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THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

County may abolish LCB

Commissioners to propose state legislation to disband the LCB

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – This week the Worcester County Board of Commissioners announced that they would be proposing state legislation disbanding the Worcester County Liquor Control Board (LCB) and replacing it with the Worcester County Department of Liquor Control.

John Phoebus, attorney for the LCB, said that while the county has yet to release the details of the propose bill, the LCB has some first blush concerns about structural independence and retention of experienced personnel.

“[The LCB is] able to operate outside the rules the counties have to follow,” he said pointing out that he was unsure the county, as an actor, could purchase liquor straight from the manufacturer as the LCB currently can. Phoebus also

“We’re trying to find something agreeable to all involved.”

–Sen. Jim Mathias,
on the LCB decision

raised concern about the politicization of the LCB, something he said hasn’t before been an issue. “The board is less susceptible to politics than the county can be.”

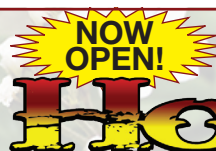
According to their statement, the county would model their system after Montgomery County’s continuing to control liquor sales for both retail and wholesale customers and the profits they generate.

Their object, they said, was to preserve as many jobs as possible while maintaining both the service and profit levels experienced under the LCB. Their plan would be to restore bar, restaurant,

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A search revealed a folding knife with a 3.25 inch blade in Moore's pants pocket. Moore was taken before the District Court Commissioner in Snow Hill where he was ordered held on a \$5,000 bond for the outstanding warrant and \$2,500 for the weapon possession.

DRUG POSSESSION

On Feb. 6 a trooper from the Maryland State Police Berlin Barrack conducted a traffic stop on a 1999 Dodge Stratus on Route 13 north of Sheephouse Road, Pocomoke City, for a traffic violation. The vehicle was searched after the trooper smelled the distinct odor of burnt marijuana being emitted from within the passenger compartment.

Based on the search, the trooper placed a passenger in the vehicle, Terrence Ogene Major, 39, of Painter, Va., under arrest of possession of CDS: marijuana. He was taken before a Worcester County District Court Commissioner and was later released on personal recognizance pending trial.

DUI

On Feb. 6 at 12:33 a.m. Troopers of the Maryland State Police were on patrol in the Whaleyville area. It was at such time Troopers noted a 1998 GMC truck to be operating in a manner to violate State of Maryland – Motor Vehicle Traffic Articles. The violation(s) occurred nearest Route 610 and Donaway Road, Whaleyville.

Upon conducting a traffic stop of the vehicle, the operator was identified via his Nevada driver's license as Christopher Allen Hastings. Hastings was noted as living in the 400 block of 9th Avenue in Eureka, Nev. Upon Trooper's approach to the vehicle, a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage could be detected on the breath and person of Hastings.

Removing Hastings from the vehicle, he was asked to complete a battery of Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST's). During such time, Hastings was unable to complete the tests to a satisfactory level. Based on the test results, he was arrested by Maryland State Troopers of the Berlin Barrack for violating the State of Maryland – driving under the influence laws.

Hastings was transported to the Maryland State Police Barrack to submit a sample of his breath to determine his level of intoxication. Hastings refused to provide a breath specimen. Hastings's license was not confiscated. He was taken before a State of Maryland District Court Commissioner for further processing. He received numerous citations for his driving habits and the DUI charges.

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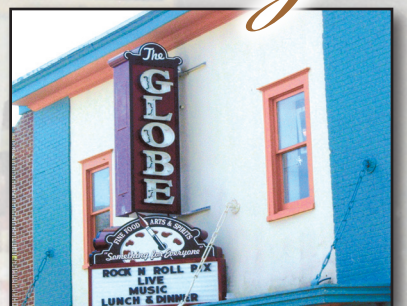
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LyKeshia Jones, Teresa Fields, Kyleen Kelly, Donna Taylor, Sarah Weiss, Lori Carson, and Missy Smith at Worcester County Youth and Family Services in Berlin. The Family Connections team was integral in helping Weiss get a home to live in rent free for the next year.

Home is where the heart is in Ocean Pines

Community comes together to help homeless family get on their feet

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – At the end of July, Sarah Weiss was unemployed and she and her four children were homeless and getting a little bit desperate. Last week the five of them became Ocean Pines residents and neighbors, beneficiaries of a nearly perfect confluence of connections luck and communal goodwill.

The turnaround is such that Weiss is still a little dazed by the events of the last six months.

"It's surreal," she said. "I don't think the reality of it has set in yet."

Weiss moved in with a friend when she lost her home in July but as the school year approached she worried about getting her kids enrolled and trying to find her way back to independence. She called Diakonia in West Ocean City, explained her situation, and was accepted in a matter of two weeks.

Diakonia referred her to the non-profit Worcester County Youth and Family Services, specifically their Family Connections program, which helps families at all different levels of disadvantage navigate the different options for public services and opportunities as well as directs participants along the road that leads away from public assistance.

But among the most important of the services they provide is the little bit of personal guidance that tells families that are having a hard time that better times are ahead with a little bit of work, and that the work always turns out to be worth it.

"Two months after I lost my house I was able to get the kids into school," Weiss said. "And next week my youngest

begins at Head Start."

But before she was able to secure a job or a place to live, the time Weiss and her family were allotted at Diakonia came to an end. As she set about trying to solve this new challenge with her WCYFS contacts — Donna Taylor, system navigator and Missy Smith, parent support worker — a golden opportunity presented itself.

"One of our board member said she and her husband had a place in Ocean Pines they wanted to have a family live in for a year," Taylor said.

Jim and Reena Oettinger purchased the property with the intension of having it lived in by a Family Connections participant. As a board member Reena was able to make the deal happen.

The plan is to let Weiss and her children live in the house rent free for a year. It will give her a chance to get on her feet and find a way to take back her independence, a path Weiss relishes.

The Oettinger's donation opened the floodgates of beneficence locally with everyone from a local furniture dealer to local businesses and neighbors deciding to pitch in to help Weiss make the most of her opportunity for reinvention.

Smith said she approached Joe Kendall of Kendall's Furnishings in West Ocean City to see if he'd be willing to donate a couch and maybe a table to the family. Instead he insisted on donating the furniture for the entire home, including mattresses for the family.

Two restaurants — Pizza Hut and A Bagel And... — upon hearing the story donated welcome meal to the family.

But among the most touching parts of the already emotional month for

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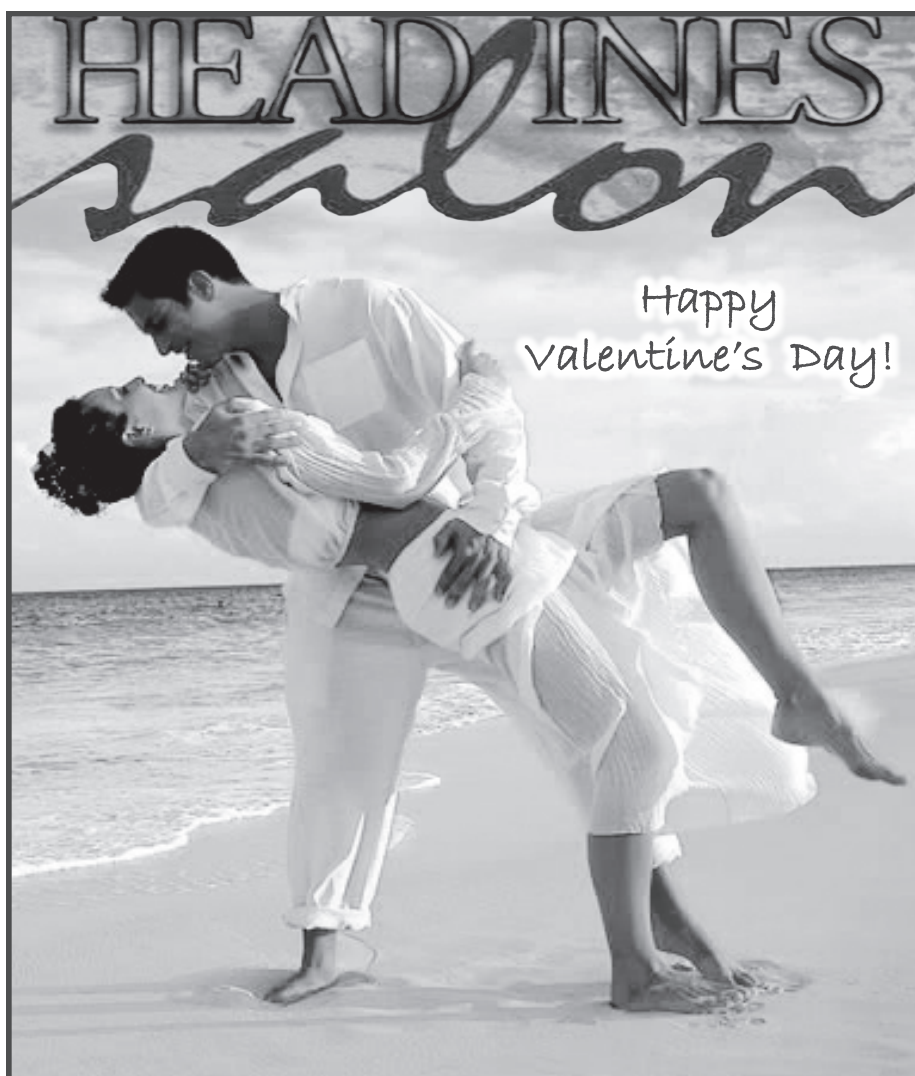
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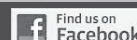
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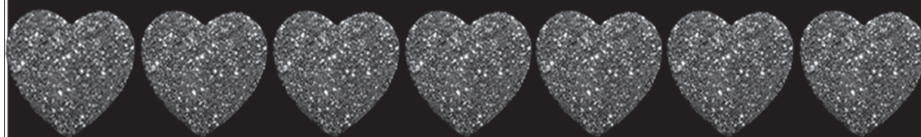


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and retail shopper confidence in the liquor operations while they eventually "may consider to eventually curtail the monopoly of wholesale liquor."

Phoebus said that while the LCB did not have plans to lobby against the passage of the legislation, they hoped to be involved in the negotiations once the language of the bill is made public.

"We would hope the county retains as much of the experienced staff as

possible," he said. He also expressed concerns about the maintenance of contracts, pensions and other logistical and legal entailments with which disbanding the LCB might come.

While he also hasn't seen the details of the proposal, state Sen. Jim Mathias said he expected there would be an amount of back and forth before an acceptable bill was passed.

"The citizens are looking for accountability and the private sector is looking to protect its bottom line as well," he said. "We're trying to find something agreeable to all involved."

House

FROM PAGE 5

Weiss and her family was the neighbors' response. Several neighbors came by to donate televisions, VCRs and tapes and other ancillary household items.

Smith said that Family Connections even received monetary donations with which they were able to purchase bedspreads and other necessary linens.

Now that Weiss has a chance she'd have thought unimaginable even three months ago, she's determined to make

the best of it. She's redoubled her efforts to find work — a task made easier now that all of her children are in school — and has committed to working with her councilors to make the transition to independence as smooth as possible. Among her biggest wishes is to get to a place where she can begin to pass on the good fortune allotted her.

Unfortunately, said Stephanie Gordy, WCYFS director of community development and relations, there are thousands of people who could use the kind of break Family Connections was able to provide Weiss and her family. "There are over 2,800 families we serve," she said. "Sarah is one but she's certainly not an isolated case."

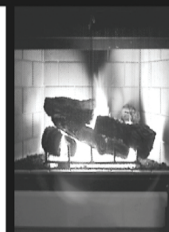
She encouraged anyone interested in contributing to any of Worcester County Youth and Family Services Causes to contact the main office at 410-641-4598.

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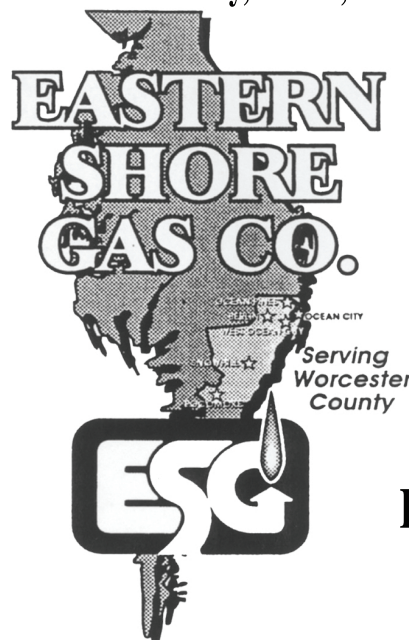
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Since its Jan. 4 opening the casino has generated more than \$144 per machine per day.

Local impact grants, of which Berlin and Ocean Pines get 10 percent and Ocean City receives 20 percent were \$166,948.20.

The revenue for the state's two casinos – Hollywood Casino Perryville in

Cecil County and the Casino at Ocean Downs – totaled \$11 million, bringing the cumulative fiscal year total for both facilities to \$38 million.

Hollywood Casino Perryville generated \$7.7 million in January, down from over \$11 million in October but up more than \$1.1 million over December's numbers, a fact they've attributed to decreased holiday spending.

To keep Marylanders informed and maintain integrity and transparency in its regulation of the state's casinos, the Maryland Lottery posts monthly financial reports on slots revenue on its web-site, slots.mdlottery.com.

VLT Gaming Revenue – Casino at Ocean Downs

	%	January 2011	Calendar YTD 2011	Fiscal YTD 2011
Gross Terminal Revenue	100	\$3,305,421.74	\$3,305,421.74	\$3,305,421.74
Education Trust Fund	48.5	\$1,472,179.54	\$1,472,179.54	\$1,472,179.54
Casino Operators	33	\$1,001,689.17	\$1,001,689.17	\$1,001,689.17
Purse Dedication	7	\$212,479.52	\$212,479.52	\$212,479.52
Local Impact Grants	5.5	\$166,948.20	\$166,948.20	\$166,948.20
Race Tracks Facility Renewal Account	2.5	\$75,885.54	\$75,885.54	\$75,885.54
Maryland Lottery	2	\$60,708.44	\$60,708.44	\$60,708.44
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Recycling brands helps out schools and non-profits

Grow Berlin Green joins with Terracycle

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – The balance between keeping food affordable and keeping landfills from overflowing is one of the key problems to be overcome in the coming years. Terracycle, a company that recycles previously unrecyclable plastics has made a difference, not to mention a fortune, over the last seven or so years converting trash into treasure, as it were.

The way Terracycle works is the company collects, for example, Capri Sun packages and binds them together with other recycled products to make soft insulated lunch coolers. Terracycle pay a fee to the collectors and pays the shipping costs. In return the collecting entities separate the various trash products into different “brigades” and mail them back to the company. Terracycle sends the collectors — often schools but other groups as well — a check for this contribution twice annually.

The downside is that it takes a significant amount of cooperation and volunteer man hours to make the project



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Grow Berlin Green volunteer Kathy Winte and project manager Debbi Dean-Colley show off one of the many Terracycle products made from previously unrecyclable plastics.

worth undertaking. The upside is that for a little bit of effort a group of people can not only make a little bit of money but also make a real and significant impact on the tonnage of non-biodegradables that is kept from the landfills.

Grow Berlin Green (GBG), the non-profit coordinating entity for many of the other eco-centric concerns including the Assateague Coastal Trust, the Maryland Coastal Bays Program and the Lower Shore Land Trust, recently signed

on to the project. They established a collection point at Burbage Park, near the other recycling containers, and have already begun spreading the word.

Joining Terracycle was the brainchild of Kathy Winte, who wasn't a GBG operative or even really very involved with any of its partners.

“I just heard about it and thought it was a good idea,” she said.

She approached GBG and, with the help of project manager Debbi Dean-

Colley, was able to get a few of the local PTAs involved. After finding some success at the schools Dean-Colley and Winte set about trying to establish a center in Berlin.

“Mike Gibbons was really helpful in getting this done,” Dean-Colley said.

The problem with recycling plastics is separating what can be recycled from what can't. Dean-Colley, who lives in town, said she sometimes will put something out if she's not sure. If the recycling collectors leave it in her bin, she knows it's not something the town is able to recycle.

Terracycle has provided a better way to tell by providing an extensive if not exhaustive list of the items they will pay GBG to collect. The challenge now, Winte said, is to get people to know and understand what product the town will be paid for recycling. Dean-Colley added that GBG doesn't expect to make a significant amount of money from the project. In fact their primary concern is to continue to spread the program among the schools that don't participate and get more residents involved.

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Veteran tax aides Donald and Wanda Olson are among the many county residents who volunteer for the AARP Tax-Aide program providing free tax filings at several locations around the county.

Save money with free tax preparation with AARP program

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

OCEAN PINES – When Donald and Wanda Olson started volunteering as tax preparers in 1993 taxes were an extraordinarily labor-intensive process. Forms were filled and added by hand and submitted by mail. The turnaround time was measured in weeks rather than days. A lot has changed about tax preparation in the intervening decades but the Olson's presence as tax preparing volunteers for the AARP Tax-Aide program isn't one of them.

This year they were recognized for their exceptional length of service by the AARP. Although both Wanda and Donald were honored by the award while being a little bit shy about the attention, length of service is critical to

TAX TIME

The AARP Tax-Aide program provides free tax return preparation for most of the common kinds of returns. They have appointments available 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays at the Ocean Pines Library; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays at St. Peter's Church in Ocean City; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays at both the Community Church of Ocean Pines and the Ocean City Library. To make an appointment call 410-213-1608.

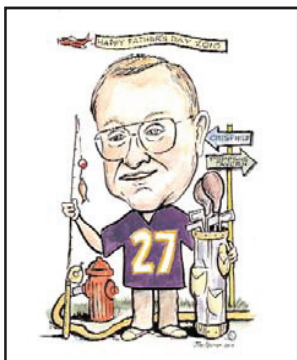
the continuation of the AARP Tax-Aide program.

"You have to have somebody to keep it going," Wanda said.

By returning each year with a significant number of their fellow volunteers, the program remains strong and able to

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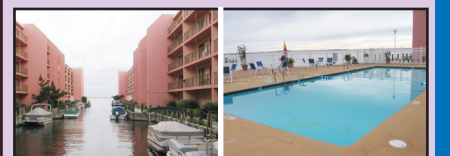


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Taxes

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easily incorporate new volunteers into their ranks. After a few tax seasons of recognizing the depth of need and the importance of full participation many volunteers end up returning year after year.

Each year all over the country thousands of people volunteer to help people prepare and file their taxes at no charge. The program operates under the premise that it is better for all involved if people's taxes are prepared accurately and in a timely manner. It helps the government in collecting and disbursing the tax money as well as going a longer way toward limiting mistakes. Tax preparers usually begin training and upgrading their skills in the fall to be ready for the tax season with the more experienced preparers standing at the ready to answer questions, should they arise.

All returns are not only filed electronically, but the IRS provided a number of the computers so the volunteers can dial directly into the IRS' filing system. The result is that the AARP Tax Aide program participants not only benefit their local community but also save the federal government resources and by extension money by providing a free service the government would normally have to supply. It also doesn't hurt that the returns are generally done with the kind of accuracy that makes it easy for the IRS to process.

And this year the IRS needs all the

streamlining it can get. As some unlucky taxpayers discovered already this year, the IRS wasn't prepared for the last minute- tax cut extension. The result was that the IRS won't be able to accept some tax returns until after Feb. 14.

Although it is no longer an issue, it was something of a problem last week.

"I've been turning people away," Wanda said. "It's been kind of a hectic morning."

Starting Monday, however, they'll be ready for the traffic to really start flowing. The AARP Tax-Aide program does accept walk-ins at all their locations but because of the demand, it's wisest for people to make appointments so they are not required to wait for an opening.

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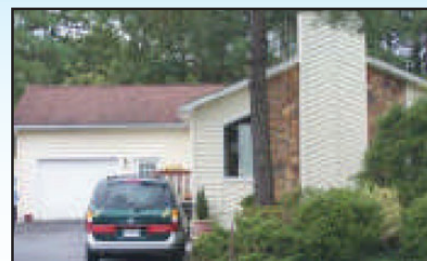
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BUSINESS

BAYSIDE

Hot Headz Salon expands services in new space

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

OCEAN PINES – Taking up residence next to Taylor's Restaurant in Ocean Pines is a homecoming of sorts for Melina who spent years as a stylist in a different shop before she struck out on her own to open Hot Headz in Ocean City.

Although she experienced years of success in her Hot Headz on 118th Street, Ocean City location, when the opportunity presented itself to set up closer to her customer base as well as to her roots Bates felt the time was right to strike out in Ocean Pines.

"There's so much more space here so we can do more," she said.

In addition to being able to add chairs and a bigger, nicer waiting area, Bates said she was also able to expand services, adding several pedicure and manicure stations as well as a facial room.

The space and service expansion will benefit Bates, her staff and her clients. She and her staff benefit by being able to make the most of their chosen profession, stretching beyond hair care to use the full range of their cosmetological powers. The clients benefit because



TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Hot Headz owner Melina Bates and her staff return to Ocean Pines with an attitude that puts customer satisfaction above outdated salon contrivances.

they no longer have to make several trips, skin and nail care are now all available at their favorite salon.

"Now our clients don't have to run to a day spa and pay day spa prices," she said. And given that nearly as many of her clients travel Ocean Pines as anywhere else, being right around the corner will be to everyone's advantage.

Becoming a favorite salon is more than a matter of convenience or even talent; it is about developing a rapport with the clients and cultivating an atmosphere of comfort and harmony for employees and customers alike.

Bates said that the best way to make a customer feel uncomfortable is to make it difficult for them to change stylists by

encouraging competition among the various workers. The staff at Hot Headz all take a different approach, encouraging new customers to have their hair done by different staff members until they find the right fit.

One of the things Bates said was important when bringing on staff was that the customer experience wasn't dependent upon who happens to be work-

ing that day. Nearly all the staff members have been working with her for years, so they each have a sense of how the others perform. And given that they're not an exclusively women's salon — Hot Headz has a significant male and child clientele as well — being consistent and client-focussed is critical.

The staff closeness and the customer satisfaction first attitude translates into an environment people tend to want to enjoy even when they're not in need of any services. Bates said that among the biggest benefits of returning to running a shop in Ocean Pines is that even more people will be able to stop in for a visit as they go about their daily business.

For the folks at Hot Headz it's always been a relationship driven business. Setting aside the fact that they're professionals, Bates and her colleagues operate under the premise that being an integral part of something is more important than just holding down a job.

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Different parts of Medicare



By Chip Gordy

We get many questions about Medicare, so this week I thought I'd share the four major parts.

Part A is administered by Medicare and provides Medicare benefits and coverage for inpatient hospital stays, hospice care, care in a skilled nursing facility, and some home health care services.

In many cases, you can get

Part A at age 65 without having to pay premiums if: you are eligible to get Social Security benefits but haven't yet filed for them, if you already get retirement benefits from Social Security, or you or your spouse had Medicare-covered government employment

If you are 65 and you don't automatically get premium-free Part A, you may be able to buy it for yourself or your spouse.

Part B involves medical coverage. It provides many of the medically necessary services not covered in Part A. Part B is also administered by Medicare and provides Medicare benefits and coverage for: outpatient and preventive care, doctor and clinical lab services, physical and occupational therapy,

screenings, surgical fees and supplies.

Part C covers Medicare Advantage Plans. These are health plan options that are run by private health insurance companies that are pre-approved by Medicare. It covers the same services as Parts A and B.

Some features are: possibly lower costs, extra benefits, and prescription drug coverage.

One thing to remember is that premium and coverage vary by company and you must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium (unless it's paid for under Medicaid or by another third-party).

Enrollment

Part D deals with prescription drug coverage. The purpose of this part is to help lower your prescription drug costs and help protect against higher costs in the future.

It can be a stand-alone plan or combined with a Medicare Advantage plan. A Medicare Advantage plan that includes prescription drug coverage is simply referred to as a Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug plan.

Some benefits include: lower premiums, availability of different benefit levels, flexible payment options, ease of use, and protection from high prescription costs.

Typically, if you have Part A and are a member of Part B, you can enroll in a Part D standalone prescription drug plan;

or you can choose to join a Medicare Advantage plan that includes drug coverage. Just remember that you can change your Part D each year.

Also, premium and coverage vary by provider and you have to keep paying your Part B premium unless it's paid for under Medicaid or by another third-party. You may want to check and see if you qualify for extra help with your prescription drug plan premium.

Remember: if you or your spouse worked a minimum of 10 years in Medicare-covered employment and you are a citizen (or permanent resident) of the United States, you are eligible for Medicare when you turn 65, regardless of your income or health status.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Free File Alliance, a coalition of industry-leading tax software companies partnered with the Internal Revenue Service, today announced the launch of the 2011 IRS Free File program. Since its inception in 2003, IRS Free File has offered low-to-moderate income taxpayers free access to leading commercial tax preparation software.

This year, every taxpayer with a 2010 Adjusted Gross Income of \$58,000 or less may visit www.irs.gov to prepare, complete and e-file their federal tax returns at no cost.

"IRS Free File returns this year to proudly give 98 million Americans free access to the industry's best tax preparation software," said Tim Hugo, executive director of the Free File Alliance.

"We are committed to making taxes simple, fast and free by offering step-by-step help that takes guesswork out of the process. More than 30 million people have already taken advantage of IRS Free File, and our goal this year is to serve each and every taxpayer making \$58,000 or less."

To begin, taxpayers may visit the IRS website, www.irs.gov, and click on the "Free File" icon. Users will find a list of Free File Alliance member companies and may either choose the one that fits their needs or utilize the "help me find a

company" tool.

After selecting a company, taxpayers will be transferred to the company's website to prepare, complete and electronically file their federal income tax returns. Three of the 19 participating software companies also offer services in Spanish.

This year, the Free File Alliance has also partnered with the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), a service for low-to-moderate income taxpayers. Thanks to the new partnership, Free File Alliance member software will be available on self-assist kiosks at VITA sites in 29 states across the country.

VITA's partnership with the Free File Alliance will extend its reach and help the IRS provide expanded free tax prep services to more taxpayers who need additional assistance.

"Free File Alliance member companies have continually worked with the IRS to strengthen IRS Free File and ensure that it remains both accurate and secure," continued Hugo. "Through the new VITA partnership, the Free File Alliance will be able to help the IRS serve more taxpayers than ever before."

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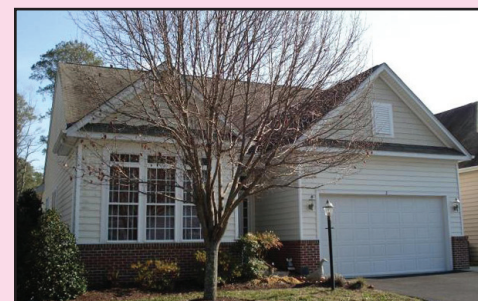
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HEALTH

BAYSIDE

Escitalopram treatment may reduce menopause hot flashes

Women taking a low dose of the antidepressant escitalopram had fewer and less severe hot flashes than those taking a placebo, according to a new clinical trial.

Menopause is a transition that affects many women as they approach age 50. It marks the end of menstrual periods and fertility. It can also bring hot flashes, trouble sleeping, mood changes and other symptoms.

Menopausal hormone therapy has long been the predominant treatment for menopausal symptoms. However, its use has greatly declined since 2002, when a large National Institutes of Health funded study concluded that the overall risks of menopausal hormone therapy likely outweigh the benefits. The study found that the therapy increased the risk in some women of heart disease, stroke, blood clots and breast cancer.

No other treatments for menopausal hot flashes currently have FDA approval. Recent studies suggest that certain anti-depressant medications may be effective for relieving hot flashes, but the results have been inconclusive.

Dr. Ellen W. Freeman at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and her colleagues enrolled over 200 healthy menopausal or post-



menopausal women for the new study. The women were given either a daily dose of escitalopram or a placebo for eight weeks. The researchers tracked the number, sever-

ity and irritation of their hot flashes. The trial was funded by NIH's National Institute on Aging (NIA) and several other NIH components.

As described in the Jan. 19,

issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association the researchers found that women taking escitalopram had an average of nearly 50 percent fewer hot flashes after

four weeks. In comparison, women taking the placebo had on average of 26 percent fewer hot flashes.

The escitalopram treatment led to even further reductions in hot flashes after eight weeks. Women taking the medication also reported a reduction in the severity and bother of their hot flashes.

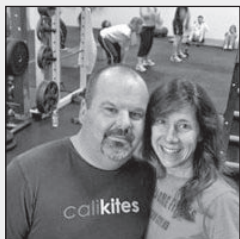
An equal number of white and African American women participated in the study and it was determined that race had no significant effect on the treatment results.

While it is not clear exactly why antidepressants like escitalopram are effective for treating hot flashes, the study shows that these drugs could be a safe alternative to hormone therapy. Women taking escitalopram reported few adverse side effects during or after the clinical trial. Furthermore, a majority of the women said they were satisfied with the treatment and would like to continue taking escitalopram.

"Our findings suggest that among healthy women who were not depressed or anxious, a 10 to 20 milligram dose of escitalopram provides a non-hormonal, off-label option that is effective and well-tolerated in the management of menopausal hot flashes," Freeman said.

FITNESS ADVICE

Why can't you stick to your fitness plan?



By David & Lisa Long

You've set a major goal for yourself – like trying to eat healthier, get out of debt, run a marathon, organize your life or whatever – you have plans to guide your behavior.

Some days, you will be full of determination and you will do all the right things.

Other days, you will ignore your plans and do whatever the hell you feel like doing. This will make you feel like crap in the end.

Many enemies like stress, fatigue, and crazy schedules will try to get in your way. Entitlement is rarely mentioned, yet, it's at the root of so many set backs and most people aren't even aware of it.

Example of entitlement:

You eat healthy all week and you decide to have a piece of cake at dinner. By the time dessert is served, you're totally full and the cake is not the kind you like. You eat a monstrously big piece anyway, and don't even enjoy it.

Why do something so dumb? Because you decided "I get cake today," and you felt entitled to eat it.

1. Everyone Else Gets to Do It – This one is really easy to indulge in. We see others eating crap and watching TV, why should you eat well and exercise? The best way to fight this is to find others, like you, which have sensible and healthy goals. Strength comes in numbers.

2. I work so hard! – Yes, of course you do! You work hard at your job; you exercise and spend time with the kids and spouse. Aren't you entitled to a pint of Ben & Jerry's? To deal with the "I work so hard" sense of entitlement, you have to re-prioritize.

Stop earning "extra credit" where you're already doing enough, start doing the chores you've been avoiding. Say "no" to what you don't have time for and stop caring what other people think and figure out what's important to you.

You may not feel so martyred and entitled in areas of your life that you actually need to buckle down and pay attention to.

4. Because I Earned It – Sometimes you have actually have "earned" a treat or a break or a reward. And if you really want it, go for it!

Rewards can be helpful in maintaining long term efforts, But if you're only cashing in because you earned it? Do you want/need it?

Don't abandon your goals, stay strong, you're worth it.

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

New \$50,000 grant will help ACT protect natural resources

BERLIN, MD Assateague Coastal Trust (ACT) recently announced that it has received a \$50,000 grant from the Town Creek Foundation to support the Coastkeeper program.

This funding will enable the nonprofit citizen-action group to continue and expand its work to monitor and protect water quality in the coastal bays of Maryland and Virginia's northern Eastern Shore.

Established in 2002, the Coastkeeper is an on-the-water monitor, on-the-ground educator and in-the trenches advocate for the health of the coastal bays and the communities who depend on them.

This new grant will allow the Coastkeeper Program to sustain its ongoing efforts and launch some new initiatives in 2011, all aimed to deliver lasting improvements in the area's water quality.

Town Creek Foundation is a private philanthropic foundation dedicated to a sustainable environment. Based in Easton, the foundation supports organizations that are working to establish healthy, sustainable relationships between humans and the ecological systems that support life on earth.

"Anytime someone finds your work worth funding, it is a very affirming experience," Assateague Coastkeeper Kathy Phillips said. "We are grateful to the Town Creek Foundation for recognizing the importance of ACT's work on the lower Eastern Shore and the coastal bays watershed."

"Thanks to continuing support from

the local community, 2010 was a good year for ACT and the health of our local waters and wetlands," Phillips said. "Weekly patrols on the water allowed us to monitor for pollution, critical area clearing violations, and the general health of these watersheds, as well as to undertake some targeted shoreline cleanup efforts."

In 2010, the Coastkeeper began a compliance sweep of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits within the watershed, and this will continue into 2011.

Public comments were submitted to Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) on the Snow Hill wastewater treatment plant NPDES permit renewal, resulting in more protective language for monitoring and reporting being added to the permit.

As part of this same project, the Coastkeeper submitted comments and concerns objecting to the State's renewal of two industrial discharge permits in Showell and Berlin, which, although inactive at this time, would allow for direct discharges of nutrients and treated waste back into the coastal bays.

ACT and the Coastkeeper also hosted two Worcester County commissioner candidate forums, giving the community opportunities to hear from each of the candidates on critical issues important to local residents.

In other 2010 community education projects, a workshop on Environmental Site Design was hosted by the Coastkeeper to help citizens, the build-

ing community, and clean water advocates better understand the new state and county stormwater regulations that will improve the reduction of nutrients into the waterways.

Assateague Coastal Trust is looking forward to a busy 2011, which will include continued efforts to monitor the growth of industrial agriculture in the rural watershed and educate the public about the impacts from these less sustainable farming practices, as well

as present new citizen education and outreach programs on stormwater, water quality monitoring in our recreational waters, and reducing pharmaceutical pollution from improper disposal of unused medications.

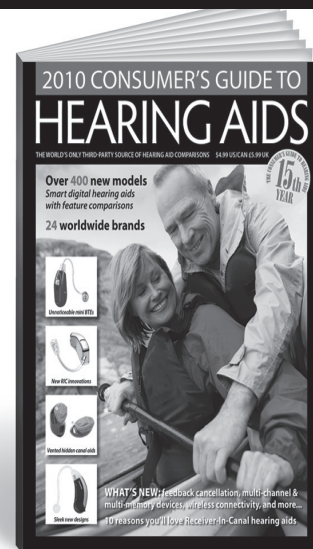
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Coastal Hospice to hold special presentation on Feb. 10

BERLIN – Coastal Hospice Bereavement Counselor Elmer Davis will make the presentation, which will focus on topics such as Allowing Yourself to Grieve, Seeking Help from the Right Person, and Cultivating Hope. The presentation is part of Coastal Hospice's bereavement support services 11 a.m. on Feb. 10.

"Understanding common grief reactions is very difficult," says Lenora Berger, bereavement services manager for Coastal Hospice. "Rev. Davis has a special and sincere way of reassuring the bereaved that the grief journey is normal and won't last forever. He helps the bereaved come to a place of healing, hope and renewal."

"His anecdotal stories about his own grief for his beloved grandmother will help you understand that grief is not a sign of weakness but a necessary process in order to reach acceptance of a loved ones death."

The presentation will be held at Coastal Hospice at the Ocean at 10441 Racetrack Road. RSVP to Elmer Davis at 410-726-2583.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a private non-profit community program that provides traditional hospice services, palliative care, bereavement support, education and training to residents in

Wicomico, Worcester, Dorchester, and Somerset counties on Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore. About 100 people are employed by Coastal Hospice and over 300 individuals volunteer.

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SPORTS

BAYSIDE



THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Stephen Decatur's Teron Tyre floats in the lane for a shot during the second quarter of Tuesday's game against Mardela. (Below) Decatur's Jesse Engle and Greg Peterson try to control a rebound in the third quarter of the loss to Mardela. For more wrestling photos, visit www.melvillemediaphotos.com.

Mardela runs away from Decatur

BERLIN – Mardela started pulling away from Stephen Decatur in the second quarter of Tuesday night's game and built a 35-23 lead at the half.

But in the third quarter Mardela buried Decatur with a 12-2 run to and then essentially put the game away with a 56-31 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Mardela won easily 74-43.

"We had a short half time because I wanted to get them out there and moving," SDHS coach Mark Engle said. "We talked about staying focused, rebounding and getting the ball inside. Our third quarter in the Pocomoke game killed us and

our third quarter tonight really killed us too."

Decatur, playing with a less than 100 percent Tre Foreman, could not generate any offense and lacked intensity on defense allowing Mardela plenty of open looks at the basket, which led to an onslaught of converted three-point shots.

"Mardela does a great job of drawing in the defense, penetrating and kicking it out to the open man. We didn't get the defensive rotations to stop that," Engle said.

Midway through the fourth quarter, and down 30 points, Engle pulled his starters and cleared the bench to finish the game.



SPORTS BRIEFS

ANGLERS CLUB MEETING

The Ocean Pines Anglers Club will meet 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Ocean Pines library. The guest speaker will be Carrie Kennedy, program manager for the Coastal Fisheries Program in Fisheries Service at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

She will discuss Maryland's fishing program and regulations including the progress of 2011's summer flounder and black sea bass regulations, as well as providing an update on current and proposed regulations that will affect coastal fishermen and coastal fishing license requirements.

BOATING COURSE

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-05, is offering the Maryland Basic Boating Course at the Ocean Pines library on the evenings of March 8, 9, and 10. The course will cover the basics of boat handling, legal requirements and safety procedures in operating your boat.

This course meets the requirements of the Maryland Boating Safety Education Act that requires that anyone born after July 1, 1972 must possess a Maryland Basic Boating Safety Certificate to operate a boat in the State of Maryland. In order to receive this certificate, one must attend all three nights and pass a written exam on the last night.

The three evening course will begin at 6 p.m. and end no later than 9 p.m. each evening. Discussions will include local water knowledge, knots, boat terms, trailering, maintenance and more.

Cost for the course is \$15 and includes all course materials. To register, or if you have questions, contact Bob Cooke at 410-629-1016 or CGAUX1205@Gmail.com.

COASTAL LACROSSE CLUB BEGINS 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.



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WPS GIRLS AWARDS — Girl athletes in Grades 7 and 8 honored at the Worcester Prep Middle School sports assembly were: (front) Kathryn O'Malley, Most Improved, Grade 7 Basketball; Neva Richardson, Coach's Award, Grade 7 Basketball; Taylor Hawkins, Most Valuable Player, Grade 7 Basketball; (back) Sophie Brennan, Most Valuable Player, Grade 8 Basketball; Molly Soule, Coach's Award, Grade 8 Basketball; Natalie Twilley, Most Improved, Grade 8 Basketball; Blaire Langelier, Most Improved, Grade 8 Dance; and Elena LaPlante, Teacher's Award, Dance.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

LACROSSE AWARDS — Worcester Prep Middle School lacrosse awards were presented to: (front) Conrad Gerachis, Coach's Award, Grade 7 Lacrosse; Wade Walter, Most Valuable Player, Grade 7 Lacrosse; Charlie Pritchard, Most Improved, Grade 7 Lacrosse; (back) Ali Khan, Coach's Award, Grade 8 Lacrosse; Will Hastings, Most Valuable Player, Grade 8 Lacrosse; and Matt Klepper, Most Improved, Grade 8 Lacrosse.



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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART — Ocean City Elementary Schools students and staff held their annual Jump Rope for Heart to benefit the American Heart Association on Jan. 26. Each of the "jumpers" raised money to help those suffering from strokes and heart disease. A total of \$16,847 was collected for the American Heart Association.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

YOUNG AUTHORS — Stephen Decatur High School students placed in the sixth Annual State of Maryland International Reading Association Council High School Young Authors contest. Sophomore Jess Maddy, first; senior Holly Thiel, second; creative writing teacher Kim Patrick, senior Alexis Adelsberger, third; and sophomore Jonathan Phippin, second. The contest required a submission of an original, previously unsubmitted story, essay, and/or poem. Maddy, who took first in the region, will go on to compete at the state level in late March.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH — Stephen Decatur High School media specialist Mary Cosby stands next to a display of African American books in honor of Black History Month. Throughout February, Stephen Decatur High School students will be engaged in a variety of activities and instruction that highlight the many accomplishments of African Americans.

Annual Ocean to Bay Bike Tour set for April

FENWICK ISLAND, Del. — The Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber recently announced PNC Bank as the Presenting Sponsor of the 22nd Annual Ocean to Bay Bike Tour.

The tour, scheduled for Saturday, April 16, is a great opening ride to the Mid-Atlantic cycling season and offers something for everyone, beginners and experienced cyclists. The Chamber hopes to hit 1,000 cyclists for 2011.

This year also features a few new and exciting additions to the event including, for the first time ever, a five-mile Family Fun route offering all the young cyclists an opportunity to participate. After polling previous participants, a 30-mile route has taken the place of the previous 25- and 35-mile routes.

This award-winning event, organized by the Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce, offers scenic routes, a relaxing ride on flat terrain and treasures along coastal and inland bay areas.

"The Ocean to Bay Bike Tour has seen tremendous growth in the number of participants over past three years going from 600 participants to nearly 1,000. As with any event, each year you need to try to add elements and improve upon what was done the year prior to keep the event fresh so participants will continue to come back," said Executive Director Carrie Subity.

"We are very excited about some of the changes in store for the 2011 ride," stated Subity.

"The changes to the route distances will hopefully attract new participants including families this year. Thanks to presenting sponsor PNC Bank, we have been able to take the finish line festivities to the next level for 2011.

"Cyclists will be able to gather after their ride to share their adventures from the day and enjoy some live music, giveaways and refreshments under a tent donated by CRH Tented Events. Also new for 2011, special rates on accommodations through supporting sponsor, ResortQuest for anyone staying a minimum of three nights."

Riders can register by mail, online at TheQuietResorts.com, or at the Chamber the day before or at the event. Pre-registration through the end of February is \$30 per adult and \$15 for children ages 5-18.

From March 1-31 \$35/\$15 and in April \$40/\$15 up until event day. Children four and under ride for free, but won't receive commemorative t-shirts or goody bags. For pre-registered teams of six or more, the last rider rides for free.



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EDITORIAL

New home for Berlin Chamber would benefit local businesses

The town of Berlin met late Wednesday to consider a proposal by the Chamber of Commerce to help obtain a permanent home for itself and the town's Visitor Center.

The Chamber has an opportunity to relocate its offices to 14 S. Main St. with the assistance of a \$125,000 Community Legacy Grant and \$150,000 grant from the Humphrey's Foundation by securing the purchase of the building through the town. The town faces very little risk, with the Chamber paying off the balance of the purchase price at higher than current rates earned by town funds, and will reap untold rewards.

In addition to securing more public parking at the south end of Main Street, the new Chamber offices will encourage visitor traffic and retail development along the south end of Main Street's shopping district.

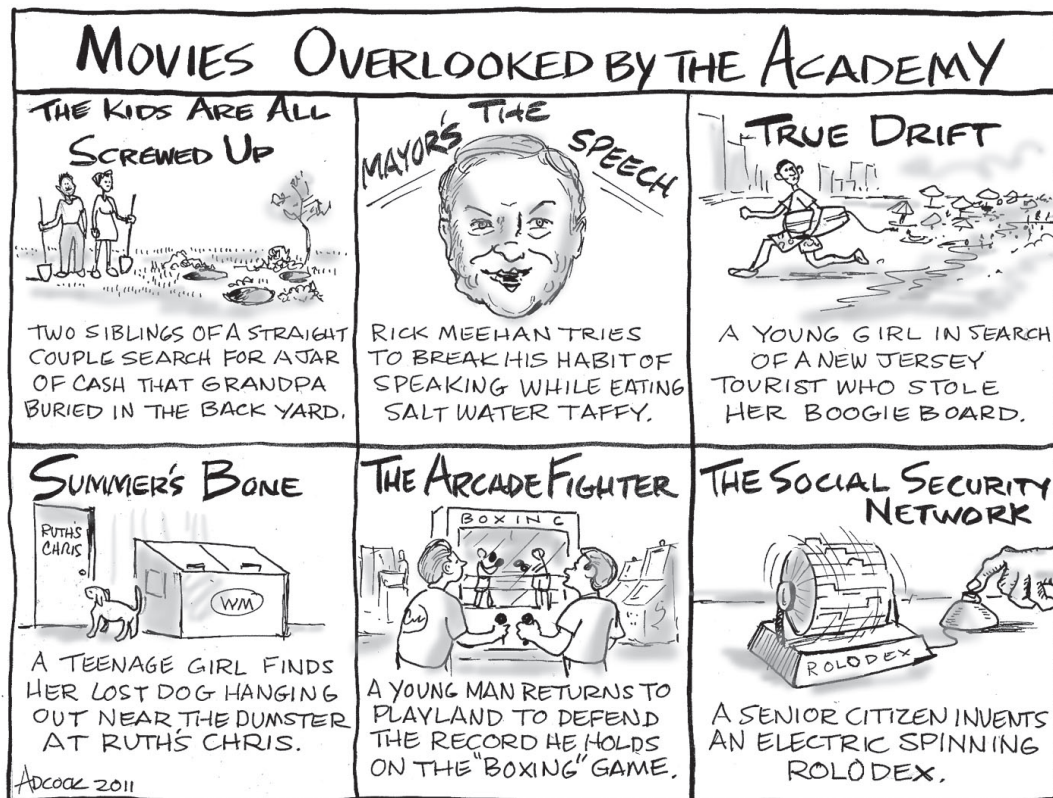
The purchase will also help foster the arts, benefiting the Chamber and artists as well as the town. Upon completion of the purchase the Chamber will turn a portion of the building into an artists' cooperative and gallery. Artists will be able to rent studio space well below the cost of a full studio, while providing a revenue stream for the Chamber. The artists will also receive the tax benefits of producing their work within the Arts and Entertainment District.

This is a perfect example of the state and town along with the historic, business and arts communities coming together to the overall benefit of the town.

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GUEST COLUMN

America is the world-wide leader in coastal engineering

Is America a leader in coastal engineering...and, if so, why?

The answer to the first question is easy: Yes, America is a clearly a top spot for coastal engineering expertise. Meaningful coastal innovations and research occur around the world, driven by renowned academic institutions and unique national coastal issues. But when it comes to the breadth and depth of coastal knowledge, the U.S. is still seen by most as the leader. Why?

A wealth of coastal research and technology. Almost every coastal state can boast of its undergraduate and graduate-level coastal studies, which also reflect the diverse issues facing each state's coastline while encouraging rigorous research into options and solutions to those issues. On top of that, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers remains a national treasure of coastal talent and research, as well as a watchdog agency working with state regulators and pri-

vate groups to help protect our coastal ecosystems. The Corps (which has been in existence as long as this country itself) literally wrote the book on coastal management -- the Coastal Engineering Manual, acknowledged as the bible of the field -- and has a long and proud history as a leader in both coastal research and management of coastal infrastructure projects.

This country's unique coast. Other countries may have more challenging problems, but no one else has so many of those challenges within the same border. From gentle sandy shorelines to rugged coastal cliffs, from the Louisiana estuary bays to the cobbled Washington coast, from pristine parks to bustling ports, and through rivers and inlets galore, America's coast has it all.

The amount of coast to manage -- and intensity of use it receives. With more than 12,300 miles of coastline, the U.S. ranks eighth worldwide -- with about half of that coast in

the contiguous U.S. But when you calculate coastline length against a county's population, the U.S. jumps up to No. 2 in rank in terms of people living near a coast...and that doesn't factor in tourism, where the U.S. is an international leader (and its beaches are an international magnet). Given the ease of access for the vast majority of the U.S. population (and tourists, too), that puts a lot of people on the beach a lot of the time.

The economic value of that coastline. America's coastal counties account for more than half of the country's Gross Domestic Product and jobs; while also being the source for more than 85 percent of all tourism-related revenues. Add in the vital role America's ports play in our global trade, and it's easy to see that sound coastal management is a wise economic move.

A balanced approach to coastal resource management. With the coast serving so

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many economic masters -- shipping, fishing, habitat, tourism and recreation -- and with its intensity of use and interaction, there remains a clear understanding that no one interest can overwhelm the others and that the delicate ecology of the coastline must be mirrored by a delicate balance of interests reflected in regulation, use and maintenance.

A vibrant private-sector supplement to public coastal management efforts. In a unique way, American coastal management has evolved into an intricate web of government regulation with business innovation, public-sector policy leavened with private-sector entrepreneurship. Government may make sure the coastline is accessible and fairly regulated, while private interests work to keep it economically vital and environmentally safe.

We often hear about the coastal advances being achieved in other countries, engineering marvels or technological breakthroughs that are cutting-edge solutions to challenging issues. And we are right to applaud sound coastal management policies, wherever they originate.

But when you consider the diversity and difficulties throughout the American coast, and the range of resources that this country has brought to bear to better manage them, the picture that emerges is complexity balanced with competence, a palate of answers as broad as the issues they seek to address. That's why American coastal experts are ready to put their talents and techniques up against the best the world has to offer, and are confident they will match any challenge this (or any) coast has to offer.

To find out more about America's coast, go to www.asbpa.org.

Humane Society thanks community for Jazzy

Editor:

The Worcester County Humane Society wishes to thank everyone who responded to our plea for assistance to help with the medical expenses for our dog Jazzy.

The procedures preformed amounted to over \$5,000 and through the outpouring of generosity we received over \$3,000 to offset these costs.

Jazzy is happy, playful and settling into her new forever home. We appreciate the community support.

Kenille Davies
Director, Worcester County Human
Society

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is 5 p.m. Monday. Send to
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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth C. Grant

OCEAN CITY – Elizabeth C. Grant, age 55, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011 at Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Born in Virginia she was the daughter of Louise Angle Grant and the late Earl B. Grant.

She had worked in sales for United Airlines for many years. Along with her mother, she is survived by her son, Kimo Grant - Johnson. She is also survived by her sister, Sharon Patton.

No services will be held at this time. Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Rosalee B. Jones

BERLIN – Rosalee B. Jones, age 79, passed away on Friday, Feb. 4, 2011 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. Born in Wetipquin, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Anna Brown. She is survived by her beloved husband of 62 years, Edwin J. Jones.

She had worked for many years at the Berlin Shirt Factory and later in the cafeteria of Stephen Decatur High School both in Berlin. She also served, after her initial retirement, as a substitute cafeteria worker at all of the public schools in Worcester County.

Along with her husband she is survived by two brothers, George Brown and Thomas Brown, both of Delmar; four sisters-in-law, Anna Cortese, Kathleen Pruitt, Marylan Shockley, Achsa Jarman and her husband James; brothers-in-law, Franklin Jones and his wife Paula, Richard Jones and his wife Peggy; and numerous nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her beloved dog, Angel.

A graveside service was held on Feb. 8 at Sunset Memorial Park in Berlin. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Taylorville United Methodist Church or the Taylorville Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Norma Haines, 11135 Grays Corner Rd., Berlin, MD 21811. Arrangements are being handled by the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

Invest in Your Community...



DAR Junior American Citizens contest winners

POCOMOKE CITY – The General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently sponsored a Junior American Citizens (JAC) Contest at area schools.

Students could compete as individuals in the poster, stamp design, photographic essay, poem, and short story categories. Only groups of three or more students could compete in the banner category. Winners are chosen by category and grade level.

The theme for this year's contest was "Preserving America's Past." Nineteen winners were selected from the 208 entries received and their entries have advanced to the state level.

In the Poster category, Chapter winners included Tyler Springfield, Grade 6, and Maria Gonzalez-Lopez, Grade 8, from Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School; Ashayla Handy, Grade 7, from Snow Hill Middle School; and Elinor Brown, Grade 11, from Worcester Preparatory School. Stamp Design winners were Morgan Carlson, Grade 2, Lindsay Gabbard, Grade 3, Brooke Cullen, Grade 5 and Maggie Allison, Grade 8, from Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School; and Alexandra

Harrison, Grade 7, from Snow Hill Middle School.

The Photographic Essay category winner was Katie Hambrick, Grade 7, from Snow Hill Middle. Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School students Tyler Springfield, Grade 6, Amy Jackson, Grade 7, and Grace Riley, Grade 8, as well as Stephen Decatur High School student William Wangel, Grade 10, took honors in the Poem category.

Short Story winners were Jackson Wingert, Grade 6, and Michelle Curtis, Grade 8, from Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School.

Banner winners included the Grade 6 group of Holly Adelhardt, Allie Burton and Angela Aleman, and the Grade 8 group of Grace Riley, Michelle Curtis and Tabby Hayes from Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School and the Grade 7 group of Rachel Eure, Madeline Goddard and Alexie Velez from Snow Hill Middle School.

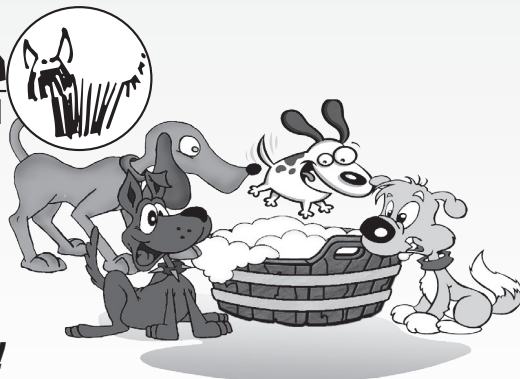
The DAR is a women's service organization and the objective of this contest to instill good citizenship in the youth of all races, creeds, and economic backgrounds.

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TONY RUSSO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Berlin residents Brennan, Brooks, Kim and John Holloway at home with their newest family member Sandy, an island mutt John and Kim rescued while on vacation in the British Virgin Islands.

Every dog has its day

Area couple rescues stray from Virgin Islands

BY TONY RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – Neither their friends, their kids or even John and Kim Holloway themselves would classify the couple as souvenir hunters or dog people for that matter. So the fact that the couple moved heaven and earth to fly a stray mutt in from Jost Van Dyke, in the British Virgin Islands, to their home here was a surprise to everyone who wasn't on the island with them.

To be fair, though, it's not that the Holloways didn't want a dog or that their kids hadn't been applying the let's-get-a-dog pressure kids tend to apply. The obstacle to getting a dog was simply that no one could agree upon the acceptable size, breed or gender of a possible family dog so the issue remained in limbo. Sandy changed all that.

Early on in their vacation, the Holloways saw Sandy frolicking with a couple along the beach. Sandy attached herself to them not long after and John returned the dog to the people he'd assumed were her owners.

"They told me she wasn't their dog, that she was a stray who was just following them around," he said. "So we let her follow us around for awhile."

The Holloways had rented a house with a few other couples — the doorless, windowless kind common to the islands

— so when Sandy decided to take up residence with them, there was both nothing they could or cared to do about it.

Sandy would accompany them around the beach, swim with them in the ocean and sleep either in the house or on the porch as she pleased when the group finally called it a day.

As they bonded with the dog the Holloways noticed an odd vibe coming from the locals and it manifested itself when the landlord dropped by to let the vacationers know he had it in for Sandy and would happily get rid of it for them. As the Holloways tell it, it sounds like the turning point in some bizarre thriller where all of a sudden the locals are revealed to be almost cultish dog-haters.

This is probably not that far from the truth. The island of Jost Van Dyke — and as they tell it the British Virgin Islands more generally — has a bit of a dog problem. Strays beg and steal at all of the local eateries, the villas and pretty much wherever people congregate.

For the year or so since her birth Sandy has latched onto a different couple every week acting the part of rent-a-dog to survive. She's weathered two hurricanes that have hit the island and likely numerous attacks from the human population by being visible only when it is safe to be so.

John and a friend were sitting at a table at Ivan's, a famous island bar. Sandy was sitting at their feet under the table when

the owner noticed the dog, picked up a softball-sized rock and threw it at her. He told everyone at the table the dog wasn't welcome. Ivan gave them the impression that once the dogs started coming around they'd never leave.

As if to drive home the point, he was waiting outside of the bar, John said, with a broom and smacked the dog with the aim of driving it away for good.

John and Kim each have a number of stories that go just like this. They were hassled by the police, by shopkeepers of all sorts and even by random locals. And this was less than halfway through the couple's vacation.

Once this disdain was revealed the vacationers decided as a group that they wouldn't be leaving the island without Sandy, the only question was who'd bring her home. The problem was that there were nearly as many obstacles to flying Sandy home as there were to keeping her around on the island.

Kenille Davies is John's mother as well as the executive director of the Worcester County Humane Society. She provided logistical support, telling the couple the right questions to ask and routes to take to ensure her son's successful, if brief foray into the dog importing business.

There is only one veterinarian in the British Virgin Islands and the Holloways took the 40 minute ferry ride to see him,

Richard Marx to perform at Springfest

OCEAN CITY, MD – Tickets will go on sale Friday for Richard Marx, who takes the Springfest stage in Ocean City at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 7.

For over 20 years, Richard Marx has consistently made his mark on the music industry. His self-titled debut album included hits like "Don't Mean Nothing" and "Should Have Known Better." It went on to sell 3 million copies. His 1989 follow-up album, "Repeat Offender," became even more successful, selling over 7 million copies worldwide. From 1987 to 1990, he became the first male solo artist in history to have his first seven singles reach the top five on Billboard's singles chart, including the #1 hits "Hold On to the Nights," "Satisfied" and the worldwide classic, "Right Here Waiting." This feat remains unchallenged.

Tickets will be sold at the Ocean City Convention Center Box Office on 40th St. in Ocean City beginning at 8 a.m. Friday. Box office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets will also be available at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 800-551-7328. Ticket prices are from \$20 to \$40.

Joining Richard Marx at this year's line-up of headline performers at Springfest will be country music legend George Jones who will perform on Friday, May 6.

Springfest will take place May 5-8 at the Inlet Lot presenting four days of live entertainment, unique arts and crafts and delicious food. Admission to the festival is free. For more information, visit www.ococean.com or call 410-250-0125.

Arts Council's scholarship available

BERLIN – Worcester County Arts Council's Student Scholarship award program is under way. The Arts Council is offering art scholarships to graduating seniors who are Worcester County residents interested in pursuing academic careers in the arts.

Graduating seniors, who will major in the visual, performing, music or media arts, are also encouraged to apply. Previous scholarship winners may re-apply provided they continue to meet the eligibility requirement.

This is a merit scholarship and award decisions are based on evaluation of artistic talent, dedication and potential, not financial need. Applicants are judged on their visual, dramatic, creative writing, or musical presentations submitted in DVD or CD formats.

Applications must be received by 2 p.m. March 15, at the Worcester County Arts Council, 6 Jefferson St., Berlin.



THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

'80s QUEENS — Residents Marla Robertson, Heidi Vanderhook, and Michele Jacinto came out to the Steer Inn on Saturday night dressed up for the '80s party fundraiser in support of Kathy Denk for Mardi Gras queen.



THOMAS MELVILLE/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Laurel Davis, Joe Wilson, and Sue Singh have fun at the Steer Inn.



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Suzanne Arrington and Lorie Crisanti in costume for the '80s party.

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UMES Gala celebrity line-up adds four more stars

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

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

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

ment and event coordinator.

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

His latest efforts are behind the cam-

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

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

In comedic roles, he also appeared

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

On stage, Grier was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Featured Actor in a Musical and won the Theatre World Award for “The First.” In the Broadway musical “Dreamgirls,” Grier portrayed James “Thunder” Early.

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

Daly, an outspoken feminist on and off the screen, is best known for portraying the gutsy detective, Mary Beth Lacy, in the TV series “Cagney and Lacey.” She and her co-star Sharon Gless won the Emmy Award for Best Lead Actress in a Drama for six straight years – a record unmatched in any major category by a television show.

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

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

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

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Dog

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get Sandy’s shots and have her extradition approved. In an odyssey filled with unfortunate events and islander derision they caught one break — the islands are rabies free which meant that Sandy wouldn’t be subjected to the six-month quarantine generally require for bringing dogs into the United States.

John was forced to switch to an airline that would allow dogs in the cargo hold — leaving the U.S. as a non-pet owner it hadn’t occurred to him to check his originating airline’s pet policy — but successfully, if at significant expense, was able to get Sandy stateside.

Back at home the Holloway boys, Brooks and Brennan, got a way better answer than they expected to the question, “What did you bring us?”

For her part, Sandy endured the trip and has been a model pet. She’s housebroken and doing well on dog food, a delicacy she’d not experienced before. Among the Holloways’ most satisfying discovery is that Sandy enjoys the snow as much as the sand so has integrated to her new climate as well as her new home.

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SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

SITTIN' ON THE DOCK OF THE BAY — Berlin resident Mary Miller recently got this shot of a bald eagle perched on a dock near River Run Lane. Apparently, the eagle has been spotted flying around this area for a while.



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SNAP SHOTS



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

NEW AUXILIARY OFFICERS — Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary swears in 2011 officers during the Auxiliary annual membership meeting held in December at the Ocean Pines Library. Left to right; Betty Franke, incoming president; Sharon Fosler, president elect for MAHA (Maryland Association of Hospital Auxiliaries); Andrea Watkins, incoming vice president; Jane Bartolomeo, incoming recording secretary; Jane Wolnik, incoming treasurer; Terre Thompson, incoming corresponding secretary.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

GUEST SPEAKER — Kathy Fisher, vice president of Worcester County Historical Society and local historian, was the guest speaker at the General Levin Winder Chapter, NSDAR meeting. Fisher provided insight into the history (and mystery) surrounding the Old Iron Furnace in Snow Hill. From left Pat Arata, Regent; Kathy Fisher, Kitt Matthews.



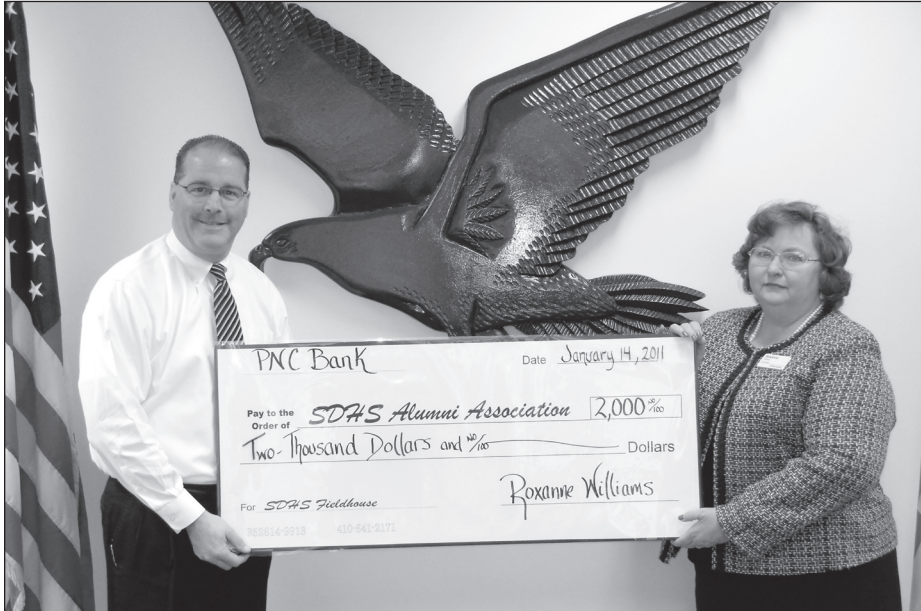
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POPLAR HILL MANSION FUND — The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (CFES) disbursed \$20,000 from the Friends of the Poplar Hill Mansion Fund to complete the historic painting project in the downstairs interior. Pictured (back row) are: Steve Bassford, Treasurer, Friends of the Poplar Hill Mansion Board of Directors; Louise Nock, Anne Lampert, Dean Davis, and Jessie Cocci, Recording Secretary, Friends of the Poplar Hill Mansion Board of Directors; (l to r front row) are: Spicer Bell, President, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore; Rita Tiso, Cindy Feist, Tutie Foskey, Aleta Davis, Chair; and Jane Dibbern, Friends of the Poplar Hill Mansion Board of Directors.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

DAR WORKSHOP — General Levin Winder Chapter, NSDAR, members attended the annual workshop designed to assist DAR prospective members in completing applications and to assist current members with further genealogical research. Held in Federalsburg, MD the workshop is open to Eastern Shore women interested in Daughters of the American Revolution. From left Pat Arata, Sue Mallory, Sallie Smith, Jane Bunting (back).



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

PNC BANK DONATION — A \$2,000 leadership gift has been made by PNC Bank as part of an ongoing commitment 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 RoxAnne Williams, Berlin branch manager for PNC Bank.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

WII BOWLING BANQUET — The Tidewater Center for Wellness had it's annual Wii bowling banquet at their facility on Thursday, Jan. 27 in Berlin. Out of seven teams, the winners were the "Deja Blue" team.

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Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Support and information for those affected by Celiac disease. 410-603-0210 for more information.

SURVIVE A CRISIS

Coastal Hospice, Berlin, MD, 10441 Racetrack Rd. 11 a.m. Coastal Hospice Bereavement Counselor Elmer Davis presenting topics on support services and coping with grief. 410-726-2583

AARP MEETING

The Ocean City chapter will meet at Northside Park, 9:30 a.m. Shawn Schoolcraft, Director of Community Relations for the Delmarva Shorebirds will be the guest speaker.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Dinner at the Shark restaurant in West OC, 5:30 p.m. Carpool leaving Ocean Pines library 5 p.m. 410-208-4682 for more info.

Friday, Feb. 11

ART STROLL

Berlin's 2nd Friday. Galleries and shops feature local artist's work. Shops open late. Music in the streets. Stroll through the town and meet the artists. 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 12

TYASKIN IN PHOTOS

Edward H. Nabb Research Center, Salisbury University, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring author Barbara Marhoefer who will sign copies of her new book "Tyaskin, Maryland, In Photos and Documents". 410-543-6321 for info.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Kiwanis Annual Winter Pancake Breakfast will take place from 7-11 a.m. in the Ocean Pines Community Center. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased from any Kiwanis member or at the door.

MARDI GRAS PARTY

The Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion's Mardi Gras Party will be from 6-9 p.m. Entertainment will be Jheno Connection, a New Orleans group. Mardi Gras masks, beads and trivia games are included in the price. Wear your wildest, most colorful Carnival costume for even more fun. Info: Nancy Marasco at 410-749-1776.

BALLET THEATRE

Mar-Va Theatre, 'Romeo and Juliet', presented by Ballet Theater of Maryland, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. shows. \$5 per person. Tickets may be purchased at all County Libraries.

VALENTINE SOIREE

Supporting the Cancer Support Community, The Guerrieri Center. Black tie optional event, hosted by Pat & Ed Wilgus in their home overlooking the Wicomico River. Food, open bar, live and silent auctions, music. Tickets \$100 per person. Call 410-546-1200.

WINE TASTING

Costa Ventosa Winery, benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters, 9031 Whaleyville Rd., Whaleyville. \$75 per couple, \$40 individual. Silent auction, light hors d'oeuvres. 410-543-2447.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Night at the movies, featuring 'Calendar Girls'. Ocean Pines Library. Social hour 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Movie 7:30 p.m.

INDOOR YARD SALE

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, \$15 per table rental. Box lunches and baked goods. Proceeds to benefit the Athletic Department.

Sunday, Feb. 13

LANTERN TOUR

Delaware Seashore State Park, 7 p.m. The crew of the Life-Saving Station will conduct an evening tour of the museum and stroll of the beach. \$10 per person. 302-227-6991 for more information.

SAILOR'S VALENTINE

Delaware Seashore State Park. Create a sailor's valentine craft, 10 a.m. to noon. Parks staff will supply wooden boxes, craft supplies, shells and basic instruction. \$15 covers materials and instruction. Space is limited, pre-register by calling 302-227-6991.

ANIMAL COUPLES AT THE ZOO

Salisbury Zoo, keeper presentation showcasing Red Wolves and Bald Eagle with a craft activity for all ages. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Coffee and hot cocoa. Free – donations welcome. 410-546-3440.

ART RECEPTION

The Buttery, Lewes, DE. Exhibit of selected oils, water colors and pastels, runs through March 27. Opening reception Feb. 13th, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Meet the artist, Joan Gaffney. For more information, 302-645-6826.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Brunch, Yacht Club Ocean Pines, 11:30 a.m. Call Lucia 410-641-5639 for more info.

Monday, Feb. 14

CARD PARTY

Women's Club of Ocean Pines, Marina Deck Restaurant, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fundraiser to benefit scholarship program. \$20 per person. Reservations, 410-208-2569.

M.U.S.H.E. LUNCHEON

Blue Dog Café, Snow Hill, noon to 2 p.m. Men Uttering Sentiments of Heartfelt Emotion to their significant others. \$15 per person. Proceeds go to the Cricket Center.

CAMERA CLUB MEETING

Ocean Pine Library, Ocean Pines, 7 p.m. Speaker: Irv Yealldhall, 'Making Photography Collages'. For more info: 410-208-2555.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Monthly lunch meeting. The

Woodlands, Ocean Pines. Lunch 1 p.m., meeting 2:15 p.m. Carpool leaving Ocean Pines Library 12:45 p.m. Contact Andy, 410-726-8451.

WOODCARVING CLUB

Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, Salisbury University. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Carvers of all skill levels welcome. Free, participants must be members of the museum. For more information 410-742-4988 ext. 110.

MARDI GRAS BINGO

The Women's Club of Ocean Pines will be hosting a Mardi Gras party with cash bingo game at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Doors will open at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance – call 410-208-0124 or 410-641-6218. Proceeds will benefit scholarships and community organizations.

PHOTO EXHIBIT

Edward H. Nabb Research Center, Salisbury University. The Eastern Shore Through the Eye of the Photographer. Show opens February 15 and runs through June 30. The Eastern Shore, by Orlando Wootten. Features images not previously shown. Free. 410-543-6312 for more information.

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Worcester County Commission for Women will meet at the Snow Hill Library, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Volunteers needed to short-term assignments and event planning. 410-208-2569.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

QUILTERS

General meeting, Ocean Pines Community Center, 12:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 18

INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Bishopville Fire Department Auxilliary. \$15 for a table. Refreshments available. 443-235-2926 to reserve a table.

MARLIN UNVEILED

Ocean City Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 2:30 p.m. The Maryland State record Blue Marlin of 1,062 lbs. reeled in during the 2009 White Marlin Open by Bob Farms of Charlotte, NC will be unveiled as a permanent display.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Berlin Library, Main St., Berlin. 'The Red Tent' by Anita Diamont. 1 p.m. 410-641-0650.

SNOOPY THE MUSICAL

Wor-Wic Community College, Guerrieri Hall, SU. Based on the "Peanuts" comic strip. Friday & Saturday 8 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. 410-546-0099.

Saturday, Feb. 19

SPAGHETTI DINNER

American Legion Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, Noon to 5 p.m. To benefit Boy Scout Troop #261. Spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad and garlic bread. \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. For tickets, 410-289-3166 or 443-856-9985.

FAMILY GAME DAY

Worcester County Library, Ocean City branch, 1 p.m. Fun for the entire family. Play one of the library's games or bring one of your own.

MARDI GRAS EVENT

Family Style Dinner, Ocean Pines Rec Center. \$10 adults, \$5 children. Face painting, bead hunt for children, auction. 443-669-5032 for more info.

ZOO WORKSHOP

Salisbury Zoo, family workshop for children 10 and under. Discussion, live animal presentations and hands-on activity. Wolves will be the topic this session. \$6 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 410-546-3440 for more information.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

New Hope United Methodist Church, Willards. \$11 per person, carry-outs available. For more information, 410-543-8244 or 443-614-6285.

Sunday, Feb. 20

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Granville Trimper Pancake Breakfast, American Grill, 16th Street and boardwalk, Ocean City, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$7 per person, children 5 and under free. Open to the public.

BIRD CLUB FIELD TRIP

The Tri-county Bird Club field trip to Rumbly, Frenchtown and Fairmount in Somerset County searching for wintering waterfowl. Participants should meet at the Ward Museum parking lot in Salisbury at 1 p.m. Dress warmly, bring snacks and drinks. 410-603-7615.

Monday, Feb. 21

UMES OPEN HOUSE

University of Maryland Eastern Shore, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn about admission requirements, financial aid and housing; meet academic advisors and tour the campus. 410-651-8403 for more information.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

REIKI

Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 6-8 p.m. Free.

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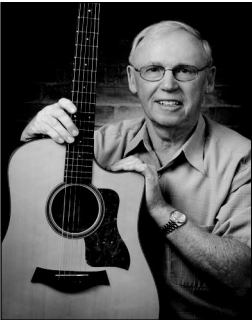
➤ BJ’S ON THE WATER
75th St. Bayside
410-524-7575
FRIDAY – Opposite Directions
SATURDAY – Chest Pains
WEDNESDAY – 2 Guys & A Mama

➤ CLARION RESORT
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410-524-3535
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FRIDAY – First Class
SATURDAY – First Class

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South Gate – Ocean Pines
410-208-2782
SATURDAY – Al Prescott
TUESDAY – Al Prescott
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THURSDAY – Al Prescott

➤ FAGER’S ISLAND
60th St. & the bay, Ocean City
410-524-5500
FRIDAY – DJ Hook
SATURDAY – Still Counting/DJ Groove
SUNDAY – Sonny Sings Sinatra
WEDNESDAY- DJ Wood

➤ GLOBE THEATRE
12 Broad St. Berlin
410-641-0784
FRIDAY – Full Circle
SATURDAY – The Jazz Guys



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11601 Coastal Hwy.
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FRIDAY – DJ Wax
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➤ GREEN TURTLE – WOC
Rt. 611
410-213-1500
FRIDAY – DJ Skip Dixon



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West Ocean City
THURSDAY – Opposite Directions
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SATURDAY - Under The Outhouse

➤ 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
Penington Commons – Rt. 589
Ocean Pines, 410-641-5590
FRIDAY – Barbara Claire on Piano
SATURDAY – Patrick McAllorum

➤ THE PALETTE
104 W. Green St. Snow Hill
410-632-0055
FRIDAY – Phil Knight

➤ SEACRETS
49th & the Bay, Ocean City
410-524-4900
THURSDAY – DJ Wax
FRIDAY – Joe Bachman & The Crew
SATURDAY – Jon Mauer/Band Showcase

➤ STEER INN
Rt. 589 – Racetrack Rd.
410-208-1900
FRIDAY – Tranzfusion
SATURDAY – Bird Dog & The Road Kings
WEDNESDAY – Hey Mick Karaoke

➤ WHISKERS BAR & GRILL
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Date	Pick 3	Pick 4	Pick 3	Pick 4	Bonus Match 5	Bonus	
01/30/11	363	8739	641	7183	10.11.16.19.33	21	
01/31/11	968	2655	207	7787	05.10.21.36.39	06	
02/01/11	677	0117	330	3907	07.20.27.36.39	14	
02/02/11	785	0166	414	7655	04.14.18.29.39	25	
02/03/11	829	2703	242	6304	05.17.28.29.34	16	
02/04/11	968	5919	559	6928	02.13.16.26.38	09	
02/05/11	051	5930	770	4915	05.17.19.23.32	31	

Date	MULTI-MATCH
01/31/11	01 24 29 34 37 43
02/03/11	03 07 11 23 24 29

Date	Powerball	Bonus	POWERPLAY
02/02/11	03 14 33 53 57	36	4
02/05/11	15 37 41 56 59	05	5

Date	Mega Millions	Bonus	Megaplier
02/01/11	16 22 23 26 35	31	4
02/04/11	06 20 29 48 55	06	4

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SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

PENGUINS — Third grade students at Showell Elementary School learned about different types of penguins, while reading the story Mr. Popper's Penguins in enrichment class.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

OATH OF OFFICE — From left: Board of Education President Robert G. Hulburt (District 6), Vice President Robert A. Rothermel, Jr. (District 7), Donnie L. Shockley (District 4), and J. Douglas Dryden (District 1) recited the Oath of Office on Jan. 18, officially commencing their next four-year term on the Worcester County Board of Education. The oath was administered by Worcester County's Clerk of Courts, Stephen V. Hales.



SUBMITTED/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

GENEROUS WCPS EMPLOYEES — Employees from the Central Office, Adult Education, and all 14 schools in the Worcester County Public School (WCPS) System participated in the United Way/Community Health Charities fund drive to benefit Worcester County citizens in need. All schools and departments met or exceeded their 2011 goals, collectively exceeding the school system's goal by 235 percent, donating \$47,061.

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BAYSIDE

A culinary 'Super Bowl' winner: oysters with citrus sorbet

I don't exactly 'have' a football team, but I sure do like acting as if I did. You see, I grew up a Redskins fan (which gives me



By Paul Suplee,
CEC, PC III

one more thing to work out for the rest of my life) and I lived in downtown and uptown Baltimore for eight years.

Mired in conflict, I try to root for the Skins and the Ratbirds every season, but I just can't bring myself to vow a stern allegiance to either. I simply can't take either team too seriously.

As such, I revel in the devout loyalty of many fans, some even tattooing their team logos and players' faces all over the body. More power to them I say.

During the postseason I am amazed at the trash talking, and then at the fall of a given team's rise to seasonal power, the imminent silence as though the fans had just lost a loved one is deafening. In shock, the zealous minions stumble around wondering where the bomb came from.

No, I take great pride in having no team and in messing with peoples' minds. When the Steelers were in the Super Bowl, I wore a Steelers jersey at school.

"But I thought you hated the Steelers..." the students pondered. Well, I don't exactly 'hate' them but they are definitely not my team. It's just that I have coworkers who deeply despise them, so it gets under their skin.

When the Packers won, people wondered why I was so pleased. It was just a good game and a good team won fairly. That's how I watch football and I am calm in mind knowing that I have so much opportunity to confuse and irritate others as they argue for the indefatigability of their team.

I like to think that I'm just rooting for the sport and for the athletic prowess of the players.

Similarly, people often ask me two kitchen-related questions: Who is my favorite chef? And what is my specialty?



Many people seem to get perturbed when I say 'can't answer' and 'don't have one,' respectively. Without a specialty, they think, I must be a rudderless ship floating in a sea of food.

Alas, this is nary the case as I explain to the inquisitive individual that as a working chef, my 'specialties' were to be found in all facets of the kitchen. I guess if you could count washing pots and pans as a specialty, then I could list that in my top ten.

Under great pressure, I would have to say sauces would rank up in my list of specialties, but to say that I'm a saucier would be a misnomer. There is simply too much that I don't know and that's why I read, write, explore and experiment; it's all in the name of science.

To answer the former question out of sequence, if I had to pick one chef as my 'favorite' it would be Thomas Keller. Here's

a chef who never set foot in a culinary classroom in his life, apprenticed the old-fashioned way, and is now the regular culinary 'Super Bowl' winner every year with award winning restaurants in very different genres in the business. Honestly, though, there are many modern chefs who are accomplishing the same, but Keller has been a constant champion throughout it all.

As I write this, I try to figure out if I really do have a specialty. In the modern American kitchen, most chefs don't have the luxury of hiring a poissonier (fish cook), saucier (sauce cook), chef de patisserie (pastry chef), garde manger (cold kitchen cook) et al. He or she has to understand the basics of all of these capacities and hire and train their staff to work across the various competencies.

And so we have the modern

line cook; if trained properly, well-versed in all aspects of the kitchen. Untrained, they are unfairly fed to the wolves to battle through the rough nights that are a norm in the business.

Not being locked to a specialty, I can study endlessly and absorb the knowledge and works of others, and I can be amazed at the 'clutch plays' that often occur in the business.

Recently, while working in Alexandria at a private club, one of the sous chefs made a small plate that was so simple and yet so amazing, it grounded me. It is these moments that make me truly enjoy the business.

I rethink my role in the business and gratefully admit that even the smallest technique, assimilated into my repertoire, could be key in leading me to the championship some day.

OYSTERS WITH CITRUS SORBET
per person
4 oysters, shucked

- 4 dabs Sriracha Sauce
- 1 tsp. Citrus sorbet
- 1. Divide the oysters onto plates according to your manner of service. For example, if you are serving an amuse bouche such as pictured above, simply serve one per small plate
- 2. Scoop sorbet and place on top of the oyster.
- 3. Put a small dab of Sriracha on the shell and you're done. Serve and eat quickly so the sorbet doesn't melt

CITRUS SORBET

Simple Syrup
Citrus Juice (tangerine, grapefruit, lemon, yuzu)

- 1. Combine simple syrup and juice until you have a strongly flavored liquid. This is to taste, but remember that cold food loses flavor so it must be strong at this point
- 2. Using an ice cream maker, freeze according to manufacturers instructions.

Paul G. Suplee is a certified executive chef and ProChef certified Level-3. He is a writer and culinary instructor. His ePortfolio can be found at www.heartofakitchen.com.

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