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check are Toyota representatives Jade Merrick (left), John Ridgeway and Tim Hale, Salvation Army Major Gene Hogg, comedic artist Meshelle and Toyota representative Robert Hatchett.

- Article and photos by Marge Neal -

Sometimes, "a shoe is more than just a shoe," according to Major Gene Hogg, area commander of the Salvation Army of Central Maryland.

Something as simple as a shoe, or in this case, a pair of boots, can be a vote of confidence, a morale booster and a reminder that someone cares as well as a shield against the elements.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, the gifts of footwear were all those things when officials from the Toyota car company gave 200 pairs of Bogs insulated boots and 200 pairs of Moosejaw socks to members of the Salvation Army's three area Boys and Girls Clubs who gathered at the Middle River club.

The gifts were made as part of the Toyota "Walk in My Boots" initiative that has provided footwear to club members twice, according to John Ridgeway, corporate manager of Toyota Financial Services. The car group uses the boots program to kick off the annual Motor Trend International Auto Show that runs Feb. 9 - 12 at the Baltimore Convention Center.

"We always enjoy giving to the community," Ridgeway told the crowd gathered for the event that included a fellowship meal. "We do this day-today and I tell my folks all the time, it's not about making better leaders, it's about making better people."

Ridgeway, who works in Owings Mills, said the company strives to help communities where its workers live, with an emphasis on education, safety, food, housing and the arts.

In just the second year, Toyota's campaign has distributed more than 600 pairs of boots and donated \$45,000 in cash to the Baltimore area as well as through sister programs in Detroit and Chicago, according to Ridgeway.

"While many programs give out - see **BOOTS** on page 7 -



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Residents, officials clash over 'law enforcement' proposition

- By Devin Crum -

Prolonged and persistent crime issues in several older neighborhoods of Dundalk and Essex, along with a perceived lack of results from police, led Essex resident and local business owner Cliff O'Connell to post on social media regarding an idea he had for a potential solution.

O'Connell posted to Facebook on Jan. 14 asking how people felt about bringing motorcycle clubs into neighborhoods experiencing the problems to act as a sort of "Guardian Angels on wheels."

The Guardian Angels are an organization that helps to address crime in communities by patrolling streets and empowering community members, according to their website.

Many respondents to O'Connell's idea were highly supportive of the idea, including community leaders in the affected neighborhoods.

But others grew concerned that the plan could lead to more problems if motorcycle "gangs" were allowed to become vigilantes and conduct police activities in these communities.

After his initial proposition, O'Connell posted a follow-up statement to social media on Jan. 28 defending his idea and fending off critics.

"We have one of the best groups of police officers and detectives in the country. However, they are stretched to[o] thin...," the post read. "I also have heard that our public officials have been asking for more officers and detectives, so this isn't a secret."

To critics of the idea, O'Connell responded, "I don't like it either and wish there was another way to stop this decay of our older communit[ies]. If it isn't the... rats biting at our heels or the slum lords renting every home they can to terrible tenants, it's the thugs telling us not to sweep the leaves from our corners because it is their corner," he said referring to a recent incident involving an elderly woman in Dundalk's West Inverness neighborhood.

County Councilman Todd Crandell, who represents Essex and Dundalk, released a statement on the matter to the media and on Facebook last Tuesday, Jan. 31, expressing his stark opposition to the idea, denouncing it as "simply a

"Having untrained, unvetted and unlicensed people conducting lawenforcement activities in our neighborhoods simply will not work - the risks are too great," Crandell asserted. "The possibilities for a breakdown of law and order in our neighborhoods is too big of a risk for us to take."

The councilman recognized, though, that the idea and the support behind it were a symptom of the desperation felt by residents of those communities.

"This is a cry for help," he said. Crandell assured that he would not "sit idly by" as drugs and drug dealers proliferate in these neighborhoods.

Crandell said he would also continue his advocacy for more uniformed officers and narcotics detectives to be stationed in the Dundalk and Essex precincts.

'These are the two busiest precincts in terms of calls for service," he said. "The need is great, so therefore we need more help.

According to Jennifer Peach, a public information officer for the Baltimore County Police Department, the Dundalk and Essex precincts are already near the top in the county in terms of the total number of officers assigned to them with 128 and 126 officers, respectively, across all shifts. This is behind only the Woodlawn precinct which has 131.

Additionally, the county has a total of 80 narcotics investigators which are not tied to any particular precinct, Peach said. "It's wherever the need is at the time; that's how we use the resources.'

Crandell also said he would renew his request of Baltimore County State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger to enforce an existing state law which enables him to require landlords to evict those convicted of dealing drugs.

"It's a great law if it gets enforced," said Doug Anderson, legislative aide to Crandell. "It doesn't allow a property owner to wiggle around the rules.'

Anderson said once a landlord has a tenant who is convicted and forced out, that often changes the whole dynamic of how they rent and who they rent to.

"If it gets done once, they're not likely to do it again," he said.

However, in an interview with the East County Times, O'Connell said he has been told by county representatives that the law is essentially impossible to enforce because of the manpower it would take to track who is a renter and match them with who has drug convictions.

'Who's going to do all that," he asked, adding that the younger dealers first have to be convicted to be forced out.

In recent years, O'Connell became a community leader after seeing the scope of problems in the Middlesex neighborhood, aiming to help alleviate issues of rat infestation, vacant homes and crime.

He joined together with leaders from other communities throughout Essex and Dundalk experiencing the same problems to form what they call the Core Group to help strengthen their voice.

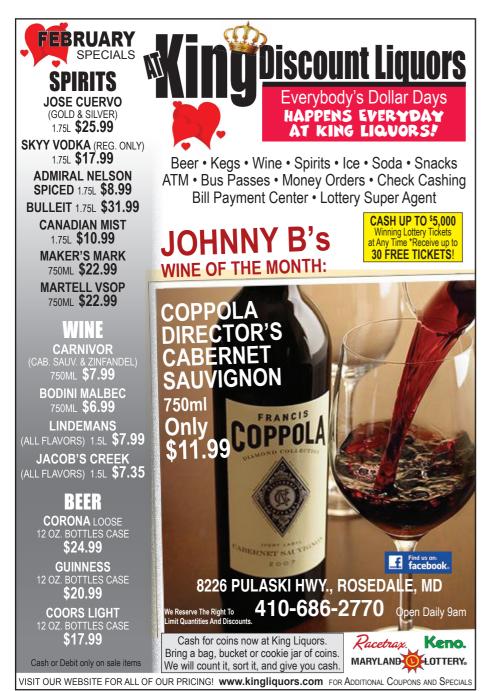
"We go into all these communities and we sit down and listen to what the issues are," O'Connell explained. "Some that we can help the community leaders with, we do - some we can't - crime being one of the ones that we can offer suggestions."

But they are constantly seeing daytime and evening small-time drug dealing on street corners in the communities, he said.

"It's open-air; anybody can see it," he said. "You don't need a big investigation."

Some residents have been intimidated by the dealers, and others simply will not go outside when they are out there. And when they call the police the response is slow, taking up to 30 minutes to get there, by which time the dealers have

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North Point Peninsula communities again grappling with crime increase

- By Devin Crum -

Following a string of burglaries and other crimes in and around Edgemere in January 2016, residents were up in arms and turned out in record numbers for that month's North Point Peninsula Council (NPC) meeting to discuss the issue.

At the end of the meeting, attendees vowed to organize, communicate better with each other and keep a watchful eye on their neighborhoods to get a handle on the problems.

But prior to the NPC's meeting last Thursday, Feb. 2, the area had again experienced a spike in recent crime, most notably in the form of thefts and burglaries. And though the turnout for the meeting was not quite what it was a year ago, residents were determined to act more definitively to prevent these problems

Officer Russ Shipley, the area's community liaison officer from the Baltimore County Police Department reported that there had been at total of 254 calls for police service in the Edgemere area through the month of January leading to 56 police reports being written.

Nearly half of the calls - 106 - were assistance requests which include checking on neighbors or family members, medical calls, civil or domestic issues or assisting other law enforcement agencies with missing or wanted persons.

Twenty-eight calls were traffic related, including traffic stops, traffic accidents and parking complaints; 12 were disturbance calls or noise complaints; 13 were domestic incidents or spousal assault cases; and another nine were calls regarding sick or injured subjects, which include requesting police help with unruly patients.

Shipley noted there is not a lot police can do to

prevent noise or domestic issues; they just respond, deal with them appropriately and move on.

There were also 21 calls for suspicious subjects or vehicles in the area, which Shipley stressed he would like to see more of.

"I wouldn't care if that number was 100 calls for service," he said. That tells me that you in the community see something that doesn't look right... you pick up the phone, call 911 because you think they might be up to something.

"I urge you, make that number 100, 200, I don't care," he said.

Additionally, Shipley reported that police responded last month to two calls for narcotics, three for burglary and three more for theft from motor vehicles.

Both narcotics calls were police-initiated via traffic stops, he said, and arrests were made in both cases.

Regarding the burglaries, two were committed by the same suspect who was arrested and charged with both, Shipley explained. And the third was committed by someone known to the victim - their neighbor.

Shipley also attributed the thefts and burglaries to likely drug problems.

"The heroin epidemic in this country... is out of control," he said. "These people that have this problem, they do anything they can to take care of their habit. Whether that means breaking into houses, stealing from you, stealing from their parents, stealing from anybody to do what they need to do.'

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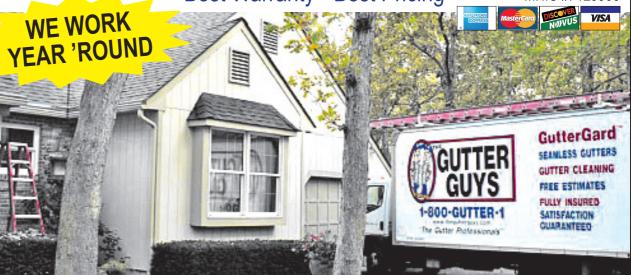
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'Para-gone': Communities reflect on folding of outlet mall project

- By Devin Crum -

The news that the outlet mall planned for White Marsh would no longer move forward and the owners are considering selling the site brought mixed feelings for many in the community who had been following the issue.

Word came out in mid-January that Paragon Outlet Partners LLC had vacated their offices in Baltimore, with some former employees saying the company no longer exists. Paragon's parent company, The Lightstone Group, also confirmed they are moving away from outlet mall projects and are considering selling the White Marsh property which was slated for the outlets

The outlet mall plan had garnered significant opposition from the community. But many were won over when Paragon agreed to build a traffic ramp to access eastbound MD-43 to mitigate traffic, and to abide by the most current environmental and storm water management regulations. A voter referendum related to the project passed last year with nearly 59 percent of the vote.

At the Wednesday, Feb. 1, meeting of the Essex-Middle River Civic Council, the group's president, Bob Bendler, kicked off conversation on the topic by noting that the news was "bad news, but not the worst news."

Where there used to be one 83-acre site along MD-7/Philadelphia Road in White Marsh, owned by Corporate

Office Properties Trust, there are now two since roughly 50 acres were sold to Paragon for their project. The remainder was retained by COPT.

The zoning was changed for both sites individually through the 2016 rezoning process to allow for commercial uses.

There had been a planned unit development (PUD) approved for the initial entire site which included 1,250 new homes. But according to County Councilwoman Cathy Bevins, who represents the area, and Tom Peddicord, legal counsel for the Baltimore County Council, the new zoning now takes precedence and the PUD - which did not offer traffic mitigation or abide by current environmental standards - can no longer go forward.

Additionally, any new project approved for the site would be subject to current environmental and storm water regulations, rather than outdated ones. And the new zoning does not explicitly allow for residential uses.

"In many senses, that's a victory, I believe, for the communities," Bendler said. "So there were some positives in all this. And now that it's not going to happen, there's still some residual positive."

However, the EMRCC also reflected on what was lost when the project fell through, including the aforementioned ramp, which Paragon had agreed to build to the tune of nearly \$9 million.

The ramp would have carried traffic from MD-7 to eastbound MD-43, allowing it to bypass the congested intersections of MD-7 at Ebenezer Road and US-40/ Pulaski Highway at Ebenezer Road.

Although some had criticized the ramp as impossible or inadequate, Maryland State Highway Administration spokesman Charlie Gischlar confirmed the ramp had been fully designed and approved to move forward.

"Now all we have to do is find the wherewithal to get it done without Paragon," Bendler commented.

Bevins indicated to the East County *Times* that she will try to get any future developer of the site to contribute to such a ramp, depending on the size of their project, "because if a much smaller development goes in there, that ramp may not be needed," she said.

"Anybody that's looking at that property, I'm going to work with them - just like I did Paragon - to get the best project that I can get there and get the same things we got before for the community," Bevins said.

The councilwoman told the *Times* she has already had meetings with others interested in the property, and she has let each know that building or contributing to the ramp is what would make any project more acceptable to her.

Also lost were traffic improvements to the intersection of US-40 at Ebenezer Road, which is classified as "failing."

According to county development regulations, any developer seeking to

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build in the traffic-shed of a failing intersection must contribute to improvements there. However, Paragon was set to be a major - if not the sole - contributor to those improvements.

The outlet mall's folding even had a significant effect on the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company, which was set to receive a "six-figure" donation from Paragon for their new station to be built just across the street from the site.

Although the donation was only a verbal agreement and an exact figure had not yet been agreed upon, according to WMVFC spokesman Tyler Rivers, that donation will now not be coming through.

Despite this, station Captain Rick Blubaugh said their planned move will continue.

"Since the project has been withdrawn, we are actively working to fill the budget gap that now exists," he said. He encouraged anyone interested in donating to visit their website at www.wmvfc.org or call 410-335-5112.

WMVFC had also been looking forward to the traffic ramp, which would have allowed them to more quickly reach the eastern portions of their service area while avoiding congestion at the aforementioned intersections as well as the train crossing on Ebenezer Road.

"We look forward to any future developer continuing the work for a ramp for access to eastbound [MD-]43 to increase our access to the community," Blubaugh stated.

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Hogan's State of the State highlights legislative agenda

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

Governor Larry Hogan's State of the State address to the General Assembly started off much like his previous two addresses - with calls for bipartisanship.

Hogan was silent on a lot of issues of national concern - immigration and the Affordable Care Act among others - and used his 30 minutes as a rallying call for his legislative agenda, which includes tackling the heroin and opioid crisis, limiting pollution overflow from the Conowingo Dam, a bipartisan solution to paid sick leave and a call for the repeal of the "Road Kill Bill."

"This much-needed progress is strongly supported by an overwhelming majority of Marylanders," Hogan said of the 1,073 transportation projects under construction across the state. "We risk eliminating much of that progress... so I ask again today, on behalf of the people of Maryland: please do not stand in the way of these critical transportation projects."

Hogan's contention that 66 of the 73 highest priority projects would be stopped if the bill isn't repealed by Feb. 10 was rebuked after the speech by Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz. According to Hogan, Baltimore County would see all of its major projects halted - including the widening of I-695 - under the new project scoring



Hogan (top) delivered an upbeat message of strength and bipartisanship while focusing solely on state policy.

guidelines. Kamenetz noted that the bill "simply requires the Governor to provide an advisory scoring process, letting the public understand how decisions are made when road projects are funded" and referred to warnings of halted projects as "scare tactics."

Aside from the Road Kill Bill, however, Hogan's address was largely positive and bipartisan.

On the issue of heroin and opioid abuse, Hogan noted that over the last

two years legislators in Annapolis have been committed to tackling drug abuse issues, and that he plans to continue working to provide a solution to a problem that is "tearing apart families and communities."

Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6), who was recently appointed to the Health and Government Operations Committee, stated that "local collaboration" is needed to tackle the issue and noted that there will be a town hall event in the not-too-distant future to help figure out solutions.

"We must commit to doing whatever it takes to address this crisis, and no state can do it alone," said Hogan. "Nearly all of my fellow governors of both parties have joined with me in asking the federal government to finally get engaged in this national crisis.

This issue has plenty of bipartisan support, with State Senator Kathy Klausmeier (D-8) taking the reins on the Governor's Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force and the Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders. Before the legislative session began, Klausmeier wrote to the secretary of the state's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene asking him to seek all available funding from the federal government. Maryland would be eligible for \$10 million.

Highlighting the recent reports of the improved health of the Chesapeake Bay, Hogan stated that his administration is "finally seeking innovative and cost-effective solutions to reduce the sediment, nitrogen and phosphorous pollution which flows down the Susquehana River, through the Conowingo Dam" and into the bay.

A cleaner bay could have a potentially big economic impact on eastern Baltimore County considering the bay and the waterways that lead to it play a pivotal role in the local economy.

One issue discussed in the address that may ruffle some feathers is paid sick leave. Local legislators informed the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce before the legislative session began that the bill would likely be coming, much to the chagrin of local business owners.

Hogan noted that those without the benefit "are sometimes faced with hard choices about their health and welfare" while smaller businesses also would have a hard time providing paid sick leave.

He called for a compromise that would require larger companies - those with 50 or more employees - to provide paid sick leave while smaller companies would get tax incentives for providing additional benefits.





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"It's not the police department's fault," he maintained. "They just don't have enough police officers."

Seeing all of this and with not enough police presence in mind, O'Connell began to think of alternative solutions such as the Guardian Angels or private security companies.

He said many Citizens on Patrol (COP) members he has spoken to are scared of the drug dealers they may have to contend with, and some have experienced retaliation once the criminals figure out who they are. On top of that, it is difficult to organize COP watches for late-night or early-morning hours.

"Some of these situations are too violent for a COP to handle," he noted.

O'Connell stood by his idea, stating that he only intended it to mean having a presence in the neighborhoods to deter the corner dealers and other crime, not to perform any law-enforcement actions, as Crandell described.

He pointed out that the dealers do not want to be overtly watched carrying out their trade, and buyers do not want to be seen either. So someone standing there plainly watching them will likely convince them to go elsewhere.

"I just think the shear presence of them there would scare them off," he said.

O'Connell said he had not discussed the idea with Crandell in detail prior to the statement the councilman released. But

he was disappointed with how Crandell's video portrayed his idea as bringing in vigilantes to police the communities.

"There's nothing that says a motorcycle club couldn't ride in the neighborhood and the guys park their bikes at the curb and stand there," he said.

O'Connell was pleased, though, that the controversy has brought so much attention to the issue, specifically highlighting the desperation of the residents.

However, he thought Crandell overreacted and did not handle the situation properly. He said more of the statement should have been about the desperation of those who supported the idea.

"Some of the things he's saying here, they're already there," O'Connell said. "The neighborhoods are already overrun."

Following Crandell's statement, the Core Group released its own statement on social media by way of member Lynne Mitchell thanking Crandell and the BCoPD for hearing their pleas for help. She also noted that they have worked "furiously" for months on a way to bring the problems in these communities to the attention of police and public officials.

"When we brought the idea of motor-cycle clubs being 'guardian angels' for our neighborhoods, we knew it would be controversial," Mitchell's post read. "We also know that sometimes you have to break the mold and let the people tell our elected officials and police just how bad it is and what lengths we are willing to go to help our residents in these communities."

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The officer added that prescription drug abuse is not as big of a problem in Edgemere, specifically, but heroin is a major issue.

NPC's vice president, Tim Stadler, who is also a sergeant with BCoPD assigned to Edgemere on the midnight shift, said police have been working to address the spike in crime, though residents may not have necessarily noticed an increase in police presence.

He explained that the North Point precinct is divided into three squads: the lower end, which consists mainly of Old Dundalk; the upper end which includes the Eastpoint, Colgate and Berkshire neighborhoods; and the Edgemere squad.

Edgemere encompasses the whole North Point peninsula down to Fort Howard, which is mainly rural. But the beat also includes the neighborhoods of North Point Village, West Inverness and Gray Haven, Stadler said, adding that they typically only have three to four officers working that entire area on the midnight shift.

"So historically, you probably haven't seen many police cars driving around at 2 o'clock in the morning on Lodge Forest [Drive] because, for the most part, the more serious crimes have been North Point Village or West Inverness," Stadler commented. "So we kind of stay focused

on that area."

But with Edgemere's rise in crime the last few months, Stadler said he has made others in the department aware of it.

"And based on that we've focused more resources to this area during the high crime times," he said, noting that officers have been patrolling the area a lot more in recent weeks.

Stadler emphasized, though, that residents must call the police with issues rather than just posting about it on social media.

"I see a lot of that where people want to complain on Facebook about it but they don't call the police," he said. "If you want to see more police cars down here, the commanders need to see more calls coming in."

Stadler and Shipley stressed that if residents see something suspicious, the best option is to call police. And Shipley added that calling 911 is the fastest way to get service, rather than calling the precinct.

Calling the precinct directly will not necessarily be logged with crime stats for the area, the two noted, and if the stats aren't there to suggest the need, the necessary resources will not be allocated.

Additionally, they said, the police cannot address the problems if they do not know about them, and police statistics cannot reflect true crime numbers if people do not call police to report them.



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coats, we thought it was just as important to protect the feet," he said. "So we hope these boots warm your feet, warm your heart and warm your soul."

Hogg grew up in humble circumstances and shared his story with the crowd. He told of having an alcoholic father and a period of homelessness when he and his family lived in a car.

When people are struggling to put food on the table and pay the rent and other bills, a gift like that of the boots is special and leaves a lasting memory. When Hogg was about 7, he was given a G.I. Joe action figure as a gift when his family was in a dismal place in life. That someone cared enough to give him that toy that he came to cherish stuck with him throughout his life.

"I'm 54 now and the impact that simple gift had on me stays with me to this day," he said.

That lasting impression that someone cares plays a role in Toyota's desire to support its neighboring communities, according to Ridgeway, who hopes the recipients wear their new boots in good health and with warm feet accompanied by an equally warm heart and soul.

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CCBC offers 'Romeo and Juliet' concert

The Community College of Baltimore County's year-long celebration of William Shakespeare continues with "Romeo and Juliet: In Concert" at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the CCBC Essex Robert and Eleanor Romadka College Center Theater.

The concert will feature the 55-member Baltimore Symphonic Band under the direction of Christopher Wolfe.

Highlights will include excerpts from Sergei Prokofiev's ballet "Romeo and Juliet," performed by the CCBC Dance Company; the CCBC Chamber Singers, under the direction of Monica Otal, will join the band to perform the suite from "Henry V;" and CCBC Academic Theatre actors, under the direction of Julie Lewis, will stage short scenes from "Macbeth" and "Hamlet."

The band will play other Shakespeare-inspired music including Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" from "A Midsummer Night's Dream;" Edward German's "Morris Dance" from "Henry VIII;" Tchaikovsky's "Love Theme" from his "Romeo and Juliet;" as well as music from "Henry IV" by Guy Woolfenden and music from "Twelfth Night" by Alfred Reed.

The same performance will be offered at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the CCBC Catonsville Center for the Arts Theater.

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During the week, students brought in canned goods and use the cans to place bets on who will win the Super Bowl. Each grade competes against the others to see who can bring in the most canned goods. This year, the students overwhelmingly favored the Atlanta Falcons. The grade with the most donations receives their own Super Bowl ring - albeit in the form of a Ring Pop.

BCPS stakeholder survey

BCPS wants to know what students, parents, teachers, staff, and community members think of BCPS. Through Friday, March 3, the annual Baltimore County Public Schools' Stakeholder Survey will be available online at http://www.bcps.org.

"Last year, we used Stakeholder Survey data to guide school improvement, identify staff training areas, improve office safety, and help staff work together more effectively," said BCPS Superintendent Dr. S. Dallas Dance. "Your responses to this year's survey can help us improve even more!"

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Edgemere Elementary library media specialist nominated for Librarian of the Year

Sandy Bixby of Edgemere Elementary School is one of 25 nominees for the 2017 Maryland School Librarian of the Year award.

"It is an honor to work with Ms. Bixby," said Jennifer Lynch, principal of Edgemere Elementary. "She is a dedicated educator focused on bringing innovative programs to our young students. We are thrilled that the Maryland Association of School Librarians has recognized her, and we are proud of her many accomplishments."

Bixby, who lives in the Edgemere community, has served as library media specialist at Edgemere Elementary since January 2011, after beginning her career in education as a primary grades teacher. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education and a Master of Science degree in informational technology, both from Towson University. She was a National Board Certified Teacher - Early Childhood Generalist from 2005 - 2014, and she is a lifetime member of the Maryland Association of School Librarians and a member of the Baltimore County Public Schools Library Advisory Council.

In 2014, Bixby won a Patterson Foundation Grant to provide a new book for every student in the school. Two years later, she secured a grant from the Education Foundation of BCPS to pursue a community research project. In addition, she was a Baltimore Ravens Touchdown for Teachers finalist for 2016 and the 2016 Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce Elementary Educator of the Year.

Later this month, the Maryland Association of School Librarians' selection committee will name five finalists from among the 25 nominees. The selection committee will evaluate the nominees based on the extent to which they exemplify the five key roles of a library media specialist - administrator, leader, information specialist, teacher, and instructional partner. The 2017 Maryland School Librarian of the Year will be named during the Common Ground Conference in Ocean City on May 4 - 5.

Essex Elementary Registration

Pre-Kindergarten registration will be held on April 25 in the rec room at Essex Elementary School. In order for a child to be enrolled for the 2017-18 school year, they must be 4-years-old on or before Sept. 2.

Kindergarten registration will be held on April 27 in the rec room at Essex Elementary. In order for a child to be enrolled for the 2017-18 school year, they must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 2.

Please call the office at 410-887-0177 to schedule an appointment.



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Kingsville man charged with mother's murder

A 36-year-old Kingsville man has been charged with first-degree murder in the stabbing death of his mother.

David Joseph Finlayson, of the 12000 block of Belair Road in Kingsville, is being held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center.

Police were dispatched at 1:41 a.m. on Feb. 3 to Finlayson's home, where a 2008 Toyota Avalon had crashed into a fence. They found a woman on the ground nearby, suffering from what appeared to be stabbing injuries.

Shortly after that, police found a man walking nearby and through investigation discovered him to be the victim's son.

The investigation showed that the suspect stabbed his mother, Mary Carol Finlayson, 61, of the 1900 block of Park Beach Drive in Aberdeen, in her car after she came to his apartment to take him to the hospital for a refill of medication.

OLMC teacher charged with sexual abuse of a minor

Baltimore County Police have charged a teacher in connection with the sexual abuse of a minor student at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel school in Essex.

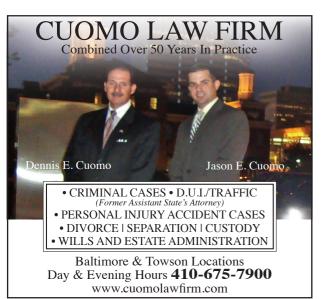
Robert Anthony Bonner, 48, of the 3600 block of Revolea Beach Road in Middle River, a teacher at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, has been charged with Fourth Degree Sex Offense and other related sexual assault offenses.

Bonner is accused of having numerous inappropriate verbal and text message conversations with a student at the school in January. On at least two occasions, once on Jan. 19 and once on Jan. 20, Bonner engaged in inappropriate and unwanted physical contact with the student on school property. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is located in the 1700 block of Old Eastern Avenue in Essex.

Bonner turned himself in to police yesterday after a warrant for his arrest was issued. He has been released on a \$25,000 bond.

This incident continues to be investigated by the Baltimore County Police Crimes Against Children Unit. Anyone with any additional information is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020.





Careless use of smoking materials proves fatal in Parkville, Middle River

Two men died in fires - one in Parkville, one in Middle River - during the last week of January. Both fires were caused due to careless smoking.

On Jan. 31, David Meredith Smith, 56, of the 2600 block of E. Putty Hill Ave., Parkville, died of injuries sustained in an apartment fire at the same address.

Baltimore County Police fire investigators have ruled the fire accidental, with careless smoking as the cause.

Baltimore County Fire Department crews were dispatched to this fire at 4:07 p.m. The fire originated in the victim's bedroom - on the third floor of the garden-style apartment building - and was mostly contained to that unit.

Fire crews located the victim, administered medical care and transported him to MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center, where he was pronounced deceased.

Howard Francis Holehan, 67, of the 10000 block of Crane Lane, Middle River, 21220, died January 27 of injuries sustained in a one-alarm fire at his home. Baltimore County Police fire investigators have ruled the fire accidental, caused by careless use of smoking materials.

Fire Department crews responded to the Crane Lane home at about 5:35 p.m. The victim, who is disabled, was declared deceased at the scene. No one else was in the home at the time of the fire.

Current crime trends

Since Jan. 25, there have been four robberies in the area bound by I-95, Hazelwood Avenue and the city line within the White Marsh Precinct. In the first case, the suspects entered the victim's residence, displayed a weapon and demanded money and drugs. In the second case, the suspect used force to take shoes from the victim. In the third case, the suspects displayed a weapon and demanded property. In the fourth case, the suspects threatened the victims.

Since Jan. 21, there have been two street robberies in the Essex Precinct. Cases occurred on various days during afternoon hours. The suspects displayed a weapon and took money, cell phones, a wallet and keys. In one case, the suspects took the victim's vehicle.

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Two men sought for robbing cell phone store in Dundalk

Baltimore County Police are seeking to identify two suspects who used deception to steal multiple cell phones from a Wireless Zone store in Dundalk.

Surveillance video from the store, located in the 7800 block of Wise Avenue, shows the two suspects walking around inside the store wearing baseball caps and bandages on their faces in an attempt to conceal their identities. Exterior surveillance video also captured them fleeing in a black 4-door Mercedes vehicle with what appears to be a an inoperative right side brake light.

The two bandaged suspects entered the Wireless Zone store around 4:35 p.m. on Dec. 14. While one distracted the store clerk, the other slipped into a back area of the store and concealed a number of new Apple iPhone and Galaxy cell phones, still in boxes, under his clothing. When confronted by the clerk, the two suspects left the store. The clerk checked the stock room and found the phones were missing, then called police, but the suspects could not be located.

Both suspects appear to be thin males age 20-29. One wore a red hooded sweatshirt under a black jacket with a large Champion brand symbol, dark colored pants and red athletic shoes. He has a black mustache and is wearing bandages on his nose and chin. The other wore a plain black baseball cap, a black jacket, dark pants and white athletic shoes. He had a black mustache and goatee, and wore a bandage on each cheek.

Anyone with information pertaining to this case or the identity of these suspects is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020.



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■ ENTERTAINMENT

Horror sequel doesn't 'RING' true

- By Teddy Durgin -

The only thing that will prevent me from putting "Rings" on my annual 10 Worst Movies list for 2017 is my great and genuine fondness for "The Ring," the original 2002 film that starred Naomi Watts and Martin Henderson (which was itself a remake of the Japanese horror flick, "Ringu"). That film had an almost instant mystique to it. The creepy videotape at the center of all the scares was even sent to film critics in advance of our preview screenings. So, when we popped it into our now-antiquated VCRs, we had NO idea what we were watching. And then we saw the one-minute montage of weird images in the actual film a few evenings

later and were thoroughly unnerved.

"Rings" lacks everything the first film had. That would be honest scares, genuine tension and a tight narrative. And there's not a single moment in the flick that will make you squirm in your theater seat and mutter expletives aloud like Samara crawling out of that TV set from her watery grave to attack Watts' boyfriend near the climax of the original.

"Rings" stars Alex Roe as Holt, a young man who has left behind his hometown girlfriend, Julia (Matilda Lutz), to go college. They keep up via Skype, and Julia is troubled to find out that Holt has come under the influence of a smarmy professor (Johnny Galecki) who has been

studying the infamous videotape of the first two films, which he believes holds the key to immortality. Unfortunately, he's using the student body as guinea pigs with the help of some select kiss-up students, who freely pass links of the short film on to others and wait for them to get slaughtered seven days later.

All concerned in front of and behind the camera are clearly looking to re-boot a once-promising franchise that was one of the few to rely on PG-13 mood and imagery rather than R-rated gore and grisly torture deaths to advance the narrative. While I admire the effort here to uphold that series tradition, the film quickly becomes plodding and unnecessarily chatty. Tons of plot exposition and back story are packed into dreary dialogue scenes, and the whole thing quickly becomes a case of too much talk and too little action payoff.

Roe and Lutz are about as memorable as their names, while Galecki clearly relishes the chance to break from his sitcom roots and show a different side of himself. The movie really should have been about his Gabriel character. He is the most interesting performer/performance in the flick.

OK, well, it's always interesting to watch the on-screen mania that is Vincent D'Onofrio. After thoroughly weirding out last year's "Magnificent Seven" remake, he brings his "Have Facial Tics/Will Travel" bag of acting quirks to this film in the role of a blind cemetery caretaker. When he shows up, you can practically hear people in the audience - if there are people in the theater when you see it, that is - groan and mutter, "Well, here we go."

It was interesting to get some more details about Samara and the origins of the tape. And "Rings" successfully shows how the central concept has moved from the VHS era to our YouTube times. But this could have been so much more. This should have been so much more.





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Put some 'Space Between' you and this movie

- By Teddy Durgin -

There's a scene fairly early in "The Space Between Us" in which Gardner (Asa Butterfield), a 16-year-old who was born and raised on Mars, takes one of those NASA Land Rovers out for a joyride on the red planet's uneven landscape and promptly crashes it. The plot for this movie is like a teenager learning to drive such a stick shift for the first time. The film doesn't move forward... it lurches ahead in stops and starts, practically insisting, "No, no! Don't worry! I got a handle on this!" Screenwriter Allan Loeb and director Peter Chelsom never get a handle on their unwieldy mess of a motion picture that tries to be about four or five movies in one.

Oh yeah. It starts as a fairly serious near-future drama about a manned mission to Mars in which the mission commander (Janet Montgomery) discovers she's pregnant about two months into the voyage. The stresses of space travel cause complications, and she dies giving birth to Gardner. Lurch forward 16 years. In the first of numerous asinine plot turns, the government has kept the boy's existence a secret, fearing scandal. But he is given a chance to visit Earth, and he promptly escapes from NASA to go find a teenage girl named Tulsa (Britt Robertson) who he has been video-chatting with for months. That's when the movie lurches forward again and suddenly becomes a Young Adult romantic comedy so sappy that Nicholas Sparks would yell "Too much!"

Then, original financier and Earthbound mission commander Nathaniel Shepherd (Gary Oldman) and an astronaut/surrogate mother figure named Kendra (Carla Gugino) learn that Gardner can't survive in Earth's atmosphere and will die soon of an enlarged heart. That's when the movie turns into a deeply illogical chase picture.

What the flick really is at all times is a twist movie. There is a twist late in the film, a late-game revelation, that most viewers will see coming at least an hour beforehand. Ugh. Sadly, the lengths Loeb's screenplay has to go to in order to protect this way-too-obvious reveal is absurd. In fact, I would argue that "The Space Between Us" would have been better without it. There are too many moments where the characters talk around what's really going on, with the script having to make every line so precise in order to protect the big reveal. The fact that it takes nearly two hours to get it all out in the open is one of "Space's" killing flaws.

That and Gary Oldman gives one of the worst performances of his career. He slices so much ham and cheese throughout, I had to go to Subway for a sandwich. Oldman's histrionics in this film are so over-the-top that people in



my preview screening were laughing at a good number of his line readings. Even the other actors in the film seem to be uncomfortable with him in certain scenes. Poor B.D. Wong... at one point, he comes down an escalator at NASA and Oldman comes shrieking in from off-screen. The look on Wong's face is one of utter defeat.

Perhaps my face looked like that throughout, too. The longer "Space" goes on, the more ridiculous it becomes. For instance, Tulsa and Gardner spend a great deal of the film on the run, stealing multiple cars, a crop-dusting biplane and committing other crimes, all of which Chelsom and Loeb depict essentially as "Awww, ain't they cute?!" There are at least five or six points in the film where the movie would have been over had Oldman or Gugino made just one call to Highway Patrol.

This is all a shame as Butterfield and Robertson do have a charming chemistry together. I wouldn't mind seeing them paired together in a film again a la Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone in "Crazy Stupid Love"/"Gangster Square"/"La La Land." But first, they gotta put some space between them and this movie!



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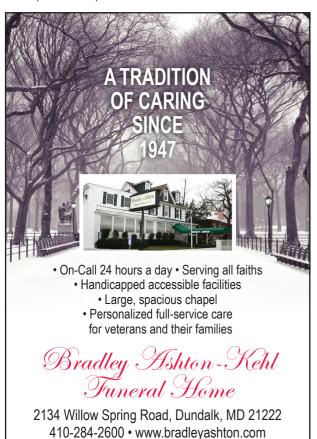
Baum, Betty

Betty Jean Baum, age 88, died on Thursday, Jan. 26, at her home in Warfordsburg, Pa. Born Oct. 7, 1928, in Baltimore, she was the daughter of the late John George and Irene (Josenhans) Milke, and the wife of Charles Baum, whom she married in 1947.

She was a 1946 graduate of Kenwood High School and had been employed as the school secretary for the Rosedale and Deep Creek Elementary Schools. She was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Essex.

In addition to her husband Charles, she is survived by one daughter, Jeanne Ward, and her husband, Wayne, as well as several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Lorraine Hammertacker; and a half-sister, Grace Henning. In keeping with her wishes, she was cremated.

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Steve Takos Sr., North Point State Park honorary ranger, dies at 93

- By Marge Neal -

Steve Takos Sr., who for many years was the public face of North Point State Park in his role as an honorary ranger, died Jan. 31 of natural causes. He was 93.

He was the son of Sam Takos and the former Despina Konstanta of Chios, Greece. His parents came to Maryland and his father took a job at Bethlehem Steel's Sparrows Point plant, according to Cindy Shifflett, a granddaughter.

After graduating from Sparrows Point High School in 1943, Mr. Takos joined the U.S. Navy and served from June 1943 to March 1946, according to his son, Anthony Takos. After his discharge, he taught physical education at the Sparrows Point School Annex and coached football, basketball and softball.

He married the former Mamie Roberts, a student he met while teaching at the Sparrows Point Annex. Mrs. Takos died in 2014.

Mr. Takos followed in his father's footsteps and worked at the steel plant before joining the staff at the Fort Howard Veterans Administration Medical Center, where he worked in the recreation department. He eventually retired as the Director of Volunteers at the Loch Raven V.A. Medical Center.

While Mr. Takos had a long and diverse professional career, he was perhaps best known locally for his love of the land now known as North Point State Park.

As a young teenager, Mr. Takos worked as a pinsetter at the bowling alley of the old Bay Shore Amusement Park for the sum of five cents a day, according

When the amusement park closed in 1947, the land was bought by Bethlehem Steel. Through his affiliation with the company, Mr. Takos organized and led hunting expeditions for company executives and his wife would cook the bounty when the men returned home from the outings, according to Anthony Takos.

Mr. Takos, who lived in Edgemere, maintained his love for the old amusement park land and helped persuade the state to buy it when Bethlehem Steel sold the property in the late 1980s.

The honorary ranger loved the entire park but restoring the grand old fountain was a pet project, according to Park Ranger Sara Rinta.

"Steve was instrumental in restoring the fountain here," she said. "After it was restored, he painted it, he located the original fountainhead and he landscaped

While Mr. Takos almost single-handedly restored the beloved fountain, there's a greater link in his legacy, according to Ranger Bob Iman, a park service area manager whose territory includes North Point.

"Steve was instrumental in influencing the state and the DNR in creating the right kind of park for this community," Iman said. "He insisted the park didn't become too developed and to keep it natural; there were many things being considered for this land and the community wanted it kept as natural as possible and Steve fought for that."

As a result, the park, with its many trails, is popular with birders, nature photographers, hikers, bicyclists and picnickers, Iman said.

In a surprise ceremony to honor Mr. Takos' longtime service to the park, its visitor's center was renamed the Takos Visitors Center in celebration of his 80th birthday in 2003, according to his son.

"How they kept that a surprise I'll never know, but he sure was surprised when he went in there," Anthony Takos said.

Mr. Takos was a member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Baltimore's Greektown.

He enjoyed the outdoors and particularly enjoyed hunting and fishing, according to Shifflett.

"He used to catch minnows and sell them to the bait shop, and he used the money to return to Greece every summer," she recalled. "I would go with him to fish a lot, and he always had a station wagon that smelled like peppermint and minnows."

Mr. Takos was also active in local recreation programs, helping to umpire and coach youth baseball and basketball games and run Friday night youth dances, according to his son.

"He supported everything we did but he would never watch me wrestle because he was afraid I'd get hurt," Anthony Takos recalled with a laugh. "Even though he was a boxer, he couldn't watch me wrestle."

In addition to his son and granddaughter, Mr. Takos is survived by his son Steve Takos Jr., four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and bother Michael Takos.

In accordance with Mr. Takos' wishes, no funeral services were held. The family plans to hold a memorial service at North Point State Park sometime this spring.

Obituary Correction

In the Feb. 2 issue of the East County Times, we mistakenly labeled an obituary for "Dustin Shackleford." The obituary was intended for Dustin's father, Robert Shackleford. We sincerely regret the error and apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.

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SPORTS

Perry Hall, Dundalk and OLMC primed for postseason play

- By Patrick Taylor

It's not unusual for east Baltimore County to have at least one contender for a state title each season. Over the last few years this side of the county has seen their fair share of success, with the Dundalk football team reaching a state final and the Sparrows Point girls soccer team reaching dynasty status with a slew of championships. The Perry Hall boys basketball team reached the semifinals of last year's tournament, while the girls soccer team lost in the final.

Each season, there's always a team that takes a lot of the focus. But in my (almost) five years at the East County Times, there hasn't been an embarrassment of riches like we've seen so far this basketball season.

As it stands, Perry Hall and Our Lady of Mount Carmel (OLMC) have been regulars in The Baltimore Sun's Top 15 poll. While Dundalk has yet to receive votes in the poll, it's hard to imagine they would be too far outside that list.

Perry Hall, who suffered just their second loss of the season last week thanks to a half-court buzzerbeater, is a favorite for the 4A crown. Dundalk, who has won three in a row since falling to Dulaney, is a bit of a dark horse in the 3A race but is playing some of their best ball of the season right now. OLMC continues to make noise. The Cougars took on St. Frances last week and managed to pull off a win thanks to a heroic buzzer-beater by Will Thomas. Terry Nolan contributed 26 points in the win. With the win, OLMC currently sits one game behind Mc-Donough - who just so happens to be their next opponent. While OLMC has definitely put themselves in great position, the road to an MIAA title will most likely have to run through Mount St. Joseph, who is undefeated in conference play and an insane 26 - 2 on the year. It should come as no shock that they've topped *The Sun's* poll basically since the beginning.

The Baltimore area has historically pumped out some great teams and players, but they're historically overlooked for talent coming from New York, Philadelphia and D.C. But arguably the greatest high school basketball team of all time was Dunbar's early 80s team which went undefeated over the course of two seasons. And NBA-ers like Carmelo Anthony (Towson Catholic), Juan Dixon (Calvert Hall), Muggsy Bogues, Sam Cassell and Keith Booth (all Dunbar) all hail from the Baltimore area.

But that type of acclaim has basically avoided the east side. While pro baller Rudy Gay played his first two years at Eastern Tech, his controversial transfer to Archbishop Spalding (which brought about high levels of scrutiny regarding private schools poach-

ing players from public schools) guaranteed that with the rising expectations. he'd be more tied to Spalding than Eastern Tech.

But Perry Hall, OLMC and Dundalk are all on the cusp of greatness. Perry Hall is looking at both team and individual enshrinement, and the two go handin-hand to an extent. Junior forwards Laquill Hardnett and Anthony Higgs, dubbed the Twin Towers in an homage to San Antonio Spurs greats Tim Duncan and David Robinson, could very realistically make the jump to high-level Division 1 colleges. They've received looks from Maryland and Kansas State, and as the year goes on more suitors will likely be added to that list. Should these two keep playing at this level, there's a good chance that Perry Hall could win back-to-back titles (though they should probably just focus on the first) over the next two years.

While Our Lady of Mount Carmel likely won't end up revered as a team like the Dunbar teams of old, Terry Nolan could very well go down in history. Nolan, who recently joined the 1,000 point club at OLMC, has already committed to continue his playing career at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. Chattanooga is fresh off of an NCAA tournament appearance, and Nolan told reporters he's "looking for a Cinderella run" in the tournament when he gets there later this year. Should that happen, Nolan could solidify his name among the greats.

With the Dundalk Owls, it's a bit too early to be making this claim. That said, they have an absolute treasure trove of young talent that has hardly scratched the surface of what they can do. Three sophomores - guard Jaylon Johnson and forwards Tayquan Busby and Rayonte' Brown - all contribute in meaningful ways despite their youth. Add to that the six juniors on the squad and you have a team that looks like they'll be an absolute force over the next two years.

This is the type of hype I've dreamed about since I started covering sports on the east side. You could realistically put together an All-Area team solely from those three teams and they'd be competitive against anyone.

So far this year, each of these teams has exceeded expectations to the point that the bar has been reset. Perry Hall won't be satisfied reaching the state semifinals again. Dundalk won't settle for a third round exit again. OLMC has proven they can handle anyone (outside of Mount St. Joseph) in the MIAA and MPSSAA, so an early exit for them would spell calamity. It's a lot of pressure, but the talent is there. And with postseason play just barely a week away, these teams better be ready to deal

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Around the league

Since falling in a close one to Dulaney, the Dundalk Owls have won three straight. The Owls upended solid New Town and Patterson Mill squads while trampling a lackluster Loch Raven team. The wins against New Town and Patterson help give the Owls a bit of legitimacy, as they've struggled against some of the better teams they've faced this year. They'll finish off their season with contests against Sparrows Point, Milford Mill, Oakland Mills and Franklin.

Perry Hall had a mixed week, dropping a thriller to Largo while squeaking past Western Tech. The Gators followed those up with a 34-point statement win against Overlea. The struggles against Largo and Tech will certainly be a bit disconcerting, but it's better to get those games out of the way now before the postseason gets underway. Perry Hall will wrap up their regular season with contests against Catonsville, Eastern Tech and Owings Mills. That should translate to three wins for the Gators.

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POLITICIANS

Metzgar looking for opioid solution

- By Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6) -

The rising problem with drug and alcohol use in the State of Maryland has grown to an epidemic level. According to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, new data supports that overdoses jumped 50 percent in the first half of 2016. In Baltimore County the grim reality of overdose deaths is very troubling, showing that the use of drugs pushed the number of fatalities up 21 percent last year to 1259.

Delegate Ric Metzgar, who serves on the Health and Government Operations Committee for the State Legislature, reports that the HGO Committee and Maryland Governor Hogan are taking a hard look at the use of opioid and drug

use and its horrific affects in the State of Maryland. The Governors Inter-Agency Heroin and Opioid Coordinating Council says that the rise in the number of heroin and opioid overdose deaths represents an urgent and growing public health threat, cutting across all demographics and geographical settings in Maryland. Delegate Metzgar has been in contact with area agencies concerning this issue and will be meeting with these agencies to begin dialogue about the problem in District 6. Metzgar and Hogan feel that local collaborations can further reduce abuse and overdose death. "We anticipate that this will be a long but fruitful effort," said Delegate Metzgar.



A message from the Councilwoman

- By Councilwoman Cathy Bevins (D-6) - I hope everyone had a happy and safe

New Year. 2017 is off to a fast start for the Council, we elected Councilman Tom Quirk as the 2017 Baltimore County Council Chairman and several Bills and Resolutions have been introduced. January brought with it many legislative breakfasts and lunches as the Maryland General Assembly began a new session. I was happy to attend these events especially those events sponsored by TABCO and CCBC. Education has always been one of my top priorities and I am going to work with Baltimore County Public Schools and CCBC Essex to make sure that our students receive the best education possible and that they are ready for the challenges of the 21st century.

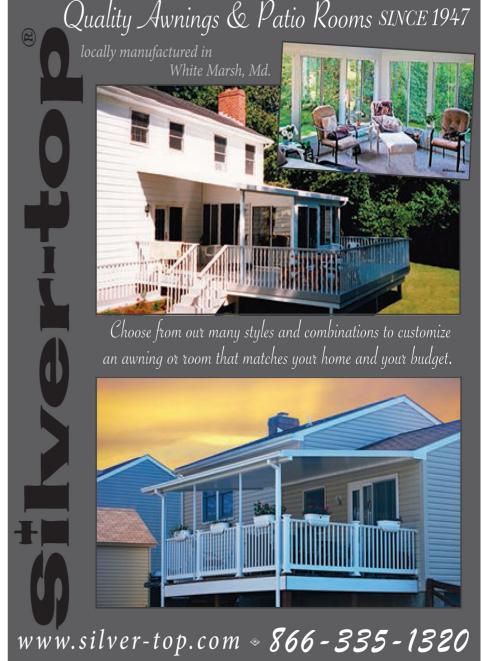
January also brought with it the sad news of Baltimore County Police Chief Jim Johnson's retirement. I have known Chief Johnson since before I was on the Council and under his leadership the Baltimore County Police Department has become a model for Departments nationwide. In his nearly 40 year career Chief Johnson rose from cadet to chief, only the second person in Baltimore County history to do so. Chief Jim Johnson is an excellent public servant and I wish him all the best in the future. I remain committed to ensuring that public safety is a priority; once

confirmed I look forward to working with Terrence Sheridan as he begins his second tenure as the Baltimore County Chief of Police.

Many residents have been concerned about the recent fish kill on the Bird and Gunpowder Rivers. The Maryland Department of the Environment conducted an investigation which found that the fish kill was caused by toxins produced by saltwater algae due to unusually high levels of salinity that can help sustain an algae bloom. My office has been working closely with the County Department of Public Works and Solid Waste Management to assist residents in cleaning up the dead fish. The Bureau of Waste Management has stated they will accommodate residents of the Bird and Gunpowder Rivers by lifting some restrictions on heavy collection for trash haulers, allowing them to collect heavy and large amounts of dead fish. Residents can also dispose of the dead fish at the Eastern Sanitary Landfill.

Finally, February is Black History Month, it is important for all of us to remember the rich heritage of African Americans and how their culture has shaped our country. Please look at the events listed below to see how you can celebrate and learn about the important role black Americans played in our nation's history.





POLITICIANS

Good, horrible and ugly

- By Delegate Kathy Szeliga (R-7) -

Great message from Governor Hogan! – "The State of the State is Strong!"

Governor Hogan's report to Annapolis and the people of Maryland was great. The theme was, "Together we can and must do more." I agree!

An overwhelming majority of Marylanders across our state feel good and think Maryland is headed in the right direction. I agree!

No taxes were raised in Maryland in the past two years, they were cut. 100 fees have either been reduced or eliminated across the state government. The cuts have saved taxpayers \$51 million.

Over the past 12 months, Maryland has added more than 55,000 new jobs. Current Maryland businesses report having their best year in eight years. Our most important businesses increased their investment in our state.

Also, without raising any taxes, education spending was increased to record-high levels. Maryland now has a total increased investment of \$830 million in K-12 education.

I'm proud to be a partner with Governor Hogan working to deliver great results for citizens across our great state.

Horrible - Section 8 Expansion Into Your Neighborhood

Twenty-five years ago, I had my first Letter to the Editor published in the Baltimore Sun. I was outraged that Baltimore City was targeting my very stable working class neighborhood of Hamilton with Section 8 housing vouchers for people moving out of the City Housing Projects. They called it a Move to Opportunity. This program is alive and well and moves Section 8 renters into middle class neighborhoods and is mostly championed by people who live in upper class neighborhoods.

While this bill is well intentioned, it strikes at the heart of American property rights. Today, rental property owners can decide if they want to accept government Section 8 vouchers for rental monies or not accept them. Accepting Section 8 vouchers includes the usual government paperwork and additional costs. Rental property owners should not be required to accept Section 8 vouchers.

Ugly - Your Electricity Bill is Going Up Up Up

Your electric bill is going up. In a party-line vote, Democrats this week acted to once again increase your utility bills and taxes. Masquerading as a green jobs and green energy bill, Governor Hogan's veto of HB 1106, dubbed the "Sunshine Tax," was overridden despite the well documented effect of higher utility bills and forcing Marylanders to fund green jobs in other states.

Working families and retirees cannot afford to foot the bill for the lofty goals of the Democrats in Annapolis. This is one more reason for grandma and grandpa to move to Florida and have more than enough savings to fly up to Maryland to visit the grandkids. We may have lost this battle but we will not give up the fight for all Marylanders for lower taxes, fees and utility bills.

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The veto override that really hurts

- By Senator Johnny Ray Salling (R-6) -

The 2016 General Assembly approved legislation (SB 921) to speed up the use of renewable sources, such as solar and wind power to supply the state's electricity. The original law required that 20 percent of the state's electricity would be supplied by renewable sources by the year 2022. Senate Bill 921 requires that by the year 2020, renewable sources will supply 25 percent of the state's electricity.

This is a tax waiting to happen. Governor Larry Hogan vetoed the bill, as he should have. The Governor opposes tax increases. Residential electricity customers - that's you and me - will pay for this change. It will cost us between 48 cents and \$1.45 more a month. The Department of Legislative Services estimates that after all is said and done, Senate Bill 921 will cost the citizens of Maryland an additional \$49 million to \$196 million.

I don't care what it's called or what reason is given for the increased monthly charge - by any name it's a TAX! Marylanders are sick and tired of the drip, drip, drip of monthly increases tacked on their electricity bills. Those who support this TAX say it is just a pittance. However, history shows that a pittance has a way of growing into a sizable monthly amount that you can't help noticing.

Certainly, Governor Hogan is not against protecting the environment. He is just against burdening Marylanders with the cost. Actually, the Governor has a robust environmental agenda.

He has announced that Maryland will spend \$65 million on programs to promote job growth in green industries, encourage the use of electric vehicles and reduce Chesapeake Bay pollution. Included in his plan is a \$3 million investment in the state's Employment Advancement Right Now program (EARN) to train about 1,500 workers for jobs in solar, wind, hydroelectric and other green industries. In addition, the Governor proposes a \$7.5 million partnership with the University of Maryland Energy Research Center to create the Green Energy Institute, which would develop and attract private investment in clean energy initiatives and an increase in the state's electric vehicle tax credit.

It's worth noting that the cost of the Governor's plan will not come out of the taxpayers' pockets. Of the \$65 million, \$41 million comes from a 2012 settlement with Exelon. That money must be spent on programs that promote renewable sources of electricity, such as solar and wind. The other \$24 million would be spent on targeted investments and market-based solutions to environmental issues.

The Governor also wants to enhance existing rebates and tax credits that encourage people to buy electric cars. He has also proposed spending \$10 million go jump-start a clean-up project for the Chesapeake Bay. And he has suggested putting \$3 million into an existing program that provides job training for workers in high-demand industries, which include green energy. Marylanders have a governor who is very much for protecting our environment as well as our pocketbooks.

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Legislative update from Senator Jennings

- By Senator J.B. Jennings (R-7) -

State of the State

On Wednesday, Governor Hogan delivered his annual State of the State speech, and once again demonstrated that his administration is committed to enacting the best ideas for all Marylanders, no matter what side of the aisle they're on. The Governor's 2017 legislative agenda includes bold proposals such as the Education Innovation Fund, More Jobs for Marylanders Act, Student Debt Relief Act and the Hometown Heroes Act - all of which focus on improving the lives of every Marylander and offer solutions to the issues you care about most.

Prescription Drugs

One of the issues at the forefront of many Marylanders' minds is the soaring cost of prescription drugs. These prices make it nearly impossible for medium and low income Marylanders to afford necessary prescription drugs; a poll taken by Opinion Works found that 84% of Maryland voters want prescription drug transparency. Legislation will be introduced this year to require drug companies to disclose how they determine their prices, notify the public of significant price hikes, and authorize Maryland's Attorney General to take legal action to prevent price gouging. I will keep you updated as this legislation navigates the General Assembly.

A Tax on Sunshine?

On Thursday, the Senate voted to override the Governor's veto on SB 921 - Clean Energy Jobs - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Revisions. This bill increases the state's renewable electricity requirement from 20 percent by 2022 to 25 percent by 2020. Therefore, increasing monthly electricity bills for all Marylanders. It is estimated that this bill will impose a tax increase of between \$49 million to \$196 million by 2020. I, along with my fellow Republican Senators voted to sustain the Governor's veto.

Thank you for your continued interest in Maryland's 2017 Legislation Session, and please stay tuned for next week's Annapolis update. As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Baltimore Humane Society is in dire need of foster families. If you or anyone you know is interested in doing so, please contact Wendy at goldband@bmorehumane.org or visit our website at www.bmorehumane.org and click on "Foster A Pet!"

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Riverside Democratic Club

Baltimore County Register of Wills Grace Connolly will be the guest speaker at the Thursday, Feb. 9, Riverside Democratic Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Essex-Holly Neck VFW Post 2621, 206 Riverside Road in Essex. Ms. Connolly will speak about the workings of her office and provide guidance on how to prepare for the death of a loved one. The meeting is open to all. For information, contact Jay Hidden at 443-854-9965 or new7thnews@gmail.com.

Food Pantry

Dundalk Church of the Nazarene, 1626 Lynch Road, has a food pantry for nonperishable food items. If you are in need or are interested in donating, please call the church at 410-288-5136.

Nature Connections: Owls

See owls up close, dissect pellets and explore adaptations that make owls such great nighttime hunters from 1 - 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19, in this free program sponsored by the Natural History Society of Maryland, 6908 Belair Road in Overlea. Crafts and activities for children. For information, contact 410-882-5376 or communications@marylandnature.org.

Senior Center Open House

Visit Victory Villa Senior Center, 403 Compass Road in Middle River, on Friday, Feb. 24, to get involved in new activities and make new friends! Take a tour and receive a free gift. See programs we offer and get details of our hot lunch program. Open to ages 60 and above. Free registration; reservation required.

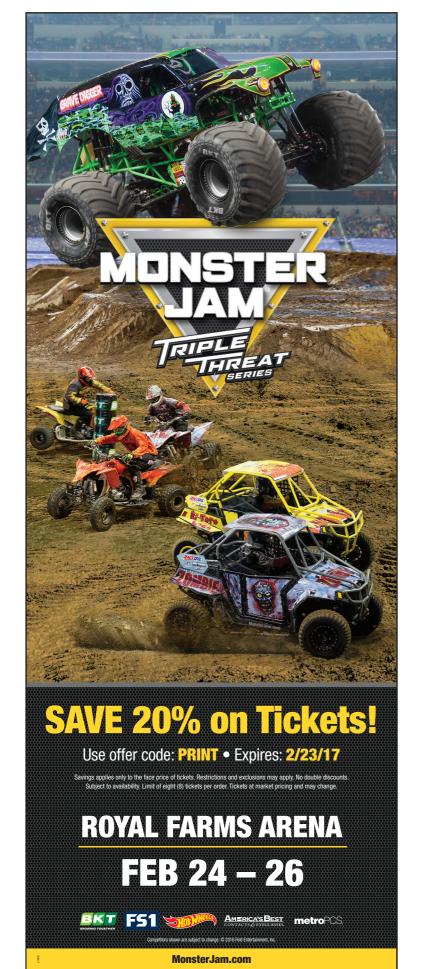
Blood Drive

Johns Hopkins Bayview will host an American Red Cross blood drive Feb. 21 - 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Knott Conference Center. All participants will receive a meal coupon, parking pass, \$5 Amazon gift card and special gift from the medical center. Eligible donors can make twice the difference by scheduling a "power red" donation. By doing this, the machine is able to double the amount of red cells it would normally collect in a standard blood donation. 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.

Senior Citizens HOF

The Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Inc. (MSCHF) is seeking nominations of Maryland residents, 65 years of age or older, who as active volunteers (since age 65) have made outstanding contributions to improve the lives of others in the community. Nominations are accepted through April 10. Approved nominees are inducted into the MSCHF at our annual awards luncheon in October. The nomination form and specific details for eligibility are available at mschf.org or by contacting Tom Kline at mschf1@ verizon.net or 410-322-5193.

Visit www.eastcountytimesonline.com for the full Community Calendar.







SPOTLIGHT

Valentine's Day Dance

Independent Order of Odd Fellows North Point Lodge 4, 9401 North Point Road in Fort Howard, will hold its first Bring Your Sweetheart Valentine's Day dance from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Odd Couple Plus One will perform, featuring music from the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Tickets cost \$15 and will be sold at the door. Beer, snacks and set-ups are included. Wine will be sold separately. To reserve tickets, call Cliff Poist, 410-477-8955, or Beverly Brittain, 410-284-3534.

Legion Valentine's Dance

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave., will hold its Dance the Night Away Valentine's dance from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Music will be provided by the Epics. Tickets cost \$20 and include a pork loin dinner, beer, wine and soda. To reserve tickets, call Harry Campbell, 410-687-3855, or the Post, 410-686-2353.

Kitchen Kettle Trip

A Kitchen Kettle Village and Shady Maple Smorgasbord bus trip will be held Saturday, June 17. For



Zion UCC Book Sale

Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Golden Ring Road in Essex, will hold a used book and media sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. The sale will be held in the church hall, one block past the church. The sale includes hardbacks (\$1 each), paperbacks (25 cents each), VCR tapes and free magazines. For more information, call Retha Griffin, 410-682-6571.

Back River Softball

Back River Recreation Council, 801 Back River Neck Road in Essex, will hold softball registration from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, Feb. 11, 18 and March 4 and 18. The program is open to players ages 4 to 18. Costs vary. For more information, call Ken Fishpaugh, 410-207-8682, or send an email to mmjkfish1@aol.com.

Free Home-Cooked Meals

Essex United Methodist Church, 524 Maryland Ave., will offer free, hot home-cooked meals for anyone in the community every Wednesday from 3:30 -6 p.m. Anyone who wishes to may sit down and eat, no questions asked.

Middle River Lacrosse

Online registration for Middle River Renegades lacrosse is now open at www.middleriverlacrosse. com. The Middle River Recreation Council will also hold walk-in registration at the Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road in Middle River on Feb. 13 from 6 - 8 p.m. Visit the website for pricing and more information.

BRUMC Spaghetti Dinner

Back River United Methodist Church, 544 Back River Neck Road in Essex, will hold its annual spaghetti and lasagna dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18. The menu will include salad, bread, beverages and homemade desserts. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 7-12; no cost for children 6 and younger. Carry-outs will be available. For more information, call Betty, 410-870-0458.

Soup Kitchen

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7834 Eastern Ave. across from Eastpoint Mall, operates its soup kitchen on the last Saturday of every month from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info., call 410-288-0537.



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SPOTLIGHT

Snowshoes Tournament

The North Point Horseshoe League will hold its 3rd annual Snowshoes Tournament Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Bay Shore Bar and Grill, 8214 North Point Road in Edgemere. Registration starts at noon and competition begins at 1 p.m. The cost to enter the random draw tourney is \$5. Ravens Roost 86 will hold a Chinese auction, with proceeds going to local charities. Food and beverage specials will be available, and fire pits will help keep shooters warm.

Athletic Club Spaghetti Dinner

The Dundalk Athletic Club, 7801 Seaside Road in Dundalk, will hold a spaghetti dinner from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. The menu will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and desserts. Beer, wine and sodas will be available. Tickets cost \$9 for adults; \$4 for children under 12. Info: 443-998-6634.

Coin Show Dealers Wanted

Coin dealers are wanted for the Middle River Coin Club's spring coin show set for Sunday, March 26, at the Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road in Middle River. Tables cost \$35; a second table for the same dealer is \$30. To reserve a table, call 410-687-1517, or email pennsylpete@comcast.net. The Middle River Coin Club, a program of the Middle River Recreation and Parks Council, is a member of the Maryland State Numismatic Association.

Hawthorne Reunion

The 23rd annual "We're the Boys of Hawthorne" reunion (for girls too) will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at the Wilson Point Men's Club, 1400 Shore Road in Middle River. For more information, call Bill, 410-746-7825, or Frank, 410-686-1158.

Stembridge Baseball

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Beginner Line Dance Lessons

Beginner line dancing lessons are held each Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave. Info: 443-801-5678.

Essex Legion Karaoke

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave., will host Karaoke with Lightning Rod from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Feb. 10; Karaoke with Kimmy and Judy D from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 11; and Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, when all ladies present will receive a small gift. Call 410-686-2353 for kitchen availability, menu and specials.

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CLUES ACROSS

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- 4. Carolina Panthers' Newton
- 7. Documented organizational practice
- 10. A way to change color
- 11. Boxing legend
- 12. Football coach Parseghian
- 13. Rewards (archaic)
- 15. Colbert's network
- 16. Palm trees
- 19. Capital of N. Carolina
- 21. LA ballplayers
- 23. Does not sit
- 24. A way to intensify
- 25. Penny
- 26. Elements' basic unit
- 27. Muscular weakness (pl.)
- 30. Makes sense
- 34. Helps little firms

35. Go quickly

- 36. Found at the end of books
- 41. A way of carving
- 45. The back of one's neck
- 46. Israeli dance
- 47. They help golfers
- 50. Western landmass
- 54 Evokes
- 55. A Big Easy hoopster
- 56. Small valleys
- 57. Water in the solid state
- 59. Acquired brain injury behavior science (abbr.)
- 60. Don't let this get too big
- 61. Motor is one type
- 62. Negative
- 63. A hiding place
- 64. Negative
- 65. Excavated

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Upright stone
- 2. Beat
- 3. Intestines (informal)
- 4. Distinguishing marks
- 5. Clergical vestment
- 6. Give cards incorrectly
- 7. Underground construction worker
- 8. Japanese art form
- 13. Wife
- 14. Consume
- 17. Curve
- 18. Midway between south and southeast
- 20. Unit of heredity
- 22. Upon
- 27. Pressure unit
- 28. Australian TV station

- 29. Cool!
- 31. A person's guardian spirit
- 32. French river
- 33. Body part
- 37. Gratify
- 38. Watertight chamber
- 39. Dueling sword
- 40. Term
- 41. Having an attractive shape
- 9. Franz van ___, German diplomat 42. Togo capital
 - 43. Island nation
 - 44. Arctic deer with large antlers
 - 47. Dishonorable man
 - 48. Equal to 100 sq. meters
 - 49. Administered
 - 51. Cake topping
 - 52. Car for hire
 - 53. Autonomic nervous system
 - 58. Intelligence organization

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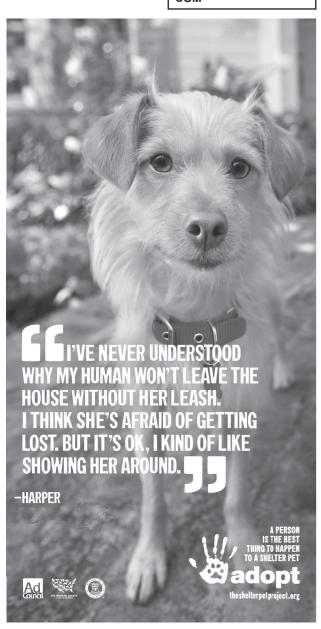
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