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Middlesex neighborhood highlights problems with vacant homes



This vacant home on Dunwich Way in Middlesex is an example of the problem the neighborhood - and all of eastern Baltimore County - is facing.

- Article & photos by Devin Crum -

Ever since the housing market crash of 2008, the problem of vacant housing becoming a blight on Baltimore County communities has been growing and becoming more prevalent.

And the problem was brought to the forefront with a spotlight on the Middlesex neighborhood of Essex and the issues those neighbors face at the Feb. 3 meeting of the Essex-Middle River Civic Council, as well as what some community members are doing to address the problem.

Cliff O'Connell, a local business owner in the Middlesex area, began hearing from his customers of some of the problems resulting from vacant homes in the area and immediately became motivated to address them.

"It's real close to me, but I wasn't even aware of the problems," O'Connell said.

He has taken it upon himself to pump water out of basements and clean up the yards of vacant properties before properly boarding them up so they do not become magnets for squatters or criminal activity.

And while it may not be strictly legal to go onto private property without permission, O'Connell doubted that he would hear any complaints from the property owners or neighbors for cleaning up the homes.

He even told the *East County Times* about an instance where a county police officer thanked him for boarding up a home for which he was averaging about 10 calls per week for criminal activity.

O'Connell described to the EMRCC the different types of vacant homes in the area as either privately owned or bank owned after having been foreclosed upon.

In many cases, the foreclosed homes were still lived in before the bank took control of them, but the residents were not taking care of them. So by the time the home was vacant, it was in bad shape.

Many privately owned homes in the area were formerly owned by an elderly person or couple who has died and left it to their children, who then do not want the home but are unable to sell it because of the condition.

In both situations though, the homes face similar issues in that the work needed to bring the homes up to standard would cost more than the home would be worth once that work is done. So instead, they just sit.

The homes then become magnets for

squatters, drug users, drug dealers or illegal dumping by neighbors. They can also become breeding grounds for rats, which then plague the entire community.

Leslie Kaminski, who has worked with O'Connell to try to find ways to address the issue, commented that the bad homes can become a burden on other homeowners in the neighborhood because the blight can bring down property values.

"It's just a cancer because at some point those people are going to move [and not be able to sell], and their house is going to become vacant... It's just going to get worse," she said.

Ed Kramer pointed out at the EMRCC meeting that there are close to 50 vacant homes in his nearby community of Haw-thorne, and Bob Driscoll added that there are 25 to 30 in Aero Acres.

Rockaway Beach-Turkey Point Improvement Association Vice President Kevin McDonough said the problem is present in the "higher-dollar" communities like Rocky Point as well. "It's one of those things where nobody is safe."

EMRCC President Bob Bendler explained that there is considerable interest to address the issue among the association, which consists of 20 member community

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NEWS

Ruppersberger visits Chamber of Commerce, talks defense and infrastructure

- by Patrick Taylor -

On Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 16, Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger stopped by Crab Quarters in Middle River to speak with the members of the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce, as well as to field questions from the crowd.

Ruppersberger, who previously held the position of Ranking Member on the House Intelligence Committee, spent much of his time speaking about different threats to the United States and how the federal government is combatting those threats. He also took the time to lambast former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, who leaked information regarding the NSA's surveillance program to *The Guardian* newspaper.

"Make no mistake, Edward Snowden is a traitor," said Ruppersberger, before defending the actions of the NSA by saying that "they did nothing illegal," while maintaining that there are a multitude of checks and balances in place to ensure the government agency doesn't violate the Constitution.

Ruppersberger alleged that the program is necessary for thwarting terrorism, and stated that Snowden put lives at risk while simultaneously tipping off terrorists to the fact that they were being watched.



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He also touched on the JLENS program that came under scrutiny after one of the aerostats came untethered and wreaked havoc along a 160-mile path through Maryland and Pennsylvania.

"We have the technology to track ballistic missiles, but where we struggle is with threats coming under the radar," said Ruppersberger. "The JLENS program would help detect if, say, an ISIS ship launched a cruise missile 300 miles off of our coast."

The congressman also pointed to the fact that the electrical grid in the U.S. is susceptible to attack and needs to be strengthened, arguing that the electrical grid is weak and needs upgrades.

Ruppersberger also took time to touch on the upcoming presidential election and the current state of things in America. He said that regardless of what you hear on Fox News or MSN-BC, America is still "the greatest" and "freest" country in the world. "When I come home from Britain or France or wherever it is that I've been, I kiss the ground because there is no country greater than America," said Ruppersberger.

He also took the time to touch on his campaign for reelection, stating that he wouldn't be getting involved with attacks. Rather, he'll look to have discussions about differences and about the issues people are currently facing.

Ruppersberger also made time to speak about the importance of bipartisanship and coming together. Speaking highly of the community, including *East County Times* founder George Wilbanks, as well as the Chamber of Commerce for their work regarding the building of MD Route 43, Ruppersberger stated, "[The construction of MD-43] was the fastest road project in the state of Maryland, and it's all because we were able to come together."

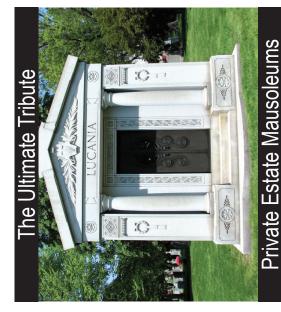




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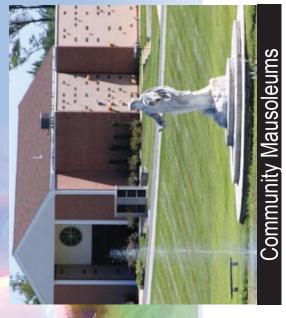




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Comptroller halts tax returns from over two dozen Liberty Tax Service franchises

- by Patrick Taylor -

NEWS

Tax season is always a hectic time. Sifting through receipts trying to figure out what can be written off is something that no one likes to do. Plus there's always the chance that the IRS could audit you, which is never a good thing. Add to that Maryland's issues with a number of tax service businesses, and you've got quite a mess on your hands.

Back on Jan. 27, Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot announced that his office was halting returns from seven Liberty Tax Service franchise locations in the Baltimore area, including one located on Wise Avenue in Dundalk. Since then, the number of Liberty Tax Service franchises with halted returns has more than doubled, with 16 more centers being added to that list. Other Liberty Tax Service centers with suspended returns include locations on Back River Neck Road in Essex, Eastern Boulevard in Essex and Dundalk Avenue in Dundalk.

But it isn't just Liberty Tax Service that's taking a beating from the Comptroller's office, with 11 more tax preparers in 14 locations having their returns halted as well, including Tax Rite Services in Middle River.

Comptroller Franchot informed reporters that, pursuant to the recently signed IRS Security Memorandum of Understanding, he has shared this information with other tax agencies. Franchot has also advised the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation of the decision, so that they can take any additional action.

A spokesperson for Liberty Tax stated that the company is reaching out to the Office of the Comptroller to assist in any way they can to answer any questions or concerns about their Maryland offices.

Franchot said that his office noticed a slew of discrepancies on returns coming from Liberty Tax Service and a few private preparers, which led to the suspensions.

The suspicious characteristics detected on the tax returns prompting the suspensions include business income reported when taxpayers did not own a business, refund amounts requested that were much higher than previous years, inflated or undocumented business expenses, inflated wages and withholding information as well as dependents claimed when taxpayer did not provide 50 percent support or care.

According to Franchot, Taxpayers should carefully review their returns for these issues and should be suspicious if a tax preparer deducts fees from their refund, does not sign their tax return or fails to include their preparer taxpayer identification number "P-TIN" on the return. In the event of suspected fraud, taxpayers are asked to immediately report the issue by emailing TAXHELP@comp.state.md.us.



VACANCIES

- continued from page 1 organizations. And each likely has some number of vacant homes.

"We are interested; we are concerned about the blight on the communities and we want to help," Bendler affirmed.

However, he explained, there is very little that the county's code enforcement arm, the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections (PAI), can do aside from issue citations or cut high grass because they do not have authority to enter the houses unless there is a reason.

As McDonough noted, the length of the foreclosure process in Maryland is also a contributor to the magnitude of the problem, making it largely a state-level issue. And some banks do not properly take care of the homes, leading to their degradation.

He said, though, that there are a number of county laws on the books that can be effective in dealing with the problems. They just need to be sure code enforcement inspectors are aware of them in determining what is a violation.

For example, McDonough pointed out that if a home is vacant for a certain period of time, it falls under the perview of "investment property" laws which allow officials to enter properties. He said, however, that Baltimore County seldom wants to utilize or enforce those laws.

Kramer and O'Connell both lamented that continuing to issue fines for code



This vacant home, where a drug dealer had lived, still has the police tape from when someone was shot at the residence.

enforcement violations does little when the parties do not show up for court or the fines are waived when they do. And while there are laws that help a neighborhood get rid of renters who cause problems, there is little that can be done about owners who do not take care of their properties.

County Councilwoman Cathy Bevins, who represents Middle River and parts of Essex, said the county deals with code enforcement issues, but does not have any blight elimination programs like what has been going on in Baltimore City.

And she could only recall one instance from her time working under former County Executive Jim Smith when the county turned to its condemnation process to tear down a dilapidated home in Dundalk and turn it into green space. But that was a single home, she said, not a rowhome which would be more difficult.

The county's PAI director, Arnold Jablon, was not available to comment for this article about what the county does, outside of code enforcement issues, to address vacant houses that have become a blight on their communities.

Bevins said, though, that the next step will be to hold a meeting between Middlesex residents and county administration representatives to hash out what can be done.

The County Council is also looking at some sort of legislation to be able to find out right away who is responsible for taking care of properties, "rather than having to wait 90 days," Bevins said.

"We can't force someone to live in a

home or rent out their home," she stated, "but we can try to make sure they don't become a blight on the community."

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Kaminski recognized that the problems are prevalent throughout Dundalk, Essex, Middle River and the rest of Baltimore County. But she expressed hope that they can find a way to solve the problem.

"We aren't in this alone," Kaminski said, "and if we do nothing it's just going to get worse."

Richardson's craft show benefits WMVFC



Les Richardson (left) presented a check for \$5,127 - proceeds from the recent Richardson Farms Craft Show - to representatives of the White Marsh Volunteer Fire Company. As reported in the Feb. 11 issue of the East County Times, WMVFC received a land donation from General Motors in White Marsh and has begun a capital campaign to raise funds for the construction of their new fire station.



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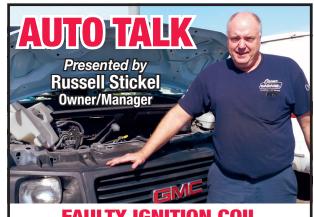
Message from the Councilwoman

- By Councilwoman Cathy Bevins (D-6) - Friends and Neighbors:

I want to begin this month by first thanking all of the dedicated county employees who helped all of us dig out of the historic snow storm a few weeks ago. They worked around the clock to clear the roads and did a tremendous job. We should all be grateful for their service to us! Next, I want to thank all of you for your patience and neighborly conduct during the storm and its aftermath. I heard so many stories of neighbors looking out for one another as well as helping each other remove snow. It is inspiring to me to be reminded during difficult times that we have such thoughtful and caring neighbors in the Sixth District.

I know this month is not when most people even think about air conditioning, but I do have some exciting news. On Jan. 27, the Board of Public Works in Annapolis approved some state funding for Oakleigh and Chapel Hill Elementary Schools to receive A/C!This is great news because we are now even closer to having 100 percent of our schools air conditioned. As you know, when I first took office in 2010, the Sixth District had the lowest number of air conditioned schools. Since then, I have advocated to secure the funding for A/C in 11 schools in our district. The job isn't quite finished yet, but we are getting close. And I hope you know I will continue fighting until every school in our district has received air conditioning!

In closing, we don't always realize all the things February means to us. With President's Day, Valentine's Day and Black History Month, there is a lot of love this time of year. I hope all of you will find the time to demonstrate love this month and celebrate all that February has to offer. After all, the groundhog predicts that spring is on the way!



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Senator Salling on Hogan's State of the State

- By Senator Johnny Ray Salling $(\overline{R}-6)$ -

Governor Hogan, addressing the General Assembly on the State of the State, thanked the assembly for its bi-partisan efforts that enabled him to bring tax, fee and toll relief, amounting to \$600 million, to Maryland citizens. Our tax revenue collection is \$150 million higher - and it's not because we raised taxes, but rather because our economy is growing. We have eliminated nearly 90 percent of the \$5.1 billion structural deficit we faced last year at this time.

Hogan pointed to the investment of \$2 billion in "shovel-ready" infrastructure projects, which include fixing every structurally deficient bridge in the state. And local governments welcome a \$231 million increase in Highway User Revenue (HUR) which counties have had to do without during the last years of the O'Malley administration. Indeed, O'Malley took \$1 billion in county road funds to balance the budget, then flatly refused to give them back.

Many Democrats criticized the governor's remarks as "a feel-good speech without much substance." Well, as far as I'm concerned, I'd rather have a feel-good speech instead of one in which we are told we're going to have more tax and fee increases. You have to remember that there's very little flexibility in budgeting in Maryland because 83 percent of the spending is set in stone by annual fixed formulas that dictate what we spend in various areas. Governor Hogan is pushing for passage of legislation to change this arrangement and relax fixed formulas for spending.

Welcome news is that the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Fund will receive \$53 million, which is the largest appropriation since the fund was established, and that money cannot be touched for anything else or diverted to the General Fund to balance the budget.

Last year, Governor Hogan cut \$51 million in fees and this year he intends to cut another \$71 million in the fees that plague hardworking Marylanders and that the state can do without. Over the past year, Maryland has added 55,000 jobs - the largest gain in the Mid-Atlantic. And Maryland business has had the best year in the past eight years. We have a \$1.1 billion "rainy day" fund and we're looking at a \$450 million surplus. That's progress, and that's substance.

I really like the governor's manufacturing jobs initiative, a bi-partisan idea which has worked successfully wherever it has been applied. Under the initiative, the state waives all state taxes, including the corporate tax on businesses that will locate in areas of the state where unemployment is high. The state takes away the taxes in exchange for business bringing jobs to high unemployment areas. Sounds like a good deal to me.

The Maryland Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force, under Lt. Governor Rutherford, continues to work to find effective ways to address Maryland's heroin epidemic. The Regulatory Reform Commission is conducting a thorough review of every single regulation in the state to see what is necessary and what is not.

The overall theme of the governor's State of the State message was a call for unity and bipartisanship. He said that there is more that unites us than divides us and "together we can and we will change Maryland for the better."

Please do not hesitate to contact me about the State of the State message or any issue of concern to you. I want to hear from you. Your input is important to me. I encourage and welcome your input.

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I've been injured - How much time do I have to file a claim for damages?

- By Parker, Pallett, Slezak & Russell, LLC -If you've been injured or wronged, you can't be paid money to compensate for your loss or help put your life back together unless you file a claim.

Doing this can be complicated - something that you will want your lawyer to do for you.

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most tort cases (civil suits to recover for damages/ injuries) carry a three year "statute of limitations." For example, if you were involved in a car accident you usually have three years from its date to file your suit. One day longer and it's too late!

However, conditions may lengthen or shorten the limit. Maryland's "discovery rule" states that the three year term doesn't begin until the point in time when the injured party knew (or "should have known") he or she was damaged. So, if the results of a botched operation don't become evident for two years after-*- see CLAIM on page 7 -*

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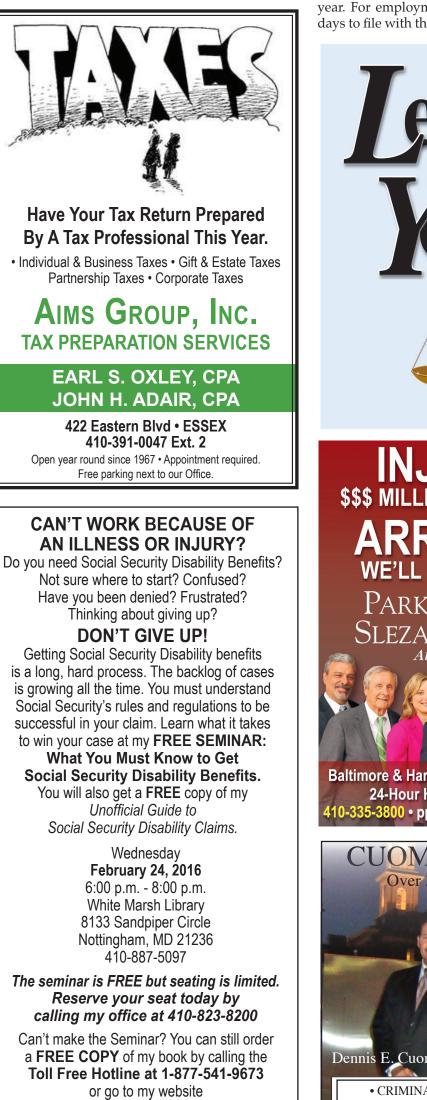
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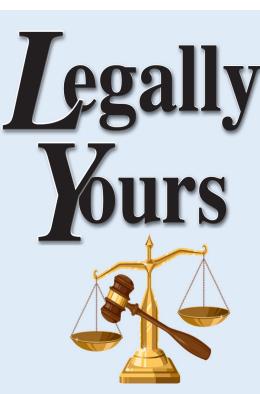
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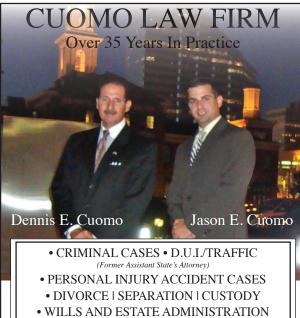


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On Feb. 11, Theresa Johanna Tucker (nee Christ). Devoted wife of Herman A. Ulbie; beloved mother of Bonnie Posko and Patty Marszalek; loving grandmother of Karrie, Kenny, Brian, Christy, Jason and Stephen; loving great-grandmother of Eric, Kylie, Jacob, Jaylin, Brandon, Ashton, Zoey and Elise; dear sister of the late Thomas "Nick" Christ.

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

Kauffman, Donna L.

On Feb. 7, Donna L. Kauffman (nee Gray). Devoted mother of David E. Kauffman and Kelly M. Connelly; beloved daughter of the late Jean and Clarence Gray; dear sister of Paula J. Gray, Gary J. Gray and Jeanine M. Broderick and her husband Robert; loving grandmother of Christa N. Connelly; aunt of Ellyn P., Michael O. and Anna K. Broderick.

Funeral services are private. Memorial service due notice. Contributions may be made to <u>www.</u> <u>mds-foundation.org/donate/</u>.

Miller, Vertie L.

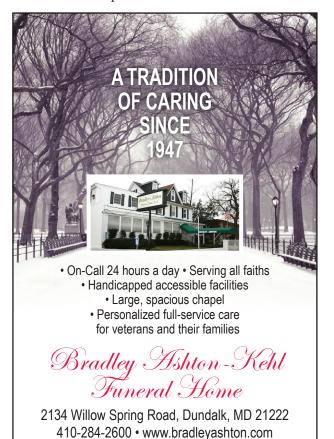
On Feb. 10, Vertie Ledford Miller. Beloved wife of the late Jack Miller; loving mother of Gary Miller and his wife Margaret, Patricia Hart and her husband Howard, Linda Rosselle and Kymberly Luby and her husband Daniel; cherished grandmother of six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; dear sister of Dennis Ledford and his wife Pam, Delaney Ledford and his wife Rosie and the late Vaughn Ledford, Fred Ledford, Ralph Ledford, Blaine Ledford, Ivan Ledford, Zora Hamby, Gracie Blanton, Lorene Gregory and Margaret Ledford.

Visitation services held at the family owned Bruzdzinski Funeral Home, P.A. Funeral services held at Middle River Baptist Church. Entombment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Vertie's name to either Middle River Baptist Church or Hospice & Palliative Care of Greensboro, located at 2500 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27405.

Holroyd, Robert

On Feb. 12, Robert Holroyd. Beloved husband of Margaret Holroyd (nee Wise); devoted father of Heather and Tony Holroyd. Also survived by four grandchildren and one great-grandchild and many loving family members and friends.

Services held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment private.



Anaweck, Lena

Dundalk resident Lena Anaweck, age 73, suddenly passed away on Feb. 4 at Johns Hopkins Bayview. Born in Baltimore, in the Little Italy area, she was employed by Stone's Bakery, Kmart and retired from the Best Western Hotel. She loved to shop and talk to everyone she met on the way. She was the daughter of the late George (Whitey) and Jennie Martin-Gallo. Survived by devoted husband of 55 years, Edward Anaweck Jr.; loving mother to Debra Eversmier, Brenda Michael and the late Karen Smith; loving mother-in-law to Paul Eversmier, Glee Smith and Anthony Michael; caring grandmother to Steven Liller, Christopher Eversmier, Michael Sampery, Desaree and Zachary Gosser and Trevor and Kara Smith; great-grandmother to Chase Liller, Nora Eversmier and Clementine Butterfield; loved by her sisters, the late Josephine Spresser, survived by Shirley Epling, Beverly Barber and Joann LaPorta; and brothers George and Anthony Martin; remembered by many nieces, nephews and cousins and many great-nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be planned.

Gaines, Betty G.

On Feb. 10, Betty Gwendolyn Gaines (nee Dutton). Devoted wife of the late Arthur E. Gaines and the late B. Carl Bozeman; beloved mother of Glen Gaines and his wife Donna, Alan Gaines and his wife Gail and Paul Gaines and his wife Maria.; loving sister of Marilyn Dykes, Bobby Dutton, the late Charles Dutton and the late Jimmy Dutton; cherished grandmother and aunt.

Services held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex, interment at Gardens of Faith Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org).

Cadle, Robert E.

On Feb. 3, Robert E. Cadle, Sr. of Essex passed away. Husband of Lydia E. Cadle and father of Joseph E. and Daniel E. Cadle. Mr. Cadle was predeceased by son Robert (Robbie) E. Cadle, Jr. and parents Guy and Zola Cadle. He is survived by brothers Carl and John and sisters Rose and Effie. Also many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Mr. Cadle's cremation was handled by MedCure.

Sudbrok, Joseph

On Feb. 11, Joseph R. Sudbrok. Beloved son of the late Joseph J. and Lillian (nee Scales) E. Sudbrok; devoted brother of Bill and Rick Sudbrok and Dolly Burt.

Cremation private. Arrangements by Cvach Funeral Home of Rosedale.



Tucker, Ralph H.

On Feb. 9, Ralph H. Tucker. Beloved husband of Thomasine B. Tucker (nee Summers); devoted father of Cathy R. Wall and her husband Monte and Ralph H. Tucker Jr. and his wife Vincenette; loving brother of Geneva Statzer, Wayne and James Tucker. Also survived by six grandchildren and 10 greatgrandchildren.

Visitation held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex, with Mass at First Baptist Church of Essex. Entombment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

Flynn, Patricia M.

On Feb. 8, Patricia M. Flynn (nee Ross). Beloved wife of Roy Flynn; loving mother Debbie Heinze, Teresa Flynn and Tina Smith; cherished grandmother of Ashley, Jamie, Steven, Derek and Jessica; dear greatgrandmother of Nathan; devoted sister of Thomas Ross, Thomas Ross Jr., Michael Ross and Terry Ross.

Visitation services held at the family owned Bruzdzinski Funeral Home, P.A. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Martinuzzi, Joseph F.

On Feb. 9, Joseph Francis Martinuzzi, a 20 year veteran of the United States Army. Beloved husband for the past 65 years to Elsie Marie Martinuzzi (nee Flaugher); devoted father of Ronald Martinuzzi, Darlene Martinuzzi and her spouse Carolyn Crisp, Sharon Pferdeort and her spouse Thomas, Joann Applestine and her spouse Mark; grandfather of Valerie Pferdeort, Stephanie Pferdeort and Kevin Pferdeort; great-grandfather of Jeremy Pferdeort.

Visitation services held at the family owned Bruzdzinski Funeral Home, P.A. Interment at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be donated in his name to Essex United Methodist Church, located at 524 Maryland Avenue, Essex, MD 21221.

Jondo, Anna A.

On Feb. 14, Anna A. Jondo (nee Naglieri). Beloved wife of the late Charles R. Jondo; devoted mother of Richard C. Jondo and his wife Linda; loving grandmother of Richard and Michelle Jondo. Also survived by many loving family members.

Services held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

Brossoit, Carol E.

On Jan. 28, Carol E. Brossoit. Beloved wife of the late John C. Brossoit; devoted mother of Len Brossoit and the late Ronnie and Michael Brossoit. Also survived by six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Veteran Cemetery.

Weeks, Mary L.

On Feb. 9, Mary Lee Weeks (nee Easton), beloved wife of the late Earskin "George" Weeks; devoted mother of Betty L. Ernst, Laura L. Welkie and the late Thomas G. Weeks and his wife Debbie; dear sister of Barbara J. Privette; dear grandmother of Matt, Adam, Georgie, Tommy, Paul Eric and Candice and greatgrandmother of Lilly, Leandra, Ava, Vaughn and Emily.

Visitation held at the Cvach/Rosedale Funeral Home. Interment at Parkwood Cemetery.

Obituary Correction Policy

No newspaper blunder is more certain to upset someone than a mistake in a loved one's obituary. Unless an error made it difficult for readers to identify the deceased, no obituary will run twice in full; however, a corrected version of a flawed obituary will be mailed promptly if requested by any immediate family member. All published obituary corrections will be as brief as possible.

Community Egg Hunt

Hiss United Methodist Church, 8700 Harford Road in Parkville, will host a community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19, from noon - 2 p.m. All are invited! For more info., call 410-668-5665 or visit www.hisschurch.org.

Senior Citizens HOF

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BCGS Meeting

The Baltimore County Genealogical Society (BCGS), 8601 Harford Road in Parkville, Room 308, will meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28, and will feature Jon Livezey as guest speaker. His presentation, "Harford County" will give specifics of genealogy research in Harford County. For more details, visit www.baltimore genealogysociety.org/BCGShome/library or call 410-665-8769.

Food Pantry

New Life Sanctuary, 4 Margaret Ave. in Essex, has a food pantry on Saturdays from noon - 2 p.m. on the side of the building. For more information, call the church office at 410-687-1199.

Nature Connections

Skulls give clues on an animal's dietary habits, predator/prey relationships, anatomy, biology, ecology, habitats, adaptation/evolution and behavior. Find out how to read these clues by examining skulls at the Natural History Society of Maryland, 6908 Belair Road in Overlea, from 1 - 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb 28. For more information, call 410-882-5376.

Free Clothing

Free clothing will be available to those in need at St. John's Lutheran Church, 518 Franklin Ave. in Essex, on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. Please bring your own bag. Donations are accepted by calling 410-687-4621.

BRRNA Meeting The Bird River Road Neighborhood Association will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Our Lady Oueen of Peace Church Hall, 10003 Bird River Road in Middle River. Councilwoman Cathy Bevins will be speaking as originally scheduled for our snowed-out January meeting. There will also be important information discussed concerning devel-

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opment and the March zoning hearings.

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911

Thief swipes expensive ring from Eastpoint Mall

The Baltimore County Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the suspect who stole a ring from the J.C. Penney store in Eastpoint Mall.

At approximately 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 30, the suspect entered the J.C. Penney, approached a jewelry counter, and asked to see a ring from a display. When the employee removed the ring (worth almost \$3,000) from the display, the suspect grabbed it and ran away.

A picture of the suspect was captured on the store's video surveillance system.

This incident remains under investigation by the Baltimore County Police Department Organized Retail Crimes Team.

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

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

If you have information on the above crime/suspect please call, text, or e-mail: Metro Crime Stoppers hotline available 24-hours a day toll free.

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Attorney, G. Randolph Rice, Jr.

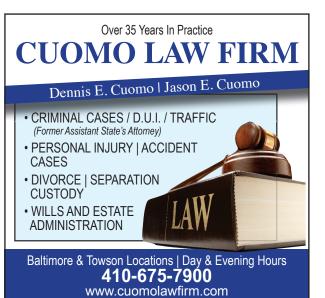
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Arrest made in White Marsh shooting case

Baltimore County Police have charged a suspect in connection with a shooting outside of a Red Robin in White Marsh early Sunday morning.

Tayquan Rashawn King, 16, of the unit-block of Meteor Court in Parkville is charged as an adult with attempted first degree murder and related offenses. He is being held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center.

Just after midnight on Sunday, police responded to the parking lot of the Red Robin restaurant in the 8200-block of Perry Hall Boulevard in Nottingham for a shots fired call. When officers arrived on the scene, they found a man that had been shot one time in the lower body. He was taken to an area hospital for treatment and is expected to survive.

The investigation into the incident has indicated that the victim had come to the Red Robin to pick up a friend who worked there. The friend had told a disruptive group of people to leave and they said they were going to wait outside for him to get off work. When they left the restaurant, the victim's friend became involved in a verbal altercation with the suspect. During the altercation, the suspect fired several shots, striking the victim once in the lower body. The victim's friend was not injured.

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

Current crime trends

Since Nov. 30, 2015, there have been 16 residential burglaries in the city line vicinity of the White Marsh Precinct. Thirteen cases occurred between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. Three cases occurred during overnight hours. Unlocked doors or windows or unknown means were used to enter locations in nine cases. Rear sliding doors or windows were forced or glass was broken in five cases. A front window was broken in one case and an exhaust vent was removed from a window in one case. The keys taken in residences were used to target vehicles in two cases. One vehicle was stolen. Items taken include laptops, game systems, controllers, jewelry, purses, money, toys, a scooter, tablets and liquor. Anyone with information regarding these burglaries is urged to contact Baltimore County police.

Since Jan. 5, there have been two food delivery robberies in the Whispering Woods community of the Essex Precinct. There has been no new activity since Jan. 8.



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The next edition of Police Report, the Baltimore County Police Department's cable TV program, runs through March.

The opening segment focuses on the department's recruitment efforts. Officers Shelley Knox and John Mitchell, of the Recruitment Unit, talk about career opportunities to become a Baltimore County police officer or cadet.

The topic of the second segment is the Homefront Program. Mr. Jonathan Dansicker and Ms. Paula Wolff, of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and Ms. Sherrill Ruley-Carr, of the Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services, discuss Baltimore County's commitment to our veterans through the innovative Homefront Program.

The program airs five days a week on Cable Channel 25, only in Baltimore County. The times are:

- Monday: 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
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- Thursday: Noon, 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m., 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Saturday: 11 a.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Sunday: 11 a.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Police Report is available online if you would like to watch it on your own computer, on your own schedule.

MSP urges caution while temperatures remain low

Troopers are urging drivers to use caution and to think twice before heading out during this expected blast of cold weather across the state.

Colonel William M. Pallozzi, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, has ordered all troopers to be on high alert for disabled vehicles with the anticipated extremely low temperatures. Troopers, along with the State Highway Administration's Coordinated Highway Action Response Team, (CHART), will combine their efforts to assist disabled motorists as quickly as possible.

With cold weather advisories across the state and weather forecasters predicting bone chilling temperatures, state troopers are reminding motorists to make sure their vehicles are prepared and properly equipped. Keeping a survival bag in their car is encouraged. The survival bag should include a blanket, a flashlight (with batteries) or flares, jumper cables, an extra bottle of antifreeze and windshield washer fluid.

The cold weather can take its toll on a vehicle, so check the following before traveling:

- * Check the tire pressure and tread
- * Check the battery
- * Check the car's fluid levels
- * Make sure you have a good spare tire
- * Keep jumper cables handy

Drivers are reminded their cell phones can be used to call 9-1-1 in emergencies or #77. Additional personnel have been reassigned to assist with road patrol duties to supplement regular patrol forces across the state.



SPORTS

Kenwood trips up against Woodlawn, eeks past Lansdowne and Franklin

- by Patrick Taylor -

The Kenwood Bluebirds had quite the hot hand when they tipped off against Woodlawn last week, looking to extend a win streak that began at the start of the new calendar year. Unfortunately, the Warriors had different ideas, handing Kenwood their first loss since Dec. 29 by a score of 64 - 57.

For Kenwood, the loss isn't too big of a blow. Nor is it too surprising.

Between Feb. 1 and Feb. 13, Kenwood played six games. Of those games, the Bluebirds racked up five wins. First they upended Patterson Mill by 12, before handing Overlea a 14-point loss. Things got a little dicey from there, however, when Kenwood had to fight tooth-and-nail to the final buzzer against a strong Western Tech team, as well as Lansdowne.

Against Lansdowne, Kenwood controlled the tempo but couldn't do much with regard to finishing. No matter where they were on the court, the Bluebirds struggled with hitting their shots. Fortunately for them, Lansdowne was also putting up brick after brick. For much of the game it looked like it could go either way until the final few minutes, which saw Kenwood keep Lansdowne at bay by way of free throw attempts.

After edging by Lansdowne with a score of 43 - 37, Kenwood faced more stiff competition, this time in the form of Western Tech. Western Tech has been a tricky team for most of this season, and for Kenwood that was no different. This was a back-and-forth contest throughout, with both teams exchanging buckets and the lead at will. But if there's one thing that every coach will tell you, it's that defense wins championships. And when it came down to it, Ken-

wood's defense could not be broken at the most important juncture of the game, allowing the Bluebirds to slip out with a 50 - 47 win.

From there, Kenwood next tipped off against Franklin. And after two nail biters, Kenwood finally got to play a game with a little bit of breathing room. Franklin played tough and it certainly wasn't easy, but after two wins decided by a total of three possessions, Kenwood's 60 - 48 win felt like a statement. Sure, the Bluebirds were tired, but they were still going to take it to whoever was out on the court.

Unfortunately, that all came to an end against Woodlawn. The Warriors have been one of, if not the strongest team in the county this year. They have size and athleticism and can beat you all over the court. For Kenwood, this was their biggest test since upending Perry Hall.

Kenwood couldn't quite rise to the level of Woodlawn, but they certainly kept it close. There were stretches when it looked like Woodlawn was about to run away with the game, but Kenwood always buckled down and managed to keep it within single-digits.

Despite the 64 - 57 loss at the hands of Woodlawn, Kenwood is about to enter the postseason playing some strong basketball. And with games against Catonsville and Eastern Tech still on the docket, the Bluebirds have the chance to recapture their winning ways before the postseason begins. Regardless, this is a team that's primed for postseason action, and anything less than a deep run will be seen as somewhat of a disappointment. Hopefully they can get some fresh legs between now and the season's end.



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Essex Baseball Registration

Registration for Essex baseball will take place on the following dates at Essex Elementary School Recreation Center Activity Room, 100 Mace Ave.: Thursdays, Feb. 25 and March 3, 10, 17 and 24, from 6:30 -8 p.m.; Saturdays, Feb. 27, March 12, 19 and 26, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fees for ages 4 - 14 are \$65 per child; two children or more in the same family \$125 (\$10 late fee). Fees for ages 15 - 19 to be determined by coach. For more information, visit <u>www.essex</u> <u>dugout.com</u>, email bat4essex@verizon.net or call the Essex recreation office at 410-887-0255.

Back River Softball

Registration for 2016 Back River softball will take place on the following dates at the Back River Community Center, 801 Back River Neck Road in Essex: Saturdays, Feb. 20 and 27 and March 5, 12 and 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration for Back River softball will take place on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Deep Creek Middle School lobby. Cost is \$50 for ages 4 - 7; all other ages \$75. Bring a copy of child's birth certificate. For additional information, call Karen Rode at 443-823-8748. Volunteers needed for coaching!

Designer Bag Bingo

The Dundalk High School Boosters Club will hold a Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser at the high school, 1901 Delvale Ave., on Saturday, Feb. 20, featuring brands such as Coach, Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Vera Bradley and Betsy Johnson. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games start at 7 p.m. Contact Donna Armijo at 443-838-2351 for more information or tickets.

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Baseball/Softball Registration

Registration for Middle River baseball and softball will take place on the following dates at the Victory Villa Community Center, 404 Compass Road in Middle River: Saturdays, Feb. 27, March 12 and March 19, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., and Tuesday, March 1, from 6 - 7 p.m. Baseball ages are 4 to 15 and softball ages are 4 to 18. Visit Middle River baseball at <u>www.</u> <u>middleriverbaseball.org</u> and Middle River softball at <u>Facebook.com/MiddleRiverRec~GirlsSoftball</u>. Visa, MasterCard, Discover are accepted.

Stembridge Baseball Registration

Registration for Stembridge baseball will take place at Stembridge Community Center, 99 Stemmers Run Road, on the following dates: Saturdays, Feb. 20 and 27 and March 5, 12 and 19, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Also at Carroll Island McDonald's, 3423 Eastern Ave., Tuesdays, Feb. 23 and March 1 and 8, from 6 - 8 p.m. Age groups are 4 - 19. Proof of age required. Fee per child for ages 4 - 6 is \$50 and ages 7 - 15 is \$60. Travel fee to be set by 15 - 19 coach. Information and forms available at <u>www.LeagueLineup.com/stembridge</u> <u>baseball</u>. Contact Chuck Giordano at 410-925-7394 for more information.

Annual Famous Fish Fry

The Dundalk Knights of Columbus, 2111 Eilers Ave. in Dundalk, will hold their 11th annual famous fish fry every Friday through Good Friday (March 25) from noon to 6 p.m. Dine-in: \$12, carry-out: \$13. Dinners consist of fried Alaskan pollock, fries, cole slaw, roll, dessert and a beverage. Beer and wine available at additional cost. For more information, call Joe Witomski at 410-409-8173 or 410-285-6660.

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Khendal Blackwell celebrated her 5th birthday on Feb. 3. Happy Birthday wishes are sent from her family and friends!

ESP Karate Promotion



Pictured are 12 students who completed their requirements for the Edgemere/Sparrows Recreation Council karate programs Tae Kwon Do testing on Feb. 11. Pictured are (front, from left): Matthew Fogle (yellow), Hayden Bradshaw (yellow), Ian Dietz (yellow), Alex Horney (yellow), Zachary Dietz (yellow); (second row, from left): Larry Taylor (yellow), Dylan Cook (orange), Camden Dunn (yellow), Aiden Scott-Long (advanced white), Jadian Lomax (yellow), Mia Dietz (yellow) and Cristina Dietz (yellow); (back, from left): Andy Banting (instructor), John McConnell (head instructor), Jennifer Milam (instructor), Debbie Smith (instructor) and Alexis Metzler (assistant instructor). These students did forms, self-defense, one-step and board breaks to advance in rank. For more information on our karate program, visit the ESP Rec Council website or spmaa.us.

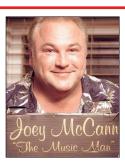
Free Home-Cooked Meals

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SINGLE An date

- By Teddy Durgin -The new rom-com "How to Be Single" comes a lot

closer to being a recommend than I could have ever imagined from the trailers and commercials. The film feels stuck between being everything a reviewer like me fears from these kinds of flicks to being everything I actually like and enjoy about them. Hey, I'm as big a sap as anyone. My DVD shelves feature such classics of the genre as "When Harry Met Sally," "Love Actually" and "The Wedding Singer." And there are elements of these fine films in "How to Be Single."

But it's also a fractured and wildly inconsistent movie that alternates between being nod-your-head wise and face-palm dumb. It's based on a novel, so there is more character and introspection here than in your typical movie of this type. If produced outside of the studio system and directed by someone with a real point of view, something like this could have been a generational touchstone. But because this is a major Hollywood production being positioned for the Valentine's Day weekend, it's riddled with clichés, variations on characters you've seen in countless other films and broadly played sex hijinks.

"How to Be Single" delivers a year-in-the-life narrative that follows an ensemble of characters navigating love, sex, life and loss in modern-day New York. There's the film de facto lead character, Alice (Dakota Johnson), who has broken up with her good-guy college boyfriend, Josh (Nicholas Braun) of four years so she can go act out scenes from "Sex and the City" until she decides she wants him back. She moves in with her older sister, Meg (Leslie Mann), an unmarried, career-obsessed OB/ GYN who boasts of delivering 3,000 babies and now wants one of her own.

Alice becomes friends with co-worker Robin (Rebel Wilson), a spectacularly promiscuous law-firm receptionist who introduces her to bartender, Tom (Anders Holm), a die-hard bachelor who has set up his entire life to support his steady string of one-night stands and casual hook-ups. Tom and Alice have "Welcome to New York" sex. But he's more into Lucy (Alison Brie), a marriage-obsessed blogger who is a member of eight dating apps and websites to ensure the most chances of finding her Mr. Right.

The film is supposed to be about these characters finding inner autonomy and embracing the adventures of life. But that's just a load of you-know-what. They're still just a bunch of guys and gals, standing in front of a bunch of other guys and gals, asking each other to love them. And when real feelings and emotions become too much for these screenwriters to handle, they haul the Robin character in for a scene or two to guzzle booze, yell or do something deeply crass, and prod Alice to sleep with as many men as possible even though she herself can't remember most of the guys she's had sex with because of her alcohol-fueled blackouts. Wilson's performance is so outsized from the rest, it's like she's coming in from a completely different movie. Something like "How to Be a Familiar Face at the Local Clinic."

And then there is the messiness of the screenplay. Brie's Lucy meets her dream guy just past the film's midway point and is barely seen again. That leaves the Tom character adrift. In addition, Damon Wayans Jr. factors into a really sweet subplot as a widowed dad who meets Alice at an alumni event and wonders if he can start to love again. But he is also discarded before his story can kick in and then shows up late in the film for a curtain call.

This is a real shame, because the screenplay does have stuff that made me laugh and feel. Unfortunately, I just got pulled out of the movie too many times to sign off on it. Should I read up on "How to Be a More Forgiving Critic?" Nah! I'm trying to save you good folks some money!

ENTERTAINMENT 'Zoolander 2' does NOT have the look of love

- By Teddy Durgin -

Comedy is really, REALLY hard to do! Especially movie comedy. Think about it - if you actually do come up with a funny screenplay or even a few funny scenes or moments, it all has to be rehearsed, filmed, edited and then it will take at least a few months before it will all ever flicker across a screen in front of an audience. The sets are generally closed. And once everyone in the know has heard the jokes a few times, none of it is really funny anymore.

At some point, the ideas and gags and jokes bandied about and decided on for "Zoolander 2" must have seemed funny. The roster of principal talent and the cavalcade of cameos must have made it all seem like a certain hit on paper. A multitude of decision-makers along the way must have thought, "Let's just get this filmed and up there on the screen... the laughs will come." But, wow, did everyone miscalculate!

The original "Zoolander" is far from a comedy classic. All apologies to its fans. I thought it was amusing. It's essentially a sketch idea stretched out over 90 or so minutes. But it was goofy and light and was one of the first comedies to be released in theaters after Sept. 11, 2001. So, we were all willing - and needing - to laugh.

Fourteen-plus years later, we're still in need of chuckles. Sorely in need, in fact. And adult audiences will find plenty of things to snicker, guffaw and giggle at... that is, if they pay to see "Deadpool." As for "Zoolander 2," you'll be sitting down and enduring a sad, very quiet cinematic experience.

Ben Stiller returns to the title role as a vapid male model who has gone into exile after the death of his beloved wife, Matilda (still played by Stiller's reallife spouse, Christine Taylor, who appears here as a ghost). When he sets out on a quest to find his longorphaned son, Derek Jr. (Cyrus Arnold), he becomes embroiled in a silly caper involving pop singers being targeted for assassination - all of whom have flashed Zoolander's patented "Blue Steel" look and pose. It's not long before Zoolander partners with former runway rival, Hansel (Owen Wilson), and tangles once again with arch-nemesis, Mugatu (Will Ferrell).

The comedy this time is quite strained. Some of the best bits have already been spoiled in commercials and trailers leading up to the film's release, such as Justin Bieber being one of the kills. And the cameos (everyone from Kiefer Sutherland and M.C. Hammer to Katy Perry and Ariana Grande) come so fast and furious, they start to feel like narrative padding after a while - like attempts to try and distract viewers from what they're really watching... a forced, shapeless movie that's just not working.

The less said and written about this movie, the better. It just shouldn't have happened. If the best thing that can come out of a flick is that Ben Stiller will stop being asked questions during interviews if there will ever be a sequel to "Zoolander," well, I guess some good came of this. I would have preferred world peace.



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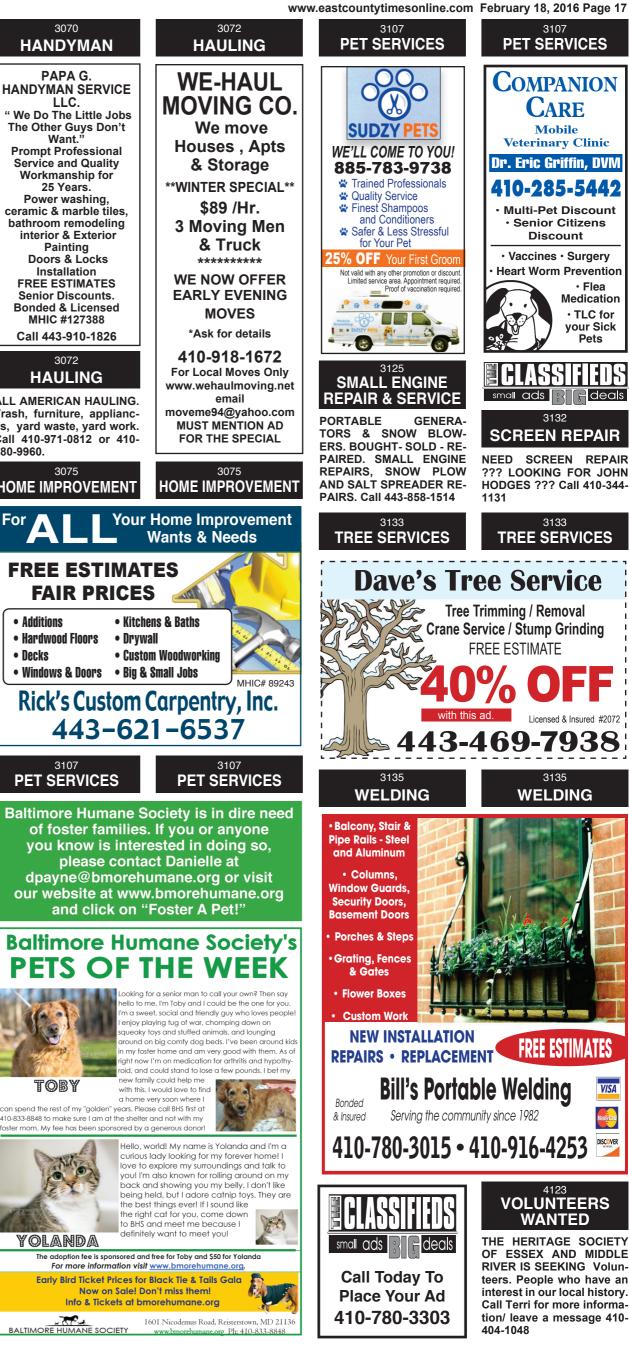
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