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Representatives from General Motors presented Bob Ramadka Jr. (second from right) with the proceeds from a recent car show, held at GM's White Marsh facility. The donation is slated for use toward White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company's new station.

- Article & photo by Devin Crum -

The White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company received a \$2,400 donation on Friday, Oct. 7, from General Motors Baltimore Operations as a result of their car show on Saturday, Oct. 1.

WMVFC Board member Bob Ramadka Jr. noted that fire company volunteers also cooked and sold food for the event, bringing in an additional \$1,100 for the company from the event. The company intends to put the funds toward building its new station on land donated by GM along Philadelphia Road in White

In early February, GM signed an agree-

ment to donate approximately six acres of unused land at their White Marsh facility to the company for their new station and the two organizations have been working on finalizing that land transfer ever

Although the land valuation was not yet official, Ramadka estimated the parcel for the new station to be worth between \$1.7 million - \$2 million.

A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for the new station next month.

Ramadka and Michael Connelly, the company's vice president of administration, pointed out that WMVFC also met their \$30,000 residential fundraising goal

iust last week.

Added to their donations from businesses and other organizations, that brings their fundraising grand total to approximately \$600,000 and puts them about 60 percent of the way to their \$1 million goal from all sources.

"And that's exclusively from local businesses and community members," Connelly said.

WMVFC, formerly known as Cowenton VFC, has been in its current location for about 80 years and has had an increasingly important presence in northeastern Baltimore County, having responded to more

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NEWS

Blue skies, Blue Angels at Martin State Airport for Maryland Fleet Week

- By Marge Neal -

Martin State Airport is ready for its close-up.

The Middle River facility and the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum are playing a big part in this week's Maryland Fleet Week and Air Show.

While no air shows will take place over the airport, all participating aircraft will launch from and return to the airport.

In addition to the Navy's popular Blue Angels, the airport will play host to U.S. Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force planes, the Geico Skytypers and civilian aerobatic pilot Scott Francis, according to organizers.

Most show aircraft will arrive at the airport between 9 a.m. and noon Thursday, according to event sched-

The museum will drop its regular admission fee for its open house set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15 and 16. Visitors will be welcome to walk through the museum and view displays, but tours will not be given because of the crush of the crowd, according to Jane Michael, chairwoman of the museum's Board of Directors.

"Two years ago, we had 4,000 people come through over the two days," she

About 50 volunteers will be on hand to assist with the museum crowd as well as staff the group's booth at the Festival Village, which is being coordinated by museum members.

About 22 aviation-related and food vendors will be set up, selling T-shirts, models and other items, as well as food. Michael said.

Four of the museum's aircraft - the Huey helicopter, the T-33 Trainer, the F-4 Phantom and the A-7 Corsair will be part of a static display of aircraft set up on the airport's ramp.

Two museum rooms are packed with all things aviation-related, including the history of Glenn L. Martin and his importance to the evolution of flight and aircraft in the U.S., according to Michael.

"We have scale models of all Martin- and Lockheed-designed and built aircraft and we also have a National Guard display," she said.

Visitors can peruse a display that pays homage to Maryland's eight nativeborn astronauts and a two-thirds scale B-26 cockpit that serves as an educational tool for middle school-aged students. The cockpit helps demonstrate what an assembly line in the 1940s would have been like, Michael said.

Many aviation-related souvenirs, including airplane models, flashlights, books, T-shirts and hats, will be available in the museum's gift shop.

Visitors should be aware that heavy security measures will be in place at many Fleet Week activities, including those at Martin airport. Personal items must be contained in a clear, gallonsized bag and many items, including food and beverages, coolers and chairs, are forbidden, according to the Maryland Fleet Week website. Permissible items are strollers, blankets, non-aerosol containers of sunscreen and bug spray and rain ponchos or umbrellas. Check www.visitmaryland.org for the complete Fleet Week bag and security policies.

All parking for the weekend's activities will be offsite, according to Michael. Cars will be parked on the Martin-Lockheed lot at Eastern Avenue and spectators will be shuttled to the museum area, Michael said. When that lot fills, drivers will be directed to lots on Rt. 43.

"It's going to be an exciting weekend," Michael said of the festivities. "The weather's going to be perfect - we put our order in - and it should be a good time."









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NEWS

Hogan agrees to fund midge treatments, asks Kamenetz to do same

- By Devin Crum -

On Wednesday, Sept. 29, Governor Larry Hogan and other state officials drafted a letter to Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz proposing to split costs down the middle for treatments to decrease the population of midges on Back River.

Midges are mosquito-like, non-biting insects that are abundant on and around Back River and create a swarming nuisance to residents and businesses in the area. They are present in such high numbers on Back River partly because they thrive on the nutrients released to the river by the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

Although Enhanced Nutrient Removal upgrades at the WWTP, slated for completion in 2018, are expected to

improve water quality and alleviate the problem in the long term, they do not address the concerns of those affected for the immediate years to come.

A study done by the state's Department of Natural Resources concluded that "over the next decade, the midges will likely continue to be a public and economic nuisance, suggesting that shortterm suppression of midges should be explored."

Therefore, Hogan and Maryland Department of Agriculture Secretary Joe Bartenfelder offered to split the approximately \$1.3 million cost of larvicide treatments on the river evenly if Baltimore County is willing to enter into a cooperative agreement. The letter states that treating for midges is outside the scope of MDA's Office of Plant Industries and Pest Management because they do not bite or carry diseases, but they are willing to work with the county anyway.

County spokeswoman Ellen Kobler said the county executive has not yet made a decision since they had just received the letter last week and were still considering the proposal.

The governor's plan proposes that the state and county each pay a total of \$650,000 for two larvicide treatments this year, followed by five treatments next spring and summer across 750 acres of Back River.

But Back River Restoration Committee (BRRC) Administrative Director Karen Wynn was unsure if there would be time for the two treatments this year.

The treatments are not meant to completely wipe out the river's midges, but simply to take them down to a "tolerable" level, Wynn said. "So we're not destroying the ecosystem" since midges do exist in the area naturally.

"It is something that is absolutely needed in this community," she said of the treatments, adding that there has been "tremendous suffering" by businesses and residents near the river.

"I realize that people don't understand this issue because they don't bite, there's no blood-borne diseases from them. But it's been a problem that has cost the taxpayers because the businesses are losing money," Wynn continued. "When a boat leaves a marina, it affects every business

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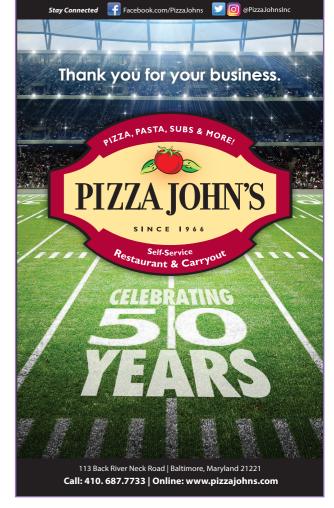
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NEWS

Cowenton apartments highlight need for development 'reset provision'

- By Devin Crum -

Somewhat fresh off the heels of the Comprehensive Zoning Map Process, County Councilwoman Cathy Bevins attended the Wednesday, Oct. 5, meeting of the Essex-Middle River Civic Council, where land-use issues were at the forefront.

Several community members who have been concerned about the amount of development happening in the county's Sixth District since the last zoning cycle four years ago have expressed concerns about new development being approved while there are still projects in the pipeline, some up to 10 years old.

These older projects can sometimes move forward under outdated environmental standards and have adverse effects on overcrowded schools or traffic infrastructure. And they have been a driving force behind the push for a time limit on how long an approved project can be on the books without breaking ground.

Since the new Cowenton North and South projects began clearing trees near the intersection of Cowenton Avenue and Philadelphia Road in Perry Hall last year, seemingly without warning, the community has held them up as a prime example of the issue at hand.

The property on which the two projects are being built was rezoned by then-Councilman Vince Gardina in 2006 and a plan was subsequently approved to build 300 senior-living condominiums in Cowenton South and 48 single homes in Cowenton North. But for nearly a decade, the land was quiet.

The developer for the project had signed a legally binding covenant agreement with the Perry Hall Improvement Association committing that Cowenton South would be for older residents ages 55 and older.

"The only reason Perry Hall [residents] agreed to that project was because it wasn't going to impact our schools," Bevins said, adding that it also would have

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been home ownership instead of rentals.

She noted that the covenant also said the developer would have to go back to the community to discuss

in good faith any changes to the plan.
"That did not happen," Bevins said. "And what is happening up there on that corner now is not going to be 300 condos. It's going to be 300 apartments."

Bevins said the developer got away with the change because of their use of the phrase "multi-family" in the covenant and county-approved plan rather than specified senior housing.

PHIA President Jack Amrhein has also said previously that the covenant agreement expired in 2014.

"They were able to change their plan without having any conversation with me, with [Councilman] David [Marks], with anybody," Bevins lamented. She said in hindsight she is glad she pushed for the Paragon outlet mall project on Philadelphia Road less than a mile away which replaced 1,250 more apartments that were approved for the site.

Nevertheless, the Cowenton projects were approved 10 years ago and, when finished, will feed into a drastically overcrowded school district in Perry Hall, as well as add more traffic to an already failing intersection at Pulaski Highway/US-40 and Ebenezer Road. They were also approved before Baltimore County adopted its newest storm water management (SWM) regulations and are located a stone's throw from Honeygo Run which feeds into the Bird River.

Clyde Speelman, a resident of Hopewell Pointe in Essex, suggested that perhaps a development plan could be wiped from the books if the developer fails to move on it after a given number of years, forcing them to start over and seek approval again under current conditions and regulations. He said such a rule - a so-called "reset provision" - would allow the community a closer look at any changes while also allowing the county's agencies to "see things in today's world instead of forgetting that this thing is back here."

Bevins responded that a short timeframe, such as two or three years, is "probably not realistic" because of the time it takes for developers to secure financial loans for their projects, as well as the market conditions being right for that specific project. But she said that is a conversation she has started to have with other County Council members.

"It would be, where's the cut-off, and what it would

be already grandfathered in," she said of what would need to be decided.

She acknowledged, though, that developers would oppose such a rule because going back and re-working plans after already receiving approval would cost them more money.

Sandra Magsamen, a resident of the Bird River Road neighborhood, pointed out that builders must abide by the current building codes when constructing their projects, no matter when the plan was approved. But she does not think it is right that they do not have to update things like storm water management if those regulations change.

"It doesn't seem consistent to me," she said.

EMRCC Vice President Tom Germroth said he recognized that putting a time limit on approved development plans is a complex topic.

But "if a developer buys a property today and gets permission to do something, I wonder if that should extend for the next hundred years," he said, adding there should be a time limit because the economy and the world change. "I know it's tough, but they can't have that permission forever."

Bevins agreed since, for the Cowenton project, it has also affected the county's school projections.

The county uses approved development plans to project school enrollment, and they did not include the Cowenton condos in those projections since senior housing does not affect schools, according to Bevins.

"Now there's going to be kids in 300 apartments. There'll be tons of kids living in those apartments and those numbers aren't in our school projections," she said. "So that's problematic."

The councilwoman said she might be amenable to introducing a resolution to the County Council to study the issue. But just how far back in the process developers have to go would need to be agreed upon.

"Let's just say the number is seven years. So if they don't build in seven years they have to go back," Bevins said hypothetically. "Does that mean that then the community can overturn it and say, 'well, now we don't support this,' when they already have an approved plan? That's like double jeopardy.

However, she said she may be willing to force them to go back before the county's agencies for approval with any updated environmental regulations, school projections or other relevant standards.

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NEWS

TREATMENTS

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around - the restaurants, the gas stations, the other stores."

Following next year's round of treatments, the BRRC will evaluate their effectiveness and possibly search for more funding, Wynn explained. But after the first round, they anticipate not needing as many treatments in the future to control the population.

"It might just be a once-a-year application," she said. Wynn also thanked Seventh District County Councilman Todd Crandell, who represents both sides of the river, for his involvement and efforts to bring the issue to the governor's attention.

Crandell also convinced the county to help with the BRRC's larvicide testing, carried out on the river last summer, by providing the services of environmental expert Kevin Brittingham.

Crandell did so by showing that the county's participation would cost them nothing extra because they were already paying Brittingham and the BRRC covered the \$1,828 cost of the larvicide on top of using their own boats, fuel and equipment.

Crandell praised the process through which the governor's proposal came about, noting that he, the BRRC, some other community leaders and members of the area's state delegation attacked the issue from various angles.

"What we needed was experts to come to the table, so now you have some experts in DNR and [MDA] working directly with the Back River Restoration [Committee]," Crandell said.

"It is my hope that the county executive and the governor can work together on this and make this happen," he continued.

Crandell said the midge problem has been an economic and quality of life issue for all of the people along Back River. And some have even reported experiencing midge swarms up to a half-mile from the river or its tributaries.

"I don't want the restaurants and marinas losing business over this; they already have," the councilman said. "I want us all to play nice in the sandbox and get

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this thing done."

State Senator Johnny Ray Salling introduced a funding bill in this year's General Assembly session to bring capital to the midge problem and help the needed treatments proceed, but that bill failed.

But Wynn thanked Senator J.B. Jennings for stepping up and lending his expertise in politics and the pathways of government to help get the issue in the hands of the right people. And although Back River is not Jennings' district, there is concern that the problem is headed that way.

Wynn noted that the midges problem has begun to spread out of Back River to Pleasure and Hart-Miller Islands, as well as over to Bear Creek.

And they have even started showing up in Middle River, which is part of Jennings' Seventh District.

"They are spreading," Wynn said, "so we're trying to head it off before they spread any farther.

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than 4,000 calls for service last year.

However, their current location presents the company with several challenges, mostly in the form of train or automobile traffic and flooding.

Connelly explained that automobile traffic backs up from the nearby intersection of Pulaski Highway/US-40 at Ebenezer Road - which is classified as a failing intersection - and can block WMVFC's vehicles from getting out of their own driveway.

Additionally, a CSX freight line runs adjacent to the property and crosses Ebenezer Road, leading trains traveling through the area to sometimes block their passage on Ebenezer Road when they have a call.

"So we'll pull out of the station to go to a

call and then have to sit there for five minutes," Connelly said.

The current station is also located within a flood plain and has flooded the building at least a dozen times in the last few decades, according to Connelly. He noted that they have had as much as four feet of water on their ground floor because of the nearby Honeygo Run swelling during large storms.

The new site will provide them better access to their service area via Philadelphia Road/MD-7, which can handle more traffic. And the new traffic ramp from MD-7 to eastbound MD-43, expected to be completed with the development of the Paragon outlet mall across the street, will afford them the access to US-40 and points east, regardless of passing trains.

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- By Parker, Pallett, Slezak & Russell, LLC -

Technology has made the practice of law vastly different from that of a generation ago. The changes first emerge in law school, which is also radically different from just a couple of decades ago. Perhaps you remember the agony of Timothy Bottoms, who played the beleaguered student in the film classic, "The Paper Chase"? He would scratch out summaries of cases on yellow legal pads; the papers would overflow his worn folders like an overstuffed taco. Bottoms, with his fashionable 1970s mutton-chop sideburns, carefully guarded these summaries - painstakingly extracted from volumes in the law library - and shared them only with his study group.

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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 info., contact the Back River recreation office at 410-887-0217.







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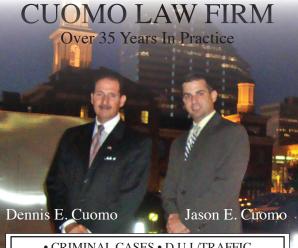
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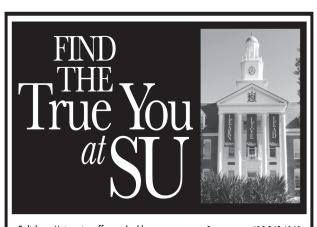


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The Baltimore County Mobile Homeowners Association will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Williams Estates/ Peppermint Woods community center, 123 Whistle Stop Road in Middle River. Bring a friend or neighbor and join us at our meeting. Call 443-317-8366 for info.

Fall Festival

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7834 Eastern Ave. in Dundalk, will hold their third annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 1 - 3 p.m. Costume contest, trunk or treating, puppets, moon bounce, face painting, crafts, games and fun. Rain or shine. Free for the whole family.

BCGS Meeting

The Baltimore County Genealogical Society (BCGS), 8601 Harford Road, Room 308 in Parkville, will meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23, to hear guest speaker Luke McCusher of the Irish Railroad Workers' Museum and his presentation on the museum. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.baltimoregenealogysociety.org/ BCGShome/library or call 410-665-8769.

Change the World Day

On Saturday, Oct. 15, Piney Grove United Methodist Church, 201 Bowleys Ouarters Road in Middle River, will host a day of service to the community from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free clothing, pantry food and resources for plaguing problems. For information, call 410-335-6927 or email colleen.s316@gmail.com.

Financial Aid Workshops

Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger will host "College is Possible: Tips on How to Get in and How to Pay for It," at Overlea High School, 5401 Kenwood Ave. in Overlea, on Oct. 18, from 7 - 9 p.m. Featuring financial aid and scholarship experts to help students and parents learn how to make going to college a reality. The event is free and open to all Second District residents.

Trunk or Treat

Victory Villa Baptist Church, 75 Chandelle Road in Middle River, will host a Trunk or Treat on their parking lot on Monday, Oct. 31, starting at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, call Joyce Bacon at 410-284-0573.

Meet and Greet

Join Ateaze Senior Center, 7401 Holabird Ave. in Dundalk, on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 1:30 p.m. as we meet with the local state delegates to inform us about what is happening in the legislative meetings. For more information, call Paul Wlodarski at 410-887-7233.



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Roll up your sleeve and participate in Johns Hopkins Bayview's blood drive on Oct. 17 - 19, from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Knott Conference Center. All participants will receive a meal coupon, parking pass and special gift from the Medical Center. Eligible donors can make twice the difference by scheduling a "power red" donation, when a machine separates the red blood cells from other blood components and returns the remaining components back to the donor. By doing this, donors are actually donating two units of blood instead of one and saving twice the number of lives. For more information or to schedule a life-saving donation, call 410-550-0289.

Help Plant Trees for Cleaner Water

Do you like being outside in nature and don't mind working hard? Come join us to plant trees and make a difference for future generations. The Gunpowder Valley Conservancy (GVC) is leading a native forest restoration project on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Hammerman Area of Gunpowder Falls State Park along the Gunpowder River and Chesapeake Bay. We will plant 75 young trees on one acre in the park. Remember to wear boots, pants, long sleeve shirt, hat, gloves and bring rain gear and water bottle. Water jug and a light snack will be provided. Register with Peg Perry, pperry@gunpowdervc. org or call 410-692-0468.



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Experts urge cutting back on sodium for better health

Salt is widely relied on to give foods some added flavor. Many people may feel that unsalted foods are not as tasty as their salty counterparts, but it's important that people of all ages understand the threat that excessive sodium consumption poses.

According to the Harvard School of Public Health, kidney problems may result from excessive sodium consumption. In addition, the American Heart Association notes that excess sodium and salt in the body puts a person at risk for a host of ailments, including stroke, heart failure, stomach cancer, and osteoporosis.

Cutting back on sodium should be a goal for anyone who hasn't already done so. But the HSPH notes that people over age 50, people who have high or slightly elevated blood pressure, diabetics, and African Americans are at high risk of developing the health problems related to excessive sodium consumption. Because sodium is so prevalent,

some people may think that cutting back on its consumption must be nearly impossible. However, there are some simple ways to cut back on sodium.

Ask for low-sodium recommendations when dining out. The AHA notes that the average person consumes 25 percent of his or her overall sodium at restaurants. Some places now require restaurants to list total sodium content alongside offerings on their menus, and diners living in such areas should choose only those meals that are low in sodium. Diners who live in areas where sodium levels are not listed on the menu can ask for low-sodium recommendations or if existing menu items can be prepared without sodium or with lower amounts of sodium.

Read labels. According to the AHA, 75 percent of the sodium in the average American diet comes from salt added to processed foods. Diners who have resolved to push away the salt shaker at the dinner table might still be exceeding their daily recommended sodium limits if they are eating prepackaged foods with high sodium levels. Food manufacturers use salt to give prepackaged foods longer shelf lives, so concerned diners should read labels before taking items home from the grocery store. The AHA recommends that adults consume no more than 1,500 milligrams of sodium per day, and shoppers should keep that in mind when reading labels and planning meals.

Opt for low-sodium condiments. Salt is not the only condiment on restaurant or kitchen tables that can add flavor to a meal, but it's one of the few that can have a devastating effect on long-term health. Forgo table salt when sitting down at the dinner table and opt for low-sodium condiments instead. Balsamic vinegar, horseradish and the juice of a lemon each pack a flavorful, low-sodium punch.

Read vegetable packages as well. Shoppers who do not buy fresh vegetables from the produce aisle or farmer's market should read the packaging on canned or frozen vegetables to ensure their veggies are not being doused in salt. Some manufacturers may use salt to preserve canned and frozen veggies. Diners who do not have access to fresh vegetables or the time to buy fresh veggies each week should compare packaging on canned and frozen vegetables and choose the product with the lowest amount of sodium.

Sodium can make meals more flavorful, but cutting back on sodium intake can improve long-term health.



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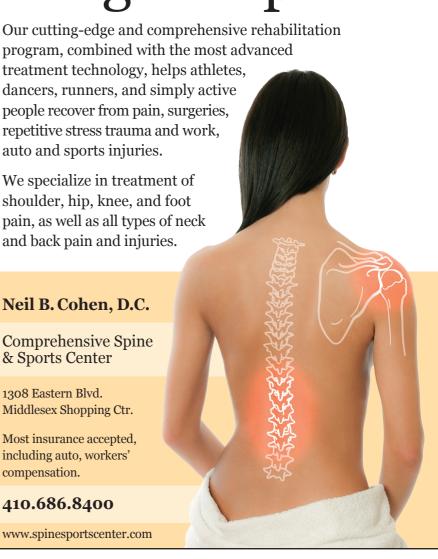
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Understanding season affective disorder

The tail end of Daylight Saving Time in 2016 occurs on November 6, when millions of people will turn their clocks back one hour. Few people enjoy turning the clocks back in autumn as much as they enjoy turning them forward in spring. Turning the clocks forward affords many people, in particular working professionals who spend much of their weekdays working indoors, a chance to enjoy some sunlight when leaving their offices each day. However, once the clocks are turned back, professionals typically find themselves leaving their offices under a cover of darkness.

Some people easily adjust to less daylight, while others experience a condition known as season affective disorder, or SAD. SAD is a disorder related to changes in seasons.

According to the Mayo Clinic, the majority of people with SAD begin to experience symptoms in the fall and continue battling those symptoms throughout the winter. The end of Daylight Saving Time occurs in early November, and the onset of SAD symptoms is no doubt related to the decreased exposure to daylight many people experience once clocks have been turned back.

Those who suspect they might be susceptible to SAD can get a better grasp of the condition so they are capable of recognizing and responding to it should any symptoms appear.

What is SAD?

Mental Health America, a leading community-based nonprofit dedicated to addressing the needs of those living with



mental illness, defines SAD as a mood disorder associated with depression and related to seasonal variations of light.

Though many people may be saddened when the clocks are turned back and the sun sets earlier than it does in the warmer months, MHA notes that a diagnosis of SAD can only be made after the symptoms of SAD have appeared for three consecutive winters and have gone into remission once spring and summer have arrived.

What are the symptoms of SAD?

Simply feeling bummed out that winter is on the horizon does not mean a person has SAD. The following are some of the more common symptoms of the disorder:

Depression marked by feelings of misery, guilt, hopelessness, despair, and apathy. A loss of self-esteem may

Feelings of anxiety that include tension and an inability to tolerate stress

Mood changes that are sometimes extreme; some SAD sufferers experience feelings of mania in spring and summer.

Changes in sleeping habits, such as a desire to oversleep and difficulty staying awake. Some people may experience disturbed sleep and find themselves waking up in early morning when they are unaccustomed to doing so.

Feelings of fatigue and an inability to adhere to one's normal routine

Who is most likely to suffer from SAD?

The Mayo Clinic notes that SAD is diagnosed more often in women than in men, and MHA notes that three out of four SAD sufferers are women. Young people are more likely than older people to get winter SAD, with MHA reporting that the main age of onset of SAD is between 18 and 30.

Symptoms of SAD may worsen among people who have already been diagnosed with clinical depression or bipolar disorder.

More information about season affective disorder is available at www. mentalhealthamerica.net.

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Physical therapy as pain relief

Chronic pain affects people all around the world, greatly impacting sufferers' quality of life. According to the American Academy of Pain Medicine, recent reports have indicated more than 1.5 billion people worldwide experience chronic pain. Common complaints include lower back pain, headache, neck pain, or neurogenic pain, which is pain resulting from damage to peripheral

Pain can impact people in many ways, as some people can tolerate discomfort better than others. Chronic pain may result in missed time at work, depression, anger and an inability to live a full life. According to a recent Institute of Medicine Report: Relieving Pain in America: A Blueprint for Transforming Prevention, Care, Education, and Research, pain is a significant public health problem that costs society at least \$560 to \$635 billion annually.

To cope with pain, many people rely on over-the-counter and prescription medications. This reliance on drugs has helped to fuel pain medication addictions that can lead to other drug abuse. The National Institute on Drug Abuse says research now suggests that abuse of opioid pain medications may open the door to heroin use. Some people report switching to heroin because it is cheaper and easier to obtain than prescription opioids. A safer and sometimes more effective method of pain relief than opioids, physical therapy can help a person get back on track.

The American Physical Therapy Association says while surgery and prescription drugs can be the best course of treatment for certain diagnoses, there is increasing evidence that conservative treatments like physical therapy can be

equally effective and cheaper treatment plans for many conditions. Physical therapy can be as effective as surgery for meniscal tears and knee osteoarthritis, rotator cuff tears and spinal stenosis, among other conditions.

When a patient is prescribed physical therapy, a therapist will develop a plan that addresses the specific needs of the patient. Therapists are experts in improving mobility and motion and have studied extensively to that end. Because weakness or stiffness may be contributing to pain, therapists try to address the source of the pain and relieve the pain itself.

Physical therapy may include exercises that stretch the body and improve flexibility. Strengthening exercises will help work on core muscles and other parts of the body to prevent injury. Therapy may target specific areas of pain. Therapists may be able to assess posture, gait and other attributes that may be contributing to injury and make suggestions to reduce recurrence.

In addition to the therapies mentioned, a combination of massage and other work may be included in a physical therapy plan. This may include TENS and ultrasound. According to WebMD, Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation, or TENS, uses a device to send a low-voltage electric current to the skin over the area of pain. Ultrasound sends sound waves to those areas. These options may help to block pain messages to the brain and offer relief.

Chronic pain can be debilitating. Physical therapy is often an effective way to combat pain and help individuals find relief and return to living full



Understanding atrial fibrillation to reduce likeliness of illness

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

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

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 examinations. 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
- Fatigue when exercising
- 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 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
- Pericarditis
- Congenital heart defects

Can atrial fibrillation be prevented?

There is no guaranteed way to prevent AF, though certain lifestyle choices can reduce a person's risk for the condition. 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. Daily physical activity, maintaining a healthy weight and not smoking also can lower a person's risk.

Atrial fibrillation is a rising threat across the globe. More information about AF can be found at www.heart.org.





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Be wary of lottery fraud against the elderly

Economic crimes against vulnerable adults are common problems. Criminals take from the elderly and when the criminals are done, they move on to the next victim.

The lottery scam is popular among fraudsters.

It starts with a letter in the mail, and email, or a phone call informing the senior they've won an international lottery. Some seniors become euphoric. The thought that the lottery wining occurred in a foreign country does not stop the person from feeling exited. Nor does the reality of never having set foot in the country set in.

They are told to wire money through Western Union or deposit money to a designated bank account to cover the "taxes" on the winnings. What the senior doesn't know is that the criminal will call over and over asking for more money for various reasons. The criminal will say "The check is there. Just some small details to work out."

Some elderly folks fall for the scam while others are vary and don't. The reasons vary. For some seniors, the thought of winning money is exhilarating and a break from the routine, while others are lonely. Many seniors spend hours at home and are bored. The senior may have lost a loved one and welcomes the unexpected attention.

The promise of money in their later years could be another reason for the seniors to "play" the lottery.

The lottery scam has not escaped the attention of the Maryland General Assembly. In 2010 legislation to give banks "safe harbor" to report anything suspicious or something highly unusual happening to the senior's account. They could report, but it was not mandatory. Things changed in 2012, as the law was amended requiring banks to report suspicious activity to police, Adult Protective Services, or the State's Attorney's Office within 24 hours.

But even when confronted with the facts, some vulnerable adults refuse to stop sending money to these criminals. On the contrary, the senior believes that the person on the other end of the phone is their friend. Over time, the fraudster has developed a relationship with the senior and has the senior's trust. The money is sent and the senior waits for the next phone call from his or her "friend".

It is difficult to stop seniors from falling prey. Guardianships and powers of attorney are tools to help seniors keep their money, but only in the right hands. Family and friends should contact an attorney for assistance. If you believe an elderly or vulnerable adult is the victim of a scam, contact the Baltimore County Police Department at 410-887-2190.

Hit-and-run reward

Officers are still investigating a hit-and-run incident from Aug. 23 in Dundalk that left one dead. The victim, Keith Curtis Tawney was in a south-bound lane of North Point Boulevard south of Cove Road.

Metro Crime Stoppers is now offering a reward in this case of up to \$2000 for information that leads to the arrest and/or indictment of the suspect. For more details, see the Metro Crime Stoppers Website.



Rosedale home invasion leaves one dead, two injured

Baltimore County Police Homicide detectives are investigating after a violent home invasion in Rosedale leaves one man dead and two others injured.

Just before 3:30 a.m. on Oct. 9, Baltimore County Police responded to a home in the 7500 block of Rossville Boulevard in Rosedale for a report of a home invasion shooting. When officers arrived on the scene, they found 61-year-old Stanley Anthony Lane suffering from a gunshot wound to the upper body. He was taken to an area hospital where he died.

Police also located a 23-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound to the upper body and a 61-year-old man suffering from wounds to his head. Both men were transported to area hospitals for treatment. A woman living in the home who was not injured during the incident experienced a medical event which required her to be transported to a hospital for treatment.

The investigation into this incident has indicated that an unknown number of suspects entered the home, shot two of the victims, assaulted another victim, and fled the scene.

This incident is under investigation by the Baltimore County Police Homicide Unit. Detectives are working to determine if this was a targeted crime.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call police at 410-307-2020 or Metro Crime Stoppers at 1-866-7LOCKUP.

If your tip to the Metro Crime Stoppers hotline leads to the arrest and/or indictment of a suspect, for a felony crime, you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000 from Metro Crime Stoppers.

Rosedale man charged with murdering grandfather

Phillip Misowitz, the man arrested for murdering his grandfather in Rosedale on Sept. 10, has been indicted by a Baltimore County Grand Jury for first-degree murder, first-degree assault, and second-degree assault. He remains held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center.

On Sept. 10 at 9:43 p.m., Baltimore County Police responded to an apartment in the 1200 block of Chesaco Avenue in Rosedale for a report of an assault with injury. When officers arrived on the scene, they found 32-year-old Phillip Misowitz sitting on the front steps with what appeared to be blood on his shirt. He told officers "You guys are here for me".

Officers found 77-year-old Robert Harmic in the apartment suffering from a head injury. He was taken to Franklin Square Hospital for treatment. Harmic died from his injuries on Sept. 29. An autopsy indicated that his cause of death was blunt force trauma. The manner of his death was homicide.

The investigation indicated that Misowitz had been involved in an argument with his mother and Harmic, who is his grandfather. During the argument, Misowitz picked up a glass candy jar from the living room and threw it at Harmic, hitting him in the head.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call police at 410-307-2020.

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MSP kidnapping

Maryland State Police are asking for the public's help as they investigate a Parkville man for kidnapping and false imprisonment.

On Oct. 7 shortly after 4 p.m., officers were called to the Cracker Barrel off of Route 543 in Bel Air. A woman told police that she had been kidnapped and held for several days. She had been forced into the trunk of the kidnapper's car and managed to escape at an intersection near I-95.

Police are now asking for witnesses to aid in the investigation.

Police have arrested 35-year-old Ransom Ingram Jr. of Parkville on charges of kidnapping, assault, false imprisonment and firearm-related charges. Ingram was taken into custody without incident Saturday at a residence in Abingdon.

According to the woman, Ingram had been holding her in captivity for several days. Officers escorted her to the hospital for treatment of injuries.

Ingram is slated to appear in Harford County District Court in Bel Air on Nov. 7 for a preliminary

County police seek proposals for community grants

The Baltimore County Police Department is now accepting applications for its Community Crime Prevention and Youth Activity Grants Program for fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018).

Community Crime Prevention grants are available for county Citizens On Patrol groups and other programs aimed at reducing crime.

Youth Activity grants are available for programs that provide ongoing, sustained efforts that focus on early intervention and long-term behavior modification of at-risk youth.

Only non-profit groups, community organizations and individuals that operate or reside in Baltimore County are eligible to receive funding. An application packet that outlines program rules and requirements may be obtained by calling Sebastian Zito of the Police Department's Grants Management Team at 410-887-5637.

Completed applications must be received no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9.





OBITUARIES

Crofoot, Jean Fratta

On Oct. 9, Jean Fratta Crofoot, beloved wife of the late George Crofoot; devoted mother of Terry Fratta and husband Michael Mazzafro, Ted Fratta and wife Bonita and the late James Fratta; loving grandmother of Ted and Kyle Fratta; dear sister of the late James Dunn; sister-in-law of Peggy Dunn.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens.

McMullen, Hazel Rosalie

On Oct. 7, Rosalie McMullen (nee Mullins) passed away. She was the beloved wife of Frederick McMullen; devoted mother of the late Darrell Lee McMullen and the late Dawn Carol McMullen; cherished grandmother of Kathaleen Walter, Joseph Walter, and Justin McMullen; loving great-grandmother of Kayla, Marley, and Amanie; dear sister of Geraldine Buxenstein, Eva Gay Phelps, and Colleen Throckmorton.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Turek, Elaine

On Oct. 6, Elaine Annette Turek, member of Cedarettes of Baltimore #45 and Order of the Eastern Star-Towson Chapter; beloved wife of the late Franklin Howard Turek; devoted mother of Dean Howard Turek and wife Dona; loving grandmother of Donald Howard Turek and wife Stacy, Deana Lynn Little and husband Cliff; great-grandmother of Shawn, Codie, Dustin, Tyler, Dylan and Brady; dear sister of Helen Vaccarino, John Wolcott and the late Catherine

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Wells, Alvina F.

On Oct. 6, Alvina Frances Wells passed away. Alvina was the beloved wife of Bill Wells and the late Bob Petrik; devoted mother of Marian Malinski and her husband Dave, Monica O'Grady and her husband Vinny, Frank Petrik and his wife Jennifer, and Todd Petrik and his girlfriend Kelly Vanik; loving grandmother of David, Mary Julia, Erin, Kevin, Andrew, Blake, Hunter, Jacob and Logan; cherished greatgrandmother of Connor and Beatrice.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Joseph's in Fullerton. Interment at Parkwood Cemetery. Donations may be made in Alvina's name to Sisters of St. Francis Foundation, 609 South Convent Rd., Aston PA 19014.



Hammann, Henry

On Oct. 2, Henry P. Hammann passed away. He was the beloved husband of Rose Hammann (nee LaDana); devoted father of David Hammann, Kenneth Hammann and his wife Karen, and Brian Hammann; loving grandfather of Stephanie, Drew and Joseph Hammann; dear brother of the late Elizabeth Ches and her husband Lawrence. Also survived by many loving extended family members and friends.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment at Gardens of Faith Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Henry's name to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

Hahn, CharlesOn Sept. 30, Charles C. "Charlie" Hahn, Jr. passed away. He was the beloved husband of the late Agnes Rosella "Rose" Hahn; devoted son of the late Jennie and Charles Hahn, Sr.; loving nephew of the late Grace Hahn; dear step-brother of the late Franklin E. Keller. Charlie was a long-time resident of Hampden and was very proud of his 45 years of service with the United States Postal Service.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charlie's name to the Baltimore Rescue Mission, 4 N. Central Ave., Baltimore, MD 21202 or the Maryland School for the Blind, 3501 Taylor Avenue, Nottingham, MD 21236.

Milando, Vincent Michael

On Oct. 5, Vincent Michael Milando; beloved husband of Catherine Milando (nee Pulcini); loving father of Anthony Milando and his wife Deanna, and Dominic Milando; dear brother of Mario M. Milando and the late Dominick Milando; loving Pop-Pop of Gabrielle, Nicholas and Anthony Milando; he is also survived by other loving family and friends.

Relatives and friends may gather at Schimunek Funeral Home in Nottingham on Saturday, Oct. 15, for a receiving of friends from noon - 3 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Interment will be private and at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Vincent's name may be made to GBMC's NICU payable to GBMC Foundation and sent to 6701 North Charles St., Towson, MD 21204.

Sersen, Peter Paul

On Oct. 6, Peter Paul Sersen, beloved husband of the late Dolores B. Sersen; loving father of Paul Anthony Sersen and his wife Cathy, Barbara Berryhill and her husband Brian and Thomas Richard Sersen and his wife Deborah. Also survived by three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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



Rayner, Joyce Caroline

On Oct. 4, Joyce Caroline Rayner (nee Goodwill), beloved wife of the late John Calvin Rayner, Sr., devoted mother of John Rayner, Jr., Mark Rayner, Mary Weeta and her husband John, Ronald Rayner and his wife Barbara; dear grandmother of Ronnie, Brian and Jennifer. Also survived by one sister and two brothers and her beloved companion Benji.

Services provided by Bruzdzinski Funeral Home of Essex.

Welch, Jerry Nelson

On Sept. 27, Jerry Nelson Welch; loving father of Jennifer Welch, Melissa Carney and her husband Tom, Jeremy Welch and his wife Ashley and Tyler Welch; cherished grandfather of Christopher, Broden, Jenna, Shailyn, Reagan and Rilynn; dear brother of Donna Welch, Linda Welch, Angela Welch, Gary Welch and the late Larry Welch; devoted uncle of Kim and Miranda Hewitt. Also survived by Cully Welch and Sharon Welch.

Services provided by Bruzdzinski Funeral Home of Essex.

Zito, Joseph Paul

On Oct. 6, Joseph Paul Zito, Jr. passed away. He was the beloved husband of the late Elizabeth A. Zito; loving cousin of Gloria Ernst, Joan Schuh, Dolores Shaw, Felicia Commarata, Michael Zito, Anthony Zito, Mary Frances Hall, Harriett Moscati, Roseann Logan, Felicia, Day, and Donald Cumberland.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham.

Oettel, Lola Mae

On Oct. 5, Lola Mae Oettel (nee Rhew); beloved wife of Frederick M. Oettel Jr.; loving mother of Edward Walter Lescalleet and his wife Laura and the late John A. Buscemi Jr.; cherished grandmother of Johnny A. Buscemi III; dear sister of Edward Harrison, Jack Dennis Rhew, Walter Edward Rhew Jr. and Gail R. Reavis. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Services provided by Bruzdzinski Funeral Home of Essex.

Shifflett, Robert Lee

On Sept. 28, Robert Lee Shifflett; beloved husband of Ruth A. Shifflett (nee Brooks); loving brother of James C. Shifflett and his wife Rose and the late Nancy Lee Black; cherished son of the late Carl Edward Shifflett and Opal May Shifflett (nee Mason); dear brother-inlaw of Mildred Shephard and Norman V. Brooks. Also survived by a host of loving family and friends.

Services provided by Bruzdzinski Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Parkwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make memorials in Mr. Shifflett's name to Orems United Methodist Church.

Peters, William H.

On Sept. 29, William H. Peters III; Beloved husband of Julia Peters (nee Vienna); loving brother of George L. Peters Sr.; dear stepfather of Theresa, Bonnie, Sandra and John; cherished brother-in-law of Thomas W. Vienna.

Services provided by Bruzdzinski Funeral Home of Essex.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'The Birth of a Nation' looks to make movie history

- By Teddy Durgin -

There are two ways you can look at this week's theatrical release of "The Birth of a Nation," Nate Parker's dramatization of Nat Turner's 1831 slave rebellion. For a large part of the audience, especially African-Americans, this is a film that is absolutely of the moment, relevant and raw. For another large swath of audience, mostly whites, it's more scratching at an old scab that very likely will never be fully healed.

Sadly, the fact of the matter is some wounds are just always going to be there. And as much as I, a white guy in the 21st century, want to sling-shot around the sun, enter time warp and go back and collectively slap the everlasting BLEEP out of everyone concerned, I can't do that. The only thing I can do is live as true and honest as I can in the now, adhering to the Golden Rule of "Do unto others..." And I can see movies like this and "12 Years a Slave" and "Amistad" and "Beloved" every few years or so and bear witness.

But, as with every sub-genre, there are great movies and not-so-great movies. "The Birth of a Nation" roared out of Sundance earlier this year with multiple accolades and, in the wake of a non-diverse Academy Award field, was touted as an early Oscar favorite this year. Eh... not so fast. This is a good film. But I wouldn't go so far as to call it a bona fide great motion picture.

Part of the problem is that Parker here has simply stretched himself too thin. Not only is he the film's lead actor, but he is also its director, screenwriter and one of its producers. The trouble is while his script is good, his performance is solid and his direction is tight, none of those three things is legitimately great. "The Birth of a Nation" would have been better served had Parker relinquished any one or two of these duties.

There is also the matter of history being played with here. I haven't damned other films like "Argo" or "JFK" for playing fast and loose with the facts. So, I won't deduct too many points here. In the film, Turner and his rebellion are seen mostly executing the white male slave owners we've come to know and despise over the course of the film. But Turner's forces also slaughtered a bunch of women and children in highly brutal fashion during their two-day campaign, and that's not shown in the film in favor of myth-making.

There are some powerful scenes in "The Birth of a Nation." Turner was a literate preacher to his people, and the white slave owners of the time tried to use Nat's influence to put down any unrest. The last straw comes when his wife is brutally assaulted, and he sparks rebellion by cherry-picking from the same Bible that the plantation masters have cherry-picked from to justify their evils. The film is less a historical docudrama and more of a revenge fable, especially in its last third. But you have to honor the effort and attempt here.

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'The Girl on the Train' is already gone from Teddy's memory

- By Teddy Durgin -

As many of you know, I published my first novel this past summer - a comic murder mystery set in Maryland circa 1986 and titled "The Totally Gnarly, Way Bogus Murder of Muffy McGregor." It has sold well on Amazon and other outlets since its June release. I can't complain. And thanks again to ALL who have bought it or will be buying it.

But, hey, every writer wants a bona fide best-seller. Every author wants that fabled bidding war to break out between publishers. Every wordsmith wants to deliver the next... "Girl on the Train." "Muffy" sold well. But it didn't sell "The Girl on the Train" well. How can ya tell? 'Cause I ain't writin' this review from Maui. Oh, I would indeed still be reviewing for the *East County Times*. But I would be starting each and every review with "Aloha, dear readers!"

At any rate, after much build-up, Paula Hawkins' novel debuted in 2015 at No. 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Sellers list and stayed in the top position for 15 weeks. As of August 2016, the book has sold more than 11 million copies worldwide. It was definitely the next "Gone Girl" and then some. And as a result, I am rapidly penning my second novel tentatively titled "Girl Gone on the Amtrak."

I'm kidding, of course. I couldn't write something like "The Girl on the Train." Writing a book takes months... years. The writer spends more time with the characters inside his or her mind than the reader ever will, believe me. The problem I have with "The Girl on the Train?" I didn't like any of the characters! Hey, I am all for depicting flawed personalities. But with this story, you're talking five main characters here. And while they have gobs of sex, down plenty of booze and commit salacious murder... they're all quite bland and miserable. There's nothing particularly dynamic about any of them.

Or at least director Tate Taylor doesn't find much dynamic in their adaptation here. Emily Blunt stars as Rachel, an alcoholic woman who takes a train from suburban Westchester to Manhattan each day, and the choo-choo goes by the same two houses. One is her old home, still occupied by her husband, Tom (Justin Theroux); his second wife, Anna (Rebecca Ferguson); and their baby. Tom cheated on Rachel with Anna, and now Anna is living her "Happily Ever After."

The other house is occupied by a beautiful woman named Megan (Haley Bennett) and her hunky husband, Scott (Luke Evans). The couple is younger than Rachel and Tom. And, to Rachel, they represent the promise of a future she once had that was destroyed... er, until

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Rachel one day spies Megan in a passionate embrace with another man (Edgar Ramirez) on the back porch.

Rachel goes off the rails - i.e. she eventually gets off the train on the very day Megan goes missing. When the woman turns up dead, the intrepid Detective Riley (Allison Janney) suspects Rachel. And even Rachel suspects herself on account of her frequent blackouts, the blood on her clothes the day after, and the fact that she had once fantasized about bashing in Megan's head for ruining what she had seen as a perfect marriage.

OK, those are some good twists. Good enough certainly for *New York Times* best-seller status. This was obviously a page-turner. But as executed on screen by Taylor and Co., there is a surprising lack of passion involved in any of the lurid proceedings. It's all played very drab, even sad.

About halfway through, I really wasn't even sure who or what I should be rooting for. Rachel? The viewer is pretty certain she didn't do the crime throughout, even if she isn't. But good Lord, the woman goes through the entire film with the same tortured, big-sad-eyed glare of Elijah Woods' Frodo Baggins carrying the burden of The Ring to Mordor.

And lest you think I'm giving this film a negative review because I'm jealous of Hawkins' success... well... you're wrong. Of course, I'm jealous as all Hell. The Maui thing... it's a wonderful dream. But, again, I don't think it's in me to spend months with such pathetic characters rattling around in my head. Heck, I didn't really enjoy the two hours I spent with them in the dark at my local cineplex.

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SPORTS

Parkville and Dundalk run wild; Kenwood picks up first win

- by Patrick Taylor -

Before I get into standings and results, I just want to address the Dundalk/Catonsville game from over the weekend, which saw the Owls win by a score of 71 - 0.

There was a lot of talk around the field about how mean it was to run up the score, but, as I wrote two years ago, in football you can't exactly just run out the clock. Yes, you can pull starters (which Dundalk did), but that's basically it. You only have one direction to go, and eventually you run out of real estate.

Seeing a scoreline like that is unfortunate, but it should really signal that football should adopt a mercy rule like they have in baseball and softball. Right now the mercy rule basically just keeps the clock running and makes it so that coaches can agree to abandon the game, but that rarely happens.

With their win against Catonsville, Dundalk currently sits with a 5 - 1 record and a point average of 6.9, good enough for third place in the 3A North standings. They're in a somewhat comfortable position compared to the teams below them, but they'll need to finish strong to solidify a spot in the post-season.

In the 4A North region, Parkville presently sits in fourth place, with Perry Hall nipping at their heels. With a 4 - 1 record, Parkville has an 8.3 point

average. Perry Hall, also 4 - 1, has a 6.94 point average. So how is Parkville so ahead considering they have the same record? Bonus points.

Bonus points are assigned for quality wins. When you beat a 4A team you're assigned more points than when you beat a 1A team. The losing team's record is also factored in. Parkville currently has 12.5 bonus points, while Perry Hall has just 4.7.

Mergenthaler sits just behind Perry Hall with a 4 - 2 record and a point average of 6.35. But they've amassed 12.1 bonus points so far which is bad news for Perry Hall. Perry Hall has some quality opponents coming up, and a loss would be devastating to their playoff hopes.

In the 3A North region, things are a bit tighter. Overlea is holding onto fourth place right now with a 4 - 1 record and 5.94 average points. They're less than a half point away from third place Randallstown, but New Town and Dunbar are each within a half point of Overlea. And given Dunbar's pedigree, it's tough to imagine them not making a move.

As it stands, Parkville, Dundalk and Overlea are in good position, while Perry Hall has some ground to make up. The final four weeks of the season will certainly be interesting, and I can't wait to see how it plays out.

Around the league

Parkville took on Patapsco over the weekend, with the Knights winning by a score of 47 - 8. The Knights dominated every aspect of the game from the outset, which should come as no surprise given Patapsco's struggles this year.

Still, Parkville looked as formidable as they have all year, stifling runs and breaking up passes at will on defense while pounding the ball offensively. Quarterback Sidney White had another game to remember, scoring multiple touchdowns on the ground and through the air.

Parkville will travel to take on Kenwood on Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. They should have another big win before taking on Dundalk on Oct. 21 in what's shaping up to be a game of the utmost importance for playoff positioning.

Speaking of Kenwood, the Bluebirds won their first game of the season over the weekend, winning 20 - 12 over Towson. The win will bring a lot of relief to Kenwood, who was in danger of going the whole season without a win as they face a tough schedule to finish up the season.

This was a closely contested matchup throughout, but Kenwood deserved the win. They were unlucky offensively for most of the game, but their defense did great work stuffing the run and forcing Towson into making mistakes. Dundalk only has one more cakewalk game left with the Owls taking on Woodlawn on Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. Then it gets tricky.

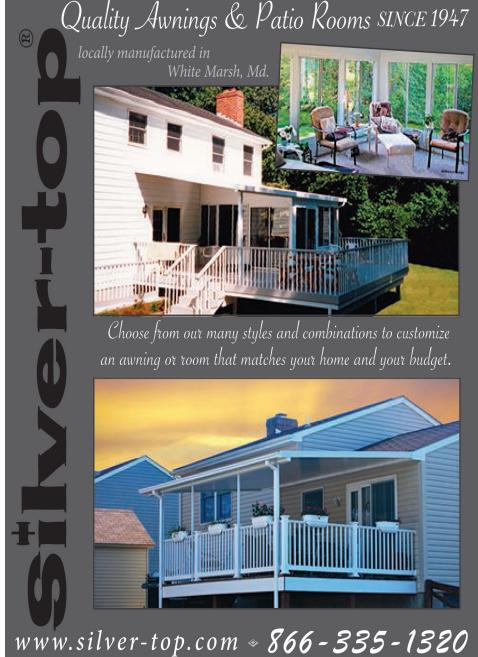
The Owls finish off the season with three brutal games, first against Parkville, then against Perry Hall and finishing up with Franklin. A 2 - 1 record out of those three games should be enough to see Dundalk into the postseason, but anything less will see them (most likely) eliminated from contention.

Overlea took on Loch Raven on Friday, winning in emphatic fashion by a score of 43 - 0. They'll take on Owings Mills on Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. Their final three games of the season come against Pikesville, Hereford and Eastern Tech. All three games should be wins for Overlea, but you just never know with Tech and Hereford.

Speaking of Tech, they manhandled Pikesville over the weekend, walking away with a 38 - 6 win. Only their second win of the season, this has been a somewhat disappointing campaign for Tech. They take on Sparrows Point on Friday at 7 p.m.

Chesapeake took on Hereford on Friday night, losing by a score of 50 - 6. This is the fourth consecutive loss for the Bayhawks after they started the season with two big wins. They take on Pikesville on Oct. 15 at 1 p.m.





Councilman Marks, NAEAC talk overcrowding in Perry Hall

- by Patrick Taylor -

Overcrowding has been an issue in Perry Hall schools for years, but a solution isn't far off. Last week Councilman David Marks and Debbie Henn of the Northeast Area Education Advisory Council told a group of concerned parents that there were two choices when it came to alleviating overcrowding in Perry Hall, one would alleviate in two to three years while the other could take in excess of five years.

Marks told the group that an addition could be put onto Pine Grove Middle School, which currently sits at about 70-percent capacity, that costs approximately \$12 million and would take up to three years to complete. Nottingham Park, which is owned by Baltimore County Public Schools, would become the home of a new high school.

The other option would see a middle and high school complex at Nottingham Park, but the project would cost in excess of \$120 million and would be completed by 2022 at the earliest.

BCPS wants to get the number of students at Perry Hall Middle School down to approximately 1,200. Right now they have about 1,700 students enrolled.

"The goal is to make trailers a thing of the past here in Perry Hall," said Marks.

Marks explained that the situation in the Perry Hall area is dire, with the county projecting that many elementary and middle schools will be at or well over capacity in the next ten years.

He also noted that the enrollment projections are on the conservative side because future development isn't taken into consideration

Some parents in attendance were concerned that redistricting would move their children to Pine Grove Middle School, while others wondered aloud whether this was just pushing the overcrowding issue onto another school. Marks alleviated the latter issue by explaining that over the course of the projections, Pine Grove Middle never reaches 100 percent capacity. And with an addition, they would be able to house the students moving from Perry Hall Middle School without much of an issue.

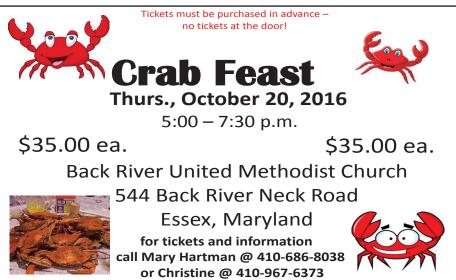
Marks stated that he has done a lot to help alleviate the issue of overcrowding, pointing to his downzoning efforts in the Perry Hall area, but noted that they're currently paying the price for poor decisions made 20 years ago.

With two new elementary schools in the works in the northeast and redistricting on the way, Marks was hopeful that overcrowding will be alleviated at the elementary level in a short period

Despite the news, there was plenty of frustration, especially when it came to development.

"Why is it that you're the only one talking about downzoning and overcrowding?" one parent asked Marks. "Where are the other politicians on this issue?"





Dance named among nation's top 30 education technology leaders

Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance has been named one of nation's Top 30 Technologists, Transformers and Trailblazers by The Center for Digital Education.

The Top 30 includes 24 individuals, four teams, and two organizations selected, according to the Center for Digital Education, based on their efforts to improve education through effective implementation of technologyrich solutions; their impact on student outcomes; and their overall initiative, creativity, and leadership skills.

"Our 2016 Top 30 award winners are visionaries who are going against the grain to increase funding, bandwidth, privacy protocols, predictive analytics, and to improve the personalization of learning. With technology as their cata-

Art show

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Golden Ring Middle School will sponsor Art for the Cause Exhibit in our school library.

The event will be held on Oct. 19, beginning at 5:30 p.m. We will display our student's works along with "Shop for the Cause." This event is raising awareness of breast cancer and we appreciate your support.

lyst, they are dedicated to transforming education at the local, state, and national levels in ways that have a positive impact on student success," said Dr. Kecia Ray, executive director of the Center for Digital Education. "I am thrilled to recognize our award winners and applaud their achievements."

Profiles of Dance and the other honorees are featured in the newest issue of Converge and at www.center digitaled.com/top30.

The Center for Digital Education is a national research and advisory institute specializing in K-12 and higher education technology trends, policy, and funding. CDE provides education and industry leaders with decision support and actionable insight to help effectively incorporate new technologies in the 21st century.

Financial aid

Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger will be hosting a financial aid workshop at Overlea High School on Oct. 18 from 7 - 9 p.m.

"Expanding access to college will strengthen our economy and create a pipeline of jobs for the future," Congressman Ruppersberger said. "Every child can have the opportunity to go to college."



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Open letter about Amtrak bridges

Back in March of last year, I started to contact elected officials on the federal level, as well as Amtrak officials, about the state of disrepair of the Amtrak bridges over Martin Boulevard in Middle River and over Golden Ring Road in Essex.

We have heard very little and sometimes nothing at all from these elected officials about what they intend to do to try and force Amtrak to fix these bridges. Other than an e-mail from Amtrak about getting started this construction season (which gave no date), we have heard nothing.

I have said before, and I'll say it again - it is high time Dutch Ruppersberger, Ben Cardin and Barbara Mikulski get with the program and force Amtrak to fix these bridges. Enough is enough. It has been well over a year and a half since this process started. These bridges are unsafe and require immediate attention.

This is an open letter to these elected officials: we would like to know when we can expect the work to get started, how much of our money it will take to get this done and what kind of material will be used this close to the Chesapeake Bay.

Bob Driscoll

President, Aero Acres Civic Improvement Assn.





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No one on this earth will cause me to renounce this vow out of fear. I am a proud American. I will not cower in a dark corner because someone threatens my country. I will stand up for these values with my dying breath.

Jay Hidden Sparrows Point

Beware of Progressives

Progressive socialists think a large centralized government that controls everything from health care and education to private sector businesses is a good thing. Of course, all anyone has to do is look around the world and see exactly what progressive socialism has accomplished.

The latest example is Venezuela. Just four years ago it was one of the most stable economies in the world. Today, it is reported that 70 percent of the people live in poverty, schools fail, healthcare has collapsed, they are disarming the citizens and the list of negatives goes on.

And look at what has happened here in the last eight years. More unemployed, more on food stamps, more on public assistance, health care that is becoming unaffordable, a plan to rip the heart out of self reliance and success through over-taxation. The American public should be very careful about what it wishes for. And if they do not think Mrs. Clinton is a progressive, just look at what she was doing in 1990. Hint: trying to nationalize education.

> William M. Libercci, Sr. Perry Hall





SPOTLIGHT

Zion UCC Bingo

Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Golden Ring Road, will hold a cash bingo at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, in the lower hall of the church's school building. Doors open at noon and games start at 1 p.m. Ticket packages cost \$13 and \$20. Snacks and drinks will be sold. For info., call Rick Rosenfeld at 443-691-2797.

Williamsburg Bus Trip

Saturday, Oct. 15; includes shopping at outlets, pottery factory, Yankee Candle and dinner at Captain George's Seafood. Call Anthony at 443-801-5678 for more information.

Bethlehem K of C Dinner

The Knights of Columbus, Bethlehem Council 2605, 7401 Bay Front Road in Edgemere, will hold its annual Dinner on the Bay from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16. The menu will include fried chicken, roast beef, baked ham, vegetables, soup, salad, mashed potatoes, rolls, dessert, soda, coffee and tea. Tickets cost \$14; \$7 for children ages 8 to 12. Reservations are strongly recommended. Call 410-477-5225 to order tickets.

Polish Dinner and Dance

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 10001 Bird River Road in Middle River, will hold a Polish dinner and dance on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 3 to 7 p.m. Food, drinks, raffles. Cost is \$22 per person, \$11 for children 6 to 12. Call 410-686-3085 for tickets and information.

Mount Carmel K of C Crab Feast

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus Council 2452, 1707 Eastern Blvd. in Essex, will hold its annual crab feast from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16. Food will be served from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$45. The menu includes steamed crabs, roast beef, baked ham, baked ziti, desserts, soda and beer. The event will be held in the K of C Hall. Info: Gary Heil, 443-563-0020, or Charlie Knott, 410-925-2046.

Patapsco Class of '72

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In an effort to bring attention to the destruction of historical buildings in Turner Station, community residents will hold the Henrietta Lacks Boutique (organizers don't like the phrase "flea market") and book signing from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, in front of Speed's Barber Shop, 201 Main St. in Turner Station. Members of Henrietta Lacks' family will be on hand to sign copies of "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" (bring your own book). Donations will be accepted and residents are welcome to bring aluminum cans to donate to the cause.

Seafood Nights

Rosedale American Legion Post 180, 1331 Seling Ave., will hold seafood nights from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays through May 31, 2017. A variety of seafood will be offered each week. Reservations are not necessary. For info., call 410-866-9656.



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Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road, will hold its annual Fall Festival and ham and oyster dinner from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 (dinner served from 1 to 6 p.m.). The cost is \$22 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12 and \$22.50 for carry-out meals.

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ful 3BR, 2BA EOG with Granite Counters, Updat ed windows. New HVAC New water Heater HUGF yard, retractable awning, Updated appliances

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