to five.

With a five point lead in the third, Dundalk's defense buckled down again and held RFL to a meager nine points. As I stated last week, anytime you keep an opponent under ten points in a quarter, you've done your job. The Owls weren't able to take advantage in the first but in the third they went to town, lighting up RFL for 22 points and an 18-point lead. There was no going back for Dundalk, who added another 18 in the fourth to give them a 69 - 54 win.

Earlier in the day Kenwood took on Duval. Kenwood entered the game looking to get above .500 for the first time since Dec. 10, but Duval proved to be too much for the Bluebirds to handle. Kenwood kept it close, however, pushing Duval until the final quarter. But Duval was able to ice the game with free throws in the final few minutes to secure a 55 - 47 victory.

Parkville took on Towson in the Holiday Tournament, and the Knights looked fierce as they managed to hold on to a 41 - 36 win. However, this was another instance of a low-scoring game being more about offensive inability rather than the efforts of two defensive stalwarts. Nonetheless, a win is a win.

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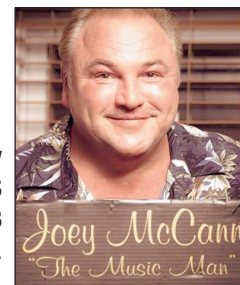
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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HORRY
Katlyn Marie Stella and Renato Stella,
Petitioners,
vs.
Joseph Lee Ballistreri and John Doe,
Respondent.
In Re:
Kameryn Jai (DOB: 07/14/08)
A minor child under the age of 14 years

IN THE FAMILY COURT
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SUMMONS, NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS
Docket No.: 2015-DR-26-1229

TO: Respondent Joseph Lee Ballistreri:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to respond to the Petition in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you and to serve a copy of your response on the subscriber at her address, Brana J. Williams, Williams Law Firm, LLC, 1500 Highway 17N Suite 102, Surfside Beach, South Carolina, 29575, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Petition within the time aforesaid, the Petitioners in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Petition.

Further, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, pursuant to South Carolina Code §63-9-730(E), that an adoption proceeding was filed in the Family Court of Horry County, South Carolina on May 26, 2015, and in the Petition for Adoption you are alleged to be the father of a male child named, Kameryn Jai Ballistreri, born in the County of Joppa, State of Maryland on July 14, 2008.

It is further alleged that your consent to this adoption is not required under South Carolina Code §63-9-310 and your parental rights should be terminated pursuant to South Carolina Code §63-7-2570(7).

In responding to this notice, you are required to use the caption and the number 2015-DR-26-1229. If Notice to Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond is filed by you with the Court within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Notice of Adoption Proceedings, you will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard on the merits of the adoption. To file notice to Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond in this action, you must notify the Horry County Family Court at Horry County Courthouse, 1301 Second Avenue, Conway, SC 29526, in writing of your intention to Contest, Intervene or otherwise Respond. The Horry County Family Court must be informed of your current address and any changes of your address during the adoption proceedings.

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