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BQVFD 'extremely grateful' for gift of land from former delegate



BQVFD past president John Hammen (left) received the ceremonial deed from former Del. Nancy Hubers. The two were joined by BCoPD spokesman and attorney Shawn Vinson, who helped to coordinate the gift legally.

- Article & photo by Marge Neal -
 Former State Delegate Nancy M. Hubers is a proud 50-year resident of the Bowleys Quarters community. The staunch public servant who served in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1999-2003 said she has always felt "safe and secure" while living on the peninsula, in part because of the presence of the Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department. She beamed with pride Saturday, Jan. 13, when she presented a ceremonial deed of ownership, representing a gift of more than nine acres of land for future fire station use, to past President John Hammen. "The future of the Bowleys Quarters

Volunteer Fire Department should be of prime concern to every resident in Bowleys Quarters," she told the crowd gathered for the group's annual installation of officers and awards program. "I hope this acquisition helps secure the future of the Bowleys Quarters fire department." Hammen elicited laughter from the crowd when he recalled a time when volunteers were called to assist with an incident that occurred on Hubers' property. In sharing what he described as "one of the strangest calls" he was involved with, he told of a boat that ran up into Hubers' waterfront lawn and crashed

into an oak tree. "She came out and said, 'Get that boat out of my yard,'" he said with a laugh. The gift of about 9.25 acres of land situated near the intersection of Bowleys Quarters and Carroll Island roads is the result of a long and complicated process, according to Hammen. Noting the desire to move the fire station to higher ground and to a location that would allow quicker access to Eastern Avenue, Hammen said he approached Hubers about three years ago to express the department's interest in buying the land. Hubers suggested making the land a - see **DONATION** on page 5 -

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Tradepoint's Royal Farms store moving forward; dredging begins in polluted tin mill canal

- By Virginia Terhune -

A planned Royal Farms convenience store at Tradepoint Atlantic's proposed shopping center off Bethlehem Boulevard in Sparrows Point got the go ahead from county reviewers last week and is expected to open late this year.

Located near Tradepoint's marketing center building at the southern end of Peninsula Expressway, the convenience store will have gas pumps and a car wash, according to plans discussed at a Jan. 9 meeting of the county's Development Review Committee.

Royal Farms was the first tenant to be announced for the retail and restaurant center component of TPA's redevelopment of the former steel mill site that will serve industrial tenants, visitors and travelers, as well as the nearby Edgemere residential community.

Also planned is a 115-room hotel.

"[There are] no additional tenants to

announce as of now; however, we are actively working the market to attract additional tenants," said Tradepoint spokesman Aaron Tomarchio on Friday.

The Royal Farms site within the planned shopping center was formerly used as a marshalling yard and parking lot for a tin mill that operated until 2012 when it closed and was subsequently demolished along with most other steel mill buildings on the peninsula.

Environmental regulations sometimes allow the paving over of contaminated ground with parking lots and building foundations to protect people on site from coming into contact with the pollutants.

"Like the FedEx and Under Armour [distribution center] sites, the [Royal Farms] development will serve as a cap for any residual contamination," Tomarchio said.

The exact location of the future shopping center buildings will depend on remediation deemed necessary for the Tin Mill Canal, including buffers and fences approved by the county's Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability.

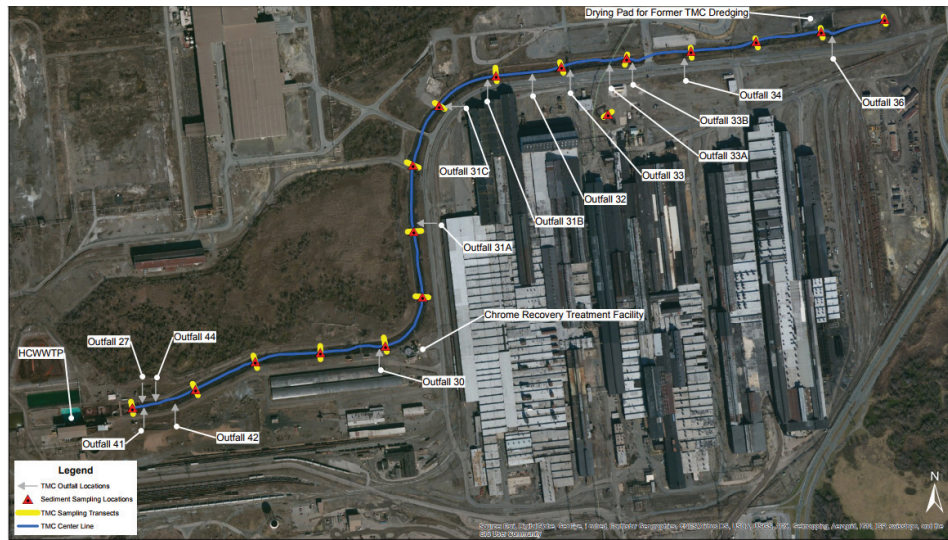
Before construction can begin on the shopping center, work must be done to remediate and monitor the remaining canal, a 1.4-mile waterway that drains 800 acres of the peninsula and also received contaminated discharges from the mill and other operations.

About 15 feet deep, the canal cuts across the shopping center site on its way west through the Humphreys Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant before draining into Bear Creek.

A plan was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in October to guide the remedial work and monitoring.

Work began this month to excavate and remove contaminated sediments so the canal can continue to be used as a stormwater collector, but with less treatment required at TPA's treatment plant because of the cleaner conditions.

However, two environmental groups - Blue Water Baltimore and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation - argued during the comment period for the plan last summer that missing from the plan is data about the level of contamination in groundwater, which also drains into the canal.



The Tin Mill Canal has been broken up into 50-foot sections to explore and clean up the contamination that exists there. Image courtesy of MDE.



This map shows the location of the Tin Mill Canal on the TPA property. The canal's northern section (top right) cuts through TPA's planned retail complex. Image courtesy of MDE.

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"Generally speaking, having as much information [as possible] for the development from the onset just makes sense," said Angela Haren, harborkeeper with Blue Water Baltimore. "Historically, the canal is one of the most contaminated locations at Sparrows Point, and we need groundwater monitoring to protect human health."

The EPA argued in response that the issue will be addressed in the overall evaluation of ground water on the peninsula that has been occurring for about two years.

"The area around the Tin Mill canal has been studied and will be part of the comprehensive groundwater evaluation underway for the entire property," said Jay Apperson, a spokesman for the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Disposal of sediment

The plan is to remove sediments going about two feet down from the bottom of the canal, which is expected to take about a year.

"The project consists of excavating sediment material from the canal, installing a geotextile liner, and capping the canal with clean material and rip-rap," said Tomarchio. "The sediment being removed

contains VOCs, SVOCs and inorganics (metals).

"The canal will be pumped out during the excavation and capping process, which will occur on a section by section basis," he wrote. "The water will be pumped to the on-site wastewater treatment plant."

Once excavated, the sediments will be disposed of at Grey's Landfill, owned by Tradepoint, north of Bethlehem Boulevard.

Disposed of elsewhere will be material from a 200-foot section heavily polluted with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) that will be taken to an off-site hazardous waste facility.

"They will divert a section, scoop out the sediment, move it to a drying pad, line and repeat down the line till they get to the PCB area, which will require different material handling since the PCB soils will be hauled off-site to a disposal facility," Apperson wrote in an email.

Still to be worked out is how stormwater runoff from Tradepoint's paved shopping center will be integrated with the existing tin mill canal.

County regulations typically require that stormwater systems be designed to serve a particular parcel. But in this case, the shopping center is part of a much larger redevelopment.

"Other stormwater issues will be addressed by Baltimore County and MDE for the retail once the final design plans are submitted," Apperson wrote.

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New Marshy Point program to expose kids to nature at early age

- By Devin Crum -

A new program at Marshy Point Nature Center in Middle River called the Chesapeake Adventurers Pre-K, meant to give young children nature education and exposure, has its roots in a European concept known as "Forest Kindergarten."

Ben Porter, the nature center's senior naturalist and director, said the concept seems to have gained significant ground in environmental education.

"And it spread to a lot of different places in the U.S. to do a preschool program that is nature-based," he said.

Chesapeake Adventurers offers children a nature-focused learning experience during which adventurers will set out on daily expeditions in the center's park.

Porter said the children, accompanied by two "adventure guides," will spend as much of the day as possible outside exploring and learning in the center's 500 acres of park land.

"One of the ideas is that kids can learn from their environment and then from each other, and also from our adventure guides," he said.

The program, which is scheduled for this spring, will run during the months of March, April and May on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day.

Snacks will be provided through the program, but participants are asked to bring their lunches.

Porter said it will build on the popularity of their pre-K drop-in program which allows preschool-aged children to visit the center with their parents for an hour on Mondays and participate in nature-related activities.

"They come in... and do a different topic depending on what the time of year is, and that's been very successful for about the last five or six years," Porter said.

Like most of the other happenings at MPNC, Chesapeake Adventurers' activities will follow the seasons, according to the director. And they are starting in March because the weather will be getting warmer and they will start seeing signs of spring.

"March starts to wake up the amphibians, so they'll be exploring different habitats," he said. "They'll study our pond and wetland habitats here, they'll hike through the forest, they'll visit different parts of the Chesapeake Bay [habitat] on Dundee Creek here at Marshy Point."

He added that the kids will participate in team activities as well as "free-form nature play."

Porter, who grew up in the area around Rocky Point

Park in Essex and then in the rural northern areas of Baltimore County, said he remembers having fun playing on the beach, in the creeks and in the woods in those places.

"That seems like what's missing a lot in our world today," he said. "So we want to give that experience to up to 16 kids from the local area, ages 3, 4 and 5."

The program will also take some cues from the center's summer camps, which have had abundant success each year providing similar types of activities for children in several different age groups.

"This, to me, seemed like a great way to provide an opportunity at a different time of the year and in a little bit different way," Porter said.

Chesapeake Adventurers will lead into the summer camp season and will pick back up in September after

the camps conclude.

Participant costs for the program are \$90 per week for MPNC members and \$100 per week for non-members and will contribute to paying the guides, providing snacks and covering the center's investment to outfit a second classroom in their building.

Even simpler than providing a formal education, Porter said the goal of the program is just to expose kids to nature.

"There's something special that time in the outdoors does," he said. "It's a really essential part of your humanity to connect with something bigger than yourself and the broader outdoor world."

People can learn about themselves as well by spending time in nature, Porter said. "And I think that is important to start even at a very young age."



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School board candidate Kitlowski knows the system 'inside and out'

- By Marge Neal -

As a youngster, Edward Kitlowski was inspired to become a teacher after watching "Room 222," a 1970s television program about the inner workings of a school that had its share of problems.

"And years later, I got to teach history in Room 222 at Sparrows Point High School," the Loch Raven resident said. "It was like a lifelong dream had come true."

The now-retired educator wants to bring his teaching career full circle by becoming a member of the Baltimore County Board of Education. Kitlowski has filed to run as a candidate representing the Sixth Councilmanic District.

He is excited about the potential to get in on the ground floor of a newly formed Board of Education that he thinks is long overdue. With this year's election, Baltimore County residents will for the first time elect seven members of the school board who will serve alongside four political appointees and an appointed student member.

"For many years, the Board of Education wasn't accountable to anyone save maybe for the governor," Kitlowski told the *East County Times*. "And that needed to change."

Kitlowski attended Cromwell Valley Elementary School and graduated from St. Paul's School in 1976. He received his bachelor's degree in history from Ithaca College in 1980 and earned a master's degree in education from then-Loyola College in 1986.

Kitlowski worked at a private school

for students with learning disabilities for four years before beginning his career with Baltimore County Public Schools in 1986. He retired in 2016, having spent his final years as a teacher at Kenwood High School in Essex.

In his 30-year experience with BCPS, Kitlowski said he watched the culture of leadership change from one of partnerships to one of antagonism.

As he gets his campaign underway, Kitlowski is running with the slogan of providing a LIFT to the school system, with the acronym referring to leadership, integrity, focus and transparency.

"I think that, from my perspective as an educator, I will bring a lot to the BOE that perhaps other candidates won't have," he said. "I want to put the focus on the culture of leadership, how is the money being used, how are new policies being implemented and received?"

He pointed to recent school years in which teachers were overwhelmed with implementing new grading systems, adopting new curricula and other new policies and procedures, all at a time when internal support for teachers has diminished, in his opinion.

The federally mandated No Child Left Behind, with its emphasis on data-driven outcomes, removed a lot of the individuality and creativity from the teaching process, he believes.

"No Child Left Behind shifted the culture, the dynamics, the relationships of the building," he said of the achievement testing mandates created during the George

W. Bush administration. "Those tests became all-important - more important to the teachers than to the students - and created an antagonism between teachers and students, teachers and department chairs, department chairs and principals and principals and higher administrators.

He is also concerned that the school system could be doing better by its students by graduating students who are actually college and/or career ready.

"We are preparing our students to graduate but we aren't preparing them for life," he said. "Nationwide, less than 50 percent of kids who enter college graduate, and a lot of the time that's because they aren't prepared for the level of work required in college."

He also believes not enough attention is being paid to trades and careers that do not require a formal college education.

"A lot of students just don't want to go on to college," Kitlowski said. "We need to be more encouraging to students who want to pursue trades, we need to provide the training for the jobs that can never go overseas - plumbing, HVAC, welding, auto mechanics - and these are well-paying jobs."

Noting that there is still a stigma attached to trades - as opposed to white-collar careers - Kitlowski believes parents should want their children to be independent and self-sufficient, regardless of what they choose to do for a living.

Kitlowski recalls a time when, as an educator, administrative support for teachers was much more apparent.

"I remember when Walt Amprey was an assistant superintendent and he'd walk into my classroom and ask me if there was anything I needed from him," Kit-

lowski said. "We mattered as teachers and there was more support offered to make us be successful at our jobs. A lot of that is gone."

In addition, he would like to see more idea sharing, not only from teacher to teacher but between jurisdictions.

"Baltimore County has in the past been narrow-minded in looking at other school systems for ideas that work," Kitlowski said. "There has been a philosophy that if an idea didn't come from the superintendent's office, then it wasn't a good idea."

While he admits that much of his conversation about the school system might sound negative, he maintains that most teachers in Baltimore County are "phenomenal" and he does not fault principals who often have their hands tied with testing mandates and other state and federal requirements that can bog down the educational process.

He would like to see teachers treated more professionally with less micromanaging and putting a stop to intimidation and retaliatory actions that ultimately shut down communications and idea sharing among colleagues.

Kitlowski believes his extensive classroom experience across many superintendents and federal administrations makes him ideal for the school board.

"I think it's in the best interests of all Baltimore County taxpayers to have someone on the Board of Education that knows the system inside and out," he said. "I'd like to see the school system keep its phenomenal teachers and make the commitment of changing the culture so people really do feel appreciated and are allowed to do their jobs."



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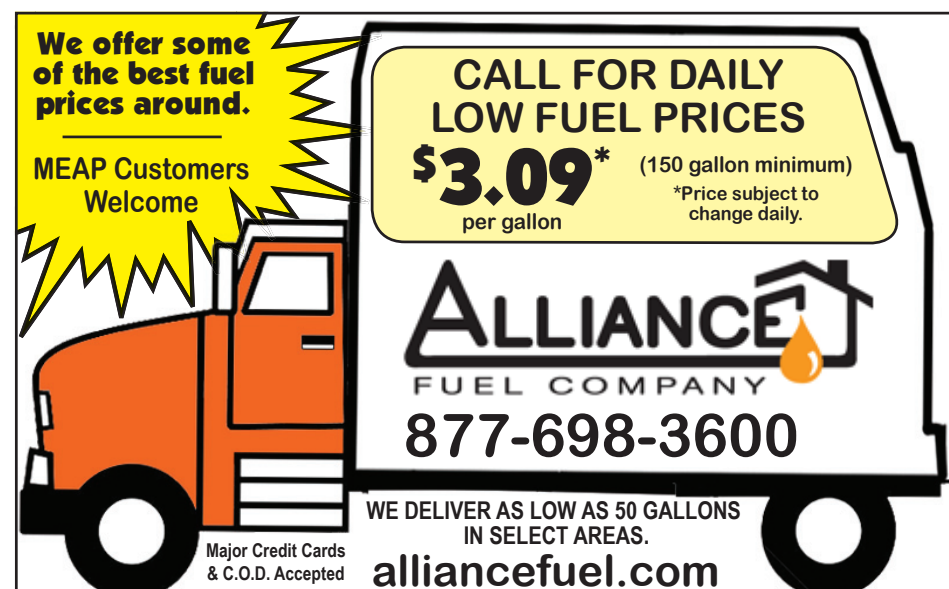
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Hubers suggested making the land a gift, but discovered that her late husband, Dan Hubers, had bought the land with a couple of partners. With those partners also deceased, heirs needed to be tracked down so the land could be legally transferred.

Several lawyers, nearly three years and countless meetings and phone calls later, the effort resulted in the ultimate transfer of the land from Hubers to BQVFD. The legal transaction was finalized in October 2017. The gift is valued at about \$1 million, "give or take," according to Hammen.

Hammen thanked Shawn Vinson, a spokesman for the Baltimore County Police Department and an attorney, for guiding the complex legal maneuvering that resulted in the gift.

Although the land is now under the ownership of the fire department, how to ultimately use it is still undecided.

"No decision has yet been made; that's another set



Most of the wooded property near the corner now belongs to BQVFD. While the cleared portion still belongs to developer Clark Turner, Hammen said the fire company may approach him to purchase that land as well.

of extremely complicated decisions that have to be made," Hammen told the *East County Times*. "We have to figure out where the money will come from, do we sell what we have, do we completely relocate, do we keep the hall that we currently have and just move the station?"

While about 90 percent of the calls responded to by the department are along the Eastern Avenue corridor, Hammen said the group's Marine Emergency Team is also a vital component of its services.

BQVFD keeps one rescue boat at Long Beach Marina and another at Beacon Light Marina, which allows members to quickly respond to water emergencies on both the Middle River and Seneca Creek/Gunpowder River sides of the peninsula.

Another boat is kept trailered at the station for assisting water rescue efforts outside of the immediate

area, according to Hammen.

The potential move would expedite land calls but make water rescues more complicated.

"Now when we get a water rescue call, the guys can just run across the street and be on the boat in minutes," Hammen said. "So a move up the road would mean getting in cars to drive to where the boats are kept."

In any case, the membership will take some time to assess priorities, funding, the future of the banquet hall and what is in the best interest of the community before deciding how to best utilize Hubers' gift.

"We are a good, active group with our act together," Hammen said of the department that boasts about 150 total members, with about 45 active firefighting and medically trained first responders. "We're extremely grateful for this gift and we will use it in the best interests of the community we serve."

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Gov. Hogan's paid sick leave veto overturned in General Assembly

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

A day after the General Assembly reconvened in Annapolis last week, the Democratic majority worked quickly to override multiple vetoes enacted by Gov. Larry Hogan at the end of last year's session.

Most notably, the House of Delegates and the State Senate voted to overturn the veto of the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act, colloquially known as the paid sick leave bill. The bill will require businesses with 15 or more employees to provide five days of sick leave. Democrats contend the bill will help more than 700,000 workers in the state, but a task force convened by Hogan earlier this year estimated the number was below half of that.

Needing 85 votes in the House of Delegates, the Democrats secured 88. Every member of the House representing Districts Six, Seven and Eight on Baltimore County's east side voted to sustain Hogan's veto. In the Senate, the override passed with a 30 - 17 count, and Sen. Bobby Zirkin (D-11) ultimately providing the bump needed to push the override. Zirkin was one of four Democrats - including Kathy Klausmeier (D-8), Jim Brochin (D-42) and James DeGrange (D-32) - who voted against the bill last year. He was the only one to flip.

"The sick leave bill Governor Hogan

vetoed - which the legislature overrode - takes us in the wrong direction," said Delegate Bob Long (R-6). "The bill is too complicated and goes too far. It unfairly exempts too many for unexplained reasons, and it could require disclosure of private medical information to your employer as a condition of actually taking a paid sick day."

Those sentiments were on display on the floor of the General Assembly on Jan. 11 as the Democrats and Republicans got their last words in before the vote. House Minority Whip Kathy Szeliga (R-7) told lawmakers that "while the bill was certainly well-intentioned," there were too many flaws. She called it "overly constrictive" and highlighted "privacy concerns," especially for those dealing with deeply personal issues like assault or abuse. She also pointed to a portion of the bill that required businesses to hold onto records for three years.

Szeliga urged lawmakers to consider Gov. Hogan's bill, the Paid Leave Compromise Act of 2018, which would see the threshold for providing paid sick leave pushed from 15 to 25 employees. It would also take three years to be phased in, with hardship waivers available for businesses who can prove that cooperating with the measure would cause financial hardship.

"I support [Hogan's proposal]. The



Gov. Hogan (left) addressed the House of Delegates on the first day of the session on Jan. 10. The next day the House overrode his veto of paid sick leave legislation.

compromise bill had the benefit of a study undertaken during the interim, and attempts to fix the major flaws," said Long.

With the override of the veto, the law is set to be implemented in 30 days. But Thomas Middleton (D-28), the lead sponsor in the Senate, told reporters that lawmakers will consider a separate measure to delay enforcement provisions - such as fines - for 90 days.

"Is this the end of the discussion? Absolutely not," said Middleton.

Amelia Chasse, deputy communications director for Hogan, issued a state-

ment calling for legislators to fix the flaws in the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act.

"Now that this political posturing is over, it's time for the legislature to get down to the business of fixing the serious flaws in this bill that Senator Middleton and numerous others openly acknowledged today," said Chasse. "Given their own admission that [the bill] will hurt small businesses, we urge legislators to fast track the governor's Small Business Relief Tax Credit to ensure employers aren't forced to close their doors and lay off employees."

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'Migration' pulls together eclectic group of dancers for original production

- By Marge Neal -

A genetics research project that has tracked the patterns of human migration over the past 50,000 years has revealed that Earth's human population shares a common origin - that all humans are descendants from a single source and migrated across the globe.

That concept is the inspiration for an original dance production that will have its world premier at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Community College of Baltimore County's Essex campus.

CCBC alumnus and internationally acclaimed dancer and choreographer Peter Pucci has created the original production titled "Migration" to honor researcher Spencer Wells' work and to provide a unique creative experience for an eclectic group of dancers they would not have otherwise had, he told the *East County Times*.

Wells founded the Genographic Project, an anonymous, nonmedical and nonprofit effort, for National Geographic in 2005. Pucci said he reached out to Wells to tell him about his research being the inspiration for the production, and the researcher plans to attend the event.

"We're all linked, going back 50,000 years, to a single tribe in Africa," Pucci said of Wells' research. "That inspired me to make a dance about migration, with a cross-pollination of many levels of dancers - professional, college, high school and community dancers - to represent that common linkage."

Many local dancers are familiar with Pucci's work and have benefitted from his expertise. The East Baltimore native received his associate's degree in physical education from then-Essex Community College. A single dance class taken by chance served as the seed that would determine his life's path and he said he enjoys being able to give back to the community that set him on that path.

"Migration" is an intricate piece of choreography that Pucci likens to a jigsaw puzzle, with separate but complementary pieces performed by different groups involved with the production.

About 50 dancers from CCBC, Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, St. Timothy's School, Towson University and The Collective, a Baltimore-based professional dance company, are involved with the production.

Claire Sweet, chairperson of Patapsco's dance department, considers the opportunity for some of her students to work with Pucci "an invaluable experience."

"It's really all about the artistic vision," she said of the chance to work with a professional like Pucci. "Being able to be around someone who is a master with the vision to bring this project to fruition is amazing for our students."

Patapsco senior Jessica Kirkner is one of five Patriots taking advantage of the opportunity to work on "Migration." She plays the role of a member of the original African tribe who branched out and started her own tribe.

Kirkner has not yet decided if she will pursue a career as a professional dancer. But she said she has learned a lot about her own abilities and the demands of dance as a profession.

"I think this experience shows me what I could do professionally if I chose that, and also that I could stay involved in dance even if I don't choose that path," she said. "These rehearsals require 100-percent effort and we take them more seriously that we do perhaps others."

In addition to "cross-pollinating" the program's cast of dancers, Pucci is fulfilling another creative fantasy by staging the production in a nontraditional performance space.

"I straddle both worlds," Pucci said of athletics and theater. "I went to CCBC because I wanted to be a physical education teacher and I was involved in many sports - track and field, football, lacrosse, all of them really."

In spending so much time in field houses for athletic events, he began to dream about holding a dance production in a sports facility.

The concept of "Migration" and its theory of cross-pollination made the production the perfect candidate for yet another performance experiment, Pucci said. To that end, "Migration" will be staged in Essex's domed field house, with the dancers performing on a rubber floor poured over concrete and audience members sitting on bleachers.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to put dance in a very different context," Pucci said. "We've had to make a lot of adjustments and the rehearsals have been very difficult on the dancers."



Pucci directs dancers during one of the production's rehearsals in the CCBC Essex field house. Courtesy photo.

The floor, with little to no give to it, exhausts the performers and wears out their legs, he said. And it is not unusual for birds, bugs and squirrels to visit during rehearsals, to say nothing of leaves and bits of debris that blow in.

"It's very different, that's for sure," he said with a laugh. "But it has been a really great experience for all the students."

CCBC commissioned Pucci to create "Migration" with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Virginia Cretella Mars Foundation. The production is part of CCBC's yearlong Baltimore Stories Performing Arts series that involves many artists and performers who either live in the Baltimore area or have local roots.

The dance production is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Tickets can be reserved by calling the CCBC box office at 443-840-2787.

In keeping with the theme, Pucci hopes to fill the gym with a cross-pollinated audience that will further carry out the theme of connections and commonality, in spite of individual differences.

"The dancers have all been working really hard on this production," Pucci said. "We're throwing together groups that would never have worked together, and I hope we have a great audience to witness their work and dedication to the project."

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BCGS Research Day

The Baltimore County Genealogical Society (BCGS) will hold a research day on Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Parkville Senior Center, 8601 Harford Road, in Room 308. Everyone is invited to use all of the research assets of our Library from noon until 4 p.m. For more details visit www.baltimoregenealogysociety.org/BCGShome/library or call 410-665-8769.

NPC Meeting

The North Point Peninsula Council (NPC) will hold their monthly general meeting on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the library at Edgemere Elementary School. Scheduled speakers are the Back River Restoration Committee. For more information, find the North Point Peninsula Council on Facebook.

Backstage: the Lincoln Assassination

From 2 - 3 p.m. Feb. 10, theater historian Thomas A. Bogar discusses how he utilized previously unpublished sources to tell the story of Lincoln's assassination from the point of view of the theater personnel closely connected to John Wilkes Booth. Sponsored by the Friends of the Perry Hall Library at the Perry Hall Library, 9685 Honeygo Blvd.

AARP Tax-Aide

Schedule an appointment at the Perry Hall Library, 9685 Honeygo Blvd., for free tax preparation and filing service from AARP Feb. 5 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tax returns are prepared by IRS-certified tax preparers. The service is aimed at low- to moderate-income taxpayers with special attention to those aged 50+, but there is no age/income threshold. Registration required. Contact branch at 410-887-5195 to register.

Food Pantry

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

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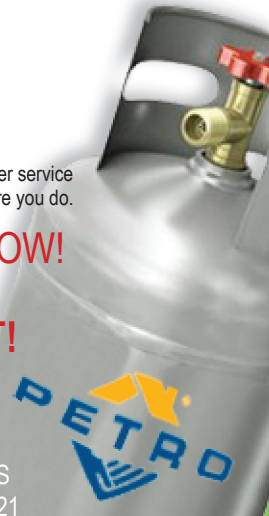
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White Marsh Mall voyeur identified, charges pending

Baltimore County Police have identified a man who set up a "spy camera" in a White Marsh Mall restroom. Charges against the man are pending, and as of this time he has not been identified.

The camera was found by a patron in the family restroom of the food court area in White Marsh Mall around 6:30 p.m. on December 23. It was secured with electrical tape to a partition dividing two lavatory areas, pointing toward one of the facilities. The camera and recording equipment, including an SD card containing video footage, were turned over to police.

Upon reviewing the video footage officers were able to determine there were very few people caught on video, indicating the camera was there for only a short period of time. Also caught on video is the perpetrator, who unintentionally recorded himself securing the camera to the stall partition. A portion of that video can be viewed on our YouTube page.

The suspect was identified thanks to information provided by citizens. Baltimore County Police have not identified the victims and are not making an attempt to do so because they would not need to prove the victims' identity to charge the man.

Pedestrian struck by car in Dundalk succumbs to injuries

A 66-year-old man killed while crossing Eastern Avenue in the morning on Jan. 10 has been identified as James Allen Dunnock.

Dunnock was attempting to cross Eastern Avenue at 54th Street in Dundalk just before 7 a.m. when he was struck by a Jeep Cherokee traveling eastbound on Eastern Avenue approaching 54th Street. The driver of the Jeep remained at the scene. The pedestrian was transported to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center where he was later pronounced deceased.

The Baltimore County Police Crash Investigation Team is continuing their investigation into the circumstances surrounding this fatal crash.

PA police seek assistance identifying armed robbers

The Baltimore County Police Department is asking the public to circulate information regarding outstanding armed robbery suspects that may have fled to the Baltimore area after committing their crime in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

The following is the release of information regarding the suspects and their crime from the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department. Video surveillance of the suspects was captured and can be viewed on our YouTube page. Anyone with information regarding these suspects or their crime is asked to contact police at 610-692-5100 or email the investigating detectives at detectives@wegopd.org. You can also view the original release on the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department webpage here: www.westtownpolice.org.

One offender is described as a white male, mid 20's, approximately 5'10" tall with brown hair, mustache and a green tattoo on his neck. This offender

Leaving your vehicle running unattended is illegal

Since Jan. 1, there have been seven vehicle thefts in the Essex Precinct that appear to be related. Cases occurred on various days and times. Four of the seven vehicles were left running to warm up.

Baltimore County Police would like to remind drivers to never leave their vehicle unattended with the engine running and keys in the ignition. It not only leaves your car at risk to be stolen, but it is also illegal.

Vehicles left running outside homes, in front of convenience stores and at gas pumps present an easy target for car thieves. Always take your keys with you and secure your vehicle, even for a short trip into the store.

When the weather gets colder, drivers may want to leave their vehicle running to warm up the engine, but should never leave it unattended while doing so.

Maryland Annotated Vehicle Code prohibits an operator of a vehicle to leave a vehicle running and unattended unless the operator:

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- allows a motor vehicle that is locked and on private property, not open to the public, to operate unattended for up to five consecutive minutes when the vehicle is not in motion.

Did you know that leaving a vehicle alone with the engine running is against the law? Officers can issue a ticket that is accompanied by a \$70 fine and one point against your driving record. Unattended, running vehicles also pose a safety hazard. If the vehicle slips out of gear and causes an accident, you could be issued a ticket with a \$110 fine and three points against your driving record.

Keep your car doors locked and your keys with you when you're not in the vehicle.

was wearing a black knit cap, black bandana with white print, black gloves, a gray zip hooded sweatshirt and gray sweatpants. This individual was armed with a handgun equipped with a laser.

A second offender is described as a black male, 6'3" tall wearing a black knit cap, black mask, black bomber style zip up jacket, black pants and black gloves.

A third suspect was manning the car outside the T-Mobile store at the time of the crime. The vehicle involved in this robbery appears to be a silver sport utility vehicle with dark tinted windows.

It is thought that the suspects have fled to the Baltimore area, so be on the lookout and contact the police if you see them.



Precinct 9/White Marsh

Robbery: On Jan. 11, officers from the White Marsh precinct responded to a call in the 8200 block of Perry Hall Boulevard in Nottingham. At 2:45 p.m., two unknown suspects, approached the victim while she was walking across the parking lot of White Marsh Mall. One of the suspects assaulted the victim and stole her purse. Both suspects got into a vehicle and fled the scene.

First Degree Burglary: Shortly after 3 p.m. on Jan. 10, Baltimore County Police responded to a burglary call in the 1500 block of Weyburn Road in Rosedale. Sometime between 11:45 a.m. and 3 p.m., an unknown suspect entered the residence by breaking a basement window. The suspect ransacked the residence and stole electronic equipment.

Robbery: On Jan. 9, officers from the White Marsh precinct were called to the 4900 block of Hazelwood Avenue in Overlea. At 4:54 p.m., two juvenile victims were robbed of their cell phones and one victim's headphones and belt by two unknown suspects. The suspects then fled. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the police.

Precinct 12/Dundalk

First Degree Burglary: Baltimore County Police responded to a burglary call in the 3100 block of Liberty Parkway shortly after 7 p.m. on Jan. 11. Between 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m., an unknown suspect entered the victims' residence through a back door. Once inside, the suspect stole electronic equipment.

First Degree Assault: On Jan. 10, officers from the Dundalk precinct responded to a call in the 700 block of Peach Orchard Lane. At 7:38 p.m., police responded to a trespassing call. Police then learned that the suspect attempted to assault the victim with a knife. Officers made entry into the home and arrested the suspect.

First Degree Assault: Baltimore County Police were called to the 800 block of Jaydee Avenue on Jan. 10. At 6:25 p.m., the two suspects assaulted the victim in his home. The suspects were arrested later.

First Degree Burglary: On Jan. 9, officers responded to a burglary call in the 8200 block of Dundalk Avenue. Between 2:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., an unknown suspect broke the kitchen window, then entered the victim's residence. Once inside, the suspect stole several collectible items as well as jewelry.

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Wedding costs: What engaged couples should expect to pay

Newly engaged couples may experience an array of emotions when they sit down to plan their weddings. Some cannot wait to jump into planning while others may proceed with caution because they don't know what to expect - particularly in regard to cost.

Many couples find it difficult to create their wedding budgets because they have no previous experience to draw on. The wedding planning advisor CostofWedding.com indicates the average wedding cost in the United States is \$26,720, with most people spending between \$20,000 and \$34,000. Costs can vary depending on couples' preferences, including where they hope to tie the knot.

Some brides may feel beholden to the color white on their wedding days, at least in regard to their gowns. Those who do often embrace the opportunity to showcase their personal styles and set the mood for their nuptials by embracing various colors throughout their ceremonies and receptions.

By breaking down wedding expenses, couples can get a clearer picture of how much they may need to pay for their weddings and where can cut costs.

- **Reception site:** According to The Knot, a premiere wedding planning resource, couples can expect their receptions to eat up the largest chunk of their wedding budgets. Wedding reception venues may cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The average price for catering per person is about \$70. Bar service may be around \$2,000 for a three- to four-hour party. Some reception sites combine the room cost with the food and beverage costs, while others have à la carte fees.
- **Cake:** Wedding cakes tend to be

multitiered intricate designs, so they will cost more than birthday cakes. According to Statistics Brain, wedding dessert will come in around \$390.

- **Music:** The Knot says wedding bands cost around \$3,500, which is more than twice as much as hiring a deejay (\$1,200). Soloists or ceremony musicians may cost around \$650.
- **Wedding planner:** Many couples employ wedding planners, which cost an average of \$1,300, says Thumbtack, a company that matches professionals with wedding clients.
- **Transportation:** Limousines and other transportation prices vary depending on the vehicle(s) couples choose. The Knot

notes that budgeting between \$400 and \$500 for transportation might be wise.

- **Wedding gown:** Brides-to-be should expect their gowns to cost around \$1,100 and the veil or headpiece to be roughly \$120, according to the Association of Bridal Consultants.
- **Photography and Video:** Preserving wedding day memories costs around \$2,800 for video and photography services, based on data from Statistics Brain.

The smaller details, such as accessories, gifts, officiant fees, stationery, spa services, and favors can quickly add up as well. Couples should be sure to leave some wiggle room in their budgets for incidental expenses that may pop up.

The art of choosing wedding color palettes

Color can be a critical component when establishing the ambiance for a wedding. Color can evoke certain moods and set the tone for the day. Some colors work better together than others, so while choosing a color scheme may seem like an easy undertaking, some couples may find it requires more careful consider-

ation than they first imagined.

According to the bridal guide A Practical Wedding, wedding colors can give couples a starting-off point for all of the other details of their weddings. This ensures the wedding ultimately has a cohesive look. Colors need not necessarily match, but borrowing on similar hues can make it easier to plan wedding party wardrobes, flowers, table linens,

and much more.

Colors can come from anywhere, but many couples try to coordinate their color schemes with the season in which the wedding takes place. In fact, couples who are finding it difficult to decide on a palette can look to seasonal colors for inspiration. For example, pastels and blooming flowers can set the scene for

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PALETTES

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spring weddings, while jewel tones and rich reds and greens may be fitting for winter ceremonies.

Planners suggest that couples avoid choosing too many colors. A maximum of three can ensure that things look cohesive. Also, brides and grooms needn't feel pressured by the "hot" colors of the moment. It is better to select colors that will stand the test of time and look good for years to come.

Couples may have to incorporate colors already at their wedding venue. Fortunately many reception sites are outfitted in neutral tones.

The Knot wedding resource says having a basic knowledge of the color wheel can help. Colors that pair well are those that are opposites on the color wheel. Also, colors that share proximity on the color wheel will play well together.

Couples should not be afraid to take chances with their color palettes, especially if they want to make a bold statement.



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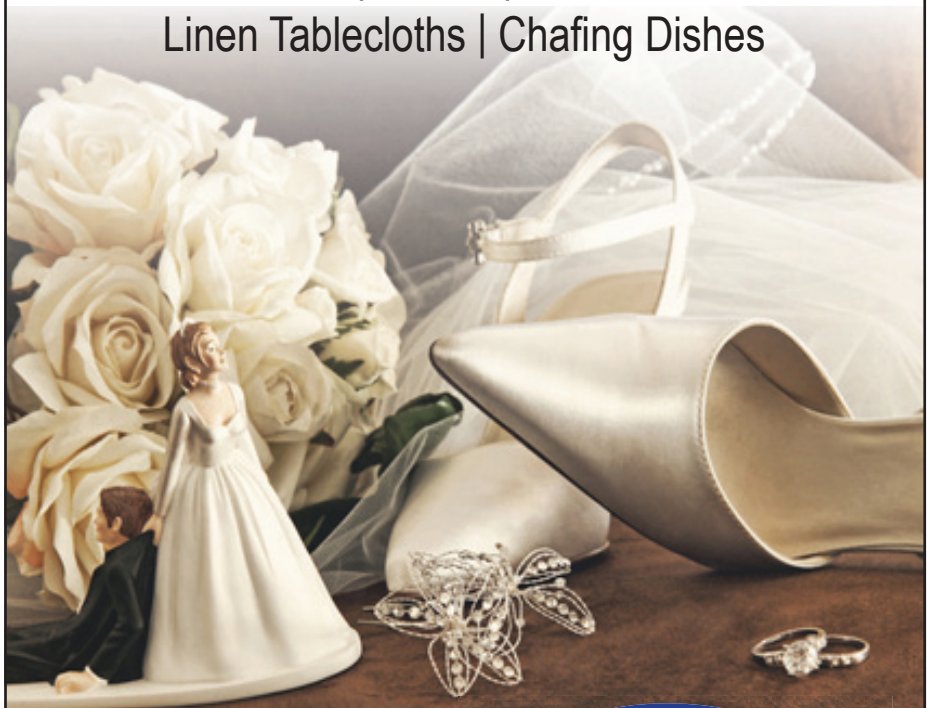
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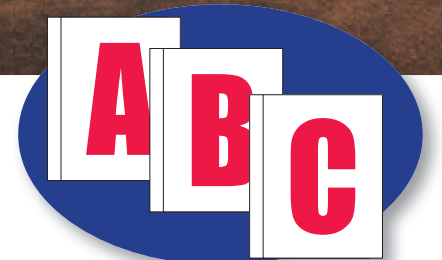
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Affordable bachelor and bachelorette party ideas

Weddings can be expensive. Various sources estimate the average cost of weddings is anywhere from \$26,000 to \$31,000.

Couples and their parents may bear the brunt of wedding expenses, but those who have accepted a role in the wedding party also can expect their share of expenses.

Taking into account gifts, wardrobes, makeup, bridal showers, and travel, including getting to and from the bachelor/bachelorette party, bridal party members

are on the hook for a lot of money when their friends or family members tie the knot.

Many men and women like to travel for their bachelor/bachelorette parties, and cost-conscious bridal party members may be concerned about how expensive such parties can be. Pulling out all the stops can be exciting, but there's no guarantee these types of parties will be more enjoyable than simpler soirées.

Taking steps to control costs can help cost-conscious couples and their friends.

The following are some affordable ideas that can be fun for all involved.

- Bar or winery crawl: Partygoers typically want to enjoy a night out on the town, and traveling from one establishment to another can be a fun way to do just that. Everyone invited can set themselves apart

with a signature item (hat, T-shirt, or colored clothing), and make the rounds.

- Attend a group event: Group events include sporting events, concerts, theater shows, or a night at a comedy club. Investigate discounted tickets for large groups.

- Belt out the tunes: Open mic nights at restaurants, bars and other establishments around town may make for a fun way for friends to share a few laughs together. Participants need not be professional singers to join in on the festivities. The sillier the better, and the memories created at such events will be cherished for years to come.

- Camp out: Get in touch with nature by enjoying a camping trip, complete with a campfire and a few brews. Spending time in the wilderness can restore focus and let stress melt away.

- Poker or game night: Groups can gather around the poker table to test their skills in poker and other card games. With some free-flowing beverages and snacks galore, games can get pretty animated.

- Dinner party: Hire a chef to visit your house and prepare a meal for guests. Serve a signature cocktail and let the conversation flow. Add a homestyle open mic or karaoke event to create even more lasting memories of one of life's most special times.

Bachelor and bachelorette parties can be affordable without sacrificing fun. Use your imagination and think outside of the box to create a memorable and fun affair for all involved.



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Reedy, Virgil Eugene

On Jan. 13, Virgil "Bud" Reedy passed away. He was the beloved husband of the late Mary Lou Reedy (nee Tilson) and the late Rosemary Reedy (nee Corbin); devoted father of Shelby Williams and her husband Ernest, Barbara Mullin and her husband Frank, Grant Reedy and his wife Pam, Jerry Reedy and his wife Tonya, Joyce Corbin, and the late Elbert Gary Reedy; cherished grandfather of sixteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren; dear brother of Bernice "Dot" Lane and pre-deceased by eleven siblings. Also survived by his numerous loving nieces and nephews. Bud is also known as the mayor of Aberdeen Ave. He worked for 34 years at General Motors. He was also an avid hunter.

Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Schafer, Betty Melvin

On Jan. 14, Betty Melvin Schafer (nee Aylor); beloved wife of the late Frederick W. Schafer and R. Glen Melvin; devoted mother of William R. Schafer and wife Bonnie; loving grandmother of Amy Gergel and Scott Schafer and wife Rebecca; great-grandmother of Alexandra, Madison, Claire, Ryan and Isaac.

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Services provided by Schimunek Funeral Home of Nottingham. Interment will be at Gardens of Faith Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Catherine's name to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011 or Perry Hall United Methodist Church, 9515 Belair Road, Nottingham, MD 21236.

Miller, Wilfred J.

On Dec. 26, Wilfred J. Miller, beloved father of Jennette Berry and Nathan Miller; dear grandfather of Victoria King and Gage Carr; brother of Virginia Tauber and Patricia Swigon; uncle of Dorothy Swigon and Danielle Evans. Also survived by many other family members.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home of Dundalk. Graveside services will be held at Garrison Forest Veteran Cemetery on Friday Jan. 26, at 1 p.m.

Porter, David E.

Suddenly on Jan. 7, David E. Porter passed away. He was the beloved father of Tyler, Bradley, Juliana, and William; loving brother of Suzanne, Linda, and Marvin; and a wonderful son to Jeanne Porter.

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Krumholtz, Donald

On Jan. 14, Donald T. Krumholtz, beloved husband of Wauletta Krumholtz (nee Bennett); devoted father of Mike Krumholtz and Chuck Krumholtz. Also survived by five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and many loving family members and friends.

Services provided by Bruzdinski Funeral Home of Essex. Interment will be at Garrison Veteran Cemetery at a later date.

Hughes, James M.

On Jan. 9, James M. Hughes; loving father of James Michael Hughes and Holliday E. Long; cherished grandfather of Joshua Hughes, Devin Hayes Long, Jessica Ann Long, Caroline Anderson and Dixie Lee Anderson. Also survived by numerous great-grandchildren.

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Dillon, Bonita E.

Bonita "Bonnie" Elizabeth Dillon, age 48, of Milford, DE, passed away on Friday, Jan. 12, at Milford Center. She was born in Baltimore on Aug. 16, 1969, daughter of James Long and Bernadette M. Butler.

Bonnie grew up in Baltimore County where she graduated from Kenwood High School. She continued to further her education at Essex Community College from which she graduated with an Associate's Degree. Bonnie enjoyed listening to music and was well versed in rock trivia. Most of all, Bonnie loved caring for her two cats who were like her children. She was a loving daughter, sister, and dear friend who will be missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, Bonnie was survived by her sister, Heather Butler of Charlotte, NC; her brother, Jamie Long of Rosedale; and her two loving cats, Ricky and Lucy.

Services provided by Bruzdinski Funeral Home of Essex. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bonnie's name to the Brandywine Valley SPCA of Georgetown, 22918 Dupont Blvd., Georgetown, DE 19947.

Smoter, Mary

On Jan. 14, Mary Smoter (nee Malinowski), beloved wife of Stanley Smoter; devoted mother of Elaine Carey and her husband Thomas, Dennis Smoter and his wife Susan, Cynthia Meyers and her husband John, and the late Bruce Smoter; loving grandmother of Kevin, John, Anna, Damian, Stephanie, and Vickie; loving great-grandmother of Olive and Josephine. Mary is also survived by many other relatives and friends.

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Parkville on three game skid after tough loss to Dulaney

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

The Parkville Knights, after starting the season 5 - 1, have now lost three of their last four. After dropping games to Catonsville and Hereford, the latter of which saw Parkville get demolished by 30, the Knights seemingly turned things around with a 66 - 35 win over Patapsco. Unfortunately, they followed that up with a contest against *The Baltimore Sun's* No. 15 team in the area - Dulaney.

Parkville ultimately fell with a score of 80 - 73 on Jan. 12, with Dulaney using a late push to keep the game out of reach for the Knights.

Dulaney entered last Friday night's contest with a record of 7 - 2 (with one of those losses a three-point affair against Perry Hall) and one of the most gifted young teams in the area. Despite graduating four of five starters from last year's team, the only discernible weakness this team has is their inexperience. Last year's team averaged a shade over 71 points per game; this year's team averages a shade under 71 points per game.

Parkville was outmatched from the start. And things certainly started poorly, with the Lions taking a commanding early lead on the back of some hot shooting from deep. After hitting their first two attempts to take a 6 - 0 lead a minute into the game, Quintuan Blizzard drove and got two to open the scoring for Parkville. Dulaney hit an inside two before quickly getting a steal and knocking down another three on their next possession to take an 11 - 3 lead with just over five minutes to play in the first. On Parkville's next possession, a sloppy turnover again allowed Dulaney to take advantage, and the Lions pushed their lead to 10.

Parkville's Jordan Strickland temporarily settled things down for the Knights, battling for an offensive rebound and converting down low for an and-one opportunity. Strickland hit the free-throw to cut the lead to seven.

After Strickland seemingly cooled things down, Parkville called a time-out. Out of the time-out, Dulaney's Che Evans, a quick, 6'7" sophomore forward, beat his man off the dribble and threw down one of the hardest dunks I've ever witnessed. Everybody, Parkville parents included, went wild for the insane athleticism on display. (As an aside, if you're ever looking for some entertainment, hop on Dulaney's athletics website and check out the basketball link, which features videos like "Evans with seven dunks in one night!") Evans will likely

be a highly sought recruit, with the sophomore already generating interest from the University of Florida, so get to know the name early.

After things settled down momentarily, Blizzard got back to the line to cut into Dulaney's lead. However, the Lions hit another three before forcing another quick Parkville turnover, taking a 23 - 8 lead with 1:45 left in the first. As things looked like they were completely slipping away, Parkville's Walter Liberius brought some stability back to the game with a put-back. Blizzard and Strickland would add some free-throws and the first quarter ended with Parkville down 23 - 13.

In the second, however, the Knights made a game of it. After trading baskets to open up the quarter, things took a shift. After the whistle had blown a play dead, Evans attempted a dunk, resulting in a technical foul. That put him into early foul trouble and sent him to the bench. It also put Parkville at the line. Cameron Crowe nailed both attempts, cutting Dulaney's lead to nine. On the ensuing possession, Blizzard drove to the rim and put one away, bringing Parkville within seven with just under four minutes to play.

It was at this point that Parkville's Daquan Reece went into stealth mode. On consecutive plays, he slipped behind Dulaney as they got caught ball watching, providing a deep outlet for back-to-back lay-ins to bring the game within three. Evans checked back in shortly after, and the Lions quickly extended their lead to six with just under a minute to play in the half. It looked like they would enter the half with an eight point advantage after hitting two free-throws with 2.6 seconds left to play, but a Reece heave from the opposite foul line found the bottom of the net as the buzzer sounded. Dulaney entered the half leading with a score of 41 - 36.

Unfortunately for Parkville, the three-point deficit late in the second quarter was the closest they would get to victory. The third quarter started off with a rejuvenated Dulaney team extending their lead to double digits within the first two minutes on the heels of more sharpshooting.

Reece and Blizzard continued to try to provide a spark for Parkville, but the help was lacking elsewhere. The Knights did well to try to get to the line to slow the game down, but the usually reliable Strickland and Blizzard had a rough go of it against Dulaney. Earlier this year Strickland iced a win against Towson from the line, but everything was



Quintuan Blizzard (white) fights for a rebound after missing his first attempt from the low block.

coming up short on Friday.

The Lions entered the fourth up by 13 and eventually pushed it to 16. The Knights went on a late 10 - 2 run that put them in decent position, but Evans put Dulaney on his back and sealed the 80 - 73 win for his team.

The Knights have contests against Sparrows Point and Pikesville before they host a very strong Dundalk team on Jan. 24.

Around the league

The Dundalk Owls used a big first half to propel them to a 59 - 51 victory over Hereford on Friday night, giving them an 8 - 2 record on the year. The Owls entered the second half with a 35 - 22 lead and took care of business from there. Dundalk has now won three straight with upcoming contests against Owings Mills and Parkville.

The Perry Hall Gators were on a decent win streak to start the year, upending Dulaney, Chesapeake, Randallstown and Riverdale Baptist. Against Riverdale, the Gators were led by Anthony Higgs, who put up 18 points. Three other Perry Hall players finished in double digits. But against McDonogh, the Gators came crashing back down to earth, losing in a closely contested battle with a score of 46 - 45. Perry Hall, now 6 - 4 on the year, will try to bounce back with games against Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

The Kenwood Bluebirds are still in the thick of it, sitting two games above .500. They started off 2018 with a tough five-point loss to New Town before bouncing back against Towson, winning with a score of 66 - 49. Kenwood has a few very winnable games on the horizon, including contests against Lansdowne, Randallstown and Overlea. They could be sitting pretty by the end of January.

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McDonough files for County Executive race

- By Delegate *pat McDonough* (R-7) -

I am a 20-year veteran of the House of Delegates. But I will be giving up a "safe seat" in the House in order to seek the Baltimore County Executive position. The county is moving in the wrong direction. Crime and poverty are on the rise. The Mexican heroin epidemic is out of control. I will impose zero tolerance against the crime and drug problems. I will prevent new Section 8 housing developments. My administration will address the faltering education system and crack down on violence and bullying in the school system. My campaign slogan is 'Put People First.' This means that we pledge to be open and accountable to all of the people of Baltimore County."

The Democrat and Republican Primaries will be held on Tuesday, June 26. Early voting will occur two weeks prior to Election Day. The winners of these primaries will challenge each other in November in the 2018 general election. For additional information, contact me at 410-238-0025 or Patmcdee@comcast.net.

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Delegate Impallaria's Legislative Update

- By Delegate *Rick Impallaria* (R-7) -

My staff and I arrived at the Capitol on Tuesday and have been hard at work for you. We're looking forward to a very productive session and have a number of bills I'll be introducing this year. I think these updates are one of the best ways to stay in touch with my constituents, especially while away in Annapolis. As in the past, my Annapolis Updates will remain short, sweet and to the point; sometimes even a bit tongue-in-cheek.

I've added two new staff members to my team this year. The first is my legislative assistant, Mr. Tyler Walch. Tyler originally hails from Illinois and was just honorably discharged from the US Army after four years of service. He fell in love with Maryland and decided to stay and build a life for himself in the state. I think he will be a great addition to our team. Additionally, I have a new intern to assist us during session, Ms. Alison Porter, from Salisbury University. Ms. Georgeann Vleck, who has been with me for years, is also still working hard for District Seven.

Let me give you a brief list of some

of the bills I will be introducing during the session. I'm introducing a bill to repeal the granting of eminent domain authority for private utility companies. Also, I'm submitting legislation to force community oversight of solar and wind farms in rural legacy areas. Furthermore, I'm putting in a bill that gives prosecutors the ability to charge drug dealers with murder for selling heroin laced with Fentanyl when a death results. I'm also putting in legislation called the Marijuana Full Disclosure Act. This bill would require the state government to responsibly warn the public of the risks of using marijuana. These risks include: financial, criminal charges and the hindered ability for obtaining future and current job employment. I am also looking at doing some legislation to strengthen and protect the rights of our law enforcement. Lastly, I'm submitting legislation to allow school districts to decide whether or not they would like to allow certain members of their staff to carry weapons in school. This is already common practice in numerous jurisdictions across our country and the safety of our children is important.

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Stop the presses! 'The Post' is a good movie!

- By Teddy Durgin -

We live in an age where, sadly, a lot of people believe that journalism is dead. They also say that malls are dead, religion is dead, chivalry is dead. But more often than not, it's journalism. It's my profession, so I hear it more than many of you, I'd imagine. And it's mostly in reaction to what has developed into a perfect storm of politics, entertainment and big business now intertwined with major media outlets (broadcast, print and otherwise) who together have massive financial stakes in keeping us divided.

Depending on the balance of power, a majority of TV, radio, online and

newspaper outlets either seem to be in full defense mode of the establishment or in full offense mode as a de facto "resistance." In attacking each other, what often pervades is a "shoot first, aim later" mentality that frequently claims facts as the first casualty and keeps the people in a near-permanent state of crossfire.

It's tempting to say that "The Post" harkens back to and applauds a time when journalists were the avowed last line of defense between the power and the people. It does dramatize that pivotal moment in American history when the government tried to quash the *New York*

Times and subsequently the *Washington Post* and any other media outlet from publishing the Pentagon Papers, a study commissioned by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara (Bruce Greenwood) (without the knowledge of President Lyndon B. Johnson) to chronicle America's involvement in Vietnam from the 1940s to the then-present as a historical record. In the files, which were not meant to be seen by the public at the time, were details of how four White House administrations (Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson) to varying degrees lied to Congress, the American people and the world in escalating what most in the know knew was an unwinnable war.

But the movie, directed by Steven Spielberg, is a bit more incisive than that. The "good guys" don't always stroll through their scenes bathed in a golden Janusz Kaminski light. The film focuses on *Washington Post* publisher Katherine Graham (Meryl Streep) and editor-in-chief Ben Bradlee (Tom Hanks) and their dilemma about whether to publish the Pentagon Papers when the Nixon administration legally bars the *Times* from doing so.

Graham and Bradlee are portrayed throughout a good part of the film as less worried about the legal fallout from going with such a series of front-page stories and more about what it will do to their social standing on the D.C. power circuit. Back then, Graham was long-

time friends with McNamara and threw parties in which most of Washington's political elite came by the manor for bubbly, appetizers and evening pomposity. For his part, Bradlee had been close friends with John F. Kennedy and struggles with whether he would print such a sensational, scandalous series of stories if JFK were still in the Oval Office.

Indeed, rightly, Spielberg and screenwriters Liz Hannah and Josh Singer don't portray these two as larger-than-life crusaders from the get-go. Graham and Bradlee and their staff had to get past their own biases and allegiances to do what was right, what was destined, what was historic.

"The Post" weaves a complex web, and my only major criticism is I wish it wove it a bit clearer and better. Sure, many commoners will know Graham, Bradlee and McNamara going in. But if you aren't familiar with names like Ben Bagdikian, Fritz Beebe, Arthur Parsons and Meg Greenfield, their on-screen time is compromised by in-theater whispers of "Uh, who is that again?"

And that's a shame, because once I got a grasp of all involved (it took a good hour), I was fully invested in "The Post." The last 30 minutes or so, in particular, provide some of the most absorbing cinematic moments of this past year. You can argue that journalism is dead. But this journalism movie is very much alive and kicking.

'Paddington 2' is loaded with charm

- By Teddy Durgin -

As was the case with the first "Paddington" movie, the United Kingdom released "Paddington 2" late in the calendar year "across the pond" to qualify for BAFTA (the British equivalent of the Oscars) award consideration. In the United States, though, both "Paddington" and "Paddington 2" received January releases - way too early for awards consideration the following years. And that's a shame, because both flicks legitimately feature award-caliber art direction, visual effects and even writing.

Grant plays the sequel's villain here and he is indeed splendid. A once-famous and respected actor now reduced to dog food commercials and ribbon cutting ceremonies, his Phoenix Buchanan is a particularly demented and supremely narcissistic baddie - an actor who is no longer able to work well with others and dreams only of putting together enough money to stage one-man shows on London's West End, in which he would reprise all of the famous and infamous characters he's ever played on stage and screen.

He sees the opportunity to raise such funds in the form of an antique pop-up book that our title character (once again voiced by Ben Whishaw) has been working hard and saving up to buy for his beloved Aunt Sally (voice of Imelda Staunton) for her 100th birthday. When Buchanan steals the book and frames Paddington for the crime, it's up to the

quirky Brown family to clear their friend's name and catch the real thief.

"Paddington 2" maintains all of the considerable charm of the first film and throws in a hefty bit of whimsy, cheer and good fun. Things are dire for our dear Paddington. But even when he is sentenced to a decade in prison, his impeccable manners and unwavering belief in the goodness of others transforms the dark, Gothic jail and its inhabitants. It's a nutty film, stuffed with British eccentrics and eccentric Brits. If you were in a "Harry Potter" film a decade ago, chances are there was an open-door policy to be cast in this flick. Such Hogwarts vets as Brendan Gleeson, Julie Walters, Michael Gambon and Staunton all play fairly prominent roles. Most of the original "Paddington" cast is back, too, including all four members of the Brown family.

My only criticism of "Paddington 2" is that it stuffs so much new and old into the storyline that some of my favorite returning characters don't get the same amount of love and attention this time around.

But I'd rather have a movie try and do too much than too little. And "Paddington 2" is a feast for the eyes and the soul. From a really cool trek through modern-day London by way of a pop-up book's pop-up pages, to a great montage of Paddington's brief slapstick misadventures as a window cleaner this is just a delight from opening titles to closing credits. It's that rare sequel that's an equal.



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Piney Grove United Methodist Church, 201 Bowleys Quarters Road in Middle River, will hold its annual indoor Friendship Circle flea market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. Food and baked goods will be sold. Proceeds benefit the Friendship Circle, which hosts luncheons for residents of three local assisted living facilities. Info: 410-335-6927.

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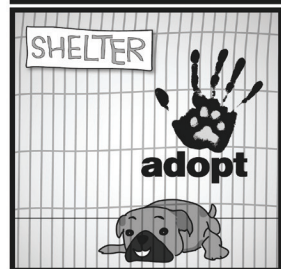
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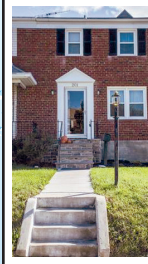
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