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All that jazz

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Slim DeNunn and Lips kicked off the North Main Street performances at last weekend's Berlin Jazz and Blues Bash.

Jazz and Blues Bash becoming major draw on its own

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

BERLIN — The relationship between the Jazz and Blues Bash and its attendees is changing in such a positive way that it legitimizes it as the up and coming spring music fest in the region. There's no doubt that the festival continues to

draw Springfest revelers for the day but the number of people making the trip to attend the eventincreases annually.

It isn't usually that difficult to find locals out and about enjoying the event, similarly those who come over from Ocean City are relatively common, but this weekend, people at every turn seemed to have come to town specifically because they'd been to last year's Jazz and Blues Bash and insisted friends join them for this year's event.

Pennsylvania residents Nadine Gostony, Beth Raub and Judy Froehlich had all been down for Springfest before, **Continued on Page 5**

Council gives Ok for sewer rate increase

Would come out to \$2 per ratepayer per year

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

BERLIN — The Mayor and Council unanimously approved a measure that will increase sewer rates 21 percent over the course of the next four years, which equals about \$2 per ratepayer per year.

Charley Curcio, a consultant that helped the town compose the rate crease testified before the mayor and council proposing a plan for paying down the debt from the construction of the wastewater treatment plant. Current users will contribute enough into the system to not affect the tax base, effectively having the wastewater upgrade pay for itself rather than rely on additional town funding.

"I think the proposal is very sound," Curcio said. "The necessity of improving the system was not only to meet environmental requirements but also to accommodate growth."

Although the presented forecast had a significant number of years during which the new wastewater treatment plant runs in the red, Curcio said that much of the difference will be made up in both grants and growth, neither of which could be reasonable budgeted for.

"Based on what we do know I feel very comfortable that the rate increases will cover the costs," Curcio said. "The Continued on Page 3

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In four years, rate will be near \$10 more per year

Council approves plan to spend impact fund money on sidewalks

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new debts from phase three can be amortized through the already in place special connection fee schedule."

The average ratepayer spends about \$38.34 monthly for sewer, by 2016 the average will be \$47.05 - less than \$10 more per month.

Reducing debt will enable it to be rolled over, this way the people who benefit from the system they use.

"Basically, it's pay as you go," Mayor Gee Williams said.

Under the plan, new connections will eventually cover debt service and the increases will improve and support the wastewater plant's cash flow to eliminate the need for operational borrowing.

Williams cautioned that if special connection fees continue to lag in five years, the rates might still have to be adjusted. It was a scenario Williams didn't take too seriously.

"Five years seems like a lifetime in current economic times," Williams. "I don't hear anyone saying five years is unreasonable [for an economic recovery]."

Williams also presented the council with several proposed budget changes that altered spending without changing the budget's bottom line.

Among the proposals, were an adjustment to the police pay scale aimed at making Berlin more than merely a training ground for officers seeking work in other localities, a small pay increase for town employees and cuts to both emergence reserve contributions and department expenses.

With the exception of Councilwoman Lisa Hall, the council endorsed Williams' proposed changes.

Hall opposed the 3 percent pay increase for town employees who weren't police officers, which Williams proposed

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to offset the 2 percent pension contribution increase town employees will have to pay to the state.

"I just can't look ratepayers in the face and vote for an increase for my staff," she said.

Williams reiterated that it was a zerosum budget change and reminded Hall there was no tax increase on the table in support of this or any other expenditure.

He credited the town employees commitment to reduce expenditures, citing the departments' ability to reduce operational costs by 3 percent. He also pointed out that through both the work of the human resources department and the employees themselves, much of the increase would be paid for by the town's continually-falling health care costs.

While the contribution to the contingency fund was also reduced, the town will still contribute \$147,000 as part of the fiscal 2012 budget.

A public hearing on the budget will be held 7 p.m. at the May 23 regular council meeting meeting.

The council also approved a motion to begin using the impact funds from the Casino at Ocean Downs.

Among the first construction projects is a plan to build sidewalks along Broad Street from Ann Court to the railroadtracks. The town approved the expense of an engineering plan that would cover the project, which would be done piecemeal as funding becomes available. The first section would extend from the tracks to Esham Road.

After no public testimony concerning the proposals to apply for a Community Development Block Grant to offset some of the cost of the new wastewater plant, the council agreed to pursue the \$600,000 grant.

In response to a request by a nonprofit last month to have permitting and inspection fees waived, the council adopted a plan that would allow fees to be waived at the discretion of town staff for projects with fees of less than \$3,000.





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DIGGIN THE BLUES– Herb and janice Sullivan, of Sykesville came down for the weekend to enjoy the Jazz and Blues Bash with their friends Bud and Kathy Clark of Ocean Pines. They were among hundreds of attendees who came to town especially for the annual Jazz and Blues Bash on Main Street in Berlin.

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BALTIMORE — The Maryland Lottery announced April revenue numbers for the Hollywood Casino Perryville in Cecil County and the Casino at Ocean Downs.

April's statewide revenue totaled \$13,560,746.63, bringing the cumulative fiscal year total for both facilities to \$77,149,863.02.

The Casino at Ocean Downs generated \$3,508,689.48 in April, bringing fiscal year-to-date revenue to \$12,927,972.35.

Local impact grants from the casino earnings were \$192,977 for April bringing the total to \$711,038. The gross gaming revenue per machine per day is \$155.94, and the daily per machine gaming revenue average since Casino at Ocean Downs opened on Jan. 4 is \$147.33.

Hollywood Casino Perryville generated \$10,052,057.15 in April, bringing fiscal year-to-date revenue to \$64,221,890.67 for the facility.

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'Mayor for a Day' believes in building pride in community

By Tony Russo

Staff Writer

BERLIN — For the last five years, students from one of the town's schools have been among the winners of the Maryland Municipal League's

"If I Were Mayor..." essay contest and this year's winner, Thomas Fager, is no different.

Fager, a fourth grader at Worcester Preparatory School, won with an essay that reflects his experience as a community member and also his appreciation that the core of genuine political responsibility is finding ways to build community and civic pride.

Mayor Gee Williams' proclaimed May 9 this year to be Thomas Fager Day, adding that he was thankful the young man is too young to run for mayor.

When he sat to compose the letter, Fager said he just used the opportunity to give voice to several of the ideas he'd already been cultivating. He wants to make it easier to recycle and to have more events like Take Pride in Berlin Day when the community comes together to give the town a good picking up. Breakfast, he said, would be on him.

Fager also said he'd support a beach

run and other healthful activities aimed as much as improving individual health as bringing people together. "It's impor-

tant to keep people from leaving town,"



'Mayor' Thomas Fager he said. "You want to keep the population up."

When he's not planning on how best to run a mayoral administration, Fager is an avid lacrosse player and a mostlyavid surfer, preferring to surf through the summer and leave the February surfing to his older brothers.

The 10-year-old Bishopville resident said he looks forward to following his father, John, into the restaurant business. If that's the case, it is likely he will be able to continue pursuing different ways of establishing community without having to go into politics, and it is just as well. Fager said he has no aspirations to hold political office.

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had all been down for Springfest before, but last year Raub came out to the Jazz and Blues Bash and convinced her friends to join her for the day trip this year.

"The weather was gorgeous. We couldn't not come," Froehlich said. So the ladies cleared their Saturday schedule and began the day with a shopping trip downtown. They were enjoying their lunch on the sidewalk outside of the Globe and planning for the rest of the day in Berlin.

Raub was happy the event started late enough that the group would be able to shop, eat, enjoy the music and stay on after without having to find a way to spend the evening.

"This year when it's over we can stay in town," she said. A group of women from the Annapolis area have designated the Jazz and Blues Bash as their annual birthday celebration for one of their number, spending the weekend on Assateague and biking to the Jazz and Blues Bash as part of their ritual.

"Every year we bike my age," said birthday girl Cindy Wallace, who turns 54 this year. Although a scheduling conflict prevented them from making last year's event, they had done it in 2009 and were already planning their 2012 ride.

Similarly, Connie Hohol and her husband, Walter, have designated Jazz and Blues Bash weekend as the first among their several annual trips to Assateague. Connie has been coming to the island since she was a little girl and now that she and Walter have become avid campers, this is one of the best ways for them to enjoy Assateague before the summer heat and crowds really kick in.

"We've stayed at the Atlantic Hotel a couple of times [during these annual trips]," she said. Staying in town is always a special treat for the couple even though their camper is perfectly comfortable as well.

Another well-represented group were the locals and quasi locals who had arranged for friends to come and join them at the Jazz and Blues Bash. Jean Holland came down from Lewes,



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A guitarist wails on the porch of the Atlantic Hotel duirng the Jazz and Blues Fest.

Del. last year and invited friends to join her for a day in Berlin. She was excited for them to lunch at the Globe and a day of music before heading back north.

It also is likely that the later starting time helped to boost numbers. Unlike year's past, the festival started in the afternoon and ended in the evening. The result appeared to be people planning to come for lunch, dinner and stay through to enjoy the town well after the last note was played.





Harris hits foreign aid at 'town meeting'

By Tony Russo

Staff Writer

BERLIN - Rep. Andy Harris held a public town hall meeting Saturday at Showell Elementary School to hear from local constituents.

While there were times when the meeting devolved into a shouting match, it was well received, for the most part, and gave constituents opportunities to complain about both Democratic and Republican policies, approaches and views.

Harris handled the little derision hurled his way well enough, allowing the crowd to shout down dissenters before stepping in to restore order.

During the meeting, which lasted a little more than an hour, he spoke at length about his views on the Ryan Plan - the U.S. House of Representatives Republican-backed budget — especially the aspect of it that deals with revising Medicare and Medicaid.

"The truth about Medicare," he said. "Is that it's a Ponzi scheme." Harris claimed that each person will contribute about \$100,000 to Medicare over their lifetime and reap about \$300,000 worth of benefits.

While he was clear that people over 55 would not have any of their coverage cut, people under 55 years old would have to plan differently for medical coverage in their old age.

Medicare shouldn't be changed for those 55 and older, he said, because the government had made a deal with those people.

Harris was adamant that Medicare shouldn't be changed for people who've been planning on it for the bulk of their professional careers but said that in the future it would have to be a needs-based program, not available to everyone.

Among other cuts Harris believed could be made involved farm subsidies, which affect the price of food and fuel and foreign aid, which he claimed was what most of the government's borrowing was for.

"Every penny we spend in foreign aid, we borrow from China," he said.

Harris said there was a movement in the House to consider aid to foreign countries on an individual basis rather than to approve the foreign aid package overall with an up or down vote.

America's dependence on foreign oil, Harris said could not be solved by forcing power providers to buy into alternative energy.

Rather than investing in wind power, solar power and other alternative energy ideas, Harris said the U.S. should reduce regulations on fossil fuels such as coal and natural gas extraction and distribution.

"We could become the Saudi Arabia of natural gas," he said. "We could become the Saudi Arabia of coal."

Harris bristled at the notion that the Bush Administration's tax cuts had anything to do with the current financial troubles and said that former President Ronald Regan's deficit spending was justified.

He said that during former President Bill Clinton's administration the spending cuts and tax increases did not create a surplus that was spent during the Bush administration.

"Let's talk about the rumor that Clinton had a surplus," he said. "It came close to decreasing the amount of debt, but it never did."

Harris said the problem with public education has to do with mis-targeted funds, saying that education funding should be funneled to the schools where performance suffers, while giving less to schools that performing well.

Currently because of its success and tax base, Worcester County already receives one of the lowest federal and state contributions to its educational system.

'We have to be much more surgical in the way we spend money on education," he said.

New station being built at Seashore

BERLIN - Superintendent Trish Kicklighter announced construction is underway on a new Visitor Contact Station in the Maryland District of Assateague Island National Seashore.

The new facility will replace the structure that has served as the ranger station and campground office since the late 1960s.

"We've been waiting to replace the old station for a long time now and are very pleased to finally have the project under way" Kicklighter said.

"A portion of the old building was originally built on the island as a private residence before the National Seashore was created."

The new Visitor Contact Station is

being constructed west of Bayberry Drive, adjacent to the existing entrance booths.

"Whenever we replace facilities on the Island, we're trying to move them away from the ocean if at all possible," Kicklighter said. "With accelerating rates of sea level rise, the farther west our fa-Continued on Page 8



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cilities are located the longer they will last."

Ultimately, Bayberry Drive will be reconfigured at the site of the new facility to expand the number of traffic lanes leading up to the entrance booths. The changes are expected to ease the chronic congestion that occurs during the busy summer months.

Although the new station will be largely completed by mid-June, moving staff and operations during peak season will delay its opening until the end of the summer.

The 3,300 square foot modular building was manufactured in Pennsylvania by Modular Genius, Inc. The project was made possible through the use of entrance and camping fees collected at the National Seashore.

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Oil prices expected to decline

Gas prices could hit \$3.50 low just in time for Memorial Day

WILMINGTON, Del. — Although gas prices rose for the sixth consecutive week, the brakes were slowly applied by week's end in response to steep declines in the crude oil market.

The national average price of regular grade gasoline was \$3.98 last Friday, just 13 cents shy of the all-time record high of \$4.11 a gallon set in July 2008.

Prices at the pump were up 7 cents from a week ago, 27 cents higher than month ago prices and \$1.05 higher than year ago prices.

Some analysts believe gas prices could continue their retreat without ever crossing the \$4.00 a gallon threshold nationally.

Crude oil began the trading week just shy of \$114 a barrel, but by week's end the commodity collapsed in a record rout. In one of the largest single one-day drops since September 2008, crude oil fell ten percent last Thursday to under \$100 a barrel, the first time under the triple-digit mark since March.

Weak economic data from Europe, a jump in the value of the U.S. dollar, concerns over domestic oil demand, and weekly U.S. jobless claims hitting eightmonth highs all contributed to crude oil's pullback - a justified move according to some analysts who believe commodity prices have exceeded fundamental values in recent months.

Crude oil ended the week at \$97.18, down \$16.75 or 15 percent, the biggest weekly drop since the

contract began trading in 1983. In its weekly Day weekend, have we seen the gas price Energy Information seen the gas price peak peak for the season Administration (EIA) for the season?' seen the gas price peak or will the dreaded showed crude for the season?'

stocks increased

3.4 million barrels to 366.5 million barrels. Gasoline stocks fell for the eleventh straight week by 1.0 million barrels to 204.5 million barrels.

For the most part, the weekly stats were in line with expectations. Nationwide demand tailed off by 205,000 barrels per day (bpd) to 8.9 million bpd, nearly 340,000 bpd below last year.

Numbers below 9 million bpd are unusual for May, however some believe demand may indeed stay below that socalled standard number until Memorial Dav week.

"This week's collapse of the crude oil market has motorists wondering when the effects will be felt at the pump," said Ragina C. Averella, Manager of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Mid-Atlantic.

"For as quickly as gas prices respond to increases in crude oil prices, they typically don't respond to declines at the same speed, but this year has been anything but typical.

"Less than three 'Less than three weeks weeks ahead of

> mark be crossed nationally? Some analysts believe we've seen the peak and gas prices will drop 50 cents or so through the summer. However, considering recent volatility in the market, only time will tell."

> Last week's plunge in crude oil prices has many wondering how long it will take before gas prices follow suit. With Memorial Day weekend less than three weeks away, some analysts believe we have seen the gas price peak for the season, just shy of the \$4.00 a gallon mark nationally.

> If oil prices continue their decline or even level off in the coming weeks, gas prices could drop to \$3.50 a gallon or lower after Memorial Day.

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BAYSIDE Criss-cross Jolly Roger's Speedworld

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

OCEAN CITY — In a town where there are plenty of opportunities for thrill-ride entertainment, a business has to be willing to rethink everything they know about adventure rides in order to remain at the forefront of the experience-ride pack.

Which is why it's no surprise that the folks at Jolly Roger Amusements have added one to Speed World of the few flatland zip line rides available in the country and the only one available on the Eastern Shore to Speed World.

Ziplines are apparatus most people know primarily from action movies. A cable connects two points and the person riding dons a harness, attaches himself or herself to the zip line and rides the length of the line from Point A to Point B.

When Steve Pastusak, Speed World's general manager, saw the opportunity to increase the options for potential customers he also knew the wisest move was to make sure Speed World could do it at least as well if not better than anyone else.

"We're always looking for something that nobody else has," he said. "We started putting the idea together last December."

Most parks that have ziplines, however, also have natural altitudes and significant amounts of open space over which to ride. Since Ocean City lacks both natural altitude and, accepting the Atlantic Ocean or the bays, no long stretches of open space to speak of, the production team had to find a creative way to address this problem.

They solved the problem by designing Extreme Ziplines in such a way as to make use both of the limited space and natural altitude.

The course is laid out in four trips plus the grand finale "Leap of Faith" so patrons can get the full zipline experience without having to travel into the jungle on a special ops mission.

Starting 60 feet above the Figure 8 Raceway, participants cruise along more than 1,100 feet of steel cable from start to finish. Each group of zipliners is accompanied by the park's professionals, who make sure the lines are clear and properly attached. Since most people are not professional stunt-people, several fail-safes have been put in place to ensure that the trip is nothing but pleasurable.

The attendants were trained on how to handle the ziplines during an intensive course provided by the company that designed and installed the feature.

"We've taken something that everyone wants to do and made it so they can," Pastusak said. "You don't have to be a rock climber to be able to do this."

Possibly the greatest upside to having the trip broken down into four sections is patrons can learn to ride the zipline in increments. At last weekend's opening, HMRA Director Susan Jones, Councilwoman Mary Knight and Atlantic General Hospital CEO Michael



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Susan Jones rides the Extreme Ziplines at Speedworld as Mary Knight and Michael Franklin wait their turn at last week's grand openeing.

Franklin were among the first zipline riders. While each in their own way flailed a little awkwardly between station one and station two by the time they moved to the third station they were comfortable enough with the process to truly control their experience, even showing off a little bit as they improved along the ride.

At the final station, after having traveled the length of the course, participants take the "Leap of Faith," falling Nestea Plunge-style backwards into the air before rappelling the final 20-or-so feet to the landing zone. It's an opportunity that shouldn't be missed given that it's one of the safest ways to participate in the extreme sport without leaving town.

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Qualitative easing

By Chip Gordy

We've heard a lot about "quantitative easing" recently, so I thought I'd try to give you my take on what this concept means.

Quantitative easing is the process of central banks putting cash in the economy. As a reaction to the recent financial debacle and the recession that followed, central banks around the world used every tool they could to increase the money supply. The U.S. Federal Reserve has been proactive in coming up with creative ways to increase the amount of money available to banks, increase its money supply, and avoiding deflation. These solutions all are part of quantitative easing.

Principally, this is a monetary policy where central banks print money and introduce these newly created funds into our money supply by purchasing securities on the open market. The banks who sell these securities then have additional capital beyond their reserve requirements that they can invest, loan, or hold onto themselves. Quantitative easing is usually employed when the federal funds rate (typically the interest rate banks charge each other for loans) is at or near zero because there is no other way to lower this rate.

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The intended result of quantitative easing is to boost the money supply and encourage economic growth. Through buying its own bonds on the openmarket, the Federal Reserve attempts to lower interest rates even more. The intended result would be lower interest rates on loans, thus promoting companies (and individuals) to utilize more credit and increase their spending.

On the other hand, quantitative easing does lower the rate banks pay depositors. A lower deposit rate decreases the benefits of holding savings, and encourages depositors to consume their deposits or look for other investments (decreased borrowing costs and an expanded money supply is supposed to increase demand and consumption).

Once demand starts increasing, confidence should return to businesses and hiring should resume. Also, quantitative easing can help minimize the strain on banks by increasing their available capital and (hopefully) increasing demand for loans.

In terms of deflation (falling prices), quantitative easing is supposed to avert this as it's one of the worst possible economic scenarios. The reason being that if deflation occurs and prices continue to fall, consumers will hold off purchases, assuming that prices will be less in the future. This in turn decreases demand and of course can lead to an economic downturn. Another risk connected with quantitative easing is that when a central bank creates too much cash in the system, "hyperinflation" can result. If there is a great increase in the money supply, then real goods, commodities, and services can significantly grow in price while savings and the value of the dollar decrease.

Finally, quantitative easing can have mixed results if not handled in a systematic and closely monitored way. If done correctly, then in theory these actions can potentially help jump-start a faltering economy.

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BERLIN — If you take the northern turn-off from Route 113 toward Ocean Pines, on your left you'll see a Worcester County treasure, the Saint Martin's Episcopal Church.

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The Saint Martin's Church Foundation, agroup of community leaders determined to preserve this gem of architecture, is working hard to promote events at the church to help raise awareness of its historic value and its funding needs.

Although most of the building and grounds restoration is complete, ongoing preservation continues. An educational and events program is part of the Foundation's agenda.

To help with awareness of Saint Martin's, the Worcester County Historical Society awarded the Foundation a grant to fund a tri-fold brochure that will describe the church and events, which will be open to the public.

The brochure will be distributed through the region later this year.

Foundation President Sherrie Beckstead and master goldsmith Steve Clarke, have designed a key pendant, which is a replica of the key to the doors of Saint Martin's. The copyrighted key will be available in sterling silver and 18 karat gold for those who want to purchase this keepsake in support of the historic church.

Since its restoration, open houses, weddings, musical and arts events and lectures have taken place at Saint Martin's.

If you'd like to help out with the Saint Martin's Church Foundation and its work or simply learn more about the church, contact Sherrie Beckstead at 410-430-2142 or e-mail at Historicstmartin@aol. com. HISTORIC SAINT MARTINS WILL BE OPEN 11 A.M.-3 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH FROM IN CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY AND ON SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH FROM 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. FOR AN OPEN HOUSE. ADDITIONAL OPEN HOUSES ARE IN THE PLANNING FOR SELECTED SATURDAYS THROUGH OCTOBER.

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SCHOOLS BAYSIDE HOUSING program

Wor-Wic nursing program combines jobs and study

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

NEWARK — The nursing program at Worcester Technical High School has been producing graduates with practical skills and knowledge long before moving into the state-of-the art facility it now occupies.

The genius of the nursing program is it allows students not only to intern at healthcare facilities all over the county as part of their training but it also is able to confer Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) status upon them as they head into their final year of school.

Ocean Pines resident Kelsey Cooper is among the students who will be eligible to work as CNAs before the end of her junior year. She's currently interning at Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation but after securing her certification will be able to work most anywhere in the area, earning money for college while she's improving her skills, background and experience.

She was attracted to the program after her sister recommended it as a way to get even more from her Worcester County education as well as the opportunity to test drive a career before having to make a decision about it.

After her experience as a CAN, Cooper said she's interested in continuing to college — she'll apply to Salisbury University and Howard University next year — to pursue a degree in nursing and to become a chemotherapy nurse.

"I like the idea of helping people who have cancer," she said.

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Ocean Pines resident Kelsey Cooper, Jessica Benoit, and Jolisa Jackson will earn their CNAs through the nursing program at Worcester Technical High School.



Meagen Walsh, Kathryn O'Malley, and Lisa Tingle, owner/director of Seaside Dance Academy in Berlin.



Worcester Prep dancer wins title in NJ competition O'Malley and Walsh produce solid routine to lead junior division

TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Worcester Prep Seventh Grade student Kathryn O'Malley competed in the Legacy Dance Competition in New Brunswick, N.J., where she performed a number choreographed by Meagen Walsh '02 (Worcester Prep) and took first place in the Junior Division.

O'Malley also won Miss Junior Legacy and a \$1000 scholarship from Be Discovered! to further her dance education in Los Angeles this summer or New York City, NY this winter.

Meagen Walsh is co-director of Seaside Dance Academy and has received numerous choreography awards; her students have received top scores when dancing to her choreography.

Walsh was selected to judge the national competitions and is a member of the teaching staff for Starpower "PowerPak" held in Ocean City in July.



Wor-Wic nursing course generates high interest

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Similarly, Pocomoke resident Jessica Benoit followed her sister into the program and already has a pretty good idea about what lines of education she'd like to follow and which aspects of nursing interest her most. Benoit hopes to earn her R.N. and eventually work in a hospital emergency room.

"I like the ER," she said. "It's always an adventure going to work."

Jolisa Jackson, another of their fellow students, hopes the nursing program at Worcester Tech will be the springboard into medical school for her.

"I'd like to go past the CNA and become a surgeon," she said.

Jackson hopes to go to Temple, Johns Hopkins, or Morgan next year and the money she earns working for doctor's offices now plus the experience should help in that regard.

Putting kids in the position in which they're most likely to succeed is a job the school takes seriously. Dr. Penny Makuchal, who teaches allied health occupations at the school, said the staff has come up with a new program to better prepare the students for careers in the medical arts.

Beginning next spring, Worcester students who might be interested in pursuing healthcare careers will have

the opportunity to participate in the "Academy of Health Professions," a sample track that will expose them to the three medical professions enterable directly from high school.

In addition to the CNA program, the school offers pharmacy technician and dental assistant programs. The academy will allow students to take several baseline medical classes that apply to all three tracks before selecting a particular course of study.

Makuchal said they were hoping to have at least 30 students show interest but have already had 60 say they would like to participate in the program.

"We expected a lot of kids but the response was even better," she said. "The program gives them the opportunity to choose between tracks before having to commit to any of the three programs."

More importantly, it helps students become functionl members of the healthcare community long before they're livelihood depends upon it. The result already tends to be more interested, enthusiastic employees.

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about the Academy of Health Professions should call 410-641-5050 and ask for Dr. Penny Makuchal.



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BAYSIDE Mumford, Berquist lead Phillies to victory, 10-3



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GETTING IT DONE- (Above) Cole Mumford made a great grab and throw to Billy Wheatley preventing a Mariners ralley (Below)Matt Kristick asks for time after sliding in to third base with a tripple as the Phillies beat the Mariners 10-3.



BERLIN — The Berlin Little League Phillies outlasted the Mariners Monday night 10-3 behind solid pitching from Cole Mumford and Brett Berquist and a Phillies offense that was aggressive at the plate.

The Phillies' runs came on 13 hits, including triples by Berquist, Matt Kristick, and Billy Wheatley.

Wheatley got the Phillies started with a two-out hit that resulted in a rally putting the Phillies up 3-0. Most of the Phillies' runs came during two-out rallies.

Mumford, who ended up with the win, threw his pitch limit and traded positions with Berquist who'd been at short. Berquist's first pitch should have been drilled into left but Mumford knocked it downand got the out, eliminating the Mariners' chance to score that inning.

Although the Mariners threatened late, coming within five runs, the Phillies' pitching and defense allowed the team to preserve their lead and finally the victory.



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UNDERAGED ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

OCEAN CITY — Joeseph Alfred Odierno, 18, of Anne Arundel County and Mark R. Bell, 19, of New York City were cited for underaged alcohol consumption and released last week after both passed a breath test. The two were pulled over by Maryland State Troopers while driving eastbound on Route 90. A conversation with the occupants revealed Bell and Odierno to have been drinking beer while in route to the beach. Both Bell and Odierno were issued Maryland Uniform Criminal Citations for the violations and released.

MARIJUANA POSSESSION

WEST OCEAN CITY — Edward Adams II of Millsboro, Del. was stopped by Maryland State Trooper on Route 50 westbound near Golf Course Road for an equipment violation. Upon approach of the vehicle, the trooper smelled the odor of burnt marijuana. A probable cause search was subsequently conducted revealing 11.96 grams of marijuana in a plastic baggie, one rolled marijuana blunt containing 1.19 grams and drug paraphernalia.

SNEAKER POSSESSION

SNOW HILL – Tito Anyone Belcher plead guilty to possessing with an intent to distribute 52 pairs of counterfeit Nike Air Force 1 shoes. Belcher received a 90 day suspended sentence and an order to pay restitution in the amount of \$200. The shoes were ordered to be donated to Diakonia.

MANSLAUGHTER CONVICTION SNOW HILL – Michael Thomas Dill, 30 years old, was been found guilty of manslaughter, distribution of a controlled dangerous substance, methadone, and reckless endangerment after nearly ten hours of deliberation by a Worcester County Circuit Court jury last week.

Qianna Dinkens, 31 years old, was killed July 6[,] 2010 after Dill had provided her with a lethal quantity of methadone on vacation in Ocean City. At trial, the state introduced photographs taken by the defendant that showed the victim in various stages of her overdose. Dinkens and the defendant were dating at the time.

Assistant State's Attorney's Steven Rakow and Julie Guyer filed their intentions to seek enhanced penalties. Dill is scheduled to

undergo a pre-sentence services investigation. DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

BERLIN - Nicholas Scott Pletcher of Bishopville and a juvenile female were arrested for malicious destruction of property. Maryland State Troopers responding to a complaint discovered landscape lighting and plant containers had been destroyed at Temple Bat Yam. Troopers also noted damage to property at the Holy Trinity Church. The complainant in the case was able to identify the suspects and troopers were able to locate them a short time later in Ocean Pines. The suspects were both intoxicated at the time. Troopers arrested both suspects. The juvenile female was processed and charged through the Department of Juvenile Services. Pletcher was charged with malicious destruction of property under \$500, disorderly intoxication, trespassing and possession of alcohol under 21. According to police the crimes were not racially, religiously or ethnically motivated.

THEFT WHALEYVILLE — Sung Un Park reported Monday that an EZ Load Boat trailer (MD registration 65982TL) carrying a Boston Whaler Boat had been stolen. The trailer was left on the shoulder of Westbound Route 50 just west of Route 610 due to a flat tire. The victim left the trailer 8 a.m. on Sunday and returned 11 a.m. Monday to find the trailer missing. Troopers from the Berlin Barrack last saw the trailer approximately 3 p.m. Sunday. Anyone with information regarding the location of the items can contact the Maryland State Police, Berlin Barrack.





OBITUARIES

Shirley Elizabeth Brewington

SNOW HILL — Shirley Elizabeth Brewington, age 67, died Monday, April 25 at her home in Snow Hill. Born in Salisbury, she was the daughter of the late Charles Brewington, Sr. and Elizabeth M. Powell Brewington.

She is survived by two brothers, Charles K. Brewington, Jr. and his wife, Pat and Roy C. Brewington and his wife ,M. Colleen; three nieces, Lisa B. Hartman and her husband, Joe, Christine B. Smith and Megan E.Brewington USN; five nephews, Larry K. Brewington, Charles P. Smith, III, Roy C. Brewington, Jr. and his wife, Dawn, Timothy L. Brewington and his fiancé, Ashley Collins and Ryan C. Brewington.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Carol Brewington Smith. Also survived by many friends at Heath Manor in Snow Hill.

A graveside service was held Saturday, April 30 at Whatcoat Cemetery in Snow Hill.

James Paul Harlin

SALISBURY — James Paul Harlin, age 77, died Monday, April 25 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salis-

bury. Born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., he was the son of the late Albert Harlin and Freida Schmeidle Harlin. He is survived by his wife, Margaret M. Harlin.



Harlin had worked as a manger for the New York Telephone Company for 34 years. He was an avid builder, loved to read and was a history buff.

Along with his wife, he is survived by two sons, Anthony C. Harlin and James P. Harlin, Jr. and his wife, Judy; three daughters, Mary Kay Cutilli and her husband, Dave, Margaret M. Harlin and Missy Denault; one brother, Kenneth Harlin; and nine grandchildren, James P. Harlin, Amanda Harlin, David Cutilli and his wife, Beth, Catherine Cutilli, Jessica Harlin, Luke Harlin, Holly M. Harlin, Samatha Harlin, Mikayla Denault. He was preceded in death by a son.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, April 29 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Ocean Pines.

Bruce E. Johnson

SALISBURY — Bruce Ernest Johnson, age 66, died Tuesday, April 26 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. Born in Salisbury, he was the son of the late Linwood and Edith Hartman Johnson.

He is survived by his sons; Bruce "B.J." Ernest Johnson Jr. of Berlin, David Edward Johnson of Willards, and Thomas Brian Johnson of Salisbury. He was the adored grandfather of five grandchildren.

Also surviving are his brothers, Lloyd Johnson of Parsonsburg, and Robert Johnson of Delmar. He was preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence, and a sister, Lelia Nottingham. There are several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Johnson was employed with Thomas and Thomas Security of Salisbury as a security guard. He was a Vietnam veteran.

A funeral service was held Monday at the Burbage Funeral Home. Interment was in the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock. In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to: The Bruce Johnson Memorial Fund, c/o Farmers Bank of Willards, P.O. Box 10, Willards, MD 21874.

Eleanor Kerbin Adrion

SALISBURY — Eleanor Kerbin Adrion, age 85, died Sunday, May 1 at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury.

Born in Newark, she was the daughter of the late Cornelius and Pearl Holston Smack. She was preceded in death by her foster parents Raymond and Bessie Nock Bowen of Newark, and also her husband of 36 years, Charles B. Kerbin of Snow Hill.

She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Oliver C. Adrion of Salisbury. Also survived by daughter Mary Alice Kerbin Collins and husband Wayne, grandson Wesley N., and wife Shari Smart Collins, and two greatgrandsons, Trevor and Caden Collins, all of Millsboro, Del.

In 2008 she was preceded in death by a daughter, Sarah Kay Kerbin. She is also survived by her step-children Ann Adrion Gapetz and husband Mark of Sevierville, Tenn., Valerie Adrion Ward of



Newark, Del. and former sons-in-law, Aaron Hooper of Mardela and Steve Ward of Newark DE. She was preceded in death by a step-daughter Brenda Adrion Hooper. Also surviving are stepgrandchildren; Christopher Gapetz & wife Sarai, Elizabeth Carnley, Bryan Ward, Matthew Ward, and Nathan Hooper and step-great grandson, newborn Ethan Gapetz. She is survived by her sisters; Barbara Tyndall of Pittsville, Betty Joe Littleton of Salisbury, and Dorothy Baker of Georgetown, Del. She was preceded in death by brothers; Marvel, Straughn, Robert, and Dorsey Smack, sister, Marg-aret Smack Davis and foster sister, Vivian Bowen Croom and husband TW. She is also survived by a foster sister, Sally Anne Molnar and husband Bill along with many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

After retiring from Acme Markets in 1985, she loved being a homemaker and sharing her home with family and friends. When she was able, she enjoyed dancing. She and Oliver enjoyed many years traveling in their RV, visiting friends, sightseeing and enjoying music shows.She was known for her needle work, making sweet potato biscuits and having a green thumb. She never knew a stranger. She attended Grace Methodist Church in Salisbury, where she loved her church family.

A funeral service was held last Thursday at Burbage Funeral Home in Snow Hill. Interment followed in Bates Cemetery in Snow Hill. Donations may be made in her memory to Grace Methodist Church, 635 E. Church Street, Salisbury, MD 21804, or to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733 Salisbury, MD 21804.

David C. Bartlett

BERLIN — David Craig Bartlett, age 59, died May 1 at Atlantic General Hospital. Born in New Hampshire, he was the son of the late George Bartlett and Ruth Bloise Bartlett.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, a son, Robert, and daughters Sandy Simms and her husband Jason, and Sherre Bartlett. He leaves a brother Paul Bartlett and his wife Cindy, and sisters; Peggy Corrick and her husband Marshall, Susan McDonough and her husband Dennis, and Pam Dunn and her husband Mike.

He was adored grandfather of Megan and Molly Simms. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Douglas T. Gardiner, Jr.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Douglas Tracy Gardiner, age 71, died April 30 at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach FL. Born in Washington DC, he was the son of the late D. Tracy Gardiner, Sr. and Lelia Bond Gardiner.

He is survived by his wife Nancy Rosencrance Gardiner and three sons: Douglas T. Gardiner III and his wife Christine of Drayden , MD, Joseph Elwood Gardiner and wife Susan of Corinth, Tx., and James Matthew Gardiner and his wife Cynthia of Salisbury. He also is survived by his sister Lelia Eleanor LaPerriere and her husband Joseph, of Houston Tx. He was adored



grandfather of; Sarah Kaytlin, Allison Marie, Meagan Lyn, Mallory Logan, Shelby Nicole, Tyler James, and Brooke Elizabeth. He leaves numerous nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Great Mills High School in Lexington Park, he served two years in the United States Air Force. Later, he owned and operated Dennis Point Marina for 38 years in Drayden. He retired to Ocean City in 2006.

Gardiner loved planes, fast cars and fishing boats. He earned his captain's license, which he kept for 50 years and operated his own charter boat in Ft. Lauderdale Fla., Hatteras, N.C., the Bahamas and Ocean City. He was a member of Ocean City Cruisers, Chaplain of St. Mary's County Elks Lodge, Piney Point Lions Club, Holy Savior and St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church, and the Ocean City Marlin Club.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 18 at Holy Savior Catholic Church. A reception will follow at the Ocean City Marlin Club on Golf Course Road in West Ocean City. In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to: Holy Savior Catholic Church, 1705 Philadelphia Ave, Ocean City, MD 21842, St. George's Catholic Church, St George's Church Rd, Valley, MD 20692, or Second District Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 1, Valley, MD. 20692.

Charles G. Southcomb, Jr.

MILLSBORO, Del. — Charles G. Southcomb, Jr. died May 5. Born in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Charles G. Southcomb, Sr. and Johanna Baumann Southcomb. He is survived by his daughters; Shannon E. and Karlie J. Southcomb, and a sister, Michelle M. Rosenberg, and niece Tiffany Rosenberg.

Southcomb, a contractor by trade, loved sports and was a dedicated Orioles and Ravens fan. He also played AA ball for Charlie's Tunas. He loved his family, especially his daughters. He leaves a special friend, dog, Kally.

A funeral service was held at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin on Monday, May 9. Interment was May 10 in Cedar Hill Cemetery, 5829 Ritchie Hwy. Baltimore, MD 21225. In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to the Worcester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 48, Berlin, MD 21811.





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By David Morgan STAFF WRITER

Been following the gold and silver market lately? Well if you have a jewelry box, a lock box full of gold or a coffee can full of old coins, you should be, according to Ohio Valley Refinery spokesperson John Miller. "The gold and silver markets have not been this strong for over 30 years" said Miller. Typically when the U.S. dollar is weak and the economy is flat, gold and silver markets soar. "That's good news if you are sitting on a few gold necklaces or an old class ring" says Miller.

Next week, starting Tuesday at 9am and every day next week through Saturday, the Ohio Valley Refinery is setting up a satellite refinery right here in Rehoboth Beach at the AmericInn. During their 5 day stay, anyone can bring gold, silver or platinum items and turn them in for immediate payment, explains John Miller. "Just about everybody has some amount of gold or silver just lying around collecting dust and this week anybody can sell theirs direct to our refinery. Typically selling direct to a refinery is reserved for larger wholesale customers like jewelry stores, pawn shops and laboratories" says Miller. "We are changing how business is done," he explains "we want to do business with everybody so we took our business to the streets". "Our teams visit various cities around the country hosting 5 day events and allowing the general public to take advantage of our services. "The turnout has been

overwhelming" says Miller. "Usually each day is busier than the previous day. It seems once people come to us and sell something, they are so amazed what an old ring or gold coin is worth, they go home and start digging around for more and telling relatives, friends and neighbors. It's like a feeding frenzy by the third day. People line up with everything from gold jewelry to sterling silver flatware sets to old coins. I think during this bad economy everybody can use extra money, but most people say they are taking advantage of selling direct to our refinery because of the higher prices we pay".

During this special event, anyone is welcome to bring all types of gold, silver and platinum to the refinery and turn it in for instant payment. The types of items they will accept include all gold jewelry, gold coins, gold ounces, dental gold, old coins made before 1965 including silver dollars, halves, quarters and dimes, anything marked "sterling" including flatware sets, tea pots, silver bars, silver ounces and all industrial precious metals.

What should you expect if you go to the event to sell your gold and/ or silver? Just gather up all gold, silver and platinum in any form. If you are not sure if it's gold or silver, bring it in and they will test it for free. When you arrive at the event you will be asked to fill out a simple registration card and will be issued a number. Seating will be available. When your number is called you will be escorted to a table where your items will be examined, tested and



Above: Refinery representatives will be on hand next week starting Tuesday through Saturday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!

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TWICE-WEEKLY RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RESUMES

OCEAN CITY - Residential solid waste collection resumes Monday, May 16. On Mondays and Thursdays, collection is from 75th Street to the Delaware line oceanside and from 75th Street to 135th Street bayside. On Tuesdays and Fridays, pick-up is from the Inlet to 74th Street ocean and bayside and from 136th Street to the Delaware line bavside. Containers must be placed at curbside by 6 a.m. on collection days.

Pick-up is from the Inlet to Delaware line depending on need. All front-end dumpsters and compactors with enclosures must have doors open for pick-up. Doors must be opened by employees of the business and closed after pick-up. All doors must have secure holding devices to keep doors open and closed. Compactor lights must be working.

There will be a solid waste collection fee imposed for all commercial establishments requiring more than five times per week collection.

These establishments include hotels. motels, condominiums, apartment complexes and restaurants. This fee structure is in effect May 16-Oct. 1. The fee is \$75 per additional pick-up for front-end containers and \$20 per additional pick-up for 300-gallon containers.

The five-day collection is Mondays. Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Other days of collection can be arranged in advance with the Solid Waste Division

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BOGGS MEETING SCHEDULED

Worcester County Commissioner Judy Boggs' next town meeting will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, May 21 at the Ocean Pines Library. Guests include Jack Ferry, Jr., Program Director of the Worcester County Developmental Center and Brian Garrett, Executive Director of The Pocomoke Discovery Center.

Boggs will update and discuss such current issues as Natural Gas coming to Worcester County, the new Super Walmart and adjacent development on Route 50, progress of the proposed Steen Development, and the Ocean Downs Casino. All are welcome to attend and participate in the dialog. Seating and parking are limited at the library.

AGH NAMED FINALIST

BERLIN - Atlantic General Hospital is one of 500 finalists in Toyota's 100 Cars for Good program, which will award vehicles to 100 nonprofit organizations based on votes from the public. The program will showcase five non-profit organizations each day for 100 days on Toyota's Facebook page, facebook.com/ toyota. Visitors to the page can vote once a

day for the organization that they feel is most deserving of a new Toyota vehicle. Atlantic General Hospital will be one of the five organizations highlighted for voting on Sunday, June 19.

If Atlantic General receives the most votes and is awarded the vehicle, it will replace one of the hospital's current courier vans, which has logged close to 200,000 miles in its daily routes between the hospital and outlying physician offices in Worcester, Wicomico and Sussex Counties.

OC LIBRARY MAY ARTISTS ANNOUNCED OCEAN CITY - Colette and Dennis Sink of Ocean Pines have exhibits at the Ocean City Branch of the Worcester County Library in May. Colette is a photographer who attended the York Academy of Arts. Her her work has been featured locally as well as in Pennsylvania. Dennis studied at the McNay Institute of Art in San Antonio, Tx. and the York Academy of Art. Paintings and photographs may be viewed during regular library hours

OC BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE CONTIN-UES 'PARTNERSHIPS IN BLOOM'

OCEAN CITY - The Ocean City Beautification Committee is continuing the Partnerships in Bloom program which aims to help beautify the community and encourage partnerships within the Ocean City business community.

The program began a few years ago when

15 businesses were the recipients of large blue pots containing planted annuals. The businesses signed an agreement to maintain the pots and also were given watering cans. The Ocean City Beautification Committee is now hoping to increase the number of participants this year.

Any Ocean City business that would like to participate can call 410-250-0539 or contact Ocean City Beautification Committee Chairperson Donna Greenwood at 410-289-7060.

OCEAN PINES MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

OCEAN PINES - Marie Gilmore, chair of the Memorial Day Committee for the Worcester County Veterans Memorial announced the times and speakers for this year's ceremony. Keynote speaker for the event will be George M. Hurley, an Army veteran who served overseas after the Korean War. Hurley has written a few of the stories that appear on the Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial website and has published books about Ocean City and Worcester County.

Entertainment will be provided by Randy Lee Ashcraft, Richard Jacobs, Larry Dunlop and the Delmarva Chorus.

The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend; please bring lawn chairs. Parking is available on site. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Community Church of Ocean Pines on Race Track Road. For further information call Marie Gilmore at 410-208-6612.

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EDITORIAL

Sewer rate increase shows administration's foresight

This week the Berlin Mayor and Council adopted a plan to increase sewer rates \$10 over the next five years. The plan is to strike a balance between what the new spray site is going to cost current users and what it will cost users as they come on line. It's not radically different in form from the formula they used when solving the edu cost scale last year.

What makes it significant, however, has more to do with the attitude the council — and to be honest the staff and consultants advising them - brings to this kind of decision making.

While many state, counties, and municipalities are shaken to the core every time they have to make any real financial decisions, Berlin has been run with enough foresight over the last several years that they're in an incredibly stable financial situation.

There is a subtle but radical difference between letting the future take care of itself and putting the future in a position that it will be able to take care of itself. The former is a polite way of kicking potentially unpopular decisions down the road where future administrations will be forced to make them.

The latter is informed by the understanding that, given that a cost must be born, distributing it in small chunks rather than waiting until the costs are so great they seem insurmountable makes good civic as well as financial sense.

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This Dog Park they're proposing for Ocean Pines, is it really for us or is it another venue for a Judy Boggs Town Meeting?

GUEST COLUMN

If I were mayor...

If I were mayor, I would improve the recycling bins by putting more on the sidewalks or gas stations. I would do this because if people have cans or bottles and they can't find a recycling bin, they might throw it away.

If I were mayor, I would also encourage my citizens to use less power. I would do this so the town would be more green. I would also encourage my citizens to walk instead of driving and wasting more fuel. I would do this because my citizens won't waste as much money because the gas prices are going up.

If I were mayor, I would get citizens together for community service by having a free breakfast for my citizens. The helpers would be anyone in the community that would want to help.

I would do a beach run for people who like to run. I would do this for people that are over 12. I would think this is a great opportunity for people to get off their TV and get outside. I would also do a beach pickup for the environment.

If I were mayor, I would recognize my citizens by sending them awards for their community service. I would do this so my citizens would feel good about what they did. I would also recognize my citizens by being very respectful to them. I would do this so my citizens won't leave the town or city. These are all of the things I would do if I were mayor.

Thomas Fager, of Worcester Prep was among 11 Maryland fourth graders selected as regional winners of the Maryland Municipal League's "If I were Mayor, I would..." essay contest. He will be recognized by Lieutenant Governor Anthony G. Brown, receive a Governor's Citation, an award plaque and \$100 cash in a public ceremony on Friday, May 20, at the Maryland State House.



CASA announces Pirate Party

OCEAN CITY— Lower Shore CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) has scheduled its annual Pirate Party fundraiser for May 20 in West Ocean City.

The volunteer organization does what its name implies: advocate for the abused and neglected children of Worcester County. CASA is the only volunteer organization that empowers everyday citizens as officers of the court.

CASA volunteers are assigned to one child, advocating for this or her rights, and making sure the child is protected. These children are thrust into a complex court system through no fault of their own and will wait an average of three years to find a permanent home. Since the beginning of this year, Lower Shore CASA has sworn in 16 new members for a total of 42 current and active volunteers. At present, the program is advocating for 68 children who can no longer live safely at home due to abuse or neglect from the adults in their lives.

CASA's biggest fundraiser of the year will take place from 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 20 at Sunset Grille in West Ocean City. The program's Annual Pirate Party is asking for donations of gift cards and items of interest from the public to raise money for the program. Call 410-641-4598 to learn how you can help.

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BAYSIDE Emerald ash borer traps, not kites, in area trees

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

OCEAN PINES - While at first glance it might look as if there's been an epidemic of treed kites, the explanation for the appearance of the small purple bags in area trees signals a different kind of epidemic - one the area fortunately doesn't have.

The bags are traps for catching emerald ash borers and, again fortunately, the traps are as empty as they are meant to be. Emerald ash borers have become a significant problem all over the state and really the country, but have yet to infest the Delmarva Peninsula's trees, something Mark Taylor, an entomologist for the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) hopes to keep a permanent condition.

"It's like an early warning system," Taylor said of the traps. "We've put them up to make sure we don't have a problem." While the preservation of trees is certainly a significant part of the MDA's devotion to the detection and prevention of emerald ash borer activity locally, there's an economic component to the resource protection. Should the beetles be discovered at local nurseries, the area could be quarantined to prevent the emerald ash borers from being further exported. The emerald ash borer made its way into Maryland after a dealer in the Mid-West filled an order by using a few trees from what was supposed to be a quarantined zone. Since the pests have established themselves in the state, MDA has been trying to prevent their spread with varying amounts of success.

The difficulty is that while they can easily police the various nurseries and big-box retailers of live ash trees, the emerald ash borer also thrives in firewood, a largely unregulated commodity. Since there's no way for laymen to tell whether or if a batch of firewood has an infected piece of ash, the MDA, along with its opposite numbers around the country, have been promoting "Burn it where you buy it" an awareness campaign aimed at reducing the possibility of the epidemic spreading even farther.

Taylor said the MDA is also being vigilant about the potential invasion of fire ants, which hide in the tropical plants so many of local businesses import in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana for summer decoration. While they've not established any colonies, there have been incidents wherein the MDA had to require places treat against the pests.

The MDA along with the USDA and other state enforcement and inspection agencies, Taylor said, have had success in policing retail sales to the point that he said there is little to no real concern consumers should have in purchasing either ash trees or imported tropicals. Firewood as a vessel for the emerald ash borer, though, remains a priority.

Taylor said local campgrounds have pitched in, not only by posting the appropriate warnings and making educational materials available but also by checking to see that visitors from Western Maryland and Pennsylvania and other states are not carting their own wood into area campgrounds for burning.

Gov. Martin O'Malley has declared May 17-23 to be Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week in Maryland. The emerald ash borer is responsible for the loss of more than 30 million trees where it has become established. USDA has estimated that losses could reach almost \$300 million in the Baltimore area alone if the beetle were left unchecked.

Ash is the most common street tree in Baltimore, making up about 10 percent of total trees. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources also estimates that about 20 percent of the state's streamside trees, vital to the health of the Chesapeake Bay, are ash trees. Log onto "http://www.stopthebeetle.info/" www.stopthebeetle.info/ to learn more about the emerald ash borer and ways that everyone can help stop its spread. Maryland residents and property owners can call the University of Maryland Home and Garden Information center toll-free at 800-342-2507 or the MDA at 410-841-5920 to report dying ash trees or for help identifying a possible emerald ash borer.

Report suspected EAB through the Maryland Home and Garden Information Center's reporting form. http://hgic.umd. edu/content/emeraldAshBorer.cfm.

Off Main Street May Day Play Day

By Tony Russo Staff Writer

BERLIN — This 2nd Friday Art Stroll will mark more than the inaugural May Day Play Day, it marks a coming out party of sorts for a small but enthusiastic contingency of the downtown merchants that promote themselves as the Off Main Street Shops.

While they are also part of the Main Street Merchants Association, these shop owners — including the Berlin Coffee House, Nest, the Coconut Bay Trading Company, Bruder Hill, Johns Premium Cigars, Jeffery Auxer Designs, Henry Fine Arts, Bungalow Love, and the Berlin Farm and Garden Store — have the particular challenge of not being on the main drag. As a result, they have an interest in promoting the Berlin experience beyond the many shops and eateries that initially present themselves to visitors.

In addition to running promotions and investing in sandwich signs the merchants there have for the last few months been making a concerted effort, not to distinguish themselves from their Main Street proper

colleagues, but to more properly join them promoting the town's economic well being beyond the first blush of a quick survey.

It is fitting then that the first May Day Play Day should also be the first street festival to feature the Off Main Street Shops. Featured band Honey Shine will perform their set in the shared parking lot of the Atlantic Hotel and the Berlin Coffee House rather than on Main Street.

While it would be wrong to call it a coup, the success the Off Main Street Shops have had in securing featured entertainment for one of their own could very well signal a step forward as Berlin attempts to expand it's attraction to an increasingly diverse crowd.

As the Chamber of Commerce prepares to anchor the south end of the business district and the two Donaway properties continue to seek tenants, the notion of a single dimensional Berlin is something certain to fade into the background. What all the merchants, both on and off Main Street will benefit from is a town that can't be taken in driving.



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

61 YEARS OF BLISS - Charles "Murph" and Martha Grimes of Selbyville, Del. celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary last week.

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TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE **EYE CANDY** — Local kids Wil Barrett, Lauren Barrett, Devon Pursel, and Jake Ginther window shopped

GREEN THUMBS - Brian Roy and Christie McDowell of Berlin's The Good Farm, sell local plants in front of the Burley Oak Brewery. McDowell is one of the local farmers growing hops for the brewery.



at Antiques and More during last weekend's Jazz and Blues Bash in Berlin.

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KIDS BIG AND SMALL - Jason Hagy, Noah Hagy, Deely Chester, Kade Chester, and Jacob Hagy waited their turns for a carriage ride around town during the Jazz and Blues Bash last weekend.

BLUES BUNCH - Natalie Lane and her dog Tek along with Steve Parker, Councilwoman Lisa Hall, and Worcester County Director of Tourism Lisa Challenger occupied the middle ground between the two stages during the Jazz and Blues Bash in Berlin.



COOL JAZZ - Ocean Pines residents Suzanne Corvelli and Pat Cycyk had lunch in the shade at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin during last weekend's Jazz and Blues Bash.



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE A COUPLE OF COOL ONES — Masons Don Patey and John Burke hawked cold sodas at last week's Jazz and Blues Bash.

more info.

ON-GOING EVENTS

FOOD DRIVE

Curves of Berlin, 13th Annual Food Drive. \$30 donation or equivalent donation for Curves reusable grocery bag. For more information: 410-641-0509.

CRAFT SHOP

Saturdays & Sundays. Pine'eer Craft and Gift shop open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. White Horse Park, Ocean Pines. Handcrafted items created by the members.

NETWORKING

Every Thursday. The Early Birds, 7:30 a.m. TC Diner, West Ocean City. Free. Reservations required, 410-600-5320.

BUILDING MATERIALS SALE

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

STORY TIME AT THE ZOO

Every Tuesday

Salisbury Zoo, for children 3-5 years old. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Story and craft project. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 410-546-3440 for more information.

STORY TIME

Tuesdays - Berlin

Wednesdays – Ocean City Thursdays – Ocean Pines Library, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts. A different theme each week. For ages 2-5.

KIWANAS CLUB

Every Wednesday

Meeting at the Ocean Pines Community Hall, except for 3rd Wednesday which meets at Halls Restaurant. 7:45 a.m. For more info: 410-641-7330.

HOUSE RAFFLE

Til Labor Day

Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department annual fundraiser. Win a new 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Limited tickets will be sold - \$100 each. Call 410-641-8272. Drawing will be on Labor Day.

BINGO

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

BREAKFAST

Sundays - Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. 9 a.m. to noon. \$8 per person, \$4 children. 410-524-7994.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturdays VFW Post 8296, 104 66th St., Ocean City. 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 per person.

BEACH SINGLES

Thursdays

45 plus Happy Hour, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City. For more information, 302-436-9577.

BERLIN FARMERS' MARKET

On the corner of West Street and Main Street in Downtown Berlin Wednesdays 2-6 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fresh produce, eggs, garden plants, fresh cut flowers, seafood, meat and breads.

Thursday, May 12th SHARK EXPERT

Capt. Mark Sampson will be the guest speaker at the Ocean City AARP Chapter 1917. The meeting will be held 9:30 a.m. at Northside Park. Anyone with a valid national AARP membership can join the local chapter. For additional information call 410.524.1881

Friday, May 13th AARP SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM

The Ocean Pines Chapter of AARP will sponsor the AARP 55 Alive Safe Driving Program. Call Dave Lloyd 410-641-6278 to register and details.

SENIORS EXPO

Hosted by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce and the Ocean Pines Association, there will be guest speakers and informational exhibits 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center, Admission is \$5 and

includes lunch. For more info visit www.Ocean-PinesChamber.org or call 410-641-5306.

Saturday, May 14th

FOP Berlin to benefit the Home of the Brave, Berlin. Registration, Ocean City Public Safety Building, 65th St., 10:30 a.m. The run winds through Worcester and Sussex Counties for approx. 70 miles. \$20 per person. Cash prizes, raffles, after-party at Hooters, 123rd St., Ocean City.

CAR SHOW

Fulton Center, Snow Hill, hosted by the Worcester County Commission on Aging. Registration day of event 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. \$12 per vehicle. Trophies awarded 3 p.m. Free photo plaque for first 100 entrants. 410-251-0385 for more info.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Mardela Springs, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Family event. Oyster fritters, BBQ chicken, other food. Kids activities, parade 9:30 a.m. Tractor pull. Free admission, free parking. Handicap accessible. 410-883-0039 or 302-875-6701 for

DOGGIE DAYS

Bring your dog to Furnace Town. Agility classes and doggie dancing by Salisbury Kennel Club, K-9 demonstrations by Snow Hill Police Department, Worcester County Humane Society providing adoption information and Simply Ella, from Snow Hill, will be to sell homemade doggie treats and more. Event is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more info call 410-632-2032.

FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT

FAA/MD Airport Managers Association's Maryland Regional Festival of Flight 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free admission. Safety seminars, aviation exhibitors, equipment demonstrations, aircraft and warbird static displays. For more information visit www.mdrff.org, or call 410-641-6888.

HERP SEARCH

Sponsored by the Coastal Bays Program, Delmarva Low Impact Tourism (DLITE), Salisbury Zoo, Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Salisbury University, the eleventh annual Great Worcester Herp Search kicks off 9 a.m. at Furnacetown off Route 12 near Snow Hill. Participants should bring a sack lunch and drinks. Groups will return from the field around 12:30 p.m. for lunch then hunt again until approximately 5 p.m. All children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Sunscreen, mosquito and tick repellant, bright clothing and boots are necessary. For more information, call Dave Wilson at the Coastal Bays office at 410-213-2297.

Monday, May 16th worcester chorale spring concert

Flower Power Woodstock of the 60s Atlantic UMC 4th Street and Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City beginning 4 p.m. Tickets \$10 at the door.

DOLLAR DOG DINNER

Sponsored by the River Church of the Nazarene, the Dollar Dog Dinner benefits the school. The event is 4:30-5:45 p.m. before the open house for rising elementary school students.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Will meet 10 a.m. at the Ocean Pines Community Center. The speaker is Keith Koehler, Director for Public Relations, from the NASA Space Center at Wallops Island. His topic will be "The Programs and Upcoming Space Mission at Wallops Island" For more information call: 410-641-6683.

Tuesday, May 17th spring Luncheon

Town and Country Garden Club, Christ United Methodist Church, Phillip Morris Dr., Salisbury. Featuring an afternoon with Tim Farrell. \$25 per person, early reservations are suggested, 410-742-0321.

BOAT CLUB BIKE RIDE

The Ocean Pines Boat Club is holding a bike ride at Chincoteague State Park. Following the ride, a group lunch will be held at Don's Seafood Restaurant. For more info call Dick Hannah 410-208-2955.

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

The Worcester County Commission for Women meets 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Ocean Pines Library. The meeting is open to the public and women of all ages are invited to attend. For information call 410-208-2569.

Wednesday, May 18th FREE ADMISSION

Furnace Town celebrates International Museum Day by offering free admission. For more info call 410-632-2032.

SAINT MARTINS TO OPEN

Historic Saint Martins will be open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in celebration of International Museum Day. If you'd like to help out with the Saint Martin's Church Foundation and its work or simply learn more about the church, contact Sherrie Beckstead at 410-430-2142 or e-mail at Historicstmartin@aol.com.

OC LIFESAVING MUSEUM OPEN

The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum is offering free admission 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in recognition of International Museum Day. The museum is located at 813 South Atlantic Avenue.

RABIES CLINIC

The Worcester County Health Department will hold a rabies vaccination clinic 6-7:30 p.m. at the Bishopville Fire Hall. For more info call 410-352-3234.

BOAT CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pines Community Center 6:30 p.m. social, 7 p.m. meeting. For more info call 410-641-6278.

Thursday, May 19th HOLE-IN-ONE TOURNAMENT

The Berlin Chamber of Commerce sponsors a hole-in-one golf tournament 4-7 p.m. at the Bay Club. Call the Bay Club for tee times at 410-641-4081. Sponsorships are available by calling the Berlin Chamber office at 410-641-4775. Proceeds to benefit the Berlin Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Building Fund and the Berlin Little League.

SPANISH FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

A course in Spanish for healthcare professionals will be offered at the Foreign Language Instructional Center at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore For registration or other information, visit www. umes.edu/flic or call 410-651-6543.

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

LIVE

► ATLANTIC HOTEL Main Street Berlin MONDAY - Earl Beardsley



FULL CIRCLE @ BJ'S

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410-524-7575 FRIDAY – Opposite Directions SATURDAY – Full Circle WEDNESDAY - Tommy Edward & Melissa Rose



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MONDAY - Hot Tub Limo/DJ Batman/ DJ Rob Cee

► GLOBE 12 Broad St. Berlin 410-641-0784 SATURDAY - Kaleb Brown Reggae Band SUNDAY – Bryan Russo

► GREEN TURTLE – OC

11601 Coastal Hwy. 410-723-2120 FRIDAY - DJ Wax SATURDAY - DJ Wood

ENTERTAINMENT

HARPOON HANNAS 142nd St. Bayside WEDNESDAY - Bobby Burns

► HOUSE OF WELSH

1106 Coastal Hwy. Fenwick 1-888-666-0728 FRI. - SUN.- Tony Vegia WEDNESDAY - Bob Hughes

MARINA DECK

Pennington Commons - Rt. 589 Ocean Pines, 410-641-5590 FRIDAY - Barbara Claire on Piano



OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS @ Harborside

► GREEN TURTLE – WOC 9616 Stephen Decatur Hwy. 410-213-1500 FRIDAY – DJSkip Dixxon/DJ Soulfinger

SATURDAY – Under The Influence

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SHENANIGANS 4th & Boardwalk, Ocean City 410-289-7181 FRIDAY – Ronan Kavanagh

SATURDAY – Ronan Kavanagh

► YACHT CLUB

Yacht Club Dr. **Ocean Pines** 410-641-7501 FRIDAY - Tommy Edward SATURDAY - Acoustic Lounge Show



TRANZFUSION @ M.R. DUCKS

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CUSINE BAYSIDE

Chicken-apple salad goes well with all reading material

Ray Bradbury once wrote: "You do not need to burn books to destroy a civilization. Just get people to stop reading them."

As this seems to be the leitmotif in today's society with more and more electronic opportunities for people to stop



feeding their brain, it makes me sad, and at the same time proud that we are raising our own children to be infectious readers. Recently a

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young woman defended herself by announcing to me that she had been given an electronic reading device for her birthday. I told her that it was great that she was enjoying reading, and she barked back, "I'm not reading anything. It reads it aloud to me."

Bradbury wrote that famous line around fifty four years ago, and with other 'otherworldly' futuristic premonitions, he was right on the money. He predicted a future where people did not read and where the government and entertainment industry told the populace what they wanted it to know; through large screens that adorned entire living room walls.

Mayhap Bradbury was a seer. Perhaps he understood the power of Hollywood all of those years ago. Regardless, here I am, spouting on about literary conspiracies in a food column, trying to make sense of it all.

And when people, notably young people, are engaging in electronic devices instead of books, they are bombarded with one of the most blatant tools in a marketer's arsenal; the commercial.

While some 25 percent of all commercials are for food product as a whole, the CSPI (Center for Science in the Public Interest) notes that on Nickelodeon alone, upwards of 80 percent of all food ads are for unhealthy foods. And all of these foods are processed far removed from the home cook and the kitchen.

Tongue-in-cheek, I do realize



that some people don't cook healthy and in reality would do better with processed foods, but this commentary is for the general populace who knows full well that learning how to cook can solve a lot of problems.

A bit of a digression from Bradbury, it is a new window that is open in our society as children use the nudge factor on their parents and beg for the junk food they see on television. Ultimately it is the parents' responsibility to say no, but that is often easier said than done.

As we move forward from this precarious point in history, it will be interesting, or unfortunately heartbreaking, to see how society reacts to all of the gadgets and gizmos at its disposal.

And if you do decide to 'save our culture and civilization', simply sit on the patio and read a book. Satiated by this cooling chicken-apple salad as an accoutrement on a warm spring day, you will know in heart and soul that you are doing your part.

CHICKEN-APPLE SALAD

4 oz. chicken-apple salad (recipe follows) 1 ea. Salad bundle (recipe follows)

2 tsp. Sherry vinaigrette (recipe follows)

1 tsp. Herb oil (recipe follows) 3 tsp. Candied pecans (recipe follows)

1. Place round mold on the plate (PVC pipe custom cut and cleaned, then lined with plastic wrap, is a cheap alternative to the expensive commercial molds)

2. Fill with the chicken salad, pressing to firm up pile. It will hold its shape this way

 Roll your greens bundle with a cucumber and place on the plate
 Garnish with candied pecans, sherry vinaigrette and herb oil

CHICKEN-APPLE SALAD Serves 6

1 lb. chicken breast, grilled; salt and pepper to taste

1 Granny Smith apple, diced with skin on

1/2 c. Craisins, diced if preferred 1 c. mayonnaise Zest and juice of 1 lemon Fresh parsley and dill as desired 1. Dice or shred the chicken and combine all ingredients

2. Adjust seasoning as needed as store in a cold place until ready to go

SALAD BUNDLE

1. Roll greens in a thin slice of cucumber that you sliced on a mandolin. No mandolin? Just make as thin a slice as you possibly can, ensuring that it you can still roll it with ease

2. Place the bundle seam-side down on the plate

SHERRY VINAIGRETTE

1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard

1 Tbsp. sugar, or as needed

1/4 c. Sherry vinegar Olive oil as needed; salt and pep-

per to taste 1. Combine the mustard, sugar and vinegar, whisking thoroughly

2. Drizzle in the olive oil until a thick emulsion has occurred

 Season to taste, adjusting the sugar, salt and pepper as needed
 Keep cool until ready to use

HERB OIL

1 c. Grapeseed or other light oil 2 c. fresh herbs of your choice Salt if desired 1. This recipe works best if you have a Vitamix or Blend-Tec blender, as the superfast motor will break down the cells allowing for more chlorophyll to be release, lending a greener potion

2. Place the oil and herbs in the blender and puree making sure that the sides are wiped down thoroughly and that the puree is smooth as can be

3. Season if needed and then refrigerate until use

CANDIED PECANS

1 c. Pecan pieces

1/4 c. powdered sugar Water only as needed

1. Toss the pecans in the sugar and then very slowly add the water by drops until the sugar coats the pecans

2. Do not add too much water. If they get watery they tend to crystallize and burn so add just enough water to coat the pecans and no more.

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