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### Pocomoke beats Stephen Decatur

Seahawks senior Kelly Powell goes up for a shot against Pocomoke

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### Salt cod croquettes with tomato sauce

Salt-cod and mashed potatoes, using a crust of graham, almond and maize

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## Slots pull in big crowds

### Casino at Ocean Downs holds grand opening

BY TONY RUSSO  
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – Ocean City resident Beckie Jolliff was on line for the Casino at Ocean Downs' grand opening at 9 a.m., a full four hours before the scheduled opening. She'd bonded with Salisbury resident Jo Siminski, who rolled in at 9:30 but despite the cold the locals were happy to wait. It was an opening they'd been waiting for four years.

Both women were among those locals who make occasional-to-regular trips to the Delaware casinos in order to play the slots. "It's 20 minutes at most for me," said Siminski. "We're going to get a [Players Club] card and we're going to win."

Siminski is retired but Jolliff isn't. She was taking a bit of teasing about calling in sick to be at the grand opening but said she happened to have the day off. "It just happened to work out that way," she said.

The pair was at the head of a crowd that stretched the length of the new building from either side of the main entrance. Many had been in the relative cold for some time and casino workers occasionally brought out coffee to the waiting throngs.

Inside those invited to the ribbon cutting were enjoying the appetizers and talking about the good they expected, economically, from the casino. Although the official first customers were to wait until the speeches were over, several people took their turns at the slot machines, or at least

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THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Gov. Martin O'Malley watches as honorary first player Tom D'Alesandro III, of Ocean City, tries his luck at a video lottery terminal during the grand opening ceremony of the Casino at Ocean Downs in Berlin on Tuesday. The casino officially opened at 1 p.m.

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**BOOK SWAP** — Showell Elementary School hosted their annual book swap with the help of parent volunteers. The book swap is an event where students bring in some of their own gently used books and donate them to the swap. Parent volunteers Sherry Mahon with daughter, Jordan, Nona Clubb with son, Michael and Michele Mitchell with son, Jeremy.



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**GREEN STUDENTS** — Berlin Intermediate School fifth grade students Maggie Bunting and Cole Norman were awarded first place and second place, respectively, from Grow Berlin Green for collecting the most candy wrappers for a recycling contest. The students, pictured here with BIS Principal Tom Zimmer and GBG project manager Debby Colley, were awarded bags and school supplies made of out of recycled materials.



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**BALL DROP** — This photo of the Berlin New Year's Eve ball drop was taken by Berlin Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence as the ball began its descent during the seconds counting down to the start of 2011. An estimated 1,000 people filled the downtown area for Berlin's first annual community-wide New Year's Eve celebration.

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# Will you keep your New Year's resolutions?

BY TONY RUSSO  
STAFF WRITER

OCEAN PINES – Whether or not it's important to make New Year's resolutions is a matter of personal taste, but the principle behind the idea is sound enough. As a year comes to an end, it's reasonable to take stock of one's life and consider whether you are headed in the right direction or not.

The first part of the year is as good a time as any to make a course correction.

David Lloyd has made a practice of making New Year's resolutions for the better part of his life. Keeping them, however, is a different story.

"I generally do" said the Ocean Pines resident. "But I've been known to slip some times as well."

He said now he and his wife, Doris, pick resolutions for one another as well. While he resolves to live as long as possible in good health, his wife resolves that he'll keep

Taking the opportunity of a brand new year to make changes small and large in one's life is one of those tradi-



"I'm a work in progress."  
— Chrissy Harrigan



"To live as long as I can with health."  
— David Lloyd



"I'd like to exercise more and be a nicer person."  
— Connie Schafer



"I'm going to exercise more but I haven't started yet."  
— Beverly Serrell



"I just try to do the best I can all year."  
— Dian Witt

tions people tend to either cling to or learn to discard depending both on their philosophy about life and their attitude about changes. People tend to be split on whether it's worth making a resolution.

Although Connie Schafer generally doesn't make resolutions, this time she thought she'd try.

"I'm 70 years old and I think it's time for me to make my life all around better," she said.

Generally people's resolutions can be attributed to improving their patience and self control, both in regard to other people and to activities.

Beverly Serrell, like many people wants to try and exercise more. "I also though I should try and be more patient," she said. She thought about it awhile and

added, "Probably not."

As 2010 drew to a close some people used the arbitrary start to the 2011 calendar year to try and re-envision themselves as they would like to be by the time it's 2012. But falling off the New Year's resolution wagon seems to go along with making the resolutions in the first place mainly because people do what they want to do rather than what they know they have to do.

Berlin resident Chrissy Harrigan said that she keeps tweaking her goals all year long, so making a New Year's statement doesn't really fit with her lifestyle. "I've learned that it's not just one point in time and you have to work on what you want to all the time," she said. "I'm a work in progress."

Similarly Ocean Pines resident Dian Witt said she's never made one.

"I just try and do the best I can all year," she said.

Like most other philosophies, the point of making a New Year's resolution has more to do with the making than the following through because any day is a good day to start again.

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"[William Rickman] should be getting an award."

-Sen. Mike Miller Jr.,  
president of the state senate

## Casino

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attempted to.

Ocean Pines resident Dorothy Thomas was among the first to have technical difficulties with the machines but one of the slot attendants came quickly to her aid, popped open her machine and returned her rejected \$10 bill.

The attendant was one of the 236 new employees heralded as the most salient evidence of the Casino at Ocean Downs' relevance to the community. Several of the employees were under employed or unemployed before the casino opened and were happy to be part of the areas newest attraction.

George Bellman was one of them. Bellman worked on the games at Marty's Playland after his retirement from Giant Foods but left and was happy to be part of the new casino service team.

"The training and orientation here was a thorough as I've ever attended," he said.

Gov. Martin O'Malley focused his brief pre-ribbon cutting remarks on job creation of just this kind, thanking the county commissioners for helping the slots facility to move forward in Worcester County with "so little drama."

The Casino at Ocean Downs is only the second to open in the state since the legislation passed two years ago.

"We can moan and complain and be angry all we want or we can do something and create jobs," O'Malley said. "We are all in this fight together."

All of the speakers thanked and congratulated owner William Rickman for his fortitude throughout the approval and building process.

"He should be getting an award," said Sen. Mike Miller. "For all the challenges he's overcome."

The hundreds of people pouring through the doors of his \$45 million casino will likely be thanks enough, especially given the amount of enthusiasm they're already exhibiting.



THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

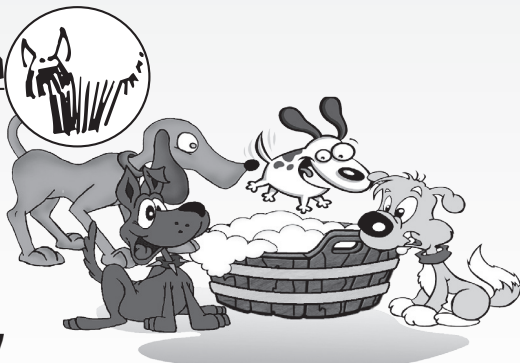
Delegate Norm Conway watches William "Sarge" Garlitz, commander of American Legion Post 166, try his luck at slots. (Below) Conway, Mike Miller Jr., president of the Maryland State Senate, Gov. Martin O'Malley, and Commissioner James Purnell cut the ribbon to officially open the casino on Tuesday.



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## Todd to join Wicomico County State's Attorney office

BY TONY RUSSO  
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – Lifelong resident and former Worcester County State's Attorney Joel Todd announced this week he'd accepted an offer from the Wicomico County State's Attorney Matthew Maciarelli to join the county's prosecutorial team.



Joel Todd

"I'm looking forward to it," Todd said of his new position.

"I always said it was the best job I ever had."

Assistant prosecutors get to try cases but are not responsible for the political or personnel aspects of the office. After more than two decades as the Worcester County State's Attorney Todd said it would be a welcome break.

"I don't have to make [those] decisions any more," he said.

Todd said he'd had several interviews around the state and competing offers but wanted to stay as close to home as possible, which is why he said he was grateful Maciarelli tendered an offer.

## Sign up for Community Emergency Response Training in Pocomoke

POCOMOKE – Worcester County Emergency Services (WCES) officials invite area residents to train to help in times of disaster.

WCES in cooperation with Worcester County Volunteer Services and Lower Shore Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer the seven-week course Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) at the YMCA in Pocomoke on Wednesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. beginning Jan. 12.

CERT is federally funded through the Citizen Corps Program, and classes are free to all residents. The program is designed to train community members to assist in the event of a catastrophic disaster while awaiting Emergency Service personnel.

Training includes basic lifesaving skills such as CPR/AED, First Aid and fire suppression. It also prepares participants to recognize both natural and manmade hazards. Upon completion of this program, students will be able to create disaster plans and supply kits and aid in responding to hazardous material emergencies.

## Maryland Coastal Bays Program to hold speaker series

BERLIN – The Maryland Coastal Bays Citizen Advisory Committee will be holding a winter speaker series the last Tuesday of each month from 5-6 p.m. The first session, "Saving Money by Saving Energy," is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Ocean City Marlin Club, 9659 Golf Course Road at the West Ocean City harbor.

The first speaker will provide tools and tips on making homes more energy efficient. Learn what improvements and investments make the most sense for reducing your overall energy use to achieve the fastest payback.

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is volunteer committee open to

all coastal bays residents. This committee is dedicated to our watershed and furthering the goals of the Coastal Bays Program.

Local fishermen, developers, golf course managers, business owners, community organizations, recreational boaters, farmers and environmentalists continue to work together to protect the coastal bays behind Ocean City and Assateague Island. This membership is extended to all interested citizens who want a say in protecting the bays.

The Maryland Coastal Bays is part of the National Estuary Program and represents a multiple decade commitment to restoring and protecting the bays

behind Ocean City and Assateague.

One of only 28 such programs nationwide, the program is a consensus group which brings together citizens, local scientists, recreational and commercial fishermen, environmentalists, farmers, business leaders and government officials to create attainable goals for both citizens and the watershed. MCBP works with the community.

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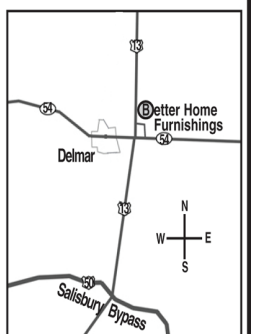
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**A SWEET LESSON** – Stephen Decatur High School senior Caitlin Bartlett puts the finishing touches on her "confection cottage" in art teacher Christy Powell's Photo & Design II class just before the holiday break.

## Aquaculture Financing Loan Program re-opens to new applicants

State officials begin review of first round of applications

ANNAPOLIS – Gov. Martin O'Malley announced this week that Maryland's new shellfish aquaculture financing program will be accepting a second round of applications between Jan. 2 and Jan. 31. The program received 16 applications totaling more than \$1.3 million during the first round, which closed on Nov. 30.

There is a total of \$2.2 million currently available for the program, which is a cooperative effort among the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), the University of the Maryland Sea Grant Extension (UME) and the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO).

"We are very pleased with the original response to this program, which we created to provide affordable financing to watermen and other individuals starting or expanding commercial shellfish aquaculture operations," said O'Malley. "This second application period will allow those who were unable to meet the original deadline another opportunity to participate."

The new shellfish aquaculture loan program is a subsidized program with principal payments returning to a

revolving fund to support additional shellfish aquaculture funding needs in the future.

The loan program offers partial loan forgiveness for borrowers meeting certain performance conditions. MARBIDCO is pricing the loans at a fixed annual interest rate not to exceed 4.5 percent.

A Shellfish Aquaculture Financing Committee, including representatives from DNR, MDA, UME, a Maryland farm credit association, and MARBIDCO, has been established to evaluate applications and proposed business plans.

As with the first round of funding, MARBIDCO and DNR intend to give priority to applicants who will begin shellfish production operations in 2011. Those who plan shellfish production operations in 2011 must hold a DNR shellfish aquaculture lease, or must have applied to DNR for a shellfish aquaculture lease by no later than 5 p.m., Jan. 31.

Additional funds are being provided by DNR to supplement the federal funding. To begin the application process, interested parties may contact Karl Roscher of the Maryland Aquaculture Coordinating Office (MDA) at 410-841-5724.



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# BUSINESS

## BAYSIDE

# A little something for everyone at Stuarts' Antiques

BY TONY RUSSO  
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – A little more than two decades ago Toni Stuart was in town visiting a friend who suggested lunch at King's Pub. He'd recently left the U.S. Forest Service, where she was still employed, to sell real estate down here but the trip and the visit were purely social.

So impressed was Stuart by the town's potential, she mentioned to him that when she retired she'd consider opening up an antique shop in Berlin, though at the time she had no intention of retiring in the near future.

"He called two weeks later and he said, 'You'd better come down here and get your shop,'" she said. "I said, 'I can't run a shop, I've got a full time job.'"

Stuart relented pretty quickly, however, and picked up the Pitts Street storefront and ran it with the help of her husband part time until she was ready to become a full time resident.

She got into the business because collecting antiques have always been a passion of hers. Making a living at it was a natural extension of that, given her predilection for travel; Stuart does a fair amount of it and as a result is able to purchase antiques all over Europe.

Since opening Stuarts'



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

After more than two decades running her shop Toni Stuart has begun to diversify both her products and her price points.

Antiques has developed a reputation as purveyors of high-quality antiques and hard-to-find collectables. In that tradition she's recently she's turned her eye toward French oyster plates and Majolica pottery, both of which are easier to find in Europe than at home.

She's also recently happened upon a cache of antique white gold and platinum diamond wedding bands and engagement rings, which she said caught her eye because of the quality of the hand-cut stones – all are VS1 – as well as the settings themselves.

Vintage jewelry has recently

come into vogue and people seeking silver or gold estate jewelry could do worse to look into Stuart's extensive collection, but the shop is also a good place to find new pieces purchased both here and abroad.

While the antique market has softened a bit, Stuart said she's

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still doing well enough but that she's also recognized the advantages of diversifying.

"You can't just sell antiques now, you have to satisfy the public," she said. "I carry less expensive things as well, I just try to have a mixture."

Working in conjunction with a friend from Italy, for example, Stuart now imports men's clothing from Italy. Men can purchase anything from ties to full light wool suits at less than half what the same suit might cost at a national department store or city boutique. While there are a number of suits in stock, Stuart said she can order any size and several colors for men to choose from.

Men aren't the only new market Stuart is pursuing. She's also begun carrying accessories to appeal to younger women. Stuarts' Antiques stocks purses in the under \$40 range and other less-expensive accessories as well.

"I'm trying to make sure I have a little something for everyone," she said. "It's not all just high end."

## FINANCIAL ADVICE

### Marital finances



By Chip Gordy

As some of you who know me personally may agree, I'm probably one of the last people to give marital advice.

But I do know that if married couples can't consent on simple monetary matters, this can become a continuous source of disagreements. Following are some ideas that may help you dodge matrimonial conflicts when it comes to money.

You should recognize each other's opinion on earning, expenses, saving, investing, and borrowing. Do you have opposing points of view when spending and/or saving? Do you have similar or different views on debt? Differing money issues will be more important at different stages of your relationship. Even though you may have not have differing opinions now, that may change in the future (and vice versa).

You ought to try to put together a family budget and stick to it if at all possible. It can be useful to take a look at what you

are trying to achieve. Where do you want to be in different stages of life? What are your most significant goals in life and how will you get there? This practice of defining goals and setting a budget can help work out conflicting points of view about financial issues, allowing you to compromise and make shared choices about how your money will be spent. This may seem like a lot of work, but this will help tackle these concerns now and may help avoid future disagreements.

Some marriages choose to keep all of their money together, while others feel find it difficult to lose control of their money. For couples with differing spending approaches, separate accounts may ease conflict. A joint account can be created for mutual expenses, with each person putting in a certain amount to the account. Any money that's left over can be deposited into each spouse's respective personal account for spending or saving as they wish.

Another topic in marital finances that is sometimes overlooked is the forming of credit in each spouse's individual name. Each person should have separate credit cards to develop their own credit file in case of divorce or death. I know this may sound a little morbid around the holidays, but the truth is that unpleasant things do occur and you should

be ready just in case.

If you choose to divide up the financial duties such as who will handle financial tasks, (paying the bills, getting taxes ready for preparation, making investment decisions, etc.) make sure that person is capable of these tasks. However, the other person should know what's going on in case of an emergency.

Lastly, a couple that communicates on a regular basis about their finances has a better chance of nullifying any conflicts. If you do this every few weeks, both people are fully informed and you lessen the chance of any surprises.

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# Worcester Preparatory School class president is a role model

BERLIN – Hunter Harmon has always been a leader in his class at Worcester Prep.



Hunter Harmon

Even when he entered Preschool almost 14 years ago his leadership skills and his ability to get along with everyone, adults or children, were evident. Bright, sincere, and industrious,

Hunter is a student who loves life and the people around him.

As president of the Class of 2011, it's his job, along with the other class officers to lead the class through the year's activities and serve as role models for the rest of Worcester's students. This year some of the projects the Class of 2011 will take on will be helping with the SGA Christmas Food Drive, helping with organization of the Senior Class trip to England, planning for Senior Week, working together as they make their way through their senior year and finalize college decisions.

Excellent at public speaking, Harmon has received honors in several Optimist Oratorical Competitions over the years. When he speaks, people listen, for his delivery and his ideas are always well prepared and beautifully delivered.

A descendent of the Nanticoke Indians of Delaware, Harmon is proud of his background and culture. His Native American roots are important to him. One of his goals in life is to help the Nanticoke preserve tribal heritage in order to educate future Nanticoke and others in the community about the tribe.

Hunter has been consistently named to

the Headmaster's Academic List and has received many awards for academics and extracurriculars.

He has served as class president for five years, is a member of the Spanish Honor and National Honor Societies, is an AP Scholar, sings in the chorus and ensemble, stars in musicals and talent shows, was the Rotary Youth Leadership Recipient, received the All-American Scholar Award and the Casey Lynch Leadership award in Pop Warner Football, and the Delaware All-Star Youth Award.

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## SCHOOL SHOTS



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**NJROTC AWARDS** — Stephen Decatur High School NJROTC Commander Christopher Deming awards freshman Brandon Alberto during inspection as Ensign junior Cedric Land and Cadet Lieutenant Commander senior Sean Ford look on.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**CHILDREN'S THEATER** — Stephen Decatur High School drama department presented its 34th Annual Children's Theatre Production of "Scrapfoot, Goldilocks, and the Three Very Harry Bears" from in December. Nearly 10,000 children and adults from the Delmarva area attended the production which was researched and written by theatre director Gwendolyn Lehman. Seniors AJ Long as Scrapfoot, senior Emma Heim as Goldilocks, and junior Matt Matrona as Possum.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**ACCELERATED CHEMISTRY** — Stephen Decatur High School accelerated chemistry teacher Fran Brittingham (far right) instructs senior Leigh Anne Flounlacker and junior Brooke McGrath on how to make Christmas ornaments out of silver nitrate and other compounds.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**CHROMATOGRAPHY** — Stephen Decatur High School accelerated biology teacher Jim Krall instructs seniors Lauren Rolleston, Emma Heim, and Sara Kessinger in a paper chromatography experiment during American Education Week.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**GOLD ADOPTION** — Stephen Decatur High School National Honor Society adopted a family for the holidays through Worcester Gold (Giving Other Lives Dignity). The organization raised \$1,000 to treat the children to a feast for Thanksgiving and numerous gifts for Christmas. Advisor Mary Berquist and seniors Kelley Freeman, Jessica O'Neill, Nikki Carpenter, Caitlin Bartlett, Maddie Justice, and Hannah Smithhisler.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**SANTA VISIT** — First graders Malery Andrews, Emma Sackadorf, and Khi Reid were surprised when Santa came to Mrs. L. Sullivan's class at Showell Elementary School. Ms. Ruby, their favorite volunteer, wrote a letter to Santa requesting his appearance.



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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### LOCAL STUDENTS IN TARGET MARKETING COMPETITION

Michael March, son of Michael March of Ocean City, and Ekaterina Golub, daughter of Oleg and Nadeezhalla Golub of Berlin, recently participated in the Target Case Study Marketing Competition at Salisbury University.



Ekaterina Golub



Michael March

March is a senior majoring in accounting and corporate finance. He is a member of the men's soccer team. Golub is a senior majoring in accounting.

Target, which has \$65 billion in annual sales, is one of the nation's leading retailers – but are there methods to reach diverse consumers that the company is not currently using? That was the question recently addressed to two teams of senior management and marketing students led by Dr. James Oldson of the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business.

The students shared their ideas with presentations before a panel of Target representatives during a friendly business competition. The event served as a pilot for a potentially reoccurring series of student challenges in future classes and gave Target unique suggestions.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Ocean City Elementary School will begin the registration process for the 2011-2012 pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs in January. Children who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2011 may be eligible for the OCES pre-kindergarten program.

Space is limited and children from families who meet the income guidelines will be

given priority. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2011 must register for kindergarten.

Children who are currently attending pre-kindergarten at OCES must register for kindergarten. Call Ocean City Elementary School at 410-632-5370 beginning Jan. 10 to schedule a registration appointment.

### BULLYING WORKSHOP

WYFCS is offering a workshop series to help fourth through sixth graders cope with bullying. The six week program begins Feb. 1 meeting Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. This program is facilitated by Dr. Jen Kelly who specializes in child therapy.

Limited Space Available. Insurance accepted. Call WYFCS clinical director Carolyn Cordial at 410-641-4598 to register.

### TACO FUNDRAISER AT SDHS

There will be a \$1 taco night fundraiser for Stephen Decatur High School 2:30-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19. All of the proceeds are given to the high school for use at their discretion. There will be beef tacos, chicken tacos, Spanish rice, drinks, and desserts available a la carte for \$1.

### WPS OPEN HOUSES

Worcester Preparatory School open house with tours of the school and information about curriculum and programs for preschool through grade 12 children 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 508 South Main St., Berlin. For information, call 410-641-3575, www.worcesterprep.org.

### WEBSITE SESSION

An information session called "Designing and Managing a Web Site for Your Small Business" will be held from 6-8 p.m., in Room 306 of the Workforce Development Center at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury on Jan. 13.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Amanda Celmer serves as the department chair for the Special Education Department.

## Celmer named Stephen Decatur High School Teacher of the Year

BERLIN – Stephen Decatur High School Principal Lou Taylor and the school Teacher of the Year Selection Committee announced Amanda Celmer as the new Stephen Decatur High School WeXL Teacher of the Year on Dec. 22.

Celmer, now in her eighth year, serves as a special education instructor as well as the department chair for the Special Education Department. Celmer received her bachelor of arts degree in special education from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

In addition to her instructional duties, Celmer organizes various fundraisers for the school. This past fall, Celmer spearheaded the school's fundraising campaign for the Worcester County Developmental Center, which netted a \$6,000 donation toward the completion of the new facility.

All 14 Teacher of the Year representatives from Worcester County submit

extensive portfolios including essays, a personal philosophy, and a resume. The county winner is announced during the annual Teacher of the Year Banquet in March, and then the winner will go on to compete at the state level.

Each year the state of Maryland promotes public education by celebrating the strengths of teachers throughout the 24 school systems. Students, parents, community members, and administrators can nominate worthy tenured teachers in November and December.

The state program, which is overseen by the Maryland Department of Education, recognizes and honors instructional excellence, commitment, and dedication to the profession by awarding numerous prizes, honors, and opportunities for recognition by state officials. The state Teacher of the Year also goes on to compete in the National Teacher of the Year program.

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# HEALTH

## BAYSIDE

# Anti-smoking drug Chantix may lead to severe depression

BY TONY RUSSO  
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – If you know anything at all about the smoking cessation drug Chantix it's that taking it can cause vivid dreams and that one of the side effects is severe depression. When I elected to use this method to help me quit smoking I was counting on the former and discounting the possibility of the latter.

The cliché that fits best here is "Live and Learn."

Early on in the process, our support group leader Linda E. Green, R.N., M. Ed., C.D.E. went through the pros and cons of the different quitting aides she told us about a former participant who had become visibly depressed while using Chantix.

The person in question had a history of minor depression but didn't think anything of it when they started feeling poorly.

Green said when the normally fastidious person came to her office disheveled and in a panic, she got them off the Chantix right away and got in touch with the person's doctor.

Eventually, with the help of anti-depressants the person was back to normal but also back to smoking. The disappointing part, she said, was that the patient was doing so well with the Chantix and was truly devastated that the drug was no longer an option.

Stories like this, if nothing



else, are the best reason to join the support group if you're trying to quit or planning on quitting. In addition to support and useful factoids, you can receive access to the kinds of stories that help you make better decisions.

Although it's possible that the depression came on over a period of time, I felt as if it hit me all at once. Sometimes I feel a little down after the Thanksgiving break – it's mostly a case of

homesickness – so the depression could have crept up on me during the opening weeks of December, but I doubt it.

I'd been taking Chantix for a little over two weeks before the depression hit. I have never suffered from clinical or even chemical depression – I'm even a happy drunk – so when I hit the wall it was like nothing I'd ever experienced. It was almost cartoonish, I couldn't dress or eat or work literally spending

the day in my pajamas waiting for the funk to lift.

The first reaction I had was to tough it out. It's rare to be so depressed you do something useful, but I was low enough to feel like I'd never get out of it but not so low that I didn't care. I remembered Green's story and figured I'd give her a call to see how long the blackness would last.

When we spoke she was genuinely sympathetic and said

Over the coming weeks we will be profiling participants in the Worcester County Smoking Cessation Support Group that meets Tuesday evenings at the Berlin Health Center.

it shouldn't last too long but would feel better if I spoke with my doctor about it.

After assuring me she'd forwarded my question to my doctor, one of the nurses told me the depression would last about a week after I stopped the medication.

This turned out to be accurate but the lag time is different for different people. There is a reduced-dose Chantix doctors can prescribe for people who are worried about depression but it takes longer to work.

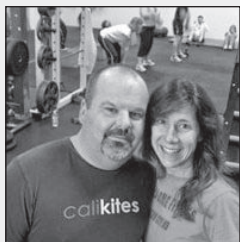
What's important to remember is that, should you decide to try quitting using Chantix – and it's worth trying as long as you're careful – don't fool around with feelings of depression. It's difficult because depression is also one of the side effects of quitting cold turkey.

I've done it both ways and there is a significant difference in quality of the two depressions. Cold turkey depression is often like the irritability that comes with quitting: it might take a second to recognize it, but it's recognizable.

The Chantix-based depression is like nothing you've ever experienced because if you have, there's no way your doctor would let you go on it.

## FITNESS ADVICE

### This year you can do it



By David & Lisa Long

New Year's Resolution No. 145... Eat better, start to exercise, lose weight. These are some of the most popular ones year after year. Talking about it is a start – lots of people get to. and past start; one month at it and still going – a few are still in the game; accomplishing what they set out to do in January – here is where you'll find the satisfied. What is it that these people have that helps them get it done? Where do they find determination and drive?

You have to figure out what you are made of and

use what you have to the best of your ability. Take advantage of your strengths and look for help with your weaknesses. Know your faults and get some help with them, there is no shame in getting help. Successful people learn how to work with what they have, make the most out of it and get assistance when and where they need it.

Have confidence and believe in yourself, do not set yourself up for failure. If you know you are not a big time go getter then do not make resolutions so far out of your reach that there is no way to attain them, start small and you'll have many more victories to fuel your fire to succeed.

Accomplishments and doing what you set out to do will put you in a much better place to move forward. There is still a place for your loftier goals, just know

where that place is, it may take some time and hard work – Are you up for that?

You need to find a way to get and stay motivated. Trainers, friends and families can help, but doing it for you will not get the results you need. Resolve to start, work at it and complete something this year.

Do not make excuses. Do not blame others or circumstances if things do not work out the way you thought they would, move on to finding a way that works. The satisfaction one gets from an accomplishment is life changing.

*Lisa and David Long are trainers who own Live Long Fitness in West Ocean City. 410-213-1078, [www.livelongfitness.com](http://www.livelongfitness.com), [livelongfitness@live.com](mailto:livelongfitness@live.com)*



# AGH and area churches work together to improve individual health

BERLIN – Atlantic General Hospital and seven area churches have joined forces to offer free health management services to the community to help them adopt healthier lifestyles and change the healthcare paradigm from “healing” to “preventing.”

These efforts take place in the partnering churches where parishioners are better able to access the resources. Educational sessions on healthy eating

and exercise as well as regular height, weight and blood pressure checks will be available through the program, which is titled “A Vision of the Possible.” Each individual’s health will be addressed holistically, with mind, body and soul all taken into consideration.

To engage the community, the Faith Based Partnership has kicked off with a year-long weight loss contest open to all church members as well as other

individuals in the community who would like to participate at the partnering church in their neighborhood. The percentage of total body weight loss by the entire congregation during 2011 will determine the winning church.

“Perhaps nowhere else is there such rich potential of primary prevention than in our places of worship,” said Gail Mansell, chaplain at Atlantic General Hospital. “Messages of healthy living, whether from the pulpit or via individual ministry events, go far in reaching people that might not otherwise have access or fully avail themselves of such prevention effort. Our Faith Based Partnership will be a new way to achieve wellness.”

The ongoing healthcare management services and weight loss contest are just the beginning for the faith-based partnership forged with Atlantic General. Over the next 12 months, the hospital will be building an interactive patient portal onto their new web site that will allow users to view test results, schedule appointments and even be in contact with their physicians.

Such an initiative will allow patients and their caregivers to better manage their own health and healthcare options. The faith-based partnership will help a large portion of the community access

and use these online resources.

“As we’ve stated in our community publications and presentations over the past couple of years, true health reform occurs on the individual level,” states Michael Franklin, president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital.

“Our religious institutions are some of the most trusted organizations in our community, which make them the best partners for health care organizations to bring about health reform in our communities. Our goal is to work together using our combined resources and technological capabilities to make a healthy, connected community.”

The partnering faith organizations are:

Coastal Sanctuary – Berlin

Curtis United Methodist Church – Bishopville

Lighthouse Church of God – Berlin

Ocean City Baptist Church – Ocean City

St. Paul’s by the Sea Episcopal Church – Ocean City

St. Paul United Methodist Church – Berlin

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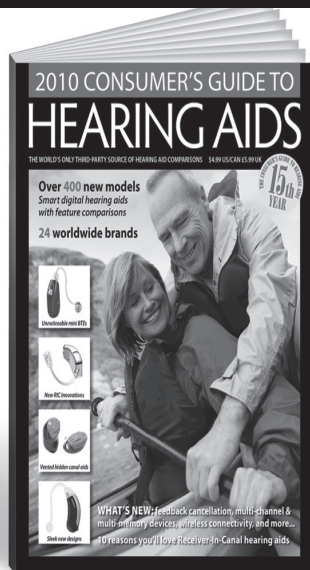
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## Blood Bank of Delmarva recognizes 47,136 local donors who gave blood in 2010

NEWARK, Del. – January is National Blood Donor Month – a time to thank those who give blood, urge others to give blood regularly too, and remind the public about the importance of winter blood donations. There were 47,136 blood donors on Delmarva who gave blood over the past year, helping the Blood Bank avoid blood shortages, even during the most challenging times of year.

“This national donor recognition is

scheduled in January each year at a time when blood centers across the U.S. struggle to fill blood donation schedules. Holidays, busy travel schedules, bad weather and illness all combine to make the winter months a time when blood is often in short supply,” said Blood Bank president and CEO Robert L. Travis. “Because of this, the Blood Bank encourages everyone to make a New Year’s resolution in 2011 that is easy to keep: to donate blood.”

There is no better time to make that resolution a reality than during National Blood Donor Month which begins Jan. 1. Blood Bank of Delmarva operates 4 blood donor centers throughout Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland, as well as 30 established mobile donation locations.

Local blood donors contributed 75,030 blood donations in 2010—keeping the blood supply stable all year. More than 20,000 patients benefited and no surgeries were cancelled because blood was not available. For more information about the Blood Bank or to schedule an appointment to give blood, call 1 888 8-BLOOD-8 or visit [www.delmarvablood.org](http://www.delmarvablood.org).

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# SPORTS

## BAYSIDE



THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephen Decatur's Michelle Harris drives to the hoop during the loss to Pocomoke on Tuesday afternoon. (Below) Decatur senior Leigh Anne Flounlacker dribbles around some Pocomoke defenders. It was her first game back after a concussion. For more girls basketball photos, visit [www.melvillemediaphotos.com](http://www.melvillemediaphotos.com).



## Pocomoke takes Decatur

BERLIN – Even with the return of senior Leigh Anne Flounlacker, back from a concussion, Stephen Decatur could not handle the offensive firepower of Pocomoke on Tuesday afternoon. The Warriors more than doubled the score in the second half to rout the Seahawks 59-27.

"I was really nervous at first when I got back out there," said Flounlacker, who scored eight points for the Seahawks. "I was a little rusty and it took some time to get back into the swing of things, but I feel good and I'm

excited for our next game."

The Seahawks, which saw their Christmas break tournament canceled due to a snow storm and have not played since Dec. 21, came out a little rusty and were behind 32-13 at half time. In the third quarter Pocomoke extended the lead with an 11-0 run and led 49-21 going into the fourth.

"Even though we lost this was one of the best games we have played all year as far as moving the ball on offense and trying to get the ball inside," SDHS coach Amy Fenzel-Mergott said.

## Youth Indoor Leagues start in January

SNOW HILL – Youth Indoor Soccer and Basketball Leagues return to the Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC) in Snow Hill in January.

The soccer league is open to children ages 3 through grade 8, and the basketball league is open to children in kindergarten through grade 8.

For all youth recreational leagues, emphasis is placed on skill development, participation, sportsmanship, and most of all, kids having fun.

"We want our participants to learn sports skills but it is equally important that they develop emotionally, socially, and physically," said Worcester County Recreation and Parks program manager Ken Tustin.

In contrast to other sports leagues, the recreational soccer and basketball leagues are designed for pure enjoyment and skill development. Scores and standings are not recorded and emphasis is placed on participation and positive sportsmanship.

The Indoor Soccer League, which kicks-off the week of Monday, Jan. 10, will be divided into four, co-ed age divisions: Age 3-4, Grades K-1, Grades 2-4, Grades 5-8. The younger divisions, age 3-4 and grades K-1, play Saturday mornings.

Those in grades 2-4 play on Thursday evenings, and those in grades 5-8 play on Monday evenings. Most games will be played at the WCRC, with practice dates, times, and locations to be announced.

The Winter Youth Basketball League, which tips-off Saturday, Jan. 15, will consist of three co-ed divisions: grades K-1, grades 2-4, and grades 5-8. Games will be played each Saturday afternoon at the WCRC, with practice dates, times, and locations to be announced.

The cost for each program is \$20 per player (\$15 for each additional child), and financial aid is available for those who have demonstrated need. Proof of eligibility is required.

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# Twisters gymnast earns perfect 10

BERLIN – The Twisters gymnastics team competed at the Christmas on the Chesapeake Invitational on Dec. 10-12. The meet was hosted by Docksidiers Gymnastics Parent's Association, Maryland Gymnastics, at the Baltimore Convention Center at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore.

This was the biggest meet of the Twisters season so far. The meet hosted over 1,700 gymnasts representing 100 teams from 11 states. Twisters came home with 20 first place finishes including a perfect 10 from Ivy Stearn.

Stearn, a Level 6, from Bishopville, earned the first ever perfect 10 in the history of the Christmas on the Chesapeake Invitational. Stearn's 10.0 earned first place on the uneven bars. She also placed first on vault, beam, and all around (vault, 9.475; beam, 9.45; all around, 38.275).

Other champion performances were given by Amiyah Rounds (bars, 9.475), Alexa Eisemann (vault, 9.45 and floor, 9.35), Jessie Lupiwok (bars, 9.4), Piper Connors (bars, 9.525), Dana Kim (vault, 9.35; beam, 9.45; floor, 9.425; all around, 37.175), Sarena Michnick (bars, 9.05), Katherine Pavlos (bars,

8.55; beam, 8.725; all around, 35.325) and Neva Richardson (beam, 9.3; floor, 9.55; all around, 37.15).

Twisters' Level 7 team placed second. Team members were Dana Kim, Sarena Michnick, and Katherine Pavlos. The level 6 team finished fifth. Members of the Level 6 team were Ashley Tyndall, Georgia Sparacino, Kayla Janek, and Ivy Stearn.

The Level 5 girls, including Alyssa Weldon, Piper Connors, Skyler Mahoney, Bo Bischoff, Maggie Mitchell, Jada Saunders, Olivia Beard, Davina Graybill, Sierra Eisemann and Alyvia Ciurca, placed sixth. The Level 4 team placed seventh.

Team members were Erin Hurley, Cassandra Dolan, Aryan Peters, Joey Guard, Erin Lambertson, Amiyah Rounds, Alexa Eisemann, and Jessie Lupiwok. Neva Richardson competed in Level 8 and Brooke Wessman competed in Level 9.

Twisters Gymnastics Academy is based in Berlin, and is coached by Carmella Solito, Fran Fennell, Donna Miller, and Shannon Tustin. Twisters gymnastics is currently enrolling students for their second recreational session.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**OCEAN PINES DODGEBALL CHAMPIONS** – The DowntownTickets.com team (above) went undefeated during the regular season and came back from the losers bracket to defeat the Ball Dodgers team (below) to take the 2010 Ocean Pines Adult Dodgeball Championship.



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-Jo Siminski,  
at the Casino at Ocean Downs

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### EDITORIAL

## Casino a positive step but more needs to be done

While politicians are understandably optimistic about the additional revenue that will be generated for education — not to mention the state, county, municipalities and Ocean Pines — now that the Casino at Ocean Downs is open, the area has also been reaping what might be casino's most positive aspect for some time.

Many of its new employees were unemployed or underemployed only a few weeks ago. The confidence of long-term reliable income for those hired is as much psychological as economic. It represents the return of security and possibly discretionary income for many.

It's also a great boon for tourism, setting the area apart from other seaside resorts as the casino is only one aspect as well as a destination. There's more to do here than gamble, which is a huge draw. It might well be the final piece of the tourism puzzle and will certainly generate interest resulting in additional room nights, dinners and shopping excursions.

This, of course, leaves the rest of the economic difficulties unaddressed. If there is a downside to the casino it's that its almost inevitable success might give our local politicians an excuse to stop worrying about economic diversity in our community. This would be a disservice to the remaining unemployed and underemployed in the region.

While the casino will certainly give them a little breathing room by creating a reliable revenue stream it cannot solve the region's true economic problem which is the lack of a stable year-round economy and something we urge them to address.

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### LETTERS EDITOR

## NYE celebration in Berlin a success

Editor:

Thanks to the efforts of a handful of people the Town of Berlin's Main Street Program successfully hosted about 1,000 residents and guests at Berlin's first ever community-wide New Year's Eve celebration to welcome 2011.

On behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Berlin I wish to thank town resident Barb Stack for first suggesting the idea and then following through with a great volunteer effort to ensure its success. Also, the success of the event owes much to Michael Day, Berlin's Director of Economic and Community Development.

Other individuals who made the event memorable through their time, talent and creativity included Paul O The DJ, Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence; Lineman Fred Litchfield; Town Administrator Tony Carson; Mike Gibbons and the staff members of the Public Works Department.

Thanks also to Lt. Robert Fisher and the Berlin Police

Department and the support provided by the Worcester County Sheriff's Department and Maryland State Police.

A special thanks goes to the residents and guests who attended the event in the best spirit of community without any incidents or problems.

I trust that Berlin's first New Year's Eve celebration will become another annual tradition in a town known for celebrating life in a variety of formats and festivals throughout the year.

Gee Williams  
Mayor of Berlin

## Stray cats need help in OC

Editor:

*(This is an open letter that was sent to the members of the OC City Council with regards to the possibility of fines being imposed on anyone found feeding/caring for stray/homeless/feral cats in Ocean City.)*

I represent the Delmarva Association of Animal Rescuers and wish to speak with you regarding an issue that has come to DAAR's attention recently.

It seems that an Ocean City resident, a Mr. Gary Steger, has taken offense to people feeding stray cats near his property in old town and has decided to pressure the city into enacting some sort of ordinance that would prevent assistance being given to the large stray and feral cat population in the area.

Obviously this ordinance would encompass all of Ocean City, having a detrimental effect on animals nowhere near Mr. Steger's home or property.

As active animal rescuers we are opposed to any legislation that would make our already difficult endeavors even tougher. In this declining economy it is quite difficult to get financial backing so many rescuers and private citizens provide for the stray and feral population in the city out of their own pockets.

Legislation restricting any positive interaction with the stray and feral cat population would cause citizens who are in difficult financial situations (but still want to help) to re-evaluate their decision to provide assistance because of a fear of being ticketed and/or arrested, with the subsequent



# IRS kicks off 2011 tax season with deadline extended to April 18

## Taxpayers impacted by recent tax breaks may file starting in mid- to late February

BALTIMORE – The Internal Revenue Service today opened the 2011 tax filing season by announcing that taxpayers have until April 18 to file their tax returns. The IRS reminded taxpayers impacted by recent tax law changes that using e-file is the best way to ensure accurate tax returns and get faster refunds.

Taxpayers will have until Monday, April 18 to file their 2010 tax returns and pay any tax due because Emancipation Day, a holiday observed in the District of Columbia, falls this year on Friday, April 15. By law, District of Columbia holidays impact tax deadlines in the same way that federal holidays do; therefore, all taxpayers will have three extra days to file this year. Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Oct. 17 to file their 2010 tax returns.

The IRS expects to receive more than 140 million individual tax returns this year, with most of those being filed by the April 18 deadline. Over 2.7 million tax returns are expected to be filed by Maryland taxpayers.

The IRS also cautioned taxpayers with foreign accounts to properly report income from these accounts and file the appropriate forms on time to avoid stiff penalties.

“The IRS has made important strides at stopping tax avoidance using offshore accounts,” said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. “We continue to focus on offshore tax compliance and people with offshore accounts need to pay taxes on income from those accounts.”

The IRS also reminded tax professionals preparing returns for a fee that this is the first year that they must have a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). Tax return preparers should register immediately using the new PTIN sign-up system available through [www.irs.gov/taxpros](http://www.irs.gov/taxpros).

### WHO MUST WAIT TO FILE

For most taxpayers, the 2011 tax filing season starts on schedule. However, tax law changes enacted by Congress and signed by President Obama in December mean some people need to wait until mid- to late February to file their tax returns in order to give the IRS time to reprogram its processing systems.

Some taxpayers – including those who itemize deductions on Form 1040 Schedule A – will need to wait to file. This includes taxpayers impacted by any of three tax provisions that expired at the end of 2009 and were renewed by the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act Of 2010 enacted Dec. 17. Those who need to wait to file include:

■Taxpayers Claiming Itemized Deductions on Schedule A. Itemized

deductions include mortgage interest, charitable deductions, medical and dental expenses as well as state and local taxes.

In addition, itemized deductions include the state and local general sales tax deduction that was also extended and which primarily benefits people living in areas without state and local income taxes. Because of late Congressional action to enact tax law changes, anyone who itemizes and files a Schedule A will need to wait to file until mid- to late February.

■Taxpayers Claiming the Higher Education Tuition and Fees Deduction. This deduction for parents and students – covering up to \$4,000 of tuition and fees paid to a post-secondary institution – is claimed on Form 8917. However, the IRS emphasized that there will be no delays for millions of parents and students who claim other education credits, including the American Opportunity Tax Credit extended last month and the Lifetime Learning Credit.

■Taxpayers Claiming the Educator Expense Deduction. This deduction is for kindergarten through grade 12 educators with out-of-pocket classroom expenses of up to \$250. The educator expense deduction is claimed on Form 1040, Line 23 and Form 1040A, Line 16.

In addition to extending those tax deductions for 2010, the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act also extended those deductions for 2011 and a number of other tax deductions and credits for 2011 and 2012 such as the American Opportunity Tax Credit and the modified Child Tax Credit, which help families pay for college and other child-related expenses. The Act also provides various job creation and investment incentives including 100 percent expensing and a two-percent payroll tax reduction for 2011. Those changes have no effect on the 2011 filing season.

The IRS will announce a specific date in the near future when it can start processing tax returns impacted by the recent tax law changes. In the interim, taxpayers affected by these tax law changes can start working on their tax returns, but they should not submit their returns until IRS systems are ready to process the new tax law changes. Additional information will be available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

For taxpayers who must wait before filing, the delay affects both paper filers and electronic filers. The IRS urges taxpayers to use e-file instead of paper tax forms to minimize confusion over the recent tax law changes and ensure accurate tax returns.

## LETTERS EDITOR

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finer that such actions will place on them causing them further financial hardship.

There are a number of active feline colonies spread throughout Ocean City. Caretakers for these colonies do their best to keep the colonies safe and up to date on whatever their medical needs are.

Restricting contact between caretakers and these colonies would create a situation where any changes to the colony membership would not be noted as quickly as they are now and the potential for negative reprisals (new litters, the spread of dangerous medical conditions such as rabies and FIV/FLIV to name a few) would grow exponentially.

Currently the colony caretakers work as quickly as possible to contain any issues before they spread to the general animal community. Removal of these caretakers through negative legislation would only exacerbate the problem and, instead of there being a modicum of control for these issues, they would run rampant and the situation would quickly become untenable.

We are urging you, as individual animal rescuers and as a united rescue association, to please oppose any legislation that would have a negative impact on our city's stray and feral cat population.

Paul Toulotte, Founder  
Delmarva Association of Animal  
Rescuers

## Noel Community thanks all supporters

Editor:

The Noel Community extends a thank you to places of worship, individuals, businesses, and civic groups for the overwhelming support for our 13th Annual Christmas Dinner. We are especially grateful to Father David Dingwall and St. Paul's by-the Sea for hosting the dinner;

to Deacon Carl Mosley for his constant spiritual leadership; to the many businesses and civic groups for supplying food, making generous monetary donations, and 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 almost 1,700 free meals on Christmas, including carry-outs 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, and surrounding neighborhoods allowing us to make the Christmas celebration special for many in our community. We will continue to expand our outreach this year serving free breakfast and carryout lunch at a local food pantry with the leftover supplies and funds.

Your generosity allowed the Noel Community volunteers to serve each Saturday in 2010 providing 5,100 meals/sandwiches throughout the year. Thanks to your support, we are able to assist individuals and families in meaningful ways.

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THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**AGH PENGUIN SWIM** – On New Year's Day hundreds of people of all ages gathered on the 91st Street beach in Ocean City to cleanse themselves in the Atlantic Ocean for the new year - luckily for them the temperature was in the 50s. The annual Penguin Swim is a fundraiser for Atlantic General Hospital.



GEREN MORTENSEN/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**NEW YEAR'S EVE IN BERLIN** – More than a thousand revelers jammed Main Street in downtown Berlin on New Year's Eve to watch the inaugural ball drop at midnight.



## Parrothead Club's Mardi Gras Kickoff Party on Friday

OCEAN CITY – The Ocean City Parrothead Club will present its 11th Mardi Gras Kick Off Party to benefit the PJ Aldridge Foundation and Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services on Friday, Jan. 14, at Seacrets on 49th Street in Ocean City.

This free event will be held from 6-10 p.m. Seacrets will offer an extended happy hour and a great party atmosphere with DJ BK and DJ Batman. Come and party with a purpose.

The Mardi Gras Kick-Off Party introduces the 2011 Royal Court of Ocean City. This year's Kings are John Barrett, Buddy Trala and Dr. Todd Bescak. The 2011 Queen candidates are Mary Rice, Tammy Cebula and Kathy Denk.

Each nominee will raise additional funds for this year's charities. The nominee with the most raised funds throughout the months of January, February and March will be crowned the night of the Mardi Gras Carnival (March 25).

At the Mardi Gras Kick-Off Party, the royal court will be available to raise extra funds by getting their friends to donate a "Royal Buck" to their campaign. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle and a Mardi Gras Mart, which will feature beads and other fun Mardi Gras accessories. You will also be able to purchase Mardi Gras Carnival tickets there as well.

For more information on the Royal Court, the Kick-Off Party and tickets to the Mardi Gras Carnival, the charity ball held at the Carousel on March 25 from 7 p.m.-midnight, visit [www.ocphc.com](http://www.ocphc.com) or call India Banderick at 410-520-2100.

## Wigley named Coca-Cola Scholar

BERLIN – Carson Wigley, a Worcester Preparatory School senior has been named a Semifinalist for the 2011 Class of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. With the 2011 class, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will have provided more than 4,000 young scholars nationwide with over \$44 million in scholarships.

Nearly 71,000 applications were received for this scholarship this year. Carson is one of 2,100 Semifinalists in the running for \$3 million that the Foundation will award in the spring.

As a Semifinalist, Carson must submit additional information, which will be reviewed by 30 educators this month. If she is selected, she will be one of 253 Finalists who will travel to Atlanta in April for the Coca-Cola Scholars Weekend.

Two hundred of the Scholars will receive \$10,000 in scholarships and the rest will be given scholarships of \$20,000.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**GUSHING MUSHES** – Members of the annual M.U.S.H.E. (Men Uttering Sonnets of Heartfelt Emotion) luncheon in support of the Cricket Center make plans for the event Feb. 14 at the Blue Dog Café in Snow Hill noon-2 p.m. For information, contact Coleen Colson at 410-677-6807. Shown left to right: Emma Klein, Todd Crosby, Nancy Howard, Terry Edwards, Wendy Myers and Pete Buesgens.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**BAND SCHOLARSHIPS** – The Stephan Decatur Band Boosters granted three band students \$500 scholarships to continue their education after high school. These students were Hanna Mullins, Kelly Mouholland and Tracy Morey. JD Foell (band director), Hanna Mullins, Lynne Astarb (Band Booster president) and Karen Krummel (Color Guard director).



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**EASTERN SHORE GAS** – SDHS Alumni Association Treasurer Ross Bergey, (l) presents a plaque to Jacques Remmell, (r) vice-president of Eastern Shore Gas Company, in appreciation for the firm's donation of materials and labor in the building of the athletic field house at Stephen Decatur High School's Seahawk Stadium. The field house is now under construction and is a project of the SDHS Alumni Association. For more information and online giving opportunities to support the field house project visit: [www.sdhsalumni.com](http://www.sdhsalumni.com).



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# UMES Gala celebrity line-up adds four more stars

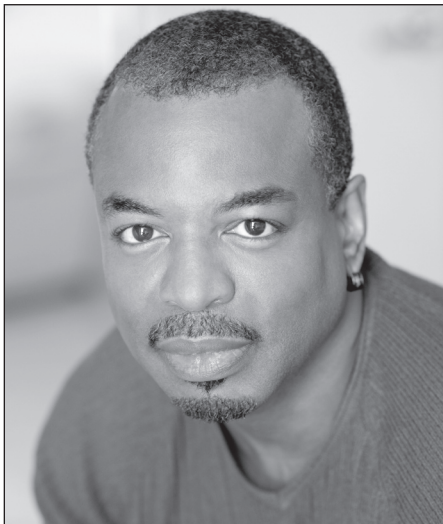
PRINCESS ANNE – Four Hollywood stars, LeVar Burton, Tyne Daly, David Alan Grier and Pam Grier, join headliner Sharon Stone for “Hollywood on the Shore,” the 2011 University of Maryland Eastern Shore Gala.

Tickets are now on sale for the March 5 fundraising event, which takes place at 6 p.m. in the university’s Student Services Center.

“We are elated to be able to bring such a wonderful, well-known group of celebrities to be among our guests,” said Veronique Diriker, director of development and event coordinator.

Burton, 53, is an actor, director, producer and author whose career has spanned some 30 years. He portrayed Kunta Kinte in the 1977 award-winning television miniseries “Roots,” based on the novel by Alex Haley. Burton is also known for his role as Geordi La Forge on the television series “Star Trek: The Next Generation.” He won 13 Emmy Awards and five NAACP awards as host of “Reading Rainbow,” one of PBS’ longest running children’s series.

His latest efforts are behind the camera. “The Tiger Woods Story,” the first dramatic television movie he directed, landed Burton three Emmy nominations and his Disney Channel film, “Smart House,” is one of the channel’s most popular original movies.



LeVar Burton

David Alan Grier, 54, began his career in drama. He worked alongside Denzel Washington in the Academy Award nominated dramatic film, “A Soldier’s Story.” He is best known for his many characters in the Emmy Award-winning TV comedy series “In Living Color.”

In comedic roles, he also appeared on film in “Boomerang,” “Blankman,” “In the Army Now” and “Jumanji.” He is also a successful stand-up comedian and hosted the Comedy Central series “Premium Blend.”

On stage, Grier was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Featured Actor in



Tyne Daly

a Musical and won the Theatre World Award for “The First.” In the Broadway musical “Dreamgirls,” Grier portrayed James “Thunder” Early.

More recently, he returned to Broadway for the musical “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” and “Race” for which he won his second Tony Award.

Daly, an outspoken feminist on and off the screen, is best known for portraying the gutsy detective, Mary Beth Lacy, in the TV series “Cagney and Lacey.” She and her co-star Sharon Gless won the Emmy Award for Best Lead Actress in a



Sharon Stone

Drama for six straight years – a record unmatched in any major category by a television show.

She also won an Emmy for the American drama TV series “Christy,” which was based on the novel by Catherine Marshall. From 1999-2005, Daly, 64, played the character Maxine Gray, the social-worker mother of the show’s title character, on “Judging Amy.”

Her Broadway career began with “That Summer, That Fall” in 1967. Daly won a Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical for “Gypsy.” She has appeared in many other successful stage plays.

Pam Grier, 61, is celebrating her 40th year as an entertainer on the big and small screens. She is one of the few African-American actresses to receive a Golden Globe nomination for Best Actress for the crime film “Jackie Brown.”

On film, she played character roles in “Fort Apache the Bronx,” “Something Wicked this Way Comes,” and “Above the Law.”

On television, she recently can be seen in a recurring role on the hit science fiction series “Smallville.” She has also guest-starred in such television series as “Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.” Her TV credits also include appearances in “Miami Vice,” “Martin,” “Night Court,” and “The Fresh Prince of Bel Air.”

“We’re just so fortunate that these very busy people are willing to give of their time and help the university with such an important cause – raising money to help students afford a college education,” Diriker said.

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**ANGEL FOOD DELIVERIES** — Tom Ayd, a volunteer with Community Church's Angel Food Ministries, carries a box of eggs into the Family Life Center at the December delivery of food. Over 80 boxes of food orders were delivered in December. Most were ordered by individual families, but many were ordered by individuals and donated to families in need or to Sarah's Pantry at Community Church. For information about Angel Food Ministries contact Louise at 410-430-0284.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**TOY DONATION** — Brian and Christine Selzer of Merrill Lynch along with their clients made a donation to the Toys For Tots drive in Worcester County.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**PINESTEPPERS** — Members of the Pinesteppers Square Dance Club celebrated the holidays with a buffet dinner at The Georgia House in Millsboro. From left club caller Ed Shaffer and his wife Jane, Peggy Barrett and club president Bruce Barrett.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**DONATIONS** — Children worked together to raise donations for Shirley Grace Pregnancy Center to help mom's in need of baby supplies this Christmas. Pam Lipka, Sunday school director of Trinity Cathedral and fifth grade teacher at Berlin Intermediate School, organized the group.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**FOOLS DONATION** — The Ocean City chapter of F.O.O.L.S. (Fraternal Order of Leatherheads Society), a team for the Penguin Swim, donates \$1,000 during a fundraiser held at the Green Turtle in Ocean City. Patricia Ilczuk-Lavanceau, chair of the AGH Penguin Swim, and Amy Unger, AGH director of development accept the check



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**TEDDY BEARS** — Ocean City Elementary School's second and third graders donated teddy bears and stockings filled with toys for the Salvation Army during this holiday season. (Bottom) second graders Layla Chrysanthis, John James. Morgan Davis, Mackenzie Barrett, and Nicolas Vinogradov; (top) third graders Alan Cabello-Vargas, Natalie Piltoyan, Stephen Giovannetti, Mae Purnell, Bridget Buxbaum, Kayla Gilligan and Major Connie from the Salvation Army.



# CALENDAR

## BAYSIDE

### Thursday, Jan. 6

#### BEACH SINGLES

Clarion Hotel, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Happy hour every Thursday for singles 45 plus. 302-436-9577.

### Friday, Jan. 7

#### BINGO

Holy Savior/Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City – rear St. Lukes Church. Doors open 6 p.m., games being 7 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

### Saturday, Jan. 8

#### INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Ocean Pines Community Center, 8 a.m. to noon. Find old treasures and search for bargains.

### Sunday, Jan. 9

#### BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City – rear St. Lukes Church. 9 a.m. to noon. Info: 410-524-7994.

#### HIKE BURTON ISLAND

Delaware Seashore State Park, nature preserve hike, 1 p.m. Learn about natural and local history of Burton Island. Dress for the weather. \$4 per person, pre-registration required. 302-227-6991.

### Monday, Jan. 10

#### CAMERA CLUB

Ocean Pines Camera Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Library. For more information call 410-208-2555.

#### AARP MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center, 9:30 coffee and dessert, 10 a.m. meeting. AARP Chapter 4507. Guest speaker Phyllis Mitchell, financial advisor and planner.

### Wednesday, Jan. 12

#### KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines/Ocean City meets weekly at the Ocean Pines Community Center on Wednesday mornings at 7:45 a.m. except the 3rd Wednesday when the meeting is in the evening at the Woodlands in Ocean Pines starting at 5:15 p.m. social time with dinner at 6 p.m.

#### RECORD MARLIN UNVEILING

Roland E. Powell Convention Center, Ocean City, 2:30 p.m. 1,062 pound blue marlin reeled in during the 2009 White Marlin Open by Bob Farris of Charlotte, N.C., will be unveiled as a permanent display. Bob Farris will be joined by

Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan, Convention Center Director Rick Hamilton, Mark Becker, owner of the boat No Problem, which Farris was on when the fish was caught, and Jim Motsko, White Marlin Open organizer.

### Thursday, Jan. 13

#### GARDEN CLUB

Ocean Pines Garden Club meeting, 10:30 a.m., Yacht Club in Ocean Pines. Installation of new officers and luncheon. For more info: 410-208-2508.

#### BEACH SINGLES

Clarion Hotel, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Happy hour every Thursday for singles 45 plus. 302-436-9577.

### Friday, Jan. 14

#### BINGO

Holy Savior/Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City – rear St. Lukes Church. Doors open 6 p.m., games being 7 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

#### LIFEGUARD COURSE

Ocean Pines, Sports Core pool. 2 consecutive weekends – Jan. 14, 15, 16 & 21, 22 & 23. Initial swim test must be passed. Call 410-641-7717 ext. 3050 to register.

### Saturday, Jan. 15

#### FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

New Hope United Methodist Church, Willards. \$11 adults. Carry-outs available. For info: 410-543-8244 or 443-614-6285.

#### EDIBLE PLANTS

Delaware Seashore State Park, 2:30 p.m. Learn about the many culinary uses of plants at the beach. Indoor program. \$6 per person – no registration required. For more info: 302-227-6991.

#### SQUID DISSECTION

Indian River Life Saving Station, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participants will receive their own squid specimen to examine. \$8 per person. Space and materials are limited, pre-register at 302-227-6991.

#### FAMILY WORKSHOP

Salisbury Zoo, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Children 10 and under. Topic: Marine Mammals. \$6 per child. For info: 410-546-3440. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Wednesday, Jan. 19

#### FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

Relay for Life and American Cancer Society benefit, Decatur Diner, Rt. 611, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Adults \$10.99, children 3-10, \$4.99.

#### MAH JONGG TOURNNEY

Temple Bat Yam, Berlin, MD. 9:30 a.m. check-in, games run til 3 p.m. \$25 per person, includes lunch, dessert and coffee. Players are asked to bring the current Mah Jongg card and their Mah Jongg set. Reservations suggested, 410-641-4311.

#### TACO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Stephen Decatur High School, 2:30-7 p.m. School fundraiser sponsored by Berlin Area Ministries United. Beef and chicken tacos, \$1 each, drinks and dessert available.

### Thursday, Jan. 20

#### BEACH SINGLES

Clarion Hotel, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Happy hour every Thursday for singles 45 plus. 302-436-9577.

### Friday, Jan. 21

#### BINGO

Holy Savior/Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City – rear St. Lukes Church. Doors open 6 p.m., games being 7 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

#### VOLUNTEER FAIR

Salisbury Zoo, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Learn how you can volunteer in your community. Temporary and on-going options. Refreshments. Bring a friend. Call 410-546-3440 for more information.

### Sunday, Jan. 23

#### BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City – rear St. Lukes Church. 9 a.m. to noon. Info: 410-524-7994.

### Tuesday, Jan. 25

#### SPEAKER SERIES

Maryland Coastal Bays Citizens Advisory Committee at the Ocean City Marlin Club, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tools and tips on making homes more energy efficient. For more info: 410-213-2297.

### Thursday, Jan. 27

#### PASTA AND PURSES

Pasta -A Plenty and Purses too! All you can eat (including gluten free and vegetarian dishes) 4:45-6:45 p.m. Stevenson Church Hall 123 N. Main Street, Berlin. Adults \$10 kids 12 and under \$5. Gently used and new purses will be for sale too. All proceeds benefit The Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program. Info: 443-235-9493.

#### DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETING

The Democratic Club of Worcester County will hold its meeting at 7 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community

Center. Speaker will be Charlotte Cathell who holds the elected position of the Worcester County Register of Wills. There will be time set aside for questions/answers. Refreshments will be served.

#### FIRESIDE CHAT

Worcester County Library, Berlin branch, 3 p.m. Discuss and recommend your favorite books while enjoying a cup of coffee by the fire.

#### STORY TIME

Worcester County Library, Ocean Pines branch, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts for children ages 3-5 years old.

#### REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

The Republican Women of Worcester County will hold its first general meeting at the Marina Deck Restaurant at 10:30 a.m. Speaker is Dustin Mills of the Wicomico County Central Committee. For details, contact Ann Lutz, 410-208-9767, or annlutz@verizon.net.

#### SOUP SALES

Thursdays, Jan. 27 and Feb. 10 and 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Delicious homemade vegetable beef or navy bean, fresh-made chicken salad and egg salad sandwiches, hot biscuits and homemade desserts. Dine-in or call early for carry-out, 410-289-7430. Atlantic United Methodist Church, 4th St. and Baltimore Ave., Ocean City.

#### BEACH SINGLES

Clarion Hotel, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Happy hour every Thursday for singles 45 plus. 302-436-9577.

### Friday, Jan. 28

#### BINGO

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. Doors open 6 p.m., games begin 7 p.m. Refreshments available. 410-524-7994.

#### YOUTH CONCERT

Rewired Café, Stevenson Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 7-9 p.m. \$5. Refreshments available.

#### TODDLERS & TYKES YOGA

Worcester County Library, Berlin branch, 10:30 a.m. Developmentally enriched yoga for babies, toddlers and their caregivers under the instruction of a certified instructor.

#### POLKA

Worcester County Library, Ocean Pines branch. 2 p.m. Listen to polka music, performed by Frank Nanna and The Cow Polkas.

#### DINNER THEATER

The Possum Point Players upcoming dinner theater performance of Neil Simon's comedy "I Ought to Be in Pictures" runs Jan. 29 and 30 with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and on Jan. 31 with dinner at 12:30

p.m. Tickets are \$40. Possum Ticketline: (302) 856-4560.

#### ADULT MUSICAL COMEDY

Possum Point Players presents "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee". Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Performance runs January 28 & 29, February 4 & 5; Sunday matinees January 30 & February 6, 12:30 p.m. \$40 per person. Reservations, 302-856-4560.

#### SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM

Ocean Pines Chapter of AARP, 55 Alive safe driving one day class, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$12 per person AARP members, \$14 non-members. Call Dave Lloyd to reserve your spot, 410-641-6278.

### Sunday, Jan. 30

#### BREAKFAST BUFFET

Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. All you can eat, 9 a.m. to noon, includes coffee and juice. \$9 per person, children under 9 – half price. 410-524-7994.

#### RED CROSS BENEFIT

The American Red Cross Lower Shore Chapter invites you to come out for a great cause at the Green Turtle. Tickets are available at the Turtle, 116th Street, 410-723-2120, gtoc@thegreeneturtle.com or call Patti Miller 443-880-7795. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Lower Shore Chapter of the American Red Cross.

### Monday, Jan. 31

#### MOMENTS IN LIFE

Worcester County Library, Berlin branch, 2:30 p.m. WBOC's Kelly Rouse presents a collection of short stories.

#### AARP MEETING

Ocean Pines Chapter 4507 of AARP will meet at the Community Center at 9:30 cake and coffee, 10 a.m. meeting. Speaker: Mable Rogers, of the Historical Society, on The History of Riddle Farms. Info: 410-641-7347.

#### POKER CLUB

Ocean Pines Poker Club meets every Monday night at 7 p.m. Players wanted. Info: 410-208-2940.

#### ART EXHIBIT

Foyer Gallery, Art Institute & Gallery, Salisbury. Max Perim exhibit, last year's winner of the Blooming Artist Youth Show, runs through Feb. 12. Reception Feb. 9, 5-7 p.m.

#### CONCERT & ART SHOW

Fulton Hall, Salisbury University. Art Department Annual Faculty Show. Reception Feb. 11. Free. Show runs Feb. 1-14.

#### BLACK HISTORY EXHIBITS

Mosely Gallery, UMES. Reception 5-7 p.m. Feb. 18. Free.



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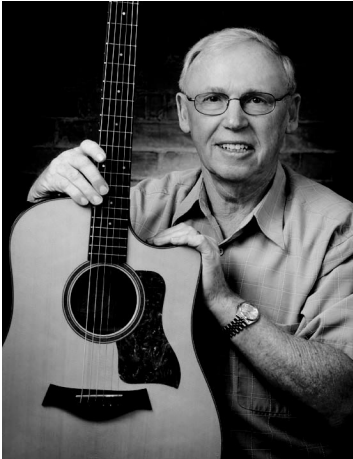
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FRIDAY – No Byscuyls

SATURDAY – the Chest Pains



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SATURDAY – Patrick McAllorum

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410-641-7501

FRIDAY – Jimmy Charles

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FRIDAY – Power Play

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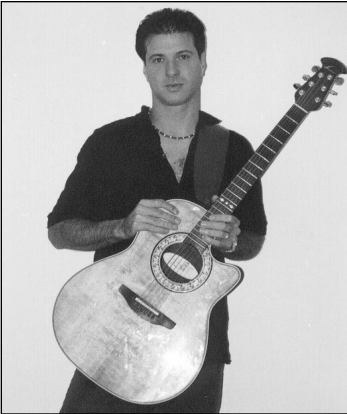
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12/31/10	199	9143	437	2122	09.16.24.26.30	05
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- Across

1 Polite, old-fashioned assent

5 Court action

9 Baby bird?

14 Inventory

19 It's high in Peru

20 Rear

21 Where Gerald Ford went to law sch.

22 E-mail button

23 Like some points

24 Royal Norwegian Order of St. ---

25 Slur

26 Like boxers' hands

27 1934 novel "نبي عت"

31 Harold's car in "Harold and Maude"

32 Subj. of the 2005 book "Many Unhappy Returns"

33 Greeting in Lisbon

34 --- shui

36 Creative sort

38 1968 hit song "Назад"

43 NPR host Conan and others

45 --- for owl

46 Pitcher of milk?

47 1985 hit song "คินหนึ่ง"

55 Portland-to-Spokane dir.
- 56 "Ben-\_\_\_"

57 One of the Pac-Man ghosts

58 Impassive

59 Cath. title

60 Reactions from the hoity-toity

64 Electrophorus electricus, for one

66 Light on the top?

68 2003 film "Érase una Vez"

76 Constellation next to Ursa Major and Ursa Minor

77 Paisano

78 Film worker

79 Spanish liqueur

82 ---Turkish War, 1911-12

85 Brilliant display

88 Sweet suffix?

89 Pep

90 1951 film "Une Personne des États-Unis"

95 Robin Hood portrayer in "Robin Hood: Men in Tights"

97 Little pocket

98 Reveler's cry

99 1912 novella "Morte"

105 "You're on!"

109 Irish Rose's guy

110 --- pond

111 It contains uracil

113 90% off?

114 1943 novel "Whaddya Tink? A Sapling Stays a Sapling Fuhevah?"

120 Hit CBS series beginning in 2004
- 121 "The Story of \_\_\_" (1945 war film)

122 All's partner

123 German photographer --- Bing

124 Bahraini buck

125 Actress Massey

126 Prefix with sphere

127 Classic brand of hair remover

128 2003 Economics Nobel

129 Forest homes

130 Abbr. in many a mail-order address

131 Tests for coll. seniors
- 18 English dramatist Thomas

28 Immigrant from Japan

29 Ultrasecret org.

30 ---jongg

35 Feminist Germaine

37 Pre-college yrs.

39 Cookout discard

40 Some Korean exports

41 "And who \_\_\_?"

42 "Yikes!"

44 D.C.'s Union ---

47 Très

48 Senate Armed Services Committee chairman after Goldwater

49 Hockey's Lindros

50 Retail giant whose logo has blue letters in a yellow oval

51 Dostoyevsky's denial

52 Area crossed by Marco Polo

53 Pottery need

54 Carol start

59 Year of the first Spanish settlement in Cuba

61 A.T.F. agents, e.g.

62 Some trim

63 Home of Galicia

65 Something that may be glossed over

67 "Waking \_\_\_ Devine" (1998 comedy)

69 Numerical prefix

70 Linguist Chomsky

71 Jacobs of fashion

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- 72 "The Praise of Chimney-Sweepers" essayist

73 "Like \_\_\_ not ..."

74 Mozart opera title opening

75 Rich rocks

79 Skin care brand

80 About 10% of Africa

81 "Any day now"

83 ---majesté
- 84 Setting for Cervantes's "El Gallardo Español"

86 Turn-\_\_\_

87 Kind of torch

90 Bat wood

91 Starting point on a French map

92 Eh

93 1990s Toyota coupe
- 94 Comic who said "A short summary of every Jewish holiday: They tried to kill us. We won. Let's eat"

96 Everlasting

100 "South Park" sibling

101 Gourd

102 Manly

103 \_\_\_ de coeur

104 The Supreme Court, e.g.

106 Invoice issuer
- 107 Parisian palace

108 Dogmata

112 Drop off

115 "Reader, I married him" heroine

116 Iberian eyes

117 Custom

118 They may be high or heavy

119F orces on horses: Abbr.

120 Alphabet trio



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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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The answers to last week's puzzles

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# CUISINE

## BAYSIDE

## Salt cod croquettes with tomato sauce

Forgetting that I had asked my amazing wife for books (I am somewhat of a broken record when it comes to wish lists),



By Paul Suplee,  
CEC, PC III

I once again received volumes of letter with an assortment of texts of culinary lore for Christmas. Also in the stack was a wonderful non-culinary novel, a Pulitzer Prize winner of 1981, and a story that had a formidable impact on my desire to not only keep reading but also to learn how to write.

I read this book when I was serving in the Marines, and if I had to pin it on a date, I would have to say it was 1991. Back in those days, it probably would have taken me a year to read a book. Now, however, it was laid to rest in a day, and it was even more refreshing and surprising than I remembered it almost two decades prior.

The book is "A Confederacy of Dunces" by JK Toole, a scintillatingly disturbing comedy-tragedy set in New Orleans in the early 60s. Communists, revolutionaries, socialites, bleeding-heart do-gooders (who in their attempts to help only solidify the common notion that the road to Hell is paved with good intentions) and greasy boxes of tea cakes are only minimized by the large mass of a flatulent beast by the name of Ignatius Reilly, a slothful, educated do-nothing who bellows his wisdom to assure any surrounding inferior beings that he knows more than them.

Since this is not a book review, I will leave it to you to read the book and post your thoughts.

Next on the docket was "Cod; a Biography of the Fish that Changed the World" by Kurlansky. Short and sweet, it is a detailed and well-oriented piece on cod, and if one could be more specific, of the value of salt-cod throughout modern history. It is an important cautionary tale for anyone who eats seafood as Kurlansky does a good job of disseminating government reports on and denials of overfishing for decades only



to realize now that it may be too late; the damage is done.

My family had just supped with friends on Christmas Eve for a Feast of Seven Fishes, and it was decided that my contribution would be a somewhat traditional offering from salt-cod, aka bacalao or bacalhau.

Executing a variation on #1145 of A. Escoffier, I made croquettes from salt-cod and mashed potatoes, using a crust of graham, almond and maize. The crisp was a perfect contrast to the soft volcanic interior. And with the sweet and tangy tomato sauce to offset the savory filling, it was a smash hit.

These croquettes are based on brandade, A. Escoffier #1805; a dip of sorts that combines the cod and mashed potatoes in a creamy mixture. As cod became scarcer and more expensive,

potatoes were an effective and tasty way to stretch the chef's dollar, or franc, whatever the case may be.

And when I think about the dunces who may very well be in confederacy against me, I can't help but be thankful that while I am educated, I have accepted that I know little and must keep studying in order to enlighten myself before I think for even a second that I can do so with anyone else.

For now, I will consider myself the dunce, but a dunce who can make a mean croquette.

### SALT COD CROQUETTES WITH TOMATO SAUCE

8 oz. salt cod  
8 oz. peeled Russet potato, diced  
garlic to taste  
cream as needed  
2 whole eggs  
potato buds only if needed  
3 oz. almonds  
3 oz. corn flour

3 oz. graham crackers  
S&P to taste

Tomato Sauce (recipe follows)

1. Soak the salt cod in cold water for a minimum of 12 hours, changing the water every couple of hours or so. Many believe that 24 hours are needed, but that's up to you

2. When the cod is drained and ready to go, sauté it lightly in butter with the garlic until white and cooked through. Mash with the back of a spoon until it is nice and smooth. Set aside until you are ready with the potatoes

3. Simmer the potatoes in salted water until tender and ready to mash

4. Combine the potatoes, cream and eggs, seasoning to taste, to make an eggy mashed potato

5. Add the cod and potato mixtures and mix until homogenous

6. Roll into balls and set in the refrigerator until they set up

7. Grind the almonds, flour and graham, salt & pepper in a food processor or grinder of choice until fine

8. Set up a breading station of flour, Egg wash, breading mixture and bread the croquettes, aka Cod Balls

9. At this point they can be fried or frozen if not used in the next day. They freeze beautifully and will fry from frozen, making any leftovers not a problem. This is even more so the case when you vacuum pack.

### TOMATO SAUCE

1 can diced tomatoes  
½ ea. medium onion, diced  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 ea. Medium shallot, diced  
Herbs to taste  
S&P to taste

1. Place the first four ingredients in a saucepan and simmer until well combined. This can take quite a while, so just be patient

2. Adjust with herbs, salt, pepper and sugar if desired and either strain through a food mill or puree to serve.

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# State directs \$10.6 million to support oyster restoration, aquaculture

ANNAPOLIS – Gov. Martin O'Malley recently announced a new program to provide affordable financing to watermen and others interested in launching or expanding commercial shellfish aquaculture operations in Maryland.

Of the state's \$10.6 million oyster restoration budget for fiscal year 2011, \$2.2 million in subsidized loans will be available for aquaculture projects through a partnership between the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO).

"When we announced our visionary plan to restore our native oyster last December, we promised to support our watermen and other working Marylanders interested in transitioning to aquaculture – the major source of shellfish production around the world," said O'Malley.

"With the help of Senator Barbara Mikulski and our congressional delegation, we are making good on that promise, with a loan program that will help new businesses get off the ground, help existing businesses expand, and create new green jobs."

Maryland now offers a mix of State and Federal funding to support a revolving loan fund administered by MARBIDCO. The University of Maryland Extension (UME) and the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) are also contributing to this effort, providing training and business planning assistance to current and prospective shellfish growers.

More than two-thirds of the funding for this program comes from a \$15 million federal blue crab fishery disaster allocation to Maryland. The National Marine Fisheries Service award, which was requested by O'Malley and advocated for by Sen. Mikulski and Maryland's congressional delegation in 2008, has supported a variety of watermen work programs as well as a program to retire inactive commercial limited crab catcher licenses.

Enacted in September, Maryland's Oyster Restoration and Aquaculture Development plan increases Maryland's network of oyster sanctuaries from 9 percent to 24 percent of remaining quality habitat; increases areas open to leasing for oyster aquaculture and streamlines the permitting process; and maintains 76 percent of the Bay's remaining quality oyster habitat for a more targeted, sustainable, and scientifically managed public oyster fishery.

"The wide-scale development of shellfish aquaculture in Maryland's Chesapeake and Coastal Bays is a fundamental component of our Oyster Restoration and Aquaculture Development Plan and will be a key contributor to rebuilding the region's seafood industry," said DNR Secretary John Griffin.

"This loan program is another in a suite of programs created to lessen the impact of new sanctuaries on our watermen and help them transition into new business ventures."

Shellfish aquaculture startup expenses can run from \$5,000 to more than \$100,000 depending on the scope of the enterprise. Obtaining a loan from traditional commercial lenders for aquaculture business projects can be challenging for small enterprises and individuals considering the two- to three-year growing period between oyster planting and growth to market size, as well as frequently the lack of available business equity and collateral security.

"This is a good start and I am glad the governor has dedicated this initial funding to help watermen and others who are interested in pursuing aquaculture and a new business venture," said

Larry Simns, president of the Maryland Watermen's Association.

"We have a lot to learn in this phase of the oyster arena and it appears we have men and their families who may be willing to try to make a go of it. Any financial help from the state will make it that much more doable."

Maryland's new aquaculture loan program is a subsidized program with all principal payments returning to a revolving fund to support an additional round of future funding. The loan program also offers a partial loan forgiveness element for borrowers meeting certain performance conditions. MARBIDCO is pricing the loans at a fixed annual

interest rate not to exceed 4.5 percent.

"MARBIDCO is truly delighted to be able to partner with DNR, MDA and UME to make financial and other business planning assistance available to existing and new shellfish farmers in Maryland," said MARBIDCO's Executive Director Stephen McHenry.

"We encourage watermen and others interested in commercial oyster aquaculture to take advantage of this great opportunity."

The state is establishing a Shellfish Aquaculture Financing Committee including representatives from DNR, MDA, UME, a Maryland farm credit association and MARBIDCO.

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