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Middle River fire, rescue companies form new organization



Middle River Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company Chief Shane Pule (left) and President John Dulina (center) received a certificate of recognition from Tom Ludwig, vice president of operations for the BCVFA, for completing the merger of the two companies.

- Article & photos by Devin Crum -

On Wednesday, Aug. 31, the Middle River Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Company, station 52, and the Middle River Volunteer Fire Company, station 22, finalized their three-year merger process to officially become the Middle River Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, station 74.

The merger process began in 2013, and the new company's chief, Shane Pule, said it took three years because there were so many moving parts involved.

"Within Baltimore County, we are the first stations that were pursuing a con-

solidation," Pule explained.

"Through the years, you've seen stations either come or go," he continued. "Now we're looking at two equally strong companies at this point that are coming together as a consolidation and bringing those assets together to work as one."

He added that it takes time to bring the personnel and assets of two companies together and make sure none of their assets or processes are being duplicated, as well as to write completely new bylaws for the new organization.

Following the corporate merger, the new organization is looking to eventually

ern Boulevard corridor for both visibility and accessibility purposes, according to Pule. "That gives us improved response time

build a new facility closer to the East-

and more of an ability to actually get to the areas that we service," the chief explained.

Station 22's location at 1100 Wilson Point Road is nearly a mile from the nearest intersection with Eastern Boulevard, and Station 52's address at 2000 Leland Ave. is opposite the railroad tracks from the thoroughfare, which makes an efficient

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County employing new anti-dumping measure in Edgemere

- Article & photos by Devin Crum -Baltimore County Department of Public Works (DPW) employees began installing a new fencing system along Morse Lane in Edgemere on Thursday, Sept. 1, in hopes that it will stop the illegal dumping happening there - or at least make it easier to clean up.

Seventh District County Councilman Todd Crandell, whose district includes Edgemere, requested funding from the county administration to install wooden bollard-and-cable fencing along a 500foot stretch of Morse Lane. The secluded roadway, he said, has been a "chronic dump site" over the years. The project is expected to cost \$4,829.73 and be completed by Sept. 15.

The new fencing is being installed along the county's right of way on Morse Lane to act as a barrier to people pulling off the road and dumping on the adjacent railroad property.

"The thought is, if we make people actually have to stop on the road - which makes them a lot more visible - then they'll have to throw [their trash] over the bollard-and-cable system, that will be on the county right of way and DPW will go out and pick it up," Crandell explained.

The railroad company installed jersey walls to prevent access to their property,

which Crandell commented he is "not a huge fan of, aesthetically," but they do not clean up the dumped material left there. And DPW employees technically are not allowed to go onto that property to get it.

"So it just sits there," he said.

Crandell said he was glad the county administration approved the project, which was not part of the capital budget.

However, the fencing will not cover all of Morse Lane. So they may have to revisit the issue if they notice that the dumping simply moves down the road.

"I'll go back and beg and plead to - see **DUMPING** on page 5 -

Crandell downzones Fort Howard, explains decision to community

- By Devin Crum -

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On Tuesday, Aug. 30, the Baltimore County Council voted to finalize the new zoning maps, deciding to change or keep the same the zoning on more than 500 properties around the county.

The vote brought to an end the Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP), which occurs every four years in the county, and included Councilman Todd Crandell's decision to drastically reduce the allowable housing density at the nearly 100-acre Fort Howard property.

At the Thursday, Sept. 1, meeting of the North Point Peninsula Council (NPC) Crandell briefed community members about what has gone on in the county during the summer while the group has not held meetings, including the recent timeline of the Fort Howard saga and the intricacies of his zoning decision there.

Crandell opted to change the property from allowing 5.5 homes per acre over much of the swath to just one home per acre.

He said he did this because he thought Fort Howard Development, LLC and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) were moving toward a "reasonable" project something that had a veterans focus and that controlled the number of housing units that could be built on the property knowing all of the issues with traffic, infrastructure and schools. But he left a Washington, D.C., meeting with VA officials feeling like he and the community were being bullied.

In an effort to get a quality project that would result in a restored Fort Howard,

Crandell proposed legislation this summer which would have created an overlay for the property. It would have allowed no more than 400 homes to be built on the property and included certain other amenities for veterans and the surrounding community.

"So I thought we were heading down a [productive] road, and then a man in blue neon pants jumped on stage and announced he was in control of everything when he really wasn't," Crandell said.

He was referring to Armando Cignarale, a developer who claimed to be the new developer for the Fort Howard property at a community meeting on June 29.

Following that meeting, in mid-July, Crandell met with VA officials, who he said levied the threat of having to surplus the property, "and they really went backwards on what the plan was coming together to be," he said.

"They said, 'Todd, we really need to do apartments,'" Crandell said, adding that they now wanted to construct 200 apartments along with townhomes and single homes.

"I told them flat-out I can't let that happen," the councilman said. "I pledged as a candidate and then as an elected representative that I would protect the [North Point] peninsula from overdevelopment."

Immediately following that meeting, Crandell announced his decision to withdraw his Fort Howard overlay bill and his intention to downzone the property and told the VA and the developer to come back to him with a workable plan. "I'm a steelworker's kid from Dundalk; I don't respond to threats or being bullied too well," he said.

He noted that, as of Thursday night, he had not heard from VA officials or the developer's attorneys about the Council's decision to adopt the new zoning maps two days earlier.

Crandell announced that, as far as he knew, Cignarale is no longer involved in the redevelopment of Fort Howard, and that the new developer looking at the project is Sam Himmelrich of Himmelrich Associates, Inc.

Fort Howard Development, LLC did not respond to a request for comment on the developers involved.

Himmelricĥ, Crandell said, does not have a long history of development in the county, having done most of his work in Baltimore City. He said Himmelrich often uses historic tax credits to his advantage to help investment in his projects.

"In my opinion, he's the most reasonable developer that I've come across so far in this process," Crandell stated.

"I don't know, necessarily, what the answers are, but what I do know is that we need some help from the federal government," he continued.

Crandell said the issue has been difficult for him to deal with because the VA will not share the terms of the Enhanced Use Lease with him or the public. The Baltimore County attorney has also asked for it, along with several media outlets and private citizens via Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. But the VA has yet to oblige.

"So it's very difficult to know what parameters we're working with if we can't see the lease," Crandell said.

The development is made further difficult because it is onerous on the developer, requiring them to restore the historic structures on the property, which will cost millions of dollars.

"So the developer then has no choice but to try to up the number of housing units so he can offset the high cost of development," Crandell explained. "I don't think it's the developer's fault and I certainly don't think it's the community's fault - that the VA neglected the property for so long that it's costing millions of dollars."

He opined that developing the property may be the only option left at this point, though, claiming that keeping it as a park or returning it to a functioning VA hospital is simply not realistic.

"It's not going to be a park. I don't think that's realistic" because of the restoration it needs, he said. "That's the challenge."





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School heat policy gets tweaked as Hogan announces post-Labor Day start time

- by Patrick Taylor -

The new school year got off to a rocky start for Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS), with two of the first four days resulting in closures for the 37 schools without air conditioning in the county. This prompted the Baltimore County Board of Education to revise their newly adopted heat policy.

By an 8 - 3 vote, the Board of Education passed a new policy that will allow schools that lack air conditioning to stay open unless the heat index is forecast to reach 90 degrees by 11 a.m. If the heat index is expected to reach 90 degrees by 3 p.m., parents may keep their children home and get an excused absence.

Originally, the policy called for schools to be closed if the heat index hit 90 degrees at any point during the day.

Members of the board stated that they had been inundated with letters, emails and phone calls since the original heat policy took shape in the early part of August, prompting them to revisit the policy.

Board members Ann Miller and Kathleen Causey had plenty of questions for Superintendent Dallas Dance, and questioned whether he was doing everything in his power to ensure that students were able to learn in the best environment possible.

Had the Board of Education not intervened when

they did, schools would have been shut down a third time in the second week of schooling.

"We all support healthy school environments," said board member Edward Gilliss. "But sometimes those bright-line policies need to be changed."

According to the board, many members received frustrated emails from parents ranging from athletics and parent work schedules to meals provided to students. Gilliss stated that these issues were not all considered when the board made it's original ruling in early August.

The air conditioning battle prompted intervention from Governor Larry Hogan, who last week announced that beginning next year, public schools will start after Labor Day.

Announcing the new executive order in Ocean City, and flanked by Comptroller Peter Franchot, Hogan stated that school must begin after Labor Day and end by June 15. Schools are still required to complete 180 days.

Citing a Goucher poll showing that Maryland residents favored starting school after Labor Day, Hogan noted that such a change had been advocated for in the past by a bipartisan task force created by then-Governor Martin O'Malley. Franchot has long been an advocate of starting school after



Labor Day, though historically he has been in favor of it due to the economic benefit of an extra week of vacation. Recently, however, he's been more vocal about the heat issues in Baltimore County and in the city.

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"This is not rocket science," said Franchot. "They have to start after Labor Day and get out by the middle of June. In between, they can do anything they want with their schedules."

Dance was not to pleased with the announcement, saying, "Many of us are trying to think about 'How do we give our kids more time in school?"" Dance then said some school breaks might need to be cut.



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- continued from page 1 - response "challenging," Pule said.

He said they have tentative ideas and concept drawings for the new facilities as far as what they would like to have, and they would like to be as close as possible to the current location. But a new site has not yet been determined.

However, they have had some informal talks with Lockheed Martin about using their ball fields at the corner of Wilson Point Road and Eastern Boulevard, according to the company's assistant chief, Paul Sullivan.

The new company will continue to serve chiefly Middle River, but their true reach extends far beyond that and the merger will allow them to more effectively meet the rising needs of an ever growing area.

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In addition to Middle River, the company's engine service responds to multiplealarm calls in Essex, Chase and Golden Ring communities. The ladder truck and squad services go from the Baltimore City line to the Harford County line and as far west as Belair Road.

But the water and dive unit is the only fire department dive rescue service in the entire county.

"So that will travel the whole county," Pule noted, adding that they have also been known to go out of jurisdiction for mutual aid services in surrounding counties and as far away as West Virginia.

Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association President Glenn Resnick said the new company's endeavour makes the entire BCVFA stronger. "We are very proud of you for leading the way in consolidating two companies to make one very strong organization, and that is the future of our association," Resnick commented.

BCVFA Vice President of Operations, being an "east-side guy" with the Wise Avenue VFC, said he was excited about what has occurred and what is to come from the new company.

He pointed out that the naming and station number designation of the new company allows the history of the new station to remain intact and unified into one company.

The new station number, 74, resulted from the addition of the old numbers, 52 and 22. And the new company's patch incorporates features from the histories of both companies, which have a combined service of 139 years.

Bob Bendler, a community leader via the Wilson Point Civic Improvement Association and the Essex-Middle River Civic Council, said he was pleased that the merger had finally been completed.

Bendler also served with the county fire department for about 10 years in the 1980s. "And even back then, both of these companies had excellent reputations for the services they provide," he said.

He also affirmed that he and the WP-CIA would be happy to help in any way they can in fundraising and advocating for the new facilities.

"The residents of Wilson Point don't want to see you leave," Bendler said. "But if you have to, we're going to help in any way we can to make sure it gets done successfully."



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DUMPING

- *continued from page 1* further the fence down Morse Lane," the councilman said.

Illegal dumping is sometimes done by private contractors who do not want to pay to deposit their scrap building materials in the county landfill or other acceptance facility. Other times it is done by residents who do not have either the time or means to take their large trash items - like sofas, mattresses and the like - to the Eastern Sanitary Landfill in White Marsh, which is open from 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. And the county discontinued its roadside bulk trash pick-up several years ago.

Crandell said the lack of bulk trash pick-up is part of the problem. He has asked for the program to be included in both capital budgets since he took office, but his request was denied both times.



DPW workers began installing the bollardand-cable fencing on Sept.1 and are expected to finish by Sept. 15.

He noted, though, that he had recently assisted local police officers in digging through some trash that had been dumped in the area to find evidence of who it belonged to. And that evidence led to charges being filed against one individual who had allegedly been paid to dump the material for someone else.

"It's been a problem for years," Crandell said. "I don't know if [the fencing] is a 100 percent solution, but we had to take some sort of action to see if we could alleviate it somehow."

County law changed last year, via a bill introduced by Crandell, to raise the minimum fine for illegal dumping to \$500.

It is unclear if that law change has had any real effect. But Doug Anderson, Crandell's legislative aide, said at least it brought some attention to the issue, which is a problem county-wide.



Household furniture and appliances are accepted for free disposal or recycling at the Eastern Sanitary Landfill, but many choose to dump them illegally instead.





Discarded shingles, mattresses and other materials litter a wooded area of the railroad property along Morse Lane near where the new fence is being installed.



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BUSINESS

By The Docks takes home five Best of Baltimore awards - by Patrick Taylor -

Award season is always kind of tricky to navigate - after all, the "experts" don't always have sound opinions. However, one thing that's tough to dispute is a vote straight from the people, and in Baltimore Magazine's recent "Best Of Baltimore" poll, the readers showed a lot of love to By The Docks.

The voters selected By The Docks for Best Crab Cake Sandwich, Best Crab Balls, Best Crab Dip, Best Cream of Crab Soup and Best Crab Imperial. The recognition left owner John Kanellopoulos floored.

"We take a lot of pride in this, it's a big honor," said Kanellopoulos. "This is all customer based, and that's what makes this even better."

Kanellopoulos heaped high praise on chef Jose Antonio Villanueva, whose work in the kitchen has returned By The Docks to its former glory. This is the first batch of awards to come out since Villanueva returned to the kitchen (he had previously worked there when it first opened) and the restaurant's return to form has been cemented.

"The good thing is we're bringing people back into the area," said Kanellopoulos. "People are coming from Pikesville, Owings Mills, Bel Air. People are even coming in from Delaware and central Pennsylvania."

Since the announcement from Baltimore Magazine, Kanellopoulos has stated that he's seen an uptick in business.

"The thing about this place is that it isn't the Harbor," said Kanellopoulos.

"People are coming here solely because they know that this is the area where you get great seafood."

Kanellopoulos also had plenty of high praise for the rest of his staff, stating that "without good service, you aren't going to get customer's that want to support your restaurant.'

"The waiters, the cooks, they all have a great drive," said Kanellopoulos. "Our chef is a fierce leader, just the way he gets everyone going. He has a lot of knowledge and the staff listens attentively. Guys are building their futures through our chef, and he's truly the best of Baltimore."

Earlier this year, onlyinyourstate. com also rated By The Docks as one of the best crab cakes in Maryland. By The Docks is located at 3321



The crab cakes are flavorful and absolutely filling. A must have if you venture into By The Docks.

Eastern Boulevard in Middle River. To check out the menu and see hours of operation, visit www.bythedocks.com.

OFBPA to host Community Shred Day, food drive, Small Business Saturday and community yard sale in one event

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On Saturday, Sept. 24, the OFBPA will hold a Community Shred Day, a community food and school supply drive, Small Business Saturday and a community yard sale from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Fullerton Plaza (in front of K-Mart and I-Hop), 7927 Belair Road in Fullerton. Vendor spaces are available for \$10 by contacting Donna Bethke at ptavon@comcast.net.

Community Shred Day will feature mobile shredding by Iron Mountain and is sponsored by BB&T Bank. Shredding is free, but we are asking for a food, toiletry or school supply donation for each box you bring to shred. All donations benefit the Eastside Family Shelter located at Franklin Square Hospital.

products, toiletries, wipes, baby items, juice boxes, pudding cups and children's cereal. School supplies are also welcome for grades Pre-K - 12th. Visit <u>www.ofbpa.</u> com for a complete list.

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SPORTS

Perry Hall, Dundalk start off season on right foot

- by Patrick Taylor -

On Friday night, football season kicked off around the state with a slew of exciting games. Usually at the beginning of the season there are a few certainties, but this year is shaping up to be one of many questions. Mainly, who will emerge as the top team in the area? Dundalk, Perry Hall and Eastern Tech were the top three teams last year, but all three have lost key components and each team lost a large portion of starting players.

For Dundalk, things should be a bit easier considering they still get to ride the wave of Darrius Sample. But for Tech and Perry Hall, their loss of immensely talented skill position players leaves some question marks.

For both Perry Hall and Tech, their rush attack has been key over the last few years. Unfortunately, many of those pieces are now gone.

Still, given Perry Hall's school size and history, it would be foolish to bet against them. They showed that on Friday night with a big 33 - 28 victory over Aberdeen in an absolute barn-burner.

It would also be foolish to bet against them when they have Anthony Jordan. Jordan plays free safety and wide receiver/running back for the Gators, and he had an absolutely stellar game against Aberdeen on both sides of the ball. He tore off big run after big run, scoring a touchdown on a ten-yard run up the middle in the first. While he was effective all night long in moving the chains, he was most effective on the defensive side of the field, recovering one fumble while forcing two others, including a game-saving tackle as Aberdeen looked to cross the endline towards the end of the game.

But he wasn't just impressive because of his stats. Where Jordan stood out most was in the open field, frequently stuffing Aberdeen running backs before they had an opportunity to bust off a big run.

Also deserving of praise is Tyrone Smith, another defensive back who did well tackling in the open field. In fact, it was Smith who recovered the fumble in the endzone forced by Jordan.

Finally we come to Donte Cloude, who was arguably the most important offensive player of the evening for the Gators. Cloude is the primary return man for the Gators and showed great prowess in that role, giving Perry Hall wonderful field position each time he returned one.

But what really makes Cloude special is his versatility. The diminutive and shifty Cloude not only did well on little dump offs, he also did well stretching the field, scoring his touchdown on a 35-yard bomb down the right sideline. Earlier in the game, Cloude threw for a touchdown on a flea flicker reverse.

The Gators showed a lot of promise on Friday night. Offensively they fell into a few traps here and there, but for the first game of the season this unit played very well. The offensive line, led by right tackle Jake Magee, looked very strong and opened up holes for the rush while stifling Aberdeen's defensive line. Overall, it was a solid performance despite giving up 28 points. If their defensive unit can correct a few mistakes and not be so reliant on big plays, this is a major team to keep an eye on. Perry Hall has a tough matchup this weekend as they travel to Franklin for a 7 p.m. game.

Around the league

To the surprise of absolutely nobody, Dundalk got their season started off with a big 39 - 0 win over Kenwood. Sample gave his team an early cushion and was able to ride out his team's defensive prowess for the remainder of the game. Dundalk will host Milford Mill on Friday at 6 p.m.

Eastern Tech got their season started off on the wrong foot, losing to Owings Mills by a score of 18 - 9. The Mavericks put on a strong defensive display, led by their corps of experience linebackers. Butt offensively they struggled to get much of anything going throughout the contest. Tech will look to rebound when they travel to Middletown for an away match at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Overlea impressed in their debut, stomping Western Tech by a score of 25 - 8. Overlea surged at the end of last year and returned a lot of key players on both sides of the ball. And with a very manageable schedule, this is a team that is hoping to make a late run into the postseason.

Chesapeake had to wait a little while last season to secure their first win, but this year they got off to a strong start, upending Loch Raven by a score of 14 - 8. Chesapeake has a strong defense, and if they can play at their peak they'll manage to pull out a few more wins. We'll keep our eye on them over the coming weeks.

Sparrows Point got off on the wrong foot, getting trounced by New Town by a score of 50 - 14. The Pointers will look to bounce back on Friday at 7 p.m. against Randallstown.

Patapsco was handled with relative ease against Catonsville, falling by a score of 21 - 6. The Patriots travel to Dulaney for a 1 p.m. game on Sept. 10.



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Police investigate stabbing homicide in Dundalk

Just after 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 1, Baltimore County police responded to the intersection of Eastern Avenue at 54th Street for a stabbing.

When officers arrived, they found two men near the bus stop on Eastern Avenue. Each of the victims suffered from stab wounds to the upper body. One man was transported to R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, where he later died of his injuries. The second man was transported to another local hospital. He is expected to survive from his injuries.

Police have identified the man who died in the stabbing incident as Gerrod Dominick Greenwood. Greenwood, 18, is from the 400 block of 52nd Street in Baltimore City.

Through investigation, detectives have learned that two other people, not one, were injured in this altercation. A second male victim believed to have been injured in the incident walked in to a local hospital with stab wounds. He is expected to survive.

Police have no suspects at this time. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about this case should call Baltimore County Police at 410-307-2020.

Police investigate Essex gas station robbery

The Baltimore County Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the suspect responsible for an August 5 robbery at an Essex gas station.

Just before 9 a.m. on Aug. 5, the suspect entered a BP gas station store in the 200 block of Eastern Boulevard in Essex. He displayed a gun and demanded money. The suspect then fled the scene.

Fortunately, there were no injuries.

This incident is under investigation by the Baltimore County Police Robbery Unit.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call police at 410-307-2020 or Metro Crime Stoppers at 1-866-7LOCKUP. Tips may be left anonymously. If your tip left at Metro Crime Stoppers leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.





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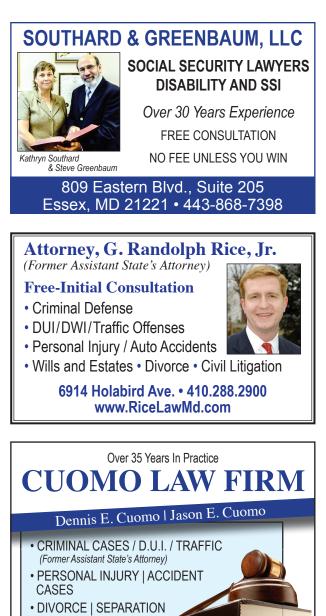
MSP, MDOT join forces with Maryland Food Bank

The Maryland State Police and the Maryland Department of Transportation came together at the Maryland Food Bank's Baltimore headquarters on Aug. 31 to sort donated items and kick off the fourth annual Hunger Action Month food drive, a month-long collection effort.

Throughout September, which is nationally known as Hunger Action Month, Marylanders will have the opportunity to donate nonperishable food items at a variety of events across the state. From Oakland to Salisbury and various counties in between, MSP and MDOT representatives will be out in full force to collect donations for those in need. The full list of events* can be found online at <u>www.mdfoodbank.org/hungeraction/food-drive-drop-events</u>. Select MDOT locations will also accept food donations throughout September at MDOT Food Drop Off Locations. Additionally, supporters who can't make it out to these events can donate food online using the MSP and MDOT virtual food bank platforms.

The centerpiece of Hunger Action Month is the food bank's Be a Voice Campaign, which encourages Marylanders to spread the word about the issue of hunger by snapping speech bubble selfies and sharing them via social media. Information about the Be a Voice Campaign is available online at <u>www.mdfoodbank.</u> <u>org/hunger-action-month</u>.

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Middle River man charged with assault after attack

A Middle River Man has been arrested after he threatened another man with a chainsaw during a fight.

Just before 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 29, Baltimore County Police responded to a home in the 11100 block of Bird River Grove Road in White Marsh. When officers arrived at the scene, they located one man in front of the home with an injury to his forehead and another man in the home with a cut to his hand.

The investigation has indicated that the two men had gotten into the argument inside the home. The argument turned physical and the man who owned the home told the other man, who had been staying there, to get his things and leave. The man who had been staying at the home retrieved a chainsaw from his truck, started it, and moved towards the other man.

The man who threatened the other man with the chainsaw was taken into custody. While in custody, he was transported to an area hospital for treatment of injuries. He has been identified as 43-year-old Michael Brian Dobihal of the 7000 block of Oliverwood Road in Middle River and has been charged with first-degree assault and second-degree assault.



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Robbery: At 8:50 p.m. on Aug. 31, the suspect entered the 7-Eleven in the 200 block of Back River

Neck Road and stole a salad. When the suspect was confronted by the store owner and her assistant, the suspect assaulted both victims and fled. The salad was recovered.

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OBITUARIES

Lewis, James I.

On Sept. 1, James I. Lewis Sr., beloved husband of Joyce A. Lewis (nee Engle); devoted father of James I. Lewis Jr., Lawrence M. Lewis, Charles L. Lewis, Kathi Cannoles, Sherry Barcikowski, Joe Driscoll and the late Albert Driscoll. Also survived by 17 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren, and many loving family members and friends.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment private.

Burton, Ray

On Sept. 1, Ray P. Burton, beloved husband of Carol L. Burton; devoted father of Kristopher C. Burton and his wife Laura; loving pop of Carl Ray and Jack Chaim Burton; loving son of Flora J. Burton and the late Carl E. Burton; dear brother of Nancy J. Spiker and her husband Donald Lander; uncle of Kristi Bowling, Brad and Melissa Muehlberger.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1701 North Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA 22311.



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Cooney, Richard

On Sept. 1, Richard Albert Cooney, Anthropologist and Director of Associate Family Services, passed away peacefully. He is the beloved son of the late Virginia Dorothy and Joseph Raymond Cooney; loving companion of Margaret Ann James.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Maryland SPCA.

Diffendall, Bertha

On Aug. 5, Bertha Diffendall (nee Sakellos), beloved sister of Stamatia Karageorge and the late Lucille Petro, Helen Lawson and George Sakellos; dear half-sister of Loretta Muhly, Catherine Sullivan and Sophie Valente. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Interment private. Arrangements by Cvach Rosedale Funeral Home.

Hilton, Gregory Matthew

On Sept. 3, Gregory Matthew Hilton passed away. He was the beloved son of Linda Schuler and her husband Edward, and Charles Hilton, Jr. and his wife Debbie; dear brother of Benjamin Schuler and his wife Melissa, Elizabeth Schuler, Chad and Timmy Hilton and Meghan Raistrick and her husband Sean. Also survived by many loving extended family members and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather at Schimunek Funeral Home, Inc., 9705 Belair Road in Nottingham on Sunday Sept. 11 from 10 - 11 a.m. for a Receiving of Friends with a Memorial Service to follow at 11 a.m. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Greg's name to BARCS, 301 Stockholm St., Baltimore, MD 21230.

O'Brien, Barry D.

On Aug. 5, Barry Daniel O'Brien, beloved husband of Donna Marie O'Brien (nee Wysosky), devoted father of Andrew, Spencer and Daniel O'Brien; dear brother of Robin Bankofier. Also survived by many grandchildren.

Services provided by Cvach Rosedale Funeral Home. Cremation private.

Legg, Ethel L. On Sept. 1, Ethel L. Legg (nee Helmick), devoted wife of Edwin K. Legg; beloved mother of Jeffrey Legg, Sarah Tennyson and husband Scott, Timothy Legg, and Rachelle Barro and her husband Richard. Also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; dear sister of the late Norma Pappagallo.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. A second service will be held at the Hinkle Funeral Home in Davis, West Virginia on Friday, Sept. 9 at 1 p.m.



Rudolf, Mabel Ruth

On Aug. 10, Mabel Ruth Rudolf (nee Pearce), beloved wife of the late Joseph C. Rudolf; devoted mother of Joanne R. Ferandes and her late husband Sonny; Donald V. Rudolf and his wife Laurie; dear sister of Charles Pearce; loving grandmother of Joseph E. Ferandes and Christopher A. Rudolf and his wife Sandy.

Services provided by Cvach Rosedale Funeral Home. Interment Bel Air Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor can be made to the Cowenton United Methodist Church, 10838 Red Lion Rd., White Marsh, MD 21162 or to Gilchrist Hospice, 11311 McCormick Rd., Ste. 350, Hunt Valley, MD 21031.

Brailsford, Audrey

Audrey May Brailsford, 73, of Palm Coast, Florida passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 31, at Halifax Hospital in Daytona Beach FL, after a sudden illness. Audrey was born on May 21, 1943, in Baltimore City, Maryland to the late Henry Berger, Sr. and Gertrude Berger. She worked for 14 years as a secretary at General Motors in Baltimore working her way up to the plant manager's secretary. She raised her two sons and provided a harmonious atmosphere for her family. When it was time for retirement, she moved with her husband to the Palm Coast area of Florida in 2005 from Harford County. Audrey was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion, a member of the Maryland Club and she met regularly with a group of ladies to socialize, by playing dominoes, sewing and quilting together. She enjoyed cooking and baking, specializing in desserts. Her greatest love in life was being with her family and friends. Survivors include her high school sweetheart and husband, John of 48 years; sons Jeffrey Allen and David Thomas Brailsford, both of Glen Arm; brother Henry Berger, Jr. of Baltimore; nephew Bobby Jones of Perry Hall; niece Wendy Jones of Parkville; and many loved and cherished friends.

Relatives and friends will gather at Schimunek Funeral Home, Inc., 9705 Belair Road in Nottingham on Friday, Sept. 9, from 3 - 5 and 7 - 9 p.m., and where a celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 10:30 a.m. Interment at Highview Memorial Gardens in Fallston. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 43025, Baltimore, MD 21236-0025.

Reese, Janet E.

On Sept. 2, Janet E. Reese (nee Geiger), beloved wife of Richard J. Reese Sr.; devoted mother of Richard J. Reese Jr. and his wife Rebecca and Kelly A. Melnick and her husband Richard; dear sister of Patricia Windisch; loving grandmother of Mitchell and Mickey Reese and Joshua and Sean Melnick

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



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Conley, Veronica B.

On Aug. 28, Veronica B. "Ronnie" Conley (nee Bielat), beloved wife of the late Jordon E. "Bud" Conley; devoted mother of Kevin M. Conley and his wife Melanie, Isabel Conley-Waters and her husband Richard; loving grandmother of Rebecca Conley, Jordon Conley-Eanet and her husband Alan; greatgrandmother of Lila, Elizabeth "Eli", Loralie and Elaina; beloved aunt of Dr. Robert Ulanowicz and Dr. Nancy Ulanowicz and their families, preceded in death by her sisters Cecelia Rakowski and Mary Ulanowicz. "The family is eternally grateful to Mom's angels, Sharon Waskiewicz and Leslie Chambers, who cared for Mom as if she were their own mother."

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mrs. Conley's name may be made to, Animal Rescue, Inc. P.O. Box 35, Maryland Line, MD or online at <u>www.animal</u> rescueinc.org

Wisniewski, Josephine

On Aug. 22, Josephine Wisniewski (nee Frederick), beloved wife of the late Thaddeus E. Wisniewski; devoted mother of Thaddeus F. Wisniewski and his wife Darlene, Linda White, Roy A. Wisniewski and his wife Susan, Patricia J. Schuchman and her husband Mike, and Jean C. Mayfield and her husband Robert; loving grandmother of David, Kimberly, Benjamin, Timothy, John, Amanda and Sarah; also survived by eight greatgrandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home. Interment at St. Stanislaus Cemetery.

DogFest to memorialize local homeless animal supporter after sudden death

Baltimore Humane Society's DogFest Walk & Festival on Saturday, Sept. 17, will memorialize Jason Webster, a local man whose death came suddenly in July. Webster, an ardent supporter of the Baltimore Humane Society, was a DogFest Walk Ambassador for several years. DogFest is Baltimore Humane Society's largest fundraiser of the year which attracts thousands of animal lovers, kids and dogs. The festival includes a one mile walk on their wildlife sanctuary with supporters who have raised money for the no-kill shelter's animals.

Sadly, Webster unexpectedly passed away on Thursday, July 7. He was 38 years old and died of a heart attack. Jason's love for his dog, Santana, was known by all who knew him. He recently moved into a new home, extremely happy that his beloved pet would have a large yard to run and play in. He had installed a swimming pool for Santana and was working on the yard fence posts the day before he passed away.

Jason is described as a selfless person who always came to help anyone in need. For the past several years he was a supporter of Baltimore Humane Society's DogFest Walk. Baltimore Humane Society is dedicating the 2016 DogFest Walk to honor Jason's memory and loyal support. Through his efforts, countless homeless pets have been helped.

Last month Webster started his fundraising campaign with a goal of \$500 to raise funds for the animals. His family is requesting the community help them reach and surpass Jason's goal by making a donation and then continuing to pass the form around by copying and pasting the link to post online or forward by email. They are also requesting that people also pay their respects by registering and joining the walk the day of DogFest on Sept. 17.

If you can't walk, but would like to donate in Jason's memory, you can make your donation at DogFest.org by clicking on the Jason Webster Memorial link.

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Tomczewski, Sarah

On Sept. 3, Sarah Ann Tomczewski, beloved wife of the late Frank Tomczewski; devoted mother of Rebecca Grimes and her husband Roy, Anna Knapik and her husband Ron, Agnes Morgan and her husband Matthew, Frank S. Tomczewski and his wife Dianne, Regina Tomczewski, James Tomczewski, Andrew Tomczewski and Sara Bowser and her husband Derek; loving grandmother of Nikki Schwartz and her husband Boaz, Ryan Tomczewski and his wife Jenna and Tyler Tomczewski; dear great-grandmother of Ari and Daliah.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk. Donations in her name may be made to St. Luke's Catholic Church Food Pantry.

Taylor, Margaret

On Aug. 18, Margaret M. Taylor, beloved wife of the late Julian H. Taylor, Sr.; beloved mother of James J. Taylor, Julian H. "Bud" Taylor, Jr., and John R. Taylor. Also survived by five grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren. Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home.

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Watts, Robert

On Sept. 1, 2016, Robert J. Watts, beloved son of the late Katherine and Lawrence Watts; dear brother of Frances Bathhurst; loving uncle of Karen Campbell and Michele Waite.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home. Interment in Gardens of Faith Memorial Gardens.

Wysocki, Alberta

On Aug. 19, Alberta S. Wysocki (nee Siedlecki), 88, of Hamburg, NY, passed away; beloved wife of Alfred A. Wysocki; devoted mother to Jerome (Marie) of Hamburg, NY and Celeste (James) Gibson of Norristown, PA; cherished Busia of Robert (Elizabeth), Stuart and Lauren Gibson also Alexandra and David Wysocki; dear sister of Francis, Adolf Jr. and Bernadine and the late Sister Sylvester, Genevieve, Stanley and Walter; past member of Catholic Daughters and longtime resident of Baltimore, MD.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home. Interment at St. Stanislaus Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Alberta's memory to The Catholic High School of Baltimore, 2800 Edison Highway, Baltimore, Maryland 21213.

Bielski, John

Suddenly on Aug. 25, John P. Bielski, Sr., beloved husband of Madeline; loving father of Cheryl Sakowski and husband Tim, Patricia Oberle and husband George, and the late John Bielski, Jr. and Karen Tuite and her surviving husband Bill; grandfather of Billy and Bobby Tuite and Timothy Sakowski.

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IN YOUR WORDS

New grading policies discourage achievement

After reading the grading guidelines for the 2016-2017 school year, I am convinced this disturbing new policy needs review. As the mother of five, ages 15 to 33, and to two exchange students for four years, our family has experience with the following schools: Pinewood Elementary, Ridgely Middle, Dulaney High School, Baltimore Lutheran (Concordia Prep), Calvert Hall, Loyola and SPSFG. Over the years I have seen many policies implemented - some which were successful and others that failed.

According to the policy, the board has stated that "learning is our core purpose." Although I would agree that this is a primary objective, it is equally important to facilitate character development in our students. When behavior, attendance and homework are not used to calculate grades, we teach our children that the most important thing is the test grade alone and we dismantle character development and personal responsibility. A grade needs to incorporate the entirety, that will involve some subjectivity on behalf of the teachers.

Schools need to partner with parents encouraging respect, motivation and effort. A smart kid who gets good grades and does not work hard does not encourage others, especially one that works really hard but doesn't have the same intellectual ability. Great effort, in any situation, can certainly yield successful people, but no longer in Baltimore County schools. Students who do not test well and work hard are set up for failure with these guidelines.

This grading system actually *discourages* effort since it basically has no value reflected in the grade. So while learning is our core purpose in school, our ultimate goal should include developing a student's ability and passion to become respectful and successful adults. Grades should reflect the academic achievement and effort (homework, participation in class and attendance). Grades motivate. Giving a check for conduct may be enough motivation for elementary-aged students, but will not continue to motivate students as they get older. The concept that behavior and attendance are not used in calculating grades is very short-sighted. Employees who do not show up for work and have poor behavior are *fired*.

Why would this not be taught to our kids in school? This is a primary differentiation between the Baltimore County Public School system and other school systems here in Maryland.

All too often, expectations set are the expectations met.

Please consider the long term implications of this policy. As I have heard many times, "We not only have to want what we want, but we also have to want what our wants lead to." Linda Hurka

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Too often we only hear about the negative things which happen in our communities and the lack of response by our elected officials. But I would like to tell about a positive situation in my community.

I live in the Harbor View neighborhood of Baltimore County. Several weeks ago, one of my neighbors called me about a problem with rat infestation coming from an embankment behind her house. The embankment was overgrown with weeds and bushes. The rats were coming into her and her neighbors' yards and she wanted to know if I knew who to contact to report the problem.

I contacted Bob Long, who is a state delegate for the Sixth District, and spoke to him and his chief aide, Ben. I also mentioned it to Georgia Bartrum, president of

Working Together

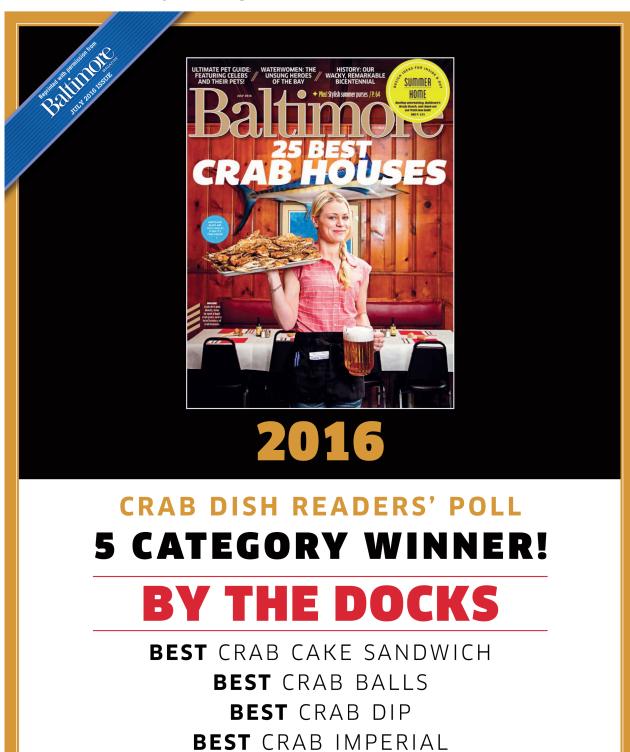
the Harbor View Neighborhood Association.

Georgia took pictures of the embankment, which is county-owned. She then contacted the County Inspector to report the problem. Bob Long's office also reported the problem to the County Inspector.

Within a week, the county had mowed the weeds and removed the bushes. Signs were also posted to alert the neighborhood that the county would be spraying to kill the rats.

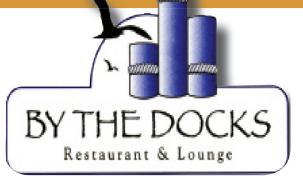
This shows what can be accomplished when people work together and our representatives and agencies are responsive to the community. It also shows that neighborhood associations do provide a valuable service and should be supported by the community.

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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 <u>www.mdairmuseum.org</u>. 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.

Rain Barrel Workshop

Concerned about the high level of pollutants recently measured in our local waterways? Installing a rain barrel on your property is an easy action you can take to reduce stormwater runoff! The Gunpowder Valley Conservancy's Clear Creeks Project is hosting a free Rain Barrel workshop on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Middle River Volunteer Fire Hall, 1100 Wilson Point Road. Learn more about the benefits of rain barrels, then assemble one to take home that day. If you live in the Clear Creeks Project area, each barrel will cost \$30 and you are eligible for free installation. Our project area includes Middle River, Essex, Wilson Point, Bowleys Quarters, Perry Hall, White Marsh, Nottingham and Chase. Register online at gunpowdervalleyconservancy.org/volunteer or contact Peggy Perry at 410-692-0468.

BCGS Meeting

The Baltimore County Genealogical Society, 8601 Harford Road, Room 308, in Parkville, will meet on Sunday, Sept. 25, with guest speaker, Dr. Margaret McMahon. Her presentation, "Ancestors in the U.S. Military: Online and in Military Archives" will teach how to use online resources to locate information about your ancestors' U.S. military service. This event is free and open to the public. For more information about this speaker and upcoming speakers, visit <u>www.</u> <u>baltimoregenealogysociety.org/BCGShome/programof-speakers</u> or call 410-665-8769.

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Aviation Speaker Series

The Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum's free Aviation Speaker Series on Monday, Sept. 12, features historian Roger Miller with the story of the World War II raids on the Ploesti oil fields, German oil refinery facilities located 30 miles north of Bucharest, Romania. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Lockheed Martin auditorium at 2323 Eastern Blvd. in Middle River. Although this event is free, a photo ID is required for entry. For more information, call 410-682-6122.

Flu Shots

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., 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.

Quit Tobacco

The Essex branch of the Baltimore County Public Library is hosting a free "Up in Smoke" quit smoking program on Mondays through Oct. 3, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges will be part of the many options for people who want to quit smoking. To sign up, call Greta Brand at 410-399-2001 or visit bcpl.info and click on the "Events" tab.

Senior Groups at Back River

The Back River area has two senior citizen groups. The Golden Agers of Back River group meets Thursdays at the Back River Recreation Center, 801 Back River Neck Road in Essex, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Sandalwood Golden Agers have moved to this location as well, meeting Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, contact the Back River Recreation office at 410-887-0217.

Caregiver Support Group

Are you caring for someone who has Alzheimer's Disease or some other dementia? You are not alone. We have information about Alzheimer's and other dementias, caring for an Alzheimer's sufferer, community resources that can help you and opportunities to meet and share with other caregivers. Our Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 6 - 7 p.m. in the first floor conference room of John Burton Pavilion at Johns Hopkins Bayview, 5505 Hopkins Bayview Circle in Baltimore. For more info., contact Angela Gahs at 410-916-1157 or angeladaggett@msn.com.

For the full Community Calendar, visit us on the web at <u>www.eastcountytimesonline.com</u>.



ENTERTAINMENT

R.I.P. character actor extraordinaire JON POLITO - By Teddy Durgin -



I'm definitely sad over the passing of the great Gene Wilder. "Blazing Saddles," "The Producers," "Young Frankenstein," "Stir Crazy." What a legend! It's not a good feeling to be in a world where that man's no longer breathing. But, let's be honest, Wilder hadn't been on the screen in years. So, it's hard to actually "miss" him. But Thursday's passing of character actor extraordinaire Jon Polito? Now, that one hurts!

Despite being diagnosed with an incurable blood cancer five years ago, Polito continued to act. He'll be in one film ("The Maestro") hitting screens in 2017, and I had just seen him in an episode of "Major Crimes" back in July. He was the kind of guy who would pop up in a movie or a TV show for a scene or two or three and immediately make it cooler... funnier... better. Polito was one of those actors who would show up in a supporting role and you'd immediately smile. You'd most likely say to yourself, "Ahhh... THAT guy!"

That guy had over 200 film and TV credits to his name on the Internet Movie Database. He was never a star. His name never appeared "above the title," as they say. No, his great talent was he could play cop and crook, white collar and blue collar, cuddly and smarmy, with equal flair and believability. So many movie memories come to mind from "Highlander" and "The Rocketeer" to "Stuart Little" and "Flags of Our Fathers." And then there were the half-dozen or so Coen Brothers' movies he appeared in. "Millers Crossing" was probably his meatiest part, playing the gangster Johnny Caspar. But I loved his one scene in "The Big Lebowski," playing a bottom-feeding P.I. who has a run-in with Jeff Bridges' "The Dude."

He acted opposite everyone from Marlon Brando ("The Freshman") to Charlie Sheen (an episode of "Two and a Half Men"). And, yes, he guest-starred on pretty much everything, but most notably such sitcoms as "Seinfeld," "Scrubs," "The Drew Carey Show" and "Modern Family." His turn as jealous, hyper-hotheaded husband Silvio in "The Reverse Peephole" episode of "Seinfeld" is classic and still makes me chuckle just thinking about it.

But being an ol' Baltimorean, my favorite role of his was, of course, as the tragic Detective Steve Crosetti on the early episodes of "Homicide: Life on the Street." The NBC crime drama was filmed almost entirely in Charm City from 1993 to 1999. I loved Crosetti's crazy conspiracy theories about the Lincoln assassination and John Wilkes Booth, his amazement that women rarely bring reading material with them to the toilet and his quirky chemistry with Clark Johnson's Meldrick Lewis. I remember being just shattered after the third season episode titled "Crosetti" where we finally found out the character's fate (Polito was let go by the producers between seasons, and the audience learns in "Crosetti" that the character committed suicide without leaving a note).

I shall miss spontaneously yelling "Crosetti!" in movie theaters and in my screening room at home whenever he would suddenly pop up in a film or TV show. If it happened once over the years, it happened at least a dozen times. And every third or fourth time in the cinema, I'd get someone nearby chuckling at the reference.

Jon Polito was only 65.

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Teddy's summer movie re-cap 2016

- By Tedy Durgin -

It's kind of confusing now when the summer movie season actually begins. Growing up in the late 1970s and '80s, it would always start with the Memorial Day weekend. That's right around the time we'd get a new "Star Wars" or "Indiana Jones" movie. Before that, the summer movie season wasn't really much of a thought until around the July 4 holiday. Actually, studios used to think audiences did *not* go to the movies in the summer, instead preferring to spend their time and money outside at ball games, the beach, fireworks and with their lovely families.

No more! It's really the first week of May that the season begins. It sort of turned back in 2002 when "Spider-Man" opened that week to get a jump on "Attack of the Clones" and has been that way ever since. That's when "Captain America: Civil War" hit this year. Heck, in previous years, we've even had flicks like "The Matrix" and a couple of the "Fast and Furious" actioners debut in cinemas in April and rake in the cash.

For the purposes of consideration for this summer recap, though, I indeed began with the great "Captain America" sequel and ended with the putrid "Mechanic" sequel. It seemed like a long time in between! As always, good recaps and retrospectives come in threes:

Three movies everyone should have seen: 1) "Hell or High Water;" 2) "The Nice Guys;" 3) "Pete's Dragon."

Three movies more people should have seen: 1) "The BFG;" 2) "Ghostbusters;" 3) "Alice Through the Looking Glass."

Three movies nobody should have seen: 1) "Nine Lives;" 2) "Mechanic: Resurrection;" 3) "Independence Day: Resurgence."

Three movies I wish I'd seen but didn't: 1) "Bad Moms;" 2) "Lights Out;" 3) "The Legend of Tarzan."

Three things that, once seen, can't be un-seen: 1) Daniel Radcliffe as a flatulent corpse in "Swiss Army Man;" 2) Groceries having an orgy in "Sausage Party;" 3) Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson as an overweight teenager singing En Vogue's "My Lovin'" while naked in a highschool shower in "Central Intelligence."

Three favorite performances (male): 1) Chris Hemsworth in "Ghostbusters;" 2) Jeff Bridges in "Hell or High Water;" 3) Sam Claflin in "Me Before You."

Three favorite performances (female): 1) Sofia Boutella, "Star Trek Beyond;" 2) Katy Mixon, "Hell or High Water;" 3) Viola Davis in "Suicide Squad."

Three greatest "Holy \$#@%!" sequences: 1) The airport battle royale in "Captain America: Civil War;" 2)



Quicksilver saving the entire student body of Professor Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters in "X-Men Apocalypse;" 3) The remade chariot race in "Ben-Hur."

Three favorite lines of dialogue: 1) "Off! Off! Off!" -- sea lions Fluke and Rudder to fellow sea lion Gerald, who just wants to share their rock in "Finding Dory;" 2) "They like to get the landmarks!" -- Jeff Goldblum's David Levinson on the aliens taking out Big Ben and Parliament in "Independence Day: Resurgence;" 3) "This is what they call 'White Man's Intuition!'" -- Jeff Bridges' Texas Ranger to his Mexican-Indian partner, when a hunch turns out to be right in "Hell or High Water."

And finally, **Three movies I am most looking forward to next summer:** 1) "Dunkirk;" 2) "Spider-Man: Homecoming;" 3) "Wonder Woman."



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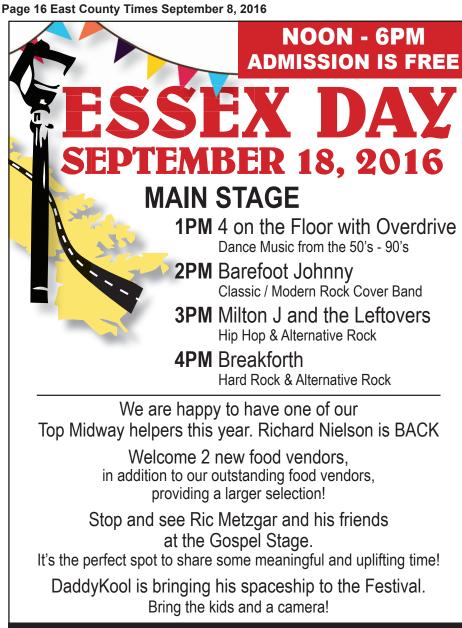
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- by Senator Johnny Ray Salling (R-6) -Fifteen years later, I remember the horror of 9/11 as though it was yesterday. When I heard that a plane had crashed into the World Trade Center, like most people, I envisioned a small private plane misguided by pilot error.

Within minutes, it became clear that at 8:45 a.m. it was an American Airlines Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel that crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center. It created a blazing inferno instantly killing hundreds and trapping hundreds more. And it was no pilot error.

It was the beginning of a terrorist attack by 19 militants of Al-Qaeda. They hijacked four planes. The plan was to fly them into buildings in New York City and Washington, D.C. Eighteen minutes later a second Boeing 767-United Airlines Flight 175 sliced into the South Tower causing a massive explosion.

Neither tower could withstand the heat generated by the jet fuel. The South Tower collapsed at 10:00 a.m. and the North Tower collapsed at 10:30 a.m. Nearly 3,000 people died in the Towers or jumped to their death. More than 400 police and firefighters lost their lives.

At 9:45 a.m. an American Airlines Boeing 757 crashed into the Pentagon military headquarters, taking the lives of

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For days, television recorded the tragedy of families seeking information about their loved ones. In too many cases, there was no information. In the weeks and months of digging through the site, it became clear that there would be no survivors or bodies in the rubble. Body parts retrieved were matched with DNA to identify the dead.

The horror of 9/11 haunts us, but it is very real to those who assisted in the cleanup because hundreds of them have contracted and still struggle with cancer and lung disease from breathing the toxic dust and fumes.

You may wonder why I chose to recite the horrors of 9/11. Why not just have a solemnly worded memorial? I deliberately chose to remind all of us, including me, of the horror etched in our minds. I want 9/11 remembered in all its horror and tragedy because I want to make that memory as sharp and unrelenting as it was fifteen years ago. We owe those lives lost on 9/11 and their families no less.



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The Rotary Club of Middle River will hold their first annual yard sale, the Fall Haul, on Saturday, Sept. 17 (rain date Sept. 24), from 8 a.m - 2 p.m. at 1801 Eastern Blvd., opposite Ruby Tuesday's in Essex. Proceeds to benefit multiple local charities (including the Franklin Square NICU) and local families in need.

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.

Dinner at the Legion

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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. in Rosedale, on Sept. 18 to benefit programs for seniors. All pre-registered runners will receive a long-sleeved T-shirt (sizes and availability not guaranteed for dayof-race registration), coffee, water on course, entry in door prize drawings and post-race refreshments. To celebrate National Falls Prevention Day, Active Aging Week and BCDA'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.getreadygetsetgetfit5k.com.

Police Explorers Car Show

The Baltimore County Police Explorers car show will be held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Crossroads Center, 400-block of Williams Court in Middle River. Rain Date Sept. 24. Pre-Registration \$12 (\$15 day of). Trophies awarded for top 20, four best of classes and one best of show. Also door prizes and 50/50 raffles. For more information, call Officer Price at 410-887-0232.

Backyard BBQ and Community Fair

Perry Hall United Methodist Church, 9515 Belair Road in Nottingham, presents a Backyard BBQ and Community Fair on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. -2 p.m., featuring pit beef, pulled pork bbq, hot dogs, homemade salads, cotton candy, popcorn, drinks, kids games including an inflatable obstacle course, attractions and community group displays and demonstrations. Rain Date Oct. 8.

Book Sale

The Woman's Guild of Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Golden Ring Road in Essex, will hold a book sale on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Many new cooking, crafting and children's books have arrived. Cost is \$1 for hardbacks, 25 cents for paperbacks and magazines are free. Proceeds help feed the homeless and support the food bank of Essex. We also collect canned goods and other items for the food bank.



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Flea Market and Crafters

The Eastfield-Stanbrook Civic Association will have our 15th annual flea market with crafters on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the North Point Government Center lot in Dundalk. Hot dogs, baked goods and cold drinks for sale. Vendors bring your own table; \$10 per space. We want buyers and sellers. Call Angie at 410-284-6634 to reserve a space.

Eastern Stainless Steel Reunion

The Eastern Stainless Steel 16th reunion will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, 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.

Shrimp Feast

The Point Breeze Pioneer Club will hold its annual shrimp feast on Thursday, Sept. 15, from 11:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. at Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave. in Nottingham. Cost is \$32 per person. For tickets or information, call Maria at 410-529-0155.

'Willy Wonka' Auditions

The Sky is the Limit creative arts program will be holding auditions for its fall production of "Willy Wonka" on Saturday, Sept. 17, from noon to 3 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 19, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the North Point Government Center, 7701 Wise Avenue in Dundalk. Youth and adults with or without disabilities are encouraged to audition. Show dates: Dec. 2, 3 and 4. For more information, contact Therapeutic Recreation Services at 410-887-5370 (voice) or 410-887-5319 (TT/Deaf).

Flea Market

Our Lady Queen of Peace, 10001 Bird River Road in Middle River, will hold a flea market on Saturday, Sept. 10, (rain date Sept. 17) from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Registration begins at 6 a.m. Cost is \$10 for two parking spaces. No reservations needed; bring your own tables. No firearms may be sold at this event.

Thrift Shop

The Hall Closet thrift shop at Orems United Methodist Church, 1020 Orems Road in Middle River, will be open Saturday, Sept. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Lots of collectibles, clothing, toys, books, jewelry, housewares and bedding. Pit beef sandwiches for sale as well. For more information, call 410-687-9483.

Crab Feast

The Dundalk Knights of Columbus, 2111 Eilers Ave. in Dundalk, will hold their annual crab feast from 2 - 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11. Menu includes crabs, crab soup, fried chicken, sausages and peppers, corn on the cob, chili dogs, salads, fruit, dessert and drinks. Music by DJ Rockin' Rutter and watch the Ravens on our 70-inch TV. Tickets \$45. Call Jimmy at 410-284-6549 for tickets or information.

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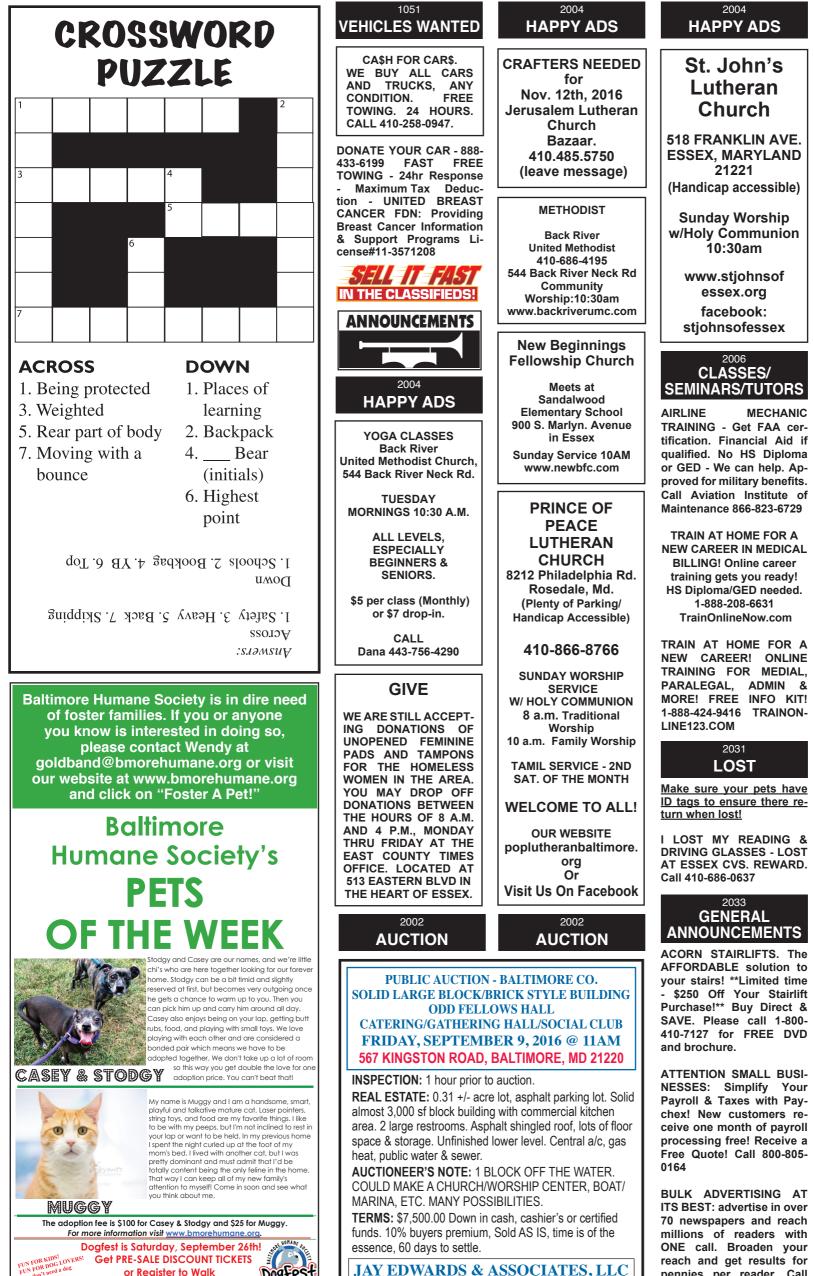
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