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George W. Wilbanks, 'East County Times' founder, dies at 85

- By Marge Neal -

George Washington Wilbanks III, a successful eastern Baltimore County businessman whose ventures ranged from carpet manufacturing, sales and distribution to newspaper publishing, died of kidney failure on Feb. 28. He was 85.

Mr. Wilbanks was the owner and founding publisher of the *East County Times*.

Born May 1, 1932, in the small rural town of Ramhurst, Ga., Mr. Wilbanks was the son of George W. Wilbanks Jr. and Julie Ledford Wilbanks. He was raised on the family farm, growing vegetables and picking cotton. He graduated from Murray County High School and attended Young Harris College, both in Georgia.

Mr. Wilbanks married his sweetheart and the love of his life, the former Angela Geraldine "Geri" Hunter, in 1951.

Shortly after his wedding, Mr. Wilbanks received a notice to report to the Army Induction Center in Georgia to be examined for military service, according to "Memoirs of a Dreamer," his autobiography.

In Baltimore at the time for the Christmas holiday, he instead went to a local U.S. Air Force recruiting office and joined that military branch. He served in Japan and France in the 1950s and '60s on active duty and as a reservist, according to family members.

After moving to Baltimore, Mr. Wilbanks worked in the carpet business and eventually partnered with Ray Jordan in opening RJ Carpet Distributors Inc. Mr. Wilbanks retired after a 38-year career in the carpet business, but not before embarking on a completely different business adventure.

He was recruited to invest in a group looking to expand the scope of *The Herald*,

a community paper centered in Perry Hall. The investment group was looking to start satellite editions, and Mr. Wilbanks enthusiastically became involved in the Essex effort.

"Me becoming a publisher of a newspaper is about as remote as me becoming the governor of Maryland," he wrote in his book.

It was not long before the Essex publication was enjoying great success, which Mr. Wilbanks credited to the hiring of newspaper professionals who knew what they were doing. When the unwitting newspaper publisher was given the opportunity to buy the assets of the Essex office, he jumped at the opportunity.

"I did and I have not looked back," he wrote in his book. The result was the *Essex Times*, which later was renamed the *East County Times* to better reflect its coverage area after growing to include communities from Dundalk and Edgemere to Perry Hall and Parkville.

Angie Hess, the paper's art director, was one of three original employees brought on board to launch the new publication in 1995. She credits Mr. Wilbanks' passion for the mission and the community it served for making the paper the success it was.

"He had a passion for the paper, a passion for the community and a passion for the people of the community,"

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Resident seeks historical designation of Fort Howard VA property

- By Devin Crum -

A resident of the Fort Howard community has filed a request with Baltimore County to include more than 20 buildings on the federally owned Fort Howard site on the county's historical landmarks list due to their historical significance.

The Baltimore County landmark nomination form, submitted by Scott Pappas, lists some 21 buildings or locations on the roughly 100-acre property, which is currently owned by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Those sites were chosen because they are listed as historic buildings in the 2013 Programmatic Agreement for the future development of the property, according to the form.

The county's Landmarks Preservation Commission had previously denied the Fort Howard buildings' inclusion on the landmarks list finding that they do not have jurisdiction over federally owned property. However, Pappas appealed that decision and the commission will discuss the issue at its next meeting on March 8, according to commission member Rose Benton.

Benton, the Seventh Councilmanic District's representative on the commission, said at the North Point Peninsula Council's March 1 meeting that they use four criteria to determine if a property is historic and worthy of placement on the list. They look at whether or not it is associated with a personality, group event or series of events of historical importance; if it is a distinctive example of a particular architectural style or period;

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if it is a good example of the work of a noted architect or master builder; and if it is a work of notable artistic merit.

'Not every property has to meet all those criteria, but it should meet a couple of them," she said.

The nomination form states that the buildings and locations nominated fall under the first two criteria.

Asked if the property would qualify for placement on the county's landmarks list if it was not owned by the federal government, Benton said she believes

However, she said if the property were going to be landmarked by the county, the VA - and the federal government as a whole - would likely have to give up ownership of it.

"According to the legal research that the landmarks commission has done, Fort Howard is not eligible to be landmarked as a Baltimore County landmark because the county has no jurisdiction over it," Benton said. "As long as it's federally owned property, they really have no ability to.

She pointed out that other historic sites in the county, such as the Hampton Mansion in Towson, were landmarked by the county before they became federal property.

An established "pecking order" for the VA to transfer the property to another person or entity would see the property first offered to agencies involved in homelessness and homeless advocacy, according to NPC President Francis



Fort Howard's iconic VA hospital building is already slated for historical preservation by the state and the VA's Programmatic Agreement. Scott Pappas' nomination would designate it for protection by Baltimore County as well. File photo.

Taylor. If they did not want the property, it would then be offered to Native American groups, then to other federal agencies, then the state, then the county and finally it would be offered for sale to the general public.

Benton doubted "seriously" that the county would be willing to take ownership of the property, especially given the potential for environmental contamination there that has yet to be addressed.

Fort Howard is historically landmarked by the State of Maryland, however. And Benton said last Thursday that she brought up at the commission's February meeting that even if the county has no jurisdiction over the property, they end up being responsible for the fires, injuries or other incidents that occur on the site.

The fire department is tired of going over there," she said. "So even if the county can't landmark it to protect it, it is landmarked as a Maryland state landmark. Therefore, I think what we may have to do is start harassing the State of Maryland to do something about it."

A bill introduced by Del. Robin Grammer (R-6) in the General Assembly in Annapolis, if passed, would direct the state to acquire the Fort Howard site should the VA ever offer it up.

Taylor expressed concern, though, that whoever acquires the property will have some heavy expenses immediately after

"Just as a state taxpayer, I don't know if

that's what the state wants to take on," he said. "It would be a great park, it would be a great anything for open space. But it's not as easy, I don't think, as it sounds."

Other community members lamented that the state's historical designation has so far provided the buildings at Fort Howard with little, if any, protection and were skeptical that a county designation would be any better.

Benton said that, in her opinion, the county is more proactive when it comes to landmarks preservation, but agreed that the county's pockets are not as deep as the state's for doing so.

Pappas had not responded by press time to requests for comment regarding his motivations for nominating the Fort Howard buildings or what added protection he believes a county designation would provide. However, he told the Essex-Middle River Civic Council in December that he sought to create a historic district at the site consisting of 'all 21 buildings at the veterans facility."

He said at the time that he and supporters of the effort wanted to name the district after the late Al Clasing Jr. for his fierce advocacy for veterans and for keeping Fort Howard as a place for veterans.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission will meet to discuss the issue on Thursday, March 8, at 6 p.m. in Room 104 of the Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Ave. in Towson. The meeting is open to the public.





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MDOT determines Nawrocki misused state credit card while at MTA - By Devin Crum -

An audit of corporate purchasing transactions at the Maryland Department of Transportation showed that Ryan Nawrocki, while serving as the director of communications at the Maryland Transit Administration, charged his state-issued credit card for nearly \$2,000 in purchases deemed not permitted.

Nawrocki left the state agency in July 2017 and is currently a candidate for Baltimore County Council in the Sixth District.

The audit, which covered the period from June 2016 to June 2017, initially found that \$2,307.90 had been improperly charged to the state for things like food and beverage supplies for a Keurig coffee maker, gas for his car, napkins, hand sanitizer, tissues, furniture polish, catering, a hotel stay and a ticket to an awards

A letter, obtained by the East County Times, detailing the charges and requesting repayment was sent to Nawrocki in November.

However, MDOT sent a revised letter and bill, also obtained by the Times, to Nawrocki on Monday, March 5, updating the requested repayment total as \$471.01.

They had determined that \$202.82 worth of gas purchases were approved due to the use of a state vehicle during business hours, and \$169.07 for catering had been approved previously for a training function.

Additionally, \$890 for an Atlanta, Ga., hotel stay and a \$575 ticket to an awards luncheon, both purchased for a MTA contractor, had been reimbursed by that contractor, the documents show.

MDOT spokeswoman Erin Henson said the department has not yet received payment from Nawrocki and was awaiting his response before sending the claim to the agency's debt collection arm.

Nawrocki who lives in Middle River, said he was unaware of the issue and had not received the letters, believing they were likely sent to his former address in Rosedale. But he denied that any of the charges were actually for personal expenses.

"I've never made personal [purchases] for myself for napkins or a Keurig or whatever," he said, noting that he was in charge of the communications and marketing department for MTA. "So obviously we had coffee in the office that guests, when they would come in, could utilize."

He said his department would also host events, so many of the purchases while in the position were related to those.

Regarding the hotel stay and awards luncheon ticket, Nawrocki said the person for whom those were purchased is a contractor with MTA. They attended a social media conference in Atlanta, he said, on behalf

"We went through all the proper protocols and procedures," he said. "Any time that I ever had any work-related expenditures for travel, not only would they be signed off on by my supervisor who was the MTA chief of staff, but they were also then signed off on by the administrator of the MTA."

Regarding the luncheon ticket, Nawrocki explained it in much the same way. "Again, the chief of staff and the administrator would have signed off on all that because I never just did anything unilaterally."

The audit documents state, however, that contractors must pay for their own employees' expenses.

Nawrocki responded to that by stating that, if that is the case, he should not have received approval in the

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Miele opens campaign headquarters as state senate race begins to heat up

- By Patrick Taylor -

With the filing deadline for the 2018 Gubernatorial primary passed, races around the state have taken shape. One of the races with the biggest implications in the state is the District 8 State Senate race, which will see Delegate Christian Miele, a Republican, likely square off against incumbent Kathy Klausmeier, a Democrat who has held the seat since 2002.

The race promises to be tight, with Miele receiving the support of Governor Hogan and Klausmeier entering the race with a massive warchest and four terms' worth of name recognition.

While Klausmeier has the name recognition and funding, Miele thinks he has an advantage over her.

"She can't run on her record," said Miele to a crowd of 70-plus at a ribbon cutting event for his campaign headquarters on Saturday, March 3. "The senator is a nice person, but she has unfortunately voted for bills that hurt working families, small businesses and seniors, like voting for the Rain Tax and voting to increase the Nursing Home Tax Act by nearly 40 percent."

Klausmeier did not respond by press time to requests for comment for this article.

Miele portrayed his campaign as a "grassroots effort" at the ribbon cutting, highlighting his efforts to increase school safety while tying himself to Hogan.

"This campaign is going to be aspirational," said Miele. "We have so much to work on in our community," he said, citing growing concerns about school safety and corruption in the county school system.

Just two weeks ago, Miele unveiled a half-dozen bills aimed at increasing security and curbing violence in schools, as well as adding punitive measures for those who bring firearms onto school grounds.

Miele praised Hogan for his work on job creation, cutting taxes, environmental protection and school oversight, but noted that while Maryland might be moving in the right direction, he thinks Baltimore County is going the other way.

"Baltimore County currently is moving in the wrong direction, and we're going to get it back on track because we're all so proud to be members of this community,"



Miele was primarily focused on espousing a message of positivity, but he did take aim at campaign contributions to Klausmeier, specifically stating that an overwhelming majority of the donations have come from outside of her district.

"The senator, after a cursory review of her public campaign financial disclosures, takes over 90 percent of her donations from special interests outside the district," said Miele.

Recent campaign finance reports show that Klausmeier has \$194,327.09 in her coffers, with \$116,224.99 being rolled over. In the last filing quarter, she reported raising \$111,191.05 and spending a little over \$30,000.

Of the \$111,191 raised last year, \$20,000 came from Political Action Committees, while \$5,700 came from candidate slate accounts. Notably, Klausmeier has received a decent chunk of change from health and pharmaceutical groups, including Walgreens (\$750), Rite Aid (\$500), UnitedHealth (\$1,500) and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, which has given Klausmeier \$2,500 to date. She has also accepted \$1,250 from Caremark, the prescription benefit management subsidiary of CVS Health.

For his part, Miele has kept things within his district, by and large, with less than half of his donations coming from outside District 8.

Miele's financial filings are relatively bland, with the freshman legislator raising a shade over \$60,000 last year, most of which came from individual donors.

When it comes to Miele's filing, what sticks out the most is the inclusion of donations from Max Davidson, a patients' rights advocate who lobbies on behalf of the medical marijuana industry. Since May of 2016, Davidson has contributed close to \$1,000 to Miele, and just before the filing deadline closed at the end of February, Davidson filed in District 8 to run as a Democrat to challenge Klausmeier.

A look at Davidson's donations over previous years show him donating primarily to Republicans, totaling over \$1,700 in donations to them. Those include donations to Miele, Delegate Ric Metzgar, Delegate Kathy Szeliga and others around the state. He has also contributed to Democrats, though the amount contributed to Democrats totals just \$392.

A post on the website The Seventh State, run by American University professor David Lublin, portrays - see STATE SENATE on page 4 -



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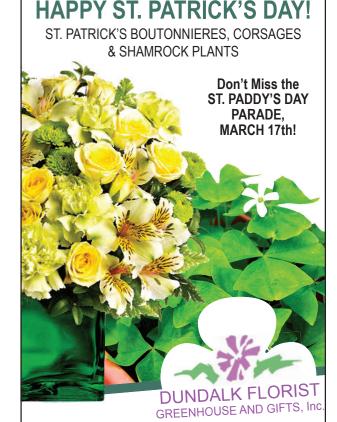


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Overdose death of local restaurant worker inspires new path of service for Perry Hall man

- By Marge Neal -

Perry Hall resident John Torsch lost his brother, Dan, in December 2010 to the opioid overdose epidemic sweeping the nation.

His coping mechanisms to deal with that loss have run the gamut, from resorting to his own methods of self-medication to selling all of his belongings and traveling the world as a free spirit.

"My brother died Dec. 3, 2010," he said. "And he came to me in a dream in March of 2011 and told me that if I continued on the path I was on, I was going to die."

John, who had been working with his mother, Toni, to start a foundation in his brother's name, took the message from his brother as a sign to get his act together. In addition to creating the Daniel Carl Torsch Foundation, the mother and son also started a local chapter of Grief Recovery After Substance Abuse (GRASP).

Always a traveler and an adventurer, John "liquidated his life" by selling all of his belongings. He took the sale proceeds and his savings, minus a "sizable chunk" donated to the foundation, which had just received its nonprofit certification, and hit the globe.

After experiencing adventures that ranged from treasure hunting to serving as personal chef to Richie Booker, Bob Marley's brother - and living in Marley's house for a couple of months - John ended the three-year-long wanderlust driven by grief and returned home.

Wearing a variety of hats, John works as a personal chef and spends many hours each week on foundation efforts, including working one-on-one with addicts in recovery. The organization exists to combat drug addiction through prevention, treatment and recovery.

A recent overdose death has carved out a new pathway of service for John to follow

"Locally, we had a cook die of an overdose in the bathroom of a local restaurant," he said. "And that got me to thinking about a whole set of people we need to reach in regard to the awareness and availability of Narcan."

Toni and John Torsch have been instrumental in lobbying state elected leaders to create laws that make it easier to get Narcan - the trade name for naloxone, a drug that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose - into the hands of those who need it most.

Before laws changed, Narcan could only be prescribed to addicts, according to Toni, who said that made no sense, because that would mean the only person who knew how to use the antidote was unconscious.

Thanks to a statewide standing order signed by Howard Haft, a physician and deputy secretary of Public Health Services with the state's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, pharmacists can now prescribe Narcan "to any individual who may be at risk of opioid overdose or in a position to assist someone experiencing an opioid overdose," according to the order.

A person-specific paper or electronic prescription is not required to get the drug, nor is any specific training or education, according to the standing order.

Aside from reversing overdose symptoms, Narcan has no other benefit or dangerous effects. If it is administered to someone not suffering from an overdose, it causes no damage, and it cannot be misused by addicts in search of a high because it does not have those proper-

ties, according to John.

Believing that drug use is prevalent among bar and restaurant workers, John is offering free training on the administration of Narcan, as well as donating doses of the life-saving drug to local businesses, including convenience stores and other retail outlets.

"The hospitality industry has such a problem with substance abuse," John said. "I don't want that segment of our community neglected so I am specifically reaching out to make this offer."

Owners of local businesses interested in having the Torsches provide training and a Narcan kit can reach John

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first place from his two immediate supervisors.

"I was following all the proper protocols which we're supposed to go through," he said.

Nawrocki explained away the other charges listed, such as the hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies, as things purchased for use by MTA employees around the office.

"None of these are expenses that are outside the ordinary of sort of regular, normal business practices," he said. "I'm sure if I have a conversation they'll see that the rest of these are all legitimate business expenses."

He expressed that the issue could likely have been cleared up easily if he had received the information and letters from MDOT and maintained that he properly followed all of MTA's required protocols in charging the expenses to the state-issued credit card.

"I submitted to my direct supervisor and then got approval on all travel from my direct supervisor and his supervisor, the administrator," he said. "That's the procedure that we were told to do."

In addition, Nawrocki said the charges had to have been initially approved by the MTA's finance office as well before they would submit payment for the expenses.

"So there were three different stops along the way who all said yes, I was following the proper protocols," he said.

Nawrocki said it is unfortunate that even three layers of approval was apparently still not enough to account for things he said were done completely by the books.

"That sort of speaks to what we're focused on in this campaign and reforming these big bureaucracies," he said.

through email at jtorsch84@gmail.com or by phone at 410-847-4247.

"I often wonder how it would have been if Narcan had been available for my bother," John said. "He'd probably be here if we had had access to it. But maybe I can prevent someone else from losing a brother."

STATE SENATE

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Davidson's entry into the race as an underhanded bid by Miele and Republicans to "soften" up Klausmeier, a charge Miele and Davidson vehemently denied.

"Rather than being eager to take on his favorite state legislator, Davidson's candidacy smacks heavily of a Republican effort to weaken Klausmeier.," Lublin wrote. "Davidson presents no real threat to Klausmeier, but Miele would sure love if he softened her up a bit and forced her to expend resources in the primary."

When asked about the assertion, Davidson called the implication "disgusting."

"I'm really taken aback by the level of dirty politics that my opponent is undertaking," Davidson told the *East County Times* in a phone interview, flummoxed by the implication. "It's disgusting what they're doing and they're trying to make me look illegitimate."

Miele shared that frustration, stating that "any insinuation that I am beholden to anyone would be a blatant mischaracterization." He also added that while he accepted money from Davidson, he voted against many of the measures Davidson advocated for, both this year and in 2017.

Davidson said he considered running in other districts before settling on a run for Klausmeier's seat, but said a chance at the District 8 seat was appealing because it was not a crowded race and it offered the best opportunity to bring about progressive change.

In a conversation with Davidson, he made it clear that he strongly dislikes Klausmeier, saying she "goes against every core tenet I believe in." But allegations of a plot to undermine Klausmeier via a plant in the primary have no standing, he said.

"I'm disappointed that my opponent's party is already spreading false information," said Miele. "I want to run on the issues and I believe that the Annapolis machine is only doing this because she can't run on her voting record."





Klausmeier's pharmacy 'gag rule' bill passes through Senate committee

- By Devin Crum -

A bill to prohibit the practice of so-called "gag rules" between pharmacies and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) regarding prescription drugs was given a unanimous favorable review by a state senate committee last Wednesday, Feb. 28, in Annapolis.

Seeing no opposition to the bill and that any potential issues had "already been worked out," the Senate Finance Committee voted on the bill immediately following its hearing Wednesday evening.

"In essence this bill is, if you picture yourself going into a pharmacy and asking for your prescription and you pay \$20 for a co-pay and you walk out of the pharmacy and you realize... if you didn't use your [insurance], it would only cost you \$5," said Senator Kathy Klausmeier (D-Perry Hall), the bill's sponsor.

She added that such situations come about because of PBMs making agreements between pharmacies, drug companies and insurance companies that bar pharmacists from telling customers about the price difference.

"This bill prohibits [contracts that bar] pharmacists from telling you that the co-pay is more than the actual cost of the drug," she said.

"It is common sense," the senator continued. "That pharmacist should be able to tell you, but right now that doesn't happen."

Tammy Bresnahan of AARP Maryland, who testified in support of the bill, said the organization surveyed 1,700 members this year about their legislative priorities and more than 80 percent said prescription drug costs were their main concern.

Katie Roberts, with the Arthritis Foundation, said when budgets are tight families have to make a choice between their prescription drugs, school supplies, a family outing and other tough decisions like putting food on the table.

"We strongly feel that consumers and patients should be able to make informed, educated decisions about their health care costs and be able to make price comparisons at the point of sale," Roberts said. "We need to allow pharmacists to do their job, not only making the relationships with the customers and the patients with that trust, but also helping them inform consumers on the right decision."

The bill, being pushed by the Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative, enjoyed concurring support from the League of Life and Health Insurers of Maryland, MedChi and even the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, a PBM organization.

Michael Johanssen, speaking on behalf of PCMA, said the gag rules are not a widespread practice and the association was comfortable supporting the bill.

"We do think it's the right thing, and many of our members already do this," he said.





A staffer from Klausmeier's office confirmed that all parties concerned with the bill were able to come together on acceptable language for the bill that made everyone happy, for which Johanssen said he was appreciative.

Also heard by the committee last Wednesday, albeit not voted on, was MCHI's keystone bill for this year's legislative session, the proposal to establish a Prescription Drug Cost Review Commission. The commission would be able to set acceptable prices for certain drugs and hold pharmaceutical companies accountable for large price increases on drugs, according to the bill which is sponsored by Sen. Joan Carter Conway (D-Baltimore) and co-sponsored by Klausmeier.

Supporters of the commission bill, including the Baltimore City Health Department's senior medical

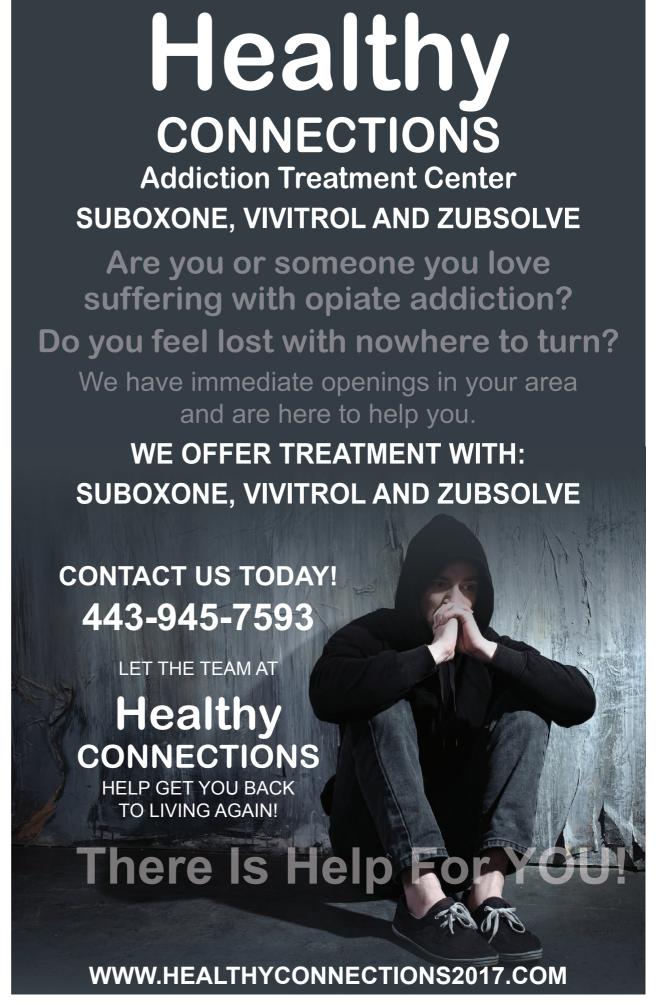
advisor, Shelly Chu, believe it would build on the success of the price gouging bill which passed last year.

Jane Horbath, with the National Academy for Health Policy, said the bill addresses the transparency of prescription drugs by forcing drug companies to justify their prices and price increases.

Pharmaceutical company representatives, however, testified that the bill could destabilize the market for generic drugs even more than the 2017 law did.

Additionally, they said setting drug prices could decrease access to drugs, especially generic ones, because companies would not be able to make a profit. This, they said, would lead to companies laying off employees and opting not to produce some drugs.

That bill has not yet received a vote from the committee, according to the state's General Assembly website.



WILBANKS

- continued from page 1 -Hess said of the publisher. "He believed the community deserved a different voice

the community deserved a different voice and he was determined to provide that voice."

Hess also said Mr. Wilbanks set the paper up for success by allowing employees to do their jobs.

"He was an awesome boss; he never hung over your head," she said. "He knew you knew what to do and he expected you to just do it."

Friends and associates of Mr. Wilbanks speak of two traits that he carried throughout his life - his strong and abiding faith in Jesus Christ and his wicked sense of humor.

"I was very close to George and I could sit and listen to him talk for hours and hours," said Del. Ric Metzgar, a friend of more than 25 years. "I found him to be a very spiritual man and he proudly talked of his love for his savior."

Mr. Wilbanks regularly attended his childhood church and then fell away from organized religion for a time, according to his autobiography.

One day, while standing on the pier at his waterfront home on the Back River peninsula, Mr. Wilbanks experienced an epiphany of sorts and told his wife they would go to church the following Sunday.

It was August 1979, and the couple chose Back River United Methodist Church

because of its proximity to their home.

"I remember him telling me that he told Geri they would sit on the back pew and if they didn't like the church, they would get up and leave," Metzgar recalled with a laugh.

It was an anecdote Mr. Wilbanks shared in his book, and, as it turned out, there was no need to sneak out that first day; the church took on an important role in the couple's lives, with Mr. Wilbanks holding many leadership and committee positions over the years.

In a public show of his faith, Mr. Wilbanks dedicated space on the front page of each weekly edition of the *Times* for a Bible Verse of the Week, and the Christmas and Easter week editions traditionally have the entire front page devoted to the birth and resurrection, respectively, of Jesus Christ.

As steady as Mr. Wilbanks was in his devotion to his faith and his love for his family, he was well-known for a witty sense of humor and a fascination with the scantily-clad servers of a certain restaurant chain.

"He always said he wanted Hooters girls for his pallbearers," Metzgar said with a laugh. "And he would have arranged it if he could, but I think Miss Geri would have put a stop to that."

Mr. Wilbanks was even more descriptive in expressing his funeral preferences.

"I tell everyone that when I die, I want

12 bawling and squalling women, six at the head of the casket and six at the foot, playing those tear-jerking country gospel songs," he wrote in his book.

Metzgar said he will "deeply, deeply" miss the man he considered a mentor, a brother in Christ and a community leader.

"I visited with him in the hospital not long ago and it was a very memorable last talk," Metzgar said. "I told him I loved him and that he had been a very good mentor to me politically, and he said, 'Well, son, you've been a mentor to me because you stood by your faith.' I'll carry that with me forever and my heart and prayers go out for Geri and the family."

Metzgar said he will miss the personal prayer sessions he and Mr. Wilbanks shared and the sense of humor that lightened moments and put people at ease.

"And I believe there will be an empty chair at Essex Day this year," he said.

Outside of his church and businesses, Mr. Wilbanks was involved in many facets of community service. He served as a senator and president of the local JayCees; was a longtime member of the Eastern Baltimore Area Chamber of Commerce and served as president from 1994-96; and was the organizer of several Essex Day festivals. He also managed the campaign office for U.S. Senator Helen Delich Bentley.

In his spare time, Mr. Wilbanks loved

a good Western movie, especially those starring John Wayne, enjoyed bluegrass and southern gospel music and loved baseball, according to family members. He played left field while in high school and later for many organized community leagues. He especially loved the Baltimore Orioles and was privileged to know many of the players over the years.

Mr. Wilbanks is survived by his wife and sweetheart of 67 years, Angela G.H. "Geri" Wilbanks; his daughter, Nancy Morales of Perry Hall; son David H. Wilbanks (Donna) of Panama City Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a host of extended family members, including many loved nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Wilbanks was preceded in death by sisters Annie Lou Baggett, Aileen M. Baggett, Ethel Wilbanks and Mary Wilbanks, and brothers Jim, Ed, Marvin and Johnny Wilbanks.

The funeral service was held Monday, March 5, at Back River United Methodist Church, followed by interment at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens.

The family asks that those who desire make memorial contributions to Back River United Methodist Church, 544 Back River Neck Road, Essex, MD 21221, or the American Diabetes Association, 800 Wyman Park Drive, Suite 110, Baltimore, MD 21211.





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MSCHF Nominations

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For the full Community Calendar, visit https://eastcountytimesonline.com/community-calendar.

Medical Marijuana

Visit the Victory Villa Senior Center, 403 Compass Road in Middle River, on Thursday, March 8, at 10:30 a.m. to hear a nurse specialist speak about the health benefits seniors can receive from medical marijuana. Find out how you or a family member can benefit. No fee, but registration is required by calling 410-887-0235.

Easter Egg Hunt Canceled

The North Point State Park Volunteers' Easter Egg Hunt has been canceled this year due to unforeseen circumstances. The public is invited to attend these other forthcoming NPSP Volunteer-sponsored events: Earth Day (date/time TBA); Youth Fishing Derby, July 21 from 8 a.m. to noon; Santa's Workshop, Dec. 1 and 2, noon to 4 p.m. For updates on these events, visit www.northpointstatepark. net, check out the group on Facebook or call 410-477-0757.

Norwood Elem. Pre-K & K

Norwood Elementary School will hold prekindergarten and kindergarten registration on Wednesday, April 11 and Thursday, April 26. Prekindergarten students must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, and kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. Screening and registrations are by appointment only. Please call Norwood Elementary School at 410-887-7055 or stop by the school to request a registration packet.

Aviation Museum Searching for Rosie the Riveters

The Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum, located at 701 Wilson Point Road in Middle River, is in search of women who worked in war industries during World War II for its National Rosie the Riveter Day meet and greet on Wednesday, March 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This day, for recognizing the contributions women made to the WWII homefront, was designated by an act of Congress in 2017. Interested Rosies and their families should sign up by calling 410-682-6122.

Give Candy to Our Troops!

The Angels Supporting Your Troops, Inc. is asking for candy to fill care packages for our troops overseas. Other needed supplies include beef jerky, nuts, trail mix, cookies, jelly, crackers, tuna or chicken in pouches, drink mixes, Little Debbie cakes, Nutella, Slim Jims, microwave popcorn, Pop Tarts, Pringles, granola bars, gum, mints, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, bars of soap, deodorant, foot powder, Chapstick, baby wipes, feminine products, razors, shave cream (no aerosols), wash cloths, Frisbees, basketballs, footballs, wordsearch books, aspirin, Band-Aids, cough drops, any size Zip-Loc bags and dog food. Monetary donations also greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Irene Spatafore at 410-284-5275 or drop items off on the picnic table at 7914 Diehlwood Road in Dundalk.

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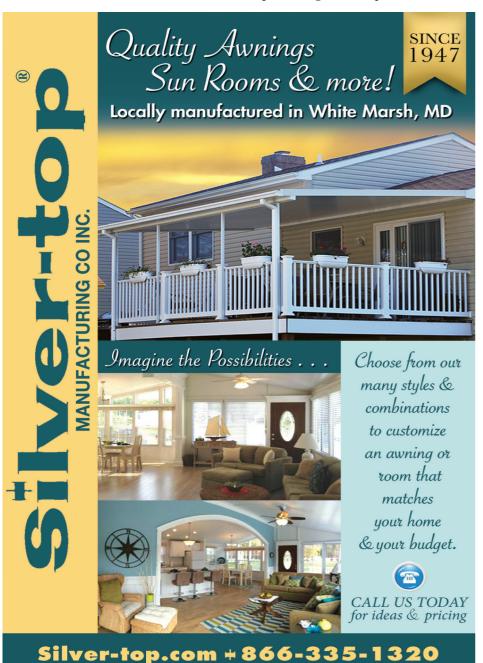
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Grocery Assistance Needed

The Meals on Wheels Grocery Assistance Program is looking for volunteers! If you have a few hours a month to help a home-bound individual then we need your help! Our Grocery Assistance Program pairs volunteers with a client in need, and with their shopping list in hand the volunteer goes to the store on the client's behalf. You don't spend any of your own money and may make a friend for life! If interested, contact Meals on Wheels at 443-573-0933 or jones@mowcm.org.

GRASP Meeting

Grief Recovery After Substance Passing First Maryland Chapter meetings will be held the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in Camp Chapel United Methodist Church, 5000 E. Joppa Road in Perry Hall. Please pre-register by contacting Toni at 443-554-6150.



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Two arrested in connection with Dundalk stabbing

Detectives of the Baltimore County Police Homicide Unit have arrested and charged Shawn Franklin Radomski, Jr., 17, and his uncle, William Frederick Rose, III, 45, both of the 7900 block of Lansdale Rd., 21224, in connection with the stabbing death of Christopher Trotter on March 2.

Detectives learned that Radomski and Rose engaged in a verbal argument with the victim at a grocery store near the Flagship Movie Theater in the 7900 block of Eastern Avenue. The victim left with his groceries but was followed by Radomski and Rose into the movie theater where they continued the argument. Security at the theater removed Radomski and Rose, but when the victim left to walk home with his groceries, Radomski and Rose, along with a group of friends, followed him as he crossed the theater parking lot, assaulting and stabbing him multiple times before fleeing.

The victim, Christopher Dale Trotter, 33, of the 7900 block of Eastdale Road in Dundalk, was transported to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased.

Both Radomski and Rose are charged with 1st Degree Murder, Radomski is being charged as an adult, and both continue to be held on no bail status at the Baltimore County Detention Center.

Kingsville woman killed by falling tree branch

A 77-year-old woman was killed during Friday's severe windstorm when a tree branch fell on her at her Kingsville home on March 2.

The woman, identified as Betty Lee Bauman, was getting her mail outside her home in the 11000 block of Cedar Lane when the accident occurred.

Baltimore County Fire Department crews were dispatched at 12:38 p.m. Emergency medical providers found the woman pinned under a tree branch and pronounced her deceased at the scene.

She was one of at least five people along the East Coast who died of injuries sustained in this winter storm.

BCoFD also responded to incidents in Upperco, the Glyndon/Reisterstown area and Lutherville involving serious damage caused by trees that fell onto homes or on cars.

Pedestrian struck on Dundalk Avenue dies

A man struck by a truck on Dundalk Avenue on Feb. 15 has died as a result of the injuries sustained during the crash.

Charles George Swigert, 70, of the 6700 block of Holabird Avenue in Baltimore, was crossing Dundalk Avenue approximately 100 feet south of the intersection at Center Place when he was struck by the side mirror of a Dodge Ram. He was transported to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center where he died yesterday just before 11 a.m.

The Baltimore County Police Crash Investigation Team continues to investigate this incident but do not believe that impairment by either party was a factor in this crash.

Attorney, G. Randolph Rice, Jr.

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MDTA Police recover drugs and gun in White Marsh

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Police arrested a Baltimore man after a probable-cause search led officers to find approximately 157 grams of suspected marijuana and a loaded gun.

An MDTA Police officer stopped the driver, Kye-Ree Kenneth Martinez Young, 19, on northbound Interstate 95 at mile-marker 62.8 in White Marsh for not being restrained by a seat belt and an equipment violation. Young was operating a 1999 Honda Civic. During a subsequent probable-cause search of the vehicle, officers located the suspected marijuana and gun.

The MDTA Police charged Young with possession with the intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance, knowingly transporting a firearm in a vehicle while traveling on a public road, possessing a firearm on person, being under the age of 21 and possessing a firearm, using a firearm in the commission of a felony, possession of drug paraphernalia and transporting a firearm while taking part in drug trafficking.

After processing, officers transported Young to the Baltimore County Court Commissioner. Young is being held without bail.

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We talk about drunk driving, but drunk walking also kills. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in every three fatal pedestrian crashes involved a pedestrian blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of at least .08. Call a cab or ride sharing service to be safe.

How many times did you hear someone tell you to look both ways before you cross the street? Probably more times than you can remember. It is true no matter how old you are.

Crosswalks are there for your safety. Please use them wherever you see them. By law, drivers must stop when you step down. However, if the crosswalk is at a traffic signal, walk when the light is green and do not walk when the light is red. Jaywalking is against the law. More importantly, it is dangerous. It is even more dangerous to jaywalk at night. Seventy-five percent of pedestrian deaths happen at night. Seventy-two percent are not crossing at crosswalks or intersections.

Cars today are fast and people behind the wheel like to drive fast. If a pedestrian is hit at 20 mph, they have a 10 percent chance of dying. However, if a pedestrian is struck by a vehicle at 40 mph, they have an 80 percent chance of dying. The numbers get worse as the speed increases.

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Second Degree Burglary: On March 1, officers from the Essex precinct responded to a burglary call in the 1300 block of Bowleys Quarters Road in Middle River. Between 6 p.m. on Feb. 28 and 9:17 a.m. on March 1, an unknown suspect entered Edwards Boat Yard, then used force to open a storage container located on the property. The suspect stole several tools before leaving.

Second Degree Burglary: Shortly before 12:30 a.m. on Feb. 28, Baltimore County Police were called to the 7300 block of Golden Ring Road in Essex. The suspect broke into the property, destroyed property and stole several items. The suspect was arrested.

First Degree Burglary: On Feb. 27, officers responded to a burglary call in the 7900 block of St. Claire Lane. Around 8:30 a.m., a known suspect entered the residence through a basement door and took keys to a vehicle. The victim saw the suspect and approached him, at which point the suspect threatened the victim and physically assaulted him. The suspect was later located and arrested.

Second Degree Burglary: Officers were called to the 2000 block of Orems Road in Middle River shortly before 7 a.m. on Feb. 27. Sometime between 1:30 and 6:30 a.m., unknown suspect disabled the power and damaged a door to gain entry to Perry's Pizza. A cash drawer was taken.

Second Degree Burglary: On Feb. 27, Baltimore County Police responded to a call in the 11000 block of Red Lion Road. Around 1:30 a.m., an unknown suspect entered a secured garage belonging to Beech Tree Landscaping but did not take any vehicles.

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OBITUARIES

Facello, Charles Albert

On March 4, Charles Albert Facello; beloved husband of Crestill Facello; loving father of Gina Crawford and her husband Richard; cherished brother of Frank Facello and wife Phyllis, Johnnie Facello, Roger Facello and wife Charlene, Phyllis Jean Kinder and husband Shelby and JoAnn Mira, the late Ernest Facello and wife Gail, Henry Facello and wife Sue, Ron Facello, Bob Facello, Kenny Facello and wife Diane, Wayne Facello and wife Jean; dear brother-in-law of Thelma Willis, Louise Short and husband Floyd and Mulushia Riffle.

Services provided by Bruzdzinski Funeral Home. Interment at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

Menin, Louis Joseph

On March 1, Louis Joseph Menin, beloved husband of Laura Witlam Menin; devoted father of Martha Menin of Jarrettsville, MD, Carol Davenport of Bel Air, MD and Lorie Ray of Jewett, IL; cherished grandfather of Alyson Cockrell and Julie Davenport. Also survived by Zachary Davenport, Candice Chapman and Noah Ray.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk. The funeral service and interment are private. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be directed to the Shriners Hospital for Children, Attn: Office of Development, 2900 N. Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607 www.ShrinersHospitalsForChildren.org.

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Brown, Dolores R.

On March 1, Dolores R. Brown (Pietruski); beloved wife of the late Raymond Gerald Brown; loving mother of Michael A. Brown, Steven G. Brown and his wife Barbara T. Brown, Matthew D. Brown and his wife Beverly A. Brown, Mary C. Adams and the late Raymond G. Brown, Jr.; cherished sister of the late Bernard Pietruski. Also survived by her five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services provided by Bruzdzinski Funeral Home. Interment at Holy Rosary Cemetery.

Horton, Geneva L.

On March 4, Geneva L. Horton, beloved wife of the late Glenn E. Horton; devoted mother of Larry D. Horton, Sr. and his wife Mary; loving grandmother of Larry D. Horton, Jr. and Matthew P. Horton; cherished great-grandmother of Emma and Jake Horton; dear sister of Garnett Largen; loving aunt of Debbie Adams-Ricks.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk. Interment at Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Estep, Peggy May

On March 4, Peggy May Estep, beloved wife of the late Roscoe Estep, Jr.; devoted mother of Michael M. Estep, Deborah L. Estep, and Roger L. Estep; cherished grandmother of Michael D. Estep; loving great-grandmother of Madison V. Estep; dear sister of Donald, Ralph, J.B. Hagerman, JoAn Peterson, and Linda Cole.

A funeral service will be held at the family owned Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk, Inc. 7922 Wise Avenue on Friday March 9, at 11 a.m. Friends may visit on Friday from 9 - 11 a.m. Interment Gardens of Faith Memorial Garden. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org.

Colgan, Nancy E.

On Feb. 22, 2018 Nancy Emma Colgan (nee Bramhall), beloved wife of the late Charles E. Colgan; devoted mother of Charles W. Colgan Sr. and his wife Cynthia, Ned W. Colgan and his wife Denise, and Bruce E. Colgan and his wife Cherie; dear sister of the late Ned, Charles (Buster), Paul, and Joan Bramhall; Betty Mannone and Martha Burkhead; dear grandmother of Beth A. Redding, Charles W. Colgan Jr. and Amanda L. Colgan; dear great-grandmother of John

Services provided by Cvach Funeral Home of Rosedale. Interment at St. John the Evangelist Cemetery.

Weber, Charles Allan

Mr. Charles Allan "Al" Weber, died peacefully at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin, MD on Feb. 25 at the age of 75.

Al is survived by his sister Mrs. Barbara Kemp, (Philip W.), of Ocean City, MD; nephews Philip A. Kemp, (Karen) of Vincent, OH, Robert Kemp of Essex and niece Jennifer Eierman (Matthew) of Essex. Al is also survived by his great-nieces and nephew, (Katie, Maggie, Chloe and Chase Kemp). He is preceded in death by his parents, Oscar K. Weber 'Charles' and Florence M. Weber, of Essex, and his niece Elizabeth A. Kemp of Baltimore.

Al was born March 7, 1942 in Baltimore. He graduated from Kenwood High School, in 1960. Upon graduation he enlisted in the Navy where he attended the U.S. Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, IL and was subsequently stationed at the U.S. Naval base in Rota, Spain. Upon his return to the U.S. Al began working for A. Hoen & Co., a prominent Baltimore based lithography firm.

Over the years Al had the opportunity to work for a number of regional printing firms including John D. Lucas Printing, Cavanaugh Press, and Field Container. He also owned a small print shop and a tavern for a number of years. In retirement, Al moved from Essex and enjoyed his home in Ocean City, MD.

Al was an accomplished golfer who enjoyed weekend outings with friends and colleagues. Not only was he an active participant in his early years, Al was an avid sports fan and lifelong supporter of his hometown teams. Al was an individual who loved the outdoors. He was passionate about fishing, crabbing, boating and enjoying the Chesapeake Bay, which he considered the heart of Maryland. He was an active and dedicated member of the Hawks Pleasure Club, Elks, VFW, American Legion, Ocean City Pleasure Club, Loyal Order of Moose and Montego Bay Civic Assoc.

Services provided by the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex. Interment at Gardens of Faith Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to stjude.org or woundedwarriorproject.org.

Trotta, Theresa

On Feb. 27, Theresa Trotta, loving wife of Gregory "Pop" Trotta Jr.; beloved mother of Gregory Trotta III and his late wife Patricia, Joseph M. Trotta, Sr. and wife Tonia, and Stephen A. Trotta; dear grandmother of Joseph Jr., Gregory IV, Jennifer, Michael and Sommer.

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Long story short - Politics, taxes and school safety

- By Delegate Bob Long (R-6) -

Believe it or not, we're already half-way through the 2018 Legislative Session. My focus has been twofold: tax relief and school safety.

Both issues should have bipartisan support, but it's been an uphill battle to get my bills to a hearing and the preliminary vote necessary to get those bills onto the floor for a full House vote.

Here are my tax and school safety bills that have been heard, but are still waiting for a vote from the Baltimore County Delegation:

HB 23 - Active Assailant training and Drills - Rapid Action Plan (RAP)

HB 457 - Homestead Tax Credit relief (limits how much taxable property assessments can go up yearly)

HB 583 - Baltimore County Homeowners' Supplemental Tax Credit - (increased accessibility)

Here are the tax and school safety bills that are yet to be heard (let alone voted on):

HB 1445 - First-time Homebuyers Homestead Tax

HB 1445 - First-time Homebuyers Homestead Tax Credit Property Assessment Phase-in (over 5 years) HB 1446 - Safer Schools Act

HB 1379 & 1382 - Student Discipline - Bullying and Violence - Parent/Guardian Responsibility

If these hearings are delayed past the "cross-over" date (the date by which they have to be sent over to the Senate for consideration and vote), then no action will be taken on the bills. They will have "died in the House" - a saying you may have heard.

You can help keep them alive by getting involved. Write the Baltimore County Delegation and tell Chairman Lafferty to schedule hearings and vote on these bills. You can also email the members of the Delegation to let them know you want this protection and relief these bills would bring. My office will give you information about those names and email addresses.

School safety and tax relief are the two big-ticket items I'm focusing on during this Legislative Session, as those seem to be the two most important issues affecting our district right now. I think both sides agree, but perhaps some are willing to let politics take first priority this election year. If my bills come to a vote, your elected officials' priorities will be on record. Thank you for your support!

Lock box needed to protect casino revenue for education

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

In 2008 Maryland voters approved a referendum to allow casino gambling in the state. In 2012, they approved another referendum to increase the number of casinos for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education.

In September 2017, all six casinos raised \$134.5 million in combined revenue - up 38.6 percent from the previous year. Of that revenue, the law says that 32 percent goes to the Education Trust Fund. However, there is no assurance in the law that none of the casino revenue will be diverted to take care of other budgetary needs. That is exactly why Governor Hogan has called for the casino revenue to go into a lock box, and I fully back the governor's need for a casino revenue lock box.

Recently, the governor stated he would use \$125 million of the funds in the Education Trust Fund to enhance school security. The money could be used for reinforced doors and windows, panic buttons, metal detectors and security cameras. That would be education money well spent. Parents should not have to worry if, when they send their children to school, their son or daughter is going to come home safely.

The state receives about \$450 million annually in casino revenue, and it does go into an Education Trust Fund. However, the amount the state spends on education is governed by a formula that takes into account things like enrollment, the number of students with special needs and county wealth. While the Education Trust Fund covers part of that cost and has helped to create a more generous formula, it also provides a generous pot of money which the state dips into to fund other things like health care, public safety, environmental protection and on and on.

Maryland has a history of raiding funds dedicated by law for specific uses. I want to try to put a stop to that. The legislative argument now centers on how to get the lock box for casino revenue. The governor wants to pass a law. Others want a constitutional referendum ratified by the voters. Whichever method is chosen, I agree with the governor that "the people of Maryland and our children should not have to wait for another election or another referendum in order to fix this important issue."

Marks, Miele announce new Dunfield sidewalks

Councilman David Marks and Delegate Christian Miele announced the start of a sidewalk project along Dunfield Road in northeastern Baltimore County.

The Baltimore County Department of Public Works has begun construction on sidewalks along Dunfield Road from Tapu Court to Kintore Drive. This request was made by a local constituent and included in the sidewalk budget for the 2017-2018 construction season.

"Since my election, I have worked to fill gaps where there are no sidewalks, such as here and in communities like Northgate Hall in Perry Hall," said Marks.

"The Dunfield community has residents who use transit, and these sidewalks should help with mobility in this area," added Miele. "Councilman Marks and I both wish the Baltimore County Executive's office had provided more notice to the nearby Stillmeadow community, but we will always advocate for the transportation needs of our constituents."

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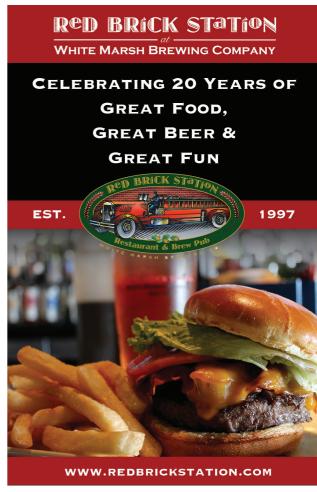
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SPORTS

Perry Hall returns to final four; Dundalk falls short against Milford Mill

- By Patrick Taylor -

The Perry Hall Gators boys basketball team is once again heading to the MPSSAA final four on the back of a regional final win over Paint Branch.

For the second year in a row, the Gators upended Paint Branch for a spot in the final four. Last year the Gators ended up beating Annapolis and Quince Orchard on their way to a state title. After Saturday's 88 - 75 win over Paint Branch, Perry Hall will take on Gaithersburg on Thursday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the Xfinity Center in College Park.

Things were looking dicey after the first half, with the Gators down 46 - 41 and getting taken to task by Paint Branch junior guard Richard Dudley, who dropped a staggering 25 points on Perry Hall in the opening 16 minutes.

But in the second half, the Gators buckled down defensively and, led by senior forward Laquill Hardnett and junior forward Anthony Walker, kicked things into high gear offensively. Up by one with under two minutes to play, Hardnett and Walker propelled the Gators to an 8 - 0 run to give Perry Hall a double-digit lead entering the fourth quarter. And from there it was just taking care of business.

The Gators started the game strong, with Hardnett operating as more of a facilitator than a finisher and assisting on Perry Hall's first three baskets of the game, two of which came from Walker inside. Down



a couple early, Walker drove along the baseline and powered his way inside for two to tie it up. Anthony Higgs was also involved early, getting to the line and throwing down a big statement jam.

But everything Perry Hall did was matched by Paint Branch, and they had no answer to Dudley, who started knocking down deep threes midway through the first quarter.

After a bizarre play where a missed dunk by Walker was credited as a made field goal (he got stuffed by the rim but the referees were not in a position to see what happened), Hardnett followed up with an and-one play to give Perry Hall a five point lead.

Dudley cut into the lead with a big three and Perry Hall turned the ball over on the inbound, giving Paint Branch the last possession of the quarter. Dudley drove, and what could have been a twopossession lead entering the second was cut to just a single point.

In the second quarter, Perry Hall received a bit of a boost from senior Terrence Johnson who hit a couple of timely threes for the Gators. But the Gators struggled to find points elsewhere. Walker chipped in six of his own, but the team as a whole struggled to find the basket. On top of poor shooting through stretches of the second, the Gators did not have much success at the foul line. On the other side, Dudley was having his way, hitting big shot after big shot for seven of his team's final 10 points of the quarter. With Perry Hall down two and time winding down, the whole gym knew the ball was going to Dudley. Still, he managed to create a bit of separation and rainbowed one over the outstretched hands of a Perry Hall defender for a buzzer-beating three.

The third quarter was a different story, though. The Gators came out strong with Hardnett putting the team on his back. The Cincinnati commit put on a dazzling display in the third that saw him scoring from all over the court - inside, from the wing and beyond the arc. Hardnett's work saw Perry Hall take the lead midway through the quarter, which was eventually cut to two with just under two minutes to play. In that final stretch, the Gators orchestrated an 8 - 0 run, culminating in a buzzer-beating two from Hardnett.

In the fourth quarter, Perry Hall extended their lead to a game-high 14, with the Gators opting to pound the inside for high-percentage shots. Defensively, Hardnett, Walker and Higgs controlled the inside while Tyler Holley and Johnson did well to control the perimeter. After going off for 25 points in the first half, Dudley was held to just seven in the second half as Perry Hall seemingly always had a hand in his face.

With the win against Paint Branch, the Gators are now appearing in their third straight state semifinal. Hardnett finished the game against Paint Branch with a team-high 26 points, followed closely by Walker with 25.

Around the league

While Perry Hall was taking down Paint Branch in Montgomery County on Saturday, Dundalk played host to Milford Mill. This was the second time this year that Dundalk hosted Milford Mill, with the Owls winning the first game via forfeit after it was revealed that the Millers used an ineligible player. The forfeit ended up costing Milford Mill their spot in the Baltimore County Championship, so they were understandably out for blood.

The Owls (20-6) were kept at arm's length for most of the game, with the Millers holding a 17-point lead after a tough first quarter. The Owls gave up a few threes early which opened up the inside for the Millers, and they took full advantage. The Owls chipped away slightly at the lead in the second quarter, bringing the deficit to 12 before halftime.

However, Dundalk was not able to chip away at the lead much more, and when the final buzzer in the third quarter sounded the Owls were still looking at a 61 - 51 deficit. They did manage to cut that in half early in the fourth, but Milford Mill was able to push back by getting to the foul line.

This is the second year in a row the Owls have fallen in the regional final. Last year they were toppled by Poly, who went on to win the 3A state final.

While the top-seeded Owls will certainly be disappointed in the end result, they have a lot to look forward to next year. Perry Hall is graduating most of their top contributors, but Dundalk will retain almost all of theirs. Next year will be all about getting over that regional final hump.







You got your **DEATH WISH**uh, remake

- By Teddy Durgin -

Now, of course, the 2018 remake of "Death Wish" is about as ill-timed as you can get. Remember, this was originally supposed to be the 2017 remake of "Death Wish," as its original release date was back in November. Unofficially, though, it was postponed from then until now because of the shootings in Las Vegas. Unwilling to delay release a second time (and reprint all those posters), the studio of record has released this bullet-riddled, vigilante action romp in the wake of the Florida high school shootings. But that's the world we live in. In that world, there's probably no good time to release a flick in which Bruce Willis stars as a Chicago surgeon who takes up the gun (and other weapons of mass retribution) to exact vengeance on the thugs who murdered his wife (Elizabeth Shue) and left his teenage daughter (Camilla Morrone) in a coma.

For a bit, director Eli Roth and screenwriter Joe Carnahan at least pay lip service to whether this mystery man is a hero to law-abiding victims or a menace to society. But that kind of moral complexity doesn't last long. The bulk of the film is CLEARLY on the side of Kersey and both sanctions and cheers on his righteous blood-shedding.

Remakes are tricky, dear readers. The best ones bring the story from its origins and find new twists to make the remake interesting and relevant to its current time. The new "Death Wish," though, doesn't present a compelling case for its existence. It's certainly slicker than the 1974 film, but there's no leap forward here in terms of thought or purpose.

With 60-something Willis, this feels less like a sociopolitical revenge tale of our time and more like a Liam Neeson action cheapie hand-me-down. Even Neeson seems to have moved past his "I'll kill to avenge my family" flicks in favor of "I'll kill to get off this really messed-up piece of mass transit."

I guess there is some progress made in that Kersey's daughter wasn't brutalized AND raped as she was in the '74 original. And this version, for better or worse, has more attempts at humor than the Charles Bronson version. But, doing my best to separate the remake from the current political climate to give it the fairest shot possible, it just never took off for me.



R.I.P. David Ogden Stiers

- By Teddy Durgin -

One celebrity death that did not make it into this year's Oscars "In Memoriam" segment was that of David Ogden Stiers, because the actor just passed away the day before at the age of 75. Stiers, is of course, best remembered as Major Charles Emerson Winchester on the late, great CBS dramedy "M*A*S*H."

Stiers, who had already established himself as a Broadway stage actor, was brought in to replace Larry Linville as the broad, butt of jokes Major Frank Burns. He was the last of three cast replacements that turned "M*A*S*H" from a broad comedy into a show that could balance laugh-out-loud hijinks and somber, wartime drama from week to week with amazing ease.

Stiers was often written as a pompous gasbag of a Harvard-educated surgeon, but the episodes I most remember him for are the dramatic ones where his arrogant, even cold exterior briefly melted away to reveal a man of deep feeling. One of those standout episodes was the one where the members of the 4077th answer letters from children back in the States. Winchester has answered a succession of notes from tykes with scorn, sending them audio recordings in which he criticizes their grammar and penmanship. Until he comes across one short note from a young girl who sends him a fall leaf from a park in Boston. Winchester's face changes ever so slightly, he mutters wistfully "Autumn in New England," and then writes her the touching reply (that we hear in voiceover): "Dear Virginia, it is with

indescribable joy that I accept your gift. It is indeed a testimony to the beauty that exists in all creation, but perhaps nowhere more than in a young girl's heart."

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But Stiers saved his most powerhouse performance for the final episode in which he had been mentoring a group of Korean musicians. Later in the show, he realizes to his horror that one of the dying wounded he is tending to is one of the musicians and learns that the others all perished. He goes back to his tent and smashes the classical music record that had been one of his few escapes during his time in Korea as he would never be able to hear those notes again and find solace.

Stiers went on to have one of the most accomplished post-"M*A*S*H" careers of any of those fine cast members, and TV remained his most popular medium. I had two favorite non-Winchester roles. The first is in the sorely underrated "Star Trek: The Next Generation" episode "Half a Life," in which he played a brilliant scientist on the verge of a career discovery who must submit to his planet's centuries-old suicide ritual at age 60. The second is one of the funniest-ever episodes of "Frasier" in which Stiers guest-starred as a man who is SO much like Frasier and Niles Crane that their blue-collar dad, Martin, starts to question if his late wife was cheating on him and is the real father of his two pompous sons. It was perfect casting. Wouldn't Charles Winchester make total sense as Frasier Crane's dad? That was the secret of Stiers' success in film, TV and stage. Casting directors recognized his talent and actually knew what to do with it!



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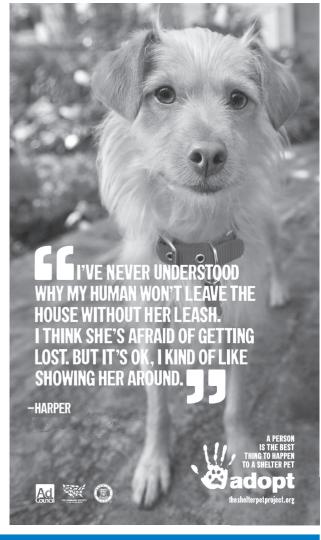
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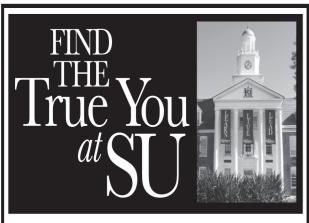
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