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## Farmer's market planning group moving forward

Three meetings so far with Jan. 16 session on tap for full board

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN — "Progress is steadily being made" by a nine-member advisory board that was convened to develop a comprehensive recommendation and plan for reorganizing and operating Berlin's Farmer Market under the Berlin Main Street designation, Mayor Gee Williams told the Bayside Gazette on Dec. 18.

Town officials and the vendor and business communities have met three times and the official meeting of the board is scheduled for Jan. 16. A final proposal is likely to be brought before the Town Council shortly thereafter.

The brouhaha over the farmer's market was due in part to the town's economic success. The market has existed in downtown Berlin for 19 years, occupying the town-owned parking area off North Main Street during that time. The market operates every Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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## Williams reflects on 2012, looks toward 2013

A do-over or two wouldn't have been bad, but all-in-all, it was a good year

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN — In a one-on-one interview, Berlin Mayor Gee Williams leads off 2013 with a candid and comprehensive discussion with the Bayside Gazette, with every topic was on the table.

Williams discusses his views on the need for an ongoing dialogue between the town and Worcester County as local officials implement Maryland's Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act; what is needed for the town to move forward on reinstating its funding for the Berlin Fire Company; his opinion of Ocean City's push to institute a state tax deferential policy; how he plans to balance the dual needs for town growth with concerns of nearby property owners on the issue of annexation; the town's greatest successes in 2012; areas where a "do over" would have greatly welcomed in 2012; his goals for the town and its business community, and its image in 2013; and yes, even his

thoughts on the "write-in" campaign surprise he faced on election night.

**BG:** What do you feel was (were) your greatest success(es) in 2012?

**GW:** All successes we experience are the result of the cooperative effort of many individuals and groups in the community, not just the town government. I think that for Berlin to reach its full potential we need to continue to encourage the commitment, vision and cooperative effort of the following foundations of our community: private enterprise; the non-profit sector; the faith-based community; public and private educational institutions; and government partnerships at all levels.

I believe Berlin's greatest success, not only in 2012, but for the past several years, is in setting an example of how transformational a cooperative effort can be in helping a community to succeed together. It is the responsibility of the town to set goals, help to create a vision for our future and marshal the support and resources to accomplish what we understand to be the hopes and desires commonly shared

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## Town meeting notice

# Public work session set on stormwater proposal

BERLIN — A public work session of the mayor and Council of the Town of Berlin will be held on Monday, January 7 at 6 p.m. in the Berlin Town Hall Council Chambers.

The public work session is being held

to discuss the recommendations and proposals from the University of Maryland regarding the stormwater utility fee structure and impacts on the community. A stormwater solution is high on the mayor and council's 2013

agenda. For further information, pcontact Town Administrator Tony Carson at 410-641-4144.

An executive session of the mayor and council will proceed after the work-session.

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# Top goals for 2013 include finding additional space for parking

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by a majority of people in Berlin. It's not easy, but it's not supposed to be.

Along the way to promoting cooperation, in 2012, the Town of Berlin saw its largest increase in new downtown businesses. The town sponsored more events with a wider variety of appeal, especially for younger adults and families, with each event experiencing record levels of attendance. The Town was able to obtain its strongest financial position in memory, which benefited citizens by an across-the-board property tax reduction, reduced residential electric bills and lower electric rates for all non-residential customers.

**BG:** What, if you could, would you have liked the opportunity to do over in 2012?

**GW:** Realizing that there are no Mulligan's in politics, I would have preferred to have taken more time in developing a formal relationship between the Town of Berlin and the Berlin Farmer's Market about the growing need for downtown parking. I believe we will have a strong and permanent partnership between the Berlin Farmer's Market and the Berlin Main Street Program, but it probably is a good thing in the long run that everyone got all their concerns expressed openly and passionately, so we can now concentrate on what we have in common.

**BG:** What are your top goals for 2013?

**GW:** First, is to see the successful passage and implementation of a stormwater utility for the town so at long last, we can make the necessary investments and sustain ongoing maintenance to resolve our major flooding issues some Berlin property owners have experienced for decades. My hope is that we can have a stormwater utility in place by July 2013 and begin seeing visible benefits within the first year.

Second, I hope the town is able to begin the process of leasing or purchasing properties for expanding motor vehicle parking capacity in the downtown

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**GEE WILLIAMS**  
Mayor of Berlin

business district of town. We did not have a parking problem for most of the 20th Century. It will not be resolved overnight, but with mutual goals and cooperation, I think we can begin to make progress that is essential for Berlin to continue our current economic renaissance.

Third, I am hopeful we can make some meaningful progress in starting a system of walking and biking trails in town that ultimately tie in with our neighboring communities, including Showell, Ocean Pines, South Point and the Assateague Island state and federal parks.

**BG:** You overwhelmingly overcame an unexpected last-minute election challenge this year. What are your thoughts, in reflection, on that election challenge?

**GW:** I believe the last-minute election effort by some members of the Berlin Fire Company and family members was an act of desperation and frustration. Are those actions forgiven? Of course. Will those actions be forgotten? Of course not. Over time it is my continued hope that the BFC becomes more a part of our community, and less apart from it. It is my belief that if the fire company becomes less dependent on municipal grants and more reliant on individual financial support, they will more quickly come to the realization that Berlin, for many years, has become a more diverse and tolerant community in regards to race, religion, cultures and respect for all people, regardless of their national origin, sex or sexual orientation.

I believe in Berlin and I believe the Berlin Fire Company over time will do the right thing. As with the rest of the community, change is inevitable and I truly believe that the overwhelming majority of volunteer firefighters will

choose to transform their organization from one that maintains a firehouse, instead of a clubhouse.

**BG:** How do you plan to balance the town's need for growth and expansion with resistance from property owners on the town's periphery to possible annexation?

**GW:** First, our growth philosophy is quality over quantity in all things. I believe we have adequate growth areas within our existing town limits for most residential needs for the foreseeable future. Most anticipated annexation in the immediate years ahead will be primarily for commercial purposes and this demand is why the town is extending sewer and water service along North Main Street to US 50.

In the future, I do not expect much resistance from property owners in the growth area we have designated in Berlin's Comprehensive Plan with Worcester County's support and approval. We held a series of workshops with property owners inside and immediately outside of town and created a "Greenway" zone that provides multiple benefits to all parties.

The Greenway permanently designates Berlin's municipal boundary so we will not experience sprawl and unmanaged growth anytime in the future. The areas immediately adjacent to existing town limits may be developed with higher levels of density while those same properties will be required to keep their outer boundaries in a natural state to create a permanent "no build" zone. Besides the obvious environmental benefits, unlike the sprawl you see in urban areas, you will always be able to tell where the borders of Berlin are and the community will remain surrounded by agricultural zoning. By protecting our Greenway, you will always know where the Town of

Berlin begins and ends.

**BG:** Will Ocean City's attempt to get a state tax deferential have any impact on Berlin? And if so, what? Would Berlin benefit from seeking the same policy?

**GW:** I believe the Town of Ocean City is the only municipality in Worcester County that would possibly benefit from instituting a tax deferential policy. Ocean City has more resources, expenses and public services than some of our most rural counties in Maryland, so this is an issue that may make sense only for the resort. For Berlin, no matter how you slice and dice it, ultimately any tax savings gained by lowering county taxes to Berlin property owners, would be more than offset by increases in town taxes. I just don't see any point in that.

**BG:** What types of business do you feel the town still needs?

**GW:** I believe there are real opportunities for more businesses that complement our arts and entertainment appeal. I also think we can build on our strong base of health and fitness related businesses by offering greater opportunities for year-round recreational activities for all ages. And finally, we need to develop more market rate based rentals downtown for young couples and surviving spouses. A happy, healthy town should provide the services and support for a multi-generational community, just as you would expect for any other happy, healthy family.

**BG:** How would you like to see Berlin characterized as? (i.e. Are you going for a particular theme?)

**GW:** I believe in Berlin and I am inspired and encouraged by so many citizens and guests who constantly remind me of how fortunate we are to live, work, shop and play here. They also don't mind telling me of how much remains to be done. There are many ways to express the developing character of our community. The town slogan: 19th Century Charm - 21st

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# Farmer's market expect to remain in central downtown areas

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But business offerings have been drawing more shoppers to the downtown area. As stores began preparing for Main Street's Victorian Christmas shopping season this year, the steadily increasing demand for public parking placed the spaces occupied by the farmer's market at a premium.

Out of concerns that parking woes might deter shoppers, the council and Berlin Chamber of Commerce considered a proposal to relocate the farmer's market and merge it into the Berlin Main Street organization.

But a public backlash erupted against the relocation proposal when it was brought up for a vote and convinced the council to table the motion long enough to reevaluate their options. In the meantime, an advisory board consisting of representatives from the farm vendors, town, and business communities was convened to find a mutually agreeable solution.

The advisory board is evaluating the market's current rules and regulations to determine where updates may be needed and is drafting a description for the position of a "market master," who would manage day-to-day issues relating to market operations.

The market will remain self-managed, stressed Williams, who said he "will not be micromanaging the farmer's market."

But the work of the tripartite advisory board is expected to help the market vendors standardize their existing regulatory structure and understand their new relationship as part of the Berlin Main Street.

"It only took one meeting for everyone to agree to the new direction," Williams said.

The market will remain in its current place throughout 2013 as it begins the transition into its new role within the Main Street business sector, the mayor said. Any changes that might be proposed for the market would not be drastic, he added.

Primarily, the relationship between town and farmer's market will become more formalized, in part to help clarify some of the ambiguity that may have previously existed.

Councilmember Lisa Hall, who serves on the advisory board, said on Dec. 17 that the plan would include criteria for accepting vendor applications, the procedures used to evaluate those applications and the procedures on how the market will be operated.

Susan Wood, of Sassafras Meadows Farms, was elected as the transitional market master during a meeting of the vendor community.

She said that the market already operates under an extensive set of rules and regulations. The advisory board's role would be to evaluate the current

rules to ensure that they are consistent with the scope and size needed as the market merges into Berlin Main Street's conglomeration of businesses.

The advisory board includes: farm vendor representatives Woods; Phyllis Wimbrow, of Wimbrow Farms; Lawrence McDonald, of Quindocqua Farms; Berlin government representatives Councilmember Hall and Economic & Community Development Director Michael Day; and business and community representatives Carol Patton, a community representative; Verena Chase, a community representative, Ron Cascio, owner of Chestnut Creek; and Blair Parsons, co-owner of Ta Da.

Wood said she anticipates that the farmer's market would remain in the current location or at least in a central downtown location, which she said would be a necessity. She also said the advisory committee would be working towards either finding ways to make improvements to the current location

or to finding an alternative, and hopefully more permanent, location in the downtown area.

According to Wood, the controversial way the matter was brought about was unnecessary and due to a miscommunication, but it has become an opportunity that could help the farmers operate their market space more efficiently.

"Now instead of being looked at as an unorganized group of farmers, we are being looked at as a business" group, she said.

Market vendors had complained about the possible relocation to Maryland Agriculture Secretary Earl Hance, who called the debate "a local decision," in an Oct. 22 letter to Williams, the Town Council and Town Administrator Anthony Carson Jr. However, Hance did express support for farmers markets overall and the value of locating markets near town centers where they would be convenient for consumers.

## Sustainable growth regs will require some minor changes

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Century Living, is just one way of expressing our identity.

Over time, what I believe will be the most important characterization that adequately expresses our past, present and collective future is that Berlin will become known to people of all ages, backgrounds, ethnicity and religious beliefs, as a place where we work and live in mutual respect in the common pursuit of happiness. Outside of a few fuddy-duddies, regardless of their age that just don't get it, I think we are already well on our way to adopting this core of beliefs as the basis for our community character for the next several generations.

**BG:** Where do things stand with the town's personnel/budget debate with the Fire Company?

**GW:** The Mayor and Council has instructed our town attorney to begin a dialog with the Berlin Fire Company's (BFC) attorney in January to discuss the terms and conditions for reinstating some level of funding from the town for FY 2013. Specific documentation of the fire company's financial status will be one of the conditions, as well that any requests from the BFC are earmarked for specific needs.

**BG:** Are there any forthcoming or ongoing issues with either the county or state that Berlin officials are monitoring or preparing for?

**GW:** I believe there will be an ongoing dialogue between the town and county regarding the implementation of Maryland's Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act passed

during the 2012 Maryland Legislative session. I testified in Annapolis, along with other mayors throughout the state, for passage of the act because the legislation is necessary for the state's long established existing priority funding areas designated for development to have any real meaning.

The "septic bill" as it is known in political shorthand, requires every local jurisdiction in the state to adopt growth tiers to ensure that priority funding areas for development statewide are clearly designated as areas to be served by public sewage systems or areas that will be allowed to have development supported by septic systems. Without this key element, smart growth as we have understood it for the past generation, will never become the standard for development throughout all of Maryland.

The septic bill may require some minor tweaking to accommodate the particular needs of farmers and owners of agriculturally zoned land. Nonetheless, the new legislation is critical for targeting future growth in and around existing public infrastructure and not allow building of septic system developments that ultimately undermine our environment. The absence of a statewide septic bill has been a significant factor in the diminishing quantity of farmland in Maryland at unprecedented and unsustainable rates during my lifetime.

Responsible, smart growth must become paramount over any short-term economic gains from septic system developments that ultimately undermine our quality of life, particularly in rural areas of the state.



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# Commission invites public to come over to 'wild' side

Stephen Decatur Park, at least part of it, will be going back to nature

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

BERLIN — The Parks Commission is letting things go back-to-nature in Stephen Decatur Park, well, sort of.

Commission Chairman Mike Wiley says that a natural meadow is being allowed to form behind a wildlife area and pond on the north side of Tripoli Street across from the recreational side of the park, which contains playground equipment, tennis and racquet ball courts, picnic areas and a pavilion, plus a 6/10-of-a-mile walking path.

The project to return the area to its natural state was initiated at his suggestion, Wiley said, and a labor and fuel cost savings from not having to mow the area was one of the project's first benefits.

As various flora and fauna take root, the area will likely will provide cover and shelter for small animals and birds and food for the kinds of wildlife not normally seen in the more finished side of the park.

Beyond the growth of low-lying plants that have taken hold, next stage of the cycle will likely be short life trees such as sassafras followed by soft wood evergreens, which can attract turtles, small mammals and even an occasional snake, for visitors to try to spot. All of which are kid magnets, but Wiley advises, "Please do not disturb these [animals] and do not attempt to capture or feed them."

He said that as the grasses and wildflowers start to take hold they are also forming a buffer that acts as a filter for run-off into a stream bed located on the east side of the meadow.

Wiley said that he and his wife Helen



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

The wildflower area is pictured here between a meadow (in the forefront) and mature trees (in the rear).

used to do a lot of tent camping and saw similar wildlife projects in state parks in the mid-Atlantic area. "The project is very informal, myself and other members of the parks commission monitor it," he said. Commission member Patricia Dufendach is the "resident plant expert" who provides her much appreciated knowledge on some of the lesser-known plants, according to Wiley.

He says he foresees the possibility of using the area as an education tool in the future to show visitors and students the organic changes that occur when an area is allowed to return to a natural status. Signs that could explain the project and its positive long-term impact on the environment, expanding the area, a possible wildflower garden like those seen along state highways, are among the ideas that might be included in discussions on plans for the area.



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Daisies were among the flowers growing in the wildflower area of Stephen Decatur Park during spring 2012.

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ROCKVILLE, Md. — Michael Ward Arthur, 50, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, at his home in Rockville, Md.



Michael Arthur

Born March 7, 1962, in Cumberland, Md., he was the son of Robert Charles Arthur and Patricia Flanagan Arthur, formerly of Cumberland. He is survived by his parents and his wife of 23 years, Shaari

Sheeskin Arthur, as well as his son, Daniel Michael Se Dong Arthur, 12. He is also survived by his brother, Robert S. Arthur and his wife, Tracy Hastings Arthur, of Berlin and their children, Jessica Bobbi Arthur, Kristopher Staton and his wife, Sheila, Bethany Staton Green and her husband, Josh, and many other loving family members and friends.

Mr. Arthur enjoyed a long career as a software quality assurance technician and systems analyst for several companies, including Fannie Mae. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a minor in communications from Towson University in 1984 and a Master of Science degree in business management from the University of Maryland, University College in 2000.

He enjoyed traveling and visited many worldwide destinations, including England, Germany, Israel, South Korea and much of the United States. He was an avid science fiction fan, philosopher and passionate debater on politics and current events.

A private family graveside service was held Friday, Dec 21, at Buckingham Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Berlin. The Revs. Matthew Trask and Gary Baer officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contri-

butions may be made to the Buckingham Presbyterian Church Deacons fund, P.O. Box 248, Berlin, Md. 21811. Arrangements were in the care of Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

## Mary D. Zentgraf

CRISFIELD — Mary D. Zentgraf, 78, died peacefully on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012, at Alice B. Tawes Nursing Home in Crisfield. Born in Newville, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Walter Knaube and Pearl Nace Knaube.

Ms. Zentgraf owned and operated A Woman's Touch Cleaning Service for many years in the Baltimore area. After relocating to Ocean City, she opened Rainbow Learning Center, where she provided loving care and education to many children throughout the years.

Her favorite things were spending time with family, flowers and gardening, and living in Ocean City.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Robert F. Zentgraf Sr., in 2003; a brother, Vincent Knaube; and a sister, Janet Kruger.

She is survived by her three children, Donna Nefferdorf and her husband, Bob, of Marion, Robert Zentgraf Jr. and his wife, Beverly, of Glen Burnie, and Lori Simon of Ocean City; eight grandchildren, Heather Brooks and her husband, John, April Saathoff, Robert Zentgraf III, Justin Zentgraf, Logan Zentgraf, Amber Markov, Bryan Simon and his wife, Stacey, and Bethany Simon; and five great-grandchildren, Annika Saathoff, Savanna Brooks, Avery Simon, Chloe Simon and Brynn Simon. She is also survived by two sisters, Ardella Gray and Yvonne Ruff, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12, at SonRise Church, 10959 Worcester Highway in Berlin.

## Gary Layne Kuntz

OCEAN PINES — Gary Layne Kuntz of Ocean Pines, 71, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012, at Peninsula Regional



Gary Kuntz

Medical Center in Salisbury. Born in Newport, Ky., on April 15, 1941, he was the son of the late Omar Joseph Kuntz and Rosella Monroe Kuntz.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Sue Ann Kuntz; his children, Gary Daniel Kuntz and his fiancé, Shelley Mahan, of Cincinnati, Rebecca Lynn Kuntz of Loveland, Ohio, and Melissa Marie Boog and her husband, Darrin, of Salisbury; and his mother-in-law, Mary Gondusky of Salisbury. There are also six grandchildren, Zane, Karli, Kollin, Mary, Julia and Lorena; a sister, Sharon Schwab and her husband, Ron, of Union, Ky.; a brother, Dennis Kuntz and his wife, Patsy, of Southgate, Ky.; a sister-in-law, Nancy Kuntz of Cold Spring, Ky.; a special cousin, Fran DeVasto of Jacksonville, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Lonnie Kuntz of Cold Spring, Ky., and a brother-in-law, Joseph Gondusky and his wife, Sandra, of Warwick, R.I.

Mr. Kuntz served in the United States Army from 1963-1966. He retired as a customer service manager from The Topps Company, Inc. He was serving on the board of directors for The Parke at Ocean Pines. He enjoyed playing golf with friends and traveling with family. He was an active member of St. John Neumann Church, 11211 Beauchamp Road, Berlin, Md. 21811, where a funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 29. A celebration of his life followed at The Parke at Ocean Pines. In addition, a memorial service will be scheduled in the Cincinnati area in January.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to Coastal Hospice at the Lake, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21802 or Women Supporting Women, 10026 Old Ocean City Blvd., Suite 4, Berlin, Md. 21811.

Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

## Mattie B. Corddry

BERLIN — Mattie Belle Corddry, 88, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Glen Allen, Va., she was the daughter of the late Samuel Tinsley and Maude Booker Tinsley. She was preceded in death by her first husband, William T. Gathright III, and her second husband, Robert N. Corddry.

She is survived by her daughters, Evelyn L. Gathright and Barbara R. Trader and her husband, Erick; and stepdaughters, Cris Plack and her husband, Bill, Bobbe Dean and her husband, Jim, and Paula Curtis and her husband, Doug. She was grandmother to seven grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother, Bernard Tinsley and his wife, Juanita; sisters Pearl Burns and Marcie Hendrick; and former son-in-law, Stanton Beazley. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Irving Tinsley and Lawson Tinsley. She also leaves behind her good friends, Midget and Lester Wright.

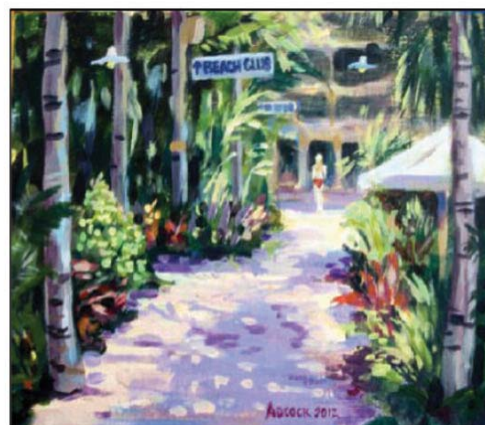
"Matts" was a member of Bates Memorial United Methodist Church in Snow Hill. She was active in numerous community organizations, including the Berlin Lioness Club, Quota Club, Bates Church Circle and the Cheyenne Social Club. She was the first volunteer for Coastal Hospice in Worcester County, where she cared for their first AIDS patient. She loved doing for others. She made doll clothes and baked for the Bates Church Youth Group. For many years, she ran the Ocean City Downtown Improvement Association and served as a surrogate mother to many visiting foreign students. She also ran the flea market at the Ocean City convention center for a number of years, and organized the first Holiday Shopper's Fair, which is now an annual event in Ocean City. She worked as an insurance agent and secretary, and later worked part-time for her daughter, Barbara, when she started her law firm in 1995. Besides Snow Hill, she had also lived in Ocean City, Berlin and Ocean Pines, where she was

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known as the "Mayor of Catered Living." She had also lived in Tallahassee, Fla., where she helped care for her grandsons.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, Dec. 29, at The Woodlands of Ocean Pines. Pastor Tina Whaley officiated. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21804.

Arrangements are in the care of Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

### Suzanne Lynn Brenner Haslam

OCEAN CITY — Suzanne Lynn Brenner Haslam, 62, of Ocean City, passed away Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury. "Sue" was the daughter of retired Col. Robert N. Brenner Jr. of Berlin and Patricia Z. Brenner of Ocean City. She is survived by her brother, Robert N. "Rob" Brenner III; a sister-in-law, Kimberley A. Brenner; her niece, Summer J. Brenner; and her faithful canine companion, BB.

Ms. Haslam was born in Williamsport, Pa. Prior to moving to Worcester County more than 30 years ago, she resided in Baltimore County. She graduated from Dulaney High School and Catonsville Community College. She spent several years in corporate marketing, prior to opening and operating a retail business, One Plus One, in Cockeysville, Md.

She owned and operated her own business, Haslam Resort Realty and was its broker. In addition to marketing real estate, managing condominiums for condominium associations and rental properties, Ms. Haslam was an associate broker with Prudential/Penfed Realty.

Her energy, enthusiasm, leadership, community activism and her commitment to excellence lead to many recognitions, among which was being named Coastal Association of Realtors' Realtor of the Year. She was a past president of the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, and served on its board for a number of years. She maintained membership and active participation in a great many professional and civic organizations, including Coastal Association of Realtors and Greater Ocean City Association of Realtors for more than 20 years, including serving on their boards and chairing many committees.

Sue's zest for life and desire to contribute to making the world a better place saw her devoting her time, her energy and volunteerism to family, friends and her community. Yet, she managed her time so as to pursue her love of learning and self-improvement, swimming, horseback riding, vintage collectibles and the adventure

of traveling.

God blessed this Girl Scout with many gifts and talents, among which was her positive attitude, her kind and generous nature, which through word and deed, set an example for us all.

A memorable service is planned for February. Details will be available in the next several weeks. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Worcester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 48, Berlin, Md. 21842. Arrangements were in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

### Donald C. Risso

BISHOPVILLE — Donald C. Risso, 74, of Bishopville and formerly of Baltimore, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, at Salisbury Rehabilitation & Nursing Center. Born in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Angelo and Anna Stallionis Risso.

He had been an inspector with NASA Logistics and was a member of Ocean City Elks #2645, American Legion Post 166 in Ocean City and Ocean City Parrot-head Club. He was also an avid golfer.

Mr. Risso is survived by his wife, Linda W. Risso of Bishopville; devoted friends, Charles and Sharon Marble of Ocean Pines; a sister, Bernice Remond of Calabash, N.C.; brother-in-law, Ronald J. Walter of Ocean View, Del.; brother-in-law, Ronald B. Ahrens of Huntington Beach, Calif.; sister-in-law, Diane L. Leitch of Lewes; and 17 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jerome P. Risso.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 2002 Clipper Park Road, Suite 110, Baltimore, Md. 21211; Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645, 13708 Sinexpuxent Ave., Ocean City, Md. 21842; or Ocean City Parrot Head Club, Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 5067, Ocean City, Md. 21842.

### Carolyn Love Johnson

BERLIN — Carolyn Love Johnson, 79, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at Berlin Nursing Home in Berlin. Born in Wilson County, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Claryece Nesossis and William George. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Dr. Keith Willis Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson was adopted by Armistead Baria in 1944 and legally had her name changed to Baria.

She is survived by three sons, Barry W. Johnson and his wife, Cynthia, of Silver Spring, Stefan C. Johnson of Riverdale, and Erik L. Johnson and his wife, Kendra, of Prince Frederick, Md.; one stepson, Leslie G. Johnson and his wife, Virginia Mae of Annapolis; and

seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Johnson was a long-time member of the Community Church at Ocean Pines, United Methodist Women, the Red Hat Ladies Society, Beta Sigma Phi and CASA of the Lower Shore. She was known for her love of travel and her love of the beach and many interests in the Berlin area.

A celebration of life will be held in the new year. The family requests that donations be made in Carolyn's name to CASA of the Lower Shore, 29 Broad St., Berlin, Md. 21811. Arrangements are in the care of Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

### Thelma H. Quillen

BERLIN — Thelma H. Quillen, 95, of Berlin died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Salisbury, she was the daughter of the late Lloyd and Katie (Truitt) Hickman.

She had been a seamstress for the former Rombro Brothers Shirt Factory in Willards and the Powellville Shirt Factory for many years.

She is survived by three sons, David A. Quillen and his wife, Doris, of

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Donald Risso



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# Berlin Chamber of Commerce revamping business directory

Another change in 2013 will be a Web site that's easier to read and use

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN — Members of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce have until Jan. 15 to prepare their business listings for a revamped, splashier version of the guide for 2013.

Chamber Executive Director Aaren Collins, on Dec. 27, said the chamber is trying to convert the annual listing from a directory format to more of a visitor's guide that will allow it to be used for the two-fold purpose of information resource and promotional material. Letters have been sent alerting the chamber's 285 members that the new guides will include a re-design of the layout and new features.

The guide this year will include coupons for the first time. "Everyone comes in asking for them," she said, adding that more information on the town will be included.

The chamber is also revamping its Web site to a more user-friendly format.

According to Collins, the changes were prompted because the chamber is fielding an increasing number of inquiries from retail visitors, businesses

and individuals in the process of relocating to the area, seeking information on the types of businesses located in Berlin, schedules for special planned events and store hours.

She said 56 new businesses joined the chamber in 2012 and outside businesses operate in town as vendors during the six special events that are held throughout the year.

A significant number of transplants are moving into the area, especially from Washington and Delaware and chamber leaders decided to make the pocket-sized directories more visitor-

friendly, Collins said.

The chamber is bumping up its distribution from 500 to 3,000 to allow for more marketing and promotional distribution to local realtors, other chambers of commerce and businesses that might want to offer them to their customers.

The categories for businesses will be broader, using sections terms like "dining," "retail," and "arts," rather than narrower specific categories, to broaden the amount of businesses that can be listed in those sections.

In addition to the listings that are

already included with each current membership, Collins said that members could purchase separate ad listings and for an additional \$15 fee, can include their business logos.

During the Jan. 15 meeting, the Board of Advisors will be considering whether to add two new chamber-sponsored events to its roster for 2013. One of the possible new events would be scheduled for June, the other for August, if approved, Collins said.

Pricing for sponsorships of town events would be customized for the individual occasions, she said.

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Ocean City, Michael W. Quillen of Ocean Pines and Richard T. Quillen and his companion, Tammy, of Bishopville; a daughter, Brenda J. Colegrove and her husband, Dale, of Salisbury; three grandchildren, Dawn Spencer, Chris Hall and Ryan Hardesty; three step-grandchildren, Shana Jones, Meggan Driscoll and Aaron Colegrove; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 31, at Hastings Funeral Home in Selbyville, Del. The Rev. E. Wayne Holland officiated. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Park in Berlin.



Patricia Mitchell

William Douglas Mitchell and Mildred Kunst Mitchell.

She is survived by her husband, Anthony G. Ducati and daughters, Stacey Ann Gardiner and her husband, Joseph, of LaPlata, Md., and Danielle Patrice Green and her husband, Joseph, of Westminster, Md. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Samantha Mildred and Calden William Green; stepchildren, Lorell Ducati of Brewster, N.Y., Allison Colucci and her husband, Al, of Mahwah, N.J., and Erika Peruccon and her husband, Fortunato of Salsalito, Calif.; four step-grandchildren, Jayme Clemete, Rachael Colucci, Julia Colucci and Alessia Peruccon; and five nephews, Christopher, Craig, Douglas, Jeremy and Jeffery Mitchell.


Ms. Mitchell had worked as an ad-

ministrative assistant to the athletic director of Carmel High School in New York. She was also a licensed real estate broker in New York for a number of years, and a member of the Women's Democratic Club, Red Hat Society, Ocean Pines Yacht Club, The Questers, as well as a numerous organizations within her community. She was a volunteer at the Atlantic General Hospital Thrift Shop and the Ocean Pines branch of the Worcester County Library.

Ms. Mitchell donated her body to the Anatomy Board of Maryland. A celebration of life memorial service was held Tuesday, Jan. 1, at Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. In lieu of flowers, a donation in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1138 Parsons Road, Salisbury, Md. 21801, or Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, N.Y. 10018.

### Patricia A. Mitchell

OCEAN PINES — Patricia Ann Mitchell, 69, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012, at her home. Born in Baltimore, she was the daughter of the late




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## EDITORIAL

### Berlin to continue pro-active approach

Despite a few bumps in the road, 2012 was a good year for the Town of Berlin and, according to an interview in this week's paper with Mayor Gee Williams, some remaining key issues are on the agenda to get resolved in the new year.

The past year saw remarkable growth, with almost all storefronts in the main business district occupied, bringing a nice variety of new shops, an entertainment venue and two new restaurants to town. Additionally many commercial property owners took advantage of façade grants, sprucing up the appearance of some of the town's more worn buildings.

In 2013, Mayor Williams is hopeful that the year will find resolution to some outstanding issues the town has faced. In addition to some resolution with the Berlin Fire Company and on-going parking issues, one key item on the town's agenda is to implement a storm water utility to relieve flooding and drainage issues within the town, a welcome prospect for residents and businesses who have weathered many a drenching storm.

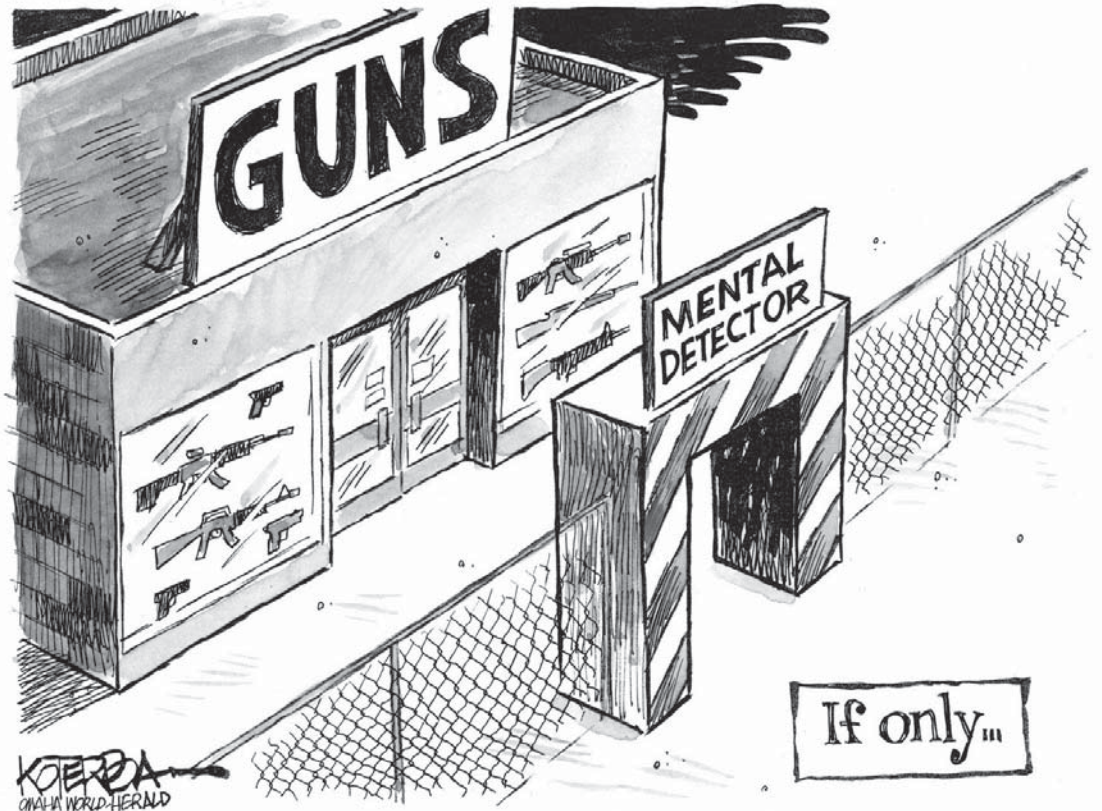
Smart growth seems to be the focus of long-term plans, with a central business and residential core of higher density surrounded by green areas. Expansion of the commercial district is in the works with the extension of water and sewer across Route 50, which will bring additional services to residents in the future.

While success will always bring new issues and challenges, Berlin continues to be an example of how a municipality can work together with its citizens and business community for the betterment of all.

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## LETTERS

### Toys for Tots help appreciated

Editor,

The First State Detachment Marine Corps League thanks all of the individuals, families, merchants and media outlets for their continued support of our Toys For Tots program.

The 2012 Toys For Tots drive was a great success. Thanks to your generosity, hundreds of needy children in our area had a Merry Christmas.

Your continued support for the toys For Tots program is greatly appreciated.

Semper Fidelis,  
Steve Siltman, commandant  
John P. "Jack" Carey,  
Toys for Tots coordinator  
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Marine Corps League

### Santa to Seniors program successful

Editor,

On behalf of the staff at Home Instead Senior Care, we would like to thank everyone who helped with this year's very successful Be a Santa to a Senior program.

With support from generous shoppers, MAC Area

Agency on Aging, Worcester County Commission on Aging, Worcester County Departments of Health and Social Services, Apple Drug Stores in Berlin, Fruitland and Salisbury, Berlin Chamber of Commerce and Coastal Drug Center, we were able to collect more than 100 gifts for local seniors who otherwise might have been overlooked this holiday season.

Thank you again to all those who helped us brighten the holidays for our local seniors and truly making a difference in our community.

Claude Lewis,  
franchise owner  
Home Instead Senior Care

### Thanks from Noel community

Editor,

The Noel Community extends a thank you to places of worship, individuals, businesses and civic groups for the overwhelming support for our 15th annual Christmas Dinner. We are especially grateful to Father David Dingwall and St. Paul's by-the Sea for hosting the dinner; to Father Carl Mosley for his spiritual leadership; to the many businesses

and civic groups for supplying food, making generous monetary donations and for sponsoring toy, toiletry and food drives; to the local media for publicizing our event; to all the individuals and churches for donating toys, food, desserts, toiletries and monetary gifts; and to everyone for volunteering their time.

The Noel Community served more than 1,400 free meals on Christmas, including carryouts and deliveries to individuals who otherwise would be lonely or hungry. We provided toys, toiletries, hats and clothing. We prepared hot meals for police officers, fire personnel and other public servants working on Christmas Day.

The Noel Community appreciates the generous support from Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Berlin, Bishopville, Selbyville, Fenwick and surrounding neighborhoods [that allowed] us to make the Christmas celebration special for many in our community.

Noel Community will continue to expand our outreach serving free breakfast and carryout lunch at a local food pantry with the leftover supplies and funds. Your generosity

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# Federal briefs: new year brings flood of rules, regulatory changes

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

MARYLAND — Among the year-end flurry of regulations from federal agencies were several rule changes and committee notifications that could affect the Lower Eastern Shore.

## Teleconference on ag. and rural communities

The Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee of the Environmental Protection Agency will hold a teleconference on Jan. 17, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., to discuss environmental policies and programs that affect agriculture and rural communities.

The FRRCC provides policy advice, information, and recommendations to the EPA administrator on a range of environmental issues and policies that are of importance to agriculture and rural communities.

Members of the public wishing to gain access to the teleconference, make brief oral comments, or provide a written statement to the FRRCC must contact Alicia Kaiser, Designated Federal Officer, at [kaiser.alicia@epa.gov](mailto:kaiser.alicia@epa.gov) or 202-564-7273 by Jan. 4.

## Grub-control insecticide terminated

The EPA on Dec. 21 terminated all end-

use registrations and uses of the grub-control insecticide halofenozide, as the agency was requested to do by the product's manufacturers. The product cancellation request was granted after a comment period yielded no opposition to the action.

As a result, "Any distribution, sale, or use of the products subject to this cancellation order is permitted only in accordance with the terms of this order, including any existing stocks provisions," according to the agency.

According to the EPA, halofenozide is used to kill the soil dwelling white grubs of beetles and is registered for non-agricultural uses, including airports/landing fields, commercial/industrial lawns, golf course turf, ornamental lawns and turf, ornamental sod farms, recreation area lawns, and residential lawns. There are no registered food or agricultural uses, the agency said.

Dow AgroSciences and Setre Chemical Company, which each manufacture products that contain halofenozide, requested that the EPA cancel their pesticide registrations because they no longer manufacture or produce halofenozide products.

Halofenozide is an ecdysone agonist insecticide that induces a premature and incomplete molt in susceptible species, according to the EPA.

## Updates on Hurricane Sandy relief

On Dec. 15 and 17, the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that available financial relief for Hurricane Sandy has been expanded to include individual assistance for residents of Somerset County. Residents can get first-hand information about disaster assistance and the resources available directly from FEMA and Maryland Emergency Management Agency specialists at: The Lower Somerset County Ambulance & Rescue Squad Building, #2 Mill Lane, Crisfield, MD 21817. The center will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday beginning Dec. 18.

Authorization for public assistance for

state and local government had already been designated for the county, publication of the announcements in the Dec. 26 "Federal Register". Expanding the assistance eligibility allows homeowners and renters to apply for grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other disaster-related expenses, as well as low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration to businesses and nonprofit organizations, according to an agency notice. Specialists can direct survivors to agencies that may be able to meet specific needs.

Applicants who do not qualify for an SBA loan may be eligible to receive Other Needs Assistance grants for medical, dental and funeral expenses, according to FEMA.

Residents and business owners in Somerset County can register for Individual Assistance online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling FEMA's toll-free registration number 800-621-FEMA (3362).

## Disaster assistance loans made available

Maryland businesses in Dorchester, Wicomico and Worcester Counties, and businesses in Accomack County, Va., may apply for economic injury loans for the SBA as a result of damages they may have incurred from Hurricane Sandy, according to a Dec. 28 announcement. Businesses in Somerset County are eligible for both physical damage and economic injury loans, the statement added.

Additional information is available by contacting: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

## Advisory committee to discuss meat and poultry

The Food Safety and Inspection Service will hold a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection on Jan. 16 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., to review two topics: 1) ways to improve sanitation verification activities and compliance guidance to address veal slaughter operations; and 2) a review of criteria for categorizing FSIS regulations as public health regulations.

Officials said in a public meeting notice that test results for toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* (E-coli) from trimmings and ground beef produced from veal are higher than trimmings and ground beef produced from other cattle slaughter classes.

The committee provides advice to the Secretary of Agriculture concerning state and federal programs with respect to meat, poultry, and processed egg products, inspection, safety, and other matters that fall within the scope of the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act.

The meetings will be held in the auditorium at the Patriot Plaza III building, 355 E. Street SW., Washington, DC 20024. Persons wishing to attend are strongly encouraged to RSVP in advance.

General information about the committee can be found at: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About\\_Fsis/NACMPI/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About_Fsis/NACMPI/index.asp). Information on specific questions about the committee or meeting is available contacting Sally Fernandez, Program Specialist, Designated Federal Officer, by e-mail at: [Sally.Fernandez@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Sally.Fernandez@fsis.usda.gov), by phone at: 202-690-6524, or by fax at: (202) 690-6519.

## Animal tracking rules finalized

The USDA on Dec. 20, issued final regulations that officials say will enhance the tools and safeguards used for tracing sick or diseased livestock animals. "Animal disease traceability, or knowing where diseased and at-risk animals are, where they've been, and when, is very important to ensure a rapid response when animal disease events take place," officials said.

After considering comments from the public, USDA made several changes to the previous version of the rule that was proposed in August 2011. The changes, which have been incorporated into the final rule, include:

- accepting brands, tattoos and brand registration as official identification when accepted by the shipping and receiving states or tribes;

- permanently maintaining the use of backtags as an alternative to official eartags for cattle and bison moved directly to slaughter;

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# Feds put new rules in place

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accepting movement documentation other than an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for all ages and classes of cattle when accepted by the shipping and receiving states or tribes;

clarifying that all livestock moved interstate to a custom slaughter facility are exempt from the regulations; and

Exempting chicks moved interstate from a hatchery from the official identification requirements. Beef cattle under 18 months of age, unless they are moved interstate for shows, exhibitions, rodeos, or recreational events, are exempt from the official identification requirement in the rule, because they will be addressed in a separate rulemaking.

## New deadline for farmer, ranch committee noms

The USDA announced Dec. 28 that it would continue to accept nomination for two-year memberships to its Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers until Jan. 19, 2013. The committee advises

the Secretary of Agriculture on matters affecting new farmers and ranchers and also considers ways to implement recommended goals and objectives from the prior term.

In an earlier statement in which USDA announced that it was renewing the committee's charter through Dec. 14, 2014, officials had given Dec. 31, 2012 as the deadline for nominations.

Nominations will be accepted from interested organizations and individuals from the ranching and farming industry, related government, state, and tribal agricultural agencies, academic institutions, commercial banking entities, trade associations, and related nonprofit enterprises, USDA said.

A nomination package should include a resume or biographical description with a cover letter addressed to: Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250, Attn: Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers. Individuals nominated (either by self or by others) must also complete an application (Form AD-755).

## FINANCE

# Don't let daily market activity influence long-range thinking

If you're like most investors, you probably pay at least some attention to the Dow Jones Industrial Average. For more than 100 years, the Dow has been a symbol of the U.S. stock market. It's so deep-rooted in American financial thinking that you may not have stopped to consider what it represents and how accurately it may reflect broad market trends.

The DJIA was established in 1896 by Charles Dow, the Wall Street Journal editor who co-founded Dow Jones & Company with statistician Edward Jones. The original DJIA was composed of 12 industrial stocks, and the average was exactly that — a simple average of the 12 stock prices. On its first day of publication (May 26, 1896), the DJIA stood at 40.94. That summer it dropped to 28.48, the lowest point on record.

The Dow was expanded to 20 stocks in 1916 and to 30 in 1928. At the same time, a divisor was introduced to adjust for stock splits, distributions, and substitutions, making the DJIA a market index rather than an average.

The Dow still comprises 30 stocks, but its composition has changed to reflect the progress of the American economy from industrial production to services. While the original DJIA was made up of industrial companies that produced products such as rubber, sugar, gas and coal, the current Dow includes companies that offer insurance, banking, communications and entertainment. As it turns out, General Electric is the only survivor from the original DJIA.

Despite these changes, the Dow remains a measure of large, well-established American corporations. It doesn't

reflect the performance of small or mid-sized companies or companies outside the United States. These trends may be measured by other indexes that don't always move with the Dow.

Yet, even with its small sample size of just 30 stocks, the DJIA is surprisingly in tune with larger market trends. The S&P 500 index, which represents a much broader sample of large companies, generally moves in a similar pattern with the Dow. The performance of an unmanaged index isn't indicative of any particular investment, and individuals can't invest directly in an index. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Actual results will vary.

Of course, what probably matters more to you is the long-term performance of your own investments. It's generally not a good idea to let daily changes in the Dow affect your investment decisions. It may be wiser to create a suitable strategy for your personal situation and risk tolerance, and allow your investments to pursue growth over time.

One lesson to learn from the long history of the Dow is that the American economy keeps on growing. Since its introduction at 40.94 on May 26, 1896, the Dow had gained more than 30,000 percent by Dec. 26, 2012, when it reached 13,114.97.

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BRANDI MELLINGER/OCEAN CITY TODAY

Awaiting the final countdown of 2012 on the steps of the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, from left, are Deserie Lawrence, Ginger Fleming and Olive Mawyer, former executive director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce.



BRANDI MELLINGER/OCEAN CITY TODAY

Michele Burke and her husband, James, were among the hundreds of revelers gathered in downtown Berlin on New Year's Eve.



BRANDI MELLINGER/OCEAN CITY TODAY

Melanie Pursel, executive director of the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, snuggles close to her husband, Bruce, on a chilly New Year's Eve in downtown Berlin.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Ray Stokes prepares hot foods at the Abundant Life Apostolic Church tent for partiers needing a warm snack.



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Rev. George Tasker, Debbie Underhill and Shelly Daniels of Abundant Life Apostolic Church sell warm snacks as a fundraiser for the church's activities such as summer camps and overseas missions.



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Worcester County Commissioners President and the County's First Lady Allyson kiss in the New Year at midnight.



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### ONGOING EVENTS

#### BINGO NIGHT

American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

#### SQUARE DANCING

Wednesdays  
Ocean Pines Community Center, 7:15-9:15 p.m. All are welcome. For more info call 410-208-6777.

#### SHEPHERD'S NOOK THRIFT SHOP

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays  
Shepherd's Nook Thrift Shop open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Community Church, Rt. 589, Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines. Accepting donations of gently worn clothes and small household items.

#### DIAKONIA FURNITURE CENTER

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#### PINE'EER CRAFT & GIFT SHOP

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Pineëer Craft and Gift shop open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. White Horse Park, Ocean Pines. Handcrafted items created by members.

#### BUILDING MATERIALS SALE

Every first & third Saturday  
Habitat for Humanity, 310 E. Market St., Snow Hill, 8 a.m. to noon. Building materials, appliances, doors, windows, cabinets, vanities, fixtures, furniture and more. Selection and prices vary depending on inventory. Proceeds fund the Flower Street, Berlin house construction.

#### STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. Info: 410-208-4014.

#### KIWANIS CLUB

Wednesdays  
Meeting 7:45 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Hall, except for third Wednesday which meets at The Woodlands in Ocean Pines. Meeting at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. For more info: 410-641-7330.

#### DELMARVA CHORUS

Mondays  
The Delmarva Chorus under the direction of Carol Ludwig meets 7-9 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Women interested in learning and singing in a barbershop format are welcome. For more information call 410-208-4171.

#### SALTWATER SPORTFISHERS

Atlantic Coast Chapter of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association meets on the fourth Tuesday of the every month except for July, August and December at the Ocean City Lions Club, Airport Road, West Ocean City, 7:30 p.m.

#### DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

Democratic Women of Worcester County meets 9:30 a.m. for coffee followed by a meeting at 10 a.m., the third Monday of the month at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Guests and new members welcome.

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturdays  
VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

#### SANCTIONED BRIDGE

Mondays: noon  
Tuesdays: 10 a.m.  
Weekly open duplicate Bridge games. Ocean Pines Community Center. Cost is \$5, special games \$6. 1 p.m. on the third Sunday of every month is Swiss Teams. Partners guaranteed. Info: Felicia Daly, 410-208-1272, Pat Kanz, 410-641-8071.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

Fridays  
Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

#### BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays  
Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway in Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or [www.beachsingles.org](http://www.beachsingles.org).

#### BERLIN FARMERS' MARKET

Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
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#### TACO NIGHT

Thursdays  
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#### BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus #9053, every second and fourth Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon.  
\$8 per person, half price for 12 and younger. 9901 Coastal Highway,

Ocean City, rear St. Luke's Church. Info: 410-524-7994.

#### SI BOC GROUP

Second Tuesday of every month, the Woodlands in South Ocean Pines, 6 p.m. dinner, social time meeting begins 6:30 p.m. Info: President Marty Cropper, 410-213-1592.

#### LIFE AFTER LOSS

Non-denominational support group will meet 11 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at The Community Church at Ocean Pines, room 38 in the Thomas McKelvey Family Life Center. Info: 410-641-5433.

#### AARP

Ocean City AARP Chapter 1917 meets at the Elks Lodge, 138th Street and Sinexpuent Avenue, 9:30 a.m., on the second Thursday of the month (January, June, October and November)

#### SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE

Meets the third Wednesday of every month 6 p.m. at the Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin (adjacent to Atlantic General Hospital). Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Hosted by a survivor and a licensed social worker. Free of charge. Info: 410-629-0164 or [www.jesses-paddle.org](http://www.jesses-paddle.org)

#### WEEKLY SALE

Fridays  
Stevenson United Methodist Church Thrift Shop, 5 Stevenson Lane, Berlin, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m..

#### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Atlantic General Hospital, chapel, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 7-8 p.m. The group gathers the fourth Wednesday of each month. Pre-registration is not necessary. Info: Pastoral Care Services, 410-641-9725 or [gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org).

#### DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB

Meets every Wednesday at Skyline Bar & Grille at The Fenwick Inn, 138th Street and Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing until 9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302-337-3638.

#### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Mondays  
Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group



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#### KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City gathered Dec. 12, at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club for a Christmas dinner. Celebrating the holiday season, in first row, are Mary and Michael Foelber; and in back row, from left, Carolyn Dryzga, Carol and Jack Coldwell, Jacky Todd, Dan Paletier and President Barbara Paletier.

promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083.

#### ELKS BINGO

Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street across from Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. A \$1,000 jackpot available, food, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. No one under 18 years allowed in the hall during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

#### FIRESIDE CHAT

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 3 p.m. Monthly book discussion. Take a book you've enjoyed or one that you want to discuss. Get ideas for new authors to try. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-641-0650.

#### FRIDAY, JAN. 4

##### BASKET & GIFT CARD BINGO

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department, main station, 10709 Bishopville Road. Doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. There will be 20 games with filled baskets and gift cards and two specials. Oyster fritter sandwiches and other food and beverage items available. Cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Tickets: 410-352-3101 or 443-235-2926.

##### LEARNING CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Carmella's Kids Learning Center, 9028 Worcester Highway, Berlin, 6-7 p.m. All are welcome. Tours, games and information about the center's child care for ages 6 weeks to 15 years. Info: 410-629-1630 or [\[nastics.com\]\(http://nastics.com\).](http://www.tstgym-</a></p>
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#### SATURDAY, JAN. 5

##### WRITE IT! CREATIVE WRITING

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10 a.m. Novice and established writers gather to share their fiction, nonfiction and creative writing projects. Program includes critiques and appreciations as well as market leads and writing exercises. Info: 410-641-0650.

##### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

#### SUNDAY, JAN. 6

##### ALL-U-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Berlin Fire Hall, 214 N. Main St., 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, biscuits, cereals, coffee, milk and juice. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12 years and free for children 4 and younger. Carry-out is \$6.

##### ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 9 a.m. to noon. With coffee and juice. Cost is \$8 for adults, children 11 years and younger eat at half price. Info: 410-524-7994.

#### MONDAY, JAN. 7

##### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Ocean Pines library, small meeting room, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m. Great Books focuses on works that shape our culture and provide a deeper appreciation for what it means to be human. Info: Don Winslow, 410-208-6613.

##### CPAP MASK FITTING

Atlantic General Hospital Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin. Free, monthly mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. Additional clinic offered for those who are apprehensive about the idea of using CPAP. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

##### HYPERTENSION CLINICS

Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place the first Monday of every month at Apple Discount Drugs, 314 Franklin Ave., in Berlin, 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, 11310 Manklin Creek Rd., in Ocean Pines, 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

##### WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY SEMINAR

Berlin Main Place Complex, 9956 N. Main St., Berlin, 5-6 p.m. Receive information about the lap band and gastric sleeve weight loss procedures. Pre-register: 410-641-3960.

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# CALENDAR

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**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 405 Flower St., Berlin, first Monday of each month, 6-7 p.m. All welcome. Info: Darlene Jameson, 410-629-6877.

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY**

Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 3, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-629-1006.

**AARP CHAPTER 4507 MEETING**

Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Social time is at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. Guest speaker will be Claude Lewis of Home Instead Senior Care. Take canned good for Diakonia. Info: Larry Walton, lrwalto@yahoo.com or 443-831-1791.

**HAND DANCING**

House of Welsh, 1106 Coastal Highway, Fenwick, Del. Free lessons from 6-7 p.m., open dancing 7-10 p.m. No cover charge. Info: DC Hand Dance Club, 302-541-0728.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 8**

**LAP TIME**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Children, infants to 2 years old, will be introduced to songs, games, finger plays and movement activities. Parents and caregivers will learn new ways to interact with their toddlers. Info: 410-208-4014.

**YOUNG AND RESTLESS**

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Creative science, art and music activities for children 3 to 5 years old. Dress for a mess. Reserve your place: 410-641-0650.

**NEEDLE FELTING: A NEW TWIST ON AN OLD ART**

Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 1 p.m. Participants will make a 3D sculpture using only needles, wool and a foam base. Register: 410-641-0650.

**HYPERTENSION CLINICS**

Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital and takes place at Rite Aid, Selbyville, Del., 10 a.m. to noon and at Walgreens, Clarksville, Del., 1-3 p.m. Free blood pressure screening and health information. Info: Dawn Denton, 410-641-9268.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9**

**BARISTA AND BOOKS**

Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. For infants to 5 year old children and their caregivers. Stories, crafts, cocoa and pastries for the children. Freshly brewed coffee for the parents provided by Starbucks. Info: 410-524-1818.

**PLAY TIME**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Parents and children, infants to 5 years old, explore educational toys together in an interactive, free play program. Info: 410-208-4014.

**INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS AND THE INTERNET**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, 8 a.m. Four-part class provides a foundation to be able to use the computer and the Internet. Advance registration is required. Pre-register at the library or by calling 410-208-4014.

**GREAT READS**

Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Informal discussion of recommended titles and authors. Info: 410-208-4014.

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**THURSDAY, JAN. 10**

**STORY TIME**

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Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 3, 9733 Healthway Drive in Berlin, 7-8 p.m. Support and information for those affected by Celiac Disease. Info: Betty Bellarin, 410-603-0210.

**OC AARP 1917 GENERAL MEETING**

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City, 9:30 a.m. Tom Brown, who played baseball with the Senators and participated in two Superbowls with the Green Bay Packers, will discuss his dedication to teaching youth sports in a positive atmosphere. Numerous travel opportunities for 2013 will be presented. All persons age 50 and older are welcome. Info: [aarp1917.org](http://aarp1917.org) or 410-352-5748.

**OCEAN PINES GARDEN CLUB**

Ocean Pines Country Club, 100 Clubhouse Drive, 10 a.m. Cost is \$21 with choice of creamy homemade tomato soup with choice of shrimp salad over greens or spinach/cheese quiche with side salad; dessert and coffee station. New members and guests welcome. Info: 410-641-7926.

**BINGO**

American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., in Ocean City, every Thursday, year round. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Food available. Open to the public. Info: 410-289-3166.

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PUZZLES

PLUS TEN By Steve Savoy / Edited by Will Shortz

Across

1 Working hours

7 Bit of a trickle

11 Rental car add-on

14 Series of rounds

18 Unlikely to surprise

19 Megan of “Will & Grace”

21 High

22 Sign-off for Spanish spies?

24 Wee

25 Suffix with human

26 Peyton Manning’s former teammates

27 Chuck of NBC News

28 Grub around

29 Zero-calorie cooler

31 Parched

32 Scale

33 Hosen material

34 Two bottled liquids kept in a cabinet?

37 Language that is mostly monosyllabic

39 Lifeguard’s skill, for short

40 Suffix with direct

41 Some red spots

44 Early education

47 Champion model maker at the county fair?

53 Know-\_\_\_

54 Drain cleaner, chemically

55 Early seventh-century year

56 Singer Falana and others

57 Ellipsoidal

59 Handel’s “\_\_\_ e Leandro”

60 At full speed

62 Blather

63 Movies often with shootouts

65 Wacky exercise regimen?

68 20 cigarettes per unit and 10 units per carton, e.g.?

71 World capital that’s home to Zog I Boulevard

72 Volatile stuff

74 Lions’ din

75 “Well, looky there!”

76 Sweet-talked, maybe

77 Have one’s cake and eat \_\_\_

79 Hoppy pub quaff

80 Covering

81 Forbes competitor

82 Green room

86 Onetime high fliers

87 God holding a thunderbolt

89 Expert finish?

90 From \_\_\_ Z

91 Tiny chastisement

93 Musical composition about a lumberjack’s seat?

99 Home territories

103 Division of biology

105 Paperback publisher since 1941

106 Siege weapon

108 Swore

109 Wally of cookie fame

110 Stunner

111 Its employees might have jumper cables: Abbr.

112 Shortstop

113 Try-before-you-buy opportunities at knickknack stores?

116 Golfer Norman and others

117 Fabricates

118 Part of an applause-o-meter

119 Brontë heroine

120 Sonny

121 El \_\_\_

122 Analyzes, in a way

10 Heavy-duty protection

11 Went smoothly

12 Go laboriously

13 The “S” of OS: Abbr.

14 Eponymous Italian city

15 Like Ben-Hur and company when not racing?

16 Handy

17 Jazz pianist McCoy \_\_\_

20 Prettify

21 Pope Agatho’s successor

23 Whizzed

28 Fix the coloring of, say

30 Cymric

31 Petal pusher?

32 Dragged (on)

35 A.T.M. maker

36 Alternatives to chips, say

38 One out?

42 Poor

43 One having a little lamb

44 Over

45 Figaro in “The Barber of Seville,” e.g.

46 “Gangsta’s Paradise” buyer?

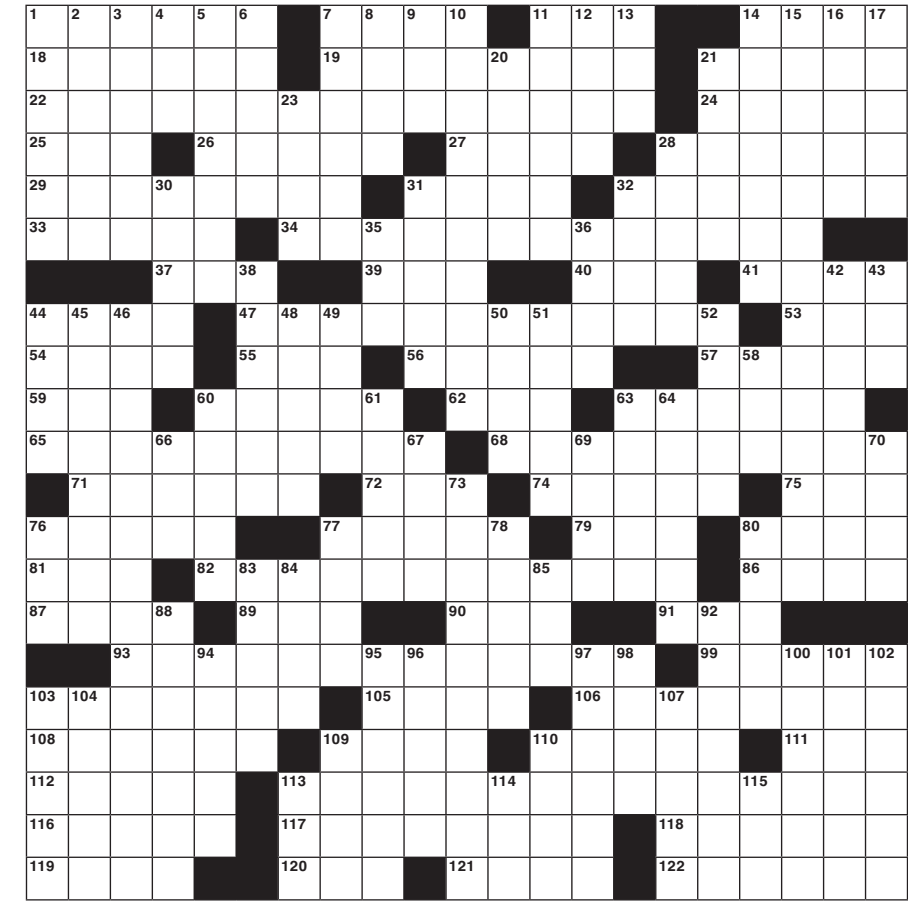
48 Empathetic response

49 “Time, the devourer of all things” writer

50 Skewed to one side

51 It juts into the Persian Gulf

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52 Less

58 Examine carefully

60 Insts. of learning

61 Capone henchman

63 Elusive African animal

64 Unmitigated

66 Dr. \_\_\_

67 “I’m \_\_\_ you!”

69 Do

70 Pacifiers

73 Grilled cheese sandwich go-with

76 “Don’t Nobody Bring Me No Bad News” musical, with “The”

77 Logical start?

78 \_\_\_ a limb

80 Invite to the penthouse suite, say

83 Retiring

84 Mail letters

85 Pro

88 Hold stuff

92 Goes without nourishment

94 Detox patients

95 Gunner’s tool

96 Skirt

97 “Just watch me!”

98 Hops dryer

100 Bantu language

101 One way to deny something

102 Equilibria

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104 White shade

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Fill in the blank spaces in the grid so that every vertical column, every horizontal row and every 3 by 3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any. There is really only one solution to each puzzle.

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	3	4			9			
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Answers to last week’s puzzles

8	3	1	9	5	2	6	4	7
2	4	5	1	7	6	8	3	9
6	9	7	3	4	8	5	2	1
9	7	2	6	8	3	4	1	5
5	8	3	2	1	4	9	7	6
1	6	4	5	9	7	2	8	3
7	1	9	4	2	5	3	6	8
3	2	8	7	6	9	1	5	4
4	5	6	8	3	1	7	9	2

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# CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## A warm winter soup that will calm the soul

So the fine year of 2013 is finally upon us. Another year lived and another year survived, a major apocalypse (as opposed to the minors) avoided and those blasted mortgage payments are still due on the first.



By Paul Suplee,  
CEC PCIII

The Mayans, who could not successfully predict the ending of their own civilization, apparently forgot to carry a decimal point

somewhere along the line, and for that I am eternally grateful.

For the moment, I am enjoying this lively longevity in a lovely condo on the fifth floor on First Street and the Boardwalk. We live in the area and we still don't come to the beach often enough. The spell is broken and the amber moon rising over the ocean is only seconded by its reflection on a seemingly smooth and pitch-black mirror.

As the sun rises, the crews are out on the Boardwalk scraping the sand back on to the beach and the glaring sun adds to nature's alarm clock. It is the new year, and we are all wondering what big and small things might happen to us over the next 12 months.

As the laws of nature hold true as they have for millennia, the New Year passes us anew in the dead of winter. While the sun shines and the sky is clear, it is chilly. Downright chilly, at that.

But we don't worry about such things as we make our way through the day. We just change our daily routine and diet to include fewer hours outside and a few more hardy and warming repasts.

With a bowl of hot soup and a wedge of toasted bread to satiate our bodies and minds as few other things do in this realm, it is nigh impossible to convince me of equal comforts against the Delmarva bone-chilling wind.

Now, I could lie to you and tell you that the first soup of the year is a spit pea soup since there is rhyme or reason to how I sequence these articles. But, no, I can only tell you that split pea soup is first because my wife thought that it sounded good. Well, that and I do have a smoked ham bone and some ham left over from Christmas dinner.

Our annual prime rib dinner with Yorkshire pudding was a smash hit and we decided this year to pull out the spiral ham to add to the meaty mayhem of the moment. Suffice it to say that we had just a smidgeon of protein left over



the following day.

Notwithstanding the endless noshing that exhibits itself for days after a major holiday, we still find ourselves with a handsome smoked ham bone unadorned in the icebox. And what could be more simple or fitting for this majestic morsel than a pot of soup? With the addition of just a few other ingredients, this simple, rib-sticking soup will calm your soul as it warms your belly.

And to think that we have to fight our way through another year, a hunk of toasty bread and steaming hot soup will welcome the challenges of the new year as well as anything you might be able to throw together in a hurry.

### Split Pea Soup

(Remember that this is a soup so start and finish in the same pot)

1 cup yellow onion, finely diced

1 medium shallot, finely diced  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
olive oil as needed  
1 tsp. Fresh oregano  
1 cup carrots, diced 1/2-inch by 1/2-inch  
1 pound dried split peas  
smoked ham bone  
8 cup chicken stock  
ham for garnish

Step 1: Heat the oil and sauté the onions until the water has evaporated, and then add the garlic

Step 2: Sauté, making sure not to burn the garlic. If you burn the garlic, go back to square one since it will ruin the taste of the whole pot otherwise

Step 3: If you happen to be using dried oregano, you can add it now (there is debate on that subject). But if you are using fresh oregano, throw it in when you add the stock at the end

Step 4: Add the carrots, peas, ham bone and stock and cook, stirring to scrape up the fond from the bottom of the pot

Step 5: Bring to a low boil and then reduce heat to a nice simmer

Step 6: Simmer for approximately an hour and 20 minutes, being sure to "skim the scum" as you go. The scum is proteins and micro-particles that will amass on the top of the soup. Don't mix this back into the soup. This is your opportunity to remove all of the junk from your finished product

Step 7: Taste and season with salt and pepper

Step 8: Garnish with shredded or cubed ham

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