

# County Council rejects HOME Act in landslide vote



The Baltimore County Council Monday night voted 6 - 1 in opposition to the HOME Act bill submitted by the county executive.

- Article & photo by Devin Crum -

The Baltimore County Council voted overwhelmingly on Monday, Aug. 1, to turn down a proposal by Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz known as the HOME Act.

The bill, which only Fourth District Councilman Julian Jones supported, would have added government-issued Housing Choice Vouchers and other legitimate sources of income to the list of things which landlords may not discriminate against when considering prospective tenants.

Advocates said the HOME (Housing Opportunities Made Equal) Act would have prevented discrimination in housing while encouraging those with vouchers - commonly called Section 8 - to move to "opportunity areas" around the county and helping to alleviate the problems associated with high concentrations of Section 8.

But opponents asserted that it would have taken away the rights of landlords to refuse to enter into a contract with the federal government and that simply spreading poverty around is not the solution.

County Planning Director Andrea Van Arsdale, who testified at the Council's July 21 work session on the bill for more than an hour while being peppered with questions from Council members, noted before the vote that she had already presented the administration's case.

They believed, she said, that the bill was a critical measure to end housing discrimination in the county, de-concentrate poverty "and open the door just a little bit wider for poorer families, the disabled and elderly to improve their lives and the lives of their children."

Betsy Sexton, spokesperson for the HOME Act Coalition - made up of housing advocacy organizations such as the League of Women Voters of Baltimore County, as well as Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center and the Dundalk Renaissance Corporation - expressed her - see **HOME ACT** on page 10 -



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## NEWS

## **County police join together with communities for National Night Out**

- by Patrick Taylor -

Since 1984, police departments across the country have been celebrating National Night Out, an evening dedicated to educating the public on crime prevention tips, community watch groups, drug prevention and other anti-crime efforts. This year's celebration was much of the same, but with a more urgent feel and with a bigger stress on relations between communities and the police.

"It's more timely now than ever before, but the original mission of national night out is still the same," said Sergeant Stelmack, a member of the Essex precinct's Community Outreach Team. "But there's definitely an opportunity to bridge the gap."

Bridging the gap between communities and police is of the utmost importance at this time, as there's been a seemingly unending stream of policeinvolved shootings and attacks on police. In many communities across the nation, relations are strained. And for many of the community associations that stepped up to host a National Night Out event, this is a big opportunity to connect with the police who patrol their streets.

Thousands around the county, and millions across the nation, took part in National Night Out on Tuesday night. Cookouts, parades, DJs, meet-andgreets, CPR demonstrations, neighborhood walks and even McGruff the Crime Dog were on the agenda countywide, with some community groups pulling out all of the stops.

In Turner Station, County Executive Kevin Kamenetz addressed the community and police, as did Captain Orlando Lilly from the Dundalk precinct. The Turner Station group also had a visit from the county's aviation and k-9 units.

"If you bring the helicopter and the dogs, it's a guarantee that people are going to show up," said Gloria Nelson.

According to Nelson, Turner Station residents have been participating in National Night Out for the last 15 years. And what started as a little cookout on a single street has ballooned into an event where hundreds show up each year to learn about crime prevention. Nelson chalks up the attendance to the fact that the event is arranged by multiple groups within the community, giving many a voice. This year Nelson prepared to host approximately 400 attendees.

And for officers looking to build relationships within communities, National Night Out provides a nice stepping stone.

"We're constantly working with the heads of the community associations

throughout the year," said Stelmack. "So it isn't like this is their one opportunity to come forward and engage us. We're frequently engaged, but this night just provides more of an opportunity to reach out to the community. With everything going on, maybe people who wouldn't be involved before will get involved and be more involved."

Stelmack stated that even with the extra focus put on strained relations between communities and police officers, the general theme of the night is togetherness and protection. Anything extra that comes from an evening with the community is a bonus.

And according to Stelmack, the idea that community members and police could bridge the gap isn't a stretch of the imagination. In fact, he sees it as the next logical step.

"You have all of these people coming together to learn about crime prevention. They learn that they need to tackle crime issues as a group, as a community. I think it connects the patrol officers to the community and shows a kind of a togetherness in fighting crime, and it shows that the police support their communities and vice versa," said Stelmack.

While there are many focused on mending relationships, there are also plenty of people just looking to give a thank you to the officers who put their life on the line each and every day.

"We participate in National Night Out to honor our local police departments and to show that we fight crime," said Karen Cruz, President of the Eastfield-Stanbrook Civic Association. "It's important because it promotes a police/community partnership and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhood a safer, better place to live."

This year's installment of National Night Out came fresh on the heels of a police-involved shooting in Randallstown that left one woman dead and her five-year-old son injured. Tensions rose on the west side of Baltimore County as residents awaited more details, but on the east side things remained calm.

"It's time for togetherness," said Nelson.

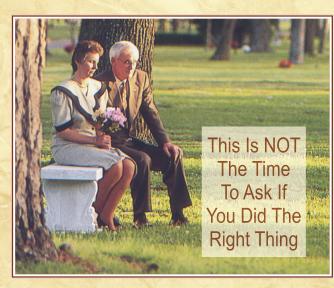
Since its inception in 1984, National Night Out has grown from 2.7 million Americans participating in 400 communities in 23 states to more than 37 million people and 15,000 communities from all 50 states, United States territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. This year, 48 community associations in Baltimore County hosted National Night Out events.





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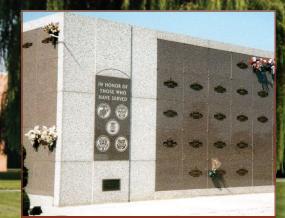
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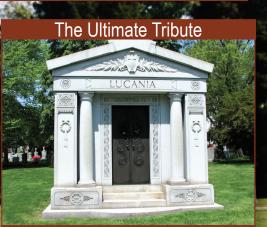
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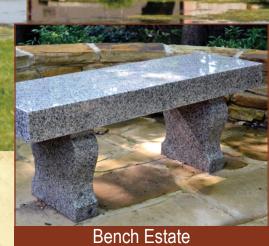
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## Two large pieces of Middle River's future development remain uncertain

- By Devin Crum -

**NEWS** 

Speaking at the July meeting of the Essex-Middle River Civic Council, organization President Bob Bendler announced to the membership that they would have to face the reality that the Middle River Depot will not be the new site of the Middle River MARC train station, leaving the station's foreseeable future cloudy at best.

Likewise, news broke that the owners of the 400-acre Lafarge property - currently the site of a sand and gravel quarry - are looking to sell immediately for the right price. But it is anyone's guess what could be done with the property after it is sold.

The EMRCC and the greater community had advocated for years for the Maryland Transit Administration to move the Middle River MARC station from its current location to the east side of MD-43 in order to become part of the eventual redevelopment of the Middle River Depot property and possibly upgrade the station.

But MTA conducted a study in 2010 to explore the possibility of moving the station which found that the move would be cost prohibitive, according to Ryan Nawrocki, senior director of communications and marketing for MTA.

Additionally, he said, "there are concerns about locating it behind a large commercial building, which would not be keeping with the principles of transit oriented development."

"The MARC station will not be

moving there," Bendler said at the meeting last month.

As part of the requested move, community members also hoped that the MTA train repair facility located just opposite MD-43 from the station would eventually be relocated elsewhere to make room for the new MARC station and allow direct access to MD-43 by the Depot development.

But that is also not likely to happen in the near future, state officials said.

What's more, the state is looking to expand the facility in its current location to allow for more rail car storage on additional tracks alongside the existing rail line.

Having a lack of other options, Nawrocki said the state needs the facility into the

future in order to maintain and service its MARC fleet.

But this move could have a silver lining for the Middle River station.

Nawrocki noted that the MTA currently stores train cars at yards in Baltimore, and storing them in Middle River could save time in the morning when trains trek to Perryville before turning around and running the line to Union Station in Washington, D.C.

The time saved could be enough to allow MARC to run an additional train between Middle River and D.C. each day to better accommodate commuters.

Although there was talk at the EMRCC meeting of a concept plan to improve the current Middle River station, such as - see **FUTURE** on page 8 -



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NEWS

## McDonough gets ready for general election, opens new campaign headquarters

- by Patrick Taylor -

With the general election drawing closer and the conventions in the rearview mirror, it's time for politicians to start hitting the ground running if they want a shot at winning their respective elections this November. For Delegate Pat McDonough, who's running for Congress against Democratic incumbent Dutch Ruppersberger, that means a lot of time spent waving signs and hopping from Harford County through Baltimore County's east side down to Anne Arundel County.

"[My volunteers and I] are out waving signs daily, and so far there's been tremendous feedback," said Mc-Donough.

And he wasn't kidding.

McDonough spent time at the intersection of Eastern Boulevard and Route 43 in Middle River early in the afternoon on Aug. 1, and if you were just judging based off the sound you would have thought you wound up stuck in Manhattan rush hour. Dozens of cars honked to show support within the first 15 minutes McDonough set up shop, with quite a few people even stopping to talk with the Republican candidate. What seemed like a long shot for McDonough months ago now seems like a decent possibility.

"The same force that's driving [Don-

ald] Trump is the force that's driving me," said McDonough.

McDonough credits his surge to three important details - his position on things like supporting police officers and immigration, a feeling of discontent with the establishment and a swirl of anti-Hillary Clinton sentiment.

"That's really what gives me a shot," said McDonough, who bills himself as a bit of an outsider despite his tenure as an elected official at the state level. "Ruppersberger is part of the establishment - he's been in office 13 years - and people want a shake up."

Still, McDonough knows that he has a lot of work to do if he's going to supplant Ruppersberger, who has handily won his district the last few cycles.

Part of that plan is opening new headquarters for his campaign. On Thursday, Aug. 4, McDonough's new headquarters will be opening in Bowleys Quarters. McDonough already has hundreds of volunteers at the ready, and his new headquarters will be utilized to target key areas.

"We've already got about 400 signs out there, and there will be more on the way," said McDonough. "We just added two new crews, one that will canvass in Harford County, the other will take on Dundalk."

While there is still plenty of cam-



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paigning to be done, McDonough seems almost relaxed, despite his hectic schedule. He's historically done well with Independent voters, and he hasn't had any trouble bridging the gap between Ted Cruz and Trump supporters, which is something the Republican party as a whole is struggling with at the moment.

"This is a grassroots movement," he said. "We do a lot of door knocking, sign waving and direct mailers. And we do it without the aid of special interest groups." According to McDonough, both the presidential race and the congressional race bare a striking resemblance to the 1968 presidential election which saw Richard Nixon prevail.

"In 68 Nixon ran against a beloved politician, but he ran on a platform of law and order, ending war and stopping bombings," said McDonough. "The parallels are there."

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NEWS

Hawthorne Elementary's new principal preps for a new year

#### - by Patrick Taylor -

Recently, Baltimore County Public Schools announced Mrs. Dwan Pinamonti principal of Hawthorne Elementary School. And her aim is to keep the momentum going that Hawthorne has been building over the last few years.

"It's obvious from the data that this is a school heading in the right direction," said Pinamonti. "So the first six months will basically be me listening and learning."

Pinamonti has been an educator for the last 15 years, with previous stints at Seneca Elementary and Deep Creek Middle School among others. Pinamonti feels her experience with Deep Creek will help her immensely as she takes on her new role at Haw-thorne.

"Deep Creek and Hawthorne share a lot of the same demographics, so the experience from working in a similar community will be super beneficial," said Pinamonti.

With Deep Creek being a magnet school for technology, the switch over to a Lighthouse school shouldn't be an issue. And besides knowing how to deal with emerging technologies, Pinamonti also knows exactly what will be expected of her students in middle school.

"Most of the Hawthorne kids won't go to Deep Creek, they'll go to Stemmer's Run. I'm actually meeting with the principal of Stemmer's Run soon to discuss what is and isn't working for Hawthorne students as they enter middle school," she said.

The position for principal had plenty of appli-

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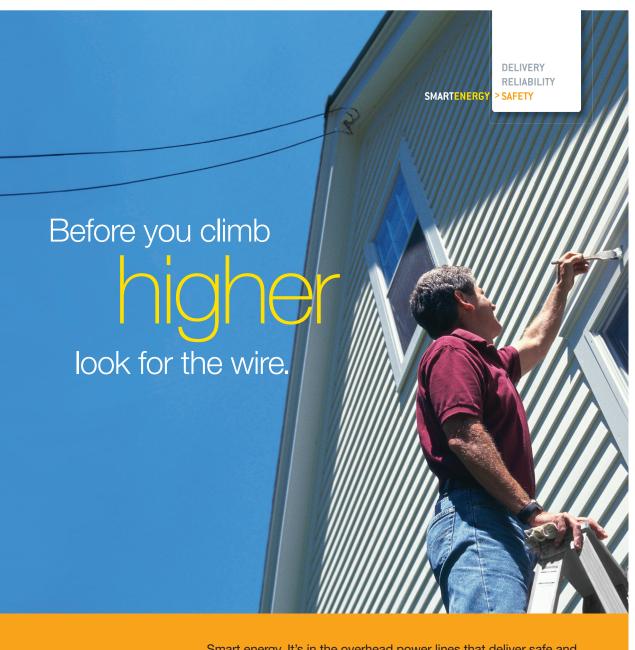
cants, including Pinamonti, who stated that she really wanted the position given that she's spent basically her whole career in education in east Baltimore County. But she wasn't just propping up Hawthorne when she talked about the direction it was heading.

"There are some schools where you'll need to go in and make changes immediately. Thankfully this isn't that type of place," she said.

Last year Hawthorne added a 3-D printer, added over 1,000 books to their library and received a \$10,000 grant from Verizon for a "maker space" to be built for young inventors. This year, the maker space will be ready to go, and the school is focusing on going green. "We're going to collect recyclables to use for their projects, we're really going to have a green emphasis," Pinamonti said.

This year, Hawthorne is also opening up prekindergarten for children no matter how young. At press time, slots were still available. Besides opening up pre-K, Hawthorne will also be one of a small handful of schools that will provide both breakfast and lunch for their students, ensuring that hungry students will be a thing of the past.

"You can't learn when you're hungry," said Pinamonti. "Luckily for us that's one less thing that we'll have to worry about. And that's exactly how it should be."



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disappointment with the bill's failure, but thanked Councilman Jones for trying to pass a bill that other jurisdictions like Frederick, Howard and Montgomery Counties have already passed.

Sexton agreed with Jones that it was a simple, antidiscrimination bill. She told the *East County Times* that, going forward, she believes the Coalition will stay together and will likely meet in the near future to discuss what they can do to continue their work toward fair housing.

Kamenetz, too, said he was disappointed that the bill did not pass, but was encouraged by the support it received.

"The discussion that took place really helped educate the public as to why such legislation is good public policy," Kamenetz said in a statement, adding that he remains committed to the "important goal" of the deconcentration of poverty.

The bill was the result of a legal settlement between the county executive, the U.S. Department of Housing



and Urban Development (HUD) and housing advocates. It included a provision that if the bill received less than three votes in favor, it would not have to be resubmitted until 2019, after a new County Council can be elected.

Spokesperson Ellen Kobler said the administration is hopeful that similar legislation will pass at the state level, but there are currently no plans to resubmit a bill before 2019, when Kamenetz will be out of office.

Each of the other six members of the Council voted against the bill - including David Marks (R-5), Cathy Bevins (D-6) and Todd Crandell (R-7) on the east side and each had their own reasons for doing so, not least of which was that their constituencies overwhelmingly opposed it.

Marks, Bevins and Crandell each reported that the vast majority of residents in their districts that they heard from opposed the legislation. Crandell aide Doug Anderson pointed out that they heard no responses of support from inside the district, and Bevins noted that she had approximately one "yes" for every 200 "nos."

Council Chair Vicki Almond (D-2) commented that the deal with HUD was done with little or no consultation with the County Council. She also noted that similar legislation has failed in the Maryland General Assembly several times.

"If the state, after a much longer and involved legislative process, is unable to resolve some of the details which prevent this bill from becoming state law, it just demonstrates how difficult it is for the County Council to pass this bill," she said.

Almond believes that the larger societal issues at hand should be decided at the federal or state levels.

Councilman Jones said that, while there was a lot of "fog" surrounding the bill, at its heart it was only about preventing discrimination and prejudice.

"For me, the bill has always been and continues to be very simple," he said, adding that the words "Section 8" were not mentioned in it and it was not a proxy to any larger issues with HUD, Section 8, or housing policies in the region.

Bevins noted that she and Crandell's districts currently combine for more than half of the county's roughly 6,000 total vouchers. "And that's not fair," she said.

Bevins and Crandell had expressed concerns previously that they could actually see even more vouchers in their districts if the HOME Act passed because it would force property owners who do not currently accept vouchers to start taking them. "I think that I would even get some from Dundalk," Bevins explained, "people leaving the older buildings in Dundalk and moving to the newer apartments in the Essex and Middle River areas.

"I wanted guarantees with this, and the advocates couldn't guarantee it, the administration couldn't guarantee it," she said. "When you have two districts consuming over 55 percent of the vouchers, something's got to give."

Marks explained that there are multiple dimensions to this issue, as there are to the more general issue of elevating and empowering communities. He also said he understands the advocates' perspective on de-concentrating poverty.

"But our goal should really be about eliminating poverty," he commented.

Marks opined that the county should let the private sector create jobs, and the county should do a better job with things like job training; education; nutrition; building partnerships between community colleges, vocationaltechnical schools and the private sector; and improving transportation so workers can get to employment.

Crandell, who announced prior to the vote his opposition to the bill, said he thought it was bad legislation, seeing a "philosophical problem" with requiring property owners to accept vouchers if they do not want to.

"I don't believe that the strategy will lessen the impact of vouchered housing that it has had in the Seventh District and on the east side," he said. "This bill doesn't fix anything.

"Poverty has many different components to it," Crandell commented, "and trying to socially engineer where people live has not worked to fix poverty. And it hasn't for the past 30 years."

When the bill comes back in 2019, Crandell said he is not sure if much will change by then.

"The good thing is, if all goes as projected on the east side, we'll have a lot of new jobs there," he said.

The redevelopment of the former steel mill property at Sparrows Point, for example, is expected to bring approximately 10,000 jobs to Baltimore County.

"A good job is the only thing that will fix this problem," Crandell stated.

He predicted as well that the bill would be denied again the next time, depending on the make-up of the Council.

"Bad legislation in 2016 is bad legislation in 2019," he said.

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On Thursday, July 21, a public hearing was held in Towson for a request by Hilltop Residential, LLC developer Joe Moran, to move the Urban-Rural Demarcation Line (URDL). Part of the property is outside the URDL, and moving the URDL so that all of the property is inside the URDL will allow him to build more houses.

There is still time to send in your comments concerning moving the URDL. Comments for the Planning Board regarding the Hilltop Residential LLC Property URDL Revision may be sent in written form to the Baltimore County Department of Planning, Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Ave., Suite 101, Towson, MD 21204, to the attention of Jeff DelMonico.

The property which is the subject of the URDL request is also a part of the Comprehensive Zoning Map Process, Issue #6-025. Currently, 28.16 acres is zoned RC 3. Hilltop Residential, LLC requested a zoning change for 15.38 acres changed to DR 1 and 12.78 acres changed to DR 3.5. The planning board recommends 16.98 acres zoned RC 5 and 11.18 acres zoned DR 3.5.

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## IN YOUR WORDS

## **Baldwin article a slap in the face to communities**

I recently read Dan Baldwin's letter as former associate editor of The Avenue News and I would like to wish him all the best on his next endeavor. But I want to clarify some information that is incorrect in his last article ("One final thought," June 30).

I, too, have bled local ink. From 1996 with Ken Caldwell/Chesapeake Publishing The Avenue News, The Dundalk Eagle / Oelke & Kimball Family, What's Happening Mag, Eagle Flyer and for the past 10 years of my 20-year local newspaper span with The East County Times, the last independently owned paper in the Baltimore area, and the Wilbanks family.

In January 2013 I was nominated to the position of vice president for The Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River, Inc., to serve a two-year term, which unfortunately (for personal reasons) I had to end in early 2014. But before ending my term as VP, I started a project to scan the archives of both the Avenue and East County Times and converted them to CD, preventing their demise from deterioration and time. I formed this group to preserve our important piece of history with Scott Huffines (Jackie Nickel's son), Dan Baldwin and myself. We were to start this task in the beginning of 2014.

In January 2016 I was asked by June Donovan, the president at the time, to serve her remaining one-year term of 2016 as president of the Heritage Society and I accepted. I am currently serving as president of the organization. Wanting to continue where we left off in preserving our history, I was told Avenue papers were *lent* to Dan to work on the preservation project. The remaining *East County Times* were inside the same room as I left them and are there to this day. So weight and hazard must not have been a factor. I sent Dan and his publisher an email and requested to have the archives returned. He responded with, "I was given the archives and they are in our possession." I told Dan as well as Marie Foglio, publisher of the Avenue, that these papers were not

theirs to keep and they were on loan. There is no record of the papers being gifted to them by the past president or from the museum. This would have been recorded by our archivist, a board member or historian at the time, as we do with all items.

I have requested several times these items be returned with no further response from the Avenue or its parent publishing company on this matter. Then I read Dan's letter, "One final thought," while leaving the paper as associate editor. I am extremely concerned about the future of this important piece of local documented history of Essex and Middle River, as I am also sure the communities are.

I find his article a slap in the face to the communities which I have lived in. served and loved for the past 49 years. It's heartbreaking that a large corporation would take a community's documented, written history and refuse to return it or have it on local display. I also offered to give them a copy of the finished Avenue preservation CD.

Not only did the Avenue physically leave the community by no longer having an office in either of the communities they claim to serve, but now they want to take a piece of that community's history with them. For shame. I think the community should give you their "one final thought."

Terri Knachel President, The Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River, Inc.

## **Response to developer's URDL** change request

Here's commenting on last week's (July 28) "Developer requests URDL change for Bird River area property." Sandra Magsamen from the Bird River Road Neighborhood Association listed some approved development projects in that area, which are Greenleigh (1,700 housing units), Hawkins Manor (96 homes) and nearby Tito property (156 homes), bringing in a total of 1,952 homes to the Bird River area in the near future.

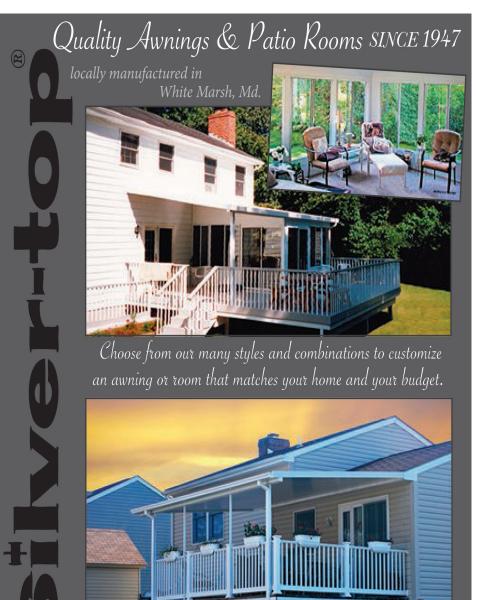
If the URDL is moved, then 60 more homes would be built in the area. Enough is enough!

At an Essex-Middle River Civic Council meeting, I asked if the county looks into if the sewage treatment plant can handle all of this development. Cathy Bevins stated that the treatment plant belongs to the city. No more was said by her, but the inference was that sewage from these homes would be a Baltimore City problem.

I told her that from the Amish market in Dundalk to the Walgreen's in Essex, everyday the stench is bad. No comment from Mrs. Bevins.

The County Council members are given large donations for their campaigns to be reelected on the scale of \$10,000 or more Pay-back time comes and the developers get their way.

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## **BRRNA** Meeting

The Bird River Road Neighborhood Association will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Gunpowder VFW, 6309 Ebenezer Road in Middle River (note the change of location). Joe Moran, developer of the Hilltop Residential, LLC property off Vincent Road will present a revised plan which includes moving the URDL. Please attend and take this opportunity to vote on this matter.

## **Mother Nature and Me**

Holt Park and Center for the Arts, 34 Elmont Ave. in Overlea, will host a Mother Nature and Me Pre-K drop-in with Ranger Lauren every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon. For more info., call 410-887-5307 or visit <u>www.facebook.com.HoltCenter</u>.

## **Aviation Volunteer Search**

Volunteers are needed at the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum as it prepares for the opening of the 2016 school year. Qualifications for education volunteers include experience working with children and a minimum availability of two days per month, three hours per day. There is also an opening for someone with web design experience to manage its website at www.mdairmuseum.org. The museum, located at Martin State Airport has been operated by a group of dedicated volunteers for over 25 years serving the community as a cultural and educational resource. To apply for a volunteer position, contact Volunteer Coordinator Peggy Smith at 410-682-6122.

## **Volunteers Needed**

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is looking for Volunteers for our Event Leadership Team. Volunteers will help to plan and execute a Relay For Life event in Essex and Dundalk. Positions are varied at each event. Please contact Kristin Tilton via Kristin. Tilton@cancer.org or 410-933-5173 for more info.

## **NP Battlefield Walking Tours**

The Maryland Park Service will offer free walking tours of the North Point State Battlefield, 2880 North Point Road in Dundalk, on Thursdays, Aug. 11 and 25, beginning at 6 p.m. The battlefield was the location where American soldiers stood firm against British advancement in defense of Baltimore. Travel back in time as naturalists guide you around the battlefield, setting the scene and recounting the story of the defenders! This is a shine-only event. Please bring water and dress comfortably for the weather. For more information, contact Ranger Townsley-Sapp at 443-252-1141 or andrea.townsley-sapp@maryland.gov

### **Flu Shots**

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 8 a.m. to noon, retirees Local 9477 will have their annual flu shot clinic at the Steelworkers Hall, 550 Dundalk Ave. in Dundalk. All past retirees and community retired residents are invited to attend. No charge; please bring your Medicare and co-insurance cards with you. Any questions, call Don Kellner at 410-227-8462.

## **Caregiver Café**

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center will host a Caregiver Café workshop on Thursday, Aug. 11, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Hopkins Elderplus in the Mason F. Lord building, East Tower, 5200 Eastern Ave. in Baltimore. The cafés provide a supportive environment for caregivers to relieve stress, have informal conversations with health care providers, obtain helpful resources from human service professionals and interact with other caregivers. No registration is required. For more information, contact Tammy Marsh at 410-550-8018.

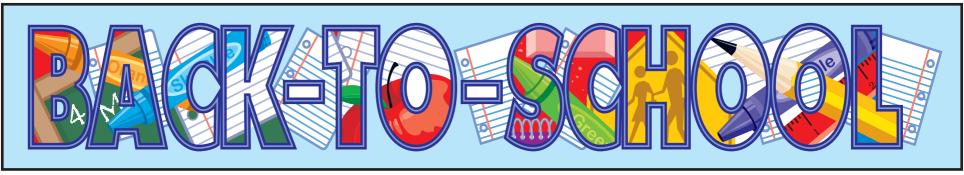
## **Family Fun Day**

The Back River Recreation Council girls' basketball program will hold its' annual Family Fun Day for players (current and alumni), volunteers and their families from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Aug. 13 at Back River Center, 801 Back River Neck Road in Essex. The all-volunteer program offers opportunities for girls ages 5 - 18 to play at all levels. Family Fun Day will feature door prizes, food, basketball games, an award ceremony and children's activities. For more information, call 443-992-5376 or visit <u>www.ladylions.org</u>.

## **GRASP** Meeting

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





# Students entering grades 6 and 9 invited to participate in "Early Entry Day"

Baltimore County Public Schools will host a half-day "Early Entry Day" on Aug. 22 for rising grades 6 and 9 students for the 2016-2017 school year. Students will start their day in period one and continue through their entire class schedule, including lunch. Students also will have the opportunity to engage in various activities designed to acclimate them to their new school environments; such as visiting their lockers, taking school tours, and meeting teachers and school counselors. Transportation will be provided for those students who will take buses to middle and

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high school. Those students will be picked up at their assigned bus stops at their regular scheduled times and will be transported home at the end of the half-day schedule. A complimentary lunch will be served to all participating students, and students will be able to add funds to their cafeteria accounts in preparation for the first day of school on Wednesday, Aug. 24. This will be taking place at all middle and high schools in the county.

The Early Entry Day is for students only and will not replace other schoolbased student-parent orientation activities such as Sneak-a-Peek, evening

student-parent orientation or Back-to-School Night. More detailed information regarding the Early Entry Day will be included in each school's"WelcomeBack" correspondence in early August 2016.

We look forward to seeing all our rising sixth and ninth graders soon!

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## Is your child ready for kindergarten?

Kindergarten can be a pivotal time in a young child's life. Although many kids attend preschool or receive guided learning at home, kindergarten marks students' first official foray into the classroom. This is an exciting time for kids and parents, and also one that may be fraught with nerves.

While many school districts mandate that students must be at least five years old to begin kindergarten, age is not the only factor to consider when gauging kids' readiness for school. Child-education experts note that there is no single factor that determines kids' readiness for school, but rather there is a host of factors that, when taken together, can help parents determine if their youngster is ready for the rigors of the classroom. The following are some factors parents can consider as they try to determine if their children are ready to enroll in kindergarten.

• Separation anxiety: Does your child handle separation well, or is he or she prone to meltdowns each time you leave for even a short period of time? School requires kids to spend several hours away from home and away from their parents, and parents might need to take steps to increase youngsters' comfort levels away from home before school begins.

Follows instructions: Experts at BabyCenter.com advise that children who are able to listen to simple instructions and follow them will be more apt to thrive in classroom settings. They also will be more capable of keeping up with teachers and peers.
Self-sufficiency: Has your child

exhibited signs that he or she can be self-reliant? This includes putting on his or her coat, dressing himself or herself and being able to use the bathroom on his or her own. If not, then you might need to work on the child's self-sufficiency before school begins.

• Cursory knowledge of letters/ numbers: While children on the verge of entering kindergarten need not be experts in language and mathematics, kindergarten curricula has become more rigorous thanks to the implementation of new standards. As a result, children should be able to recognize some letters and numbers before starting school. They do not necessarily have to enter school knowing them all or being able to read fluently, but the more familiar they are with language and mathematics the more likely they are to have a successful year in kindergarten.

• Coping strategies: Parenting experts affiliated with Care.com say that children on the verge of entering kindergarten should be able to control their emotions to a certain extent. While children may occasionally cry in the kindergarten classroom, it's important that your child be able to cope with some of the ups and downs of classroom life without shedding tears.

• Interest in learning: Another indicator of school readiness is a general interest in learning. Children who like hearing stories, enjoy participating in discussions and activities and are stimulated by information and interactions with others are probably ready to begin their academic careers.



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## Aviation museum offers field trip opportunities for teachers

The Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum is currently preparing for the opening of the 2016 school year. The museum offers school teachers in search of field trip experiences three education programs including a tour of the indoor and outdoor exhibits.

For elementary grades 3 - 5, teachers can also schedule a rocket-making and launching activity. For middle and high school teachers, the museum offers a new program, "The B26 Assembly Project," that takes a class through the process of building the iconic B26 Martin Marauder bomber.

The Museum, located at Martin State Airport has been operated by a group of dedicated volunteers for over 25 years serving the community as a cultural and educational resource. For more information, contact Debi Wynn at GLMMuseumPR@ aol.com, 410-682-6122 (museum) or 410-583-0270 (direct). We look forward to hosting many classes throughout the school year. Extracurricular activities can benefit students in various ways. Academic clubs, sports and volunteer organizations provide students with opportunities to grow as people and make new friends while also teaching kids skills they will use for the rest of their lives.

Many parents are aware that extracurricular activities can help students improve their chances of gaining admission to college. But students who choose the right extracurricular activities will benefit in greater ways than simply strengthening their college applications. The following are a handful of ways parents can help their sons and daughters choose extracurricular activities they can benefit from.

• Ask kids to jot down their interests. Students are more likely to enjoy and excel at extracurricular activities that align with their existing interests. Ask kids to jot down a list of their interests or anything they might want to try. Youngsters might want to learn a musical instrument even if they have never before taken a course on music. Once kids have listed their interests, look for activities that allow them to further explore those interests. Chances are there is a school-sponsored or community-based club or organization that will align with at least one thing on your child's list.

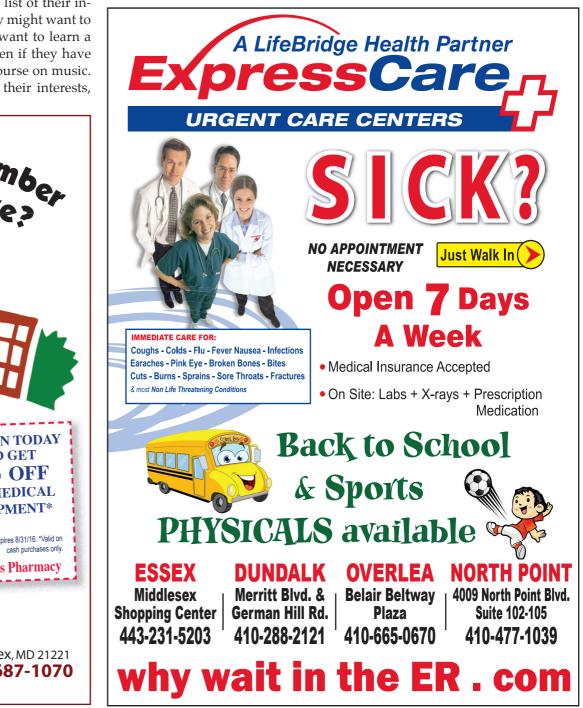
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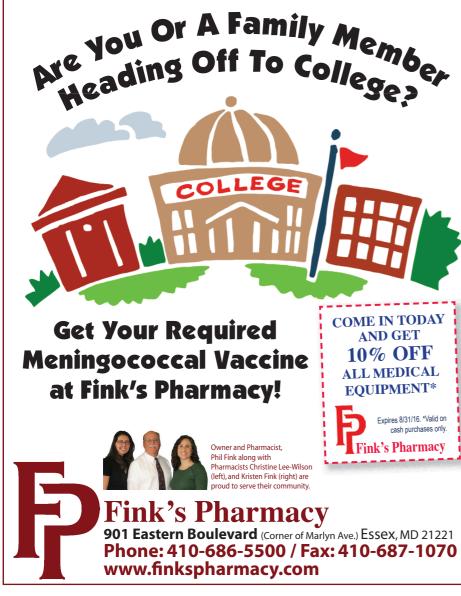
• Encourage kids to have fun. Kids are more likely to enjoy and fully commit to an activity if they find it fun. While extracurricular activities can help kids grow as people and improve their image in the eyes of college admissions officers, kids will get even more out of an activity if they enjoy doing it.

• Look for something that won't interfere with schoolwork. Extracurricular activities can look great on a college application, but that benefit is lost if the activity interferes with a student's academic performance. Some activities, including sports, demand more of students' time than others, but make sure kids know that school always comes first.

• Ask around. Ask neighbors or school officials for recommendations to help kids who have tried but failed to find the right fit with regard to extracurricular activities. Sometimes it takes a little trial and error before a child finds an activity he or she is comfortable with. Fellow parents can make great resources, and school officials likely know of a host of clubs and organizations that kids may be interested in.

• Sign up with your kids. If kids are hesitant to sign up for an activity because they are shy, sign up with them. Volunteer organizations are typically family-friendly, and kids might be more likely to come out of their shells if they sign up with their parents or siblings. As kids grow more comfortable with an activity, they will want to get more involved even if mom and dad don't have the time.





## What is atrial fibrillation, and who is at risk?

In late 2013, the World Health Organization released results from a data analysis that examined atrial fibrillation and its prevalence across the globe. The results were troubling, indicating that 33.5 million people worldwide have the condition.

If those figures don't raise an eyebrow, that's likely because few people are familiar with atrial fibrillation, in spite of its prevalence. A broader understanding of atrial fibrillation, often referred to as AF, may help people reduce their likelihood of developing the condition.

#### What is atrial fibrillation?

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute notes that atrial fibrillation is the most common type of arrhythmia, which is a problem with the rate or rhythm of the heartbeat. AF occurs when rapid, disorganized electrical signals cause the heart's two upper chambers, known as the atria, to contract very quickly and irregularly.

What happens when a person has atrial fibrillation?

The heart is not functioning properly when a person has atrial fibrillation. That's because blood pools in the atria when a person has AF, and because of that pooling, the blood is not pumped completely into the heart's two lower chambers, which are known as the ventricles. As a result, the heart's upper and lower chambers do not work in conjunction as they do when the heart is fully healthy.

Are there symptoms of atrial fibrillation?

Some people with AF do not feel symptoms and only learn of their condition after physical examina-

tions. That highlights the importance of scheduling annual physicals for all people, but especially for people with a personal or family history of heart trouble.

According to the American Heart Association, the most common symptom of AF is a quivering or fluttering heartbeat, which is caused by abnormal firing of electrical impulses. Anyone who feels such a symptom or suspects their heartbeat is abnormal should consult a physician immediately.

In addition to a quivering or fluttering heartbeat, the AHA notes that people with AF may experience one or more of the following symptoms:

- General fatigue
- Dizziness
- Shortness of breath and anxiety
- Weakness
- Faintness or confusion
- Sweating
- Chest pain or pressure

The AHA warns that people experiencing chest pain or pressure are having a medical emergency that requires immediate medical attention. Whether or not symptoms of AF are detected, the condition can still increase a person's risk for serious medical problems, including stroke.

## Who is at risk for atrial fibrillation?

No one is immune to atrial fibrillation, though risk of developing the condition rises as a person ages. Men are more likely than women to develop AF, which the NHLBI notes is more common



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among whites than African Americans or Hispanic Americans.

People suffering from hyperthyroidism, a condition characterized by excessive amounts of the thyroid hormone, are at greater risk for AF than those without the condition. In addition, people who are obese and those who have been diagnosed with diabetes or lung disease are at greater risk for AF than those without such conditions.

The NHLBI also notes that AF is more common in people who have:

- High blood pressure
- Coronary heart disease
- Heart failure
- Rheumatic heart disease
- Structural heart defects
- Congenital heart defects
- Can atrial fibrillation be prevented?

A heart-healthy diet that's low in cholesterol, saturated fat and trans fat and also includes daily servings of various whole grains, fruits and vegetables can lower a person's risk for AF.

#### **Did you know?**

The World Health Organization notes that childhood obesity rates are on the rise across the globe, but things may be improving in the United States. According to the WHO, as of 2014, an estimated 41 million children under the age of five were overweight or obese. But while childhood obesity is on the rise in Asia and Africa, the U.S. has made strides in its efforts to curb childhood obesity. In 2004, 13.9 percent of children in the United States qualified as obese. By 2012, the figure had dropped to 8.4 percent. That's welcome news in the U.S., as the WHO notes that children who are obese are likely to remain obese as adults, increasing their risk for heart disease, type 2 diabetes and asthma. There also are economic incentives to reducing childhood obesity, as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation notes that the tab for America's obesity epidemic is roughly \$117 billion per year.



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On July 30, (Petesey) Mary Jane Evers (nee Tosh) passed away. She was the fourth of nine children born August 31, 1951 in Baltimore City to the late Bill and Mary Tosh. She is survived by her devoted husband of 47 years, Charles H. Evers, Sr.; son Charles Evers, Jr. and wife Stacey of Dundalk, Md.; daughter Heather Lynn McComas and husband Marlin of Duffield, Va.; beloved grandchildren Alexa Evers, Victoria McComas, Marlin McComas, Jr., and Savanna McComas; dear sister of brothers William Tosh Sr. and wife Carol, Ronald Tosh, Raymond Tosh and wife Kathi, Jeff Tosh and wife Judy, Thomas Tosh and wife Staci, loving sister of Helen Reier and husband Charles, and the late Shirley Tosh and Patricia Tosh. She is also survived by her cherished aunt Shirley and uncle Bunk; her very dear friends Eleanor and Jack Steedman, and a host of loving nieces, nephews and many other family, friends and neighbors.

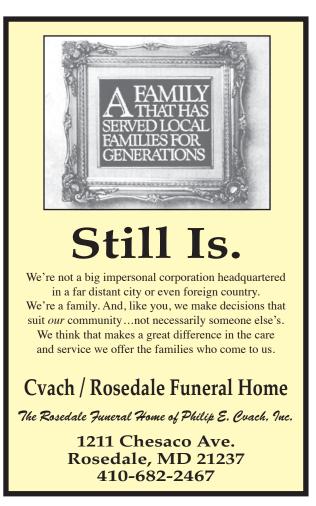
"Petesey" and her husband Charlie met in 1968 through her brother Billy (William), they were U.S. Navy buddies. (Billy, very sadly, passed just one day prior to her on 7-29-16.) They were married August 2, 1969 at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Highlandtown. She worked at Commercial Credit Corp. in Baltimore, Richter's Restaurant on Belair Rd. and the family owned Calo's Restaurant also located on Belair Rd. She was a genuine, kind, straight shooter, generous, funny person. Her jokes and sense of humor carried us through her three year battle with cancer. She loved playing monopoly with her grandchildren, card games, casino gambling, and playing Keno at Scoozzi's in Dundalk. She was a great cook, loved MD seafood and enjoyed family cook-outs and gatherings. She often cooked for the Baltimore City Fire Dept. of which her husband and three brothers and son are proud members of, current and retired.

Arrangements by Kaczorowski Funeral Home.

#### Fear, Agnes

On July 21, Agnes Fear (nee Stipa), beloved wife of the late Thomas A. Fear; devoted mother of Mary F. Bellone, Thomas F. and the late Margaret Fear; dear sister of Thomas and Julia Stipa, Tillie Diggs, Sarah Martin, Angela Ashburn and the late Mary Buechler, Lucy Fidler and Isabell Bialek; dear grandmother of Mary, Stephany, Nicholas and Kyle Bellone.

Services private. Arrangements by Cvach Rosedale Funeral Home.



#### Huovinen, Raymond A.

On July 30, Raymond A. Huovinen, devoted husband of the late Helen T. Huovinen; beloved father of Daniel J. Huovinen and his fiance' Vickey Walters; loving stepfather of JoAnne Bell and James Hill and Diane; dear grandfather of Christopher and Joshua Huovinen and his wife Jennifer; loving great-grandfather of Aubrey and Hailey Huovinen.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

## Albaugh, William Steven

On Aug. 1, William Steven Albaugh passed away. He was the beloved husband of Maryann E. Albaugh (nee Mengoni); devoted father of Jennifer A. Garrett and her husband Daniel, Sr., and John P. Albaugh; loving grandfather of Ariana Garrett and Daniel Garrett, Jr. Also survived by many loving extended family members and friends.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home. Interment at Parkwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill's name to the Diaconate Program for Deacon Formation, 320 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

## McCord, Yolanda M.

On July 24, Yolanda M. McCord, devoted wife of the late Walter McCord Sr.; beloved mother of Walter McCord Jr. and his wife Nancy, and Darlene Hanley and her husband Tom; loving "Nonna" of Lauren, Rachel, Tara, and Ryan; loving "great-Nonna" of Levi, McKenna, Elena, Lily, and Coltonl dear sister of the late Louise Stass, Mary Martello, and Lou Lombardi. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Gardens of Faith Cemetery. Donations may be made in Yolanda M. McCord's honor to St. Clare's Church.

#### Jednorski, Florian "Ray"

On July 28, Florian "Ray" Jednorski, beloved husband of the late Audrey Jednorski; devoted father of Mark and wife Noreen, Christopher and wife Karen, Paul and wife Jeri, Stephen and wife Kimberly, Michael and wife Kelly; loving grandfather of Nicole Tekin, Adam Jednorski, Amber Bogard, Jesse, Alexandra, John Paul and Thomas Jednorski, Angel and Patti Pucci, Samantha, Andrew "Sparky", Elizabeth and Luke Jednorski; great-grandfather of Ryan and Zachary Tekin; dear brother of Helen Campbell, Charles, William and the late John Jednorski, Jr. and dear friend of Eula Griffin.

Interment Parkwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Xavierian Brothers Generalate, 4409 Frederick Rd., Baltimore MD 21229 or The Sisters of Mercy, 6806 Bellona Ave., Baltimore MD 21212.



#### Stuller, William Donald Jr.

On July 25, William Donald Stuller, Jr., beloved husband of Cathy B. Stuller (nee Erest) devoted father of Richard Stuller and his wife Tina, Christopher and Sheila Stuller, Trina Ettinger and her husband Miles, Jay Adkins Jr. and Zariah Adkins; dear brother of Virginia Sheeks. Also survived by ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

#### Webb, John Richard

On July 29, John R. Webb, beloved husband of Dolores Webb (nee Witthauer) (nee Stephens); devoted father of Richard "Rich" Webb and his wife Lyn, Terry M. Searle, Cynthia "Cindy" Arsenault and her husband Rob, Robert "Rob" Webb and his wife Joanne, Kristine "Kris" O' Neill and her husband Bruce; loving stepfather of Eva Marie "Evie" Hapmer and her husband Tom, Brian J. Stephens and his wife Karen, John A. Stephens, Cheryl A. Huff, and the late Kathleen B. Jones and her husband Tony. Also survived by 33 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Pre-deceased by one grandchild.

Interment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

#### Linsenmeyer, Robert Joseph

On July 30, Robert Joseph Linsenmeyer, beloved husband of Phyllis Anne (nee Meeks); devoted father of Wendy J. Wheeler, Robert J. Linsenmeyer, Jr., Shelly A. Kinlaw, and Stephen M. Linsenmeyer; loving grandfather of Joseph, Thomas, Bridget, John, and Jennifer Linsenmeyer, Robert Hendrickson, and Paul and Scott Wiedmaier; dear brother of Mary Fiori, Tom J. Linsenmeyer, Therese Sowers, Edward L. Linsenmeyer, and the late George Linsenmeyer and Shirley Seiss.

A memorial mass will be celebrated Monday, Aug. 8, at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lewy Body Dementia Assoc., 912 Killian Hill Road, SW#103, Lilburn, Ga. 30047.

#### Hall, Derek Lee II

On July 31, Derek Lee Hall, II, beloved son of Derek L. Hall and Rose M. Dodge; dear stepson of Angela Mills; devoted brother of Dustin Hau, Robert Hau, Stacey Scelsi and Matthew Mills; loving grandson of Geraldine Dodge and Charles Lucien Hall; cherished uncle of Jordan Lee, Alyssa, Kendra, Jaxon, Connor, Ethan and Colton. Also surviving are uncles, aunts, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

The family will receive friends at the family owned Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk, Inc., 7922 Wise Avenue on Aug. 4 from 2 - 4 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m., with the funeral service immediately following.

#### **Rapp, William James Sr.**

On July 31, William "Bill" James Rapp Sr. William served proudly in the United States Marine Corps in both World War II and the Korean Conflict. Devoted husband of Joyce Rapp (nee Doggendorf); beloved father of Kathleen Wyatt, Nancy Hayward, William J. Rapp Jr., and Theresa January. Also survived by six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; loving brother of John Rapp, the late David, Theresa, Rose, and Judy. Also predeceased by his first wife Kathleen Rapp. Also survived by numerous stepchildren and stepgrandchildren.

#### **Obituary Correction Policy**

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All published obituary corrections will be as brief as possible.

## Dundalk hit-and-run suspects apprehended, charged

Baltimore County Police have identified the suspects involved in a hit-and-run incident in Dundalk on July 28 that left two Baltimore County Police Officers injured.

Hugh Maurice Allen Wade, Jr., 26, of the 5700 block of Plainfield Avenue in Overlea, has been charged with first-degree assault, CDS violations and other related charges. He is being held at the Baltimore County Detention Center on \$500,000 bail.

Ambra Destiny English, 26, of the 600 block of Aldworth Road in Dundalk, has been charged with firstdegree assault, CDS possession and related charges. She is being held at the Baltimore County Detention Center on \$500,000 bail.

Investigators have obtained an arrest warrant for 28-year-old Dustin James Erb of the 2600 block of Monocacy Ford Road in Frederick in connection with this incident. The arrest warrant charges him with first-degree assault and related charges. Erb remains in custody in Baltimore City on an unrelated charge. He has not been served with the Baltimore county arrest warrant yet.

At 11:30 a.m. on July 28, undercover detectives were conducting a narcotics investigation in the area of Aldworth Road and Edworth Road in Dundalk. They saw what they believed to be a drug transaction between someone in a white car and someone in a gray Honda Accord and moved to stop both vehicles. The white vehicle struck an unmarked Baltimore County Police vehicle, then a detective that was standing next to the unmarked police vehicle as

## Dundalk shooting leaves two people injured

Baltimore County Police detectives are still investigating a shooting incident in Dundalk last night that left two people injured.

The male victim is 26-years-old, was shot multiple times in the upper body, but is expected to survive his injuries.

The female victim was injured by being struck with a gun and is doing well.

The incident occurred outside a home in the 2900 block of Cornwall Road after a verbal altercation between residents and nonresidents escalated. The male victim was shot there and fled to the area of Liberty Parkway and Dunmanway, where he collapsed.

Police are asking anyone with any information on this incident to contact police at 410-307-2020 or call Metro Crime Stoppers at 1-866-7LOCKUP.

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The Honda Accord struck a curb as it was attempting to flee the scene and the driver exited the vehicle and ran. He was later seen getting into a dark colored vehicle driven by a woman. The dark colored vehicle struck a detective that was on foot and attempting to stop the vehicle. Officers later located the dark colored vehicle in Baltimore City and took both the driver of the Honda Accord and the woman into custody.

The officer struck by the white vehicle was transported by ground to the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. He has been released at this time. The officer struck by the dark colored vehicle only sustained minor injuries and was not transported to a medical facility.

## Two charged in Parkville shooting case

Baltimore County Police have charged two suspects in connection with a shooting yesterday that left a man injured.

Shyheim Alshameek McCoy, 18, of the 2400 block of Perring Manor Road in Parkville, and Andre Malik Dukes, 21, of the 1200 block of Halstead Road in Parkville, have been charged with attempted firstdegree murder and related offenses. Both men are being held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center.

The investigation into this incident has indicated that McCoy and Dukes followed the 19-year-old male victim into an alley in the 1100 block of Pelhamwood Road in Parkville. While in the alley, McCoy produced a handgun and shot the victim several times. Investigators believe that the shooting was the result of a dispute between the suspects and the victim.

The victim was treated at an area hospital and is expected to survive.

This incident remains under investigation by the Baltimore County Police Violent Crimes Unit. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Baltimore County police.



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## MDTA apprehend knife wielding man in Dundalk

The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) police apprehended a man who was assaulting a woman with a knife on July 20 in the Royal Farms store parking lot on Holabird Avenue in Dundalk.

MDTA police officers apprehended Mark Edward Commodore, 49, of Frankford Avenue in Baltimore, after they observed him swinging a knife with a four-inch blade and lunging toward a woman in the parking lot. The woman was defending herself with a broom handle when the MDTA Police were driving near the store just before noon.

Officers ordered Commodore to drop the knife, and after the second order, Commodore threw the knife into bushes next to the officers. They ordered him to the ground and took him into custody without further incident. The victim stated that Commodore had been harassing store customers prior to the assault.

Commodore was charged with first- and seconddegree assault and a weapons violation. After processing, MDTA Police Officers transported him to the Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Facility for an appearance before a District Court Commissioner. He was held on \$350,000 bail.

## **Current crime trends**

Since July 8, there have been four residential burglaries in the Parkville Precinct in the communities between Harford Road and Old Harford Road and Taylor Avenue and Putty Hill Road. Cases occurred between 6 a.m. and 2:20 p.m. Front doors or windows were forced in two cases. No force was required in two cases. Items taken include jewelry, money and tablets.

Since June 5, there have been nine auto thefts in the Joppa Heights and Apple Ridge communities in the Towson, Parkville and White Marsh precincts. There has been no new activity since July 17. Anyone with information is urged to contact Baltimore County police or Metro Crime Stoppers. If your tip leads to a an arrest, you could be looking at a cash reward.





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## POLITICIANS

## Marks acts to preserve 113 acres nearWhite Marsh Boulevard

- By Councilman David Marks (R-5) -Through use of the Neighborhood Commons (NC) zoning overlay, I have decided that I will recommend blocking development along 113 acres east of White Marsh Boulevard, one of the largest downzoning decisions announced as part of the 2016 rezoning cycle.

The property stretches along White Marsh and Walther Boulevards, with a section that extends north to the Orbitan Road area.

If adopted by the Baltimore County Council on Aug. 30, the change will pro-



tect most of the wooded property in the Belmont and Dunfield communities from development. The NC zoning can be applied to public property, and much of the land is owned by entities such as the Maryland State Highway Administration.

The best way to visualize this area is to look at the wooded property as you drive over White Marsh Boulevard onto the Baltimore Beltway.

Meg O'Hare, the president of the Carney Improvement Association, praised the move, stating, "The Carney Improvement Association thanks Councilman Marks for his sponsorship of the Neighborhood Commons law and for applying it to so much land in our area."

I am currently reviewing the development potential of thousands of acres of land in an effort to lighten school overcrowding and preserve green space.

Marks also announced today that he will recommend downzoning five areas of land, totaling 18 acres, near Kilbride Road in Perry Hall.

"Neighborhoods like Northgate Hall and Rolling Hills deserve to know that common areas will remain green," Marks commented.

Councilman Marks is examining the development potential of thousands of acres in order to reduce school overcrowding and preserve green space.



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POLITICIANS

# The problem with sanctuary cities

- By Delegate Kathy Szeliga (R-7) -

Last year, 32-year-old Kate Steinle was murdered in San Francisco, a sanctuary city, by an illegal immigrant named Juan Francisco Lopez Sanchez. Sanchez had a long criminal record and had been deported back to Mexico five times, but continued to return. Just a few months prior to murdering Kate Steinle, Sanchez had been arrested by San Francisco police officers. However, even though federal immigration officers asked them to hold Sanchez, he was released under the sanctuary city law. If they had not done that, Kate Steinle would most certainly still be alive today.

People don't always agree on what makes a city a "sanctuary" city, but in general it refers to a city that refuses to cooperate with federal law enforcement officers in tracking and detaining illegal immigrants. Unfortunately, there have been serious consequences in sanctuary cities like San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Just a month ago in Los Angeles, we saw a similar situation to what happened in San Francisco. After being caught illegally entering the country in 2012, Johnny Josué Sanchez was released because he did not have a prior criminal record. Since then, he was arrested on drug and domestic abuse charges, yet was never turned over to federal agents because he lived in a sanctuary city. And just last month, he was charged with five counts of homicide for setting fire to a building where five people were sleeping. When I think of all the opportunities we had to keep him off of our streets before he murdered these five people, it makes me sick to my stomach.

Clearly, sanctuary cities are not an immigration issue - they are a security issue and are putting the lives of Americans at risk. Unfortunately, my opponent, seventerm Congressman Chris Van Hollen, has repeated his support for sanctuary cities, opposing legislation that would help to keep people safer from people with bad intentions. As we saw with his support for the dangerous Iran nuclear deal, Congressman Van Hollen is putting special interest groups ahead of the safety and security of the American people.

We have both legal and illegal immigration problems in this country and there is no easy solution. But sanctuary cities are not a solution - they only create more problems.

If you would like to get in touch with me, I can be reached at either 410-841-3698 or 301-858-3698, or I can be reached via email at kathy.szeliga@house.state. md.us. I look forward to reading your suggestions.

## Metzgar follows up on Essex sewage spill

- By Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6) -

I would like to follow up with my constituents regarding the 751,185-gallon sewage spill from the Essex Pumping Station into Back River resulting from July 16's thunderstorm power outage.

My office was in contact with city, county, and state environmental agencies about the sewage spill in Back River and its impact on humans and the environment.

Originally, the spill was reported to the Baltimore County Fire Department at 11:11 p.m., which forwarded it to Baltimore County. Kevin Weis, Chief Central Division Compliance Program Water Management Administration said that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) was not notified within 24 hours of the event.

The overflow took place from during an approximately two-hour period between 7 - 9:12 p.m. before Baltimore Gas Electric restored power to both feeders to the pumping station, located at 328 Riverside Drive in Essex.

The initial report and the follow-up report reveal that all necessary repairs have been made to the system and it is again in compliance with all county and state regulations.

On July 19, the Baltimore County Department of Public Works did an on-site inspection of the pumping station and surrounding area and there were no noticeable defects in the system and no further discharge into Back River. The only non-compliance was the time frame in which the overflow was reported to MDE.

Water quality testing was done at Cox's Point Park, Rocky Point Park and Hart-Miller Island and levels were within guidelines. As a safety precaution, public health warning signs were posted at Cox's Point Park, Rocky Point Park and Hart-Miller Island.

The report recommended that Baltimore County have a backup power source at the Essex Pumping Station to prevent future spills and that proper notification be made to MDE. According to the report, there was minimal impact on public health and the water. There was no clean up or mitigation necessary.

## **Contact Your State Delegates**

District 6 Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R): 410-841-3298 Bob Long (R): 410-841-3458 Ric Metzgar (R): Phone: 410-841-3332



# **BGE** rates could skyrocket again with latest mandate

-by Delegate Bob Long –

Last week in the East County Times, I wrote how the PJM Interconnection stated that rate payers in Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey should split the bill for a nuclear power plant in New Jersey.

This decision by the PJM was made in April and the FERC ruled in late June in PJM's favor.

Since Maryland and Delaware are tied into the PJM, they have to comply. That is why Gov. Larry Hogan and Delaware Gov. Jack Markell are fighting this ruling as it would force Maryland and Delaware to take on nearly 90 percent of the cost of upgrades for a project that would benefit New Jersey while Maryland and Delaware would only receive around 10 percent of the project's benefit.

I am against this ruling too and that is why I encouraged citizens of the 6th District to sign a petition against this ruling.

My fear is that this could trickle down to BGE customers.

In 1999, the members of the General Assembly passed a bill to allow the deregulation of BGE, which was supposed to create competition. That was a fantasy as competition to BGE was never going to happen. Instead BGE cap rates went away and this allowed BGE to skyrocket our rates in the mid-2000s.

I am hoping that this ruling does not force BGE to skyrocket our rates again to cover the costs of this mandate to pay for the New Jersey project. We must do what we can to fight this. If you have not signed our petition, please go to <u>www.delegatelong.com/</u><u>ferc-petition</u>.



SPOTLIGHT

## Wheeling, WV Bus Trip

St. Michael Lutheran Church in Perry Hall will host a bus trip to the Festival of Lights in Wheeling, W.V., and other activities from Dec. 5 - 7. Cost is \$389; reservations due by Aug. 6. For info. or reservations, call Emma Hahn at 410-592-8512.

## **Hiss Collecting School Supplies**

On Sunday, Aug. 21, at 9:30 a.m., Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville will collect school supplies for the community. Also, join us as we receive a blessing on our backpacks for the upcoming school year.

## **EVT 40 Year Reunion**

Eastern Vocational Technical High School class of 1977 is in the planning stages for a 40-year class reunion. We are looking for classmates that we have not been able to contact who would be interested in coming to the reunion on Sept. 30, 2017. If you are interested, contact Martin Friedel at 410-458-9039 or Madman@closecall.com. We look forward to seeing you all at the reunion!

## Hiss UMC Paint Night

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, will hold their second annual paint night on Friday, Aug. 12, from 6 - 10 p.m. Cost is \$35 and pre-payment is required. For more information, contact Sue Crue at 410-599-7925 or gstrp1429@aol.com.

## **Flea Market**

Back River United Methodist Church, 544 Back River Neck Road in Essex, will hold a flea market on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Vendors needed. Spaces \$10; \$15 with table. For more information, call Betty at 410-870-0458.

## Family Game Night

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, will hold an ice cream social and family game night on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 410-668-5665 for more information.

## **Scrapbooking Fundraiser**

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, will hold scrapbooking fundraisers on Friday, Sept. 23, from 6 - 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost is \$5 for Friday only, \$25 for Saturday only or \$30 for both days.

## Wilmington Bus Trip

St. Michael Lutheran Church in Perry Hall will host a bus trip from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sept. 20 to the Wilmington and Western Railroad in Wilmington, Del., with a meal at Hunter's Den. Cost of \$71 per person is due by Aug. 15. For information or reservations, call Emma Hahn at 410-592-8512.

## **Outdoor Flea Market**

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, will hold an outdoor flea market on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Rain date Sept. 24. Cost for vendors is \$15 per 10x10 space. Vendors supply their own tables.

### Waterford Craft Fair Bus Trip

The Saint Francis of Assisi Church Sodality is offering a bus trip to the Waterford Craft Fair in Waterford, Va., on Friday, Oct. 7, to include crafts, art, photography, artisan demos, wine and beer tastings and historic home tours. There will be arts and crafts for sale, music, entertainment and great food and drink. The cost is \$65 per person which covers transportation and a ticket to the fair. Call Fran Gast at 410-657-3940. Full payment due no later than Sept. 12.

## **Back to School Bash**

Life Source International Church Perry Hall Campus, 8855 Belair Road, is hosting a free Back to School Bash for the community on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon. Elementary school supply giveaways, hot dogs, drinks and Extreme Balloons Entertainment will be there. For more information, contact the church office at 410-256-2225 or visit their Facebook page at Life Source Church - Perry Hall.

#### **Golf Tournament**

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish will sponsor a golf tournament on Friday, Aug. 26, at 8:30 a.m. Shotgun start at Clifton Park Golf Course, 2701 St. Lo Drive in Baltimore. Price of \$120 per golfer includes coffee and donuts before the tournament, greens fees, carts, prizes, gifts and food and beverages after the tournament. Foursomes and singles welcome. Call 410-235-5136 for reservations.

## Thursday Night Bingo

Charles Evering VFW Post 6506, 8777 Philadelphia Road in Rosedale, has a Thursday night bingo event the first Thursday of each month starting at 5 p.m. Admission is \$20, which includes meal, soda, dessert, chips and pretzels. For information, contact John Harris at 410-236-5431.

## Karaoke

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave. in Essex, will host Fun Time Karaoke with Annette & "Wild" Bill on Friday, Aug. 5, from 8 p.m. to midnight. On Saturday, Aug. 6, from 8 p.m. to midnight, For The Good Times Karaoke with Percy & Fred. And on Sunday, Aug. 7, from 4 - 8 p.m. Wacker-Doo Karaoke with Doug & Kim. Call the Post at 410-686-2353 for kitchen availability, menu and specials.



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## **Crab Cake Dinner**

Gunpowder VFW 10067 Auxiliary, 6309 Ebenezer Road in Middle River, will hold it's annual crab cake dinner on Aug. 5, from 5 - 7 p.m. Menu will be two crab cakes, French fries, cole slaw, dessert and coffee or iced tea. Cost is \$15. For info., call 410-335-8933.

## **Thrift Shop**

The Hall Closet Thrift Shop at Orems United Methodist Church, 1020 Orems Road in Middle River, will be open Saturday, Aug. 6, from 8:30 a.m. - noon. Lots of items, collectibles, adult and children's clothing, toys, books, jewelry, housewares and bedding, all reasonably priced. Pit beef sandwiches will also be sold. For more information, call 410-687-9483.

## **Senior Bingo**

A bingo luncheon is held the second Wednesday of every month at Essex Elks Lodge #1866, 1007 E. Homberg Ave. at 11 a.m.; doors open at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$12, which includes lunch and cards. For info., call Helen at 443-604-6731.

## **Quarter Auction**

The Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Company, 214 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will hold a quarter auction on Thursday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.). Hosted Christina The Purse Lady and other vendors. No bid more than two quarters. Tickets are \$5; includes three paddles (extra paddles available for \$2). To reserve seats, call Jerry at 443-841-9692. Food and drink available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the fire company.

## **Essex 5K Race**

The Baltimore County Department of Aging will sponsor its 10th Annual Get Ready! Get Set! Get Fit! 5K run, one-mile walk and one-mile kids fun run at the CCBC Essex Campus, 7201 Rossville Blvd., on Sept. 18 to benefit programs for seniors. All preregistered runners will receive a long-sleeved T-shirt, coffee, water on course, entry in door prize drawings and post-race refreshments. To celebrate National Falls Prevention Day, Active Aging Week and BC-DA's "Brain Matters" initiative, free fall prevention and health and fitness screenings will be offered. 5K awards provided for the top three men and women overall, and top three age group finishers for men and women. Trophies will also be given to the largest team, most funds raised by a team and most funds raised by an individual. Register at www. getready getsetgetfit5k.com before Aug. 15 for a \$5 discount.

## **Quarter Auction**

Maiden's Choice motorcycle club will hold a quarter auction on Aug. 19 from 6 - 9 p.m. at FOP Lodge 34, 730 Wampler Road in Middle River, to benefit the Greyhound Rescue, Inc. For more information, call "Greygirl" at 443-804-1842.

### **Essex Reunion**

An Essex reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3, at Cox's Point Park from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. The reunion is open to anyone who grew up or resided in Old Essex during the 1940s - 1980s. BYOB and food. For more info., call Ed Slifker at 443-224-8203 or Rod McMillion (410-687-5242).

## **Eastern Stainless Steel Reunion**

The Eastern Stainless Steel 16th reunion will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 1 - 5 p.m. at the Hawks Pleasure Club, 430 Riverside Drive in Essex. Great food, beer, wine, soda and friends. Tickets \$25. Call Len Carson at 410-687-8574 for more information.

## KHS Class of '76

The Kenwood High School Class of '76 will hold its 40th reunion on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 6 - 10 p.m. at Sparrows Point Country Club, featuring buffet dinner, open bar and music. Tickets \$48. Contact 76khsreunion@gmail.com or join the Facebook group Kenwood Class of '76 and visit the event link for more information.

## **Food Pantry**

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## Audiences should not seek to be 'BOURNE' again

## - by Teddy Durgin -

You wanna know who I feel sorry for in these "Bourne" movies? The extras! For many of them, this will be the only time they ever get to be in a movie. And it must be exciting as Hell, getting that call, landing that job, calling all your friends and family and telling them you're going to be in a movie with Matt Damon and Tommy Lee Jones. And not just any movie, but "Jason Bourne," the latest installment in Damon's signature action-hero series about the amnesiac spy who came in from the cold.

And then you see the finished film, you know what scene you're in, you've come to the theater with all those important to you... and BLUR!!! You get director Paul Greengrass' insanely jittery, seizure-inducing, constantly moving camera! You can't make out anything or anyone! Heck, it's hard to even make out Matt Damon at times, much less little ol' you! It's like watching a film shot by a knee-crawling drunk.

They say cinematographer Barry Ackroyd toned down the filmmaker's signature visual style in this one. I didn't see that. At one point, there is a brief, incidental scene where one of the characters receives a text message. And rather than have the camera just cut to the cellphone screen and what it says, Greengrass takes his camera on a veritable odyssey to get to that tiny screen for a text that just read something like "Meet me at..." What the hell is wrong with him?! Thank Caviezel, Greengrass doesn't shoot in 3-D! You'd have people puking in the aisles. You'd literally have people throwing up in their popcorn buckets.

This time out, Greengrass's camera sadism only serves to try to mask a disappointingly thin and derivative narrative and an almost complete absence of character. Worst of all, screenwriter Christopher Rouse has saddled the main character with dead daddy issues, which every major male screen hero now seems to have from Captain Kirk in "Star Trek Beyond" to new Batman and Superman in "Dawn of Justice," to Will Smith's son in the "Independence Day" sequel, to Iron Man in the last "Captain America" flick to… the list goes on.

In "Jason Bourne," the title character is no longer on a hunt for his true identity. He's got his memory back for the most part. He's now trying to figure out whether his CIA analyst father was murdered or just the victim of a random terrorist attack back in 1999. He also begins to suspect that Dear Ol' Dad had a bigger role in his being recruited into the assassins program than previously thought. After all of the revelations of the previous "Bournes," this one's pretty thin to hang an entire movie on. So, Greengrass tries to shoehorn in a subplot involving the federal government secretly teaming with a Facebook-like social media giant run by Aaron Kalloor (Riz Ahmed) to spy on the entire planet.



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The two stories eventually intersect in Las Vegas thanks to the manipulations of CIA Director Robert Dewey (Tommy Lee Jones, looking as miserable as an old man being forced to listen to a Justin Bieber album... seriously, victims about to be beheaded in ISIS training videos look happier to be in those films than Jones does in this flick). At any rate, Dewey has contracted The Asset (Vincent Cassell), a cold-blooded hitman who also has it in for Bourne, to shoot Kalloor from a sniper's perch during a big tech conference.

The Asset is the best thing going for about two-thirds of this movie. He is this enigmatic, extremely tenacious, and highly lethal assassin who is able to slip in and out of places undetected, leaving a trail of bodies in his wake... eh, until the film's climax, that is, when they turn him into a slow idiot who steals a police SWAT truck and drives it demolition derby-style down the Vegas Strip.

Ugh. I kind of wish I could forget this movie.

"Jason Bourne" is rated PG-13 for violence, action and brief strong language.

# Teddy looks back on the movies of 1996 - 20 years later

- By Teddy Durgin -

I love writing these anniversary retrospective articles! In my view, the year 1996 in cinema has never gotten much love and respect in film circles for three reasons: First, it had a weak Best Picture winner ("The English Patient") at the Oscars. Second, the biggest flick of that year ("Independence Day") kicked off a big-budget disaster flick craze in subsequent years that got boring the 10th time Hollywood thrashed New York... and then became hopelessly dated once 9/11 happened. And, third, eh let's face it - it really wasn't one of the truly great years for cinema.

Personally, I remember it as the last year I was without a paid reviewing gig. *The Avenue News* hired me in September 1997. Soon after, the Internet exploded with outlets for me to review for, too. So, the flicks below? I paid to see each and every one of 'em. And then I didn't know what to do with myself afterwards! Now, I can give each one celebrating their 20th anniversary this year a little write-up:

#### Teddy's 10 Most Memorable Films Of 1996

1) "Fargo" - I still can't decide what was worse. "Shakespeare in Love" beating "Saving Private Ryan" for Best Picture of 1998 at the Academy Awards? Or "The English Patient" trumping this modern American classic. Everybody I know has seen this great, quirky, beautifully directed and acted comedy crime thriller. But 'fess up. Most of y'all didn't see it in the theaters! "Fargo" made just \$24.6 million at the box office that year. You wanna know some other films that earned more? "First Kid!" "Spy Hard!" "Sgt. Bilko!" "Harriet the Spy!" Madness, I tell ya. Madness in '96!

2) "Independence Day" - On the other hand, no film made more money than this blockbuster. And Roland Emmerich and Dean Devlin have never come close in the two decades since in delivering such an entertaining mix of spectacle, action, humor and crazy-eyed Randy Quaid... not even with this year's long-awaited, but dead-on-arrival sequel.

3) "The English Patient" - Gorgeous to look at. But, man, I tried to re-watch this recently on cable. I came in at around the 15-minute mark and I just couldn't get - see Films of 96 on page 25 -

## Films of 96

- continued from page 24 through it. How the heck did this beat "Fargo?!"

4) "Mission: Impossible" - Twenty years later and this franchise is still going strong. Real strong! In fact, the last two flicks in the series have been among their respective years' best pure popcorn flicks. As for the original, it looks almost small by comparison.

5) "Jerry Maguire" - Tom Cruise was KING that year! He had both the third ("M:I") and the fourth highest grossing films of 1996. "Jerry Maguire" is remembered most for "Show me the money!" and "You had me at 'Hello.'" But you know what I remember most about it? Well... actually... yeah, those two lines.

6) "From Dusk Til Dawn" - I unabashedly love this flick! Of all the films mentioned in this feature, it's probably the one I've seen the most. If it's on late-night cable, I watch it. And I almost always tune in near or past the midway point when Clooney, Keitel, Tarantino, Juliette and the Chinese kid are at the Mexican dive bar and, like, everyone turns into freakin' vampires! Pure pulp entertainment.

7) "Scream" - The MTV Movie Awards forever solidified their status as the top mainstream awards program when it named this flick Best Movie.

8) "Star Trek: First Contact" - "Star Trek: The Next Generation" will always be my favorite "Trek" show, and it kills me that the crew of the Enterprise-D made only one truly great flick. This was it, an action-packed, time-travel throwdown with the Borg.

9) "Primal Fear" - Real conversation ... TEDDY: "Hey, future wife Bonnie... isn't that a kid you used to take acting classes with in Columbia, Maryland back in the '80s?" MRS. DURGIN: "Yeah. Oh what was his name? Gimme a second. I'll pull it. Uh... Norton! Eddie Norton."

10) "Trainspotting" - I can't believe 20 years later, they're filming a sequel! Are they on heroin?!

10 OTHER '96 MOVIES OF NOTE (in no particular order): "Twister," "A Time to Kill," "Sling Blade," "The Birdcage," "Swingers," "The Frighteners," "A Very Brady Sequel," "Muppet Treasure Island," "The Rock" and "Mars Attacks!"



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## Teddy didn't like the 'NERVE' ending

- by Teddy Durgin -

The thing I really wish today's thrillers had was more of a sense of humor. "Nerve" is light on its feet and very well paced. And the first half to two-thirds of it are really quite good. But it darn-near falls apart when it begins to take itself too seriously and sermonizes about the seductive dangers and evils of the Internet... after 90 or so minutes of showing us how cool and intoxicating that seductive danger can be. It doesn't quite work as an entire film. And it might have worked totally had it had ... yeah, just a little more humor. A bit more quirkiness. A self-deprecating sense of its own absurdity.

The world of online gaming and voyeurism is full of opportunities to populate a film with fun, goofy players, watchers, nerds, hipsters and the like. To many, today's YouTube stars are bigger than current network TV stars. My 11-year-old daughter follows a few of these online celebs and their shows and performances, and they literally have millions of followers. Some have even gotten movie deals and guest-star spots on shows like CBS's "The Amazing Race."

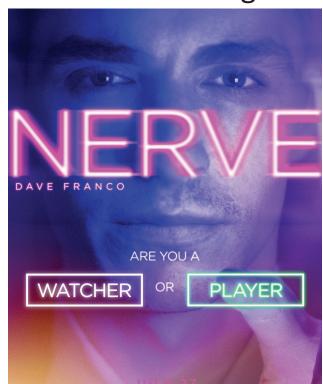
They're great with their fans, too. Maddie's actually corresponded with a couple of them, and it's an absolute thrill for her and her friends whenever they do engage. And they merchandise the heck out of their catch phrases and likenesses. And while I monitor most of what Maddie watches, I can't help but come back to the same question: "Sweetie, can you get just one of 'em to hold up Daddy's new novel during one of their podcasts?!"

I'm kidding, of course. Not really.

"Nerve" seeks to ... well, touch a nerve. The film stars Emma Roberts as Vee, a high school senior, who's never been a risk taker or rule breaker. A good girl, she gets peer-pressured into participating in an online game called Nerve that begins with what seems like a harmless dare, and then escalates from there. Suddenly, Vee finds herself teamed up with a mysterious stranger named Ian (Dave Franco) as the game's controllers or "watchers" compel the duo to take part in increasingly dangerous dares and challenges for cash. Throughout the night, they get stripped of their clothes and their wallets. There are, of course, rumors of other players in other cities dying while playing the game. It's a pretty watchable flick with two solid leads (even if Roberts looks way older than high-school age).

The problem is the stakes get taken to rather preposterous heights (quite literally) with a Web world watching. And, again, the fun ceases when the





sermonizing kicks in. It's like being at a booze party, you're served the absolute best drinks and then the host lectures you about the dangers of alcohol. I found myself starting to tune out of the film a bit. My mind started wandering and I began to wish someone with the voice of Bert Lahr or some other ol' Vaudeville-era performer would show up and pronounce the game "Noyve!" just for giggles. As a kid, I used to love when The Cowardly Lion would wish for courage, I would wish for "The Noyve!"

This is one of those cases where "when the movie's good... it's really good," dear readers. But "when it's bad," well, you know. Wait for it on pay-per-view or cable. I am giving it a mild recommendation, but it did get on my last nerve.

"Nerve" is rated PG-13 for dangerous and risky behavior, some sexual content, language, drug content, drinking and partial nudity - all involving teens... or adults portraying teens. 'Cause Roberts is 25 and Franco's 31. For reals.

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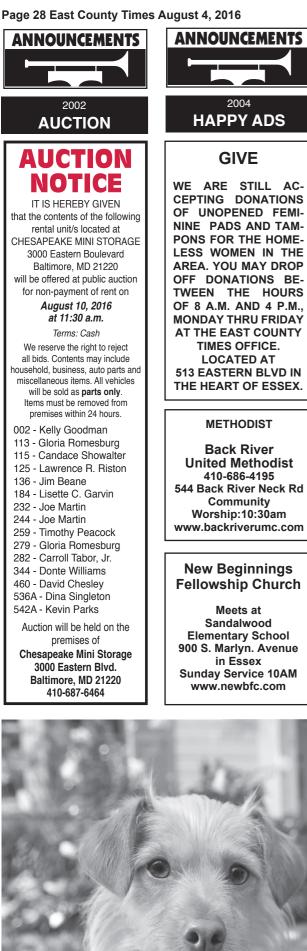
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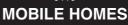
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