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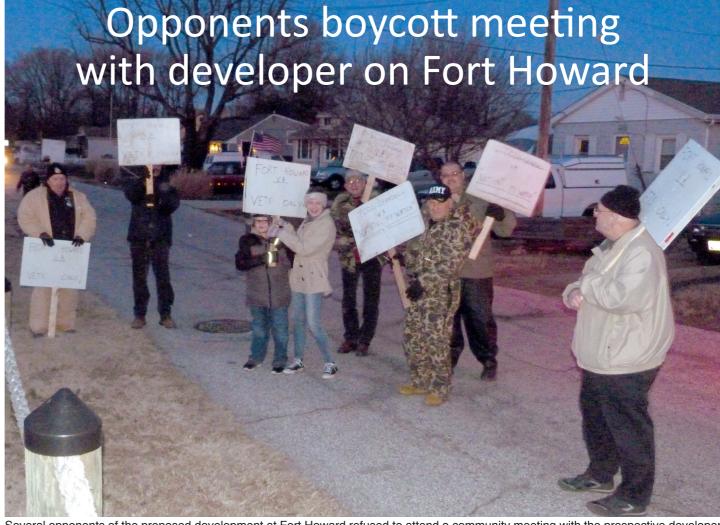
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Several opponents of the proposed development at Fort Howard refused to attend a community meeting with the prospective developer of the site, instead braving the cold, windy weather to deliver their message outside. Photo by Devin Crum.

- By Devin Crum -

Developer Sam Himmelrich held a community meeting with Fort Howard residents on Thursday, Feb. 16, to discuss his plan for developing the former veterans hospital property owned by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The concept plan for the development remains largely unchanged from what was presented to community members at an Oct. 12 meeting organized by the North Point Peninsula Council (NPC).

And Jacob Himmelrich, Sam's son, who is also involved with the project, said the meeting was an effort by the developer to engage more with community members, particularly those in Fort Howard, as recommended by County Councilman Todd Crandell and community leaders such as NPC President Fran Taylor.

Nevertheless, some Fort Howard residents and other opponents of the project opted not to attend the meeting which was seemingly open to the public. Instead, they expressed their sentiments outside by hoisting signs with slogans of opposition.

According to Jacob, Fort Howard Community Association Vice President Scott Pappas had been invited to the meeting, which was organized by Todd's Farm resident Pete Christensen.

Asked why the group did not attend the meeting, Pappas said they picketed in opposition to what he called an "outrageous" amount of construction and development at Fort Howard. "Because we're the ones who are going to suffer with all the impacts," he said.

He stressed as well that the gathering outside was not so much a protest as an affirmation of their support for Crandell's expressed position that the development should be veteran-focused.

Pappas and the others used the slogan "Not On My Watch" to reference what Crandell said during a public meeting - see **BOYCOTT** on page 5 -



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Three Essex volunteer fire companies to merge, relocate

- By Devin Crum -

The Rockaway Beach Volunteer Fire Company put to bed rumors about their future on Thursday, Feb. 16, by officially announcing that they plan to merge with two other area volunteer fire companies.

If all goes well, the Rockaway Beach, Hyde Park and Middleborough volunteers will join to form the Essex Volunteer Fire Company and settle into a new station at a new site within the next five years, according to RBVFC Lieutenant Brian Roth.

Roth said the goal by the end of this year is to have the merger complete on paper, officially forming the Essex VFC, station 51. But he assured that will not change the services the communities receive from the companies for the time being since each will continue to operate out of their current buildings.

"We will still be sitting right down here. We will still be there when you call," he said, adding that they could not currently fit all three companies into one building anyway.

They also do not yet have a new site, and Roth explained that their goal by the end of next year is to close one of the three stations and have land ready to build the new one. They do not yet know which station would close, he said, noting that it will be whichever one makes sense, financially and otherwise,

The goal by the end of 2019 is to have the new station complete and to close the remaining two stations.

Company leadership could not firmly say what will happen to the sites of the three current fire stations, each consisting of roughly an acre of land. But RBVFC does not own the land on which their hall sits, instead holding a 99-year lease with the owner, Lawrence Sinclair, a longtime area resident.

The companies' highest priority for a new site, according to RBVFC President Kevin Nida, is on Middleborough Road between MD-702 and Back River Neck Road - a site owned by Hendersen-Webb and slated for development.

Baltimore County approved the 22-acre site for 180 apartments about a decade ago, but it became an issue again last summer when a new developer, Conor Gilligan, came up with a plan for 125 townhomes on the site instead.

In addition to the homes, the site includes two commercial lots on its Middleborough Road edge, either of which could be used to build a new fire station, said Gilligan, vice president of land management for Craftsman Developers.

But an agreement for the sale of the property would have to be between the Essex VFC and Hendersen-Webb. The VFC would then have to get approval from the county to convert and build on

Gilligan said he has met with the VFCs on three occasions since they approached him in August to discuss ways they can work together, adding that the site would be centrally located to their combined service area.

Nida explained that the RBVFC currently serves a 35-square-mile area with about 7,000 residents. But the new company would have a 45-square-mile service area with 21,000 - 25,000 residents.

"It sounds like a lot, but statistically it's going to help us out better when we can pool all the members together in one spot to be able to serve that," Nida said.

Roth said, logistically, the company can do a better job out of one station than they can from three separate ones, adding that they could potentially have multiple fire engines and ambulances due to the needs of the community.

The merge is seen as necessary partly because county funding for volunteers has dropped dramatically in recent years.

Nida revealed that RBVFC only received \$4,000 in county funding last year, down from \$16,000 the previous year and \$60,000 15 years ago.

Roth noted that their fundraising income is typically consistent year to year, but costs of operation are always increasing, with outdated buildings constructed several decades ago and county Fire Chief John Hohman recommending the purchase of new fire engines every 15 years.

Additionally, having three companies so close together restricts each station's fundraising territory and recruiting pool.

"It makes it very hard for us to come out and help you if we don't have the people to get out the door and respond to your emergencies when you need us," Roth said.

Because of this, the average response rate for the three companies has ranged from 63 - 79 percent over the last five years, according to Nida. And while the three receive a combined roughly 1,700 calls for service each year, 30 - 40 percent of each station's calls are in one of the other stations' territories, so that total would decrease after the merger, he said.

Roth also referenced the Baltimore County Volunteer Fireman's Association study which recommended the merging of VFCs around the county for greater efficiency and cost effectiveness. The county has encouraged those mergers as well.

"[The county] decided that they do not want to support three fire houses down at this section," Roth said, which he added effectively means they eventually are not going to.

He also said it would be impossible for the stations to survive on their own without county funds, and at the rate funds are dwindling, they would likely be gone in five years.

Roth noted that none of the companies involved is anxious to close.

"We enjoy serving the communities that we serve; that's why we're here," he said.

But volunteer companies in Middle River, White Marsh and elsewhere throughout the county have successfully completed mergers over the last two years. And Roth said the idea of merging the Essex companies has been discussed for about the last 30 years.

Residents who attended the meeting Thursday expressed concern about the amount of development occurring in the area and the potential dangers of closing fire houses while increasing population.

But Roth said even if the county had not taken that into consideration, it is unlikely to change their mind on merging the companies.

"This is something they've wanted for 20 years, and I can't imagine that there's going to be anything to change that," he said.

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County councilman finds fault with Charter Review Commission picks

- By Devin Crum -

Third District County Councilman Wade Kach, a Cockeysville Republican, sent a letter to his constituents and supporters last week in an immediate call to action over the Baltimore County Executive's and the County Council's appointees for the Charter Review Commission.

In his letter, Kach decried what he saw as lobbyists with "clear conflicts of interest" being appointed to review the County Charter.

The Charter Review Commission was approved first by the County Council via a resolution, then by county voters during the November 2016 election. It calls for the creation of a commission in the seventh year of each decade to review and update the charter for efficiency in county government.

Kach said the commission's purpose is also to make local government more responsive to the interests and concerns of the public.

"Because the issues that the commission will confront are so important and so sensitive, it is vital to make sure that members of the commission are unencumbered by conflicts of interest," Kach wrote. "With this in mind, it is deeply disappointing to note that several proposed members of the commission are lobbyists with issues presently before the council.'

Each County Council member appointed one person to the commission and the county executive appointed two more. And Kach identified the county execu-

tive's picks, as well as those by Councilwomen Vicki Almond and Cathy Bevins as lobbyists with conflicts of interest in the task of reviewing the County Charter.

For this reason, Kach asked for the removal of his name as a sponsor of the resolution which established the commission's membership.

"I cannot in good conscience support a commission comprised of a large number of lobbyists who are currently on retainer with special interests that currently have issues before the county government,"

He said those lobbyists focus mostly on land use issues, which make up a large portion of the daily operations of local government.

County Executive Kevin Kamenetz's appointees have each acted as land use attorneys for development issues on the east side and around the county.

Specifically, Edward Gilliss of Royston, Mueller, McLean and Reid represented White Marsh Mall in its opposition to the Paragon outlet mall project.

David Karceski, a partner with Venable, LLC, is acting land use attorney for a residential townhome development in White Marsh on the former Pulaski Drive-In property. That project is still seeking county approval.

Almond's pick, John Gontrum of Whiteford, Taylor and Preston, represented developer Conor Gilligan in his bid for approval of the Osprey Pointe residential development on Turkey Point Road in Essex. That project is still pending appeal in the courts due to community oppostion.

Bevins maintained that her appointee, Michael Paul Smith of Smith, Gildea and Schmidt, is a trial attorney rather than one for land use and that the vast majority of his practice is in things like car accidents and malpractice lawsuits.

But his firm is well-known for representing clients for land use. For instance, Larry Schmidt acted as counsel for Len Weinberg, the prospective developer for the North Point Government Center. And David Gildea has represented several clients for projects in White Marsh and Perry Hall.

Bevins stood by her pick, though, holding that Smith does not currently have a client with a development project pending in the county because he does not usually participate in land use cases. She noted as well that in the eight years his father, Jim Smith, was county executive, he worked for a different law firm and did not practice in land use at all so there would be no conflict of interest.

Bevins explained that she knew she had to pick someone for the commission is willing to do a lot of reading.

"And they have to have a mind to understand that reading and why the charter was created and its importance and what is going to be happening through this commission," she said.

She noted that Smith got his education in county government when his father ran for county executive. He was his father's political adviser and researched county government inside and out.

"So he understands it. He understands it on many levels, not just as an attorney," Bevins asserted.

Councilman David Marks, who was lead sponsor of the bill to create the commission in 2015 and was the only one to choose a non-attorney, said he

was "comfortable" with his pick.
Antonio (Tony) Campbell is a professor of political science at Towson University and is "about as much of an outsider as you will get" in Baltimore County, Marks said. "I appointed an African-American Republican who tried to challenge Kevin Kamenetz in the last election.'

Marks said, ideally, members of the commission should not be connected to county government. But he sees the value in having people who understand the mechanics of government, "as long as they follow strict ethical standards and recuse themselves from any conflicts of interest."

He said he would have a greater problem with lobbyists and land use attorneys being on the commission if the body had more power than it does.

"This is an advisory committee," Marks explained. "The committee will make recommendations to the County Council, and any changes to the charter will have to be approved by the voters."

He said needing voter approval makes it purposely difficult to change the charter.

"I would have a real problem if the commission had the power to change laws," Marks said. "It does not."

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on June 4, 2015, that he would block any attempt by a developer to build what he called a "metropolis" at Fort Howard.

"We weren't really protesting; we were more or less just making a public statement," Pappas explained. "We weren't against anything, we were just pro-'Not On My Watch.'"

Pappas added that he and the others also did not attend because Sam Himmelrich is not listed on the lease with the VA for the site and is not yet an official partner for the development, which the VA has confirmed.

"The short story is, he is not - as far as the Veterans Administration is concerned - on the lease or, as far as they know, a stakeholder," Pappas said. "We're really wasting our time, and further, we're actually giving him credibility which he doesn't deserve from us."

He said the developer is simply trying to curry support for his proposal so he can eventually be added to the lease as a partner with leaseholder Timothy Munshell.

Further, Pappas questioned Christensen's motives in organizing the meeting, noting that he had planted the hundreds of trees on the Bauer Farm property for Mark Sapperstein's Shaw's Discovery project.

"It seems like Mr. Christensen is always doing something for the developers, including supporting their development against what the community people possibly don't support," he said.

Pappas also griped about the lack of public notification of the meeting ahead of time, stating that some people across the street from the Balco Club, where the gathering was held, were unaware of what was going on.

Jacob said that since the developer was not the one who called the meeting, they left notification up to its organizers. He said Christensen was in charge of inviting members of the community.

He stressed, though, that it was an open and public meeting.

"No one who wanted to attend the meeting was stopped from doing so," Iacob said

According to Sam, the first phase of his project would involve restoring the officers' quarters single homes along the waterfront and the main drive, some of which have been vandalized or burned down; building a facility to house homeless or at-risk veterans, as required by the lease with the VA; and construction of a group of 75 townhomes on the property.

Phase two would see another cluster of townhomes constructed, as well as single homes built along the waterfront at the lower end of the property.

The third and final phase would consist of apartment or condominium buildings, potentially for senior housing, according to Himmelrich. But he said the programming for that had not been completely finalized.

The third phase would also involve the completion of the required restoration and renovation of the historic buildings on the site.

One minor change for the project, Jacob said, is that they have incorporated the concept of having a percentage of the units held off the market and reserved specifically for veterans for a period of time.

While the entire site would be "veterans preferred" and marketed toward veterans, he said this is something they have come up with based on feedback from the community, as well as local elected officials.

"Basically, we'll take them off the market for a period of time to give veterans the ability to try to purchase those units," Jacob said.

The reserved units would be marketed only to veterans during that reserved period, he said.

He added that they have not exactly figured out yet how that will work, but noted that veterans are now a protected



Sam Himmelrich

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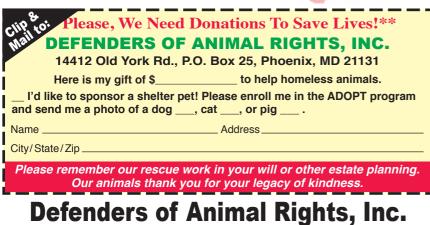




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NEWS

'Ashes to Go' offers mobile blessing with a dose of hope

- By Marge Neal -

If a busy schedule is the only thing keeping you from participating in Ash Wednesday services, a couple of eastern Baltimore County churches have you covered.

Dundalk's New Light and Essex's St. John's Lutheran churches will both provide individual prayers and the imposition of ashes through a national initiative known as Ashes to Go. The program allows residents to receive ashes through walk-up or drive-through services in their communities.

"It was really neat last year, we had about 15 people," The Rev. Charlene Barnes, pastor of St. John's, said. "For the first time doing something, I thought that was pretty good."

Barnes will offer Ashes to Go from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. March 1, at the corner of Eastern Boulevard and Taylor Avenue in Essex. For those looking for a more traditional service, the church will offer ashes from 7 - 8 p.m. at the church, 518 Franklin Ave.

At New Light Lutheran, where The Rev. Kristi King has been offering the mobile ashes program for four years, the schedule is a little more ambitious. King will greet visitors from 7 - 9 a.m. in front of the church at the corner of Dundalk, Pine and Willow Spring avenues. Formal church services with communion will be offered at noon and 7 p.m. at the church, 2120 Dundalk Ave., and mobile ashes will be offered again from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Logan Village Shopping Center on Dundalk Avenue.

"We are not called to hide inside the church and wait for people to find us," King said. "It can be scary to go into a church on Sunday where you don't know anyone, and meeting people where they are is less threatening."

The imposition of ashes dates to the Old Testament, when people wore sack cloths and put ashes on their foreheads to show "repentance and grief over the ways we stray from God," according to King.

"And this is also a reminder of our mortality, that we are ashes to ashes, dust to dust," she said. "All of this is temporary and we return to God who is eternal."

The New Light mobile ashes group served about 150 residents last year, but King said she would continue the service if only three people took advantage of it.

Some of the people served may never have belonged to a church, or perhaps they grew up in the church but disconnected for any number of reasons.

"If God is stirring someone's heart, I would do whatever I could to take down the barriers for that to happen," she said.

Barnes originally became aware of Ashes to Go

while working for a church in Frederick County and liked the grassroots connection to the community the outreach effort offered.

When she was called to St. John's, she brought the program with her.

"When I am out doing this, I am not recruiting for members or asking for anything," Barnes said. "This is an opportunity to get out in the community with a purpose - to share the love and peace of God with people in the moment, in their journey of life."

Last year, Barnes situated herself so she could minister to people getting off buses at a nearby stop as well as be convenient to drivers in their cars. She also took notice of people lining up at the front door of the Maryland state services building across the street.

As bus customers crossed the street to join the line, they apparently shared with others what Barnes was offering.

One man left the line to take advantage of the service, according to Barnes. He told the pastor he had recently lost his job and was trying to get some help for his kids.

"I told him that 'God is still in your life and he'll give you the strength to get through this,'" the pastor said. "And he said, 'Thank you, I just needed some hope." St. John's, though relatively small in size - the pastor estimated that about 70 members attend each Sunday - has a big impact on the community through its many outreach projects, including clothing and toy giveaways.

"We served 186 families through our holiday toy giveaway this past year," Barnes said.

While Barnes said the Ashes to Go program is a no-strings-attached offering, she said she does end up getting rewarded.

Speaking of the man who asked for prayer after losing his job, she said he cried during the few moments he shared with the pastor.

The man was appreciative of a small dose of individual prayer and caring and walked back across the street with a little bit of hope he didn't have earlier.

"As a pastor, you know you're doing what you were called to do when you give someone a little hope and a little strength to carry on," she said.

God doesn't wait for a holy place to deliver his message, according to New Light's King.

"He's on the street corners, he's where the people are," she said. "We need to meet people in the midst of everyday life, which is how Jesus carried out his ministry, and this program allows us to do that."

'Harvest for the Hungry' donates \$10,000 to Maryland Food Bank

- By Devin Crum -

On Thursday, Feb. 16, Weis Markets presented a check for \$10,665 to the Maryland Food Bank at their Honeygo store in Perry Hall for donations the grocery chain received during December 2016.

The donations were the result of generous contributions by Weis customers and WCBM Radio listeners as part of the "Harvest for the Hungry" campaign - a partnership between Baltimore-area Weis stores and WCBM.

Contributions were raised across 12 stores in the Baltimore metropolitan region through in-store voucher purchases, on-air contributions from WCBM listeners and remote radio feeds from several Weis Markets locations, according to Honeygo store manager Rob Santoni.

Maryland Food Bank representative Amy Chase said the funds were used mostly to pay for sources of protein for needy families. Families could use gift cards to pay for protein such as turkeys around the holidays or other sources of protein for vegetarians, she said.

Chase noted that sources of protein are especially important for the food bank.

"As a food bank we get a lot of vegetables and canned goods, but not necessarily meat or other protein," she



Pictured are Joppa Road Weis store manager Annette Gaydos (left), County Councilman David Marks, WCBM talk show host Bruce Elliot, Maryland Food Bank representatives Morgan Delaware and Amy Chase, Honeygo store manager Rob Santoni, WCBM General Manager Mark Beaven, Carney store manager Rick Fisher and Honeygo store Assistant Manager Barb Shiflett. Photo by Devin Crum.

said. "So it's important to have that variety."

Chase also pointed out that the Maryland Food Bank can provide approximately three meals for every dollar donated to them.

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Black Bears and Our Mammal Relatives

Learn about the expanding population of black bears in Maryland and how to better co-exist with them from 1 - 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26, in this free Nature Connections program sponsored by the Natural History Society of Maryland, 6908 Belair Road in Overlea. Explore fur pelts, skulls and tracks of other common mammals with hands-on activities; and themed games and crafts for children. For info., contact 410-882-5376, communications@marylandnature.org or visit www. marylandnature.org/nature-connections.

BCGS Meeting

The Baltimore County Genealogical Society (BCGS), 8601 Harford Road in Parkville, Room 308, will meet on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rebecca Morris with "Civil War Parole Camps of Annapolis, Maryland," discussing the creation of the parole camps and the stories of the men who came there, a fascinating but little known facet of local history in Anne Arundel County. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit: http:// www.baltimoregenealogysociety.org/ BCGShome/library/ or call 410-665-8769.

EMRCC Meeting

The next general meeting of the Essex-Middle River Civic Council will be held on Wednesday, March 1, at 7 p.m. in the Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road in Middle River. The guest speaker will be Athan Sunderland to give an update on the "43 Fields" project. There are also many other issues to discuss and attempt to resolve. Plan to attend and become well informed. All are welcome.

Boating Safety Course

The Rosedale American Legion Post 180, 1331 Seling Ave., is offering a Boating Safety Course through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Dates are April 18, 25 and 27 from 6 - 9 p.m. Call 410-866-9656 or 410-935-0857 for complete details.

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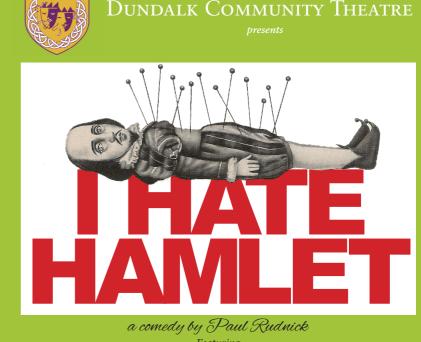
NPVCA Meeting

The monthly meeting of the North Point Village Civic Association will be held Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Southeast Regional Recreation Center (SERRC), 4021 North Point Blvd. in Dundalk. The guest speaker will be a representative from the Baltimore County Lead Safe Program.

Senior Center Open House

Visit Victory Villa Senior Center, 403 Compass Road in Middle River, on Friday, Feb. 24, to learn what programs we have to offer and the details of our hot lunch program! Take a tour and receive a free gift. Open to aged 60 and above. Registration is free. Please make a reservation by calling 410-887-0235.





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SPORTS

Perry Hall, Dundalk earn top seeds in state tournament

- By Patrick Taylor -

The MPSSAA is set to kick off postseason play for basketball this weekend, with tournament seedings announced on Tuesday. To the surprise of absolutely no one, the Perry Hall boys basketball team secured the No. 1 seed in the 4A/North region. Throughout the season, the Gators cemented themselves as one of the premier teams in the Baltimore area. The Dundalk Owls boys enter the tournament riding a seven-game win streak, and for their efforts they were awarded the No. 1 seed in the 3A/North region.

Both the Gators and the Owls received first round byes, so their first taste of tournament play won't come until Feb. 28. Perry Hall will take on the winner of Parkville (a No. 4 seed) and Bel Air while Dundalk will take on the winner of Franklin and Frederick Douglass.

Elsewhere in the 4A/North, Kenwood was awarded the No. 6 seed. The Bluebirds will have a tough contest against Catonsville, with the winner going on to face Dulaney. In the 3A/North region, Patapsco was also given a six seed. The Patriots will face Edgewood in the first round, with the winner of that contest taking on the winner of Aberdeen and Towson.

In 2A/North play, Overlea secured the No. 4 seed and will face No. 5 Chesapeake in the opening round. The winner of that contest will face the winner of No. 8 Sparrows Point verses Patterson, who received the No. 1 seed in the region. The Eastern Tech Mavericks were awarded the No. 7 seed and will face a tough

matchup in Lake Clifton in round one.

For the girls, Perry Hall secured the No. 2 seed in the 4A/North region and received a bye to the second round. Like the boys, the Gators will face the winner of No. 6 Parkville and No. 3 Bel Air. Kenwood was given the No. 5 seed for their efforts, and will face Dulaney in the opening round. The winner of that contest will go on to face top seed Catonsville.

In 3A/North play, Patapsco and Dundalk both managed to secure low seeds. Patapsco (No. 6) will take on Edgewood in the first round, while Dundalk (No. 7) will take on Towson. The winners of those bouts will go on to face each other in round two.

The Chesapeake girls secured the No. 1 seed in the 2A/North region and will take on No. 8 seed Overlea. Eastern Tech was awarded the No. 3 seed and will take on No. 6 Sparrows Point.

With the logistics taken care of, all that's left is the playing. A betting man would wager that both Perry Hall teams, the Dundalk boys and the Chesapeake girls have the best shots to bring home a title. But the Eastern Tech girls and the Parkville boys also have decent opportunities to make runs. While Parkville will have to go through the beast known as Perry Hall, they have decent size and ability. It'll take a bit of a miracle, but stranger things have happened. The Eastern Tech girls, meanwhile, will likely face Dunbar in the second round, who will be a much easier opponent than Chesapeake. If Tech gets on a roll, we could have a classic battle of Essex teams in

the sectional final for the 2A/North region.

And for those low-seeded teams...I wish you all the best. While it's true that anything can happen in the postseason, the opening rounds are often relatively bland. What you expect to happen ends up happening. In college ball, you always hear about low seeds taking down powerhouses once the tournament begins. Teams like George Mason, Virginia Commonwealth, Witchita State and more have proven that being a mid-major doesn't necessarily mean you'll get walked all over.

But this ain't college. And it may be unpopular, but not every team deserves to have a chance in the postseason. It diminishes the work that others have done to earn their way into the tournament. There's also the issue of cost, with refs, transportation and gym time draining money. But more importantly, after dealing with a season of getting shellacked, most teams just want the season to end. It's the equivalent of putting a man in a coffin on life support.

In the past I've written about the short amount of time allotted between seasons. If you play football or soccer and your team goes far, you don't really get a break before lacing up the basketball shoes. It's the same between basketball season and lacrosse season. By cutting down on the amount of teams accepted into the tournament, the MPSSAA can give a little more time for recovery. I know these kids are all young and in great shape, but the body needs rest, and there's no point in limiting that rest so a couple teams can act as a punching bag.

I never get political or make social statements in this space, but this is what I don't get when older generations go off on participation trophies and awards - the younger generation has no say. There are no high school kids on the MPSSAA selection committee. They don't make the awards. As a millenial, I'm often reminded by my elders that participation trophies and ribbons made my generation soft. Well, who was giving out those trophies and ribbons?

I get it, talks about losing and winning and what is and isn't fair can be tough. No parent wants to see their kid in pain. And while that's often wellintentioned, pain is a part of life and the sports world can act as a great teacher.

Oftentimes, the youth are left out of these types of discussions. Parents and coaches act as spokespersons; they live vicariously through their children; they want to avoid awkward conversations. But I'd wager that most of these low-seed teams would be willing to just call it a day. Learning to lose is a great lesson, but I'm not sure there's a lesson to be learned in perpetually having your butt kicked and having your folks ask for more.

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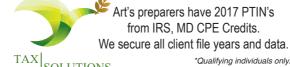
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Hello, world! My name is Blizzard! I am a laid back kinda' dude. I enjoy lounging around in a comfy cat bed or relaxing in the window watching the birds. I'm also playful and really like feather toys. Ping pong balls are cool, too. Sorry—I'm really not a fan of other cats. I don't know, just want to be the only cat in the home. Ok...I really want all of your attention. Is that so bad? So stop by the Baltimore Humane Society to check me out. See

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Shopping for a new car can be an exciting and sometimes stressful process. A vehicle is one of the largest purchases a person will make in his or her lifetime, so choosing an automobile requires careful research and some comparison shopping

According to IHS Automotive, there are more than 250 million registered passenger vehicles in the United States. In Canada, 33,168,805 vehicle registrations were reported by Statistics Canada in 2015. With so many cars and trucks on the road, it's important for drivers to get a vehicle that meets their needs and fits their budgets. The following are some pointers for prospective buyers looking to save some money on their next vehicles.

Wait for model changeover

Pay attention to news regarding which vehicle models will be retired or rede-

The best time to buy a new car and other cost-saving tips

signed, as this may indicate which vehicles might be offered at the best deals. The model year should also be considered when looking for a new car. Many buyers are naturally attracted to the newest model year, feeling that if they're going to pay a lot for a car or truck, they want to do so for the newest available model. Buyers who don't need the newest model available may find a better deal than those who do.

Choose a different body type

The National Automobile Dealers Association advises that pickup trucks and SUVs continue to command high prices. Shoppers who look at sedans, compact cars and even luxury vehicles may be able to get a better price than those looking for trucks or SUVs. Buyers should assess their needs and see if a different body style or category of car fits their needs and their budgets.

Shop the end of the month

No matter the month, waiting until the last week of the month may be a good time to buy. Sales managers and dealerships in general have a monthly quota to meet and are compensated accordingly. Negotiating at this time means shoppers can get a good deal, while salespeople can move vehicles. A customer's offer that might not be accepted earlier in the month might get approved in the final days of the month.

Choose the right day of the week

According to a study by TrueCar.com, an automotive pricing and information website, Sunday is the best day of the week to purchase a vehicle. Buyers can expect to pay as much as \$2,000 more for the same vehicle on Friday than those who shop on a Sunday. Monday is also

a good day, as there is less foot traffic and it may be possible to wrangle a better deal. Waiting until the end of the day can be advantageous, too. Salespeople may be anxious to close out sales so they can get home at quitting time.

Get financing ahead of time

Knowing your budget ahead of time and prearranging financing can put shoppers in a better position when it comes time to negotiate. Strong credit scores and decent down payments make certain buyers better prospects for dealerships. It also may mean their purchasing power can translate into better deals.

Shopping for a new car can be challenging and exciting all at once. Purchasing at the right time can save drivers significant money and get them in the car of their dreams.

How to maintain car value over the long-term

When shopping for a new car, savvy buyers know finding the right car involves more than just finding the most comfortable or flashy vehicle. Numerous factors, including resale value, determine what makes a car the right car for a particular buyer.

Various websites and automotive resources rank vehicles based on their potential resale value, and drivers can do much to ensure their cars and trucks maintain that resale value over the

• Pay attention to the exterior. Much like homes with strong curb appeal can help homeowners get the best price for their homes when those homes are on the market, vehicles that look good can make strong first impressions on prospective buyers. Address any dings or dents on the car before putting it on the market, and make sure the car gets a thorough washing and waxing prior to showcasing it for potential buyers.

Upon purchasing new vehicles, drivers with their minds on maintaining resale values can park their cars or trucks in garages as often as possible to protect them from the elements. In addition, when parking in public, avoid tight parking spaces that can increase the likelihood that other drivers will ding or dent the vehicle when entering or exiting

• Protect the interior. A well-maintained interior will impress buyers on multiple levels. Preowned buyers may feel more comfortable buying cars with well-maintained interiors that still make them feel as if they're buying a new vehicle. Vehicles with well-maintained interiors also give buyers the impression that sellers care about the vehicle and prioritized maintenance.

Avoid eating in the car, and immediately address any spills or stains. When taking the vehicle to a car wash, spend the extra money to have the interior cleaned as well. Seat covers can help protect cloth and leather interiors from spills, stains and cracking.

• Keep maintenance receipts. Another way to maintain resale value is to keep all maintenance receipts from the moment the vehicle is purchased. Preowned vehicle buyers are making substantial investments when buying preowned cars, and many will want to be certain they're investing in the right cars and trucks. Documentation with regards to the vehicle's maintenance can assuage any fears buyers may have and help sellers get the most money possible when putting their cars on the market.

Maintaining resale value is a concern for new car buyers who want to get the best returns on their automotive investments

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Tips on how to drive more efficiently

Many people aspire to drive more efficiently in an attempt to conserve fuel, save money and reduce the carbon footprints of their vehicles. But driving efficiently can also make driving safer for motorists, their passengers and everyone else, including pedestrians, sharing the roads.

Drivers who want to drive more efficiently can implement a variety of strategies to do just that.

• Obey the speed limits. Speed limits are determined with safety in mind, and drivers should always adhere





ABSORBING READING

People often confuse the terms "shock absorber" and "strut," which are both suspension components. A shock absorber is a pneumatic or hydraulic damping device that prevents the vehicle from bouncing over bumps, while a strut is a structural part of the suspension system that attaches to the chassis and provides a place to mount the spring, and it also incorporates the shock absorber. When the shocks or struts wear out, a vehicle will bounce when it is driven over bumps. It will also sway when steered into turns, and the tires may show uneven wear patterns. Because bad shocks and/or struts lead to serious handling problems, they should be replaced at the first signs of failure.

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HINT: Because shock absorbers tend to wear out gradually, drivers may not notice incremental losses in ride quality. Worn struts often lead to excessive bouncing, bottoming out, drifting, swaying and nose-diving when braking.

Orems Garage, Inc. 8127 Pulaski Hwy. • Baltimore, MD 21237 410-682-5220 to posted speed limits to protect themselves, their passengers and others on the road. The U.S. Department of Transportation notes that, in 2015, 27 percent of motor vehicle crash deaths were speeding-related. But according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, obeying the speed limit is also cost-effective. The EPA notes that miles per gallon begins to dip dramatically when vehicles travel above 55 miles per hour. While each vehicle is different, the EPA notes that increasing highway cruising speed from 55 miles per hour to 75 miles per hour can raise fuel consumption by as much as 20 percent.

- Do not idle a vehicle. The Environmental Defense Fund notes that electronic engines do not need to warm up, even in winter when temperatures are especially cold. Vehicles that are idling can produce as much pollution as vehicles that are in motion, and idling for as little as 10 seconds wastes more gas than restarting the engine. Drivers concerned about overtaxing their engines shortly after starting them can warm their engines by easing into their drives and avoiding excessive revving.
- Use cruise control wisely. Drivers concerned about fuel economy may be accustomed to turning on their vehicles' cruise control when driving long distances on the highway. While that is an effective and fuel-efficient way to maintain steady speeds, turn cruise control off when traversing roads with steep hills. On such roads, fuel efficiency can be lost because the vehicle engine is working harder to maintain steady speeds.
- Tighten the gas cap. When gas caps are loose, fuel evaporates. The Car Care Council notes that loose, missing or damaged gas caps contribute to the evaporation of roughly 147 million gallons of gas per year. That's both wasteful and costly. When filling up at the gas station, turn the cap until your hear it click.

Driving efficiently can make roadways safer, benefit the environment and save drivers considerable amounts of money.

mended maintenance schedule. Although there are many factors drivers cannot control, including recalls, weather and road conditions, proper maintenance is something drivers can control.

Oil change: Motor oil lubricates the engine and keeps it in good working order. While changing motor oil is important, motorists should follow the factory maintenance schedule regarding how often it needs to be changed, as all vehicles are not alike. The old myth that cars and trucks need oil changes at set intervals has changed as technology has evolved.

Simple car maintenance projects

years on end is to adhere to the manufacturer's recom-

One of the ways to keep vehicles running strong for

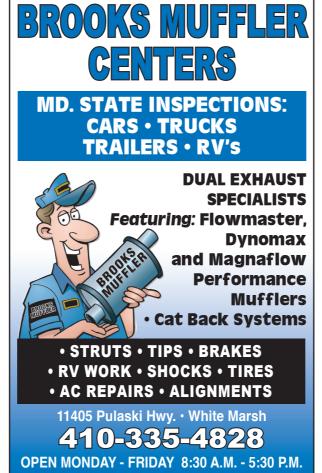
Car computers now keep track of more than just mileage. Computers now track starts and stops and trip durations to determine when cars need oil changes.

Coolant levels: Coolant helps prevent vehicles from overheating and also prevents the water that it mixes with in the radiator from freezing or boiling. Coolant is typically comprised of a $50/50\,\mathrm{mix}$ of distilled water and antifreeze. These two substances work together to maintain a proper ratio of heat energy and prevent eventual breakdown and destruction of the engine.

Coolant is usually changed once per year or at 30,000 miles. This keeps the coolant working properly and will help prevent corrosion and deposits from forming inside the cooling system. Coolant levels might be checked during a full-service oil change appointment.

Check battery contacts: Many modern car batteries do not require a lot of maintenance. One problem that may occur is a buildup of corrosion from leaking battery fluid. In such instances, use a battery cleaning brush to clean the contacts and then replace the cables.

Tire maintenance: Properly inflated, balanced and rotated tires make for a smooth, safe ride. Check that tires are wearing evenly. Because tires can be expensive, many drivers put off routine tire maintenance. But this can be a costly mistake. Tires that are worn or not properly inflated can cause skidding, problems braking and accidents. Blowouts also may occur, putting drivers, their passengers and fellow motorists in danger. It's best to be proactive with regard to tire maintenance.





Nottingham man arrested for running down Aberdeen man

A Nottingham man was arrested and charged with attempted second-degree murder, first- and seconddegree assault and reckless endangerment after trying to run over an Aberdeen man on Feb. 18.

Aberdeen police officers responded to the 600 block of Walker Street for a motor vehicle collision around 5 p.m. on Saturday evening. Police determined that the victim was hit by a vehicle allegedly operated by 38-year old George Elmer Wagner III of the unit block of Winfrey Court in Nottingham.

Wagner and his brother came to the victim's residence to confront the victim about an ongoing juvenile issue between Wagner's nephew and the victim's son. After an argument, Wagner got into a Honda Pilot and drove away only to turn around and allegedly drive toward the victim. Wagner allegedly maneuvered the vehicle over a curb and onto a sidewalk, where he struck the victim. Wagner and his brother then fled the scene.

The victim suffered minor injuries but declined to be evaluated by paramedics who had responded to the scene.

Precinct 12/Dundalk news

Second Degree Burglary: On Feb. 19, officers from the Dundalk precinct responded to a call in the 8200 block of Fischer Road. Between 5 p.m. Feb. 17 and 1 p.m. Feb. 19, an unknown suspect broke a window, then unlocked a door at Express Ground Services. Once inside, the suspect stole the victim's tools.

First Degree Burglary: Baltimore County police officers were called to the 1900 block of Rettman Lane on Feb. 16 just after 5 p.m. Between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m., an unknown suspect made a forced entry into the victim's home, then stole copper wiring and other items.

First Degree Burglary: On Feb. 16, officers from the Dundalk precinct responded to a call in the 4600 block of Sandwood Road in Sparrows Point. Between 10 p.m. February 15 and 7 a.m. February 16, an unknown suspect entered the property through an unlocked door. Once inside, the suspect used a garage door remote to enter the garage of the victim's residence. The suspect stole several items. Robbery: Bal-

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timore County police officers were called to the 7500 black of Holabird Avenue on Feb. 14. At 9:10 a.m., the victim was entering her vehicle when an unknown suspect shoved her in her vehicle and demanded her money. A struggle ensued, the suspect grabbed her prescriptions and then fled in a vehicle after being confronted by an onlooker. The vehicle was located and the suspect was arrested.

First Degree Burglary: On Feb. 13, officers from the Dundalk precinct responded to a call in the 400 block of Scarsdale Road in Dundalk. At 1:50 p.m., police responded to a burglary in progress. Police observed damage to the rear window, and found the suspect in the upstairs bedroom. The suspect was arrested.

First Degree Assault: Baltimore County police responded to a call in the 7800 block of St. Gregory Drive on Feb. 13. At 6:45 p.m., police responded to Bayview hospital regarding a robbery. The known suspect robbed the victim of cash the suspect claimed was owed to him.





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Police investigate shootings on Route 40, in Overlea

On Feb. 19, Baltimore County Police were called to Franklin Square Hospital for a shooting victim who walked into the hospital. The victim suffered from a gunshot wound to the upper body and claimed that he was shot somewhere along Route 40 by an unknown suspect. The victim, Donte Moore, 24, of the 3200-block of Lyndale Avenue in Baltimore City, was later released after treatment. Detectives have been unable to confirm a location or details surrounding this incident.

Just after midnight on Feb. 20, County officers responded to the 6100-block of St. Regis Road in Overlea for a shooting. Upon arrival, police found an 18-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound to the lower body. The victim, Marcus Tucker, 18, of the 6100-block of St. Regis Road was transported to a local hospital where he is expected to survive his injuries. Police believe that this is an isolated incident at this time.

If anyone has information about these incidents, please call the Baltimore County Police at 410-307-

Pedestrian struck and killed in Dundalk on Monday night

A Dundalk man was killed last night when he stepped out onto Trappe Road and was struck by a

The preliminary investigation reveals that at approximately 9:18 p.m. a 1994 Ford F-150, traveling north on Trappe Road near North Point Road, struck a pedestrian who stepped out into the travel portion of the roadway.

The pedestrian, identified as 61-year-old Eugene Paul Kozdras of the 3000 block of Wallford Drive in Dundalk, was transported to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. The driver of the truck remained at the scene.

Baltimore County Police Crash Investigation Team continues to investigate this crash.

Current crime trends

Since Jan. 25, there have been five robberies in the area bound by I-95, Hazelwood Avenue and the city line within the White Marsh Precinct. Cases occurred Wednesday through Saturday, primarily during evening hours. 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 and then drove off. In the third case, the suspects displayed a weapon, demanded property and took a cell phone. In the fourth case, the suspects drove up, displayed weapons and threatened the victims. The suspects got out of their vehicle and took a victim's inhaler and money. In the fifth case, the suspects drove up, displayed weapons and demanded money.

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A memorial service was held at the Central Baptist Church of Essex.

Loiacono, Joseph

Joseph Paul "Joe" Loiacono, 31 of Jacksonville, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Feb. 15. Joe was born in Baltimore and moved to Florida in 1997. He was a resident of the Riverside area of Jacksonville for the past five years. Having grown up in a firefighter's household, Joe was always interested in the ways of the firehouse, was a Jaguar football fan, watched NASCAR, enjoyed cooking, going to concerts, spending time at the beach and playing pool. One of his most enjoyable times was taking the girls to the park.

Mr. Loiacono is survived by his fiancé Sarah Oakley; daughters Karina Marie Loiacono and Molly Abigail Loiacono; parents Gerald (Mary) Loiacono, Sr. and Rosemarie Gabriel; brother Gerald Loiacono, Jr.; sister Angela Bull Walters; grandmother Jean Torre Osborne; uncles James Osborne and John and Peter Gabriel; aunts Debbie Warfield and Mary Gabriel Linton; and nephews Calvin and Gunnar Baswell.

Family and friends may share their condolences at www.RHRFH.com.

Wilhelm, George G.

On Jan. 27, George G. Grayson Wilhelm, Jr., a navy veteran and retired GM autoworker, passed away from complications of CHF and COPD. He was the loving husband of Carolyn Wilhelm (nee Blasdel); devoted father of Marla Chassereau and her husband Mark, Kelle Dillard and her husband John, Tracy Taylor and her husband Curt. He was the loving poppy to nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life was held on Feb. 19 in Wilson Point

Bevans, Walter

On Jan. 18, Walter E. Bevans. Born April 6, 1955, he leaves behind daughter Karen Greene; two sons Sonny and Brian Bevans; two sisters Debbie Howley and Mary Montalbano; and a brother Mike Bevans. He has seven grandchildren and four grandchildren.

No services have been planned at this time.

Hartsell, Walter

On Feb. 18, John Thomas Hartsell, Jr. Survived by wife Ardith Hartsell; devoted father of Gerald W. Hartsell and wife Gail, Lisa Mullen and husband Dennis, Arlette Mitchell and husband Ed, and the late John E. Hartsell and Michael K. Hartsell; loving grandfather of Richard E. Swiger, Amber Marie Haynes, Gerald W. Hartsell Jr., Angela Marie Roberts and Fiancé Jason Fitzpatrick, Justin T. Hartsell and wife Caitlin; dear great-grandfather of Mason, Logan, Lydia, and Ryan. Also survived by many other relatives and friends, and beloved dog Dreama.

The family will receive friends at the family owned and operated Connelly Funeral Home of Dundalk, 7110 Sollers Point Road, on Friday from 2 - 4 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's name to Alzheimer's Association, 1850 York Road, Suite D, Timonium, Maryland 21093 and/or Baltimore Humane Society, 1601 Nicodemus Road, Reisterstown, Maryland 21136.

Chlan, Norman Joseph

On Feb. 20, Norman J. Chlan passed away. He was the beloved brother of the late Frank and Louis Chlan. He is survived by his dear friends Richard and Sharon Fisher, Gail and Jerry Boltz, Ryan, Crystal, Kendall, and Payton Fisher and Matthew Moerschel.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather at Schimunek Funeral Home, 9705 Belair Road in Nottingham, on Saturday from noon - 1 p.m., where a memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Macular Degeneration Association, 5959 Cattleridge Blvd., Suite 100, Sarasota,FL 34232 or online at www.macularhope.org

DiBasilio, Marino

On Feb. 17, Marino DiBasilio passed away. He was the beloved husband of the late Giuseppina "Pina" DiBasilio (nee Mascilongo); devoted father of Joseph G. DiBasilio and his wife Peggy, and Antonio DiBasilio; dear stepfather of Connie, Lucia and the late Erminia; loving grandfather of Joseph N. DiBasilio and his wife Katie, and Matthew R. DiBasilio and his wife Alexandra; cherished great-grandfather of Caroline DiBasilio; dear brother of Giuseppina Pomponio and her husband Tito. Marino was predeceased by four sisters. Also survived by many loving extended family members and friends.

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

Kutcher, Col. John Francis

Colonel John F. Kutcher, Sr., aka Jack Kutcher, of Churchville, MD passed away peacefully at his home on Feb. 17 after a two year battle with cancer. He was the son of the late Charles J. Kutcher and Elizabeth T. Kutcher (nee Knorr), and the youngest brother of the late Mary Regina Collins and the late Charles J.

He is a veteran with 37 years of distinguished service in the U.S. Army and Maryland National Guard. He was 77 years old.

Born and raised in Baltimore City, Jack attended The Shrine of the Little Flower Elementary School and Mt. St. Joseph's High School, where he graduated in 1957. He attended Loyola College for two years, and left there to work for the Bethlehem Steel Corporation at the Sparrows Point Plant. At "the Point" he completed an 8000 hour Lineman Apprenticeship Program, and was graduated as a Journeyman Lineman in 1964.

He enlisted in the 136th Signal Company (RR/ VHF), Maryland Army National Guard, on Sept. 12, 1962. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on Aug. 28, 1965, and with the implementation of the Selected Reserve Force (SRF) program in 1965, he was reassigned to Headquarters, 2nd Battalion 175th Infantry at Dundalk, Maryland. He was promoted to Captain on Aug. 28, 1970.

In January 1974, Captain Kutcher was reassigned to the National Guard Bureau, and held various military assignments in Infantry, Aviation and Signal units in the National Guard. He was promoted to Major in 1974, Lieutenant Colonel in 1978 and Colonel in 1987.

Colonel Kutcher met his wife, the former Maxine Ann Carozza, at a church social event in Baltimore in 1958; they were married in 1964. They raised four sons while living in Baltimore, and moved to Churchville in Harford County in 1974. They celebrated 50 years of marriage in August 2014. He is survived by his wife Maxine, their four sons John F. Kutcher, Jr. and his wife Susan, Michael D. Kutcher, Matthew D. Kutcher and his wife Dawn, and Daniel G. Kutcher; eight grandchildren, Timothy J. Kutcher, Steven M. Kutcher, Joseph D. Kutcher, Ashley D. Kutcher, Amanda L. Kutcher, Dylan M. Kutcher, Tabitha L. Petz, and Brian D. Cowan. He is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Brooke E. Petz, Kyle P. Petz, Harper L. Petz, and Jacob D. Cowan. He is also survived by his niece and nephews, Stephen Collins, Donna Renner, and David Collins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kutcher Foundation at 302 Dove Court, Forest Hill, MD 21050 to support a number of local and national charitable organizations supported by Colonel Kutcher, and the establishment of a military leadership scholarship in his honor.

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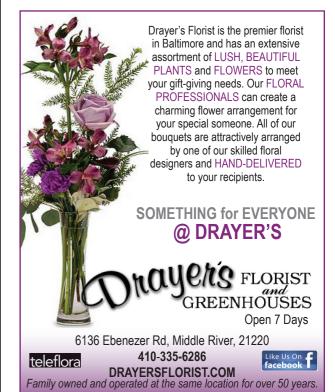
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OBITUARIES

Adelung, Steadman

On Feb. 19, Steadman Adelung Jr., beloved husband of the late Lois Marie Adelung (nee Edwards); loving son of the late Wanda and Steadman Adelung Sr.; devoted father of Daniel Daneker and his wife Christine, David Merritt Sr. and his wife Dawn and Julie Fazio and her husband William; dear brother of James Adelung and his late wife Marge and Ralph Adelung and his wife Lynn; loving grandfather of David Merritt Jr., Deanna and Joshua Bellew, Matthew Fazio and Ayden Merritt; great-grandfather of Rilee Bellew. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Eastern Assembly of God, 7923 Wise Avenue, Dundalk, MD 21222.

Hedges, Martha

On Feb. 18, Martha Elizabeth "Libby" Hedges (nee Messenger), beloved wife of the late Clarence "Chubby" Hedges; devoted mother of Earl C. Hedges and his wife Brenda and the late Janice E. Hedges; loving grandmother of Brian J. Hedges and his wife Katie and Kari A. Hedges; great-grandmother of Addison, Ava and Ali Hedges. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

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

Phillips, Deborah

On Feb. 16, Deborah Estelle Phillips (nee Kaskel), beloved companion of the late Ronald Beam; devoted mother of Theresa A. Reckley and her husband Edward and Mark J. Phillips and his wife Bonnie; stepmother of Judith Phillips; dear sister of Russell Kaskel and his wife Diane, Lawrence Kaskel and his wife Mary Jean, Adele Freedman and her husband Jerry and Nancy Siegel; loving grandmother of Christopher, Michael, Gauge, Nicholas, Jarod, Gabriella, Andrew, Ariel and Rachel. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

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Headley, Larry John

On Feb. 15, Larry John Headley, devoted father of Kimberly Richter, Chad Myers and his wife Kristy and Travis Headley; dear brother of Brenda Hood and her husband Mel and Dennise Maenner and her husband Mike; loving grandfather of Taylor and Chase Richter, Chase Stanley and Emery and Kegan Myers. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

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Kahl, Edward

On Feb. 20, Edward Henry Kahl; beloved husband of the late Mary Elizabeth Kahl (nee Dennis); devoted father of Joan Dreisch and her husband Norman, Nancy Lau, Gloria Wolf and Wanda Bertorelli and her husband Robert; loving grandfather of Michael, Ted, David, Tim, Charlie, Kimberly, Laurie and Monica; dear great-grandfather of Dana, Kaleb, Colin, Maryna, Devin, Canyon, Braden, Samantha, Logan, Dylan, Layton and Maive; dear great-grandfather of Morgan, Reagan and Myah.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment in Gardens of Faith Cemetery.

Fernandez, Louis

On Feb. 18, Louis B. Fernandez, beloved husband of the late Sophie B. Fernandez; devoted father of his late son Klaus Peter Schutz, youngest brother to Juan, Francisco, Manuel, Ramon, Pepe, Balbina, Julio, Elvira, Angel, and Antonio; loving uncle to Josefina Bana Eldridge, Julio Fernandez, Joanna Napoli, Anna Smith, Kristine Helminiak, Jesus Baña and all of the amazing family in Spain; dear friend of Ramona Fernandez, Francisco and Josefa Tembra; the entire Spanish Community, and his adopted Cameo daughter, Gina Samuels.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment Gardens of Faith Cemetery.

Yeager, Helen E.

On Feb. 18, Helen Elizabeth Yeager (nee Shipe) passed away. She was the beloved wife of Stanley McClellan Yeager, Sr.; devoted mother of Stanley McClellen Yeager, Jr. and his wife Kay, and the late Curtis Allen Yeager; loving grandmother of Heather Yeager, Christopher Yeager and his wife Traci, Dana Yeager, and the late Cason Yeager; devoted step-grandmother of Andy Dudek and his wife Kristin, Laurie Berglie and her husband James, Kim Gerhardt and her husband Kyle; cherished great-grandmother of Triston McDonald, Reagan Strickland, Robert Strickland and Caroline Dudek; dear sister of Ronald Shipe, Robert Shipe and his wife Kay, and Martha Jane Lietzel and her husband Donald; beloved mother-in-law of Karen Yeager Mercer.

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Wiles-Ritter, Mary

On Feb. 10, Mary Margaret "Margie" Wiles-Ritter (nee Newberger), devoted wife of Samuel Ray Ritter; beloved mother of Jakob Wiles and Jeffrey Wiles Jr.; loving daughter of Emory Newberger and Daphne Morgan; loving step-daughter of Thornie "Thorn Bird" Clay Phillips III; dear sister of Emory Newberger Jr., Eric John Newberger and Michelle Lynn Newberger; loving step-sister of Erin Nichole Phillips and Thornie Clay Phillips.

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

Robbins-Mayfield, Betty

On Feb. 12, Betty Jean Robbins-Mayfield, beloved wife of Arthur M. Mayfield Jr.; devoted mother of Eric M. Mayfield and Ashley N. Mayfield; loving daughter of Dennis D. Robbins and the late Barbara Robbins (nee Jaski). Also survived by many loving family members and friends.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery.

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ENTERTAINMENT

- By Teddy Durgin -

In preparing to view and review "The Great Wall," I had more than a couple of friends, colleagues and family members crack wise about the wall President Trump wants to build along the U.S.-Mexican border. Was I going to begin my critique with a Trump wall joke or two? After all, both the movie and The Donald's plans for such a massive barrier are "YUGE!"

How yuge... er, huge is the motion picture? It's being touted as the largest and most expensive film ever to be shot entirely on location in China. Or "CHINA!" as the new Commander-in-Chief would exclaim. Actually, he makes it sound a bit more like "JINA!" But I digress. This is also perhaps the first major co-production between the Chinese film industry and Hollywood. As such, it's a decidedly hitor-miss affair. It features a mostly Asian cast and is directed by one of the legends of Hong Kong cinema, Zhang Yimou of "Hero," "House of Flying Daggers" and "Raise the Red Lantern." But the real stars are American, namely Matt Damon and the special effects of Industrial Light & Magic.

Rather than a truly innovative and noteworthy production, the film is really just a big special effects extravaganza pitting puny humans against snarling, lizard-like monsters. It takes its cues not from the greats of Chinese cinema or the epics of David Lean and Cecil B. DeMille.

'THE GREAT WALL' is not so great



It's basically two hours of re-hashed fantasy battles the likes of which we've seen before in "The Lord of the Rings" flicks, "The Hobbit" movies, "Warcraft," "Gods of Egypt," "Jack the Giant Slayer," "Noah" and so forth.

Damon's 11th-century mercenary William is even a surrogate Legolas. He's an ace with a bow and arrow and an overall beautiful looking man in a sea of grimy, grungy faces. He looks stern and determined and stalwart in every shot. But then he opens his mouth, and his accent wanders from Boston Southie to Irish vagabond to generic periodpiece good guy. It's the 2017 version of Kevin Costner's Robin Hood from 1991. And his presence in ye olde China is basically explained away with lines

like, "I have fought under many flags." But, hey, good for Damon for increasing his global brand. The film is already nearing \$200 million at the Chinese box office alone.

Mostly, though, it's just spectacle that's impressive for a while, but then becomes monotonous the longer the battles go on. I will say the film's central story is based on actual Chinese legend. The CGI monsters Commander Lin Mae (a plucky, very entertaining Jing Tian) and her forces are fighting are taken right from age-old fables. And William and his partner, Tovar (Pedro Pascal) are in China for a sort-of historical reason... to obtain the "mysterious black powder" making its way to the West (i.e. gunpowder).

Oh, and I did greatly admire a fog

sequence in which William has to do battle with hordes of beasties he can't even see. It's pretty impressive and unnerving on the big screen and is probably the only extended bit in the film that even hints at what a master filmmaker Yimou can be when properly unleashed.

But the whole thing is as mercenary an enterprise as anything William and Tovar could cook up. I always felt outside of the film. To be honest, after a while, it just exhausted me. Future American-Chinese productions can certainly soar. The locations and geography of that country would make for some stunning sci-fi and fantasy films, for sure. So, I'm not willing to build a wall around Tinseltown just yet. In time, this one will hopefully be considered "The Far Least."

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'FIST FIGHT' boasts some funny punchlines

- By Teddy Durgin -

You might think that a comedy about two teachers who challenge each other to a fight after school might be stretching it a bit. Is there really enough story there for a big-screen comedy? In the case of "Fist Fight," I am pleasantly surprised to report... there is! "Fist Fight" is not a great comedy. It's certainly not light on its feet. And it is way, WAY more profane than it needs to be. But the film has a confidence about it that I quite liked, and it is populated with gifted comic performers who are given some legitimately funny scenes in which they both stick to the script and improvise as evidenced by an end credits blooper reel.

It's the last day of school before summer break. Charlie Day stars as Andy Campbell, the high school's English teacher who most students and staff see as a wimpy pushover. He's whiny, slight of build and rarely stands up for himself. He is the direct opposite of Strickland, the hot-headed, spectacularly angry and very intimidating history teacher played by Ice Cube. Unfortunately for both men, the school's seniors are out of control playing pranks on the faculty before the 3 p.m. bell. After one prank lands both Andy and Strickland in the principal's (Dean Norris) office, Andy inadvertently gets Strickland fired. Strickland is far from the forgiving type and challenges Andy to the titular brawl after school.

Andy does his best to get out of the fight. But word

spreads like wildfire around the school and onto social media, and it suddenly becomes a Main Event-style happening destined to draw hundreds.

'Fist Fight" succeeds because its two leads accept the broad roles they have been asked to play, and they play them to the absolute hilt. Day, previously a third banana in the "Horrible Bosses" flicks, makes the most of his lead role here. He's trying his little behind off in every scene to the point where you almost fear the dude is going to stroke out. He's trying SO hard.

Ice Cube doesn't fare as well. He's basically all frown, all glower, all of the time. Day's Andy is given a wife and daughter and a rounded character. Strickland is just presented as a one-note physical threat until very late in the film when the script absolutely has to get him to soften. Strickland definitely has a deeper motive from what he lets on in picking the fight with Andy and then not letting his grudge go. I just wish he had shared it earlier in the film.

There's enough that works in "Fist Fight" to make up for the parts that don't work. Again, I'm no prude, but there wasn't any reason to make the dialogue SO unrelentingly profane. And I wouldn't have worried about this a few years ago when I wasn't a dad to a tween, but the depiction of high schoolers as crude, disinterested borderline criminals made me wanna weep for the future. But, in this case, some of those tears were from laughing.





DUNDALK DEVIANTS added to local roller derby league

- By Marge Neal -

The Charm City Roller Girls, Baltimore's roller derby league, kicked off its new skating season with a new look and three new home teams named to represent three iconic Baltimore-area communities.

The Dundalk Deviants, Hampden Hons and Pigtown Butchers took to the floor at Skateland North Point on Jan. 28, in the first bout of this season's new format of "home team" competition to augment the league's higher level, more competitive skating bouts.

When the dust settled after the opening matches, each team has a 1-1 record as they head into the Feb. 25 matches at Skateland North Point. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the first bout starts at 8 p.m. Fans are invited to meet the players at an after-bout party at the Texas Roadhouse in Dundalk.

In season-opening action, the Hons beat the Butchers 121-113, the Butchers handled the Deviants, 79-66, and the Deviants stunned the Hons, 108-102.

The three hometown teams provide a sort of farm system for the Charm City group, according to Mary Hendrie, who skates under the track name of "Miss Dirt" for the Pigtown Butchers. While the league's upper-level travel teams will compete against teams from other cities, the home teams will allow fans to connect with the sport and its skaters with monthly bouts at North Point, Hendrie said. The new format also provides a venue for less experienced skaters to hone their skills and gain experience.

The Charm City group was founded in 2005 as a "loosely organized group of women," Hendrie said, and held its first bouts in April 2006.

The sport of roller derby has enjoyed a revival of sorts over the past 12 years, and has evolved from the "fake" actions of the televised roller derby of the 1960's and '70s, the skater said.

"We are 1,000 percent real," Hendrie said of the sport she and her colleagues consider a labor of love. "We don't stage anything, we don't fake anything; it's a very real, full-contact sport."

Participating in the league is indeed a labor of love for skaters, who pay dues to join.

"While it is a skater-owned organization, we don't make a salary," Hendrie said. "We pay dues to belong, we sell merchandise and refreshments when our team isn't playing and we have a lot of bills to pay, like rink time, equipment and insurance, for example."

"This a passion-drive project, not a money one," she said with a laugh.

Tickets that include seats are \$15, and general admission, bring-your-own-chair tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Group rates are also available.

"I encourage folks to come out and support us and meet us," Hendrie said. "It really is fun - it kinda feels like having all of Baltimore over for Thanksgiving."





SPOTLIGHT

'I Hate Hamlet' at DCT

Dundalk Community Theatre, in residence at CCBC Dundalk, 7200 Sollers Point Road in Dundalk, will present the comedy, "I Hate Hamlet," at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 24 and 25 and March 3 and 4, and at 3 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 26 and March 5. Tickets cost \$23 for adults; \$20 for senior citizens; and \$15 for students, DCT actors and children 12 and under. The production will be held at the John E. Ravekes Theater in the campus' K Building. To reserve tickets, call the CCBC box office, 443-840-2787, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Gold in Fight Quarter Auction

The Gold in Fight Foundation will hold a quarter auction from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Knights of Columbus hall, 2111 Eilers Ave. in Dundalk. A variety of themed gift baskets will be auctioned, with all proceeds going to the foundation that assists families fighting pediatric cancer. The event will also feature raffles and a silent auction. Refreshments will be sold. Admission, which includes two paddles, is \$5. For info., call Beth, 410-428-7738.

SHM Ash Wednesday

Sacred Heart of Mary Church, 6736 Youngstown Ave. in Dundalk, will distribute ashes at its 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses on Wednesday, March 1. All are invited to begin the Lenten season with the imposition of ashes at Sacred Heart.



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K of C Fish Fry

Dundalk Knights of Columbus Council 2942, 2111 Eilers Ave. in Dundalk, will hold its 12th annual World Famous Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and each Friday afterward through Good Friday, April 14. Meals will be served from noon to 6 p.m. The menu will include Alaskan pollock, French fries, cole slaw, rolls, dessert and beverage. Beer and wine will be sold at an additional cost. Tickets cost \$12 for eat-in and \$13 for carry-out. A portion of proceeds will go to local community and religious charities. For info., call Joe Witomski, 410-409-8173 or 410-285-6660.

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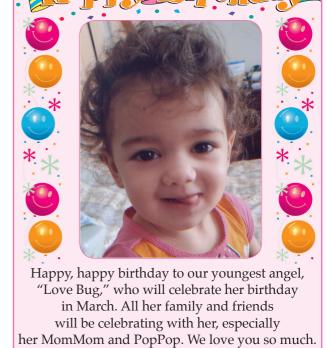
Zion United Church of Christ, 7146 Golden Ring Road in Essex, will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. The menu will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and hot and cold beverages. All are invited to enjoy a morning of pre-Lenten fellowship. Tickets cost \$6; children under 3 eat for free. For more info., or to make reservations, call 410-687-3576.

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7834 Eastern Ave. in Dundalk, will hold its Shrove Tuesday pancake supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28. The menu will include pancakes (all-you-can-eat), sausage (45 cents each after first serving), and hot and cold drinks. Tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4 to 11. Children under 4 eat for free. Info: 410-288-0537.

Essex Legion Karaoke

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave., will host Good Time Karaoke with Percy and Fred from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Feb. 24; Karaoke with Jimmy and Judy D from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 25; and Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. Line dancing with The Dude will be held in the hall from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday. Call 410-686-2353 for more information.



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St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 3620 Red Rose Farm Road in Bowleys Quarters, will hold a 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Celebration Shrove Tuesday pancake lunch and supper with a presentation of Martin and Katie Luther and the Reformation by actors Sonja and Johan Hinderlie on Tuesday, Feb. 28. Along with traditional pancakes and sausage, some German ethnic fare will be offered. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m.; dinner at 6 p.m. A performance will follow each meal. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for children ages 4 to 11 and free for children under 4. Advance tickets only; no tickets will be sold at the door. Reservations: 410-335-4210.

Orems UMC Hall Closet

Orems United Methodist Church, 1020 Orems Road in Middle River, will hold its Hall Closet Thrift Shop from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 4. The shop offers collectibles, adult and children's clothing, toys, books, jewelry, housewares and bedding at reasonable prices. Information: 410-687-9483.

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POLITICIANS

Annapolis update from Delegate Kathy Szeliga - By Delegate Kathy Szeliga (R-7) -

This week, Attorney General Brian Frosh brought fear mongering to Annapolis and he was granted a blank check to sue Washington. We are supposed to believe that after three short weeks in office, President Trump has given Maryland cause to sue the federal government. The reaction, or overreaction, of some in Annapolis was to give AG Frosh open ended powers to bring suit for anything!

AG Frosh pushed through a Joint Resolution that passed purely along party lines. There is no sunset, or ending date, to these powers granted to the Attorney General, whomever he or she may be. AG Gansler could have used this against Gov O'Malley in his run for governor. Who knows what future AG's can and will do.

I voted against this bill. The Constitution of Maryland, like the U.S. Constitution, focuses on restricting the power of the government and a system of checks and balances. This unprecedented move was taken because of an emotional reaction to President Trump and a Republican congress rather than a long range view of this historic change.

Despite his current rhetoric, AG Frosh should not make petty partisan attacks on the President or Congress. Maryland is extremely dependent on the federal government and we are asking for help; Prince George's County is bidding for the new FBI headquarters, we need Howard St. tunnel expansion for the Port, we want help with the Chesapeake Bay and more.

Some in Annapolis have been obsessed with hurting the governor politically and this is yet another attempt to nationalize Maryland's politics in an attempt to damage Governor Hogan. In the end, should AG Frosh wage war on President Trump and Congress, it will only be the citizens of our great State who get damaged.

The murder rate in Baltimore City has hit an all-time high in January with 32 homicides. In 2005, there were also 32 murders, but more people lived in Baltimore then. Per capita, we are breaking records no one wants to break.

While AG Frosh and partisans in Annapolis are screaming at Washington about things they are afraid will happen, they have turned their backs on the people of Baltimore and what is actually happening now. Where is the outrage about the murder rate, gun



violence, skyrocketing number of car-jackings and the escalating youth violence?

The House and Senate leaders in Annapolis last week pushed through a fake crime bill instead of dealing with the real crime happening in our City. They passed a bill to bar law abiding citizens who have legally obtained a concealed carry permit from possessing a firearm on college campuses. This is a complete distraction from the real issues of gun violence. The proponents of this bill, along with AG Frosh, should be calling for the judges in Baltimore to stop letting career criminals out of jail rather than focusing their attention on possible problems that might be created in DC. You've seen fake news, now you've seen fake problems. These are masterful

diversionary tactics to distract from real problems like a heroin epidemic across our state and an escalating murder and violence problem in Baltimore City.

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