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CSI DECATUR – Worcester County Deputy Jason Chance along with Stephen Decatur High School juniors Mari-Claire Bowie (left) and Michelle Rosinski add electrical currents to the prepared DNA for their fictitious crime scene investigation in biology teacher Jim Krall's class.

Where does slots money go?

87 percent of every dollar spent at slots facilities is paid out in prize money

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — While attendance has fluctuated at the Casino at Ocean Downs, the slots parlor is already emerging as a leisure destination for locals and, at the very least, a curiosity-satisfying stop for visitors. As the winter turns to spring then summer state lottery officials will be able to get a better estimate of the approximate revenues the Casino at Ocean Downs will generate and the local impact fees will be better able to be scheduled.

As it stands now, the State Lottery Commission will begin reporting on the area totals in the next few weeks. Each of the area recipients will receive funds transfers but the expenditure of those funds will be dependent on the recommendation of the Local Development Council.

What precisely will happen to the funds the county will likely be receiving for distribution in the coming weeks is still a little murky but not something of concern, according to Gee Williams.

Williams sits on the Committee of

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Downtown building wall stabilized; Goobers still open

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — It was early December when Fred Fields, a subcontractor who often does work for local businessman Jack Burbage, got to work shoring up the wall in the property across from town

hall. The work was the result of something Fields noticed during a regular inspection of the property and, as far as Fields knew, wasn't too big a deal at all.

In fact, when he went to town planning director Chuck Ward to let him know they'd be working on the facade, Fields wasn't convinced the street need-

ed to be closed.

"There was never a chance of that wall buckling into the street," he said.

Ward agreed, saying that when he was talking about the needed work and said the wall was buckling by into the street he was referencing the direction, not an

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NEWS BRIEFS

OPA BUDGET HEARING

The Ocean Pines board of directors' annual public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2011-2012 will take place 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Ocean Pines Community Center in the Assateague Room.

The board will present a proposed budget to the Ocean Pines Association membership. The board welcomes thoughts and input from the membership. Can't make the meeting? Email comments to directors@oceanpin.es.org.

OCEAN PINES POKER CLUBS

SEEKING MEMBERS

Two Monday night poker clubs are interested in recruiting new members in the Ocean Pines area. Seats are limited to eight at each of the two tables. Call 410-641-8351 for more information.

AARP DRIVING PROGRAM

The Ocean Pines Chapter of AARP will be presenting a 55 Alive Safe Driving program as a one day class, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28. The cost to attend is \$12 if you are a national member of AARP. Otherwise, the course fee is \$14.

Many insurance companies provide a premium discount that is effective for three years. Call Dave Lloyd at 641-6278 to reserve space for this class date or a future class. You will be informed of the location and other details when you call.

TREE DROP-OFF SITE

The town of Ocean City is once again providing a Christmas tree drop-off site at the 100th Street Municipal Parking Lot. Trees can be placed in the northeast corner of the 100th Street lot through Jan. 31.

Remove all tinsel, ornaments and other non-wooden items from the tree. Trees collected at the site are taken to the county landfill where they are ground into mulch.

DUNE PLANTS AVAILABLE

The town of Ocean City, for the fifth year, is offering beach district plants to the public for planting in the secondary dune area. The hardy plants tolerate the harsh environment of the oceanfront areas and provide habitat enhancement, water quality treatment and erosion control. Call Gail Blazer, town of Ocean City Engineering Department, at 410-289-8825 for an application and order form.

MVA IN OCEAN CITY

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's MVA on Wheels returns to Ocean City on Feb. 8. The MVA bus will be parked at the Public Safety Building lot, 65th Street and Coastal Highway. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The following services are offered on the MVA bus: Renew a non-commercial drivers license; renew a Maryland photo identification card; obtain a duplicate drivers license; obtain a certified copy of a driving record; obtain disability placards; renew a vehicle registration; obtain substitute stickers; obtain duplicate registrations; return tags; change your name and/or address; register to vote and register as an organ donor.

Future MVA on Wheels visits to Ocean City have been scheduled for March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 7.

OC PUBLIC HEARINGS

Citizens can now sign up to receive e-mail notices about upcoming town of Ocean City public hearings. Visit www.oceancitymd.gov and click on "View Public Hearings." On this portion of the website, citizens can view pdf files of upcoming public hearings and sign up to receive an automatic e-mail notification when new public hearings are posted.

"This service offers a convenient way for all citizens, both residents and non-residents, to be informed about upcoming public hearings," said City Manager Dennis Dare. "We continually strive to develop ways for everyone to be informed about their municipal government activities and encourage everyone to sign up for this free service."

Slots

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Resident Representatives of the Local Development Council for the Ocean City Video Lottery Facility and said he's confident the council members will be able to deal with the funds disbursement by the time the county, municipalities and Ocean Pines are ready to use the funds.

The Local Development Council, in addition to seven resident representatives, will include the state senator and delegates, a representative of Ocean Downs and four representatives of the business community.

The committee of resident representatives is Todd Ferrante of Ocean City, Rodney Murray of Ocean Pines, Michael Pruitt of Snow Hill, Dianna Purnell of Berlin, James Rosenberg of Ocean Pines, Ronald Taylor of Pocomoke City and Gee Williams of Berlin.

Business and institutional representatives are Cam Bunting, broker at Bunting Realty, David Massey, Ocean Pines Police chief, Rick Meehan, mayor of Ocean City, and Mark Wittmyer, owner of Raceway Citgo and Crabs-to-Go.

J. Michael Hopkins, executive director of the Maryland Racing Commission, a branch of the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, said he expected to begin working with the county, municipalities and Ocean Pines administrations to help them prepare for how the funds ought to be accounted for. While Hopkins' department is responsible for the distribution of the local impact funds, the Local Development Council is responsible for the expenditures.

It is unlikely, however, the LDC will be a suffocating bureaucracy constantly at odds with the funding recipients' wishes.

SLOTS BREAKDOWN

Because odds play a part, the law requires that at least 87 percent of every dollar spent at state slots facilities is paid out in prize money with the remainder divided between several different layers of recipients.

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The local impact fund is divided even further with 60 percent going to Worcester County, 20 percent to Ocean City and 10 percent each to Berlin and Ocean Pines.

According to Williams and Worcester County Commission President Bud Church, the administration of the funds will be a cooperative effort between the parties doing the spending and the LDC.

While the funds are, on the face of it, pretty tightly restricted, the definitions of those restrictions are a little bit looser restricted to infrastructure, facility improvements, public safety, sanitation, economic and business development, and other impacts.

Both Church and Williams were confident that the LDC and each of the recipients would work closely together to ensure there was a plan to spend the funding within the parameters without issue.

Williams, who is Berlin's mayor as well as a member of the LDC, pointed out that Berlin has already earmarked the lottery funding to support the purchase of land for and the construction of a new police station and community center on the east side of Route 113.

Building

FROM PAGE 1

imminent collapse.

Ward said that any time there's facade work going on so close to the street it's better to close it to prevent any debris or even an errant brick from flying into the street but that William Street was closed out of an abundance of caution rather than a legitimate concern of danger.

"We probably could have just closed one lane," he said. Adding that there was no time he believed the wall would crumble into the street.

Unfortunately Clara Yom, who runs Goober's restaurant, starting getting phone calls asking if her restaurant was safe, whether it was staying open, and other questions that barely made any sense to her.

"A rumor is a rumor, they say, and it will go away," she said. "But I can't wait."

Yom said times are difficult enough for her restaurant business without the suggestion that her patrons were in peril at any point.

Fields said there are several bearing walls between the facade repair site and

Goobers and he can't imagine a scenario where the restaurant was in danger, even if the wall was unsound.

While it's too soon to tell whether the roar will require any further closures as the facade work continues, it's unlikely that it will. The wall is completely stabilized and Fields said they'll replace the missing brick with cinder block and then re-apply a stucco facade.

He said the historic commission has already said since he's making no substantive changes, he won't have to gain any further approvals from them.

Fields said it was just an unfortunate coincidence that he was getting the historic commission approval in the middle of the recurring vinyl window fight involving the Atlantic Hotel. He said he believed that fact more than anything else needlessly heightened concerns.

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County approves water for new medical center plan

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

SNOW HILL — The Worcester County Commissioners voted to amend the county water and sewer plan to change the area at the North Gate of Ocean Pines from S-6 to S-1, that is, from no plan to develop to immediate development. The also voted to add that area to the Ocean Pines service area.

Ed Tudor, director of Department of Development Review and Permitting, said the expansion is consistent with the comprehensive plan and has been approved by the board of zoning.

Huge Cropper, representing developer Palmer Gillis, said the development would require up to 12 edus and couldn't be expanded upon without further approval.

Gillis testified that he's developed nearly one million square feet of medical offices and that the in-fill development he's planning for the area would be a genuine benefit to the community.

"This would be far superior to 80-100 townhouses that would compete with [Ocean Pines] for infrastructure," he said.

When filled Gillis anticipated the medical plaza would provide about 160 high-paying professional jobs.

"It's not a shopping center, it's not multiple family residences it's a soft-edge

addition to the community," Gillis said.

No one spoke in opposition to the project.

AGH PLAN

Atlantic General Hospital CEO Michael Franklin gave a presentation to the commissioners outlining the facility's five-year plan. He said that over the last five years AGH hospital staff had increased by 25 percent and that one of the results is that the hospital has a higher patient satisfaction rate than both the nearest two comparable hospitals — Bebe Medical Center and Peninsula Regional Medical Center — as well as the national average.

"Our initial focus is, 'How does this make patient's care better?'" he said.

Going forward, Franklin said, the hospital is preparing for dealing with not only a continually aging population but also an estimated 6 percent population growth by 2015. Efficiency, he said, will be the key.

The centerpiece of the new plan is the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH), a program that focuses more on preventative care and increasing the healthcare literacy of the people in the community. The idea, he said, is to do more to keep people from making the emergency room their only center of care.

"Our goal," he said. "Is how to keep

people out of the hospital."

As far as the physical plant is concerned, the five-year plan calls for the administrative aspects of the hospital will relocate off the campus and the cafeteria will be expanded.

They also hope to complete the electronic medical records integration program so patients whose records are on file at the doctors offices are also available immediately at the hospital.

SBDC FUNDS

Worcester County Director of the Department of Economic Development sought the commissioners' approval to spend \$20,000 from the county economic development energy fund in sup-

port of the Small Business Development Center at Salisbury University. The center gives start up and support for small business owners in Worcester and Wicomico Counties.

John Hickman, the center's director the told the commissioners that the center had 57 clients from Worcester County last year and was instrumental in creating 109 new jobs through their programs and support. The commissioners approved Redden's request unanimously.

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SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

KINGS AND QUEENS — The Ocean City Parrotheads announced candidates for the 2011 Mardi Gras Court on Friday night in the Marley Hall at Seacrets. The group will compete to raise funds benefiting the PJ Aldridge Foundation and Worcester Youth and Family. From left to right are Christy Trala (standing in for her husband Buddy), Tammy Patrick-Cebula, Todd Besack, Kathy Denk, Tara Gates, and John Barrett.

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Maryland Wine Passports receive stamp of approval

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

WHALEYVILLE — In an effort to boost mutual tourism opportunities the Maryland Wineries Association has initiated a program to entice regular travelers to consider adding local winery visits to their itineraries. The Maryland Wine Passport is a book that looks just like a passport, with blank pages that can be stamped at each winery visited.

The idea for the passport came out of the regular meetings the wineries association has to try and boost not only the state's wine profile but also to increase traffic both to and between wineries.

Kathryn Danko-Lord, one of the owners of Coasta Ventosa Vineyard and Winery, said the promotion is one of the many ways the wineries work together for their mutual benefit.

"We try to focus on ways to incorporate the idea of buying local into a lot of the events we [as an association] do," she said.

The nearly 50 wineries statewide are broken down into wine trails, a small collection of regional wineries that can be visited as part of a trip to a particular area. Coasta Ventosa, for instance,



Coasta Ventosa Vineyard and Winery owner Kathryn Danko-Lord is one of the more than 40 Maryland winemakers participating in the Maryland Wine Passport program.

is a stop along the Chesapeake Wine Trail which includes 10 wineries on the Eastern Shore.

It's like being able to earn frequent flier miles for visiting wineries. The perks range from access to event discounts after eight visits to invitations to private winemaker receptions at the different wineries to inclusion in their annual drawing for a basket full of wine.

Although the perks are enticing, what's particularly interesting about the pass-

port is it provides a kind of blueprint for day-tripping. Using the passport as an excuse to visit places around the state you might not and try wines you weren't otherwise inclined to can open up a different view of the state.

On the wineries' side, the hope is to foster an increase in wine tourism but adding an additional dimension to the already brisk tourism trade.

This might be truer of the Chesapeake Wine Trail than any of the others

because such a large number of tourists are from the other side of the Chesapeake Bay. If even only a portion of the millions of people visiting from Baltimore, Western and Southern Maryland can be convinced to become passport holders while vacationing here, it can significantly improve the visibility of the wineries in the other parts of the state.

Conversely, passport holders from those other areas know they'd be missing a particular opportunity to fill out their passports and round out their vacations if they failed to stop at at least a few of the wineries on the Chesapeake Wine Trail.

Danko-Lord is optimistic about her winery's participation in the program because it's part of a larger movement to unify Maryland's wine producers in a way that will eventually benefit them all.

After all, making wine is about cultivation and having fun. This is an attitude that's not restricted to the vineyard, the press room, or the tasting room but tends to pervade every winery's mode of operating.

Maryland Wine Passports are free and can be picked up at Coasta Ventosa Vineyard and Winery in Whaleyville. Call 410-352-9867 or visit www.coastaventosa.com for more information.

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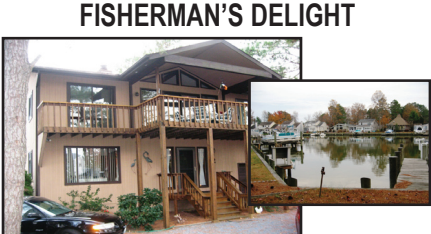
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Group wants to bypass Liquor Control Board

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

SNOW HILL — The Worcester County Alliance for Fair Markets (WCAFM) is a business association formed with the aim of allowing liquor license holders to purchase beer, liquor and wine from wholesalers other than the Worcester County Liquor Control Board (LCB).

Joe Moore, attorney for the WCAFM, testified before the Worcester County Commissioners seeking their support for a change to the state regulations that currently requires the LCB be the only purveyor of liquor in the county.

According to Moore, the group is seeking

changes to the state legislation that would allow liquor licensees to make their purchases from any wholesaler with whom they can strike a deal. In order to replace the revenue that would be lost by the county's loss of the profits from the LCB's 24 percent mark-up, the proposed legislation would establish what Moore called a "wholesale elimination fee" of about \$2,000 annually.

Smaller sellers, who the LCB purports to protect in its existence, would not be required to pay the fee and could just continue to make their purchases from the LCB.

Moore told the commissioners that state Sen. Jim Mathias and Delegate

Michael McDermott had already indicated they would support the measure if the commissioners gave their endorsement.

The commissioners thanked Moore for his testimony but elected not to decide one way or the other at the meeting. They told him they'd take his testimony under consideration and make their decision at a later date. President Bud Church said he understood that this was a time sensitive request but that it was also something they'd have to deliberate on after thinking about it awhile. Representatives from the LCB asked to speak but their request was rejected.

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Community Foundation accepts new endowment fund from OC-Berlin Optimists

SALISBURY – The Ocean City Berlin Optimist Youth Foundation Inc. has established an endowment fund in their organization's name through the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

In partnership with the Community Foundation, the Ocean City Berlin Optimist Youth Foundation Inc. will continue to award scholarships on an annual basis. Also, by raising money through their Scholarship Lotto and donations, the Ocean City Berlin Optimist Youth Foundation is assured of being able to perpetuate these Stephen Decatur High scholarships into the future.

Chartered in 1972, the Ocean City Berlin Optimist Youth Foundation initiated a scholarship program at Stephen Decatur High School in 1989 to support students who had the desire to go to college but might not have had the financial resources.

To raise funds, they established the "Condo Lottery" which gave people the opportunity to win a condominium in Ocean City by purchasing a lottery ticket for \$100.

In 1998, the "Condo Lottery" became the "Scholarship Lotto" with one winner taking home \$100,000.

Last year, the Ocean City Berlin Optimist Youth Foundation created a prize program that allowed participants the opportunity to win either a \$75,000 first prize, a \$15,000 second prize or a \$10,000 third prize – again simply with the purchase of a \$100 ticket!

Relying on their two successful fundraisers, February's Annual Ocean City Boat Show and a mailing that targets people who participate in the Scholarship Lotto annually, the Foundation contributes 100 percent of the proceeds to the scholarship fund.

For the last 22 years, 269 scholarships have been awarded to the tune of \$1.4 million. They receive an average of 40 applications each year and award 11 to 12 scholarships every year.

Charles Smith, Ocean City Berlin Optimist Youth Foundation member, stated that, "We're changing kid's lives with this scholarship fund. We want to see kids going to college and by partnering with the Community Foundation, we're assured that this fund will be managed into perpetuity."

Student eligibility is based on a criteria



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Spicer Bell, President, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore; Larry Campbell and Charles Smith, Ocean City Berlin Optimist Youth Foundation, Inc. members; (sitting) are: Lewis Frey and Richard Caproni, Ocean City Berlin Optimist Youth Foundation, Inc. members.

developed at the program's inception that includes the student's GPA and SAT scores.

"Investing in leadership to address community needs is at the forefront of what we do here at the Community Foundation," said Spicer Bell, president, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. "We look forward to working with the Ocean City Berlin Optimist Youth Foundation to help them build a sound institution that helps meet the community's needs forever."

If you are interested in supporting this scholarship fund, gifts can be made to the Ocean City Berlin Optimist Youth Foundation Inc. Scholarship Fund. The Community Foundation manages over 100 endowed scholarship funds and during fiscal year 2010 awarded \$194,000 in scholarships to local students.

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Congress renews tax incentive for land conservation

CROWNSVILLE – The U.S. Congress has renewed a tax incentive for private landowners – especially working family farmers and ranchers – who protect their land with a voluntary conservation agreement.

The incentive, which had expired at the end of 2009, helped the Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) and local land trusts work with willing landowners in Maryland to conserve 17,195 acres of productive agricultural lands, forests and scenic and natural open space between 2006 and 2009.

“Maryland wins when thoughtful landowners conserve their land this way, protecting wildlife habitat, clean drinking water, scenic landscapes, recreational spaces and productive agricultural lands,” said MET Director Liz Buxton.

“Conservation easements have become an important tool for protecting land in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and have increased the pace of private land conservation in the region. MET joins over 50 land trusts in Maryland in thanking Congress for making this important conservation tool available.”

This incentive makes it more economically feasible for farmers and other landowners of modest means to conserve their land and keep it in agricultural production. Voluntary conservation easements can protect working farms and ranches and make it easier for families to leave the land to the next generation.

Conservation-minded landowners now have until Dec. 31, 2011 to take advantage of a significant tax deduc-

tion for donating a voluntary conservation agreement to permanently protect important scenic, natural or historic resources on their land.

When landowners donate a conservation easement to MET they maintain ownership and management of their land and can sell or pass the land on to their heirs, while foregoing future development rights.

The enhanced incentive applies to a landowner's federal income tax. It:

- *Raises the deduction donors can take for donating a voluntary conservation agreement from 30 percent of their income in any year to 50 percent.

- *Allows farmers and ranchers to deduct up to 100 percent of their income; and

- *Increases the number of years over which a donor can take deductions from

6 to 16 years.

According to the Land Trust Alliance, the national organization that provides a voice for land trusts in Washington, D.C., bills to make this incentive permanent have 274 House and 41 Senate co-sponsors from all 50 states, including majorities of Democrats and Republicans in the House. This legislation is supported by more than 60 national agricultural, sportsmen's, and conservation organizations.

MET serves as Maryland's statewide land trust. Established in 1967 by the Maryland General Assembly to preserve privately owned farm, forest and other significant lands, MET has since protected over 126,000 acres statewide.

MET is one of the oldest and most successful land trusts in the country, and is authorized by law to accept private donations of interests in real estate, money or other property; such gifts are tax deductible.

In giving conservation easements, landowners donate the development rights on their property while retaining all other rights of ownership. Public access is not a requirement. For more information, visit www.dnr.maryland.gov/met.

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.

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BUSINESS

BAYSIDE

Portrait photographer sets up shop on Sunset Avenue

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

WEST OCEAN CITY — When Pam and Garry Elliott decided they wanted to be the first people married in Ocean City in 2011 they put out a call to a photographer they were confident could do their wedding twice.

Photographer Lynda Gruber grew up in Ocean City but made her bones shooting models and television stars in 1980s Miami and South Beach, Fla. After a couple years away from the craft, she's recently began accepting clients again those who've chosen her for their special events couldn't be happier.

In her Sunset Avenue studio, Gruber has a state of the art setup with green screen abilities, as well as a number of different backdrops and accessories to make her clients' studio shoots equal the caliber Gruber built her reputation upon. Setting aside the lighting gear and other accouterments, the professional attitude with which Gruber approaches her work is what sets it apart.

As a makeup artist, Gruber is able to make sure her clients are not only professionally appointed, but that the makeup work she does compliments the lighting and background of the shoot. A good makeup job could be lost if it doesn't also



PAUL GRUBER/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Photographer Lynda Gruber grew up in Ocean City but made her bones shooting models and television stars in 1980s Miami and South Beach, Fla.

compliment the photographer's vision for the shoot. By doing it herself, Gruber gets the most out of her models' preparation.

Her success in portfolio work in Miami has already begun to translate here as local aspiring models seek her out to help them put together a portfolio

they can afford. In fact, both portfolio sessions and special event coverage have been repeatedly cited as having an affordability to quality ratio that is nearly unheard of in the photography world.

One of the reasons the Elliotts chose to have her shoot both of

their weddings was that both shoots were still less expensive than most of the quotes they were able to get for just the main event. Gruber gets \$180 per hour and for that provides edited disks of whatever she shoots.

The price differential is mostly about Gruber breaking into an

already soft market after some time away. She's not afraid to establish herself all over again in a new market. Plus, she also has a great love of taking photographs often donating her time and talents to local charities, documenting their events.

One of the keys to a successful photo shoot is having an assistant who can not only take additional shots but make sure the various setups go well logistically, allowing for a smoother, more natural flow in the final product. Linda's son, Paul, works as her assistant and as a result has developed his own shooting style and talents.

When they're on location or in the studio the mother and son duo work together to get as much done in as little time possible to make sure that people get their hourly money's worth.

As Valentine's Day approaches Gruber has established a special for either couples who'd like to have photos taken or those who want to give a photo of themselves as a gift to their significant other.

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FINANCIAL ADVICE

Retirement planning



By Chip Gordy

Financial wellbeing during retirement is probably the main worry for most retired people. For most retirees, living securely and at ease in retirement means making enough income to cover their lifestyle. Unless you win the lottery, this money is supposed to come from some retirement plan and/or other financial assets.

Most people concur that retirement planning is important but neglect to take time to strategize. In many cases, people have done some type of retirement preparation, but it's usually not taken serious until five to ten years before this milestone. Following are some important retirement issues that need to be considered.

Inflation. Even though you may be consistently saving money for your retirement, the real hurdle is to know your future retirement income needs a long time before you want to retire.

When try to figure out your retirement expenses, don't forget the erosive affect of inflation. For instance, an income requirement of \$35,000 per year (assuming a 3.5 percent average inflation rate each year) year will give you a future requirement of almost \$70,000 per year 20 years later. There are many online calculators that can help you with this planning, and you may also want to employ the help of a financial professional to facilitate your planning.

Income Replacement. Normally, you'll want seventy percent of your current income in retirement or in some cases even more in order to maintain your current standard of living. Your expenses associated with work should decline, but healthcare and travel related expenses grow. This of course is assuming you're in pretty good health; if not, your healthcare-related expenses will obviously be even higher.

Where does the replacement money come from? Usually five places: retirement plans, social security, post-retirement employment, savings and investments.

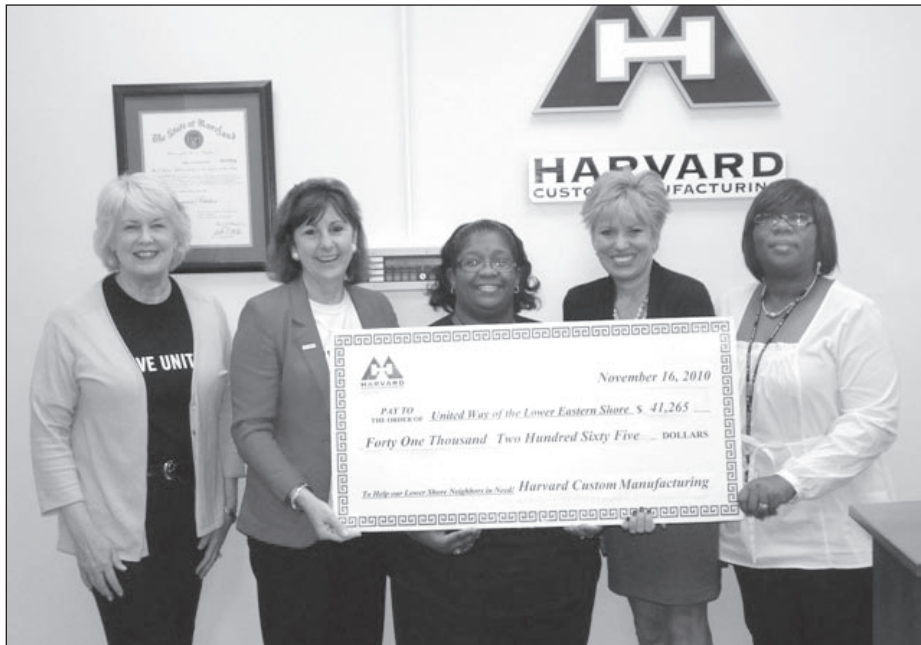
If your retirement income needs are not excessive, social security benefits may provide roughly twenty-five percent of your retirement income, and employee-sponsored retirement plans may provide approximately twenty-five percent.

Where does the other half typically come from?

1. Personal savings: If you've been frugal enough and saved during your working years, this should not come as a surprise. But if you haven't done a good job saving, your retirement planning can possibly show you where you're short. Once you figure out your deficit, can make the necessary changes accordingly.

2. Investments: Do you invest? You may think that you don't, but even if you have a certificate of deposit at your local bank, you're investing. Many people are still gun-shy about our economy, but investing can help make up a shortfall in the future.

3. Working after Retirement: Have a hobby you enjoy



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

UNITED WAY DONATION — Ginny Reid-Matern, United Way board member and Kathleen Mommé, executive director of United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore gratefully accepted a check for \$41,265 from Carmel Gray-White, Janet Phillips, and Helena Hearne of Labinal Salisbury, formerly Harvard Custom Manufacturing Inc. The donation represents generous employee and corporate gifts, helping United Way fund 57 critical programs to aid the less fortunate on the Lower Eastern Shore.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

RIBBON CUTTING — The Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce joined Oasis Bath & Body Boutique in Rehoboth Beach to celebrate their grand opening with a ribbon cutting. From left Helen Barnaba, operations and events manager; Carrie Subity, executive director; Marilyn Panagopoulos, ambassador; Claudia Alesi, owner. Oasis Bath & Body Boutique, located at 4105 Rehoboth Ave., in Rehoboth Beach is a retail shop offering all natural bath and body products.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

QUOTA CLUB GRANT — Quota Club International (Intl.) Salisbury contributed \$2,750 to the Wicomico Public Library's main branch to purchase Early Literature Work Stations from a grant created and funded through the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. Pictured are: Quota Club Intl. members Geri Brimer, Emily Saulsbury, Paula Brown; Diane Walter, vice-president, Quota Club Intl.; and Tom Hehman, director, Wicomico Public Library.

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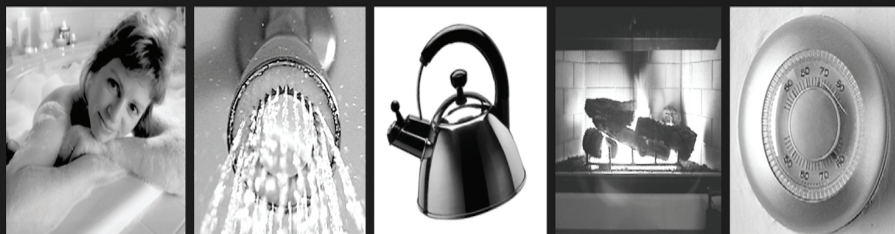
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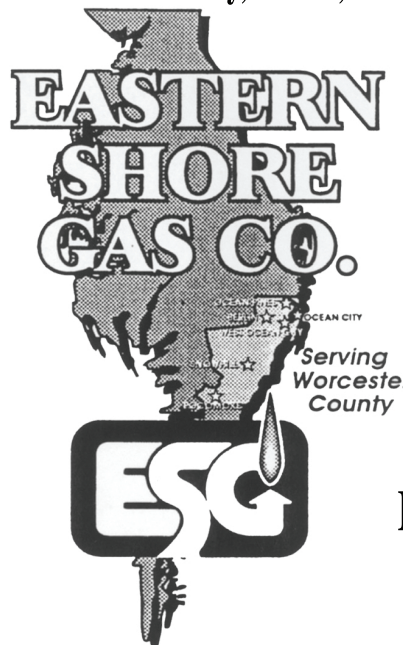
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Alzheimer's disease may stem from protein clearance problem

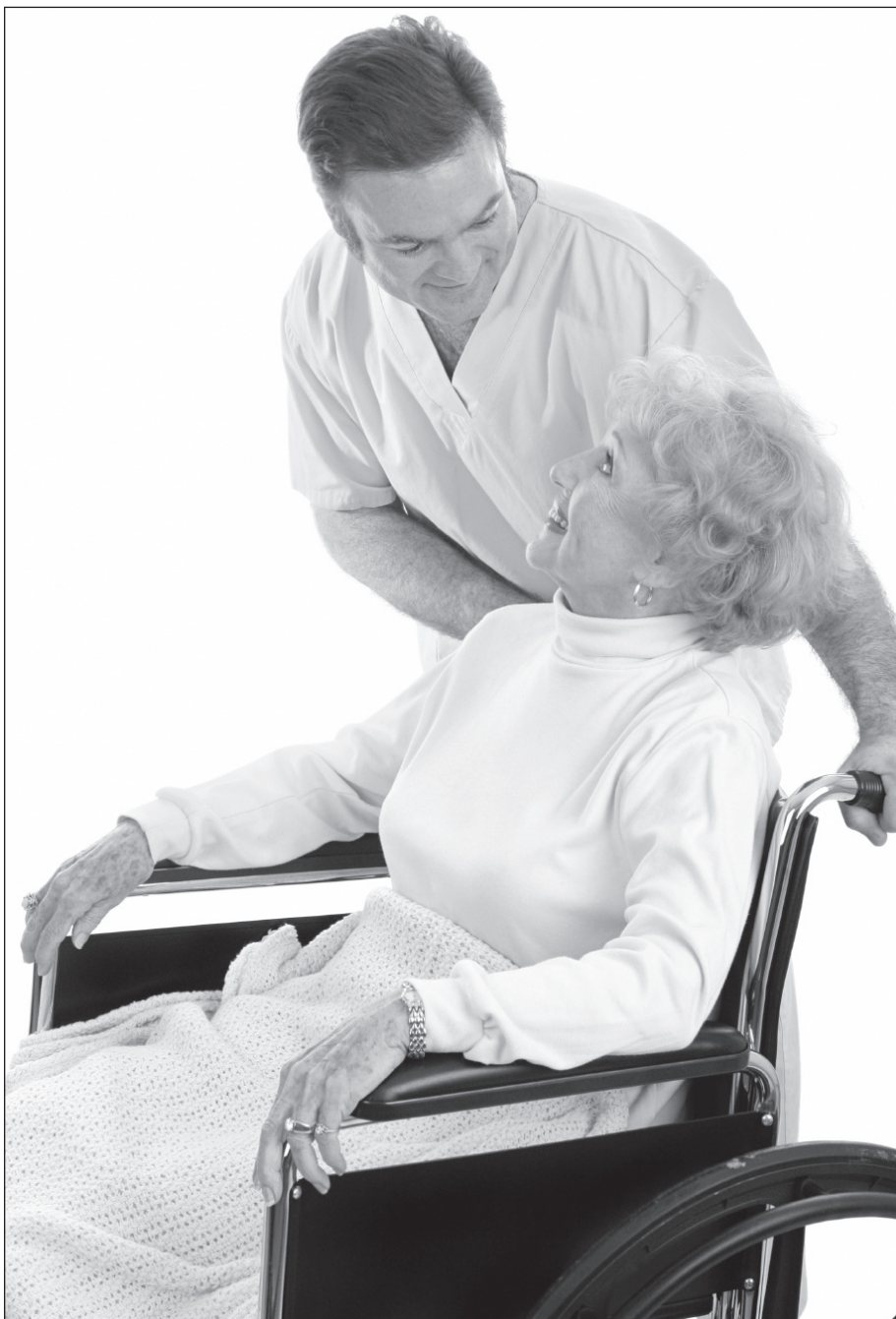
Researchers have discovered that a key protein implicated in Alzheimer's disease is produced in the brain at a normal rate but is not cleared, or removed, efficiently. The finding may lead to improved tests for early diagnosis as well as a new approach to treating this devastating disorder.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia in older adults, affecting as many as 5 million Americans. In the most prevalent type, late-onset Alzheimer's disease, symptoms usually appear after age 65.

Alzheimer's disease is marked by dense protein clumps, called amyloid plaques, that form between brain cells. The plaques are made mostly of a protein fragment called beta-amyloid, which is produced by nerve cells and released into the surrounding brain fluid.

Researchers have recently developed ways to measure beta-amyloid levels in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)—the fluid that bathes the brain. An NIH-supported team led by Dr. Randall Bateman at Washington University in St. Louis developed a procedure to measure beta-amyloid levels over time. In the new study, they measured beta-amyloid production and clearance rates in 12 patients with late-onset Alzheimer's and 12 age-matched volunteers free of the disease.

The participants' CSF was sampled hourly for 36 hours via a one-time lumbar puncture. Throughout the procedure, they were encouraged to stay in bed. During the first 9 hours, the participants received an IV drip containing leucine, a protein building block, that had been labeled with a non-radioactive isotope. By measuring the amount of



labeled beta-amyloid by mass spectroscopy over time, the researchers were able to calculate how fast it was produced in the participants' brains and then how fast it was cleared.

The researchers reported in the early online edition of Science on December 9, 2010, that the beta-amyloid production rate was similar between the 2 groups. However, the clearance of beta-amyloid was about 30% slower in those with Alzheimer's disease than in cognitively normal people.

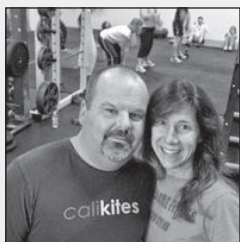
Prior studies in animals suggest several possible explanations for the slower clearance of beta-amyloid in late-onset Alzheimer's disease. One possibility is that as beta-amyloid accumulates, it acts as a sink for more of the protein, trapping it within the brain. The researchers say that sorting out these mechanisms may help speed the development of new drugs for the disease.

"These findings may help point us toward better diagnostic tests and effective therapies," Bateman said. "The next question is what is causing the decreased clearance rate."

"This study is significant in that it reports the first measurement of beta-amyloid production and clearance in Alzheimer's," said Dr. Marcelle Morrison-Bogorad, director of the Division of Neuroscience at NIH's National Institute on Aging (NIA). "For years scientists believed that it was the overproduction of beta-amyloid that led to its accumulation in the brain. These new findings shift the emphasis to clearance of beta-amyloid. This may lead to development of a diagnostic test as well as identification of new therapeutic targets."

FITNESS ADVICE

Week 3. How's it going?



By David & Lisa Long

So, it's almost the end of January 2011 ~ How are those resolutions going? There are all sorts of excuses and reasons that you may be using for a lackluster start or perhaps an awesome start and now 3 weeks later you just are not attacking those resolutions with the same gusto as when you began. Getting healthier, eating right and exercising more seems like it should be a relatively easy task to achieve, I mean it's not brain surgery!

Well if you've read this far you may be struggling with this area in your life. It's not complicated to fix, but it is hard and will take some effort and planning.

Where did you start? What's your plan? What went wrong this year that got in the way of you reaching your goals? Many people set unrealistic goals then crash and burn when they cannot get close to the goal. The best thing you can do for yourself is hire someone who knows how to do exactly what you want done. Would you try to teach yourself to play tennis or golf? No way!

But you will attempt to lose weight and get in shape with the only background being that you played sports in high school or you read about a fantastic new diet and exercise program that worked for Jennifer Aniston. Really?!?! So again we ask, "How's that going?"

Like we said, it isn't complicated, but it is hard. Hiring a professional will save you some trial and error time, along with giving you their expertise knowledge in a field they've studied for and worked

in for many years. How about motivations and accountability?

Presently, are you your motivating force? Are you the one you answer to if you eat crap and miss a workout? Or better yet, is it a family member that gets to be the task master?

It's time to get help. We are starting an exercise and food management program on Jan. 29. The program will run for seven weeks and includes a weekly Saturday weigh in and workout, a food plan, exercise guide, weekly email support, food log and the support of others you haven't even met yet. If interested, read below how to find us.

Lisa and David Long are trainers who own Live Long Fitness in West Ocean City. 410-213-1078, www.livelongfitness.com, livelongfitness@live.com

AGH announces two new board of director members

BERLIN – Atlantic General Hospital recently appointed the following new members to the board of directors:

■Michael S. Guerrieri, Guerrieri Venture Partnership L.P., is also on the foundation boards at Salisbury University, Peninsula Regional Medical Center, and Wor-Wic Community College, as well as supporter of the Wellness Community.

Michael, who grew up in Salisbury/Ocean City, graduated from Lehigh University with a degree in finance. After graduating, he worked for his family's business, Showell Farms Inc., an integrated poultry company, until it was sold in 1995. His family office is located in Ocean City.

■Gregory Shockley, graduated with his bachelor of arts from Western Maryland College and his masters in public administration from the University of Baltimore.

Greg owns Shenanigan's Irish Pub in Ocean City and serves as a chairman of the Maryland Tourism Development Board as well as the founding member of Ocean City Development Corporation.

The following are Atlantic General Hospital's new corporate members:

■J. Ryan Bergey III, a graduate of University of Maryland, College Park, is a certified public accountant for Bergey & Co., P.A.

Ryan is a board member of Waterman's Trust, and Lonesome Road Private Foundation as well as a member of the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, Secretary of the Young Professionals Committee, and is the building chair for the Stephen Decatur Alumni Association.

■G. Marvin Steen, graduate of East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C., is a member of the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, the PNC Advisory Board and Charter Member of the Eastern Shore Builders Association. He is a custom home builder and real estate broker with Steen Associates Inc., Steen Homes.

■Harriet L. Johnson, graduated from nursing school at Jersey City Medical Center and continued her education at Seton Hall University, where she obtained her Bachelor of Science degree. Johnson attended graduate school at Rutgers Graduate School of Education and received her master of science at Hunter College of the City University of New York.

Harriet has served as an instructor at New Jersey State Hospital at Marlboro, Jersey City Medical Center Hospital School of Nursing, Hospital of Joint Disease, New York University Medical Center and Rutgers University College of Nursing.

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NATIVITY GROUP — Grade 5 students created the Nativity Scene. (front) Tucker Brown, Ankith Rajshekar, Austin Taylor, Ethan Gaskill, Grace Mullaney, (back) Jayan Poduval, Colton Edmunds, and Jack Fager.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

RESOLUTIONS — Ocean City Elementary second grade students from Mrs. Cindy Leitgeb's class take time to write out their 2011 New Year's resolutions. Pictured from left are Danikah Coleman, Timothy Stedding, Claire Williams, and Maddie London.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FOOD BASKETS — Some of Worcester Prep's senior students helping to organize food baskets for needy families in the region: (front) Carson Wigley, Haylea Reiner, Anna Pavlos, Ali Schwartz, (back) Ty Mayers, Bethany Parks, Kelley Chandler, Devon Zorn, Billy Tyler, Matt Carey, and Kyle Joseph.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

DNA TESTING — Worcester County Deputy Jason Chance and Stephen Decatur High School junior Kristin Meyers prepare the agar gel for DNA testing during a fictitious crime scene investigation experiment in biology teacher Jim Krall's class.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BIOLOGY LESSON — Stephen Decatur High School biology teacher Jim Krall shows students DNA samples prior to the gel electrophoresis experiment for crime scene investigation.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

LOWER SHORE GRADUATES — Graduates from the Lower Shore who were part of the 65th entrance-level law enforcement class of the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy operated by Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury are shown, in the front row, from left, Richard A. Gutowski, Amy E. Hoelscher, Kory A. Moerschel and Christopher C. Wrench of the Ocean City Police Department. In the back, from left, are Nicholas P. Amendolagine, Jonathan D. Coury, Seamus W. Lynch, Damien D. McGlotten and Adam D. Waller of the Salisbury Police Department.




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THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephen Decatur's Matt Swistak dives for a loose ball during the fourth quarter against Washington. (Below) Decatur's Teron Tyre glides in the paint to attempt a reverse layup during the comeback win over Washington. For more basketball photos, visit www.melvillemediaphotos.com.

Decatur rallies to take Washington

BERLIN – Stephen Decatur staged a furious fourth quarter comeback to beat Washington 52-50 last Thursday.

Washington pushed the lead to 45-36 to open the fourth quarter when Drakar Purnell hit a three-pointer, then Tre Foreman and Teron Tyre made layups to cut the lead to 46-45. After the Jaguars scored, Decatur's Jesse Engle sunk a three-pointer to tie the game at 48 with two minutes left.

Foreman then scored an easy layup after forcing a turnover to give the Seahawks their first lead of the night. Washington tied it with a minute left and then Matt

Swistak calmly made two free throws with 30 seconds left to give Decatur the winning margin. The Jaguars had one more chance to win but a three-point shot clanged off the rim in the last seconds to preserve the comeback win for the Seahawks.

"For me this has been the signature win for our program this year" said SDHS coach Mark Engle. "We got down, guys were glum in the locker room, but they came out in the second half and responded."

"We came out flat and it showed in the first half. But we picked it up defensively in the second half. We turned the corner tonight. I'm really happy about this win."



Shorebirds release game times for this season

SALISBURY – The Delmarva Shorebirds have released all game times for the 2011 regular season. Similar to year's past, the vast majority of home games will begin at 7:05 p.m. Sunday games will commence at 2:05 p.m. during the first half of the season and 5:05 p.m. during the second half of the season.

Arthur W. Perdue Stadium will open the curtains on the 16th season of Shorebirds baseball on April 5 with a special exhibition game against Salisbury University.

The Shorebirds will play 7:05 p.m. games every Monday through Saturday in 2011. There are six exceptions which are detailed below:

- Tuesday, May 3 – 10:35 a.m. (Field of Dreams)
 - Thursday, May 19 – 10:35 a.m. (Field of Dreams)
 - Wednesday, June 29 – 10:35 a.m. (Camp/Day Care Day)
 - Sunday, July 3 – 6:05 p.m. (July 4th Celebration)
 - Saturday, July 16 – 6:35 p.m. (Mountaire Faith & Family Night)
 - Monday, Sept. 5 – 2:05 p.m. (Labor Day, last game of season)
- "Over the years, we have found our 7:05 p.m. start times to be most convenient and accommodating for our fans, so it's a no-brainer to stick with it for 2011," said general manager Chris Bitters. "The special game times provide a nice change-of-pace to the season that I hope everyone enjoys."

The 10:35 a.m. morning games on May 3 and May 19 are Field of Dreams days. The Shorebirds will combine baseball and education with schools from across the Eastern Shore. For more information on the Field of Dreams program and/or to sign your school up, contact Mike Steinhice at 410-219-3112 ext. 147.

The Wednesday, June 29 game is designed for camps and day care programs to come out and enjoy a morning game together.

The Shorebirds will host their annual Independence Day Celebration on Sunday, July 3 at 6:05 p.m. The night will conclude with the most spectacular fireworks show of the season.

On July 16, the Shorebirds will host Mountaire Faith & Family Night with a start time of 6:35 p.m.

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Delmarva Shorebirds Dance Team to debut this season

SALISBURY – The Delmarva Shorebirds recently announced the formation of the new Delmarva Shorebirds Dance Team, which will debut during the 2011 season. Registration is now open to children between the ages of six and 18. The Shorebirds have partnered with the High Voltage All Stars.

The Shorebirds Dance Team will undergo weekly technique and choreography lessons at High Voltage in preparation for six performances at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium during weekend Shorebirds games throughout the summer.

“The dance team is something new and fresh that will increase the entertainment value at Perdue Stadium,” said general manager Chris Bitters. “We have really worked hard to make the experience a very affordable one for all families.”

Each dancer will receive a custom designed uniform, practice gear, two free Shorebirds tickets to each performance, a VIP parking pass, countless hours of instruction at High Voltage, a chance to perform in front of large crowds at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium and an end-of-season party to be held at Perdue Stadium during a Shorebirds game.

The Shorebirds Dance Team will be separated into two teams based on age and prior dance experience. However, no dance experience is required to sign up for the team.

Dancers will be required to attend weekly dance/choreography lessons, which will be held at High Voltage studios, at 1303 South Salisbury Blvd., Suite D. The dance studio is located across from Salisbury University and next to The Fractured Prune. A schedule of lessons will be available upon sign up.

“We are thrilled to partner with the

Delmarva Shorebirds. The Shorebirds Dance Team members will learn 2-3 routines that they will perform in front of the crowds at the games,” said Justine Lathbury, co-owner of High Voltage All Stars.

“We are excited to open our facility to the dancers and we are planning routines that they are going to love,” said Kathy Brown, co-owner of High Voltage All-Stars.

Dance lessons and choreography will be taught by two experienced instructors. Brittney Marshall will serve as the dance team coach and will be assisted by Alexz Goldin.

Marshall’s dance experience includes ballet, Bennett’s Rock and Roll Revival, and a scholarship in field show dancing in college. Goldin is currently a dancer for the Untouchable Dance group at Salisbury University.

The Shorebirds Dance Team will perform on the following dates at Perdue Stadium: May 28, June 4, July 1, July 30, Aug. 12 and Sept. 3. The dancers will perform pre-game, in-game and postgame.

The Shorebirds and High Voltage will hold two registration dates at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium. The first registration day will be on Saturday, Jan. 29 from 2-4 p.m. and the second registration day will be on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 2-4 p.m. Both instructors will be on hand to answer questions and meet parents.

Plus, High Voltage All Stars and Shorebirds representatives will be in attendance. In addition, Sherman the Shorebird will be there to greet the kids and light refreshments will be served.

To sign up over before the registration dates, contact the High Voltage All Stars at 443-735-0712 or visit www.highvoltageallstars.com.

SPORTS BRIEFS

COASTAL LACROSSE CLUB BEGINS 3RD SEASON SPRING REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2011 outdoor spring season is under way and teams are filling up quickly. Parents may access Coastal Lacrosse Club’s website at www.coastallacrosseclub.com for registration forms and information. In order to maintain a low player to coach ratio, the club will limit the number of players per team, therefore, teams will be formed solely on a first come-first serve basis.

The Coastal Lacrosse Club, founded in 2009, is Worcester County’s only non-profit lacrosse organization serving the youth of Delmarva. The Club offers organized, instructional, teams for both boys and girls. Kids from 5 years of age to 14 can participate in the club’s 3rd outdoor season of fun and camaraderie. In addition to playing a full schedule of Sunday games, the boys and girls teams will compete in the popular and competitive DYLA tournament held at the end of the season.

The most important goal of teaching kids the game of lacrosse while having fun will be achieved under the direction of a very dedicated and committed group of coaches. The Coastal Lacrosse Club and its professional staff look forward to developing your child’s skills while emphasizing sportsmanship.

For more information on how your child can become part of the fastest growing non-profit lacrosse club on the shore, visit www.coastallacrosseclub.com.

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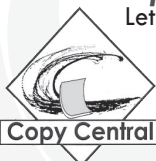
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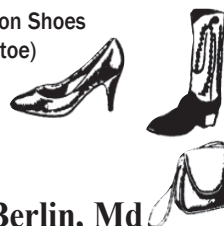
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EDITORIAL

Endorsing a LCB opt-out plan for retailers is a good start

It was no real surprise that the Worcester County Commissioners elected not to act on the retail community's request to begin loosening the Liquor Control Board's stranglehold over the county's businesses.

In a way it's understandable. The commissioners need to double check the lobbying group's numbers and see if they jibe with the county staff estimates. They'll also probably want to hear the apocalyptic scenarios the LCB has to share in an effort to maintain their power and, let's be honest, jobs.

The dominant fact the commissioners need to consider is this: the LCB still exists because of previous commissioners' unwillingness to face the facts of modernity. But more than a decade into the 21st century it's probably time to put prohibition practices, conceits, and bureaucracies out of taxpayer misery and endorsing an opt-out plan for local retailers is an excellent start.

The commissioners always make a big show about how hard it is to govern and how difficult it is to make the "tough" decisions but in this case it's probably the truth. No one believes that the eventual dismantling of the LCB won't be unpleasant and won't have implications people don't even expect.

But more importantly few people really believe this bloated, outdated bureaucracy will or should survive into the future. The sitting commissioners could be the first politicians in Worcester County history to admit that state-run liquor is as antiquated a notion as prohibition itself.

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ANOTHER SENIOR MOMENT



I wasn't texting officer, I was trying to open my pill case.

LETTERS EDITOR

Gifts for soldiers campaign a success

Editor:

Our 2010 "Holiday Gifts for Our Soldiers Overseas" campaign collected in November was a huge success. This was the sixth year for collections started by my late husband, Carl, in 2005. The purpose of this letter is to thank and acknowledge everyone who contributed and volunteered.

I want to especially recognize the Worcester County Libraries in Ocean Pines, Ocean City and Berlin along with the Berlin American Legion Post 123, the Ocean City American Legion Post 166, the VFW Post, and the Ocean Pines Community Center for calling me as soon as the black collection containers were filled so we could empty them to allow for more donations. I have always believed the people of the Eastern Shore are a very special group who give from their hearts.

All of the gifts collected were packed and wrapped by Sarge Garlitz, Commander of American Legion Post

166, with his wife Rosie and many more volunteers. A very special thanks to Teresa Travatello, Ocean Pines Marketing and Public Relations Director, and Mike Howell, Director of the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department, for always standing by me and helping in any and every way. It was truly a team effort which made this sixth campaign another big success. Thank You to everyone who donated and volunteered. God Bless our troops everywhere, and especially overseas.

Anna Foultz
Ocean Pines

Hospice concerned about omission

Editor:

Those of us in the hospice care community are concerned with the recent decision to omit voluntary advance care planning consultations as part of a Medicare beneficiaries' annual wellness exam.

Having this option as part of an annual exam and providing payment to physicians for

taking the time to educate patients about advance care planning could have opened the door to conversations on the types of decisions patients might consider in future healthcare situations based on the patient's values, beliefs and preferences.

Although this is a setback, it provides an opportunity to dispel myths about this issue. Advance care planning is not about discontinuing treatment, saving money, or having someone else make decisions for you; it's about making sure your wishes are known and then honored, no matter what those wishes are.

Patients and their families are often forced to make major health decisions in times of crisis, but research shows that patients facing serious or life-limiting illnesses who discuss their care options in advance report a higher quality of life, fewer hospitalizations and fewer emergency room visits.

We strongly encourage everyone to consider their wishes for care at the end of life and engage in advance care planning. This includes having discussions with healthcare

Be prepared for power outages during nasty winter weather

SALISBURY – Delmarva Power is preparing for the next round of winter weather, bringing with it the potential for significant snow accumulation as well as a wintry mix in some areas. Heavy wet snow and strong winds could bring tree limbs onto wires, resulting in power outages. Outages can also occur due to drivers skidding into utility poles located along icy and snow-covered roads.

Extra crews and customer care personnel are prepared to work throughout the storm. When road conditions become treacherous due to ice or heavy snow, Delmarva Power will equip vehicles with chains to safely respond to outage calls. Delmarva Power will coordinate its power restoration efforts with emergency management personnel and local government officials.

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POWER RESTORATION PROCESS

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Delmarva Power urges customers to stay safe and be prepared. Here are some additional tips:

- Assemble an emergency storm kit. Include a battery-powered radio or television, flashlight, first-aid kit, battery-powered or windup clock, extra batteries, non-perishable food, manual can opener, bottled water, any necessary medications and a list of emergency phone numbers.
- Maintain a supply of extra blankets.
- Ensure that all household members have a warm coat, gloves, hat and water-resistant boots.
- Make sure your home has a telephone with a cord or cell phone to use as a backup. Cordless telephones require electricity to operate, and won't work if there is an outage.
- Identify a place for emergency shelter in case of an extended outage. It is important that customers with special needs or their caregivers take responsibility to make arrangements ahead of time to prepare for potentially long-lasting service interruptions.

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providers and family members, completing an advance directive and ensuring their loved ones understand their wishes.

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Alane Capen
President, Coastal Hospice &
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DAAR thanks Ocean City Police Commission

Editor,

The Delmarva Association of Animal Rescuers would like to thank Mayor Meehan, Chief DiPino and the rest of the Ocean City Police Commission for meeting with us on Wednesday the 12th to discuss the feral

cat issue in Ocean City.

There was a lot of useful information and ideas exchanged during the meeting, with each side taking away a new understanding of the trials and tribulations the other faces on a daily basis. We hope that this dialogue will continue and there can be reasonable agreements and new programs created that will be beneficial to the feral cats residing in our community as well as to the community itself.

For its part the DAAR will work closely with the City Council, the Mayor's office, OC Animal Control and the Chamber of Commerce in creating positive legislation and programs that will continue to serve the needs of the community and meeting the policies of the city. We look forward to meeting with all of these parties for future discussions. These discussions include positive TNR legislation, creating an advertising campaign promoting the spaying/neutering of owned and unowned animals and a number of other ideas.

The DAAR will hold an open meeting on Thursday the 20th at the Ocean City Library and we invite all who are interested to please join us for a round of conversation. Please see our website for more details.

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Team Karson, Shane, Susie, and their son Clay will perform at the Lone Star Rodeo this weekend at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center.

Young whippersnapper at Frontier Town

Lone Star Rodeo this weekend at Wicomico Youth and Civic Center

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN — Shane Karson stood in the dooryard of his childhood home at the center of Frontier Town admonishing his 3-year-old son, Clay, to pay attention. Clay was swinging his bull whip above his head and preparing to snap a target out of his father's hands, pretty much as Karson had done in that very spot at that very age.

Clay let loose and snapped the whip right on target. The cold morning diminished the crack the whip was supposed to deliver but that was something Karson said could be solved by remembering to keep the whips in the house now that it's gotten cold.

Karson has fond memories of the Frontier Town of his youth. His father, Larry was the campground's first caretaker, riding the trails and making sure the campground was sufficiently maintained and authentic. Although that was more than 50 summers ago, Karson remembers it clearly enough to marvel at how little has changed about the immediate area even though the park and, really, the

The Lone Star Rodeo's 2011 United Nations Tour opens 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center. Early arrivals are encouraged as each night has special entertainment. On Friday night, The Bo Dickerson Band will set the tone for an exciting evening with a performance beginning at 6:45 p.m.

On Saturday, pre-show entertainment includes a 'Best Dressed Cowboy and Cowgirl Contest' and Gold Rush for children ten and under.

Tickets for the Rodeo are \$10, upgraded VIP tickets (which include lower level reserved seating) are \$22 at www.WicomicoCivicCenter.org, by phone at 410-548-4911 or in person at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center Box Office.

entire region is almost unrecognizable from when he first went west with his family and the rodeo.

Karson spent his youth competing, roping steer and riding bulls — according to him he was more of a bull sitter than a bull rider — but found out pretty quickly that his talents were more in working with the animals than breaking them. His mother, Jan, made her living as a trick rider and although different genders do different kinds of performances, by

hanging around Karson began picking up some of the tricks the male riders performed.

His first break was as a Pony Express rider, the riders who switch from one moving horse to another. From there he began to develop routines in Roman riding — riding three horses at once — and "whip artistry."

Rodeo entertainers perform their various tricks in between events but are private contractors, booking themselves sometimes for an entire year in advance with various rodeos. It's a travel heavy occupation and making contacts along the way is not only useful but important.

Karson's wife, Suzy, was actually the least horse-oriented person in her family, but eventually came to excel at the trade, distinguishing herself by performing the "liberty stand" where the rider leans forward, hands aloft while standing on a galloping horse.

By the time Susie and Karson married, while they weren't quite ready to put an end to the traveling, the notion of easing up wasn't as onerous as it might have

Optimist Club's 28th Seaside Boat Show in February

OCEAN CITY — The Ocean City/Berlin Optimist Club is sponsoring the 28th annual Seaside Boat Show in Ocean City, Feb. 18-20. The show is the "boat show the works for kids."

Held at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center, this show traditionally draws thousands of water and boating enthusiasts to the resort over President's Day weekend and provides the Optimist the opportunity to raise funds to support the club programs to support local youth, which support many youth and community service programs.

The Boat Show will feature over 350 boats, 150 exhibitors and 50 boat dealers, offering numerous show prices. On display will be the newest and most popular models and water related items. The large number of boats sold each year at the show makes it one of the most popular shows on the East Coast.

Visitors will be treated to an alluring array of sport cruisers, sport fishing, performance and "super" boats. Exhibitors will also include marine electronics, trailers, canvas tops, motors along with jewelry, art and fishing gear. The show will also provide financing and insurance for the boater and water enthusiast.

The Optimist members are always aware of the importance and contributions of each exhibitor and are proud that no other boat show compares with the Seaside Boat Show for appeal and enjoyment. One of the main draws of the show are the wonderful door prizes donated by North bay Marine owners, Scott and Mary McCurdy. Each person who purchases a show admission has a chance to win a boat.

The Optimists also sponsor a scholarship lottery with \$100,000 in prizes. Over 269 students have received over \$1.38 million in scholarships in the past 23 years. The lottery drawing is held at 5 p.m. the last day of the Boat Show. Chances are \$100 and can be purchased at the show.

This year's show hours are Friday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$9 for adults and \$1 for kids, with a weekend pass available for \$15.

Rodeo

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once been. After Clay came along and took so well and easily to performing, the family found a happy medium.

Todd Kennedy, who runs Frontier Town and the leather shop, as his father did before him, reached out to Karson who was ready for the opportunity. Now Karson has his father's old job, riding the trails in the morning, checking to make sure the stage coach hold up go off without a hitch and performing for the Frontier Town patrons all summer long.

But this weekend, the whole family will be back doing their trick riding at the Lone Star Rodeo, as it comes to the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center.

Karson said getting the gig was almost happenstance. The family still does some trick riding — both in competition and as entertainment for rodeos — and tries to do bookings they find convenient. When Karson heard the Lone Star Rodeo was coming to town he reached out to the promoters, with whom he's worked much of his professional life



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Three-year-old Clay Karson uses a bull whip to crack a target out of his father Shane's hand.

and told him he was available to do the Salisbury show.

He, Susie and Clay are looking forward to performing for a home audience, especially Clay who has taken to the riding and whipping and charms the crowd without trying.

To catch a sneak peek at the kinds of

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35 Fop who makes idle sketches of a Chinese river?

42 They're checked at check-in

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66 Life vest worn on a Korean border river?

71 Piranhas in a German border river?

76 Speed of sound

77 ____ spell

79 One often going by limo

80 "American Beauty" director Mendes

83 Corporate shuffling, for short

85 Stand-up guy?

89 ____ dixit

90 Workers

92 Request to an Alaskan river to return to its headwaters?

95 Played one's part

97 Can of Cornwall?

98 Provoke

99 Atlanta-based cable inits.

100 Aggressive posturin' on an English river?

107 The merchant of Venice

108 Stephen of "The End of the Affair"

109 Tad

113 Bookish

116 "Buon ____"

119 Dull discomfort

120 & 123 What minor rivers of Pakistan say at their junctions?

125 Train track beam

126 Channel crosser Gertrude

127 Connected, as circuit elements

128 Fountain orders

129 Team whose home ice is the Prudential Center

130 V.M.I. athletes

Down

1 N.F.L. commentator Phil

2 Labor party?

3 Adrift, say

4 Priests' changing room

5 U2 collaborator on "Passengers: Original Soundtracks 1"

6 Hold 'em alternative

7 Tubes, e.g.

8 Illinois home of Black Hawk College

9 With 11-Down, prehistoric period

10 "My Name is Asher ____"

11 See 9-Down

12 Snacked

13 Reachable by pager

14 Cold war term of address

15 Hopeful

16 Narrow inlets

17 Sommelier's prefix

18 ____ Mawr

20 One who doesn't retire early

25 Shield border, in heraldry

28 "____ you!"

31 Jamie of "M*A*S*H"

33 Pop

34 Lickspittle

36 Last Julio-Claudian emperor

37 Semiliquid lump

38 California governor who was recalled in 2003

39 Workers' rights org.

40 Christine ____, "The Phantom of the Opera" heroine

41 "Wow!"

42 2006 World Cup champion

43 Andrea ____, famous shipwreck

44 Minute

49 "Confessions of an English ____-Eater"

50 Pinpoint, say

51 Works on copy

52 Actress Skye

53 It has a big mouth

54 Father, as a mudder

59 H as in Hera

63 "I thought ____!" ("My feeling exactly!")

65 "Shrek!" author William

67 Unsettle

68 ____-deucey

69 With 47-Across, onetime Chinese premier

70 2009 sci-fi role for Chris Pine

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84 ____ apparatus (cell organelle)

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87 "Typee" sequel

88 Rock, in modern lingo

91 Cry of accomplishment

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94 Kicks in

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101 Acronym for a small-runway aircraft

102 Sent to the free-throw line

103 Like some jokes and jobs

104 Van Gogh painting that sold for a record \$53.9 million in 1987

105 Prefix with con

106 Cut a fine figure?

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SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BEEF AND BEER A SUCCESS — Anna Foults's Star Charities held its annual Beef and Beer event on Saturday, Jan. 15, at American Legion Post 166 in Ocean City and it was sold out. Anna had surgery and was still recovering, having only returned home from rehab the night before, but her Star Charities volunteers took care of everything and the event was a big success even though she could not attend. The proceeds went to benefit troops overseas by providing them with phone cards to allow them to call home.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

PRESENTATION — The Democratic Women's Club enjoyed a presentation on Diakonia at the club's Jan. 17 meeting. Pictured are Diana Gross, DWC President; Claudia Nagle, Diakonia Director; Tom Wilson, Diakonia Board of Directors; and Marge SeBour, DWC Vice President. The Democratic Women meet the third Monday of the month at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Guests and new members are welcome to attend.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

LITERARY LADIES — The Literary Ladies of By The Sea enjoying lunch at Fager's Island.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

DIAPERS IN DECEMBER — The Judy Center, which provides services that promote school readiness in children from birth to age 5, sponsored "Diapers in December" in order to collect diapers for Worcester County families in need. Judy Center Director Mary Jo Price stands by one of the collection boxes which displays some of the 7,000 diapers which were collected in the drive. The Judy Center is located on the Snow Hill Elementary School campus in Snow Hill.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

FARMERS BANK OF WILLARDS DONATION — A \$5,000 leadership gift has been made by the Farmers Bank of Willards to the capital campaign to build a new athletic field house at Stephen Decatur High School's Seahawk Stadium. The capital campaign is a project of the SDHS Alumni Association. Pictured are: Lou Taylor, SDHS Principal; and representing Farmers Bank of Willards are: Furman Richardson, Chairman of the Board; Celeste Dove, West OC Branch Manager; and Chris Davis, President. For more information and online giving opportunities visit: www.sdhسالumni.com.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY — The Berlin Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the OMH oh my hair! the Salon on Jan. 12. OMH is located in downtown Berlin in the Midtown Professional Building at 29 Broad St., Suite 105. Bud Church, Lisa Hall, Mary Bane, Amanda Campbell, Marilyn Luckett, owners Michelle Harrington and Kristan Golden and Olive Mawyer, executive director Berlin Chamber of Commerce.

CALENDAR

BAYSIDE

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.

HEARTS HAPPEN

Art Show at the Globe Balcony Art Gallery, show runs through March 6. Prizes awarded on February 14th.

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.

HERITAGE LUNCHEON

Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council annual luncheon, Carousel Resort Hotel, 118th St., Ocean City. Featured speaker Ed Okonowicz and winners of the LESHG Heritage awards. Silent auction 10:30 a.m. \$25 per person, RSVP by Jan. 15. 410-677-4706.

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.

Monday, Jan. 24

BIRD CLUB

Tri-county Bird Club meeting, Asbury United Methodist Church, Fox room, Camden Ave., Salisbury. 7 p.m. 410-742-5497 for info.

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.

POOPIE'S BIRTHDAY

Rescheduled 37th Birthday party for Poopie, Salisbury Zoo. Celebrate with cake and sing to the world's oldest Andean bear. 410-860-6880.

FUN DAY

School's out Fun Day, Ward Museum, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students grades 1-6 for a day of fun and learning. \$25 for members, \$30 non-members. Pre-registration is

required at least one week prior to program. To register 410-742-4988.

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 Lisa Pearson from Home of the Brave. 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. Show runs Feb. 1-26. Nabb Center Gallery, 'Family and Faith', show runs Feb. 1-28. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1-4 p.m. Free.

SCULPTURE EXHIBIT

Ward Museum, LaMay Gallery, Salisbury. Reception 5-7 p.m. Friday Jan. 29. Bronzes by Paul Rhymer. 410-742-4988.

BULLYING WORKSHOP

Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Service, Berlin. 6 week program for 4th to 6th graders on how to cope with bullying. 5:30 p.m. Limited space available. Insurance accepted. Contact 410-641-4598.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

ART RECEPTION

South Korean artist Changkyum Kim explores the intertwining of physical and metaphysical imagery during the exhibit "Beyond the Surface," Feb. 1-March 5 at Salisbury University's Electronic Gallery, Teacher Education and Technology Center (TETC) Room 128. An artist talk and reception are 5 p.m. Feb. 2, in TETC Room 153.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

QUILTERS

Quilters by the Sea meeting, Ocean Pines Community Center, 12:30 to make quilts for local charities. 410-641-8898 for info.

COMPUTER INSTRUCTION

Worcester County Library, Ocean Pines branch, 8-9:30 a.m. Two sessions, Designed for those who have little or no experience with computers and the internet. Feb. 3 and 10. Class limited to 8 participants. Advance registration is required.

TRIBAL BELLY DANCE

Ocean City Library, two classes – Feb. 3 and 10, 1-2 p.m. Free.

GRACE PARKER BREAKFAST

Grace Parker Breakfast. \$8 all you can eat. Carry-out available. 7 a.m.-1 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 13th St. and Philadelphia Ave.

Ocean City. Info: 410-289-9340

Thursday, Feb. 3

SURFER VIDEO

Surfer Jesse Hines will make an appearance and perform with his band at the Christian Conference Center, Pennsylvania Ave., Bethany Beach, DE. 6:30 p.m. 302-537-6287 for more info.

FASHION SHOW

Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11:30 a.m. Catered by Denovo's Trattoria. Benefits Women Supporting Women, Worcester County chapter. \$22 per person – advance sales. RSVP 410-641-2849.

OPEN STUDIO

Art League of Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All media, no instructor.

ANTIQUE SILVER APPRAISAL

Worcester County Library, Berlin branch, 1 p.m. John Gallagher will be on site to appraise antique silver. No coins. Limited to 3 items.

STORY TIME

Worcester County Library, Ocean City branch, 6 p.m. Nite Lite series. Sing, dance and share wonderful bedtime stories. Children are welcome to wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed toy.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Worcester County Library, Ocean Pines branch, 7 p.m. Eats Like A Wildman, presented by Mike Kane, chef at the Fountains.

OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Whatcoat United Methodist Church, 100 W. Federal St., Snow Hill. 8 a.m. to noon.

Friday, Feb. 4

SAUSAGE SALE

Berlin Lions Club, Whole Hog Sausage Sale. 8 .am. until? Pre-sales through Berlin Lions Club for members only. Please call for 10lbs. or more. 410-641-1064.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held for "Tribute to Broadway" for children and teens ages 8 to 21 at 5 p.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The Ocean Pines Players Children's Theatre director Paulette DeRosa Matrona asks that if a solo part is desired, be prepared to sing with your own music or a cappella. Info: 410-251-1402.

ART RECEPTION

Art League of Ocean City, 5-7 p.m. Abstracts, Shapes, Colors & Things. All media. Free.

TAILGATE PARTY

St. Luke Catholic Parish, St. Andrew's Catholic Center, 14401 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City. 4-7 p.m. DJ, tailgate food, beer.

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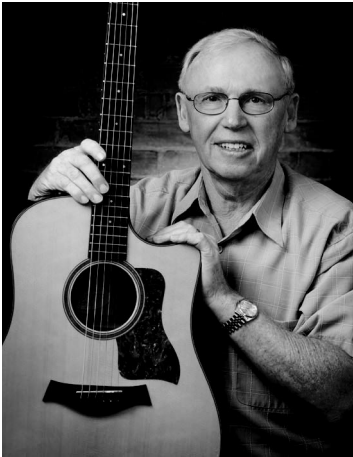
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CUISINE

BAYSIDE

Seared tuna and scallops with a mélange of vegetables

A nice short trip to the mountains always seems to put things back in place for us. Sometimes I think that I should get a couple



By Paul Suplee,
CEC, PC III

of jobs in the summertime so that we can save enough for nice winter vacations.

I imagine that a typical predicament for those of us who live at the beach is that we would want to get away from the wet flatlands. People from the other side of 'The Crick' come to the beach for vacation, so it would only make sense that we would want to go hither and yon, significantly higher in altitude, to get away.

Amid the 8-degree days, one tends to lean towards the warming comfort foods such as pot roast, roasted chicken et al.

Yet, as I looked around at the crisp and pristine mountains, visually and spiritually absorbing the flurries as they fell, somehow it put me in the mood for zesty, fresh food with a little kick. Seafood struck a chord immediately so it was off to find the local market.

Thirty minutes later, armed with a bag of food, it was time to make zesty and spicy seared tuna and scallops over a mélange of roasted pepper, roasted lemon and fennel. Incredibly easy, and full of flavor this is a simple dish to add to your recipe rolodex.

Fennel is said to have good healing properties, and this could be a reason as to why it has been such a formidable staple in the European kitchen, namely in The Med, for centuries. Also in the recipe is dried red chili, which provides heat, an obviously warming trait.

The capsaicin in the chili lends itself to the body to increase circulation and give us a chance to warm our structure from the inside out.

Truth be told, I originally headed to the market to get some fresh shrimp for a little Fra Diavolo. I was dismayed to learn that only pre-cooked shrimp were available. Undeterred, it was but a short



glance to the left to realize that the tuna looked perfect, so a quick adjustment yielded what you see in the picture. Fresh, dry scallops finished the protein portion of the plate and it was on to produce.

Before I go any further, I want to write about the dry scallops. I believe that I have written about them before, but it would be presumptuous of me to assume that you read every blasted article, so onward and upward.

Have you ever purchased scallops the size of silver dollars only to get home and cook them down to the size of silver dimes? The reason is that the scallop is wet, a processing term for full of brine. This pumps up the scallop in the raw state, making it look more appealing, but more importantly for the processor, making it heavier for

weigh-in. The water simply cooks out with the application of heat. Thus, dry scallops are much-preferred.

I'm happy that the fra diavolo was a no-go, and that we had to suffer through the adjustment. Now I just need to find a reason to call in sick tomorrow wo I can stay in the mountains for another day.

SEARED TUNA & SCALLOPS

per serving
2 oz. Fresh Tuna
2 ea. Fresh Sea scallops
S&P to taste
EV Olive Oil & Butter as needed
1. Get a pan very hot and then add your oil and butter. Season the seafood with salt & pepper
2. Let this cook until it stops sizzling. This means that the liquid in the butter (butter is an emulsion of oil and water) has evaporated
3. Carefully add the seasoned seafood and let sit until darkened on the first side. Don't rush this and

don't move them around in the pan
4. Turn and remove the pan from the heat. The carryover cooking will take the tuna to medium rare or medium, and the scallops to just-done
5. Serve atop the mélange of vegetables in the recipe below

MÉLANGE OF VEGETABLES

EV Olive oil and butter as needed
1 dried chili
1 ea. Red pepper, stripped of seeds and stem
1 head fennel, shaved
3 cloves fresh garlic
½ ea. Yellow onion, fine julienne
1 c. Dry white wine
2 ea. Fresh lemons, halved
8 halves of sundried tomato
2 sprigs marjoram
1 sprig Rosemary
S&P to taste
1. Heat the oil and butter in a hot pan until the sizzling subsides
2. Roast the lemons, cut side down, until dark brown. This adds a gorgeous flavor to the vegetables
3. Add the chili and red pepper and allow to blister

4. Remove the lemon and the peppers and set aside
5. Remove the chili (This you can now discard)
6. Add the fennel, onion and garlic and stir to coat with the fats in the pan
7. Deglaze the pan with white wine, turn down the heat and cook until everything is tender
8. Add the sundried tomatoes and add the lemons & peppers back to the pan
9. If this is too acidic, simply add a chunk of butter to add some creaminess and adjust your seasonings

***This may seem like a lot of steps, but it truly is simple to accomplish as long as your vegetables are cut and you are set up and ready to go (in French Culinary we call this "mise en place")*

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