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## Former paramedic sues Berlin Fire Co.

### Federal court complaint alleges harassment aimed to force his resignation

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN—A former paramedic and volunteer fireman on Aug. 27 filed a civil rights lawsuit in excess of \$8 million against the Berlin Volunteer Fire Company and several of its current and former leaders for their alleged roles in a campaign of sexual orientation-based harassment and intimidation.

Attorney James Otway, of the Salisbury firm Otway, Russo & Rommel, filed the lawsuit on Tuesday in the U.S. District Court of Maryland on behalf of Zachary Tyndall, of Berlin. In the lawsuit, Tyndall names the fire company, its president, David Fitzgerald, current employee and former emergency medical service supervisor Norris Phillip Donohue Sr., volunteer fireman and Assistant Chief Derek Simpson and volunteer fireman and former Chief Bryon Trimble.

Tyndall accused the group of having discriminated against him because of what he described as their misguided belief that he was homosexual. He also charged that he was denied promotion because of their perceptions.

In petitioning for a jury trial, the lawsuit contends that the harassment launched to force him to resign from the company was "extreme and outrageous and beyond the bounds of decency. It was intentional, malicious, willful and done after repeated re-

quests for cessation with the specific intent to injure," he said.

Tyndall is asking for \$2 million in compensatory damages and \$6 million in punitive damages, along with legal costs and other expenses. He is seeking compensation for violations of his civil rights under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, for lost past and future wages, impairment of earning capacity, emotional distress, humiliation and past and future medical expenses and seeking punitive damages from the individuals for their alleged "willful, wanton, oppressive and malicious conduct."

Earlier this year, Tyndall had also filed a complaint with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. In a June 20 notice, EEOC officials said it had closed the case file because it was unable to conclude that violations of federal statutes occurred.

The notice of dismissal, however, allowed Tyndall to proceed with his lawsuit by granting him a 90-day window to sue under Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, in either federal or state court. It also allowed him to pursue up to three years of back pay.

In his charges, Tyndall said he joined the fire company as a 14-year-old cadet and became a volunteer firefighter as soon as he was eligible at age 18. He was hired as a full-time emergency medical technician in 2008, he said. He also said that he came from a family with a history of volunteer serv-

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# Development could bring apartments, stores to Seahawk Road

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Plans are underway to develop land adjacent to the former Harley-Davidson building on Seahawk Road across from Stephen Decatur Middle School into a mixed use property that could include an anchor retail chain store and a 900-unit workforce housing complex, Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said.

The property has more than adequate land for what is being proposed and would be developed in phases, Williams said. The developer is Rinnier Develop-

ment Company, a full service commercial real estate company located in Salisbury.

Initial plans are to construct apartments in the back parcel of the property with commercial business in the front, Williams said. The developer presented a proposal to the Worcester County Board of Education during its July 16 meeting.

Barbara Witherow, coordinator of public relations and special programs, said in a statement, "The board monitoring the development plan and at this juncture our school system is confident that the developer is focused on avoiding any negative safety impacts. We have as-

surances that all of the board's concerns are being addressed."

Among those concerns were expected traffic flow and ensuring that the potential businesses that might lease space in the development would be appropriate for a school zone.

Worcester County Zoning Administrator Jennifer Burke said on Aug. 27 no formal site plan has been filed with her office for the property. Part of the land is zoned as commercial and agricultural through the county while another portion is zoned agricultural, she said.

To be developed commercially, the

property would require town water and sewer access, which would require that it be annexed into the town to have those services provided, Burke said.

The land, mostly undeveloped, would have to meet Berlin's new storm water management requirements, Williams said. But, he added, "If the demand is there they should be able to meet those requirements."

He said the solicitation for anchor stores will determine how much interest there is in the area. There is more than adequate demand for affordable work-

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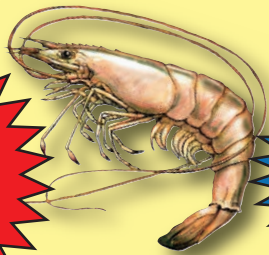
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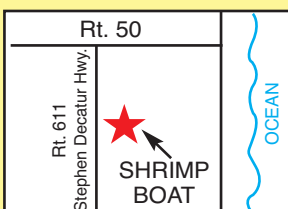
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# Main Street logo bags to fund holiday decorations available

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN—Illustrating yet again that it's never too early to get a head start on holiday planning, Berlin Main Street has begun sales to raise funds for the downtown business district's Victorian Christmas display.

In addition to its popular keepsake ornaments, the merchant group will also sell canvas tote bags emblazoned with an illustration and the Main Street logo this year.

Helen Wiley, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church's The Church Mouse Thrift Shop, said on Aug. 27 the tote bag fundraiser started earlier this summer as a project of the Main Street Design Committee. The money raised will help pay for trees, wreaths, lights and pretty much all of the decorations that will be used to festoon the downtown business district with holiday cheer this December. Sales of the bags and the town's official holiday ornament for 2013 will continue through the Christmas season, she said.

The sturdy tote bags with the Main Street Logo are ideal for shopping, are very sturdy and offer an environmentally

friendly alternative to plastic shopping bags, Wiley said. They can be purchased at Baked Dessert Café & Gallery at 4C Bay St., the Berlin Coffee House at 17 Jefferson St., Sisters at 113 North Main St., or TaDa at 18 North Main St.

The fundraiser's organizers are planning to ramp up marketing of the bags and launch the sale of the 2013 holiday ornaments during the Fiddler's Convention Sept. 20-21, when the Berlin Chamber of Commerce said thousands of bluegrass musicians and fans from across the country will meet in Berlin. The musicians will be there to vie for cash prizes in adult and youth fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin and bluegrass band competitions.

The 2013 ornament is now being designed, Wiley said. Future plans each year are for various Downtown Berlin Stores to be featured on an ornament.

The bags sell for \$10 each and the ornaments will be available for a minimum \$15 donation. There are a limited number of the 2012 "Main Street" ornaments still available, Wiley said.

For more information, call 410-208-2818.

## Review of plans expected in fall

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force housing, he said.

Williams said he was hoping the development would be a good place for people in Worcester County who have been requesting rental properties for working individuals with modest incomes.

The front portion of the property is already in the town's comprehensive zoning plans for commercial development, he said. The back portion would need to

be annexed into the town.

If annexation is approved and the development goes forward, the plan would be to widen Seahawk Road to provide access to the residential area of the property by adding one additional lane, allowing right turn-only egress out of the community toward Route 50 and discouraging traffic from using Flower Street as a shortcut. Williams expects a review of the plans to take place in the fall.

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# Plaintiff says requests that harassment cease produce no change

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ice to the BFC and its auxiliary.

According to the document, the harassment began with Trimble repeatedly referring to Tyndall as a homosexual, a description that Tyndall insisted was inaccurate. He said Trimble's comments continued despite Tyndall's requests that he cease. He said Trimble continued the comments, including the use of pejoratives, before other members of the company, while both were at the Ocean City Fire Company, and in front of Tyndall's girlfriend.

Over time, Tyndall said, Simpson and Donohue began making similar comments. At one point in 2012, Tyndall said, during a conversation be-

tween Simpson, Tyndall and a local police officer, Simpson repeatedly referred to Tyndall as "gay." The police officer confronted Simpson about his language, according to Tyndall, who added that Simpson then attempted to justify his comments.

Tyndall said he complained to company officials about the comments, "all to no avail," as the name-calling and harassment continued and increased. Instead, he said, he was assigned demeaning tasks designed to make him quit, "such as washing their car, cleaning the latrine or picking up small pieces of trash at the firehouse."

Since as a paid EMT, Tyndall was technically an employee of the Town of Berlin, he said he related the details of

the harassment to the mayor and human resources director.

"This action only made day-to-day life at the firehouse more difficult than before. The insults, derogatory comments and other harassment increased in severity and number," he said.

Other members of the company then joined the practice of referring to him as a homosexual and, after Fitzgerald allegedly made a veiled reference to the grievance complaint he and another firefighter made to the town, called for his termination, according to the lawsuit.

The town dismissed Donohue, who has reportedly since been rehired as a direct employee of the fire company, and defunded the fire company until it provides more financial accountability to the town. In the aftermath of the town's attempts to resolve the situation, Tyndall said he found messages taped to his locker, which he construed as personal threats.

He also alleged that the ostracizing and intimidation caused anxiety that made him unable to continue his employment with the Ocean City Fire Company after it continued there, he said. He was fired from that post earlier this year.

But it was Tyndall's account of an incident that occurred last Christmas that caused the most controversy in town. He said in his suit that he was re-

sponding to a car accident at Route 818 and Route 50 on Dec. 26, 2012 and tried to help the more seriously injured victim by placing the patient on a stretcher and helping them "bag breathe" to maintain respiration.

But, Tyndall said in the suit, none of the members of the company on the scene would help him move the stretcher or load it onto the ambulance as he continued to use the bag-breathing device on the patient. It was a Berlin police officer who responded to Tyndall's request for assistance by driving the ambulance to Atlantic General Hospital, where the patient, 26-year-old Stephen Mumpower, ultimately died.

"This conduct further increased Mr. Tyndall's fear and anxiety that he could not count on any of the members of the BFC to come to his aid, to assist him on an ambulance call, in a burning building or in the presence of any danger, even in a life or death situation," the legal complaint said.

Tyndall also alleged that the continued harassment created a hostile work environment that made it impossible for him to adequately perform his responsibilities as a paramedic and fireman.

Fire company officials were solicited for comment on the accusations of the lawsuit, but have chosen not to do so at this time.

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# Worcester County students, teachers go back to school

By Clara Vaughn

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

(Aug. 30, 2013) Monday marked the start of the 2013-2014 school year for Worcester County Public School students.

A projected 6,671 students will walk the hallways of the county's 14 schools this year, 21 more students than last year, said the schools' Coordinator of Public Relations and Special Programs Barbara Witherow.

The school system hired 52 teachers to fill vacancies left by retirements or attrition, creating an eight percent turnover in the teaching staff of 675. Five schools have new principals: Buckingham Elementary School, Ocean City Elementary School, Snow Hill Elementary School, Cedar Chapel Special School and Snow Hill Middle School.

The 180-day school year is slated to end Thursday, June 12, with three days of cancelation allotted for snow and other bad weather. School will end early if the county school system does not use those three days, Witherow said.

While students spend 180 days in class, the state requires teachers to work 188 days. Professional days are days off for students, but are "full-days for teachers, packed with in-service and required activities, such as grade reporting," Witherow said. The county's public school scheduled four of those days last week before school started; one during the school year; and one at the end of each of three marking periods.

County schools have seen several major changes since last school year, from ramped up safety measures following the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting last December to the implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

Following a series of meetings with the county sheriff's office, the Board of Education, the Worcester County Commissioners and school safety committee, each of Worcester County's public schools now has an armed security deputy on campus throughout the school day.

"Their role is to be responsible for patrolling the inside of the school as well as the school campus," Witherow said. "They would be a first responder should there be a security threat."

In addition, schools' front doors have been outfitted with electronic entry systems: buzzers, cameras and speakers that let school staff control who enters the locked doors. Once inside, visitors undergo a background check before staff give them a badge and allow them into the school.

Schools with portable classrooms now have card-swiping entry systems on the doors leading from the main

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## BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAIRCUTS

Children returning to school this week in the Berlin area, ages 13 and younger, were treated to free back-to-school haircuts at the Berlin Intermediate School Sunday, compliments of Dorian Purnell, owner of D-Stinct Design barbershop, at 508 Flower Street. He was joined by fellow local barbers that provided haircuts to approximately 100 children. The back-to-school barbers, from left, are Julius Cropper, Emanuel Fletcher, Ron Shae Satchell and Dorian Purnell. The event was promoted by several churches in the Berlin area.

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# Worcester County Public Schools increase security for 2013-14

## New deputies patrolling each campus, additional cameras are installed

By Clara Vaughn

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

(Aug. 30, 2013) Worcester County Public Schools have ramped up security for the 2013-2014 school year with new security deputies patrolling each campus, additional cameras surveying schools, electronic entry systems and other safety measures.

"It offers a vital layer of protection," said the schools' Coordinator of Public Relations and Special Programs Barbara Witherow, a member of the schools' Safety Committee. "When students feel safe and when teachers feel safe, they can focus fully on teaching

and learning."

Discussions on propping up school safety started immediately in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting last December, when 20-year-old Adam Lanza shot 26 people and himself at the school.

Over the course of the spring, school, law enforcement and government officials convened to determine what steps would be taken. The result: each of the county's 14 public schools now has an armed security deputy on campus throughout the school day — a total of 13 deputies since Snow Hill Middle School and the Cedar Chapel Special School share a campus and one officer will cater to both schools.

The cost of the additional deputies, 11 of which are part-time, is estimated to be \$594,225.80 this year because of training expense and is projected to

drop to \$486,611.30 next year.

"Out of all our security measures, I would say it's the most significant layer of security protection," Witherow said.

While the deputies are paid for through the budget for the sheriff's office, the schools budget added \$173,425 to improve security, with half reimbursed by the state through a security improvement initiative grant, Witherow said.

One change in protocol involves more frequent student safety drills on buses, for fires and in case lockdown occurs. Before, each school had its own set of codes for emergencies, but Worcester County schools have adopted a uniform code of operation to facilitate cross-campus communication, Witherow said.

"Instead of having 145 different

codes, we have a unified system of communication now," she said. Code red means that normal schedules stop and students remain in their classrooms or move to a secured area, for example.

The Worcester County Commissioners approved the school safety requests and the additional officers with the budget passed in June, Witherow said.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jerry Wilson had asked for funding for six projects totaling an estimated \$218,425, but the commissioners approved four of them.

They voted in favor of the purchase and installation of the 14 electronic buzzer entry systems at a cost of \$65,000, the purchase and installation of the card-swiping entry systems for portable classrooms at a cost of

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## County school system hires 52 teachers to fill vacancies

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building to the portable classroom area. Additional security cameras are in place and students are taking part in more safety drills, Witherow said.

In all, the measures cost an estimated \$173,425 (not including the security officers, who were hired through the sheriff's office), half of which was paid for by a State of Maryland Capital Security Improvement Initiative grant, she said.

County schools will fully implement the Common Core State Standards, a national set of benchmarks for K-12 students, this year in conjunction with curricula developed on the county level to meet those goals.

"The Common Core standards are rigorous, internationally benchmarked expectations that prepare students for college and career(s) and to compete globally," Witherow said. "With the Common Core, students will be participating in more student-directed learning, working on real-world problems (and) challenges in a dynamic, digitally-enhanced environment."

Partly to adapt to the new standards, Worcester County schools received \$200,000 this year to buy 240 new computers for students. With a technology budget increase of \$30,000, the school system also increased its broadband capacity.

"The goal is to move toward digitally enhanced classrooms and to meet the testing requirements for online assessments," Witherow said of the changes.

A renovation project for Snow Hill High School could start as early as January if it wins final approval from the county commissioners. At their August 20 Board of Education meeting, the board approved the bid package, which reduced the estimated project cost by \$1.4 million. Superintendent of Schools

Jerry Wilson and the Board of Education will seek approval from county commissioners for the bid on Sept. 3.

Worcester County Public Schools also implemented an energy efficiency program six months ago. Schools that reduce energy costs will recover some of the savings to be used for instruction materials and classroom supplies, Witherow said. So far, schools have contributed to savings of around \$100,000, she said.

Finally, the Board of Education adopted the "Worcester 2016" strategic direction plan in January, identifying school goals like ensuring academic success for students, connecting classrooms to future working environments through several pathways, promoting high-quality teaching and learning, improving resource management and forming partnerships to enhance student successes.

Leaders in the schools will be sharing the vision and goals with stakeholders throughout the school year, Witherow said.

Worcester County Public School holidays for the 2013-2014 school year are:

- Aug. 30: Schools closed
- Sept. 2: Labor Day
- Oct. 18: Maryland State Education Association Convention
- Nov. 4-5: Professional days
- Nov. 27-29: Thanksgiving break
- Dec. 23- Jan. 3: Winter break
- Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 23: High school exams, half-day for high school students
- Jan. 24: Half-day
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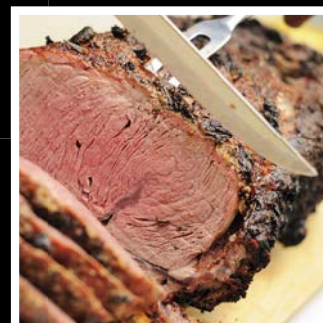
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## Electronic entry systems included in safety measures

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\$63,000, the purchase and installation of additional security cameras at a cost of \$25,000 and the purchase and installation of the visitor identification systems that produce photo badges and provide sex offender background checks at a cost of \$20,425 for the first year and \$5,000 for each year following.

The commissioners did not approve two items the schools requested: the proposed purchase and installation of six over-sized flowerpots or bollards to be placed outside schools to thwart vehicles from driving through the main entrance doors, an estimated cost of \$20,000; and the purchase and installation of blinds or tinting on some windows that offer a clear view into a classroom from neighboring parking lots and roads, an estimated cost of \$25,000.

Some opposed the new measures, however, and Commissioner Louise Gulyas cast the sole vote against them. She had received calls from parents who felt uncomfortable with having armed guards in the schools, she said.

"It's like we're raising our children in a prison," she said at an April meeting.

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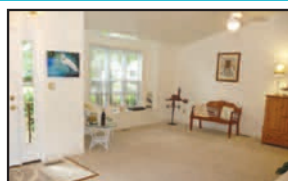
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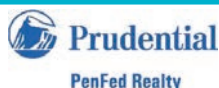
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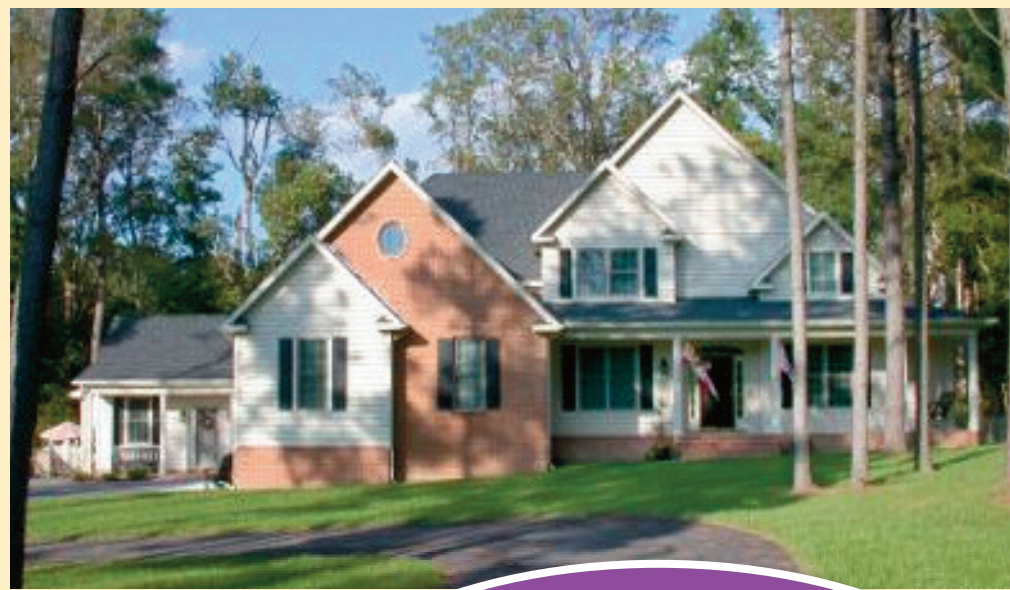


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# Berlin planning director begins new job this wk.

## David Engelhart takes over for Chuck Ward

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

BERLIN—The new town planning director hit the ground running on Aug. 26.

David H. Engelhart acclimated to his new office where he and Permit Coordinator Carolyn Duffy spent the day catching up with permit applications for fence and utility sheds and talking with other department officials who needed to sign off on the various applications.

Engelhart said he was trying to catch up on paperwork by time the town's new administrator, Laura Allen, starts when officials return after Labor Day.

Mayor Gee Williams announced Engelhart's hiring on a July 23. The planning director was a real estate appraiser for Accomack County, Va.'s Department of Assessment and zoning administrator for the Town of Onley, Va.

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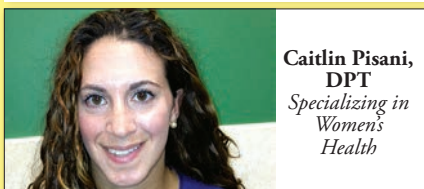
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## Engelhart spends first day of new job getting acclimated

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porting regularly to the Town Administrator on the status of these boards.

He is preparing for his first meeting with the HDC on Sept. 4., when the commission is scheduled to discuss an application to extend a breakfast nook and adding a garage to a residence on South Main Street, and to review signage for the upcoming nautical-themed boutique Sea-La-Vie, slated to open at 111 Artisans Way in September. The location is the site of the former Whimsical Cottage of Berlin.

During a public hearing in July, the council voted unanimously to approve specifications for wooden sandwich board signs that directed that their maximum size be two feet wide by three feet high and that when extended, the hinged a-frame signs cannot expand beyond two feet at their base.

The ordinance also clarified that businesses would be allowed one sign, but gave business owners the flexibility to design the signs as they deem appropriate. It designated the Berlin Planning Director as the official to review requests for proposed signs.

The Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled to meet Sept. 11 to review a proposal to construct a demolish the existing warehouse for South Moon Under and construct a new one on Franklin Av-



SHEILA R. CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

David Engelhart begins his new job as Berlin's planning director this week. He replaces Chuck Ward.

enue, a proposal to subdivide the property on 122 Branch Street into two parcels, and a proposed boundary line adjustment between a residence at 523 South Main St. and a commercial building at 525 South Main St., where the Boomer's Restaurant used be located.

Engelhart replaced previous Planning and Zoning Director Chuck Ward, who resigned from the position in May.

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## WAITING FOR WATERMAN'S

The reconstruction of Waterman's Seafood Company in West Ocean City is nearly complete. The restaurant was destroyed by fire Oct. 5, 2012.

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## FINANCE

### Key retirement planning tax traps to avoid discussed

One of the most important goals of investing should be maintaining financial independence in retirement. With that in mind, here are some key retirement planning tax traps to avoid.



Chip Gordy,  
MBA, CRPC

Neglecting taxable savings. Because earnings in qualified retirement plans and IRAs grow tax-deferred, it seems obvious that these plans should receive the maximum contribution allowable and perhaps even the bulk of someone's available savings. The reality is that the tax hit when withdrawing these funds in retirement often turns out to be potentially higher than many thought. Therefore, you shouldn't overlook systematically saving after-tax dollars in taxable accounts.

Placing assets in the wrong accounts. Sometimes investments are held across multiple IRAs, qualified retirement plans, and taxable accounts. In these situations, it is prudent to strike a balance between taxable and tax-deferred accounts. It makes sense to talk to a professional when deciding what to invest and in which account type.

Missing "catch up" contributions. Employees who participate in qualified retirement plans at work and are age 50 or older can contribute an additional \$5,500 in 2013 (or an extra \$1000 in an IRA).

Withdrawing income from the wrong accounts. Understanding your tax situation is important in determining from where and when to withdraw income in retirement. Although this decision requires deliberation, you should consider striking a balance between taxable and tax-deferred accounts to the extent that income generated from the tax-deferred accounts doesn't place you into a higher

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## New healthcare law to be explained during event

### McAllorum will discuss benefit choices, open enrollment eligibility

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—Love it or hate, Obamacare is scheduled to go nationwide next year and the first leg starts in October. Taking no sides, Lynne McAllorum, an independent insurance agent, will present "The Maryland Health Insurance Exchange: What you need to Know," sponsored by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 5.

McAllorum, owner of Baby Boomer Insurance of Maryland, pointed out that open enrollment for individuals begins Oct. 1 and open enrollment for small businesses begins Jan. 1, 2014. The law, officially known as the Af-

fordable Care Act, defines small business as one with 2-50 employees.

The presentation will be held at the Ocean Pines Community Center at 239 Ocean Parkway in the Assateague Room, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. It is open to the public and the cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members.

McAllorum has completed training for insurance producers that was conducted by the Maryland Health Connection (the Exchange). In September, the state will authorize those individuals to help consumers find appropriate health care coverage within the Exchange, according to McAllorum.

Her presentation will in part draw from experience gained from working with existing laws and rules to find the best situation for her clients. One benefit of using an authorized agent would be having the assistance of a professional who understands the language regarding the benefits and forms

process, she said. Nevertheless, individuals will have the option of either enrolling directly with the Exchange or through an authorized producer/agent.

"The cost will be the same either way," she said.

"My goal is to educate at the meeting," said McAllorum, who will be making the presentation as an independent agent, not as a representative of the state, she said. During the 30-45 minute presentation, she will take questions and begin explaining requirements and how the new law will work in real-life situations.

"I've done this for a long time and I just want to put it in easily understandable language," she said.

McAllorum said it was important to note that under the new healthcare law no one can be declined coverage for pre-existing health conditions or

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# Local jurisdictions receive first impact grants from casino this yr.

## FY 2013 funds used for school construction and purchase of vehicle

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

WORCESTER COUNTY—The Casino at Ocean Downs generated \$5,826,335 in gross terminal revenues from its 800 video lottery terminals in July, according to the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency. Since the state requires that 5.5 percent of VLT proceeds are paid to communities in the local area that meant a payout of \$320,448.42 in local impact grants to Worcester County and its largest municipalities for the first month of the 2014 fiscal year, which began July 1.

By law, the county would have received 60 percent of the grant expenditures (approximately \$192,269.05), Ocean City would have received 20 percent (approximately \$64,089.68), and Berlin and Ocean Pines would have received 10 percent each (approximately \$32,044.84), from the total \$320,448 grant fund amount paid in July. The grant fund revenue must be spent on infrastructure improvement; facilities; public safety; sanitation; economic and community development, including housing; or other public services or improvements.

The local impact grant funds paid by



The Casino at Ocean Downs generated \$5,826,335 in gross terminal revenues from its 800 video lottery terminals in July.

Ocean Downs in June totaled \$264,586.99. In May it totaled \$262,557.26, according to the agency. The VLT grant fund payout for fiscal year 2013 was more than \$1.6 million, it said.

In Worcester County the grant funds were used for school construction and a one-time purchase of a public safety vehicle. According to his report to the Local Development Council in 212, Phillip Thompson, the county's assistant finance officer said "In the future it is anticipated that Casino/VLT funds will be used to retire debt on the recently constructed Worcester Technical High School," which

services the entire county.

Ocean City uses its casino grant funding to help fund street repair and replacement.

In 2012, Ocean City Budget Manager Jennie Knapp told the council the city estimated it would receive \$450,000 in local impact grant funds for fiscal year 2013. The revenue would be dedicated to helping the city pay for another \$2 million in street repair projects, she said.

In Berlin, according to Mayor Gee Williams, the grant revenues have reached the point where the town could opt to pay off its debt on a six-acre parcel

of land purchased in 2010 on Route 113, between Bay Street and Tripoli streets across from Uncle Willie's gas station.

The purpose of the land purchase was to provide a location for a future public safety facility, police station and/or community center, Williams said during an Aug. 26 interview.

In a 2012 letter to the Local Development Council, which administers the grants, Williams explained "Once the land purchase is paid off the Town plans to continue using the revenues collected to construct the new Community Center and Police Station."

The anticipated annual payout was \$200,000, Williams said in the interview, so officials were "very pleased" that Berlin actually received closer to \$215,000 during 2013, he said. "We haven't decided what to do with it yet," he said, adding that the Town council had a long list of requests from the public about what other specific functions the facility would serve. Officials will likely begin discussions on how to go forward with the new facility once new Town Administrator Laura Allen arrives in town and gets settled into her new job, he indicated.

Ocean Pines Controller Art Carmine explained in an Aug. 23 interview, the Ocean Pines Association allocates its grant payout toward a road construction fund. The OPA has seen its road construction subsidy from the county curtailed.

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# Open enrollment for individuals begins Oct. 1

## McAllorum wants to educate those attending Sept. 5 meeting in Pines

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based on their height and weight. "Starting Oct. 1 no one will be asked medical questions," if they go through the Exchange that begins for an effective date of Jan. 1, 2014, she said. The age and geographic region of covered individuals will be factors, she noted.

Topics covered during the presen-

tation will include who is eligible for open enrollment; benefit choices; and how premiums and subsidies will be determined—including the self-employed. It will include information about the choices that will be available and who may qualify for a subsidy.

McAllorum said in the local geographic area there may be people, such as seasonal workers or lower income workers, who might not be eligible for Medicaid but would qualify for subsidized coverage. She said she will also list the monetary penalties the law will impose for not having coverage.

McAllorum, will also discuss the

small business open enrollment period that will begin Jan. 1, 2014, she said.

According to her biography McAllorum began her insurance career at Carefirst/Blue Cross and Blue Shield more than 30 years ago and has had her own business for 26 years. She has extensive experience in health insurance working with groups and individuals.

Baby Boomer Insurance is a division of Broker Benefit Services.

For more information or to make a reservation contact Liz Kain-Bolen at 410-641-5306 or by e-mail at [info@oceanpineschamber.org](mailto:info@oceanpineschamber.org).

## FINANCE

# Maintaining financial independence should be goal

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tax bracket. Reinvesting capital gains and dividends when current income is needed. If income is needed in retirement from either tax-deferred or taxable accounts, consider not reinvesting capital gains and dividends within mutual funds. Rather, let them sweep into a money market fund for income payout purposes. This may reduce trading costs, turnover, and potential taxes within taxable accounts. And if the assets are to be withdrawn within a relatively short time, reinvesting can expose the investments to potential volatility.

Having incorrect or no beneficiary designations. It's important to avoid a taxable distribution of IRA or qualified retirement plan assets to the owner's estate by ensuring there are individual beneficiaries listed on the accounts (if that's your intention). Having a trust serve as an unintended beneficiary of your IRA or qualified retirement plan can create a taxable event at your death and effectively negate years of tax deferral benefits for the beneficiaries.

In most cases it may make more sense to name individuals as beneficiaries. If the beneficiary of an IRA or

qualified retirement plan is the surviving spouse and that spouse properly rolls over the distribution into an IRA, the distribution will not be taxed until the surviving spouse starts distributions. The surviving spouse is not required to begin distributions until reaching age 70 and a half, unless the decedent IRA owner had already started Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs).

As with all investment and financial

strategies, it's strongly recommended that you seek outside professional and/or tax advice.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Auditions for 'Annie'

The Ocean Pines Players Youth Theater will be holding auditions for its January 2014 presentation of the musical, "Annie."

Tryouts will be held in the Assateague Room of the Ocean Pines Community Center at 5:30 p.m., Sept. 6.

Persons between the ages of 6 - 18 are invited to participate in the production and should be present at the audition, along with a parent or assigned guardian.

Those interested in a speaking role must come prepared to read out loud, and those interested in a singing role, must come prepared with music and song.

For additional information, contact the Ocean Pines Youth Theater at opyouththeater@yahoo.com.

### Singers wanted

The Worcester Chorale is seeking singers to join as it begins rehearsals for its Nov. 17 concert. The chorale will be preparing for its concert of "Thanks and Praise," which will include Joseph Martin's "Testament of Praise: A Celebration of Faith."

The Worcester Chorale is led by Director Billie Wall and is accompanied by June Todd. The Worcester Chorale rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7-

8:30 p.m. at the Atlantic United Methodist Church on 4th Street in Ocean City.

Fall rehearsals begin on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Chorale members say anyone who has been thinking about getting into a fall group should consider joining.

For further information, call 410-208-4707.

Funding for the concerts is in part provided by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

### Pocomoke Art Stroll

The Pocomoke Area Chamber of Commerce will host artist Katrina Hand's debut exhibit for the month of September.

The chamber invites the public to visit Hand and watch her work during the Sept. 20 Downtown Pocomoke Art Stroll from 5 - 7 p.m.

At 7 p.m., visitors will be able to watch the Brown Box Theatre perform a "Mid Summer Night's Dream" on the lawn next to the Pocomoke Chamber building at 6 Market Street.

Hand was born and raised in Lancaster County, Pa. and moved to the Eastern Shore in 2011. She has been creating art since she could hold a

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Sundays 11-4pm	Heron Harbour Sales Office, 120th St., Bayside	1BR/2/BR/3BR/4/BR+	Condo, Towns & SF	—	ERA Holiday/Nanette Pavier
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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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crayon and was in the art honor society at her school in her senior year.

In addition, a number of downtown businesses, as well as the Delmarva Discovery center will host artists during the event. These include Enchanted Florist, Market Street Boutique, Lusby's, A 2nd Time Around, Style Center and The Pin-cushion.

Among the artists participating will be Kefford Linton, Robin Spaulding, Jenny Somers, Jan Coulbourne, Leslie Brett, Jean Mason, Jo Ellen Ellis, Janet Baker, Charlotte Poore, John Rafter, Dee Brua and Lindsay Fuller.

### New artist

With a featured show in September, Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft & Wine will introduce Fred Sprock as a new gallery artist.

Sprock moved to Snow Hill a year ago after spending most of his life in his native Charlotte, N.C. He found the marshes and woodlands along the coastal bays as a place to pursue his love of painting.

Sprock began painting, taking oil lessons from Andy Braitman at Braitman Studio in Charlotte. His work has since evolved from tight representations to a looser, more painterly style.

Sprock's work often makes the viewer decide "Is that a house, a church, or maybe a shed in the distance?" The show opens with a reception and wine tasting from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6. Bishop's Stock is located at 202 West Green Street in Snow Hill.

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Anyone interested in volunteering should register to attend a volunteer information meeting on Monday, Sept. 3, 10-11 a.m. at Coastal Hospice at the Ocean in Ocean Pines.

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# OBITUARIES

## William Denzil Fortney

BERLIN—William Denzil Fortney, age 80, died on Wednesday Aug. 21, 2013 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. Born in Blandburg, Pa., he was the son of the late William Clyde Fortney and Esther Bates Fortney. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Josephine "Joe" Fortney, two sons; David Bryan Fortney and Patrick Lee Fortney and three grandchildren. William was preceded in death by a son, William Edward Fortney, a brother, Edward Fortney, a sister, Beverly Fortney and two half-sister's, Marjorie Thompson and Lorraine Davis.

Mr. Fortney was an Army veteran and had worked as an electrical engineer for NASA for many years. In addition he was a member of the Community Church of Ocean Pines, NARFE, the Blair County and National Horseshoe Leagues, AARP, Ocean City Sons of Italy, Ocean Pines "Pine Steppers" and the Ocean City American Legion Sinepuxent Post #166.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013 at the Community Church of Ocean Pines in Berlin. Rev. Boyd B. Etter officiated. Interment will be at the Logan Valley Cemetery in Bellwood Pa. at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20004 or the Community Church of Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, Ocean Pines, Md. 21811. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com). Arrangements are in the care of the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin.

## Ann Prince

OCEAN PINES—Ann Prince, age 75, died on Tuesday Aug. 20, 2013. Born in the Bronx, New York, she was the daughter of the late Sam Selaris and Helen Barrett Selaris. She is survived by her husband Henry Prince and sons, Ken Hansen and his wife Claire of Centreville, Va., Bob Hansen and his wife Donna of Johnstown, Pa., Brian Prince and his wife Tara of Babylon, N.Y., and

David Prince and his wife Elena of Berlin. There are eight grandchildren, four step grandchildren, one great-grandchild and two great step grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her three sisters.

Mrs. Prince had been a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and homemaker. She had been a volunteer for many years for Coastal Hospice. She was a member of the Ocean Garden Club, Ocean Pines Swim Club, and participated in the Ocean Pines Craft Fair where she will be remembered as the "Donut Lady".

A funeral service was held on Saturday Aug. 24, 2013 at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery in Berlin.

Donations may be made to Coastal

Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, Md. 21804. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com)

## Luis L. Granados, Jr.

OCEAN CITY—Luis Leon Granados, age 85, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2013 at his home in Ocean City. Born in Riverdale, Md., he was the son of the late Luis Leon Granados, Sr. and Ann Waters Granados. He married Dorothy Barron in 1952 and is survived by their two children, Luis Granados III and his wife Pat, and Elaine Stewart and her husband Rick. He was preceded in death by his second wife, Ann Horner Granados, in 2009. He is survived by his step children: John Horner and his wife Jody, Ann (Deeds) Horner and James Horner and his wife Paula. There are eleven

grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Granados had served in the United States Air Force during WWII and the Korean War. He later had worked as an Information Specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture. He had been a member of the Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative, helped establish the National Consumer Co-operative Bank, and worked with the Rural Electrification Administration. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited, the Caine Woods Association, Dunes Club, and was an author and writer. He enjoyed gardening, traveling, reading, and history.

A funeral service was held on Monday, Aug. 26, 2013 at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Cremation will follow. A private inurnment will be held on a future

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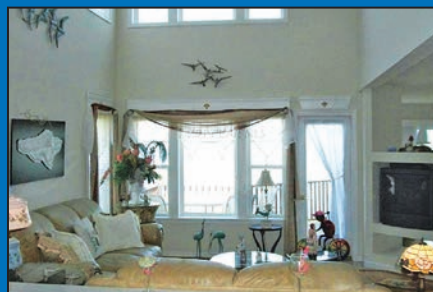
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date at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Md. A donation in his memory may be made to: North Park Association, 200 125th St. & Bay, Ocean City, Md. 21842. Letters of condolence may be sent via [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com).

## Charles W. Ulsch-Holmes

BERLIN—Charles Wayne Ulsch-Holmes, age 44, died on Aug. 6, 2013 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin.

Born in Baltimore, he was the son of Robert Leroy Holmes and Ruth Ann Lambert Holmes.

He is survived by his wife, Tayana McIntyre-Ulsch and a son Nicholas Robert Holmes. Also surviving is his brother Sean Holmes and sister Danielle Holmes.

Wayne had been a carpenter and was

a perfectionist at his trade. He had been a world champion duck pin champion at the age of 7. He loved to crab and fish, and was an avid Ravens fan.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Inurnment will be held at a later date. A donation may be made in his memory to: American Heart Association, Memorial Processing Center, 4217 Park Place Ct. Glen Allen, Va. 23060-9979. Letters of condolence may be made via [www.burbagefuneralhome.com](http://www.burbagefuneralhome.com).

## Marsha Ann Jenney

Marsha Ann (Mumford) Jenney passed away Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013, at the Cancer Treatment Center of America, Philadelphia, Pa. Marsha was born in Milford, Del., on Sept. 28, 1964, to

Marshall Mumford and the late Betty Mumford. She will be missed by her husband, Richard Jenney of Millsboro, a sister, Linda Brittingham and her husband, Gary of Millsboro. She is also survived by a stepson, John Brooks Jenney and his wife Jessica of Millsboro and a stepdaughter, Megan Jenney of Dagsboro. She will also be missed by her nephew, Jonathan Brittingham and his wife, Laura of Millsboro and their sons, Beau and Barrett.

Services were held Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013 at Watson Funeral Home, 211 S. Washington Street, Millsboro, Del. 19966. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent in Marsha's memory to Cancer Treatment Center of America, 1331 East Wyoming Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19124.

Send electronic condolences to [www.watsonfh.com](http://www.watsonfh.com)

## Bus trip to book festival scheduled for Sept. 21 in D.C.

OCEAN PINES—The Friends of the Ocean Pines Library will sponsor a bus trip to the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, Sept. 21.

The bus will leave the Ocean Pines Library at 7 a.m. and return by about 8:30 p.m. There will be a short rest stop in Easton in the morning, and a stop for fast food near Annapolis on the return trip.

The National Book Festival is held each year in September on the mall in Washington. Well-known writers speak about every 45 minutes about their writing, their lives and their latest books. There are many large tents on the mall, each with a theme like fiction, history and biography, mystery, children's literature and poetry.

Participants plan and go from tent to tent, based on which authors they want to hear. Renowned authors who will be appearing this year include Margaret Atwood, Taylor Branch, Khaled Hosseini, Barbara Kingsolver and Joyce Carol Oates.

For more information on authors that will be participating, visit [www.loc.gov/bookfest](http://www.loc.gov/bookfest). The Sunday edition of the Washington Post will also detail the program the week before the trip.

The cost for the trip is \$35 per person. Make checks payable to Friends of the Ocean Pines Library and send it with your home phone number, cell phone number and e-mail address to Jean Fry, 6 MacAfee Court, Ocean Pines, Md. 21811.

The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Participants must have a cell phone to go on this trip so the coordinator can contact them in case of a change in pickup location. Please be aware that this trip involves walking and sometimes standing to hear authors.

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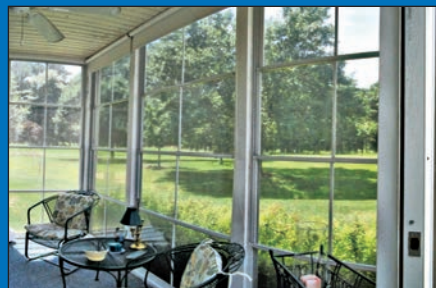


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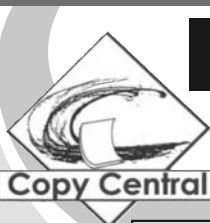
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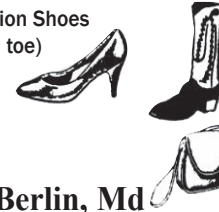
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## EDITORIAL

### Lawsuit could answer all community's questions

The lawsuit filed this week by a former Berlin Fire Company employee will now bring to full light allegations made against members of the fire company, with a federal court helping the community to decide if the rift between the town and the company warranted its defunding.

While there is no question the continued deadlock between the town council and the company needs to get resolved, making that happen without clear resolution of the allegations has made that almost impossible.

The community, to its credit, has remained mostly silent on the issue, refusing to embrace the rumor and hyperbole that ensued after the allegations were made. Certainly there has to be a concern by many that a continuation of the dispute could lead to a risk of public safety, especially after further questions were raised at an accident scene earlier this year.

The deeper issue still left to be resolved is the matter of on-going accountability. This is not unique to Berlin, but also one many communities across the country struggle with as volunteer emergency services companies are supplemented with paid public employees. Even when the business is that of savings lives, it is still like any business that accepts other people's money and must take with that accountability to those that provide those funds, both financially and in the actions of its employees.

Until the issue is settled, it is in the best interest of the community for those members of the fire company named in the lawsuit to step aside, allowing the town to consider refunding the department in a reasonable manner as the issue is put to rest once and for all.

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## COMMENTARY

### Possibly too much of a good thing

#### New immigration bill could harm the Chesapeake Bay

By Tom Horton  
 Bay Journal News Service

What if they held an environmental crisis and no one cared? What if a law moving through Congress would significantly harm clean water, open space, the Chesapeake Bay? You'd hear the alarms, strong and clear, from the largest national groups to the smallest Chesapeake organizations. But you won't, because this law is "only" about population, about significantly increasing the number of people who will be living in the United States and around the Chesapeake.

The law, which has passed the U.S. Senate and gone to the House with broad, bipartisan backing, is a comprehensive reform of our outdated immigration laws.

Immigration is almost synonymous with the substantial growth of population occurring in this country. That's because the only other source of growth, births to people al-

ready here, has been for some time around replacement level. And immigration is a touchy and complex issue, one that few environmental groups will talk about. They prefer to work to reduce our per capita environmental impacts, never mind that ever expanding numbers of us inevitably offset much of their good works.

Most of what has been written about the immigration reform before Congress has focused on what to do about the 11 million or so undocumented immigrants already here. That's an important issue, which can only responsibly be resolved by providing a path to citizenship, combined with measures to prevent another 11 million from coming in under the radar.

The current bill makes a laudable start on that. Far too little has aired about the dramatic population increases the same reform measure would promote through changes to legal immigration. Some numbers: Throughout U.S. history until 1990, immigrants legally entering the country averaged about 300,000 a year—not many more than the number leaving the United States per-

manently in recent decades. Since 1990, the numbers arriving have averaged closer to a million a year, making us the fastest growing of all developed nations, and the third most populous after China and India.

Estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office and other analysts are that passage of the current bill will increase those coming here to 1.5 to 2 million a year. Even after subtracting for an expected decrease in undocumented immigrants, that still puts the nation on track to go from 315 million Americans to around 445 million by 2050, an increase of more than 40 percent. For the Chesapeake Bay, with a watershed population that has roughly tracked or exceeded the national growth rate, this translates to more than 24 million, up from 17 million.

My point here is not that immigration is a bad thing, or that we blame our environmental woes on immigrants; and it's not that environmental groups should give up working on the issues they're working on now. But we've also learned

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# More people and more pollution

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that like the essential plant nutrients such as nitrogen which are degrading the bay, too much of a good thing — including humans with aspirations for a better life — can overwhelm the rest of nature. Does anyone really think that we can grow so smartly, or cook up such technologies that we can offset tripling the bay's population from the 8 million or so who lived here when it was last healthy?

The immigration reform bill is rich in irony. It represents some of the best that is in us — diversity, freedom, a better life — with its path to citizenship for millions now here and disenfranchised. But it also represents a colossal failure of our environmental leadership to even acknowledge the full scope of the problems they take your money to fix. The bill now in Congress has many good points aside from its amnesty for most of those here without green cards. It would shift the emphasis on new immigrants away from just bringing more family members in, to fulfilling work related needs. It's also got the usual grab bag of smarmy deals, like special exemptions for cruise boat repair workers (take a bow, Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida).

In other words, there's much to debate but virtually no debate at all on the large increase in sheer numbers that will erode environmental gains across the board. Republican interests like bigger numbers because they bring a bigger and maybe cheaper labor pool. Democrats and some environmentalists like bigger numbers because immigrants tend to vote Democrat. Latino newcomers will more likely back climate change legislation than white Americans, suggests the estimable activist and writer Bill McKibben. Others say we need a growing stream of immigrants to pay for Social Security — as if they won't ever want their Social Security, too?

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# Longest-serving active duty Maryland state trooper set to retire

**After 40 years of service  
Sgt. Lee Love says he  
feels like he just started**

EASTON—After a lifetime of serving and protecting the citizens of Maryland, the most tenured sworn Maryland State Police trooper is turning in his Stetson following four decades of dedicated public service in uniform.

Sgt. Vernon L. "Lee" Love, currently assigned to the Easton Barrack, will be retiring from the Maryland State Police after 40 years of service. Love has worked as a duty officer and supervisor at the Easton Barrack since his assignment there in 2006.

Love, who was known for his ability to enforce the speed limit, recently reflected that 40 years with the State Police has passed with the speed of one of those vehicles he would stop late at night on a straight stretch of Eastern Shore highway.

"It feels like I just started," Love said. "My career has passed with the speed of light."

Love long ago established his legendary status, both among his fellow troopers and the citizens he served. He has worked uniform patrol his entire career.

"I enjoyed working the road," Love said. "That is all I ever wanted to do."

He worked the road all across the state and has written at least one traffic citation in every Maryland county during his career, something few, if any, state troopers can match.

Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Jones, Chief of the Field Operations Bureau, knows it will be hard to replace the relentless focus on public safety exhibited by Love, especially in the area of traffic enforcement.

"Having first met Lee in 1988, I have always known him to be a champion for highway safety," Jones said. "The highlight of his day was being out on the road taking enforcement action, to ensure the behaviors of speeders and aggressive drivers were corrected. Leading up to his retirement, nearly 15



Sgt. Vernon L. "Lee" Love

years after most retire from law enforcement, he maintained his passion for his duty, influencing many young troopers to follow in his footsteps. His presence will be missed."

Love's interest in law enforcement began in his youth. His father was a Baltimore County Police officer who worked uniform patrol his entire career. He grew up influenced by his father and the other police officers he met.

His father was stationed for a time at the Pikesville Precinct, across the street from Maryland State Police headquarters. His grandmother lived in Pikesville, about two blocks from Headquarters. Love spent a lot of time observing troopers and trooper candidates in Pikesville. He decided he wanted to be a Maryland state trooper when he was 14.

Even before his graduation from Randallstown High School in 1973, Love applied to become a cadet with the Maryland State Police. He was hired July 16, 1973 and became a cadet assigned to the Quartermaster Division, where he filled requisitions and delivered supplies.

Love credits his first supervisor with starting him on the path to a successful career. He worked for Sgt. Jim Buckworth who, at the time, had 42

years on the job. Buckworth had served as a field training trooper for Col. Thomas Smith who was then the Superintendent of the State Police. Love said Sgt. Buckworth instilled in him the traditions and values of the Maryland State Police.

As a cadet, he also worked at the Rockville Barrack and then was transferred to the Truck Weight Enforcement Division, where he worked at the Upper Marlboro scale house and on the roving patrol. For a few months in the summer of 1976, he worked for the Motor Vehicle Division installing radios in new police cars.

In September 1976, he entered the Maryland State Police Academy as a member of the 75th Trooper Candidate Class. He and his 47 classmates graduated six months later, on March 4, 1977.

In 1979, Love requested and received a transfer to the K-9 Division, where he would spend the next two decades. At the time, he lived in Carroll County. The K-9 training was in Easton, so he spent months away from home as one of the first state troopers to work with dogs trained as both a patrol and drug detection dog.

When he graduated from K-9 school he was assigned to the Berlin Barrack, about 150 miles from his home. Since K-9 troopers were required to have a house near where they were assigned so they could properly care for their dog, Love packed up his family, sold his home in Carroll County and moved to Worcester County. He has lived on the Eastern Shore ever since.

Love was sent all across Maryland for assignments. He liked the action, the change of scenery, and the unpredictability of what each day would bring. He also liked working the traditional shift of K-9 troopers, which was 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. He felt that was the ideal shift if you really wanted to be a police officer because that is when you were the busiest.

Love's personnel file holds dozens of letters from appreciative citizens, as well as commendations and awards from the Maryland State Police. He

was the Berlin Barrack Trooper of the Year in 1997 and again in 1998. After being promoted to sergeant in 2006 and transferring to the Easton Barrack, he was named Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year at that barrack.

Working as a duty officer at the Easton Barrack for the last seven years was not his ideal assignment. "I did not enjoy dealing with people over the phone," Love said. "I always preferred being out on the road, dealing with situations directly. I enjoyed being out there."

Love was quick to volunteer for assignments that would get him from out behind the desk and back on the road. He was a frequent radar operator for speed enforcement teams.

When asked what his best day on the job was, Love said, "Every day was the best day." His response regarding his worst day on the job came just as quickly. "My worst day was December 17, 1977, when my Academy classmate, Trooper Gregg Presbury, was shot and killed in the line of duty," Love said. "Over 40 years, I've lost a lot of friends the hard way."

Retiring after 40 years was not an easy decision. "The Maryland State Police has been a major part of my life for most of my adult life," Love said. "It is just like family. Like everyone else who has retired before me says, the biggest thing I am going to miss will be the people I work with."

Love is retiring from the State Police, but not from law enforcement. Without a break, he will be assuming duties as a school security officer for the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. He will be assigned to the Pocomoke Middle School, now patrolling halls instead of highways.

His advice for his fellow troopers still serving is simple. "You need to be careful," Love said. "Do what you were taught to do. Come to work everyday with a commitment to do your duty, but to have fun. If you are coming to work to be miserable, it won't be a good day. I was always lucky to work at barracks where everyone liked the work and had fun doing it."

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# Assateague park considers revamp of parking areas

**ASSATEAGUE NATIONAL SEASHORE**—The National Park Service is releasing the Bayside Picnic and South Ocean Beach Parking Areas Removal and Relocation Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

This project proposes to remove and relocate the existing bayside picnic and south ocean beach parking areas in Maryland, both of which sustained significant damage from Hurricane Sandy last year.

The goals of the project are to provide continued visitor access to these areas, limit expenses associated with maintaining them and make each area more resistant to future storms.

Two alternatives were analyzed for meeting the objectives:

In Alternative A, the No Action / Continue Current Management plan, the National Park Service would continue to use and maintain the existing Bayside picnic parking area, the south ocean beach parking area, and Life of the Dunes Trail parking area with no changes to the current infrastructure or locations. This alternative continues existing management and provides a baseline for evaluating the impacts of the action alternative.

In Alternative B, the Removal and Relocation of Parking Areas plan, the existing bayside picnic, south ocean beach, and Life of the Dunes Trail parking areas would be removed and the bayside picnic parking area and south ocean beach parking area would be relocated to further from active shorelines, making them less vulnerable to damage from future storms.

This approach would provide visitor access to these areas and limit operational expenses of maintaining the existing parking locations.

Relocating the south ocean beach parking area will allow for better management of the dune landscape and increased stabilization of the primary dunes at the location.

This alternative should also provide more reliable visitor access to both parking areas within the national seashore.

The environmental assessment addresses potential impacts to park resources that might result if the proposed project is carried out. Neither of the alternatives analyzed would lead to significant environmental impacts.

Comments may be submitted online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/asis> or mailed to the park via Justin Unger, Acting Superintendent, Assateague Island National Seashore, ATTN: Bayside Picnic and South Ocean Beach Parking Areas Relocation EA Comments, 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, Md. 21811.

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# Early days: selling Pines dream homes to buyers sight unseen

In 1960s, waterfront lots sold for \$6,995 as buyers entered 2nd home market

By Sheila R. Cherry  
Associate Editor

OCEAN PINES—In 1968, a prospective property buyer could purchase a wooded lot within the yet-to-be-developed private resort community Ocean Pines for the starting price of \$3,495, realtor John Talbott said last week. Waterfront lots, which now could easily sell for \$200,000 sold for \$6,995 at that time, he said, and he should know.

Talbott was 31 years old and one of a team of 20 or more energetic young brokers recruited from various parts of the country by Bill Gibbs, the sales manager for Boise Cascade Home & Land Corporation, to sell parcels of land in the Ocean Pines development.

The Idaho-based paper and paper products manufacturer was trying to diversify and building a portfolio in land development was one of the ventures it was using to do so, according to Talbott. The company, he said, had procured attractive properties that were generally adjacent to major metropolitan areas. The Boise executives thought the properties would be appealing to land purchasers seeking summertime recreational spots.

The concept was that Ocean Pines would be a development of second homes.

"But it has turned out to be the largest year-round community in Worcester County," Talbott said.

Talbott had sold real estate in Kentucky and lakefront development properties in Florida, Illinois, and Indiana. Prior to the start of his real estate career in 1962, Talbott said he had been a history and geography teacher in Pennsylvania, and a police officer in New Jersey. Talbott and the others had one common link; they had all worked for Gibbs in the past.

When he got Gibb's call he remembered, his immediate reaction was, "Absolutely. When do you want me there?"

In a community profile, the company described Ocean Pines: "The community encompasses 3,567 acres of land with over nine miles of waterfront and waterways on the St. Martin's River and the Isle of Wight Bay." It was within easy driving distance from Baltimore, Philadelphia and Wilmington and company representatives were quick to point out at the time, "Over \$36,000,000 has already been invested in Ocean Pines to design and build the facilities and improvements," which included a top-of-the-line golf course, off-site ocean front beach club, country club, marina, campground, picnic areas and parks, and yacht club, in a private community pri-

marily secluded with secured entrances and gates.

Once in the area, the sales team stayed in company-supplied quarters at Fifth Street and the Boardwalk in Ocean City, which Boise leased from a subsidiary company to lodge its sales staff. After a month or two he rented his own apartment, Talbott said.

He still had a record of the first sale he closed on his own. The lot sold for \$5,295 on July 27, 1968, to a speed reader who worked for the CIA and who read every word of the sales contract—thoroughly enough to even pick out a misspelled word. The purchaser paid \$20 with the \$575 balance of the down payment secured with a 1961 Lincoln, he said.

Asked about his most memorable sale, Talbott suppressed a chuckle and, judiciously deciding to withhold the names, told of a sale he made one very warm summer day to an out-of-town couple. He drove around with the stone sober husband in his front seat, whose "bombed" wife had passed out on the back seat.

At some point during the tour the husband spotted a lot he liked and leaned back to jostle his inebriated spouse upright. According to Talbott she came to, took a hard look at the lot and pronounced, "I'll show that SOB sister of mine. We're going to buy that lot!"

Whereupon she fell back into a heap on the seat and passed out again, he said.

Back in the sales office, the husband enthusiastically signed the contract, but had to hold his wife's hand steady so she could co-sign, which Talbott said discomforted him enough to send him scrambling to his boss to ensure the transaction would be legal. Fortunately, the next day when the wife sobered up she was still happy with it, he said.

Many things have transpired for both Ocean Pines and Talbott since those early days in the Pines. The Town of Berlin gave its approval for residents to use "Ocean Pines, Md." as part of the 21811 zip code address, and the thought of Ocean Pines becoming a municipality in its own right has been a perennial debate. Talbott purchased his first lot in 1968 and a waterfront home 1978; he married Karen his wife of 34 years on July 7, 1979; and they had two daughters Katie, who now lives in Los Angeles, and Kim, who lives in Baltimore.

Talbott said he felt from the beginning the Ocean Pines development would be a success, because of its proximity to Ocean City—although he admitted he had wondered how many beach lovers would want to be five miles from Ocean City.

Turns out that so far, 8,447 of them do.

## Tennis Pro explains program to Ocean Pines Kiwanis Club

OCEAN PINES—Tennis professional Ron Kerchner recently talked to the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City about the tennis programs and facilities in Ocean Pines.

Many of the Kiwanians were not aware that the memberships and programs are open to the public. People from Delaware are members and drive to the Pines to use the facilities, which includes not only tennis but platform tennis and now the new popular game, pickle ball, is being introduced.

The main facilities are located off Manklin Road in the Manklin Meadows Tennis Center opposite The Parke and include eight hard true courts, four hard courts, four platform tennis courts and some of which are lined off for pickle ball, also.

Memberships of all types are available to the public, in addition to residents, as are lessons and youth tennis camps and other programs and events. For more information, call the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department at 410-641-7052.

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# Local Jewish community prepares to celebrate 'High Holy Days'

By Rabbi Susan Warshaw  
Temple Bat Yam

For most Jews, the term "High Holy Days" is the title given to a period of 10 days that stretch between Rosh Hashanah, which means the first or "head" of the year, to Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Both holidays have their basis in the Hebrew Bible (Leviticus 23:23-32) although the name Rosh Hashanah was not used until significantly later in Jewish history.

## Pines Yacht Club closes its doors for this season

OCEAN PINES—An Ocean Pines' landmark restaurant and banquet facility, The Ocean Pines Yacht Club, announces the closing of its doors for the season effective immediately.

The building continues to have electrical and plumbing problems. In addition, issues of dampness and air quality continue to plague the facility. The culmination of all these issues with the responsibility to assure the safety of personnel and customers led to the decision to close the facility at this time.

The cost and time needed for the required cleanup and repairs made such action inappropriate since the club was due to close after next Monday.

Plans are being evaluated for alternative activities for the upcoming Labor Day Weekend. The Outdoor Pool Bar will remain open through the weekend for beverage service only. Planned live entertainment will continue all weekend and the new Yacht Club Pool, for ages 18 and older, is open daily to the public at 10 a.m. and will remain open until the building is ready for demolition scheduled for mid-September.

Plans are in the works for a multi-million dollar facility to be built adjacent to the current building. The iconic, 45-year-old restaurant plans to re-open to the public with a facility being constructed with new interiors, exteriors, menus and branding in early spring 2014.

"The Yacht Club is an Ocean Pines institution. When we re-open our new facility, diners will witness a true All-American restaurant in the heart of the community," said Bob Thompson, General Manager for Ocean Pines. "The Yacht Club is much more than a restaurant, its part of the fabric of Ocean Pines and we plan to make it relevant again."

David McLaughlin, who spent the last year getting to know the clientele at the Yacht Club, will be working throughout the off season on plans for the opening of the new facility next spring. Wedding and event planners can book and plan events for the new facility starting now.

Making its premiere in early spring, the new Yacht Club will be completely new inside and out, while still remaining true to its heritage as a casual waterfront restaurant and bar for the residents and public to enjoy.

Rosh Hashanah ushers in the Jewish New Year with a period of profound self-examination and repentance. It is a day of joyous celebration balanced against a humbling and solemn consideration of how well (or poorly) we have used the gift of the previous year.

Tradition teaches us that God judges each of us individually and our community as a whole on Rosh Hashanah. Tradition also teaches that the result of God's judgment will be a matter of life or death (either figurative or literal, depending on your theological orientation).

Our prayers, songs, and rituals focus on confessing the ways we have gone astray, asking forgiveness for the occasions on which we have missed the mark, and committing ourselves to acts of repentance (in Hebrew called t'shuvah). We go through this process collectively; the emphasis being on "we" rather than "I," which reflects the

importance of community in Judaism.

On Rosh Hashanah, listen for the sounding of the ram's horn, the shofar, during the morning service. The sound of the shofar is a deeply moving call to renewed awareness and action. We eat apples and honey for a sweet new year, and greet others with the words "shana tovah," a good year.

Yom Kippur begins in the evening 10 days later. Its mood is one of deep solemnity, contrition and humility. According to tradition, the judgments begun on Rosh Hashanah are sealed and finalized on Yom Kippur. Many Jews fast on Yom Kippur, and spend almost the entire day in the synagogue. The observance ends with the setting of the sun. A final sounding of the shofar marks the end of this intensely spiritual day.

The heart of Yom Kippur observance is its liturgy. The opening, evening service centers on an ancient formula known as

Kol Nidre. Kol Nidre is actually an ancient legal formula that absolves us of vows and oaths (between God and ourselves, but not between ourselves and others) that we may take between this Yom Kippur and the next one. For many people, it is the music of Kol Nidre that is the most moving and powerful part of this service.

At the end of the day of Yom Kippur, a memorial service called Yizkor is observed. This service honors loved ones who have died. As Yom Kippur draws to a close, the observance concludes with the Neilah, or locking, service. This is a final chance to repent before the symbolic gates of repentance are closed and locked to us.

There are many details that I have left out. If you would like to learn more about the holidays, please feel free to call me. Rabbi Susan Warshaw, Temple Bat Yam, 410-641-4311. May I be the first to wish you a happy new year. Shanah Tovah!

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### O'CONNOR SEPTEMBER CRAFTER OF THE MONTH

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### KIWANIS DUCK RACE MAKES A SPLASH

SUBMITTED PHOTO/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Friday Aug. 23 was a rainy, dreary day perfect for ducks, but it did not daunt the spirits of the nearly 100 spectators, most of whom attended the Roast Pig and Chicken Picnic prior to the 12th annual Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City Duck Race. Kiwanians Jim Spicknall, left, and J. Graham Caldwell manned the starting gate. The purchase of ducks help to fund scholarships for local graduating senior students each year. In addition to the three cash prizes of \$1000, \$300, and \$200, there were 26 donated prizes awarded.



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During the ARFE Chapter 2274's August meeting, guest speaker Anne Healy, CareFirst Representative for BlueCross/Blue Shield, gave members an update on medical coverage including what's known at this time about how the Affordable Care Act will affect government retirees. Pictured with Healy, center, Programs Chairperson Anna Foulz, left, and President Arlene Page.

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**MOTOR FANS**  
The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Classic Car Show and Parade commemorating Ocean Pines' 45th Anniversary attracts vintage and muscle car buffs to the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial grounds on Aug. 25. (Right) The car show parade began at White Horse Park, at 239 Ocean Parkway, and continued through Ocean Pines with a police escort to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Park where the contestants lined up for viewing and judging.

SHEILA CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE



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The car show sponsors included the Ocean Pines Association, Crossroads Auto, Larry Leese & Associates, PA, Brandywine Senior Living and Shooters Bar & Grill. It was hosted by the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce. (Left) Celebrity judge Sen. Jim Mathias evaluates Mike Mason's 1979 Corvette. In total, 65 cars competed for 13 awards. Including Mathias, the judges were Sharyn O'Hare, Vice President of the Ocean Pines Association; OP Police Chief Dave Massey; Ray Horwath of Shore Can Construction; Brian Reynolds, Sr.; Frank Bolen, Sr.; Maria Demetriou of Wedding Dress Doctor; Imad Elali of Long & Foster Realtors; Gwen Cordner of Acquest Title; and Larry Leese of Larry Leese & Associates.



SHEILA CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Tom Debaugh's 2007 Chevy Corvette wins the trophy for "Best Modern" in the OP Chamber of Commerce's Classic Car Show & Parade on Aug. 25.



SHEILA CHERRY/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

With 65 fantastic vehicles the 10 judges had their work cut out of them. Categories included Best In Show, Best Anniversary Car (1968), Peoples Choice, Best Classic, Best Antique, Best Muscle/Hot Rod, Best Pony, Best Modern, Best Custom, Sponsors Choice Muscle/Hot Rod, Sponsors Choice/Antique, Sponsors Choice/Pony, Sponsors Choice/Classic.



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**BEACH SINGLES** — Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Clarion Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4-7 p.m. Info: 302-436-9577 or 410-524-0649.

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

**ARTS ON THE DOCK** — Ocean City Fishing Center Marina, 12940 Inlet Isle Lane, West Ocean City, Thursdays, 4-7 p.m. Local artists showcase their work on the docks. Info: Jennifer Blunt, 410-213-1121 or [www.ocfishing.com](http://www.ocfishing.com).

**TANGER THURSDAY EVENT** — Tanger Outlets, 12741 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City. Featuring a Farmer's Market from 3-6 p.m. Entertainment by Blues, Jazz & Beyond, 6-9 p.m. Info: 410-213-7898 or [www.tangeroutlets.com](http://www.tangeroutlets.com).

**POTTERY CLASS** — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, Tuesdays and Thursdays through August. Learn to work with clay on the wheel and by hand building. Make fun and functional art. Glazing and firing included in the cost. Classes for kids and adults. Register: 410-524-9433 or [www.artleagueofoceancity.org](http://www.artleagueofoceancity.org).

### FRIDAY, AUG. 30

**55TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY WHITE MARLIN TOURNAMENT** — Weigh-ins take place at Sunset Marina, 12911 Sunset Ave., West Ocean City, 5:30-7 p.m. Info: [www.ocmarlinclub.com](http://www.ocmarlinclub.com) or 410-213-1613.

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND ART & CRAFT FESTIVAL** — Ocean City convention center, 4001 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tasteful mix of medium including oil and watercolors, woodworking and furniture, stained glass, glass art, candles, pottery and more. Unique gift and household items. Free admission. Info: Ami Hastings, [labor-dayshow@gmail.com](mailto:labor-dayshow@gmail.com) or [www.ocshows.info](http://www.ocshows.info).

**MUSIC FESTIVAL** — Airlift Acres, Worcester Highway, Berlin. Full day of music, food, vendors. Cost is \$28. Call 443-513-4749 or [www.airliftentertainment.com](http://www.airliftentertainment.com).

**BINGO** — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal

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

### SATURDAY, AUG. 31

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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** — VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-22, two eggs, two pancakes and two bacon slices, includes coffee and juice. Bloody Marys cost \$3. Info: 410-524-8196.

**FARMERS MARKET** — White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway in Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to noon, through Oct. 26. Produce, farm fresh eggs, organic goods, herbs, fresh cut flowers, soaps, jelly, homemade baked goods, honey and more.

**QUIET STORM SURF & SKATE MOVIES/LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS SLIDE SHOW** — Ocean City beach at North Division Street, 8-9:30 p.m. Surf and skate movies will be shown on an inflatable screen on the beach, plus local photographers slide show. Info: 443-497-3671.

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**OC BEACH LIGHTS** — Ocean City beach at North Division Street. Showtimes are 9:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Free, eight-minute Laser Light Show on a five-story tall inflatable sphere featuring a visual laser, lighting, special effects, video and audio production with visibility along the Boardwalk. Info: 800-OC-OCEAN or [www.ococean.com](http://www.ococean.com).

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 1

**55TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY WHITE MARLIN TOURNAMENT** — Weigh-ins take place at Sunset Marina, 12911 Sunset Ave., West Ocean City, 5:30-7 p.m. Awards banquet, 6:30-9 p.m. Info: [www.ocmarlinclub.com](http://www.ocmarlinclub.com) or 410-213-1613.

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### MONDAY, SEPT. 2

**DELMARVA SWEET ADELINE CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY** — The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, under the direction of Carol Ludwig, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, White Horse Park. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-208-4171.

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

**MUSEUM OPEN** — Historic St. Martin's Church Museum, 11413 Worcester Highway, near the intersection of routes 589 and 113, will be open every Monday, through the end of October, from 1-4 p.m. Info: [www.historicstmartinchurch.org](http://www.historicstmartinchurch.org).

**ANNUAL LABOR DAY PICNIC** — The Ocean Pines White Horse Park Pavilion, 239 Ocean Parkway, 1 p.m. Barbeque, cole slaw, vegetarian options, beer, beverages and desserts for \$10 per person. Reservations: Kay Hickman, 410-600-0552 or Tom Sandusky, 410-208-3232. Sponsored by the Democratic Clubs of Worcester County.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

**CRAB NIGHT** — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) every Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. Steamed crabs, steamed shrimp, crab soup, pizza and more. Order crabs in advance: Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 410-524-7994.

**OCEAN PINES PLANT CLINIC** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m. Expert Master Gardeners on hand to answer questions. Free clinic. Take bagged samples and label the bag with name and phone number. Info: 410-641-5570.

**STORY TIME** — Berlin library, 220 N. Main St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music

and crafts for children ages 2-5. Info: 410-641-0650.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

**WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING** — Ocean Pines Community Center, Assateague Room, 235 Ocean Parkway. Weigh-in begins at 5 p.m., meeting starts at 5:30-6 p.m. Scales and product sales remain open during the meeting.

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

**DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB** — Meets every Wednesday at Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302-337-3638.

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING** — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: 302-436-3682.

**STORY TIME** — Ocean City library, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and crafts for children ages 2-5. Info: 410-524-1818.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

**WOMEN'S CLUB OF OCEAN PINES MEETING** — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. There will be a recap of last year's activities, a discussion of the proposed Bylaws, and an explanation of a member versus a non-member. Info: Pat Abby, 410-208-0171, [gorpataddy@aol.com](mailto:gorpataddy@aol.com).

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**AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE** — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road. Registration at 6:30 p.m., followed by the first class at 7 p.m. This is an eight hour course, 7-9 p.m. each evening. This course covers basic boat handling, navigation, Federal and State regulations, rules of the road, aids to navigation and required equipment. Certification for those born after July 1,



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<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p>1/2 Price Burgers (Dine-In Only)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>4 pc Fried Chicken w/mash pot &amp; 1 veg Grilled Pork Loin w/mash pot &amp; 1 veg Homemade Meat Loaf w/mash pot, gravy &amp; 1 veg <b>\$9.99</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>1/2 Price Hot Dogs (Dine-In Only)</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>Mexican Night Chili Hard Taco \$1.25 (min 3)</p>
<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p>Seafood Specials</p>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p> <p>NY Strip Steak w/Salad &amp; 2 Vegetables 12 oz Cut \$16.99 King Cut \$20.99</p>

## **SUNDAY BRUNCH 9:30am – 1:30pm**

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PUZZLES

CAPITAL L'S By Victor Barocas / Edited by Will Shortz

Across

- 1 Item whose name is derived from the Latin "aquarius"

5 Auto parts giant

9 Pot user, maybe

14 Peyote and saguaro

19 Rossini's William Tell and others

21 Lump in one's throat

22 First acrylic fiber

23 Superlative for Sirius

24 Rush job?

26 Home security system component

27 Big kahunas

29 Stationery item: Abbr.

30 Had

31 Log

33 Abbr. on a lawyer's stationery

35 Censure

37 Berry used to make gin

40 They have pluses and minuses

42 In \_\_\_\_

44 \_\_\_\_-pedi

45 Medicine label info

47 Putting out on an anniversary, maybe

51 Bosch's "The Garden of Earthly Delights," for one

53 Lustrous fabric
- 55 Provide with a quality

56 Daisylike bloom

57 Massive ref.

59 Maze explorer

61 Turn over

62 Disencumber

64 Not beat

66 Collapses

68 Drain

71 White-suited "Dukes of Hazzard" villain

73 Spartan

75 \_\_\_\_ Party

76 Some bio majors

78 Fails to

80 Court judgment

82 Barrett of gossip

83 "Phooey!"

85 \_\_\_\_ Moines

87 Mentions

91 Apple line

93 Experience you might want to forget

95 Guaranteed

97 Darwin stopping point, with "the"

99 Founder of the Missionaries of Charity

101 Epitome of cool, with "the"

102 Lead singer on "Octopus's Garden"

103 Singer Peniston

104 Einstein and Camus

106 Hint-giving columnist
- 109 Three, for a short hole

111 Postwar prime minister

113 Simpson case judge

114 11th-century hero, with "El"

116 Religious art figures

118 Country crooner Randy

123 Emergency Broadcast System opening

126 Kind of treatment

128 Still goopy, as concrete

129 Poet/dramatist Federico Garcia \_\_\_\_

130 Pixar movie between "Toy Story" and "Toy Story 2"

131 Verse-writing

132 Jerks

133 Some screens, for short

134 Glacial
- 9 Cry of epiphany

10 Suggests

11 Director George

12 Bull or cow

13 Tear

14 Nike rival

15 Parenthesis shape

16 Butcher's tool

17 Layered dessert

18 Head of state?

20 He wrote "It is life near the bone where it is sweetest"

25 French waves

28 —

32 Kaley of "The Big Bang Theory"

34 Eccentric

36 —

37 Pantry lineup

38 Squad, e.g.

39 —

41 Author Zora \_\_\_\_ Hurston

43 Athlete's foot treatment

44 Where Charlie may ride forever, in song

46 Connecticut city

47 Carom

48 Words of explanation

49 Blue flick

50 Hollywood's Davis

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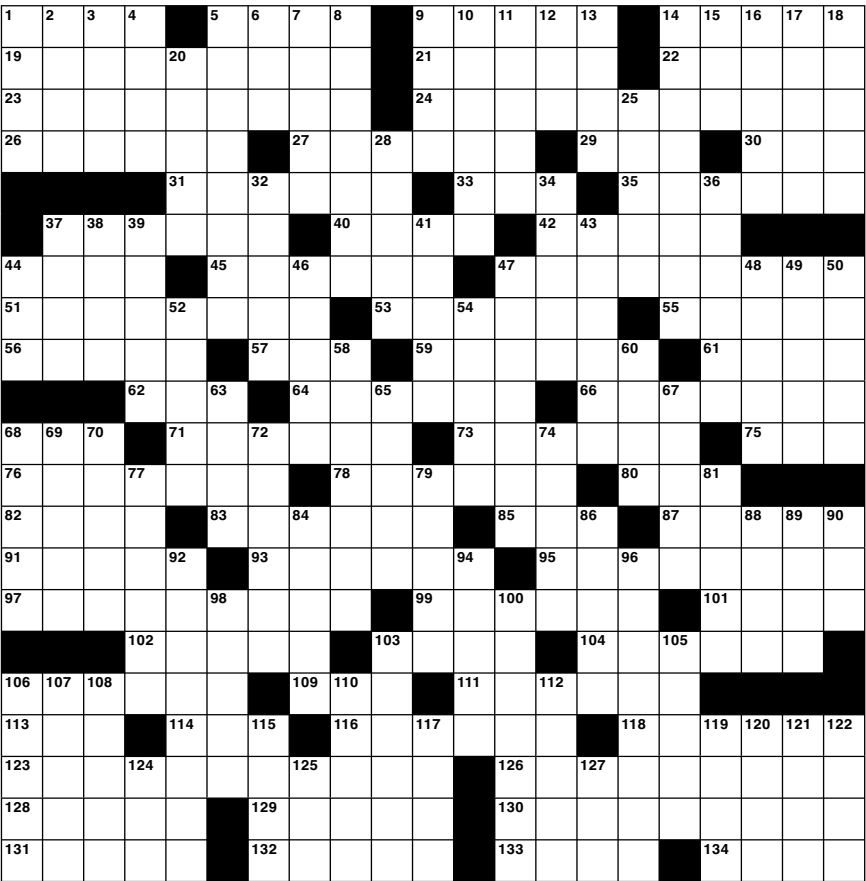
54 Byes

58 Thingamabobs

60 Cow's fly swatter

63 Dummy

For any three answers, call from a touch-tone phone: 1-900-285-5656, \$1.49 each minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554.



- 65 Bad thing for a roommate to do

67 Sweater option

68 Rosemary piece

69 Rosemary feature

70 Like some codes

72 —

74 —

77 1990s craze

79 Related on the mother's side

81 Renowned jeweler
- 84 Sag

86 Rug fiber

88 Jeff Bridges sci-fi classic

89 Start of a count-off

90 "\_\_\_\_ who?"

92 TV show on which Charlie Sheen replaced Michael J. Fox

94 Best-selling author who once worked for Britain's MI6
- 96 Markdown markers

98 Author Nin

100 New DNA evidence may lead to one

103 It's been shortening for over 100 years

105 —

106 Ask for money

107 Prefix with musicology

108 —

110 Imitation
- 112 Year the emperor Claudius was born

115 1991 P.G.A. champion John

117 —

119 Is unwell

120 Obscure

121 Skinny

122 Fuss

124 French possessive

125 "\_\_\_\_ cool!"

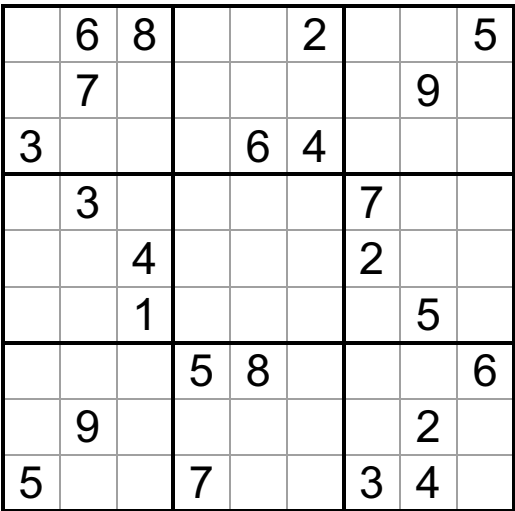
127 British dessert, for short

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HARD – 95

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



Answers to last week's puzzles

9	6	1	5	3	8	2	7	4
4	8	2	6	7	9	3	5	1
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# LIVE MUSIC

## ■ BJ's on the Water

75th St. Bayside, Ocean City

Friday — Lenny G & the Soulsenders

Saturday- Vice Squad

## ■ Carousel / Beach Bar

118th St. Oceanside, Ocean City

FRIDAY — Rick & Lennon LaRicci

SATURDAY — Kaleb Brown

## ■ Harpoon Hannas

142nd St. Bayside, Fenwick Island

THURSDAY — John LaMere

FRIDAY — Dave Hawkins

SATURDAY — Dave Sherman

SUNDAY — Kevin Poole

MONDAY — Dave Hawkins

TUESDAY — Kevin Poole

WEDNESDAY — Bobby Burns

## ■ Jive

83rd St. Bayside, Ocean City

THURSDAY- Brant Quick

FRIDAY - Bryan Clark

SATURDAY — Old School O.C.

SUNDAY- 1 Night Stand

## ■ M.R. Ducks

311 Talbot St., Ocean City

THURSDAY — Acoustic

FRIDAY — Tear the Roof Off

SATURDAY — Johnny Bling

## ■ Ocean Pines Yacht Club

Mumfords Landing Rd., Ocean Pines

FRIDAY — Jettstream

SATURDAY — Overtime Band

SUNDAY — Closing Party w/ Tranzfusion

## ■ Purple Moose

Talbot & Caroline Sts., Ocean City

FRIDAY — Faded Image

SATURDAY- Faded Image

## ■ Schooners/Princess Royale

91st St., Ocean City

FRIDAY — Harry O

SATURDAY — Harry O

## ■ Sunset Grille

12933 Sunset Ave., West OC

THURSDAY — Doug Segree

FRIDAY — Opposite Directions

SUNDAY — Community Groove



Arizona @ Clarion Resort



On The Edge @ Clarion Resort

## ■ Clarion Resort

101st St. Oceanside, Ocean City

OCEAN CLUB —

THURSDAY - SUNDAY — Arizona

MONDAY — WEDNESDAY — Arizona

LENNY'S POOL BARS —

THURSDAY- SUNDAY — On The Edge



No Pet For Noah @ Fagers Island

## ■ Fager's Island

60th St. & the Bay, Ocean City

Friday — Kevin Poole / Jumper

Saturday - Opposite Directions /

No Pets for Noah

Sunday- Everett Spells / Josh Pryor & Joe Mama

/ No Pets for Noah / Rock & Dance Band

Monday- Animal House/Rock & Dance Band

## ■ Galaxy 66

66th St. Bayside, Ocean City

FRIDAY — Philly George

## ■ Skye Bar

66th St. Bayside, Ocean City

FRIDAY- The Stims

SATURDAY- Jordan White

## ■ Harborside Bar & Grill

12841 S. Harbor Rd., West Ocean City

THURSDAY — Opposite Directions

FRIDAY — DJ Billy T

SATURDAY- Simple Truth

SUNDAY — Opposite Directions



The Amish Outlaws @ Seacrets

## ■ Seacrets

49th & the Bay, Ocean City

Friday — Jim Long Band / Anthem /

Eleven Eleven

Saturday — Jim Long Band / Face Parade /

Element K / Anthem / Johnny Drama

Sunday — Power Play with Jim Long /

Melodime / Anthem / The Amish Outlaws

Monday — Melodime / Total Whiteout

Tuesday — Rising Sun

Wednesday — Rising Sun

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## Happy Labor Day Weekend!

### Friday, August 30th

Rick & Lennon LaRicci 3pm – 7pm on the Patio

“Fish Fry Friday” 5pm – 9pm

\$13.95

### Saturday, August 31st

Kaleb Brown 2pm – 6pm on the Patio

Prime Rib & Seafood Buffet 5pm – 9pm

\$29.95 Adults / \$12.95 Kids (12 and under)

### Sunday, September 1st

Dave Sherman 2pm – 6pm on the Patio

Prime Rib & Seafood Buffet 5pm – 9pm

\$29.95 Adults / \$12.95 Kids (12 and under)

### Monday, September 2nd

Tim Landers 2pm – 6pm on the Patio

“Chop House Night” 5pm – 9pm

**Beer & Drink Specials ALL Weekend!**



# CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

## Carne asada tacos simple dish to prepare

The kids are back in school, which means that it is now time to get ready for Christmas and next summer. There's simply so much to do. I have to clean the garage, finish the many projects around the house, get ready for a season of robotics and make sure that the kids all get their homework done.



By Paul Suplee,  
CEC PCIII

A milestone year, this is our last of 13 years with a child or children at Showell Elementary. It will be odd to not have one of our young ones in that marvelous school. Our oldest is also graduating this year, another monumental event in our life; and then the adventure of college begins. Where does the time go?

'Breakfast for dinner', the typical meal for the first day of school is done; it's a meal that always seems to comfort the soul since a couple of the kids come home on the first day and jump into pajamas. To finish the meal, our traditional ice cream cake with the inscription 179 To Go! was thawing in the middle of the table while we finished our pancakes and bacon.

The day started out as it does for most families; with zombie-like preteens and teens shuffling through the house dreading what will ultimately be a good day; they just didn't believe it. I remember what the first day of school was like and I was not a huge fan either, so I certainly



don't hold anything against them.

After the kids had gone to school, I remembered that I had to do some paperwork and get myself ready to get back to the college the following day. Since I'm waver on how to approach the semester, I at least smiled in knowing that the students returning are a formidable bunch.

Having completed my first year of teaching at the college level, I am much more focused and excited for the upcoming year; a normal transition for an educator in a new position. So, with a group of motivated pupils I trudge forward knowing that there is much to be done in the department.

And then hunger struck me, growling from the depths of my stomach. Knowing that the opportunity only comes when the kids are in school I ran up to get tacos at my favorite digs in Selbyville, La Sierra on Main Street.

I am a sucker for carne asada. When I lived in California a carne asada burrito or taco was heaven-sent. The aromas that would fill the restaurant would indicate freshness and bright and spicy flavors. And truth be told, nothing could be easier to prepare.

When my brother (a Californian going on 30 years) asked a Mexican chef how to make a proper carne asada, the chef laughed and replied "good beef, salt, pepper and a hot grill. A very hot grill." Now that's a recipe that I can handle.

Of course, as you read through the recipe below, there are a few more ingredients, but if you can't handle this one, just sell your kitchen tools and buy a nicer microwave. This is a very simple recipe and one that will please anyone who loves Mexican food.

And since summer is coming to a close, it is a great fit for the season in which we can use all of those fresh and beautiful vegetables from the Farmer's Market. With a little luck, it will give us the motivation we need to make it through another school year and get primed for another great summer at the beach.

Now I just need to convince my kids that Mexican food is good. Then I would have a reason to go to my favorite taqueria more often.

5 cloves garlic, crushed  
Salt & Pepper to taste  
olive oil, any grade  
Juice of 1 lime  
Juice of 1 lemon  
1/2 medium red onion, diced  
1 bunch cilantro, picked and chopped\*  
Corn tortillas, as needed  
Salsa Roja  
Salsa Verde  
Pico de gallo and Guacamole  
Shredded cabbage, as needed  
Radish as garnish, as needed  
Large spring onions or cippollini (see note below)

Combine the trimmed skirt steak, garlic, seasoning, oil, juices, onion and cilantro in a bowl and allow to marinate for at least an hour

The key here is to get your grill or pan smoking hot and to sear the meat, so heat up that pan!

Sear or grill the meat until medium rare and remove from the heat

Serve unassembled with all of the sauces and toppings and let your guests build their own tacos. This is especially helpful when one guest doesn't like guacamole, another can't stand spicy food, etc.

\*When I go to authentic Latin restaurants, I always get cilantro that is well-washed but still has a good part of the stems attached. There is a great deal of flavor in these, which I enjoy. Some people find it offensive so know your audience!

### Carne Asada Tacos

enough for 6 people  
1.5 pounds Skirt steak, trimmed

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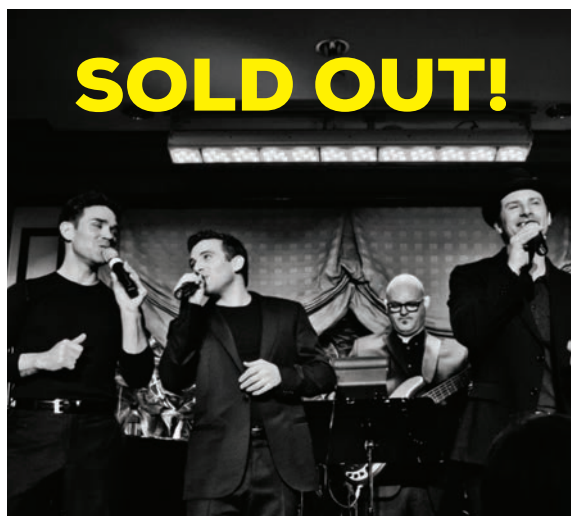


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