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As one faces the inner circle of the Lamky Luther Whitehead Veterans Memorial at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens, the stone slab directly to the left in the outer circle was taken down by the March 2 wind storm.

- Article & photos by Devin Crum -

The massive regional wind storm that hit the Mid-Atlantic states nearly two months ago took down trees, damaged roofs and caused widespread power outages across a 10-state area. But another, less likely victim of the wild weather was unique to eastern Baltimore County.

The "bomb cyclone" that hit the area on March 2 and produced wind gusts up to 70 mph was somehow able to topple one of the nearly 2,400-pound stone monoliths that make up the Lamky Luther Whitehead Veterans Memorial at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens in Middle River. The weight of the stone even bent the one-inch steel rods inside it which held it stable

The stone that fell, positioned directly to the left - or north - of the monument's center, had the Star Spangled Banner engraved into it, along with a well-known quote from John F. Kennedy and the names of more than 140 eastern Baltimore County residents who have honorably served in the U.S. military.

Tony DeRuggerio, president of the monument's governing foundation, said the base of that piece of the memorial is repairable, but the stone slab itself must be replaced.

"The base is okay, but what happened

was the stone cracked on the top and it can't be repaired," he said.

DeRuggerio said he has ordered a replacement stone, but the cost for all the work needed on the monument amounts to nearly \$13,000.

In addition to the replacement slab, the 144 names must be re-engraved, the cracked sidewalk where the stone hit must be repaired and the monument's base must be re-leveled, all of which contribute to the cost, DeRuggerio said.

"The base did not get hurt, but it tilted it," he said. "And apparently the base is not anchored to the concrete."

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Scholars program puts Patapsco High student one step closer to Ivy league dream

- By Marge Neal -

It seems all things really do happen for a reason.

Nearly three weeks ago, Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts junior Yara Daraiseh was in the running to be named the student representative on the Baltimore County Board of Education. One of two finalists for the honor, she lost the election held in a student leader forum April 6.

Last week, the aspiring lawyer found out she is one of 100 students selected nationally for the prestigious LEDA (Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America) Scholars program which kicks off with a seven-week residential mentoring session at Princeton University this summer.

"It's almost a good thing I didn't get elected because I would have missed the first couple of meetings," Daraiseh told the *East County Times*. "And this program is going to be much more important to me in regard to my college plans."

It has been a lifelong dream of Daraiseh's to attend an Ivy League school. Natives of Jordan, her parents left lucrative professional careers in their homeland to move to the United States so their only child would have more opportunities for success - specifically, better education choices.

Once an agricultural engineer in Jordan, Omar Daraiseh now works two part-time jobs while attending Howard Community College, where he is studying radiology technology. Aisheh Toubat, Yara's mother, was a high school principal in Jordan but

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"They made great sacrifices to come here, just to give me the chance to make something of myself, to do big things," Yara said. "I have no intention of letting

Being named one of this year's LEDA participants is a big step toward accomplishing the goals of being accepted at an Ivy league school and making her parents proud of her, she said. Her parents' great personal sacrifices will not be wasted, if she has anything to do with it.

The LEDA Scholars program's mission is to diversify the nation's most selective colleges and universities by reaching out to bright, accomplished students who come from socioeconomically disadvantaged households, according to the organization's website.

The average family income of selected students is about \$35,000, according to Cristina Morais, LEDA's senior director of development and external relations.

"Socioeconomic status is the one main stated criteria but we look at students holisitically," she told the Times. "We're looking for leadership potential and experience, and most of our scholars are already in leadership positions at their schools.

LEDA strives to encourage economically disadvantaged students to dream big about the colleges they apply to and gives them the mentoring support they need for the application process and beyond, according to Morais.

The program's seven-week course, which runs from June 16 to Aug. 4 at Princeton University, will include training in leadership and public speaking techniques while giving the students the opportunity to participate in role playing, debates and other activities designed to grow confidence and leadership abilities. All classes and programs will be led by doctorate-level professors, according to Morais.

The students will get a head start on the college experience by living in dorms, eating meals together in main dining halls and socializing together.

Afterward, mentors - including former LEDA scholars and staff members - stay in communication with participants and follow them all through their college application process and undergraduate experience, Morais said. Particular mentoring attention is showered upon freshmen to ensure they make the transition from high school to college successfully.

Daraiseh is excited about being selected for the obvious reasons, but also for reasons far more private.

She is being raised in a traditional Muslim home and has been fighting some of the home-country traditions that she finds contradictory to the sacrifices her parents made to come to the U.S

"My parents are traditional about some things and not traditional about others," the star student said. "The biggest thing we've argued about is that my parents want me to live at home and go to a school that I can commute to because in the Muslim faith, a girl doesn't move

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out of the family home until she gets married.

Many arguments that "got ugly and didn't end well" ensued over the topic of where to attend college, with Daraiseh pointing out to her parents the irony that they moved half-way around the world to give their daughter the best of opportunities and now want to limit those opportunities to schools within 45 minutes of home.

"That doesn't make sense to me," she said. "What was the point of uprooting the family and giving up their careers if they are then going to put so many limitations on my choices?"

She now has her parents' blessings to attend the Princeton program because they realize the doors that will open.

"Being accepted by LEDA has allowed me to reach a common ground with my parents," she said. "This is making them come around to the idea of me moving away to go to college."

Attending an Ivy League school has been a dream of Daraiseh's since early elementary school, she said. Her life goal is to become a lawyer and Princeton, known for its top-notch law program, is her first choice, with Georgetown her second choice - at the moment.

While the straight-A student downplays her chances of being accepted at Princeton, Sandy Skordalas, chairperson of Patapsco's social studies department, begs to differ.

'She's number one in her class right now," Skordalas said. "And she's taken as many advanced placement classes as possible - she carries a tough load of classes and she excels in them all.

On the traditional scale, Daraiseh has a perfect 4.0 average. When weighted to take into account the rigor of advanced placement and gifted and talented courses, her cumulative grade-point average since ninth grade is 5.56 and her current, junior-year GPA is 5.63.

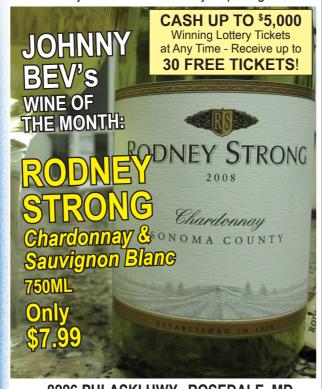
Acknowledging the school commitments she has made, she admitted to having a recent "meltdown" after all the

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Midge treatments begin on Back River

- Article & photos by Devin Crum -

The Maryland Department of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources resumed Monday, April 23, their combined effort to control the amount of midges in and around Back River.

 $Midges\ are\ non-biting,\ mosquito-like$ insects present in numbers considered to be beyond nuisance-level on and around the river due to excess nutrients in the mud on which they feed. The nutrients are believed to be a result of the last century of operation of the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

Governor Larry Hogan signed an executive order early last year allocating about \$330,000 to a midge eradication pilot program because of the effect the swarms of midges have had on local residents and businesses.

In September 2017, MDA and DNR, with

assistance from Back River Restoration Committee volunteers, carried out the first of five scheduled treatments under the program by applying a larvacide to the river which kills the larvae of midges and other nuisance insects like mosquitoes and black flies. The larvacide consists of a naturally-occurring bacteria, known as Bti, which is only harmful to those larvae and does not affect humans or other animals or fish.

Following the treatment that began Monday, the remaining three treatments will be carried out every three to four weeks through the end of June, according to Tom Parham, director of Tidewater Ecosystem Assessment for DNR. He said the treatments take about three davs each.

Midges have for years presented a nui-- see TREATMENTS on page 9 -



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Former BCPS superintendent Dallas Dance sentenced to six months for perjury

- By Patrick Taylor -

Former Baltimore County Public Schools superintendent Dallas Dance will serve six months at Baltimore County Detention Center, Circuit Court Judge Kathleen Cox ruled on Friday morning, April 20.

Dance was sentenced to five years with all but six months suspended, as well as 700 hours of community service and two years probation. He pleaded guilty on March 8 to four counts of perjury for failing to disclose income for consulting work he did with SUPES Academy, a now-defunct Chicago-based company that trained school administrators.

In his first public statement about the charges, Dance told the court that he was "embarrassed" and "truly remorseful."

"I'm ashamed of myself," said Dance. "That's the remorse I'll have to live with for the rest of my life."

Dance was not sentenced to the 18 months in jail Maryland State Prosecutor Emmet Davitt sought, but the six-month jail sentence pleased the prosecution.

"We are gratified there was a period of incarceration," said Davitt. "That sends a message to the community. When you are in a position of trust, abuse of that trust is harmful and very serious."

Defense attorney Andrew Graham argued that jail time for Dance would be unnecessary, saying the disgraced former superintendent had already been punished enough. Graham also noted that by pleading guilty, Dance had accepted responsibility for his actions.

In the lead up to her sentencing decision, Cox said that aside from acting as punishment and future deterrent for an individual, the court also had a duty to send a statement to public officials at large.

"There's a public nature to what we do," said Cox. She also contended that Dance had numerous opportunities to come clean. Graham tried to frame Dance's guilty plea as the move of an honest man while asserting that a man as busy as Dance simply made a mistake on a few forms. But Cox shot down that argument, saying that if Dance had his mea-culpa moment before

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a lengthy investigation had been launched, "we might not be here today."

That sentiment was echoed earlier in Friday's sentencing hearing when Davitt gave his opening remarks. Davitt argued that Dance had multiple ethics hearings and addendums made to forms he filed during his time as superintendent, and the statement of facts laid out by prosecutors showed not a forgetful person but someone who was actively trying to conceal what he was doing.

"This was a continuing course of conduct of deliberate deceit," said Davitt. "If the course of conduct stopped anywhere along the way, we wouldn't be here. This case is not about a lapse of judgment."

Davitt contended that Dance had done "immeasurable harm" to BCPS on different levels, but emphasized the harm it did to children who had previously looked up to Dance as a role model.

"Teachers inherit that disillusionment," said Davitt.
"This was such an egregious betrayal of trust... the state feels it merits a strong response."

During his response, Graham stated that if Dance were to serve jail time, it would be unduly punishing Dance's 8-year-old son and his ailing, elderly parents. He added that Dance having to appear in court on his 37th birthday added to the "tragedy."

Graham said prosecutors were also being inconsistent, citing current BCPS superintendent Verletta White's failure to disclose payment.

White began serving as interim superintendent after Dance's resignation in summer 2017 and was voted to a full term on Tuesday evening, April 17 by the board of education.

"She did exactly the same thing," said Graham. "How can the state take totally inconsistent positions?"

The school board's ethics panel found White to be in violation of the ethics code earlier this year for failure to disclose consulting fees. The panel added, however, that the form was "confusing and unclear," and opted to close the case as long as White amended her disclosure form and ceased working with a con-

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sulting firm from which she had accepted funds, as well as not engage in any consulting activities while serving as interim superintendent.

Six witnesses testified on Dance's behalf, and Cox had been presented with 69 letters from supporters calling for leniency. Graham also highlighted the myriad accolades and accomplishments throughout Dance's career, as well as the number of lives he touched, especially students.

But Cox remained unmoved, telling Graham that "it's not whether the good outweighs the bad."

Davitt brought up current board member and former Baltimore County Executive Roger Hayden as well as former superintendent Dr. Robert Dubel to express why Dance should serve time in jail.

Dubel lamented that the "squeaky clean record" of the school system was tarnished, while Hayden remarked that "the kids are the bottom line," and an example needed to be set.

"The example we set goes directly to the kids," said Hayden. "This trust was taken as an issue that wasn't important to Dallas Dance."

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stress got to her. "I'm taking five AP classes, I'm involved in after-school activities, I manage the lacrosse team, I was going through the student member of the board process and the LEDA process at the same time," she said. "I had a meltdown but [teacher Andrew] Mininsky talked me through it."

She refers to Skordalas and Mininsky as her "school parents" and said their mentoring has been invaluable throughout her high school years.

So thanks to the LEDA Scholars program, Daraiseh is one step closer to achieving the dream of attending an Ivy League school. The program particularly encourages participants to apply to elite schools, which tend to be less diversified and also have the bigger endowments, which translates to more resources available to students in financial need, according to Morais.

When Daraiseh comes home at the end of the summer program, she will be armed with a list of her dream schools and a network of mentors to help her through the application process.

And in addition to LEDA picking up the entire tab of the summer program, including housing, food, entertainment and transportation to and from Princeton, the organization also picks up college application fees, according to Skordalas.

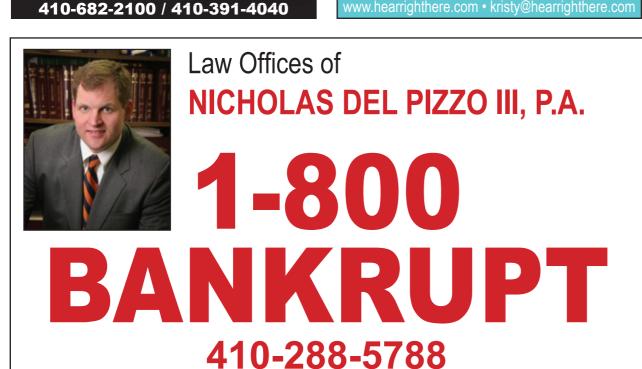
"For many of these kids, the application fees alone keep them from applying to many top schools, and LEDA recognizes that," she said. "That's one more barrier removed for these kids who don't have the resources at home."

While Skordalas is confident about Daraiseh's Ivy League chances, the student chooses to be more humble.

"I have high standards but low expectations," she said with a broad smile. "That way, I don't get disappointed."

Skordalas does not believe there will be any disappointment in Daraiseh's future.

"Remember her name," the teacher advised. "You're going to be hearing it a lot in the future."



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He noted, though, that engraving the names will be the most costly aspect of the repair.

Unfortunately, the monument was not insured against "acts of God," according to DeRuggerio.

"I was under the impression that Holly Hill had insurance on the stone, but not on the names," he said. "It would always be us that would have to put the names back on if anything happened to the stones.

"But investigating it, we couldn't find any proof of insurance with Holly Hill," he said.

The foundation president explained that any insurance coverage provided to them through Holly Hill would only cover damage done by people. For instance, if a maintenance worker somehow hit and damaged the monument with a lawnmower, it would be covered, he said.

While the foundation must cover the cost of the new 2,360-pound granite slab on their own, they have started a GoFundMe page with the hope that the community will help to reimburse them. However, the effort which was started on April 3 had only garnered \$330 toward its \$20,000 goal as of Tuesday afternoon.

Holly Hill manager Dawn Quinlin had personally donated \$100 to the effort, but DeRuggerio said Holly Hill had not yet agreed on any contribution.

The fundraising page can be found at gofundme. com by searching for "Veterans Monument Destroyed." Checks or money orders can also be sent to Lamky

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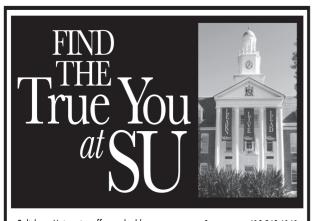
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The plan, according to DeRuggerio, is to have all the names from the fallen stone etched into one of the other stones in the memorial's outer circle which do not currently have any names on them.

"And when the new stone gets in, we'll just put it in and take the old one away," he said.

The new engravings, he said, will be done before Memorial Day.

The Memorial Day service held at the monument is one of its most well-attended events.

However, DeRuggerio said the merchant from which he ordered the new stone may not have it ready for up to six months, meaning they may not have it until October.

In the meantime, the foundation and Holly Hill will return the damaged stone to its upright position and have it on display on Memorial Day.

"We're hoping to have the whole thing ready before Veterans Day," he said.



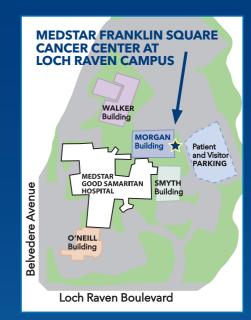
A top corner of the slab broke off on impact, meaning the monument could not be repaired.

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'Accidental activist' Rowe seeks seat on Board of Education

- By Marge Neal -

Greater Hillendale resident Lily Rowe became an advocate for school issues in her community accidentally, she said.

Now she has chosen to up her advocacy game by filing to run for the Baltimore County Board of Education, representing the Sixth Councilmanic District.

"I first got involved by advocating for magnet programs," Rowe recalled of her early days of activism. "Then I got involved when they wanted to build a salt dome near Halstead Academy, which would have caused environmental issues. And then I got involved in the air-conditioning debacle."

The accidental activist with a "threefor-three" record accepted a three-year appointment to the Central Area Education Advisory Committee, a group that serves and advises the Board of Education on more hyper-local issues and concerns.

Rowe has no shortage of ideas for how to improve the school system, with suggestions ranging from strengthening the budgetary powers of the County Council to holding BCPS responsible for the condition of neglected school buildings.

With regard to the decision-making process involved in new school construction and major renovations, Rowe would like to see the implementation of a countywide equity plan, with a priority list established after all school buildings are evaluated based upon the same list of standards and criteria.

"That way, everyone would know

exactly where their school stands and they could watch them move up the list as others were taken care of," she said.

Rowe believes the County Council should have the ability to restore budget cuts made by the county executive.

"The politics that's involved in these decisions need to be taken out of the process," she said. "Decisions shouldn't be made based on favors promised or votes being chased."

The western New York native has a degree in political science from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She has lived in Greater Hillendale for 12 years and has three children in public schools.

Rowe first got involved in school matters because of issues in her neighborhood, but she now wants to work on biggerpicture items that affect the entire county.

She finds it "totally unacceptable" that school officials are not legally held responsible for the physical condition of school buildings.

"There is no sort of code enforcement for our schools," she said. "Schools have mold, roaches, leaking roofs and water that no one can drink and there is no government entity charged with ensuring these problems are taken care of."

Citing Baltimore County's Code Enforcement division that holds residents and business owners responsible for their properties, Rowe said she would like to see a code enforcement division that could have legal recourse regarding

school physical plant issues.

She is embarrassed by the recent, highly publicized corruption cases of former Superintendent Dallas Dance and Robert J. Barrett, a former executive officer in the system's community and government relations office. Dance was sentenced to six months in jail for perjury and Barrett, as a result of a plea agreement, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of filing a false tax return resulting from him allegedly taking bribes from contractors.

"I'm really tired of seeing the lack of ethics and transparency that has become the norm for this board and school system," Rowe said. "For the past five or six years, the Board of Education has whittled down a lot of its responsibilities by making policies as minimal as possible and turning over most of the responsibility to the superintendent - and that's just unacceptable."

Rowe uses the phrase "It's a hot mess" often in describing the condition of the school system. Early last week, before the school board voted to appoint interim superintendent Verletta White the permanent successor to Dance, Rowe was not happy with the search process - or lack thereof.

"This current board has had 13 months to carry out this search and they waited until 11 weeks out, when they don't have the time to carry out perhaps the most important decision they will ever make."

Rowe said she has nothing against White, but believes the decision should have been more involved.

"We should allow people to apply for this job and then choose the best person for the job," she said. "Maybe that would have been White, but maybe not."

Rowe was also concerned the search process was put off so long that all of this year's top candidates would have already been offered positions. She believes the high-profile corruption, coupled with a new board being seated in December, might have even discouraged top candidates from applying in the first place.

When the board voted to appoint White as the permanent top administrator, Rowe believes that gave the perception of yet another no-bid contract being awarded.

"I feel that, just like any contract, it should have been competitive," she said of the process. "I don't think it's fair to have a position of this caliber and not open it up to everyone who was interested in the job."

Rowe, who said she is a "very part-time travel agent," said she already devotes 20 - 30 hours a week to advocating for the school system, and has been maintaining that schedule for four or five years.

She has spent the bulk of that time "working to get bad ideas killed" and looks forward to sitting on the board and being able to advocate for good ideas and positive change.

"There is plenty of room for improvement across a broad spectrum to make our schools better for our children and more comfortable and safe for our children," she said. "And I want to be part of that process."







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New Amy Schumer has Teddy feeling not good

- By Teddy Durgin -

"I Feel Pretty" is a movie that tries to be three movies in one, and its co-writers and co-directors Abby Kohn and Marc Silverstein aren't adept enough at making any of the three work fully. Maybe if they had just settled on one or even two, they might have really had something here. But as it is, "I Feel Pretty" is a swing and a miss at something both potentially substantive and funny.

Let's tackle the three-movies-in-one problem. First up, "I Feel Pretty" wants to be a body positivity fable about a putupon, self-doubting young woman named Renee (Amy Schumer) who yearns to be pretty and confident. She works in IT for LeClaire, a major cosmetics company that stashes her and her tech-geek coworker Mason (Adrian Martinez) in a dingy basement office somewhere in New York's Chinatown district. But her dream job is to be a receptionist at the company's Fifth Avenue headquarters, up there with the super-confident stickfigure models and executives prowling the halls and offices like it's all one big fashion runway.

Second, "I Feel Pretty" wants to be a skewering of the beauty biz, a movie that is as sharp as "The Devil Wears Prada." LeClaire is this high-end makeup brand that is looking to branch out with a new line that appeals to the "common,

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everyday woman." One problem: Its vapid executives have never stepped foot inside a Target or Wal-Mart. Their new top exec, Avery LeClaire (a funny Michelle Williams), can't even pronounce Kohl's properly.

Third, "I Feel Pretty" wants to be an '80s high-concept gimmick movie. It tips its hand early when Renee is flipping channels and comes upon "Big," the 1988 Tom Hanks flick in which a scrawny 13-year-old boy makes a carnival wish to be "big" and wakes up the next morning an adult male. Renee gets the big idea to go throw a coin in a fountain and wish that she were "beautiful," then goes to the gym the next day, hits her head on the workout equipment and wakes up suddenly believing herself to be a supermodel.

There are problems with all three

films within the film. First, Renee is not developed early on to be an underdog we can really root for. Throughout much of the film, I found myself asking, "What am I really supposed to be rooting for in this flick?" Renee is completely self-absorbed and obsessed with her looks to the point where she will sacrifice good friends, her career and more just so she can be regarded as "attractive" to the outside world and to herself in the mirror. So, do I want this for her? She really does seem happy for a long stretch when she is vogue-ing about Manhattan.

Second, LeClaire is populated

exclusively by incompetent, uncaring people who treat everyone who doesn't resemble a Fashion Week model as if they are completely unworthy of even being looked at. This peek into this world is never once believable. But even if it was, why

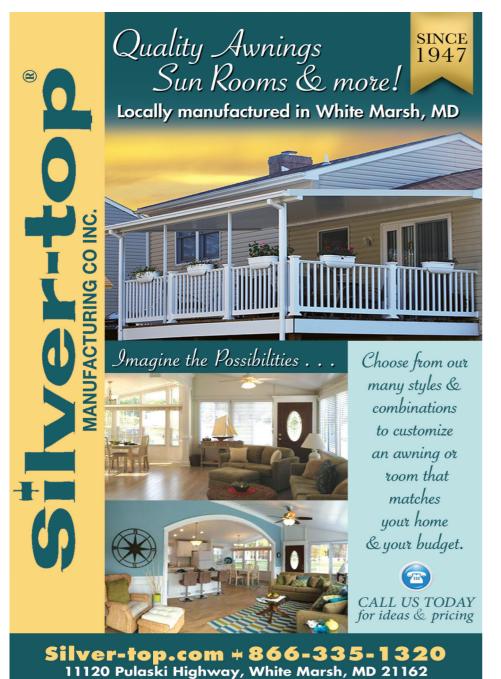
would we want our protagonist to ascend to this lifestyle except for completely shallow reasons like the corporate jets, the hotel suites and so forth?

Third, the thing that made "Big" work is that the main character really DID physically transform overnight. It wasn't some kind of mental deficiency where he really still was a child and didn't know it. So, when the Hanks character got a job at a toy company and had more insight into what makes certain toys appeal to kids than any of the boardroom executives, it was believable - and funny - because he WAS still a kid in a man's body. And his childlike wonder and innocence believably transformed those around him.

By contrast, the one-joke gimmick employed in "I Feel Pretty" stops being funny and even useful after about five minutes. If anything, it makes most of the other characters in the film look bad because they can't handle how a woman who looks like Schumer (still blonde, pretty and with good fashion sense, by the way) could possibly think she is pretty. They're all shocked such a woman could have any confidence at all.

"I Feel Pretty" made me feel all sorts of things while watching it. Unfortunately, too often it was bad or disappointed feelings - too many for me to give it a recommend.

"I Feel Pretty" is rated PG-13.





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Is Teddy going 'Solo' in eagerly anticipating new Star Wars film?

- By Teddy Durgin

The final full trailer for "Solo: A Star Wars Story" recently hit, and it was chock full o' galaxy far, far away goodness. From Chewbacca head-slamming some dude to Donald Glover's smooth take on a young Lando Calrissian ("Everything you've heard about me is true") to the gritty, crime-heist feel of the flick... the trailer turned around quite a number of fans who'd been on the fence about the film.

But there is still one issue that lingers large as we approach the film's May 25 release: Alden Ehrenreich as the title character, the young Han Solo. People who are a LOT less passionate and crazy about "Star Wars" than I am have been and remain more critical of the casting.

I don't mind telling you, I'm stoked for "Solo: A Star

Wars Story! Stoked for three reasons. First off, I like these one-off "Star Wars" flicks like "Rogue One" that are not hamstrung by being the first or second parts in a proposed trilogy. They are free to tell self-contained stories with a beginning, middle and end and only need to fit into the broader saga puzzle on a peripheral level. They can be their own stand-alone experiences.

Second, this flick just flat-out looks fun. It looks to be about gambling and racing, boasting and posturing, planning a heist, assembling a team, stickin' it to The Man. No legacy characters will be killed off. No one's an old, bitter recluse yet. There's no Republic to fall. No tragic Order 66. And none of the actors who are in the movie suffered a gruesome on-set injury or died soon after filming (at least as of press time).

Third, a couple of Hollywood's heaviest hitters and biggest "Star Wars" lovers have had a hand in making this. Yes, co-directors Phil Lord and Christopher Miller were fired while they were still filming. But they were replaced with Oscar-winner Ron Howard, who in interviews dating back to the 1980s remembers first hearing the story of "Star Wars" while making "American Graffiti" with writer-director George Lucas in 1973, then bought a ticket opening night in 1977 to see the original film and immediately got back in line that same night to see the next screening. Additionally, Lawrence Kasdan co-wrote the script, having written or co-written "The Empire Strikes Back," "Return of the Jedi" and "The Force Awakens." No one writes Han Solo better than he. And the laugh lines that the young Han cracks in this latest trailer ("You're 190? You look good!) are vintage Kasdan.

Now for the casting of Ehrenreich. He's got Han's '70s shag hair. I'm diggin' the dude's look. But, no, the actor does NOT have the voice or the cadence of Harrison Ford. Behind the scenes, it must have really come down to "Do we cast someone who can give a performance?" or "Do we cast someone who can do an impression?"

For me personally, I don't need him to look and sound exactly like a young Han Solo. I really don't. And please keep in mind, Han Solo is my absolute favorite fictional character in any medium - film, TV, books, etc. I absolutely DO have my concerns about this casting. But Chris Pine sounds and acts NOTHING like William Shatner's Captain Kirk, yet I bought his version of the character. I like what each actor has brought to James Bond over the decades, and I've thrilled to multiple Batmen, Supermen and Spider-Men.

Frankly, I'd be more concerned if Ehrenreich was doing an extended impression here. It's REALLY hard to pull something like that off. The only one I can even think of who has done such a trick is Karl Urban, absolutely uncanny as Dr. McCoy in the new "Star Trek" flicks. So, I'm just going to relax and enjoy a new Han Solo adventure. The fact that we're also getting Lando, Chewie, the Falcon, TIE Fighters... deal me in and, to paraphrase the young Calrissian, "Buckle up, baby."

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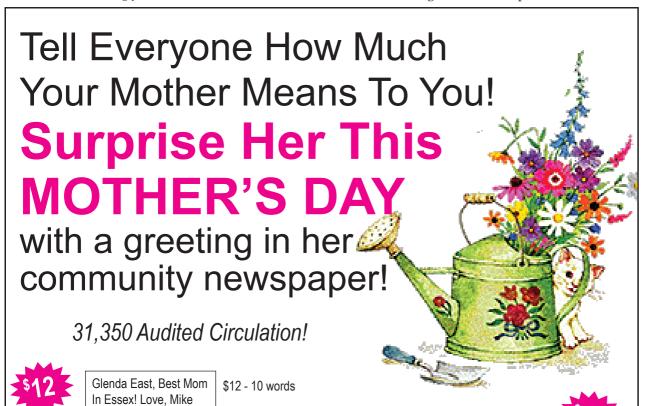
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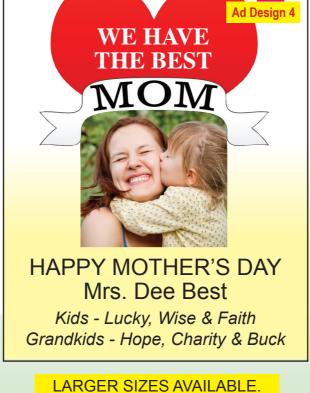
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TREATMENTS

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sance for residents and business owners around the river, particularly restaurants and marinas.

"The folks around here are having issues with the adult midges sticking to boats, affecting local businesses and things like that," Parham said.

The 260-acre treatment area encompasses roughly the entire width of the river between Weaver's Marina in Essex and the WWTP on the other side. Parham said the area was chosen following extensive sampling of midge larvae concentrations all over Back River.

"We chose an area that had generally high concentrations of these larvae. And since this seemed to be the area that we were having the most complaints, we set the [target] right outside [Weaver's Marina]," he said. "We know there's midge larvae all over this place, there's no doubt about that."

The larvacide is injected into the water as a slurry, deposited just above the bottom where the midge larvae live, Parham explained. The larvae eat the material and become infected with the Bti bacteria.

Parham and Brian Prendergast, the mosquito control program manager for MDA, said the Bti only lasts in the water for one to two days.

"What happens is [the midge larvae] are going to feed on it pretty quickly," Parham said. "And then, because the tide is moving it around, it may be that the material is moved down-tide."

He noted that midge larvae only live in low-salinity water, so they would not be found closer to the mouth of the river and the Bti would have less effect there.

"The hope is, we spray this stuff and kill all of the larvae that are in the river right now," Prendergast added, referring to the target area. "And then two or three days from now there will be more eggs that will start to hatch - those ones will survive."

The project also includes sampling of larvae in a control area, which is not being treated, to compare and gauge the effectiveness of the treatments, Parham said. And since it is the adult midges that create the nuisance, DNR and MDA will also take samples of those present around the shorelines to figure out just how dense they are and the areas where they are impacting people most.

"Because that's what it's all about, really, minimizing the impact on people," he said.

"Sometimes within the river system itself there could be a big decline," Parham said referencing the control area. "We want to make sure we can attribute any decline to the Bti."

In order for midges to be considered at nuisance levels under state regulations, there must be at least 500 midge larvae per square meter of the river bottom. But sampling of Back River showed many areas to have more than

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BoatUS Spring Commission checklist for boaters

With boatyards, backyards, marinas, and clubs now coming to life, spring commissioning time has arrived. Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has a Spring Commissioning Checklist to help boaters start the season right:

Before You Launch:

1. Hose clamps should be inspected and replaced as necessary. Double clamp below-waterline connections, including all hose and fuel lines with marine-rated stainless hose clamps and keeping seacocks closed when you are away are wise moves.

- 2. Inspect cooling hoses for stiffness, rot, leaks and cracking. Make sure they fit snugly.
- 3. Replace deteriorated sacrificial anodes
- 4. Inspect prop(s) for dings, pitting and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are

secure. Grip the prop and try moving the shaft – if it's loose, the cutless bearing (on inboard drive systems) may need to be replaced.

- 5. Check the rudderstock to ensure it hasn't been bent.
- 6. Inspect the hull for blisters, distortions and stress cracks.
- 7. Make sure your engine intake sea strainer is not cracked or bent from ice, free of corrosion, and is clean and properly secured.
- 8. With inboards, check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for looseness. A stuffing box should only leak when the prop shaft is turning and needs to be inspected routinely.
 - 9. Inspect and lubricate seacocks.
- 10. Use a garden hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets as necessary.
- 11. Inspect bilge pump and float switch to make sure they're working properly.
- 12. Check stove and remote tanks for loose fittings and leaking hoses.
- 13. Inspect dock and anchor lines for chafing.
- 14. If equipped, ensure that the stern drain plug is installed
 - 15. After the boat is launched, be sure

to check all thru-hulls for leaks.

Engine Outdrives and Outboards:

- 1. Inspect rubber outdrive bellows for cracked, dried and/or deteriorated spots (look especially in the folds) and replace if suspect.
- 2. Check power steering and power trim oil levels.
- 3. Replace anodes that are more than half worn away.
- 4. Inspect outer jacket of control cables. Cracks or swelling indicate corrosion and mean that the cable must be replaced.

Engines and Fuel Systems:

- 1. Inspect fuel lines, including fill and vent hoses, for softness, brittleness or cracking. Check all joints for leaks, and make sure all lines are well supported with noncombustible clips or straps with smooth edges.
- 2. Inspect fuel tanks, fuel pumps and filters for leaks. Ensure portable tanks and lines are completely drained of stale fuel before filling with new fuel. Clamps should be snug and free of rust. Clean or replace fuel filters.
- 3. Every few years, remove and inspect exhaust manifolds for corrosion.
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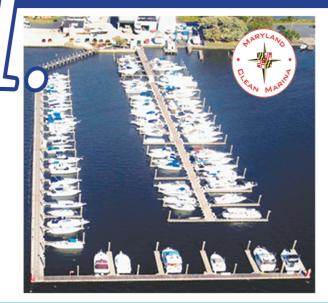
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- 4. Charge battery. Clean and tighten electrical connections, especially both ends of battery cables. Wire-brush battery terminals and fill cells with distilled water.
 - 5. Inspect bilge blower hose for leaks. Sailboat Rigging:
- 1. Inspect swage fittings for cracks and heavy rust (some discoloration is acceptable). Inspect wire halyards and running backstays for "fishhooks" and rust.
- 2. Remove tape on turnbuckles and lubricate threads, preferably with Teflon. Replace old tape with fresh tape.
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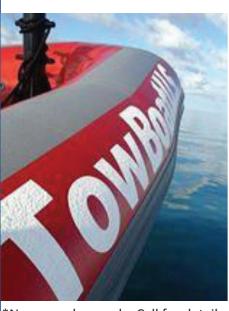
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MIDGES

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double that amount.

"So if there are 500 to 1,000 in that little area, you can imagine over 260 acres the concentrations we're looking at," Parham said.

He noted that the midge "hot spots" on the river are not all within the treatment area, and there are some areas, such as in some of the creeks, that are too shallow for the boat and treatment apparatus to get to.

But Prendergast emphasized that this is a pilot project.

"So we're treating the 260 acres, and if it works then that's kind of on the [state] legislature as to whether



One boat showed abundant signs that midges have been out and using it to dry their wings.

they want to do a larger area or not," he said regarding the funding for additional future treatments. "But we've got a pretty good idea that it's going to work."

Parham added, "We're not trying to control midges in the whole river. We're just trying to show how well this works."

Parham said there have not yet been a lot of complaints about midges this season, but there is a lot of evidence that they are beginning to be more active.

"This is usually the time when we would hear about it, right around April," he said.

The larval "husks" could be seen Monday floating on the water's surface after the adult midges had left the water. And stains were present on boats and the light-colored surfaces of buildings and other objects where the midges have landed.

"This is what bothers the people," Parham said. "As they dry [on these surfaces] they stain it. Lots of times when the midges come off, they need some place to dry their wings. So you'll see them along the shorelines."

He shook some bushes along the shoreline at Weaver's to stir up midges and demonstrate that they are out.

Midges are a natural part of the ecosystem in the area, acting as a food source for larger creatures like fish and birds. But the shear numbers seen around Back River create a nuisance with restaurants and business owners posting photos or videos online showing buildings that appear black because they are covered with midges.

Parham said as the weather gets warmer there will be more midges and they will grow faster. DNR will also be studying the water temperature to find out what is optimal for the bugs.

"Hopefully we're out here before they are," Prendergast said. "If there were already midges flying around then that would mean we're too late."



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State police barracks throughout Maryland will be participating in the National Drug Take Back Day. Each barrack will act as a collection station giving citizens an opportunity to dispose of all unwanted and unused prescription drugs. The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

Second only to marijuana, non-medical prescription drugs are the most commonly used drug in the country. According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs are finding an unlimited supply in their family's medicine cabinet.

Locally during the last initiative in October 2017, troopers collected over 2,500 pounds of prescription drugs. Nationally, 912,305 pounds (456 tons) of prescription medications were collected from members of the public. When added to the collections from the previous Take-Back events, more than 9 million pounds of prescription medications have been removed from circulation.

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Rossville brothers charged in double homicide case

Baltimore County Police have arrested and charged two men in connection with the double homicide of Stanley Brunson Jr. and Shameek Joyner in a Towson apartment last week.

Officers were called to the apartment in the unit block of Lambourne Road around 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 9, when a maintenance worker entered the apartment and discovered the bodies of the two men.

Detectives determined that the two victims went to the apartment to meet with the two suspects after a resident of the apartment facilitated the meet for a narcotics related transaction. It is still unknown what precipitated the murders, but both victims suffered multiple gunshot wounds to the upper body. Brunson also suffered additional traumatic injuries to his upper body.

Police obtained warrants for the two suspects on Sunday, April 15, and located them in the afternoon on April 17. Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle they were known to be traveling in on southbound I-83 around 3 p.m. Both suspects were taken into custody without incident.

The suspects, who are brothers, are identified as Norwood Thomas Johnson Jr., 29, and Nyghee Nicholas Johnson, 21, both of the unit block of Paula Place in Rossville. Both are charged with two counts of 1st Degree Murder and held at the Baltimore County Detention Center on no bail status.

Dwight Dakarai Jones, 42, of the 900 block of Elton Avenue, 21222 has also been arrested and charged with a myriad of drug and weapons violations, including firearms and drug trafficking crimes, in connection with this homicide investigation. Detectives learned that Jones was an associate of the Johnson brothers and conducted a search warrant at his home on Elton Avenue for evidence in the homicides. Detectives discovered a number of guns, illegally possessed by Jones, who is restricted from gun ownership due to a previous felony conviction, and confiscated over 100 pounds of marijuana.

No evidence from the homicide was located during the search - police do not believe that any of the guns confiscated from Jones is a murder weapon used in the homicide, but will undergo forensics testing to determine if they were used in any crimes. Jones continues to be held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center.

Police continue to investigate Turner Station shooting

Detectives from the Baltimore County Police Violent Crimes Unit continue to investigate following a shooting in the 200 block of Main Street in Dundalk that occurred on the morning of April 20.

The victim called 9-1-1 around 8:48 a.m. asking for help after being shot multiple times in the upper and lower body. The suspect, who is not yet identified, fled immediately following the shooting. The victim, a 36-year-old man, is expected to survive his injuries and is undergoing treatment at a local hospital. Anyone with information should contact the police.

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Two arrested in carjacking of Parkville teacher

Detectives from the Baltimore County Police Carjacking Unit have made two arrests in connection with the Friday carjacking of a pregnant teacher at Villa Cresta Elementary School.

Tyana Keyshawn Holmes, 16, of the 2400 block of East Federal Street in Baltimore, has been charged as an adult with Carjacking, Robbery, and Unlawful Taking of a Motor Vehicle. She is being held without bail at the Baltimore County Detention Center.

A 14-year-old girl has also been charged as a juvenile and will remain unidentified.

Detectives from the Carjacking Unit continue to work to identify the other two girls involved. They are also still looking for the black Kia Sportage stolen from the teacher, who is in good condition.

Baltimore County Police were called to Villa Cresta Elementary School in Parkville on April 20 after four girls assaulted a teacher and stole her car. The teacher, who is in the early stages of pregnancy, was not injured during the incident but did later respond to a local hospital to be checked by a doctor.

The four girls were buzzed into the school when they said they were there to inquire about registering a child. After speaking with the office staff, they left the school and were in the parking lot as the teacher was walking out of the school to her car, carrying her purse and cell phone in her hand. The girls approached the teacher and knocked the cell phone out of her hand. The teacher turned to run but fell, dropping her purse. The girls took the phone and the purse, containing the teacher's car keys. Two of the suspects left in the vehicle they'd driven there while the other two left in the teacher's black 2013 Kia Sportage.

The Baltimore County Police Carjacking Team responded to the school and are continuing the investigation into this incident. Anyone who has information on the additional two suspects or the location of the stolen Kia is asked to contact police at 410-307-2020

Drive sober and stay safe this prom and graduation season

This time of year is one of the most exciting times a teenager can have, with prom and graduation.

Celebrations can be as quiet as a dinner with family or a big party with friends. However, those celebrations for some include alcohol and or drugs. This is a lethal combination when teens, or anyone, get behind the wheel and drive.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, there is a dramatic increase in teen fatalities extending from April into July. Baltimore County Police Officer Jennifer Peach suggests that parents and teens write and sign a contract. The contract would stipulate that when the teen calls home for help, there will be no questions or punishment.

Also, put the cellphone away when you get into your car. Let someone else pick out the music or make the calls. When you drive distracted, drunk or drugged you put not only yourself at risk, but those with you in the car and those other drivers on the highway.

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How to avoid and repair flat tires

Nothing can delay road trips more suddenly than flat tires. Unfortunately, because tires are the only part of the vehicle constantly in contact with the road, wear and tear is to be expected.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that flat tires and blowouts are a leading cause of highway traffic accidents. Even though flats cannot be prevented, there are ways to make tires less vulnerable and make vehicles safer along the way.

Flat tire avoidance

Routine inspection and tire maintenance is essential to their performance. In addition, paying attention to road hazards and avoiding them when possible can prolong the life of tires.

- Tire pressure: Tires should be maintained at the correct air pressure indicated on the sidewall or as advised by the manufacturer. Tires with too much air can be damaged by bumpy roads and potholes. Tires that are not inflated enough may increase friction on the roadway, resulting in a blowout. Check tire pressure routinely, and do so when the tires have rested for three hours. Many vehicles now monitor tire pressure automatically and alert drivers through a signal on the dashboard.
- Tire wear: The advisors at Select Auto Imports say that inspecting tires for uneven wear should be a routine part of maintenance. If tires show uneven wear, they may be more susceptible to flats or



blowouts. Tire rotations can help alleviate uneven wear. The NHTSA recommends tires be rotated every 5,000 miles.

• Tire treads: The Allstate Insurance company says to look for worn tire treads. Check for wear bar indicator marks located between the tread pattern of the tires. If the wear bar is level with the treads, it's time for new tires. Otherwise, place a quarter between the grooves of the tire. If the tread doesn't extend beyond the top of Washington's head, it's a good idea to replace the tires.

• Construction sites: Drivers should try to avoid areas under construction. Rocks, nails, metal shards, glass, and divots in the roads can cause punctures and eventually flats.

Flat tire repair

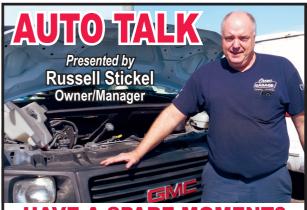
When flats occur, having the right tools and understanding the procedure for fixing the flat is key.

Drivers will need an inflated spare tire, a jack, a lug wrench, bracing material (to keep the vehicle from rolling, such as a brick or piece of wood), and the vehicle's owner's manual. Goodyear says it is essential to fix the flat in a safe area away from traffic and on a flat surface.

- Use the owner's manual to find the correct position to place the jack to lift the car.
- Remove hubcaps or center covers to access the lug nuts. With the lug wrench, loosen lug nuts in a counterclockwise direction.
- Take off the tire and put on the spare. Replace and tighten the lug nuts. Replace hubcaps or covers.
- Slowly lower the vehicle and drive cautiously to ensure the spare is in working order.
- Purchase a new tire or have a hole plugged or repaired at a tire center.
- Always make sure your car is in a safe location before attempting to fix your flat. Highway shoulders can be dangerous, so try to exit if possible. If not, set up cones or flares as a warning to other drivers to keep yourself safe.



Many drivers are aware of the need to change the oil in their vehicles, but few may be aware of the many benefits of changing air filters. One such benefit pertains to fuel efficiency. The automotive website CarsDirect.com notes that studies have shown that changing clogged air filters can improve fuel efficiency by as much as 10 percent and save drivers as much as 15 cents per gallon of fuel. Clean air filters also can benefit the environment. When vehicle air filters are clogged, air flow to the engine is reduced, adversely affecting vehicle emissions. Clean filters increase air flow to the engine, reducing vehicle emissions as a result. Manufacturers generally advise drivers change their air filters every 12,000 to 15,000 miles.



HAVE A SPARE MOMENT?

While no one likes to think about a flat tire, every vehicle owner should be prepared for the eventuality. Even those with no intention of changing tires themselves should make sure that their spare tires are fully inflated and ready for duty. Those prepared to change tires on their own should know that there is a right way and a wrong way to tighten lug nuts. Tighter is not necessarily better. In fact, overtightening lug nuts is a primary cause of warped brake rotors, which can lead to brake-pedal pulsation and increased stopping distance. Lug nuts should be spun onto the wheel bolts by hand, and the bolts should never be coated with oil, grease, or anti-seize lubricant.

You may not intend to ever have to change a flat tire, but it's better to be prepared in case you do. Emergencies seem to have a way of happening when we least expect them. The best approach? Be ready, by equipping yourself with information and a regular maintenance schedule for your car. And be sure to keep our phone number handy for when you need us. We hope you'll give us a try the next time your vehicle needs repair or maintenance.

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OBITUARIES



Thomas, Ann C.

Ann C. Thomas (nee Chafin), passed away at age 84. Beloved wife of Robert J. Thomas for 65 years; loving mother of Patricia Moorefield and Jeannie VanLuit and sister to James Chafin, Bonnie Bentley (preceded in death); dear mother of

Judy Herzing, Candy Ballesteros and Cindy Thomas. Also leaves behind siblings Joe, Jack and Sue Chafin, and many loving grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Ann was many things to many people. She was an avid reader of non-fiction and financials. She subscribed to and read four newspapers daily. Ann was a lifetime member of the Republican Party and enjoyed politics greatly. Ann was also a very savvy and astute investor and trader of the stock market. She could be funny, she could be sad. But one could always say Ann was Ann. She will be dearly missed. Service private.

Hartsock, Alexandra Nicole

On April 20, Alexandra (Ali) Nicole Hartsock, beloved wife of William J. Hartsock, Jr.; loving mother of Caleb Joseph Hartsock; devoted daughter of Lionel B. and Susan L. van Dommelen, Jr.; dear sister of Lionel B. van Dommelen, III, Victoria Bechtel and her husband Jayson and Madeline van Dommelen; loving granddaughter of Lionel and Joan van Dommelen, Sr. and LaVerna Galliher and the late Irvin Galliher; daughter-in-law of William and Gennine Hartsock; also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Mroz, Anna Marie

On Thursday, April 19, Anna Marie Mroz (nee Sauer) of Baltimore and Naples, Fla., beloved wife of the late Richard C. Mroz Sr.; devoted mother of Melanie A. Constantino and her husband Anthony Constantino and Laurie M. Beck and her husband the late Bruce Beck; loving grandmother of Elizabeth A. Bladgett and Tara J. Beck. Also survived by stepchildren Kathleen Bacon, Richard C. Mroz Jr., Barbara Mroz, Janet Cooper and six step-grandsons.

Born in Maryland in 1929, she resided in Essex, Hydes and Holly Beach before moving to Naples. She returned to Towson, Maryland in 2013 and loved spending time with her daughters, family and many friends. She will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

A Memorial Mass to celebrate her life will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Essex, Maryland on April 28th at 9:00 AM.

In remembrance of Mrs. Mroz, contributions may be made to The Little Sisters of The Poor, 601 Maiden Choice Lane, Baltimore, MD 21228.

Piquett, Richard Gordon Sr.

On April 18, Richard Gordon Piquett, Sr., beloved husband of Darlene F. Piquett (nee Jones); devoted father of Shellie Piquett, Richard Piquett Jr. and his wife Tina; loving grandfather of Kyle and his wife Jess, Richard Ill, Hannah and Spencer; dear greatgrandfather of Cadence. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

A native of Edgemere and graduate of Sparrows Point High School, and who proudly served his country as a U.S. Marine, Richard raised his family in Dundalk. He and his wife later moved to Westminster, and upon retirement settled in Abingdon.

A beloved man, a dedicated and loving husband and father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, a proud U.S. Marine, and dear friend to so many. Our memories of "Richard", "Pick", "Gordon", "Dad", "Pop", and "Pop-Pop" will forever live in our hearts.

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

Troch, Marie Anna

On April 19, Robert G. Pedrick, beloved husband of Margaret I. Pedrick; devoted father of Robert R. Pedrick and his wife Pam, Sandra L. Foos and her husband Bill and John S. Pedrick; cherished grandfather of William Foos, Nichole Thornton, Ashley, Robbie, Shelly and John Pedrick; dear brother of Vincent J. Pedrick. Also surviving are nine greatgrandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Services provided by Duda-Ruck Funeral Home.



JOE D'ANTONI

Passed one year ago on April 26



Joe/Dad,

If the waterway was a pathway to Heaven, I would make stairsteps made of fishing line and bring you home. Always remember, we might not see you with our eyes but we feel you in our hearts everyday.

Love and miss you, Your son Travis, wife Donna And everyone else who called you Poppa Joe

Raubenstine, Beverly Rita

On April 18, Beverly Rita Raubenstine (nee Banknell), beloved wife of the late Anthony V. Raubenstine; devoted mother of Toby J. Roomets and her fiance Russell; dear daughter of Rita Hamel (nee Koerner) and the late Joseph Banknell; dear sister of Jean Banknell; Ellie Wengert and her husband Jim; dear grandmother of Scott A. Grasso, Alexander H. and Justin A. Roomets.

Services provided by Cvach Funeral Home of Rosedale. Cremation private. Inurnment in Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Calligan, Gene R. Sr.

On April 20, Gene. R. Calligan, Sr. Born Dec. 7, 1927, Gene is survived by his wife Dorothy; son Gene Jr. and wife Stefanie, daughter-in-law Laura and grand-children Yvonne, Cynthia, Gene III and Keith. Also survived by nine great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by son Gary and daughters Jayne and Arlene. Services private.

Schuman, Charles John

On April 18, Charles John Schuman, Jr., beloved father of Mary Ellen Cameron, Joseph Allen, Sr., Wanda Tubongbanua, David Allen, and Shirley Kufera; loving brother of Henry Schuman and his wife Edie, and Mildred Holdaway; dear uncle of Rebecca Zink, Kathy Brollier, Albert Long, Charles Long, Kelly Schuman, Henry John Schuman Jr., Kimberly Seward, Robin Foran, Sandy Tiller, and Stella Holdaway. Charles is also survived by many loving grandchildren; great-nieces and great-nephews. When he wasn't busy fishing or winning big at bingo, Charles also enjoyed hunting and entertaining the ladies. He will be dearly missed by many.

Services provided by Kaczorowski Funeral Home.

Buttman, Doris Mae

On April 15, Doris Mae Buttman, beloved wife of the late Samuel Warren Buttman; loving mother of Delbert Buttman and his wife Myong-Suk, Lee W. Buttman and his former wife Velma and Dean F. Buttman and his wife Stepheny; cherished grandmother of Michael Buttman, Samantha Jenkins, Willis Buttman, Nelson Buttman, Elizabeth Riddick, Adrian Koker, Jeremy Koker and the late Noah Wienecke and William Buttman; dear great-grandmother of Jason Jenkins, Draven Jenkins, Ethan Buttman, Hailey Wienecke, Amelia Buttman, Nathaniel Buttman, Sabrina Walker, Desiree Walker, Brandon Walker, Jr., Luis Jabree Santiago, Mireya Riddick and Nalini Koker.

Services provided by Bruzdzinski Funeral Home.

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POLITICIANS

In summary, the 2018 General Assembly Session

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

Another long and hard-fought session in Annapolis has ended. There were several winners during this session, and I wanted to share a few with you.

Among the winners was Governor Larry Hogan's budget. This was the governor's fourth budget with no tax increases. The \$44.5 billion spending plan included \$6.5 billion for public schools K-12 which was a 2.9-percent increase. Another important factor was the \$41 million that was included to pay for school safety initiatives. Given the recent school shootings, I believe this is money well spent. Safety for our children is a top priority. In the budget there was also money dedicated to help our infrastructure and environment. There was \$178.1 million included in Highway User Revenue to help improve local roads and transportation facilities, as well as \$1.2 billion invested toward Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts.

In the area of criminal law there were several wins. There was unanimous support for the bill to allow raped women who become pregnant to legally take away the rapist's parental rights. I was glad to see this pass early in the session. It is beyond cruelty to force a woman to have to deal with the rapist and his custody and visitation rights in this situation. Maryland was one of only six states that allowed the rapist parental rights. I am glad that is now in the past.

Another great law for which I joined with Gov. Hogan to support strongly was a bill that allows judges to admit as evidence other similar sex offenses committed by a suspect accused of rape. Today, 37 states and the federal government allow admission of evidence of a pattern of behavior in sexual assault cases. Past behavior is part of the truth, and it should be allowed to be offered as evidence in court.

We also worked hard to make sure that those who are repeat offenders are given appropriate sentences when they are convicted. We made prison sentences tougher for repeat violent offenders, such as eliminating parole eligibility for second-time violent offenders. We increased penalties for witness intimidation from five to 10 years and added fentanyl and its analogs to the current volume dealer law making it possible to apprehend and prosecute those who deal fentanyl. In addition, use of a firearm in drug trafficking draws a mandatory five-year sentence. We want the message

to be loud and clear that crime does not pay.

To prevent Marylanders from paying higher taxes as a result of Maryland's high tax status, the governor spearheaded a bipartisan fix. One bill raised the state's standard deduction from \$2,000 to \$2,250 for single filers and from \$4,000 to \$4,500 for joint filers. Another bill expanded Maryland's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to all low-income people who qualify and erases the under-25 age barrier. Qualifying adults of any age can claim the tax benefit.

I am happy to report that legislation I sponsored passed to expand the opportunities for students to receive a Senate and House scholarship. My bill allowed those who were enrolled in a certificate or license program course or sequence of courses at a community college that leads to a certification or licensure to be able to apply for and receive the Senate and House scholarships. A four-year college degree is not for everyone and I realize that. This bill helps those who are taking a different path to success.

Another winner was the passage of the "lockbox" bill which directs all the state's gambling revenue to be used for K-12 public education. When the constitutional amendments were approved by Marylanders in 2008 to allow slot machines and in 2012 to allow table games in gambling, lawmakers promised that the revenue would be spent on education. Well, that promise was not kept. This lockbox bill backs up the promise in the

law to keep education money for education. At long last, Maryland public schools will get the revenue they were promised 10 years ago.

I was very pleased about the passage of the bill to reduce the state tax on military retirement benefits to exempt the first \$15,000 from taxes. Veterans have earned and deserve our generosity. On another positive note, Department of Corrections employees were added to the Hometown Heroes Act. The first \$15,000 of their retirement benefits will also be exempt from state taxes. Police, fire, rescue and emergency services personnel are already covered under the act.

The governor emphasized the importance of school safety. He committed \$10 million annually for grants to local school systems and local law enforcement agencies to accelerate and enhance safety improvements in schools, including secure doors and windows, metal detectors, security cameras, panic buttons and other capital improvements. Beginning in fiscal 2020 and each year thereafter, not less than \$2 million will be given to the Maryland Center for School Safety. Each school will develop plans for identifying and reporting students whose behavior poses a threat to individuals attending or working in the school. The approved legislation requires that service resource officers or adequate local law enforcement coverage be in each public school.





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Food Pantry

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

Meet the Candidates Night

On Monday, April 30, Merritt Park Baptist Church, 1799 Merritt Blvd. in Dundalk, will hold a Meet the Candidates Night beginning at 7 p.m. In attendance will be Buddy Staigerwald, candidate for Sixth Legislative District Maryland State Senate, and Jim Brochin, candidate for Baltimore County Executive. Contact Bob Staab at 410-285-1719 for more information.

Free Medical Directives

Mariela D'Alessio, chair of the Estates and Trust Department at the regional law firm Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, will prepare free medical directives on Law Day, Monday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Victory Villa Senior Center, 403 Compass Road in Middle River. Those interested must call the center to pre-register at 410-887-0235.



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SPOTLIGHT

'Catch Me If You Can' at DCT

Dundalk Community Theatre, in residence at CCBC Dundalk, 7200 Sollers Point Road, will present "Catch Me If You Can" from April 27 to May 6, at the campus' John E. Ravekes Theatre in K Building. The musical centers around the true story of one of the most famous con artists in history, Frank Abagnale Jr. The show will be presented at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 27 and 28 and May 6 and 7, and at 3 p.m. Sundays, April 29 and May 8. Tickets cost \$23 for adults, \$20 for senior adults and \$15 for students, DCT actors and children 12 and under. For tickets, call the CCBC box office, 443-840-2787.

'12 Angry Jurors'

The senior theater class of Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts, 8100 Wise Ave. in Dundalk, will present "12 Angry Jurors." The play by Reginald Rose, originally known as "12 Angry Men," is about a jury faced with deciding the fate of a 19-year-old accused of killing his father. The show will be staged at 7 p.m. April 27, and at 2 and 7 p.m. April 28. Use the Langport Avenue entrance. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call Kelly Carlson, 443-809-6269, or send an email to kcarlson@bcps.org.

Flea Market and Plant Sale

The Lutherville Garden Club will hold a flea market and plant sale from 9 a.m. to noon Sat., April 28, at Providence United Methodist Church, 1320 Providence Road in Towson. Shoppers will find furniture, electronics, jewelry, clothing, collectibles, tools, toys, plants, garden-related items and baked goods for sale. Info.: send an email to Jackie4648@hotmail.com.

'Hairspray' at CCBC Essex

Children's Playhouse of Maryland, in residence at CCBC Essex, 7201 Rossville Blvd. in Rosedale, will present the musical, "Hairspray," at the school's Administration Building lecture hall. Based on Baltimore native John Waters' film of the same name, the show will be staged at 7 p.m. Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 12, and at 1 p.m. May 5, 12, 13, 19 and 20. CCBC sign language students will provide sign language interpretation at the 1 p.m. production on May 12. Tickets cost \$10 each and can be ordered by calling the CCBC box office, 443-840-2787, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.



Anointing of the Sick

The Pastorate of Sacred Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Fatima and St. Rita Catholic churches will hold an Anointing of the Sick Mass at 1 p.m. Sun., April 29, at Sacred Heart, 6736 Youngstown Ave. in Dundalk. People who are dealing with physical or emotional health issues, facing surgery or are of advanced age, are invited to join the parish for the mass. Info.: 410-633-2828.

Essex Legion Karaoke

Essex American Legion Post 148, 20 S. Marlyn Ave., will host Karaoke with Lightning Rod from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, April 27; For the Good Times Karaoke with Percy and Fred from 8 p.m. to midnight Sat., April 28; and Fun Time Karaoke with Annette and Wild Bill from 4 to 8 p.m. Sun., April 29. Line dancing will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday in the hall.

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, April 27. For more information, call 410-335-8933.

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Orems United Methodist Church, 1020 Orems Road in Middle River, will hold its Hall Closet Thrift Shop from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 5. Collectibles, adult and children's clothing, toys, books, housewares and bedding will be sold at reasonable prices. Pit beef sandwiches will be sold. For more information, call 410-687-9483.

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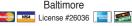
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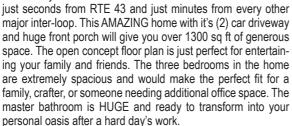
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