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Kamenetz unveils free community college tuition plan for high school graduates



Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, flanked by BCPS Interim Superintendent Verletta White (left) and CCBC President Sandra Kurtinitis (right), touted the College Promise proposal as a game changer both educationally and economically.

- Article & photo by Patrick Taylor -

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz unveiled a new proposal on Monday, March 19, that aims to provide community college tuition for collegeready county residents who may otherwise be priced out of higher education.

Kamenetz announced the need-based "College Promise" proposal at CCBC Essex, alongside Baltimore County Public Schools Interim Superintendent Verletta White and CCBC President Sandra Kurtinitis.

"This is a real game-changer for students from low or moderate income families for whom the benefits of a college education might otherwise be out of reach," said Kamenetz. It opens up a lifetime of career income opportunities."

The plan, which would require approval from the Baltimore County Council, would make up the difference between grants and financial aid and the total cost of tuition, which runs \$1,876 per semester for a full-time student.

In the first year, the plan is likely to cost about \$1 million, rising to \$2.3 million by the program's third year.

Kurtinitis estimated that there are approximately 1,100 students who have graduated in Baltimore County over the last two years who would qualify for

the program.

In order to qualify, students must be county residents with an adjusted household income of \$69,000, the median income for Baltimore County. A student would also need a 2.5 GPA and have graduated within the previous two years.

Those who have been out of school for longer than two years and those who need to take remedial classes first are not eligible for College Promise.

"This isn't about giving anyone an opportunity," said Kurtinitis. "This is about giving students who are collegeready an opportunity."

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County landmarks commission rejects nomination for Ft. Howard buildings, property

- By Devin Crum -

The Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission voted at its most recent meeting on March 8 not to accept a nomination for historical designation of several buildings at Fort Howard.

The Fort Howard property, owned by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), has suffered from neglect and vandalism - including several building fires - since the veterans hospital on the site closed for good in 2002 and redevelopment of the property was announced.

In light of the deterioration of the buildings on the property, as well as the news last fall that the historic Rosewood Center in Owings Mills was being delisted by the state due to the "demolition by neglect" occurring there, a group of concerned citizens decided to nominate Fort Howard for historic preservation.

Scott Pappas, Fort Howard Community Association president and a member of the nominating group, told the Essex-Middle River Civic Council on March 7 that 21 of the buildings on the site have already been deemed eligible for recognition on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, those buildings and some of the land around them were nominated for the county's list in hopes it could give them some leverage to hold the VA responsible in preserving them.

"We thought as a body we needed to put this as quickly as possible into landmark status to preserve these 21 historic assets of our American heritage and culture," Pappas told the EMRCC.

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But Michael Field, attorney for Baltimore County, said federal supremacy prohibits local governments from imposing regulatory authority over federal properties. He added that the key word in the law is "consideration" and that it does not require adherence to local codes.

"So they've imposed on themselves already the requirement only to consider, and then to take recommendations from the local authorities," he said. Additionally, legal action cannot be brought against the federal government by a local jurisdiction for failure to meet requirements or uphold those recommendations.

Field could not say for sure if the county is legally able to landmark the Fort Howard property. "But it's meaningless" to do so, he said.

As a result, Teri Rising, historic preservation planner with the county's Office of Planning, recommended that the commission reject the nomination, which Field agreed was the "logical" thing to do.

To be consistent with the past actions of the commission, it seems reasonable that we would not accept this nomination," Rising said.

As a result, the commission voted 12-1 to reject the VA property's nomination for historic landmarking. Only commission member Louis Diggs voted against the action, and member Rose Benton recused herself from the vote since she was a member of the nominating group

Benton admitted that she did not think landmarking the property would change anything, but raised the point that the buildings are not being taken care of currently.

"Four of those houses have burned down," she said. "There's nothing happening there. It's been sitting there since

The commission as a whole, however, felt it was the wrong venue to address the situation. Some members commented that the proper vehicles for the site's preservation are already in place in the form of the Maryland State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) designation of the property and the programmatic agreement in place between the VA, SHPO and the property's lease holder and developer, Fort Howard Development LLC (FHD).

The agreement spells out what needs to be done, at what time and by whom to maintain and protect the portions of the property deemed historic. In particular, it states that the developer "at its own expense shall make reasonable efforts to at all times protect, preserve and repair the property and shall keep same in good order and condition."

It further states, "Prior to and during construction activities, FHD will make reasonable efforts to secure, maintain and safeguard the historic resources listed... to ensure that they are protected against damage and further deterioration until the long-term treatment measures stipulated in the [agreement] are fulfilled."

State Delegate Robin Grammer (R-6), who introduced a bill in the General Assembly in Annapolis that would require the state to acquire Fort Howard if it is

ever offered for sale or transfer, called the commission's vote "unfortunate."

He said he generally supported the effort to have the property landmarked by the county, but acknowledged the legal conflict in doing so.

'What we essentially have is the inability to protect a historic property because it's under a federal purview, except the feds have done absolutely nothing to hold the leaseholders to protect the property," he said. "It really speaks to the need to have more local control over local assets, as opposed to someone in Washington, D.C. who has been, frankly, completely withdrawn."

Grammer's bill was heard by the House Appropriations Committee, also on March 8, and he said except for a few technical questions "nothing really of substance" was discussed during the hearing.

"I didn't really get that there were a lot of strong feelings either way about it," he said.

As of Tuesday, March 20, the committee had not yet voted on the bill.

The fiscal note accompanying the bill states that the measure would likely have no material effect on state finances because "there is no imminent prospect of the Fort Howard VA property being made available for acquisition."

And according to Grammer, the VA has said the developer "still intends to move forward with the project.

"I find that very interesting because we haven't seen any viable proposal,"

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Kamenetz maintained that the College Promise program will yield "transformative" results, both educationally and economically.

"We believe it will increase college graduation rates," said Kamenetz, adding that a labor pool with better education credentials helps spur growth. He said well over 90 percent of those who get a degree from CCBC stay in Baltimore County, and that an associate's degree from CCBC will translate to more than \$300,000 in additional lifetime earnings.

White added that the opportunity to attend community college cost-free adds extra motivation to high school students who would otherwise be priced out of admission.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our recent graduates, especially those with financial constraints, to take full advantage of the tremendous education and career-advancing opportunities at CCBC," said White.

The College Promise proposal also already has the backing of a majority on the county council.

"For the people in my district, this announcement will be a true lifesaver," said Councilwoman Cathy Bevins (D-6). "Free college tuition will open up doors that otherwise would be closed. I am so proud to be part of this effort."

Kamenetz noted that Bevins was one of two people to tear up when they heard about the proposal, the other being an administrative assistant in county government. Bevins has never been shy about

noting that she was not able to afford college when she was younger.

The proposal also has the support of Republican councilmen Todd Crandell (R-7) and David Marks (R-5). Crandell commended the push to make college affordable, while Marks said he supports expanding community college and workforce training to all who need it, especially given the cost of the program. Marks did add, however, that he would have liked to have been given the opportunity for input before Monday's announcement.

"County government works best when the executive branch briefs the legislature beforehand, and not surprisingly, that did not happen with all members of the Council," said Marks.

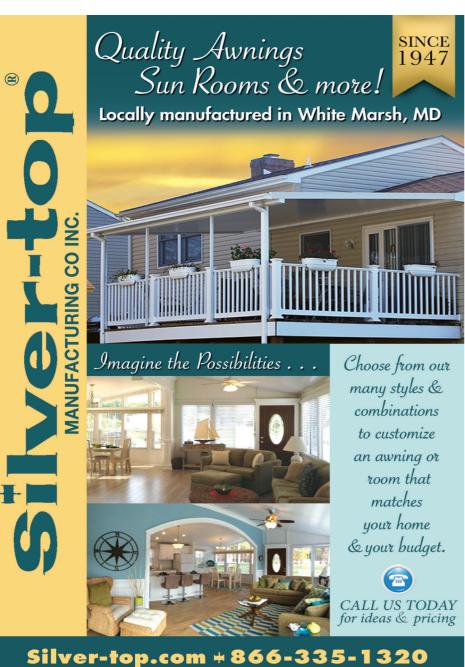
With an enrollment around 62,000,

many of whom return to college years after finishing high school, this program would not be available for most. In 2017, almost 38 percent of county high school graduates needed to take a remedial English class, and 59 percent needed a remedial math class, according to CCBC.

Similar programs have taken off all around the country over the last few years. There are currently 40 states with similar programs in place, and just last year Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh implemented a similar proposal in the city.

If approved in Kamenetz's final budget proposal in April, the plan would be implemented for the Fall 2018 semester. Kamenetz is in his last year as county executive and is currently running for governor of Maryland.





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Application deadline for school board pushed to May 1; public hearings scheduled

- By Marge Neal -

Citing some possible public confusion about the makeup of Baltimore County's new hybrid Board of Education and a thin pool of candidates who have so far applied for the four politically appointed at-large seats, the deadline to apply has been extended to May 1.

When the original deadline of March 16 passed, only 14 applications had been received, according to Aaron Plymouth, chairman of the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission.

"When we have to send eight names to the governor to fill four spots and we have 14 applications, that's just not a real broad pool of candidates," Plymouth told the East County Times.

Effective with this year's election, the board will consist of seven popularly elected members for councilmanic districts and four at-large members appointed by Gov. Larry Hogan, all of whom will serve four-year terms. An appointed student member serves a one-year term.

Candidates running for election had until Feb. 27 to file their intentions while those seeking political appointment faced the original date of March 16.

When the commission met March 5. members discussed concern over the number of applicants at that point, according to Plymouth, and decided that perhaps more could be done to better inform the public of the process, he said.

Because this process is new to everyone, including the commission, the group decided to extend the deadline to get the word out one last time.

"We also discovered that, according to statute, the commission is required to hold at least three public hearings about the process and we hadn't done that," Plymouth said. "So to satisfy the statute and to put forth the best possible candidates, we extended the deadline and scheduled the hearings.'

There also was some last minute confusion about all candidates being required to submit financial disclosure statements to the school board's ethics committee,

and this extension allows people a little more time to file that paperwork as well, Plymouth believes.

This is just about us increasing our accountability and transparency and giving the public more access to the information needed," Plymouth said.

The informational meetings will be held around the county as follows: Thursday, March 22, from 7 - 8 p.m. at Cockeysville Middle School; Monday, March 26, from 7 - 8 p.m. at Stemmers Run Middle School; and Thursday, April 12, from 7 - 8 p.m. at Milford Mill Academy.

The nominating commission has its own page on the Baltimore County Public Schools website, Plymouth said. He lauded staff for greatly improving the page, saying it's easy to navigate and contains all the information potential candidates need, including the ability to download the application.

All relevant information can be accessed at www.bcps.org/board/bcsbnominating-commission.html.

Applications can be mailed or handdelivered to the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Committee, in care of Debi Decker, 6901 N. Charles St., Towson, MD 21204. Electronic submissions will not be accepted, according to a statement from the commission.

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he said. "So I don't see this going anywhere.'

Timothy Munshell, with FHD, at first proposed a mixed-use development for the property consisting of nearly 1,400 residences. More recently, developer Sam Himmelrich presented a plan for around 300 homes on the site, but has been noncommittal about officially signing onto the project.

Really, ultimately, what we're looking for here is an opportunity to gain local acquisition in the case that [the developer] walks away," Grammer said. "We're looking for a backstop here.'

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NEWS

Delegate Grammer's BCPS audit bill dies in Baltimore County House Delegation

- By Patrick Taylor -

A bill requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to conduct a special comprehensive audit of the procurement practices and contracts of the Baltimore County Public School System (BCPS) failed to make it out of the Baltimore County House Delegation on Friday, March 16, effectively killing the bill.

With the legislative audit bill dead, that leaves only one avenue for an audit, which would be done locally.

Drafted by Delegate Robin Grammer (R-6) in the wake of former BCPS superintendent Dallas Dance's admitting to perjury for not disclosing outside income, the legislative audit bill was voted down

along party lines.

Dance had received thousands of dollars from technology companies doing business with BCPS, leading to questions about how those companies' contracts were procured.

"A couple people got sick and a couple who said they were going to vote for it suddenly pulled back out. And it's really disheartening," Grammer told the *East County Times* on Monday night. "The bottom line is we never want to have to experience this again in our county. Parents, teachers and students deserve better. Taxpayers deserve better."

Grammer stated that there was crossparty support for the bill, but that it "evaporated" when it came time to vote.

"The people in my district were massively in support of this bill. I've heard maybe two or three people against it countywide," said Grammer. "This is not and should not be a partisan issue at all."

Delegate Eric Bromwell (D-8) voted against the legislation. He told the *Times* that, in essence, a legislative audit would be redundant.

"We already have an [request for proposal] RFP out for a true third party review investigation and audit. I dont think it's wise to have another redundant study at the cost of the county when we already have one going on," said Bromwell.

Both Bromwell and Grammer blamed political posturing, with Bromwell saying that "a legislative audit is not a true third party audit" because it inserts a political body into "a situation I believe is already political enough."

The Office of Legislative Audits, which would have overseen the BCPS audit, calls itself an independent, non-partisan agency.

Grammer stated that for an audit to be trusted, it needed to move away from Baltimore County.

"If BCPS is procuring an audit for themselves, is anyone going to trust the findings or the process?" Grammer questioned.

Grammer maintained that those opposed to his legislative audit bill want to see issues plaguing the school system swept under the rug. On Friday, after the House Delegation vote, Grammer

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took to Facebook saying "The cover up is complete." He doubled down on that claim Monday night, saying that, in light of both Dance's plea and the plea agreement of former Baltimore County employee Bob Barrett, local authorities were too intertwined and unobjective.

"These parties are all connected," said Grammer, adding that there are too many "politically influential people who have been around for a long time."

Bromwell expressed his displeasure with Grammer's comments on social media, saying that he had a "very strong objection" to claims of a cover up.

"To accuse your colleague of criminal misconduct is not something that we do down here just because we disagree on a vote," said Bromwell.

He added that he is in agreement with Grammer on the substance of the audit, just not the source. He cautioned that Grammer's comments may come back to haunt him further down the line.

"This isn't how things work down here and this, quite frankly, isn't how you get things done for your constituents," said Bromwell. "You don't want to be the person who says these things about your colleagues from whom you're going to need a vote one day, and they're never going to forget that."

Despite the fact that an RFP had already been submitted, Grammer believes it is the job of the state representatives to ensure independence.

"The counties are an extension of the state," said Grammer. "They are not derived from an authority of their own."







County executive candidates chat with Greater Parkville residents

- By Marge Neal

With Maryland's primary just over three months away, political candidates are stepping up their efforts to communicate their respective messages to voters, while many community and political organizations are holding forums to hear those messages

Thanks to a forum on March 8, organized by the Greater Parkville Community Council, area residents heard from 13 candidates, including three running for Baltimore County Executive.

Democrats Jim Brochin and John Olszewski Jr. and Republican Pat McDonough accepted the group's invitation to weigh in on Greater Parkville concerns and priorities. Each candidate was given five minutes to introduce themselves to the audience and to answer two specific questions as related to the Parkville/Carney/Cub Hill area: what are your priorities for the area and how do you plan to address them, and how do you plan to keep citizens involved in government decisions that affect the community?

Brochin, now a state senator representing the 42nd Legislative District, told the crowd he is "giving up a very safe Senate seat" to run for county executive because he is passionate about cleaning up key problems and improving the general quality of life in Baltimore

He cited overdevelopment as a key contributor to a lesser quality of life for county residents and blamed the "pay-toplay" philosophy he believes is rampant in county politics.

"Developers donate to candidates because they expect something in exchange for those donations," Brochin said. "I'm going to end pay-to-play if I'm elected county executive."

Brochin believes a wide variety of issues need to be addressed to make Baltimore County a more comfortable and attractive place to call home. He cited the need for additional bike paths, improved efforts at cleaning up trash, increasing the rate of recycling and adding more police officers and increasing neighborhood patrols as ways county life can be improved.

Addressing another hot topic, Brochin said he would work closely with Baltimore County Public Schools to improve its procurement system and help reestablish public trust in BCPS.

Pat McDonough, a delegate representing the Seventh Legislative District, is also giving up what many believe to be a safe seat to run for county executive.

The candidate, who has endeared himself to many by not sugar-coating anything, opened his remarks by sharing an experience he had with a group of residents at a local senior high-rise apartment complex.

"I told them, 'If you are content with Baltimore County, you do not want me," he said. "If you are confident in the future of Baltimore County, I am not your guy."

Running with an "Excellence in Education" agenda, McDonough was clear that he thinks a change in the top leadership of the school system is needed.

"I don't want Verletta White permanently; she's an extension of Dallas Dance," McDonough said.

White was named to lead county schools temporarily after the sudden resignation of Dance, who was recently convicted on four counts of perjury with regard to outside employment he failed to report to the Board of Education.

McDonough, describing the Baltimore County Police Department as a suburban department serving an increasingly urban area, said he would like to see an increase in the force.

Olszewski introduced himself as a Dundalk native, husband, father and a "blue-collar progressive" in favor of universal pre-kindergarten and free community college tuition.

The former Baltimore County school teacher said it is important to address school overcrowding because it affects learning and safety. He also called for an increase in support professionals such as pupil personnel workers, social workers and psychologists.

Economic development, jobs training and the creation of arts and entertainment districts in the county are other priorities of Olszewski's.

And in an effort to make county government more accessible and transparent, Olszewski said he would like to see county work sessions - where most public discussion on bills takes place - moved

from the middle of the day when people are working to the evening.

After the candidates had used their allotted time, GPCC president Ruth Baisden entertained questions from the audience.

Carney activist Meg O'Hare challenged the candidates to weigh in on the topic of Fred Homan, the county's administrative officer who many believe has been allowed to become too powerful and authoritative in the day-to-day operation of county government.

"When I get sworn in at 12 noon, at 12:01 Fred Homan is fired," Brochin said, leaving no question as to his stance. "A lot of people involved in Baltimore County are there to enrich themselves and that needs to stop."

McDonough said he believes the county is infested with cronyism and corruption" and he would like to see a more open government that puts people first.

"Everything is covered up," he said of government operations. "It must be totally reorganized within the first six months.

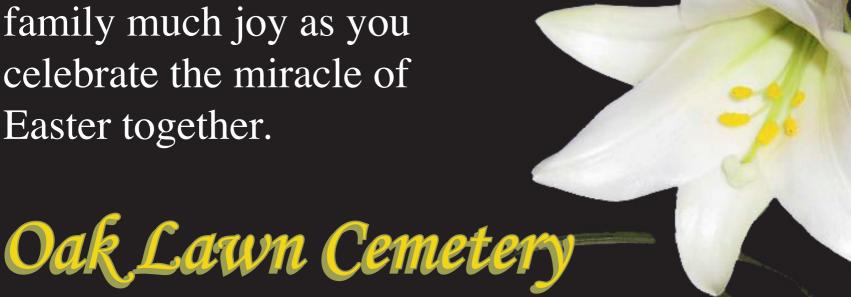
Olszewski, while not mentioning Homan specifically, said, "If you're going to chart a new path, the team needs to look different."

The GPCC will offer another forum later this spring featuring candidates for state office, according to organizers.

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■ ENTERTAINMENT

New 'Tomb Raider' offers limited treasure

- By Teddy Durgin -

It's a shame we can't mix and match movies, especially within franchises. The new "Tomb Raider" is a better film than either of the original two Lara Croft flicks that Angelina Jolie starred in during the early 2000s. But, man, I really wish Jolie starred in this new one. Jolie circa 2001, of course.

Now, I don't know how that would happen without a certain DeLorean or some kind of CGI movie magic. I never really had a problem with Jolie in the role. It was those two flicks that were bad. The problem with the new film is it's so grounded and so interested in delivering a believable heroine audiences can identify with that... it's really quite dull!

Say what you want about Jolie. But when she wants to, she really knows how to vamp it up on screen. By contrast, Alicia Vikander in the title role looks like the Teen Titans version of this character. She's an excellent actress. Heck, like Jolie, she's won an Oscar. But here she's trapped in an origin story that's not terribly interesting.

In the rebooted "Tomb Raider," directed by Roar Uthaug(!), Croft is 21 and working as a bike courier in London. Her father (Dominic West), an international business magnate with a secret side life unknown to

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It's hard not to like 'Love, Simon'

- By Teddy Durgin -

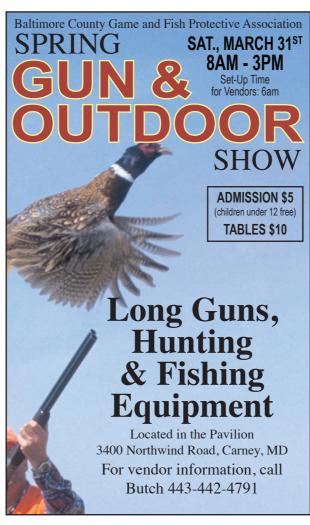
In this day and age, it's kind of daring to see a gay-themed movie that is NOT a daring gay-themed movie. "Love, Simon" is as conventional a rom-com as any of those 1990s-era smoochie fests starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan ("Sleepless in Seattle," "You've Got Mail," "Joe Versus the Volcano"), only it centers on a homosexual teen boy falling in love with an anonymous classmate he meets on his school's social media network.

Until he started e-mailing back and forth with "Blue," Simon (Nick Robinson) thought he was the only dude in school who liked dudes. He is in his senior year of high school and has never come out to any of his friends or family. He's never really wanted to, because he knows it would change so much. Maybe too much. If he can just to get college, he keeps telling himself, there he will be his true self and still be able to keep his identity with his mom, dad and lifelong besties (in one of the film's only whimsical moments, he envisions a huge '80s video-style musical number in which his entire college dorm welcomes his "coming out").

Just before Christmas, Simon is outed by a snarky fellow classmate, Martin (Logan Miller), who had been blackmailing him. And Simon has no choice but to live with the ramifications. This means breaking the heart of the girl (Katherine Langford) he's known since kindergarten, who's always had a crush on him. This means seeing just how liberal his liberal mom and dad (Jennifer Garner and Josh Duhamel) really are. And this means coming back from winter break and everyone looking at him differently.

"Love, Simon" tries to catch a John Hughes vibe







early on, and it doesn't quite achieve that. The film isn't funny enough or perceptive enough to pull off what Hughes did so effortlessly in his '80s teen comedy heyday. Simon isn't as idiosyncratic or fully drawn as Samantha Baker or Cameron Frye or Duckie. The film takes great steps to make him as "middle of the road" likable as it can.

And he is! You never want to see anything bad happen to the kid. And that's part of the appeal of "Love, Simon." It's like watching a Mitch and Cameron-centered episode of "Modern Family." On that show, you're fairly confident you'll never see an episode where Jay, Phil and Claire find Cam and Mitch beaten to a bloody pulp in the alley of a local dance club. Similarly, here, the film is set in an affluent Anytown, USA suburb with mostly nice people who need only minimal prodding to be brought into the 21st century. Even Simon's school appears to have just two bullies, and they are dealt with quickly and cleanly by the film's drama teacher (Natasha Rothwell, giving what will likely be the film's most underrated performance).

In the end, as the final credits roll, most audiences will realize they didn't laugh a lot during "Love, Simon." They didn't shed many tears (surprising, considering it was scripted by two of those ruthless onion cutters from NBC's "This Is Us") and they weren't imparted with any great wisdom. They just saw a nice boymeets-boy story that didn't try too hard and didn't shake a finger back at the viewer or society every 10 or 15 minutes.

I really liked the film.



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his family, disappeared years earlier when Lara was barely a teen. To claim the family fortune, she has to have him declared officially dead... something she refuses to do. So, in the meantime, this Lara Croft can barely make rent, is late for her college classes and isn't even the best athlete at her local gym.

Ultimately, she decides to move forward with her life by solving the mystery of her dad's death. She and a guide (Daniel Wu) with a personal stake in finding Mr. Croft set off for the missing man's last-known destination: a mythical island called Yamatai.

If I recall back to the Jolie films, they were criticized for being too loose and campy to the point where there was no sense of danger. Without skilled directors at the reins of those films, the fun always felt forced. Here, you

wish director Roar Uthaug and all concerned would just cut loose. This is based on a video game after all. But it's about as much fun as standing behind your buddy who's playing the game and watching him or her do all of the fighting and cool action hijinks.

The film even feels at times like an apology for past misdeeds. Lara Croft, as initially conceived in the 1990s, was a hyper-sexualized female action heroine. At the time, there was not a large female demographic playing video games. So, to get guys to buy the product and live vicariously through a woman character, game designers had to make her big breasted and comehither gorgeous.

Believe me, I am not body-shaming Vikander AT ALL. She has obviously worked out like a beast to get in shape for this role. The camera doesn't linger

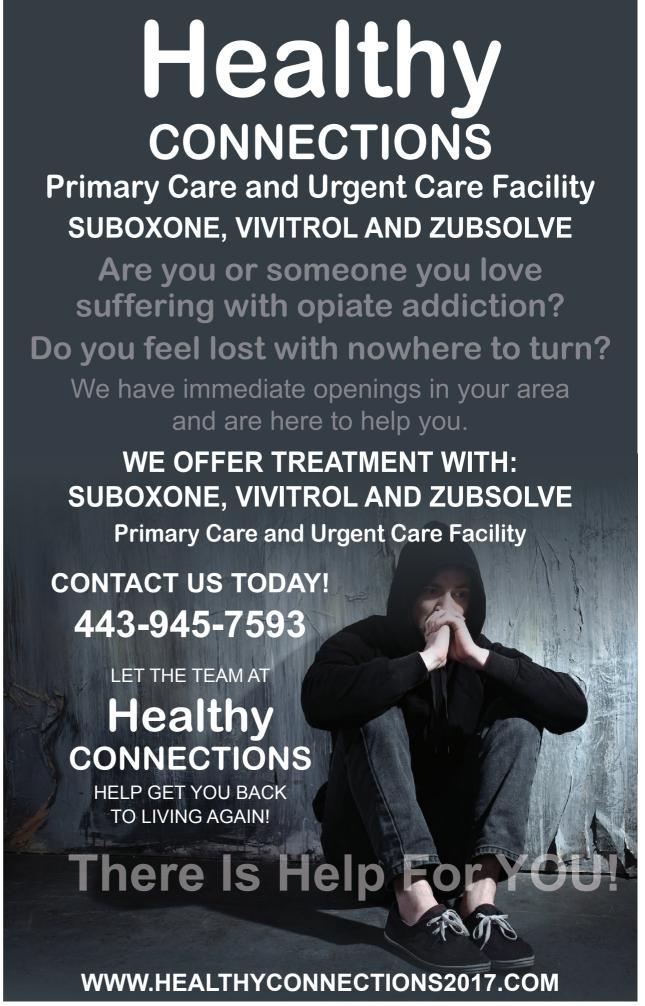
over her curves or cleavage, but instead her muscles and toned limbs. Progress? Yes. And with Vikander's Academy Award clout, I'm sure she had a say in the direction of the film.

I guess it just comes down to this for me: I personally don't go to see a movie based on a video game and want dry realism. Vikander's Lara Croft looks fantastic... er, that is if she were the rock-climbing instructor at your local gym. But as a globe-trotting, larger-than-life, bigscreen adventurer? Eh, not so much.

In the end, for sure, this is a launch-pad movie. The Powers That Be have made Croft younger and more accessible. Maybe this was the way to go. But like so many things Hollywood is producing these days awards shows, sitcoms, DC superhero movies - where's the real fun?







COMMUNITY

Easter Egg Hunt Canceled

The North Point State Park Volunteers' Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 24, has been canceled this year due to unforeseen circumstances. The public is invited to attend these other forthcoming NPSP Volunteer-sponsored events: Earth Day in April (date/time TBA) and the Youth Fishing Derby, July 21 from 8 a.m. to noon. For updates on these events, visit www.northpointstatepark. net, check out the group on Facebook or call 410-477-0757.

Food Pantry

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

BCGS Meeting

The Baltimore County Genealogical Society (BCGS) will meet on Sunday, March 25, at 2 p.m. with guest speaker Andy Hochreiter and his presentation, "Genetic Genealogy: Understanding and Applying your Test Results." He will discuss how to use the results of DNA tests for genealogical research. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.baltimoregene alogysociety.org/BCGShome/library or call 410-665-8769.

Free Mammograms

Baltimore County Womens Cancer Protection is currently offering free mammograms to those who wish to be screened. Call 410-887-3432 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Overdose Prevention

Would you know if a loved on was an addict? Learn how prescription drugs can lead to heroin abuse, how to prevent an addiction and what to do if an addiction develops on Thursday, March 29, 6-8 p.m. at Perry Hall High School, 4601 Ebenezer Road in Perry Hall. Speakers include addiction specialist Dr. Yngvild Olsen and others. Most of the evening will be dedicated to questions and answers. Refreshments and lite fare provided. For more information, contact dctfoundation inc@gmail.com.

Glenmar ES Pre-K & K

Glenmar Elementary School, 9700 Community Drive in Middle River, will hold screenings for pre-k and kindergarten on Friday, April 27. To be considered for pre-kindergarten, a child must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2018. Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2018, and live within the Glenmar Elementary School boundaries must be enrolled in a Kindergarten program. If Glenmar Elementary School is your zoned school, call 410-887-0127 to receive a registration packet and an appointment time.

Volunteers Needed

Brightview White Marsh assisted living, 8100 Rossville Blvd., is in need of volunteers to help with things like Rosary, cooking, games, discussions and visiting for their residents. For more information, contact Diane Gibson at 410-668-1588.

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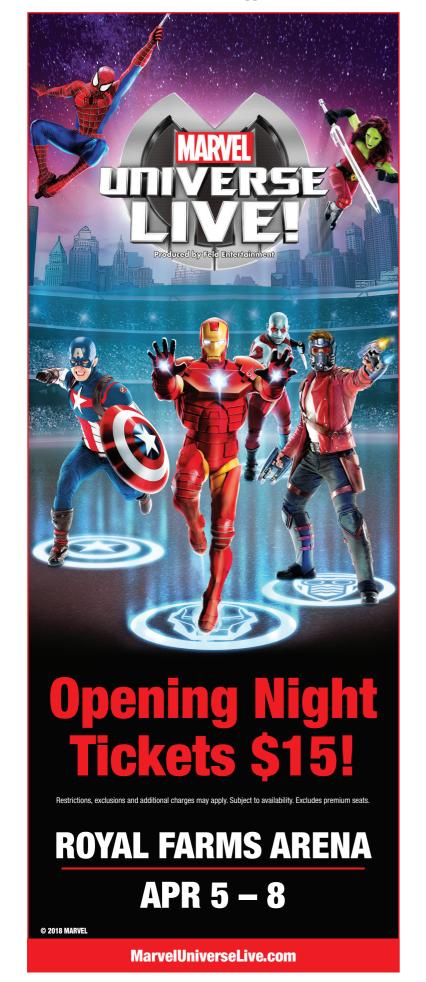
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Norwood Elem. Pre-K & K

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.

Reformers Unanimous

RU (Reformers Unanimous) meets weekly on Friday evening at First Baptist Church of Dundalk, 100 St. Helena Ave., at 7 p.m. in the Sr. Adult Sunday School room. The program is designed to help with all kinds of addictions.





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Stats show east side crime on the rise in 2017

- By Patrick Taylor -

Violent crime is up in Baltimore County, according to the 2017 crime statistics released last week by the Baltimore County Police.

While homicides remained flat at 35 last year, violent crime rose 14.5 percent countywide. In the county, the White Marsh, Essex and Dundalk precincts all saw the largest increases in violent crime.

The Essex precinct saw the biggest jump, with a 32.3 percent jump last year, while the White Marsh and Dundalk precincts saw their violent crime rates increase by 25.9 percent and 22.5 percent, respectively.

All three east side precincts saw aggravated assault numbers skyrocket by at least 29 percent, with the White Marsh and Dundalk numbers rising by 37 percent. Across the county, aggravated assaults increased by 23.5 percent.

Robbery reports also rose considerably on the east side, with the Essex precinct seeing a massive 45 percent increase. The White Marsh precinct saw just over a 15-percent rise in robberies, while the Dundalk precinct settled in at 8 percent.

Regarding homicides, things stayed stagnant in the county, with 35 homicides reported on the year. The Essex precinct saw a rise from four homicides in 2016 to seven in 2017. White Marsh saw homicides decrease from three to one during that time, while the Dundalk precinct saw a 100-percent drop after recording no homicides last year.

"One thing we've seen is the result of the opioid

MSP active in combatting drunk, impaired driving

Maryland State Police were out in full force over the St. Patrick's Day weekend, working to address an anticipated increase in impaired, distracted and aggressive driving over the holiday.

In all, state police conducted 21 traffic enforcement initiatives across Maryland over the weekend. Overall, state police made 105 DUI arrests, 32 criminal arrests and 15 controlled dangerous substances arrests between March 16 and March 18. Troopers also issued 1,141 speeding citations and 90 seat belt citations and made 6,648 total vehicle stops over that span.

The State Police Impaired Driving Reduction Effort Team, otherwise known as the SPIDRE team, was also active over the weekend. From March 15 to 17 alone, the SPIDRE team made 13 DUI arrests in Baltimore County. Since its inception in May 2013, the SPIDRE team has made 2,617 DUI arrests, 123 criminal arrests and 8,022 traffic stops while also issuing 17,803 citations and 3,870 warnings. The goal of the SPIDRE team is to focus on reducing alcohol related crashes in Maryland by targeting areas across the state with high crash rates involving impaired drivers.

Every year more than 160 lives are lost in Maryland in crashes involving impaired drivers and thousands more are injured according to the Maryland Department of Transportation. Please make sure if you drink, don't drive and if you drive, don't drink. Those simple steps can help save so many lives on the road each year.

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epidemic in our area," said Cpl. Shawn Vinson.

County Executive Kevin Kamenetz echoed that sentiment to the *Baltimore Sun* on Monday afternoon after previously declining to comment.

"Our police are well-trained, they're well equipped with the latest technology and they work well with the community," said Kamenetz. Kamenetz also added that the county has a "record low crime rate" per capita.

Kamenetz told reporters that his administration has been working to curb the opioid problem, which has ravaged Baltimore County. Last year saw the number of opioid-related deaths surge past 230 in September. Numbers for the final quarter of the year are currently unavailable. He added that he would like to see Maryland State Police do more to prevent drug trafficking on I-95.

Exemplifying Kamenetz's claim about record low crime rates, there were few areas that saw decreases in crime in 2017. Burglaries were down 15 percent countywide, including in eight out of 10 precincts. The White Marsh precinct led the way on that front, with a decrease of 44 percent. In Essex, that number was around a 20-percent decrease while in Dundalk they saw an 11.4-percent drop.

In total, Baltimore County saw a 3.9-percent increase in total crime, which consists of violent and nonviolent crimes. Only burglaries and motor vehicle thefts saw a decrease countywide, while every other category saw at least a minimal increase.

Rosedale man admits to accepting bribes as city transportation official

A former Baltimore City transportation official pleaded guilty to extortion charges in federal court las Friday, March 16.

Daryl Christopher Wade, 50, of Rosedale faces up to 20 years in federal prison. He will be sentenced on Aug. 10 and faces up to 20 years in prison.

In a plea agreement, Wade admitted that he would void fines in exchange for payments to him. In total, Wade pocketed \$5,200 in bribes during his time as a Department of Transportation supervisor.

One contractor who was targeted by Wade paid \$5,000 in two installments in order to wipe away a \$17,000 fine his business owed. According to the criminal information, when the two met for the first payment, Wade told the contractor, "You good for life with me. We in cahoots now."

In a second case of extortion, Wade, along with with Jerome Walter Stephens, of A&A Construction & Utilities, conspired to shake a restaurant owner down for \$2,200 to erase a \$12,000 fine to the city disappear.

In a third attempt, Stephens approached a Virginia-based sewer company executive and told him that his business was looking at \$1.3 million in fines, but that a bribe of \$52,000 - or 20 percent of the \$1.3 million - would take care of things.

"You gotta pay to play," said Stephens.

Acting United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, Steven Schenning prosecuted the case.

Attorney, G. Randolph Rice, Jr.

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Robbery: On March 18, Baltimore County Police responded to a robbery call in the 8100 block of Wise Avenue. At 4:40 p.m., the victim was physically forced by a known suspect to give him his medication.

First Degree Burglary: Shortly after 10 p.m. on March 18, officers from the Dundalk precinct responded to a burglary call in the 100 block of Lee Lawrence Court. Between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., an unknown suspect forced open the door to the victim's residence, then stole several items. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Baltimore County Police.

Second Degree Burglary: On March 18, officers were called to the 1400 block of Delvale Avenue for a burglary. Between 10 p.m. March 17 and 9 a.m. March 18, an unknown suspect entered the victim's yard, then used a tool to force open the shed door. Once inside, the suspect stole yard equipment.

Robbery: Shortly after 3:30 a.m. on March 16, Baltimore County Police responded to a robbery call in the 4000 block of North Point Boulevard. At 3:40 a.m., an unknown suspect entered the Royal Farm store and implied a gun. The suspect demanded money and the cashier complied..

Robbery: On March 16, officers from the Dundalk precinct responded to a robbery call in the 7800 block of Collingham Drive. At midnight, two suspects approached the victim and pointed a gun at him. A struggle ensued causing several injuries to the victim. The victim's phone was stolen and the suspects fled. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the police.

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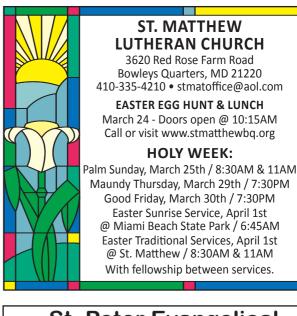




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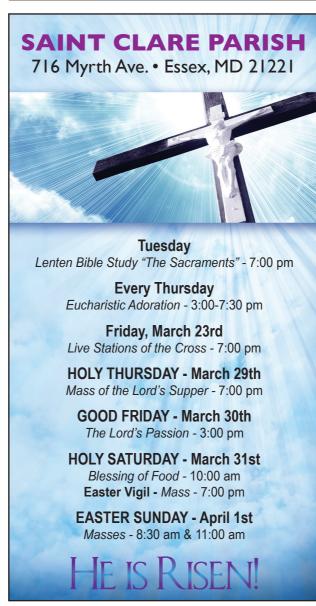
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HOLY SATURDAY 3/31

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Good Friday, March 30:

7:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English Church) 7:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish Chapel)

Holy Saturday, March 31:

8:00 p.m. - The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 1:

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7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Last Supper with washing of the Apostles feet (bilingual) Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00 pm Confession during Adoration at approx. 8:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY - March 30

(First day of the Divine Mercy Novena) 2:30 Confessions

3:00 pm - The Lord's Passion Followed by Divine Mercy Novena and Stations of the Cross (English) 7:00 pm Liturgia Wielkiego Piatku & Droga Krzyżowa (Polish) Confession after Stations of the Cross

at approx. 9pm

HOLY SATURDAY - March 31

12 noon, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm -Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Confessions

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass followed by Resurrection "Rezurekcja" Procession (bilingual)



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Divine Mercy Celebration

April 8 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Confessions 1:30 pm - Bilingual Solemn Mass by the Archbishop William E. Lori 3:00 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Sung Chaplet and Procession, Blessing and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image & Relics of St. John Paul II, St. Faustyna Kowalska and Fr. Michael Sopoćko

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OBITUARIES

Currence, Jean Martha

On March 17, Jean Martha Currence, beloved wife of the late Marshall M. Currence Sr.; loving mother of Carolyn Eney and her late husband Bill, Marshella Truitt and her previous husband Darrell and Marshall Currence Jr. and his wife Diane; cherished grandmother of Jeffrey Eney, Jason Eney, Jennifer Eney-Matzer, Marshella Truitt-Merritt, Shantel Truitt-Matthews, Sarah Currence-Thomas, Rebecca Currence-Miller. Also survived by 18 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the family owned Bruzdzinski Funeral Home on Friday, March 23 from 3 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. Funeral services on Saturday, March 24 at 11 a.m. Interment at Gardens of Faith Cemetery. Memorials may be made in Jean's name to The Alzheimer's

Favaro, Barbara Ann

On March 16, Barbara Ann Favaro (nee Mathias), beloved wife of Bill J. Favaro; devoted mother of William J. Favaro and his wife Margie, Paula A. Favaro and her fiancée David W. Zacharko, Anthony H. Favaro (Andrew J. Manfredo), Nicole L. Fields and her husband Calvin M. Fields; dear sister of Catherine V. Favaro, the late Marie Debelius-Berry, the late Elizabeth Feehley; loving grandmother of Christopher, Amanda, Alexandra Favaro, Gabrielle A. Favaro, Owen, Dawson, Olivia A. Zacharko, Dylan M., Dakota M., Natalie G. and Wesley G. Fields; cherished greatgrandmother of Brynleigh Favaro.

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Reider, George F.

On March 14, George F. Reider, beloved husband of Mildred Marie Reider (nee Stumpf); loving father of Karen McKenzie and her husband Carl, Suzann Conway, and the late David Reider and his wife Sandra; cherished grandfather of Brian McKenzie and his wife Elizabeth, Daniel McKenzie and his wife Madelina and Lucas Reider; dear great-grandfather of Catherine Conway, Cameron McKenzie, Paige Conway, Nathan McKenzie and Charles McKenzie.

A private cremation was held. Friends may call at the family owned Bruzdzinski Funeral Home P.A. at 1407 Old Eastern Avenue, Essex on Friday, March 23 from 6 - 8 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in George's name to The Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

Reynolds, Betty Dowdy

On March 15, Betty Dowdy Reynolds; beloved wife of Bobby Reynolds Sr.; loving mother of Bobby Reynolds Jr. and his wife Debbie and Brian Keith Reynolds Sr.; cherished grandmother of Brian Keith Reynolds Jr., Stephen Tyler Reynolds, Rachel Kaleigh Reynolds and Cody Kyle Reynolds; dear great-grandmother of Chloe Anastasia Reynolds and Nathan Broomall. Also survived by her sister Katherine Wallace.

Services provided by the family owned Bruzdzinski Funeral Home. Cremation private.

Cowger, Alexa J.

Alexa Jacquelyn Cowger, 45, of Rosedale, passed on Saturday, March 17 at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center due to a cardiac event.

Lexie was born in 1973 in Winchester, VA. She attended James Wood High School, the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and was a devoted employee of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM)

Lexie is survived by her loving fiancé of 24 years, Mark Weeks; her twin brother, Jackson Cowger; father Jack Cowger; stepmother Sandy Cowger; cousins Bonnie, Jenna, Brandon and Braeden Woolwine; cousins Keith Nesselrodt, Jed and JR Ashby, Jessica Peer; Aunt Helen, Uncle Mike and their son Keith Humphrey; Aunt Carol Lentz; and stepbrothers Chris and Mike Howe. Lexie was preceded in death by her loving mother Nancy Caudle; stepfather Jim Caudle; and cousin Vivian Nesselrodt.

A celebration of life will be held in April. Contributions in Lexie's memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

Conrad, Dr. Bonita Ellen, VMD

On March 4, Dr. Bonita Ellen Conrad, VMD. Bonnie's sudden death has impacted so many lives. She is survived by her loyal and devoted husband, Donald Waldvogel, whom has been her partner for over 50 years, her loving staff at White Marsh Animal Hospital, all her faithful clients and so many dogs and cats that she devoted her life too. Her life was devoted to her career as a veterinarian. Dr. Bonnie always went above and beyond for her patients. She opened her own practice 19 years ago so she could put the animal's need above financial gain. Never one to turn away a homeless dog or cat, she took in and cared for hundreds of them over the years and we found wonderful new owners to care for them. Bonnie and Donald also helped raise and release numerous orphaned baby squirrels over the years. You would often see Bonnie carrying these little ones everywhere she went to make sure they didn't miss a meal. George and Clifford were two that ended up being too friendly to release so they remained in their home. Always a source of entertainment, these two kept a smile on Bonnie's face. Her devotion to her husband, friends and animals made Bonnie a one in a million vet and human being.

Her legacy will continue in our hearts and actions.

Luckert, Joseph William

On March 16, Joseph William Luckert, husband of Laura A. Luckert (nee Berry); father of Sarah K., Christopher J., Joseph A., Michael P., and Nicholas R. Luckert; son of the late Christopher A. and Audris K. Luckert; brother of John J. Luckert and the late Chris A. Luckert; godfather of Lauren E. Milburn, Amanda R. Luckert and Travis R. Cordial. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

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POLITICIANS

The strange case of the Hospital Patients' Rights bill

- By Delegate Eric Bromwell (D-8) -

How could a well-intentioned bill to strengthen hospital patients' rights, approved by the Senate by 36-7 with little debate, be headed for nearly certain defeat in the House of Delegates?

The bill was introduced in direct response to the recent "patient dumping" incident in Baltimore this past January, when the University of Maryland Medical Center staff discharged a patient wearing only a hospital gown onto the street in frigid weather.

Marylanders for Patient Rights had legislators introduce the bill in both Houses spelling out 22 patient rights they contend would have prevented that situation. The group's coordinator added that patient rights should be spelled out in state law, as 27 other states have done. Marylanders for Patient Rights is a coalition of organizations, including Disability Rights Maryland, AARP and the Mental Health Association of Maryland.

Hospital officials objected to the groups' demands, asserting they were micromanaging the provision of care and crossing over the line into territory already covered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and an accrediting organization - the Joint Commission. The amended version of the bill whittled the 22 rights down to eight. But as it turns out those eight patient rights are rights the Joint Commission already requires hospitals to maintain.

Those eight basic rights are:

- Patient privacy and confidentiality
- Informed decision making and informed consent
- Visitation
- Advance Directives
- Access to patient medical records
- Complaint and grievance processes
- Freedom from physical or mental abuse, neglect, harassment, and mistreatment
- Communication in a manner the patient can understand

Under current state law, hospitals must provide

patients with an existing bill of rights that has been established by the Joint Commission. However, the law does not specify what those rights should be. Clearly, the hospital community does not want patient rights spelled out in law.

Those who sponsored legislation expanding patients' rights and putting them into the law became so disillusioned with the amended version of the bill that they withdrew their sponsorship and said they would vote against the bill in the House. Jim Reiter, spokesman for the Maryland Hospital Association, pointed out that the amended bill did not take away any patient rights. He emphasized that the current state and federal rules impose standards that exceed what the patient advocates are calling for.

Patient rights supporters called the final bill a victory for the hospitals association, not the citizens of Maryland. Please do not hesitate to contact me about this issue or any other issue of concern to you. As always, I encourage and welcome your input.

Contact Del. Bromwell at 410-841-3766 or delegate. eric.bromwell@gmail.com.

Oak Crest celebrates new fitness and aquatic center

- By Councilman David Marks (R-5) -

On March 19, residents of Oak Crest Village in the Parkville area celebrated the opening of the new fitness and aquatic center at the retirement community.

The improvements are part of a \$15 million renovation project at Oak Crest Village.

Baltimore County Councilman David Marks remarked about the importance of the project at Oak Crest Village, home to more than 2,000 residents. "Oak Crest Village is now more than two decades old, and like any home or neighborhood, it needs to be refreshed and updated," Councilman Marks commented. "I was honored to support the bond that helped provide funding for this project - money that will repaid."

Chris Montcalmo, president-elect of the Parkville Carney Business Association, also attended the ceremony. Oak Crest Village Executive Director Mark Roussey spoke, as did several residents.

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MSPSA Induction Banquet

The Maryland Slow Pitch Softball Association will hold its induction banquet from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the UAW Hall, 1010 S. Oldham St. in East Baltimore. Tickets cost \$40. Info: Phil Kyte, 410-239-0220, or John Powell, 410-703-4453.



Gunpowder VFW Karaoke

Gunpowder VFW Post 10067, 6309 Ebenezer Road in Middle River, will host Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, March 23. Call 410-335-8933 for more information.

Pancake Breakfast with the Bunny

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department, 900 Bowleys Quarters Road, will hold a pancake breakfast and craft show from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, March 25. Tickets cost \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$4 for children ages 4-12. For more information, call 410-335-8820.



ESP Karate Promotion



Four Edgemere-Sparrows Point Recreation Council Tae Kwon Do students recently satisfied all the testing requirements for advanced white belt status. The successful students are (front row, from left) Autumn Burkindine, Tyler Needer, Ethan Burkindine and Brian Burkindine. They were congratulated by (back row, from left) Emily Banting, instructor Alexis Metzler, head instructor Andy Banting and instructor Jennifer Milam.

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Rosedale Volunteer Fire Company will hold its annual Palm Sunday pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, March 25, at Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road. The menu will include all-youcan-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit cup, coffee, tea and orange drink. Baked goods will be sold separately. The Easter Bunny is scheduled to attend. Tickets cost \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens 60 and older, and \$4 for children 12 and younger. All carry-out meals cost \$7 each.

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Eagle Scout



Trevor Ryan Bandoch, son of Jeffrey and Shawna Bandoch, received his Eagle Scout award at an Eagle Court of Honor held Feb. 3, at Essex-Holly Neck VFW Post 2621. He is the 98th member of Troop 745 to achieve Eagle Scout status. Trevor began his scouting journey in 2005 and was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 2014. For his Eagle project, Trevor created a mailbox at the VFW Post for use by local residents who have worn out American flags that they wish to respectfully dispose of. The flags are collected and then properly disposed of through a flag-burning ceremony. He also created a rose garden to honor deceased veterans. The Archbishop Curley High School graduate is a student at the Community College of Baltimore County's Essex campus. Trevor, second from right, is pictured with (from left) state Senator John Ray Salling and Delegates Robin Grammer and Ric Metzgar.

Easter Egg Hunt

Dundalk Church of the Nazarene, 1626 Lynch Road in Dundalk, will hold an Easter egg hunt from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at Bear Creek Elementary School, 1607 Melbourne Road. In addition to the hunt, the events will include games and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny. Admission is \$2 per child. All proceeds benefit the church's food pantry.



DAILY SPECIALS

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MONDAY SPECIALS - 49¢ Jumbo Wings Min. 10, Eat-in Only 2 Treasure Chops w/1 Side \$7.99

TUESDAY SPECIALS - 12 oz. New York Strip w/1 Side \$10.99 12 oz. Ribeye Steak w/1 Side \$11.99

Large Caesar or Large Garden Salad \$3.99 / Chef Salad \$5.99

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Lenten Fish Fry

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 10003 Bird River Road in Middle River, will hold a fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m., followed immediately by Stations of the Cross, each Friday during Lent (through March 30). The menu offers choice of white pollock, coddies, fried shrimp or one-half pound steamed shrimp with french fries, one side dish, dessert and a drink. Tickets cost \$12 for adults; \$10 for senior citizens over 62; and \$6 for children under 10. Additional meals include one crab cake (\$14) and two crab cakes (\$19). Crab cakes are not available at the child's meal price. For info., contact Mike Kahl at mkahl58@comcast.net.

Piney Grove Offers Lenten Foods

Piney Grove United Methodist Church, 201 Bowleys Quarters Road in Middle River, offers seafood selections for the Lenten season. The menu includes padded oysters (\$3), crab cakes (\$6), salmon cakes (\$3), macaroni and potato salads (\$3 per pound), cole slaw (\$3 per pound) and cinnamon cake (\$4), all freshly made by loving hands in the church's kitchen. Food will be available for pick up between 1 and 6 p.m. Fridays, March 23 and 30. Order by 4 p.m. Wednesday for the following Friday. To order, call 410-335-6255.

Craft/Vendor Event

Back River United Methodist Church, 544 Back River Neck Road in Essex, will hold a craft and vendor event from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24. The event will feature many handcrafted items, including beaded jewelry, crocheted items, soaps and lighted glass blocks, as well as several commercial vendors. For more information, send an email to brumcfundraiser@gmail.com.

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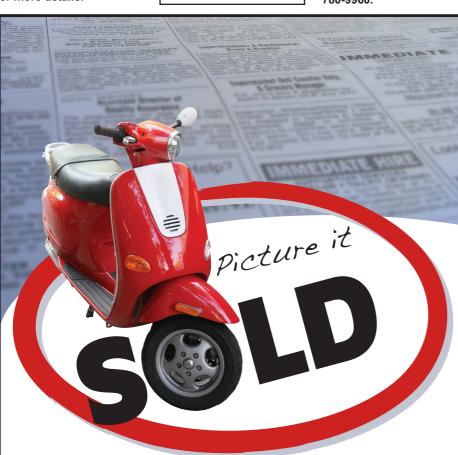
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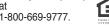


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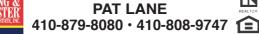
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As Baltimore County Executive, I will abolish all Sanctuary Policies.

I pledge to enforce a 4 point program against Section 8 housing.

- As County Executive, I will initiate a vigorous legal action to challenge and abolish the current judicial mandate which forces Baltimore County to implement Section 8 housing. My action will eliminate any future Section 8 housing.
- I will begin a county-wide audit and an inspection of all existing Section 8 units to determine if they are in compliance with laws and regulations. Those that fail will be eliminated from the system.
- A citizen's group will be created to investigate the "cash flow" and financial picture related to contracts for Section 8 housing to determine if there is any special treatment in contract rewards or excessive profiteering.
- There will be an independent and aggressive inspection task force designed to respond to neighborhood complaints about Section 8 housing properties that disturb the neighbors, create a public nuisance or impact the quality of life in the community.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM DELEGATE PAT McDONOUGH

As we stand together as neighbors united to oppose the reckless assault on our neighborhoods, the advocates of big government and social engineering will label us as "mean-spirited" and even "racist." This predictable, personal attack is **phony and misleading.**

I do not fear the name-calling and the character assassination. I hope you stand with me on the side of truth. It is our families, our neighborhoods and our county that are the victims. All fair-minded Americans believe the disadvantaged and those experiencing a tough time deserve practical assistance. That is why the Fair Housing Act, public housing and 22 trillion dollars on poverty policies were created. They all have expanded far beyond their original mission. A mother said to me the other day, "I would like to live in a mansion and own a luxury vehicle, but I cannot afford that life style. I do not expect my fellow citizens to pay for my dreams."

Please join us **The Neighbors United** to become part of the campaign supporting Delegate Pat McDonough for Baltimore County Executive and **"Putting People First."**

Thank you, Delegate Pat McDonough



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