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Essex community tree lights up the night

A large crowd braved the snowy and cold evening to enjoy the Essex community Christmas tree's first lighting on Dec. 9. The tree was donated by Sam Weaver, owner of Weaver's Marine Service, and decorated by Cliff O'Connell of Cliff's Hi-Tech/Direct Effect and others.

- Article & photo by Devin Crum -
Community leaders, elected officials and residents of Essex and Middle River gathered Saturday, Dec. 9, for what has become a grand event in recent years - the lighting of the community tree at the Heritage Society of Essex and Middle River in Essex.

Feelings of warmth and community were evident as the tree was lit even though the weather was snowy and cold. And many in attendance agreed that the tree looked even more beautiful with its dusting of snow.

Sam Weaver, owner of Weaver's Marine Service, again donated this year's tree, a

27-foot spruce which is three feet taller than last year's.

Weaver, Cliff O'Connell of Cliff's Hi-Tech and Cliff's Direct Effect, and workers from Baltimore County combined their efforts to deliver and install the tree at the Heritage Society museum at 516 Eastern Blvd. And O'Connell, Back River Restoration Committee volunteers and others all helped to decorate the giant tree.

Joining the crowd on behalf of Governor Larry Hogan was Maryland's deputy secretary of state and Essex resident, Luis Borunda, who remarked that the Heritage Society's tree lighting is an excellent community tradition that helps - along

with the snow - to put all into the holiday spirit.

Also in attendance were State Delegates Robin Grammer, Bob Long and Ric Metzgar and County Councilman Todd Crandell - all of whom represent Essex - as well as Del. Pat McDonough, who is running for County Executive.

Crandell noted his awe at the size and beauty of the tree, along with the size and energy of the crowd gathered. He said although he is from Dundalk, "Essex is doing it better" when it comes to community Christmas trees.

Guests were also treated to cookies, tours and visits with Santa.



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Eastern Regional Park could get four new artificial turf fields

- By Devin Crum -

A new proposal is at the forefront to improve both the facilities and event scheduling at Eastern Regional Park in Middle River as part of a public-private partnership between Baltimore County and a developer.

Under the proposal, the Huntley Sports Group would partner with the county to replace natural grass fields at ERP with four new, lighted artificial turf fields, bringing the park's total number of turf fields to five.

ERP would then be the only public facility in the county - possibly the state - with five turf fields, according to Athan Sunderland, executive vice president of Pinkard Properties, which is a partner with HSG.

The project would not involve any of the baseball/softball fields in the park.

The county would split the project's estimated \$3.5 million cost roughly down the middle with HSG.

If approved, HSG would then be put in charge of scheduling and operation of the fields to optimize the use of the fields. But Sunderland assured that Baltimore County will still own, manage and maintain the park.

"It's no different than the people cutting the grass," he said. "The county doesn't buy their tractors and they're not responsible for cutting the grass.

"In this instance, the county isn't paying for all of the turf, we are. And so we're going to manage the turf. We are

simply helping them solve a gap for the capitalization of something that we all want, which is turf fields," he said.

Sunderland added that the county will put a contract in place to ensure that HSG operates in the park like any other contractor - and can be fired if they fail to fulfill their obligations.

Sunderland said HSG - which is a partnership between "lacrosse legend" David Huntley, Pinkard Properties and MFS Partners as the capital advisors - has studied the utilization of the fields at ERP in their current state and for the past several years and found that there is a lot of time when the fields are not in use.

"What we were able to determine was that there was an exorbitant amount of wasted time because of unused permits or permits that were put back into the general public for availability because they were held off for reserve," he said. "Our job is to be sure that there isn't wasted time there for this particular park."

Sunderland explained that HSG would handle the scheduling for all sporting events seeking to use the fields. The recreation councils listed as priority users - Bengies-Chase, Middle River, Essex-Stembridge, Rosedale and Kingsville - would be guaranteed the same utilization rates, at the same cost, they have now.

In return, HSG would be allowed to sell unused time on the fields to other groups for profit.

"In other words, if we take the four or five priority users and we aggregate it...

there's more than enough time for these fields to be used by the rec. councils, as turf fields, just as they were in the past, and not even including the other fields out in the community," Sunderland said.

"Our job is to be sure that when it's not being used by the priority users, we drive additional consumption either by other people within our county, other counties or out of state through events and tournaments to generate localized revenue," he said. "We'll use those revenues to pay for our investment in the turf, and what is left over is ours for the operating company."

In that leased-out time, HSG is hoping to bring in soccer, lacrosse, field hockey and football events, all while allotting space for the priority users to grow their programs and use of the fields.

And if the priority users' programs grow to use up all of the allotted time, "we'll build another park," Sunderland laughed. "That would be a great thing."

He said it is important for people to know, though, that the proposal is not expected to be "tremendously profitable."

"It pays for the debt, and it pays for a little bit of the expense to run it," he said.

HSG's real objective through the venture is to prove that the model can work, "that it is replicable and scalable throughout the county," Sunderland said.

"Because we only have nine municipally owned turf fields in the county," he said. "This is adding almost a 50-percent increase in our current inventory."

Charles Munzert, vice chairman of the county's Board of Recreation and Parks and the Council District 6 representative on the board, clarified that recently installed turf fields in some areas, such as Perry Hall, were paid for by the recreation councils themselves, and use of such fields at schools is handled differently than at parks.

"And so if we can do it here and we can make it work, we have the opportunity to continue to expand," Sunderland said.

He acknowledged that other parts of the county, such as Catonsville, Owings Mills and Towson, need more access to turf fields too. Therefore, this project could be a model for replication in those areas.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for us to demonstrate how we can use private capital to create a public benefit," Sunderland said.

The project at ERP was originally proposed roughly two years ago as an adjunct to the 43 Fields project, which sought to develop an athletic field complex along the MD-43 extension in Middle River. It was a development project spearheaded by Pinkard Sports Development and Pinkard Properties.

That complex would have hosted sporting events and tournaments for profit, similar to what is proposed at ERP.

The 43 Fields project folded this summer, but Sunderland stressed that it was not a failure.

"It just was determined that its parts - see **FIELDS** on page 8 -

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BOE candidate Henn wants to continue the work she's started

- By Marge Neal -

Perry Hall resident Julie Henn has carved out a piece of Baltimore County electoral history for herself.

By filing her paperwork on Nov. 2, Henn became the first official candidate for Baltimore County Board of Education in that body's first election that will result in a hybrid board of popularly-elected and politically-appointed members.

Appointed to an at-large opening on the school board in December 2016 by Gov. Larry Hogan, the passionate and energetic public education advocate hopes to retain her seat so she can continue the "important work" being carried out by the 12-member group.

Henn, 43, has lived in the Carney/Perry Hall area most of her life. She attended Harford Hills Elementary and Perry Hall Middle schools before graduating from

Mercy High School.

She received her bachelor's degree in communications from Marquette University and earned an executive MBA from what is now Loyola University Maryland.

The mother of two first started advocating for local schools because of seeing overcrowding in her children's schools and problems with bus transportation.

"I got involved because I saw the immediate need to reduce overcrowding and fix transportation problems in our schools," she told the *East County Times*. "I'm very much an advocate for smaller classes and less crowded schools."

After speaking out locally on school-related concerns, Henn became a member of the Northeast Area Education Advisory Committee, a body of volunteers that provides a geographical voice to the county-wide school board. She eventu-



ally served as chairperson of the group. She worked closely with Baltimore County Councilman David Marks to address Perry Hall-area school overcrowding and is proud that the dogged work of many is paying off, with two new elementary schools scheduled to

open in the next couple of years and "a new middle school is on the horizon," she said.

In addition to physically eliminating overcrowding with new schools and additions, Henn also sees the need to better police student residency to ensure students are attending the schools they are geographically supposed to be attending.

"I'd like to look closely at the residency verification process to see if that could be made more efficient," she said. "We have students from outside the county attending our schools, and we have students attending schools that are not their assigned home schools."

There is a process for students to apply for special permission to attend a school outside of their home boundaries, - see **BOARD OF ED** on page 8 -

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Two solar arrays proposed for Kingsville, third at Mt. Vista Park on hold

- By Virginia Terhune -

Baltimore County residents and businesses who like the idea of tapping into the power of the sun will have a chance to sign up for two local solar projects now under development in Kingsville.

Turning Point Energy Inc., a private company based in Denver, has been working with Kingsville residents to fine tune its plan for a solar array on part of the former Huber farm at the intersection of Raphel and Philadelphia roads.

A public hearing on its request for a special zoning exception from a county administrative law judge for the site at 11956 Philadelphia Road is set for Monday, Dec. 18, at 1:30 p.m. in Towson.

A representative of the Greater Kingsville Civic Association did not respond by Monday to a request for comment.

"We have taken their feedback, questions and concerns and adapted our solar project design and development approach to ensure it is in alignment with our neighbors and community members," wrote Turning Point in an email.

If the project is approved, Turning Point expects to start signing up subscribers in the spring.

Still to be scheduled is a hearing for a solar project on the northwest corner of the Raphel/Philadelphia intersection headed by Power 52 Energy Solutions

on land owned by BGE, which operates a large substation nearby on the south side of Philadelphia Road.

Both commercial projects are participating in the Maryland Public Service Commission's three-year "community solar" pilot program, which enables solar companies to build arrays and sell power to subscribers.

The program is intended to diversify the generation of power, encourage investment in solar projects and increase access to solar power for renters and others who don't have panels on their own roofs.

Those who sign up would receive a credit for the energy they use on their BGE bill. Provisions also allow discounts for low- and moderate-income customers.

Power 52 Energy Solutions, based in Ellicott City, is a for-profit entity that hopes to sell 30 to 40 percent of the energy it produces to qualifying customers in south Baltimore.

The company was co-founded by former Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, whose jersey number was 52. It is affiliated with the non-profit Power 52 foundation, which is introducing at-risk youth to the basics of solar array construction with the goal of preparing them for jobs in the industry.

In July, the Baltimore County Council passed Bill 37-17, which allows for solar

arrays on land zoned for resource conservation, business and manufacturing under certain conditions. It does not apply to farms that use at least two-thirds of the energy generated for agricultural operations.

Under the law, solar panels cannot be more than 20 feet high, they must be enclosed by a security fence and landscaping is required if the array is visible from a residential neighborhood or public road.

Nine solar sites are currently registered with the county and another six are grandfathered under the bill, which does not affect sites under development

prior to Oct. 19, 2016, according to a list of projects maintained by the county.

One of the approved existing sites is a privately run solar array in Kingsville located between two cornfields off of Pfeffers Road.

A Baltimore County government plan to install solar panels at Mount Vista Park in Kingsville, as well as sites in Woodstock, Parkton and Southwest Area Regional Park in Lansdowne, is on hold pending the selection of a new vendor.

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New senior housing proposed for property near Josenhan's Corner

- By Devin Crum -

The owners of a piece of land in Essex, which has been eyed for development in recent years, are seeking approval from Baltimore County for a new planned unit development (PUD) on the site.

The property is located on Old Eastern Avenue between MD-702/Southeast Boulevard and Back River Neck Road, near what has historically been known as Josenhan's Corner.

The plan, put forth by Herman and Kittle Properties, Inc., would see a senior living apartment complex built on the site consisting of 84 units for residents aged 65 and older.

"That means not assisted living; just apartments for seniors 65 and up," said David Willmarth, director of development for H&K Properties.

The project would be built as a four-story building with a mixture of one- and two-bedroom units, Willmarth said. It would be funded using a combination of conventional mortgage through a local bank and housing tax credit equity, meaning the developer would receive tax credits from the state in a competitive process.

"If we win the process, we're awarded credits that are syndicated to big companies" like banks or insurance companies, he said. "They purchase the tax credits and we get cash to help us build the building."

Willmarth said the tax credit equity could pay for roughly half of the project's estimated \$20 million total cost, and the

combination of the two funding sources allows them to keep rents considerably lower than the market.

The developer noted that residents of the complex would earn 60 percent or less of the area's median income, or about \$38,000 per year, which he said is actually more than most of the seniors in that particular census tract.

At the Dec. 6 meeting of the Essex-Middle River Civic Council where the plan was presented, the federal government's affordable housing program, commonly known as Section 8, immediately came up with regard to the type of residents who would live in the new housing.

But Willmarth assured they would not seek those with Housing Choice (Section 8) Vouchers or any other kind of project-based rent subsidies, in fact agreeing to it in their contract with the owners.

"This is just folks paying their own rent," he said.

However, they would not turn down someone who has a voucher, provided they pass a credit and background check.

"If they pass that and they have a voucher, they're welcome," he said, noting that the check includes criminal records. Felony or drug-related convictions would be turned away, but lower-level offenses would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The project would include some parking for residents who want to lease spaces, as well as abundant green space including several mature trees being preserved on the property, Willmarth said.

He added that they must meet the most current standards for building with respect to the environment, including stormwater management.

But the EMRCC membership pressed Willmarth to do so without seeking any zoning variances or waivers so the project fully complies with current codes.

The project is being pursued through the county's PUD process due to the mixture of zoning classifications currently on the property, including residential, office and community business.

PUDs allow developers to skirt existing zoning in exchange for a better project and a benefit for the community.

Willmarth said they would leave it to the community to decide what community benefit they would like. And EMRCC members floated the idea of having it be something for the closest community to the site, or potentially something to support the Eastern Baltimore County Task Force's efforts to revitalize the area.

A previous development proposal for the site, also sought as a PUD, called for "workforce housing" apartments which were staunchly opposed by many in the community due to the potential for it to become more Section 8 housing in an area that already has a lot of it.

To get the funding they sought, that project had to include a percentage of affordable housing, said Sandra Kwiatkowski, one of the site's current owners.

"The moment that Section 8 was mentioned, it was jumped upon and that was the end of that," she said.

Additionally, as workforce housing, the project was not required to provide an extra benefit since the county classifies workforce housing itself as a benefit.

The previous developer offered to refurbish and maintain a problematic bus stop nearby, but community members did not feel that was enough.

Kwiatkowski pointed out that she grew up in the area and currently lives on the subject property.

"This is my community too," she said. "It's not that I'm just here to sell and see everything torn down. I'm part of this community and I want to see good things happen here."

Sam Weaver and Karen Wynn, two leaders in the aforementioned task force, said they support the concept plan as presented, but they could only speak for themselves because their entire group had not yet met to discuss it.

"What we've heard so far, it seems like it would be an improvement," Weaver said. "If they're willing to spend that kind of money it would start the ball rolling for an uplifting for the whole area."

The EMRCC voted that they were not opposed to the project moving into the county's development review process, but did not necessarily give support for the project itself.

Since the project is located in County Councilman Todd Crandell's district, Crandell will decide whether or not to introduce a resolution to the County Council to allow the project to begin the county's review process.

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drew, according to county spokeswoman Ellen Kobler.

"Tesla informed Baltimore County that it was terminating the solar projects in the face of previously unforeseen challenges that rendered these specific projects not viable," wrote Kobler, who could not immediately provide more information,

in an email.

"Baltimore County remains committed to the use of solar power and will be issuing a new [Request For Proposal] looking to utilize solar power at Baltimore County facilities," she wrote.

The Turning Point hearing is set for Monday, Dec. 18, at 1:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Ave. in Towson.

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FIELDS

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would be better off differently," he said, "and that put Eastern Regional Park at the forefront" with HSG as the operator for programming and events.

"The 43 Fields project, while it did not come to fruition, its components were so important to getting us where we are today," Sunderland commented. "And it gave birth to what could be a great road map to these public-private partnerships."

Under the current proposal, HSG would have a 10-year lease to operate the fields, and all scheduling and permitting for field use would go through them, according to Sunderland.

He admitted that this would mean the recreation councils will have to cede control over that scheduling to HSG. But the group believes they can optimize field use simply by using a website to publish the available time slots for each field and having an online mechanism for interested groups to request time, potentially years in advance for large events.

"On [the website] will be a published schedule of all activities for each day on those fields," Sunderland said. "So members of the community will be able to see what is being used, by whom and when."

Regarding access to the fields by the general public, he said they will be open to anyone provided they are not booked.

"I never understand why we put fences around turf fields and you get chased

off of there," he said, adding that they want people, especially kids, to be able to use the fields.

"My approach to this entire park is that if you can go play and there's no one on that field... whatever it is [you want to do], go for it," Sunderland said. "If somebody's got it booked, we're going to come say you've got to move."

County leadership has expressed support for the project, so long as the recreation councils are on board and in agreement, Sunderland said. And if they get approval, barring any hang-ups, HSG could have the new fields in place by Sept. 1, 2018.

Sunderland and Munzert both said the feedback they have heard from the priority user recreation councils has been positive and supportive.

"At this point, I basically feel comfortable saying the rec. councils approved it with some questions," Munzert said.

He noted that those questions involved how parking would be handled at the facility and how it would work with the councils getting their field permits from HSG rather than the county.

"But I'm sure that's going to be laid out [in the operator's contract], he said. "The county's going to put that together."

Munzert said the Board of Recreation and Parks was scheduled to discuss the proposal at its meeting Wednesday, Dec. 13. However, he did not know if they would vote on anything related to it.

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but many students are breaking the rules by attending selected schools without permission.

Henn is also concerned about the cost of out-of-county residents who are enrolled in county schools.

"I sympathize with Baltimore City parents who are concerned about the quality of schools there and are trying to do better for their children, but it places a burden on the county school system," she said.

Henn would like to see an audit of the system's residency verification process and change it, if necessary, to make it easier for residence investigators from the Pupil Personnel Office to do their job.

She also expressed concern with what she sees as systemic problems with discipline and the perception that students with behavioral issues are not properly addressed.

"Every school is different and each school's kids are different," Henn said. "We need to empower our principals to address discipline problems with the latitude they need to adequately handle those problems."

She expressed concerns over classroom behavior that spills outside of the school, namely to school buses.

"The buses are overcrowded and do they all have aides?" she asked rhetorically. "Are the drivers getting the support they need? They can't drive the bus and supervise the kids at the same time."

She is concerned that reports of bullying take too long to address and believes the definition of bullying is too narrow.

"It very often takes multiple reports and parental intervention to get these incidents handled and it shouldn't be that way," she said.

Henn believes that some schools do a much better job in responding to bullying incidents and would like to see a more consistent approach across the school system. The proliferation of technology and the popularity of social media websites can make bullying an environment from which children cannot escape, she said.

Because of the spillover of bad behavior to buses and into homes via the internet, Henn said the "classroom isn't a bubble and that puts more demands on our teachers; we need to have more support for our teachers which in turn creates more supports for our students."

Another concern of Henn's is the system's overall spending, and the amount of money that is being spent on technology, perhaps sacrificing other areas that need attention.

She is "very concerned," she said, with the number of no-bid contracts that have been executed by system administrators, which "raises a huge red flag" in her eyes.

Henn, an information technology director at Baltimore City Community College, said she of all people understands the importance of technology in today's world. But she wants the use of technology in the classroom to be balanced with other teaching methods.

"We're so dependent on devices and software, but how much teaching can be happening if the teacher is constantly working with one student because their device isn't working?" she said. "If not used effectively, devices can be a distraction to learning."

Henn would like the system to look into using open education resources, or OERs, which are teacher-created and classroom-tested educational materials like informational handouts, test questions, quizzes and lesson plans, that are in the public domain and can be used at no cost.

She would like to see a wider ray of transparency within the system, and said she has already seen a change under Interim Superintendent Verletta White's tenure.

Under former Superintendent Dallas Dance's leadership, "there was no sense of accountability or response to concerns," Henn said.

Dance resigned abruptly in April and has since come under investigation for paid educational consultation work that he did not disclose to the school board.

That said, she added that such a sense of secrecy and covert decision-making "transcends any one individual."

"The system operates in many ways under a 'this is the way we've always done it' philosophy and we need a cultural shift in the school system," she said.

There is no shortage of Henn's ideas, concerns and passion for the county's school system.

Now she just needs to have the support of voters: "I would never have thought of myself as a candidate running for office, but this means that much to me; I want to be able to continue what I've started," she said.

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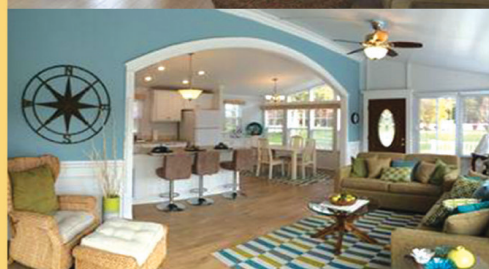
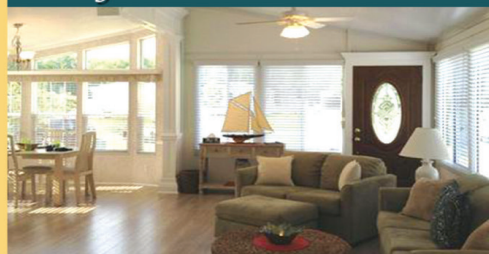
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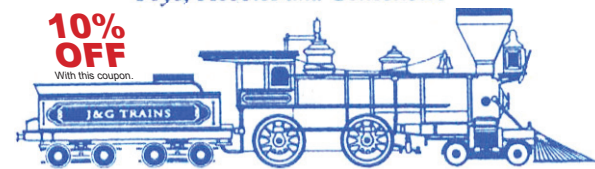


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Grothe, Helen R.

Helen Rebecca "Becky" Grothe (nee Knatz) of Essex, died Thursday Dec. 7. She was the devoted mother of Sarah R. Hahn, Michael D. Grothe and his wife Debbie, Patrick "Reds" Grothe and his wife Dee, Timothy A. Grothe and his wife Peggy and Buddy Grothe and his wife Angie; dear sister of Phyllis Green and sister-in-law Bea Thomas; dear cousin of Dorothy Swan. Also survived by 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and many loving family members and friends.

Becky was born March 9, 1930 in Owings Mills. She was the daughter of the late Philip Knatz and Mary Turnbaugh Knatz. She lived in Essex for 54 years and worked at ABC Driving School, teaching kids and adults how to drive in eastern Baltimore County. She loved watching the Orioles and her home was always open to family and friends, who all called her "mom."

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

Holland, Timothy Robert

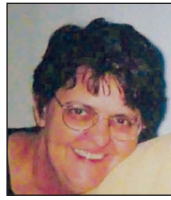
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The funeral service was held at the family owned Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Sanford, Emmett Gregory

On Dec. 7, Emmett Gregory Sanford passed away. He was the beloved son of the late Emmett Eugene and Genevieve Basnight Sanford; beloved husband of Sheri Sanford; son-in-law of Lee Spangler and the late Thomas Spangler; brother-in-law of Tom Spangler, Joe and Peggy Spangler, Jamie and Suzanne Spangler, and the late Fred Spangler. Also survived by ten nieces and nephews and their spouses and one great-nephew.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

Velte, Doris Marie

Doris Marie Velte, age 61, unexpectedly passed away Friday, Nov. 24. She was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Anna (nee Dombrowski) Wawrzyniak; wife of the late Vernon A. Velte, Sr.; and sister of the late Florian Wawrzyniak. A Christ follower, she was survived by her sisters Carol (Leonard) Purwin and Kathy Wawrzyniak; her children Cheryl and Vernon (Heather); and her grandchildren Madison and Brody.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m., at New Beginnings Fellowship Church, located at 502 Fairview Ave., Baltimore, MD 21224. In lieu of flowers, donations made in memory of Doris can be mailed to 28 Stillwood Circle, Nottingham, MD 21236.

Pietruszka, Mary

On Dec. 9, Mary Pietruszka (nee Nesterick), wife of the late Edward J. Pietruszka; daughter of the late Mary and Michael Nesterick; mother of Cynthia Pietruszka and Edward Pietruszka; grandmother of Jeffrey Pietruszka; sister of the late Russell, John, Michael, Elmer, Oscar, Walter Nesterick, Helene Kuczynski, and Catherine Klemick. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

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Eckert, Lorraine M.

On Dec. 10, Lorraine M. Eckert (nee Cierpisz), beloved wife of the late Bernard "Bud" J. Eckert; loving mother of John D. Eckert and his wife Hazel, David W. Eckert, and the late Mary C. Devlin; dear grandmother of Patrick Devlin, Jr., Matthew Devlin, Christopher Devlin, and the late Ryan Devlin. Lorraine is also survived by loving nieces, nephews and friends.

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**Hess, Betty**

On Dec. 6, Betty Joan Hess (nee Basehore), beloved wife of the late A. Clifford Hess; devoted mother of Diane Hess Lawder and her husband Joseph; loving grandmother of Robert Scott Mason (Chrissy) and Ryan Hess Mason (Chrissy and her daughter Hailey); dear great grandmother of Abigail Georgiana Mason; also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Reed, Naomi Lee

On Dec. 7, Naomi "Sandy" Lee Reed (nee McElwee), beloved wife of the late Raymond Joseph Reed, Sr.; devoted mother of Debra Cleary and her husband Robert, Kim Altenburger and her husband Robert, Raymond J. Reed, Jr. and his wife Carla, Curtis Reed, and Patrick Reed and his wife Kerry; also survived by 12 grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

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Annunciation Bus Trip

Church of the Annunciation, 5212 McCormick Ave. in Rosedale, will hold a bus trip to the "Parade of Nations" and the Virginia International Tattoo from April 26-29, 2018. For more information, call Jane, 410-866-8016.

Dundalk UMC Concert

Dundalk United Methodist Church, 6903 Mornington Road in Dundalk, will host the Maryland Military Band at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, in the sanctuary (use the Dunran Road entrance). The all-volunteer band is under the direction of retired U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant Yari Villanueva, whose military band résumé includes being a bugler at Arlington National Cemetery. All are welcome to attend the holiday concert and enjoy free refreshments in the social hall afterward. The performance is free but donations will be accepted during the concert.

New Year's Eve Party

Knights of Columbus Bethlehem Council 2605, 7401 Bay Front Road in Edgemere, will hold its annual New Year's Eve party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. The event will include a buffet, beer, wine, coffee, soda and a whiskey sour bar. A champagne toast and pickled herring will be offered at midnight. Entertainment will be provided by the Lenny Adams Band. Tickets cost \$30. To reserve seats, call 410-477-5225.

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St. Joseph School-Fullerton wins Top Workplaces award

St. Joseph School-Fullerton, a Catholic school in Perry Hall, has been awarded a 2017 Top Workplaces honor by the Baltimore Sun Media Group. The lists are based solely on the results of an employee feedback survey administered by Energage, LLD, a research firm that specializes in organizational health and workplace improvement. Several aspects of the workplace culture were measured, including alignment, execution and connection.

"The Top Workplaces award is not a popularity contest," said Doug Claffey, CEO of Energage. "But to be a Top Workplace, organizations must meet our strict standards for organizational health. And who better to ask about work life than the people who live the culture every day - the employees. Time and time again, our research has proven that what's most important to them is a strong belief in where the organization is headed, how it's going to get there, and the feeling that everyone is in it together."

St. Joseph's educates 541 students in Pre-K 4 through eighth grade. The 52-member faculty is led by Principal Kenneth Pipkin and Assistant Principal Christina Ashby.

"This award exemplifies the dedication and commitment of our faculty and staff in working together toward the common goal of educating our students both academically and spiritually," Pipkin said. "Our faculty is a very cohesive group, and this willingness to work together creates true success for our students and their families".

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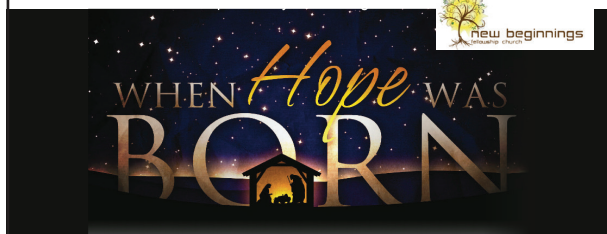
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Metzgar attends Pearl Harbor memorial ceremony

- By Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6) -

On Dec. 7, Delegate Ric Metzgar (R-6) attended a Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony aboard the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter Taney in the Baltimore Inner Harbor.

The ceremony marked the 76th Anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and honored those who served during World War II. Sadly, a few World War II Veterans who attended the 75th Anniversary Ceremony last year passed away since the ceremony.

Retired WBAL Radio Commentator Alan Walden served as the Master of Ceremony and Essex resident Joe DiCara sang The National Anthem. The St. Andrew Society of Baltimore served as the Color Guard and also provided bagpipe music. A forty-eight star American Flag which was flown over the USS Arizona Memorial was on the stern of the ship. Vice Admiral Charles W. Ray, Deputy Commandant of the United States Coast Guard gave the keynote address. A wreath was thrown into the Baltimore Harbor to honor the 2,300 Americans who were killed and wounded during the attack on Pearl Harbor which was followed by a bugler playing Taps.

This ceremony was special for Delegate Metzgar because his Father, Radarman Third Class Lester P. Metzgar, served in the United States Navy, was stationed at Pearl Harbor and was a Pearl Harbor Survivor. Delegate Metzgar has also visited the USS Arizona Memorial in Hawaii.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Taney is the last surviving vessel afloat to witness the Dec. 7, 1941

Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was moored at Pier 6 in Honolulu Harbor.

The USS Taney was built in 1935 at the Philadelphia Naval Ship Yard and was launched on June 3, 1936. The ship was named in honor of Roger B. Taney who was a Marylander, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and brother-in-law of Francis Scott Key. Chief Justice Taney died in 1864 at the age of 87 years old and is buried at St. John's Cemetery in Frederick, Maryland.

The USS Taney earned four battle stars and saw action in The Battle of North Atlantic. In 1945, the ship fought in Okinawa for 119 straight days.

After World War II, she served in Korea and Vietnam and served for another forty years during peacetime missions in Panama and in the Caribbean Ocean doing drug raids and search and rescue missions in the 1970s and 1980s before she was decommissioned in 1986. In 1986, Taney was donated to the City of Baltimore as a memorial and museum. Many of the crew members who served aboard the USS Taney after the attack on Pearl Harbor were present for the ceremony.

Today the ship is in dry dock at the Inner Harbor and is one of four nautical museums and living classrooms along with the USS Constellation, USS Torsk Submarine, and Lightship 116 Chesapeake. Boy Scout, Girl Scout Troops, and other youth groups for a fee can spend a weekend sleeping aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Taney and USS Torsk to learn about life aboard these vessels.

"I was really impressed with the ceremony," says

Delegate Metzgar. "I will attend the ceremony next year and would encourage others to do the same," concluded Delegate Metzgar who serves on the House Veterans Caucus.

Alan Walden concluded the ceremony by saying the ceremony ended at the exact time the attack took place at Pearl Harbor in 1941 which left everyone in attendance in a somber mood.

District Six Town Hall

"The District Six team of Sen. Salling and Delegates Grammer, Long and Metzgar will hold a Pre Session Town Hall Meeting at the North Point Public Library on Wednesday, Jan. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. We will discuss the upcoming 2018 session.

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Vacant home burglar in Dundalk arrested

Detectives from the Baltimore County Police Burglary Unit have arrested a burglar that was targeting vacant homes in the Dundalk area, clearing 11 Burglaries and Recovering stolen items, including 10 firearms.

Edward Arthur Buckmaster, 29, of the 7100 block of Eastbrook Road in Dundalk was arrested after fleeing officers serving a search warrant on his home. He was apprehended after breaking out a neighbors window and attempting to hide in their attic.

Buckmaster was targeting vacant homes, homes under renovation and for-sale homes within a relatively small geographical area, gaining entry to most by removing or breaking out windows. He typically removed copper pipes and wiring from the basements of the homes, causing major water damage in one. In a burglary in the 7000 block of Stratton Way he stole jewelry and cash instead of copper, and in a burglary on Southern Avenue he stole jewelry, tools and a cache of firearms.

Buckmaster's burglary spree was first reported on Oct. 27 when he struck a vacated for-sale home in the 500 block of 46th Street. Between then and Nov. 18 he struck nine more homes, but by that time detectives had identified him as a person of interest in the burglaries. Surveillance video obtained from a scrap yard confirmed their suspicions.

Detectives were also able to obtain surveillance video from a local business near the home of one of the burglaries, identifying Buckmaster as the subject in that video, as well.

Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Buckmaster and a search warrant for his home, where they located some of the stolen items. During an interview Buckmaster admitted to stealing the guns from the Southern Avenue home and hiding them in a graveyard nearby. Detectives searched the graveyard and recovered all of the stolen firearms with the exception of one outstanding pistol, which they continue to search for.

Buckmaster is currently charged with two counts of first degree burglary, theft and destruction of property and is held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center. The remaining burglary cases are under investigation by the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore County pending additional charges.

Current crime trends

Since Nov. 1, there have been seven robberies of food delivery drivers within the Essex Precinct. Cases occurred on various days between 3:30 and 9 p.m. Weapons were displayed or implied in three cases, and physical force was used in four cases.

Since Oct. 26, there have been six motor vehicle thefts and two attempted thefts in the Cockeysville, Essex and Dundalk precincts. There has been no new activity since Nov. 20.

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Two found dead in basement of Middle River home

The bodies of two people were found in the basement apartment of a home in Middle River on the morning of Dec. 10.

The deaths were reported by the homeowner when he discovered the couple in the basement apartment they'd been renting. They are identified as Joshua Stephen Glennon, 28, and Tiffany V. Ingellis, 30, both of the unit block of Honeycomb Road in Middle River.

The bodies were transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for determination of cause and manner of death.

Homicide detectives continue to investigate to determine the circumstances surrounding these deaths but do believe these victims were targeted by the suspect, who remains unknown and outstanding at this time.

Anyone with information regarding these homicides is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020.

Metro Crime Stoppers, an organization that is separate from the Baltimore County Police Department and Baltimore County Government, offers rewards for information in connection with felony offenses.

Anonymous tips can be sent to Metro Crime Stoppers by phone, text message or online. To send a tip to Metro Crime Stoppers, call 1-866-7LOCKUP.

Never tell strangers about home security

Don't give information to anyone asking about your home security. If someone claiming to be a sales person comes to your door or calls your home asking about your home security - politely turn them away. The individual may be a legitimate sales person from a home security firm hoping to make a sale, or that caller could be a would-be burglar hoping to find unprotected houses.

Don't tell a stranger whether or not you have a security system. If you do have a system, don't reveal anything about it. Simply tell the caller you don't discuss information like that with strangers. And don't be swayed if the caller mentions the name of a neighbor who may have purchased a system. Just knowing a neighbor's name doesn't make a caller legitimate.

If you don't have a home security system, but would like to get one, shop around. Check with your neighbors, carefully look for established, local firms. Don't jump into anything. The Baltimore County Police Department will be glad to give county residents a free home security survey.

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Two arrested in connection with Middle River shooting

Baltimore County Police have arrested two suspects in the Nov. 27 shooting of a man in Middle River.

Alicia Charline Venzke, 26, of the 100 block of Covered Wagon Road in Middle River, and 27-year-old Michael George Collett, of the 8500 block of Morvan Road in Parkville, are both charged with attempted first degree murder, first degree assault, armed robbery and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony/violent crime.

Police were initially called to the area of Carroll Island Road for a man suffering from a gunshot wound to the lower body. Police have determined that the shooting occurred just before 9 p.m. in an alley between Day Coach Circle and Eastern Boulevard when Venzke, known to the victim, set him up to be robbed. The victim was walking with Venzke in the alley toward her house when Collett arrived and they announced the robbery. Venzke shot the victim when he attempted to flee, striking him in the leg.

Venzke and Collett fled to her nearby home after the robbery attempt, where they were arrested the following day. Venzke was in possession of a gun at the time of her arrest, and a second gun was recovered in her home during the execution of a search warrant.

Both Venzke and Collett remain held without bail in the Baltimore County Detention Center pending trial.

Friday night shooting in Essex leaves one dead

On Friday, Dec. 8, just after 8 p.m., police responded to a call for shots fired in the 900 block of Ashbridge Drive in Essex where they discovered one victim suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim, Lance Chaz Dixon, 25, of Ashbridge Drive, was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

Homicide detectives are continuing to investigate the circumstances surrounding this incident but the preliminary investigation indicates that an argument with the suspect may have precipitated the shooting. Detectives continue to work to identify that suspect.

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Our firm handles many criminal and accident trial cases, so we have been in a position to witness many a drama of litigation. Our principal member G. Darrell Russell, Jr., is a retired Baltimore County District Court Judge, and an author of two books of legal and courtroom reminiscences.

There is a continuing line that emerges from considering courtroom dramas: don't lie! Most cases that evolve from car crashes are legitimate; we represent many victims of careless, aggressive drivers who should be sentenced to eight hours blindfolded in a bumper car at Six Flags. But today's litigious climate gives rise to a culture of creative embellishment, wherein any incident is inflated in the hopes of scoring a settlement - for instance, a two-hundred-pound "Incredible Hulk" claiming whiplash while a grandmother, a pregnant wife and a two-year-old infant in the same car somehow escaped unscathed.

Bus accidents often give rise to the most farcical of events: Judge Russell tells of one incident wherein the steel behemoth was barely tapped by a tiny Dodge Neon - whereupon several passengers in the bus immediately dropped down in the aisle and dialed 9-1-1, asking to be helicoptered to their lawyers' offices!

Sometimes courtroom scenes resemble old '70s sitcoms. Judge Russell listened to the tale of a woman of no specific age who said that the sudden stop

of the bus caused her to fall down, after which she crawled home and lay in bed for three days. The bus driver responded, "I remember her - she didn't fall. She said she hates bus drivers and was going to get me in trouble for missing her bus stop!" "Did you miss her stop?" asked the Judge. "No. She wanted to get out where there was no stop."

A courtroom is a place where competing witnesses tell their stories, and the Trier of Fact determines the truth - a process at least as old as King Solomon. In this case, no ancient royalty was needed. Upon hearing the bus driver's testimony, the plaintiff screeched, "You're a damn liar!" and rose from the trial table, cocking her pocketbook for a lethal swing, first at the driver, then at Judge Russell, and finally at her lawyer! Judge Russell intoned, "It's time for a recess." The lawyer approached with his head down, apologizing profusely.

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Precinct 11/Essex

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First Degree Burglary: Shortly after 5 p.m. on Dec. 10, officers were called to the 1200 block of Punjab Drive in Essex. Sometime between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., an unknown suspect gained entry into the victim's residence and stole cash, four computers and six video games.

Second Degree Burglary: On Dec. 7, officers from the Essex precinct responded to a burglary call in the 10600 block of Bird River Road in Middle River. Sometime between 8 p.m. on Dec. 7 and 10 a.m. on Dec. 8, an unknown suspect entered the victim's vehicle by breaking the rear passenger window. Multiple tools were stolen from the vehicle and a motorcycle was stolen from a trailer.

Precinct 8/Parkville

First Degree Burglary: On Dec. 10, just after 3 a.m., Baltimore County Police responded to the unit block of Kilmory Court in Nottingham. Sometime between 10 p.m. on Dec. 9 and 3 a.m. on Dec. 10, an unknown suspect opened an unlocked kitchen window to gain entry into the victim's residence and stole a cell phone.

First Degree Burglary: Officers from the Parkville precinct were called to the unit block of Springtime Way in Parkville on Dec. 9. At 7:41 p.m., an unknown suspect entered the victims' residence through the kitchen window and took two foam toy guns. The unknown suspect also took a safe containing several pieces of jewelry.

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'The Disaster Artist' a massive success

- By Teddy Durgin -



Franco assembles an incredible array of actors and actresses here to add texture to a truly fun and even immersive motion picture. Everyone from buddy Seth Rogen, Josh Hutcherson and Zac Efron, to Alison Brie, Kate Upton and Jacki Weaver all come to play.

Yes, I've seen "The Room." It's one of those flicks that still gets shown from time to time in theaters a la "Rocky Horror Picture Show." You come in groups. You shout dialogue back at the screen, you munch popcorn and you have a grand old time laughing AT the film and not with it. Similar viewing parties have happened in home theaters ever since this thing hit disc.

But Franco finds a surprisingly deeper layer to tell this "making of" story. He isn't cruel to the original source film or to Wiseau. He makes his movie about the importance of dreams and the tenacity of those dreamers who don't have the talent, but still have the desire. There are tons of people who have come to Tinseltown over the decades who had LOADS more talent than Wiseau. But they lacked his heart, Franco argues with this film, and his drive. Franco clearly finds a kindred spirit in the kooky Wiseau, as evidenced by all of the odd turns he has taken during his vastly more accomplished career. I mean, can you think of any other Hollywood actor who after being nominated for an Academy Award then went and starred on... "General Hospital?!" Franco did!

And he cast his younger brother, Dave Franco, in the pivotal role of actor wannabe Greg Sestero, who gets cast in "The Room" in the hopes it will be his big break. But the infamy of the motion picture takes him down.

"The Disaster Artist" ends up being one of the best movies I've seen about movies. And it's really a must-see for anyone who loves those kinds of flicks, good or bad.

"The Disaster Artist" may be the best movie ever made about a bad movie. Actually, it may be the only such film. Er, OK, maybe "Ed Wood." But this is one of those "you gotta see it to believe it" kind of flicks that only some very powerful and persuasive Hollywood players could possibly have gotten made. It's kind of a minor miracle this movie even exists AND is actually so good!

In the early 2000s, Tommy Wiseau was a Hollywood dreamer with a weird accent, no muscles a la Schwarzenegger or Van Damme to make it as an odd-talking action star, and a look that probably only could have been right for one or two parts at the most (background vampire, for instance). But he had one thing most other Hollywood dreamers didn't have. Millions of dollars in the bank! How did he make his fortune? There's kind of Wiseau's version of his entrepreneurial excellence (a mix of retail and real estate) and then there are the legends and rumors that have developed over the years because of the lack of documentation about how he made his loot (everything from inheritance to drug dealing).

Basically, he put up \$6 million of his own money (!) and made his own movie with himself as writer, director and star. And he was able to get it into some theaters for a two-week run because he heard that a theatrical release was required... for Oscar consideration! But his film, "The Room," was SO bad! So bad that one reviewer christened it "The Citizen Kane of Bad Movies," and that title has stuck ever since.

"The Disaster Artist" is the story of the making of that bad film. It's a passion project of James Franco's, who directs here and stars as Wiseau in an uncanny impersonation of a performance. You sort of have to know Tommy Wiseau to know how spot-on Franco is here. But it's not required. I mean, who really knew what Abe Lincoln sounded like, but the world totally believed Daniel Day-Lewis nailed the role five years ago, right?

'Just Getting Started' is already finished

- By Teddy Durgin -



If you told me I was going to go see a movie starring Tommy Lee Jones, Morgan Freeman and Rene Russo, I would be very excited... er, if it was 1995. But it's 2017. Yes, I still love all three stars and have seen them be effective in several films in recent years. They're not feeble by any means! But when they are in a movie as feeble as the new "Just Getting Started," the end result is just sad. It makes you realize how few scripts are being written with senior-age actors and actresses in mind. And, of those few, how many are really good?

I was actually surprised that this turned out to be such a stinker, considering it was directed and written by Ron Shelton. His list of credits include "Bull Durham," "White Men Can't Jump" and the underrated "Dark Blue," not to mention such other keepers as "Blaze" and "Tin Cup." He's probably best when writing and/or directing straight-up sports films. Here, he tries to pull off a geriatric mob caper, with elements of screwball comedy. The end result is flat and leaves its stars totally exposed.

Freeman stars as Duke Diver, the much loved manager of an upscale Palm Springs resort. He has sort of crafted himself a legend's presence and reputation, which is threatened with the arrival of Jones' Leo. The ex-military charmer checks into the Villa Capri, and immediately the two aging bulls get competitive with each other. The main competition has to do with who will woo the also newly-arrived Suzie (Russo).

But we soon come to learn that Duke is in the Witness Protection Program for ratting out the mafia. When he is discovered, he forms an unlikely alliance with Leo to try and keep himself (and the hotel) safe from harm.

It's mob-lite, of course. It doesn't end with Morgan and Tommy Lee getting

clubbed to death and buried in a rural cornfield. But one of the problems with the film is the comical, easy-breezy tone short circuiting what in real life would probably be a pretty scary scenario. It's almost as if the principals recognize this, and that's where the on-screen flailing begins. Because, again, two decades ago, Freeman, Jones and Russo could bring the dramatic urgency to a similarly themed and plotted flick. In 2017, though, the whole thing plays out like, "Aww, isn't it adorable those old coots are foiling those bumbling wise guys."

Freeman was much better with Michael Caine and Alan Arkin earlier in the year in the heist caper, "Going in Style." That film's script had more room in it for recognizable human emotions, and there was a good deal of fun to be had when the audience was finally let in on the old guys' elaborate scheme to knock over a bank. I still love that climactic moment when a little girl makes a fateful decision as an eyewitness that had the audience I saw it with cheer and applaud.

That film worked. It engaged you. There are no such moments in "Just Getting Started." There's a bit of fun early on when Freeman and Jones are vying with each other over poker, golf and Russo chasing. It was a touch sad, but still welcome, to see the late Glenna Headly in what was likely her final performance as a resort guest showing a cougar's sense of play (Sheryl Lee Ralph and Jane Seymour are also happy to be acting here).

But it's ultimately no fun watching seasoned veterans trying so hard to rescue a bad script. I'm really just getting started on bagging on this film. But I'll stop here out of respect for a cast and crew who have entertained me so often in the past. Sigh. At least this all probably paid a LOT better than Social Security.

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Swimmer Long goes 8-for-8 in world championship gold medals

- By Marge Neal -

Each time Jessica Long jumped in the Francisco Marquez Olympic Swimming Pool in Mexico City at the World Para Swimming Championships last week, she emerged from the water having earned another gold medal to add to her growing collection.

The swimming phenom who grew up in Middle River went eight-for-eight in the competition to lead the American team in total and gold medals. She won six individual races and was a member of two gold-medal-winning relay teams.

Long's medal haul might not be as significant as it would have been had the meet taken place as originally scheduled, but she put in an impressive showing, nonetheless.

The championships were supposed to be held in September but a major earthquake that hit central Mexico on Sept. 19 caused a nearly two-month delay of the meet. As a result, some teams originally scheduled to compete dropped out of the rescheduled event.

For example, in both relay races in which Long participated, the U.S. team was the only qualifier. A clean race with no disqualifications guaranteed gold for the team.

"There were a few other teams in

those particular events that unfortunately couldn't attend," Olivia Truby, a spokeswoman for the United States Olympic Committee, said in an email to the *East County Times*. "However, it was still a very competitive field throughout the whole meet, and we are very appreciative of everything Mexico City did to put on an incredible event."

When the six-day meet ended Dec. 7, the U.S. had banked 54 total medals, good for second place on the overall leader board, while Long's eight golds made her the meet's most decorated female athlete, according to United States Olympic Committee officials.

Queenie Nichols, director of high performance for U.S. Paralympic Swimming, said she was pleased with the performance of both veteran athletes and program newcomers.

"We are incredibly happy with how Team USA performed at world championships, especially swimming at altitude," she wrote in an email.

China claimed the team medal title, with 56 total medals, including 30 golds. Italy finished third behind the U.S. with 38 medals and an impressive 20 first-place finishes.

Team USA's medals were won by 18 individuals, including Timonium's Becca

Meyers, who won four medals (one gold, two silvers and one bronze), and Mt. Airy's Zach Shattuck, who was a member of a bronze-medal-winning relay team.

Long, the daughter of Middle River residents Steve and Beth Long, is no stranger to the awards podium, regardless of the level of competition. She said her experience in Mexico City was "awesome."

"It's definitely been a really wonderful world championship experience," she said in a statement from the USOC. "To come away with eight gold medals, I couldn't ask for anything better."

Long started the meet with three gold-medal performances on Sunday, Dec. 4, and capped off her perfect outing Thursday, Dec. 7, with a first-place finish in the SM8 (disability classification) 200-meter individual medley.

Between those days, she also won the S8 100m backstroke, the 34-point 4x100m medley relay, S8 400m freestyle and the S8 100m butterfly.

"Jessica continues to show why she's one of the most successful Paralympic swimmers," Nichols said in an email. "To sweep her events and win gold in every event is truly a testament to how great a swimmer she is."

Not only did Long win eight gold medals, she did so convincingly. While many swim races are decided by tenths and hundredths of seconds, Long defeated each of her nearest competitors by at

least five seconds. She finished nearly 25 seconds ahead of the second- and third-place finishers in the 400m freestyle and bested fellow American Julia Gaffney by more than 17 seconds in the 200m individual medley.

But while she enjoyed big leads in the pool, she was considerably slower than her own world record times in two of her races. Her time of 2:49.93 seconds in the 200m individual medley was nearly 13 seconds slower than her world record of 2:37.11, set in Montreal in 2013. With a final time of 1:12.81 in the 100m butterfly, Long was three seconds slower than her world record time of 1:09.79, set in Scotland in 2015.

A year removed from the Rio Summer Paralympics - where Long won six medals - and three years from the next games in Tokyo, Long is not at the peak of training. She has told other publications she is enjoying a lighter training load and taking it easy for a while.

She is enjoying success outside of the pool as well. Long was recently named to the *Forbes* 30 Under 30 list, which names 30 young people to watch in a variety of categories, including sports.

She also looks forward to the June 2018 release of her book, *Unsinkable*, written with her sister, Hannah Long.

Long revealed a picture of the cover of the book on her Facebook page this fall.

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Perry Hall starts title defense with win against Kenwood

- By Patrick Taylor -

Perry Hall, the reigning 4A boys basketball state champion, kicked off their quest for their second title in a row with an impressive 75 - 58 win against Kenwood on Monday night.

Kenwood entered the game with some momentum having won their first two games of the season against Edgewood and Parkville, but the Gators are a different beast altogether.

The defending champs entered into Monday night's clash holding down the top spot in *The Sun's* area ranking, and for good reason. With big men Anthony Higgs and Laquill Hardnett back to man the paint, and with last year's top man off the bench

Tyler Holley stepping into a starting roll, this team is scary. Beyond Hardnett and Higgs, we'll also get to see more of junior center Anthony Walker. All three of the aforementioned big men tower over 6'8", making life inside the paint for opposing offenses practically nonviable.

On Monday night, Perry Hall's dominance was on full display. Higgs, Hardnett and Holley scored the first nine points for the Gators, with Kenwood doing well to keep pace early. It looked like Perry Hall might pull away in the first after they built up an eight point lead, but Kenwood shooting guard Darius Foster hit a three at the buzzer to cut the lead to five.

In the second, the Gators kicked things off with an 8 - 1 run, pushing the lead to 30 - 18. The Bluebirds managed to chip away at the lead a bit, cutting it down to seven with about three minutes left in the half, but Perry Hall added a couple more buckets before time expired. And much like the end of the first quarter, Foster again hit a big three for Kenwood as time expired, keeping the Bluebirds within 11.

But the thing about Perry Hall is that their size will wear you down, and in the second half Kenwood just looked gassed. Hardnett, who hung around the three point line much of the first half, did a lot of damage inside the paint. Besides having strong ball handling ability, he's also opportunistic when it comes to sec-

ond chance points. When he wasn't able to put in his first attempt, his length frequently allowed him to put up a second attempt.

Likewise, Higgs did well to bully his way down low. Whether working the baseline or extended from the elbow, Higgs was dynamic. He brought the house down with a few massive dunks, including a tomahawk after crab stepping (which, to be honest, should have been a travel since this isn't the NBA) past a Kenwood defender.

With one game in the books, Perry Hall is already looking like they're in midseason form. They moved the ball well offensively and played to their strengths. Hardnett and Higgs both have three point range, but both were better with their shot selection last night than they were most of the year last season. If the two of them can keep playing efficiently like they did against Kenwood, they'll breeze through most of their games.

While Kenwood will certainly be disappointed with the loss, they should be feeling pretty good about how they played. Keeping it close with a star-studded team like Perry Hall is a tall order, but the Bluebirds delivered. The biggest disadvantage they have is their youth, but as the season goes on and they gel more as a team you can expect to see Kenwood pick up a lot of wins along the way.

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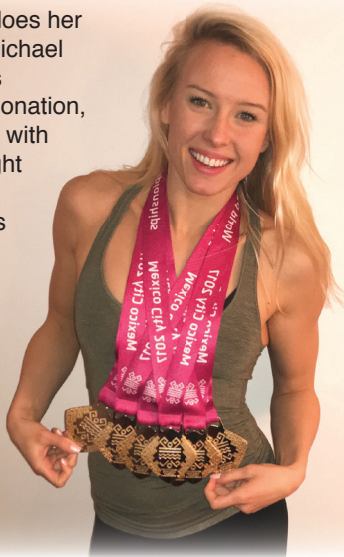
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"Crazy excited to reveal the cover of my new book, *Unsinkable*," she wrote in the post. "This book is so special to me... it's been two years in the making and it's written by my little sister, Hannah Long."

Long has also signed on with the Fitter and Fastest Swim Tour, where she will join other high-profile and elite swimmers who conduct swim clinics for athletes looking to improve their performance.

The four-time Paralympian has plenty of time to "take it easy" before she ramps up her training regimen in preparation for the 2020 Summer Paralympic Games in Tokyo.

Long does her best Michael Phelps impersonation, posing with her eight gold medals



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Ravens Roost No. 71 will hold a holiday breakfast from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Chuga-Mug banquet hall, 121 Earls Road in Middle River. The event is for children 12 and younger. Santa is scheduled to visit.

Dinner on the Bay

Knights of Columbus Bethlehem Council 2605, 7401 Bay Front Road in Edgemere, will hold its monthly Dinner on the Bay from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. The menu will include fried chicken, roast beef and gravy, baked salmon, side dishes, salad, rolls, dessert and soda, coffee and tea. The cost is \$14 for adults and \$7 for children ages 8-12. Reservations are strongly advised. Reservations: 410-477-5225.

Dundalk Legion Karaoke

Dundalk American Legion Post 38, 3300 Dundalk Ave., will host Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Dec. 15. Call 410-288-2297 for more information.

'Scrooge!' at CCBC

The Children's Playhouse of Maryland, in residence at the Community College of Baltimore County's Essex campus, 7201 Rossville Blvd. in Rosedale, will present "Scrooge!" at 1 p.m. Dec. 16 and 17, and 4:30 p.m. Dec. 17, in the Administration Building's lecture hall. "Scrooge!" tells the classic story of an old miser who is visited by the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future. Tickets cost \$10. To reserve seats, call the CCBC box office, 443-840-2787.

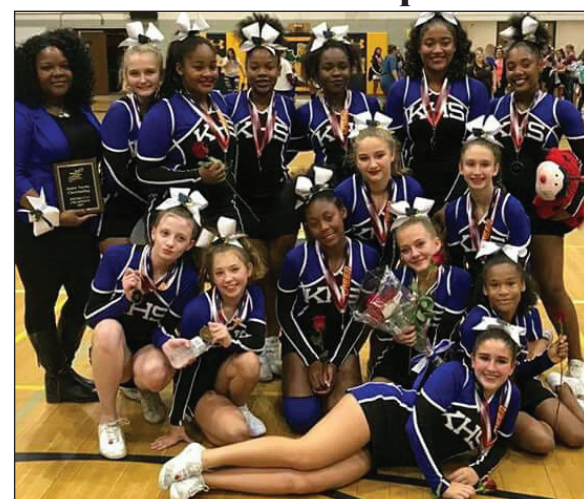
Karaoke/Line Dancing

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave. in Essex, will host Music Solution with Ricko and Bo from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Dec. 15; GG&B Karaoke from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Dec. 16; and Fun Time karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. Line dancing with The Dude is held from 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays in the hall. For more information, call 410-686-2353.

Historical Society Train Garden

The Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society and Museum, 4 Center Place in Dundalk, will host its 18th annual holiday train garden through Jan. 7. The garden will be open to the public from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The garden will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 24 and will be closed Dec. 25. Admission is free but donations will be accepted. The event will include the popular scavenger hunt. For info., call 410-284-2331.

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Kenwood High School's Junior Varsity cheerleading squad recently won a Baltimore County title. Squad members are Kaitlynn Brzenski, Aniya Daniels, Carol Delain, Kaylee Eckert, Satara Garcia, Brooklyn Guido, Nia Hawkes, Haley Kulisiewicz, Lateja Mabry, Savana Merritt, Mia Richardson, Gianna Signorello, Myley Smith and Nia Smith. The team is coached by Naomi Richardson and Candice Washington-Hicks.

Luminaria Night

The Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society and Museum will hold its annual Luminaria Night beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22. The event originated several years ago when museum volunteers placed votive candles in small paper bags weighted with sand around its building at 4 Center Place in Old Dundalk and along the perimeter of the neighboring Veterans Park. Since then, the event has expanded to include churches and other organizations in Old Dundalk, St. Helena and portions of Merritt Boulevard. In addition to the luminarias, the museum's train garden will be open, seasonal music will be broadcast outdoors in the Dundalk Village Shopping Center area and Santa and Mrs. Claus are scheduled to visit. Info: 410-284-2331.

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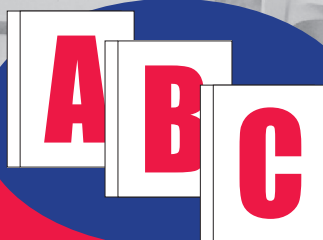
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LEGAL OWNER:
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The Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability hereby gives fifteen (15) days notice, pursuant to Section 33-2-205 of the Baltimore County Code, that a variance to Chesapeake Bay Critical Area requirements was received to impact 11,300 square feet of the Critical Area buffer on this property for the continued use of four separate yard areas as part of a subdivision around existing dwellings. Anyone interested in submitting written comments may do so by sending correspondence to Environmental Impact Review, Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 319, Towson, Maryland 21204.

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Pursuant to Article 16, Subtitle 2 of the Commercial Law Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, Equity LifeStyle Properties, Williams Estates and Peppermint Woods Mobile Home Park, exercises its right to establish and foreclose upon a landlord's lien on the following mobile homes, located within Williams Estates and Peppermint Woods Mobile Home Park, through public auction on **January 5, 2018** beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the location of each mobile home in the order listed below starting at 128 Trailways Road. Questions should be directed to the community office at 112 Whistle Stop Road, Baltimore, MD 21220, 410-686-0077. Equity LifeStyle Properties reserves the right to cancel a sale at any time for any reason.

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- 1.) 128 Trailways Road, 1975, GUARDIAN, TL, G, VIN# PAX570123K016640
- 2.) 125 Trailways Road, 1973, BROA, TL, G, VIN# 64S3425
- 3.) 3522 Wagon Train Road, 1975, SYLVAN, TL, G, VIN# SP9228

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF A RESPONSE ACTION PLAN AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING TRUCKING TERMINAL

The property located at 7100 Quad Avenue in Rosedale, Maryland has been accepted into Maryland's Voluntary Cleanup Program. A proposed Response Action Plan (RAP) has been submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for approval. Lead impacted soil was identified within a limited portion of the site. The impacted soil will be addressed through soil excavation and offsite disposal.

This RAP is based upon future use of the property for industrial purposes.

Participant: VCR Properties
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Contact: Michael Anzalone
(215) 262-2718

Eligible Property: Trucking Terminal
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Rosedale, MD 21237

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Public Library
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Rosedale, MD 21237

Any person wishing to request further information or make comments regarding the proposed RAP must do so in writing. Comments or requests should be submitted to the attention of the Voluntary Cleanup Program project manager, Irena Rybak, at the Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 625, Baltimore, MD 21230; telephone 410-537-3493.

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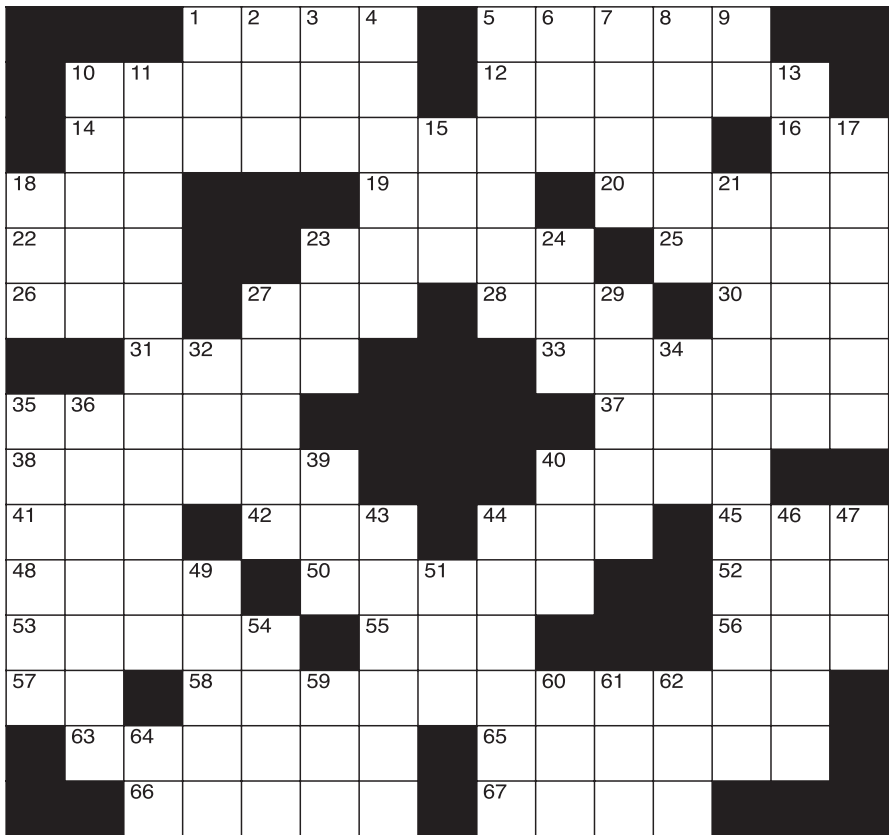
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SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE, PAGE 24

CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Large jug
- 5. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman
- 10. Punjab province capital
- 12. Evoke
- 14. Data
- 16. Exists
- 18. Supervises flying
- 19. Having eight
- 20. Right-handed page
- 22. NHL great Bobby
- 23. German municipality
- 25. Negotiate
- 26. Keyboard key
- 27. Youngster
- 28. Medical decision (abbr.)
- 30. Ribonucleic acid
- 31. One-time Levi's chairman Walter
- 33. Cold region
- 35. Type of plywood
- 37. A way to unfreeze
- 38. Winter melon
- 40. Dispute
- 41. An expression of imagination
- 42. Human gene
- 44. Touch lightly
- 45. Computer giant
- 48. Garlands
- 50. Franz van __, German diplomat
- 52. Vineyard
- 53. Elk or moose
- 55. Moved quickly
- 56. Swiss river
- 57. Rhode Island
- 58. Fall into disrepair
- 63. Ancient Roman virtue
- 65. Removes
- 66. Slovenly women
- 67. Comedian Rogen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Extremely high frequency
- 2. Court
- 3. Make a mistake
- 4. Change the appearance of
- 5. Long-haired dog
- 6. The Greatest of All Time
- 7. Designer Christian
- 8. Blemished
- 9. Atlanta-based rapper
- 10. Deceivers
- 11. One who supports disorder
- 13. Colossal
- 15. A team's best pitcher
- 17. Comfort in a time of sadness
- 18. Opponent
- 21. Professionals might need one
- 23. Captures geographical data (abbr.)
- 24. Senior officer
- 27. Sacred Islamic site
- 29. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 32. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 34. Performer __ Lo Green
- 35. Having only magnitude, not direction
- 36. Cleft lip
- 39. Payroll company
- 40. Prohibit
- 43. Stroke
- 44. Does not acknowledge
- 46. Hillsides
- 47. Austrian river
- 49. Passover feast and ceremony
- 51. Golf score
- 54. Hair-like structure
- 59. Check
- 60. Extract metal from this
- 61. Tell on
- 62. Powdery residue
- 64. A part of the mind

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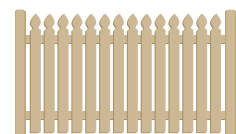
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