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**COZY**  
Diners kept warm while enjoying “outdoor” seating with heated igloos on Jan. 23 at Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery on Worcester Highway in Berlin.



LISA CAPITELLI/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

**BRRRR**  
More than 400 people took a dip in the 47-degree ocean on New Year's Day 2021 during the 27th annual Atlantic General Hospital Penguin Swim, held between 91st and 94th streets.



**PROPER OVERSIGHT**  
Superintendent of Schools Lou Taylor observes Snow Hill High School teacher Keith Donoway's virtual math lesson in mid-January when all Worcester County Public Schools faculty and staff returned to campuses. Donoway teaches geometry, calculus and AP calculus for grades ninth through 12th.  
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POP IN

State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Salmon visited Annette Waters' Pre-Kindergarten classroom at Buckingham Elementary while touring Worcester County Public Schools on Jan. 22.



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SOAKED

While still working to source grants to offset costs for property owners facing recurring flooding issues, such as this scene from February, the Ocean Pines Association opted against including \$20,000 in the FY 21/22 recommended budget for engineering studies on private lots.



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SWORN IN

Worcester County Clerk of Circuit Court Susan Braniecki administers the oath of office to the elected Worcester County Board of Education members in January. Pictured, from left, are Elena McComas, Dr. Jon Andes and Donald Smack.



UNCLE SAM

Shawnda D'Arcy, from Columbia, Maryland, answers presidential trivia at Beach Memories at 106 N. Main St. in Berlin to win money from Uncle Sam, also known as Deputy Director of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce Steve Frene, in February during the Hearts for Heroes weekend.

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RELAXED  
ANGLE

Trees lay uprooted on one of the small beach areas at Assateague Island National Seashore as the sun sets on a mild Saturday in February.

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**Representatives of Worcester County, Ocean Pines and other participants officially broke ground on the Bainbridge Pond project in March, which is designed to reduce flooding in one of the most poorly draining areas in in the community.**



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**Former Ocean Pines Board member Slobodan Trendic argues in favor of a referendum to revise unauthorized spending limits during a public hearing in March.**



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**Berlin Fire Chief R.J. Rhode reviews the array of protective gear first responders employ to save lives during an extensive facilities tour for town officials in March.**



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**Restore the Shore, led by Andrew Duley and Andy Blizzard, hosted its first group cleanup in Berlin along Bay Street and Flower Street on March 6.**

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**UPGRADE**  
Workers with River Valley Playground Company install new playground equipment at Robin Hood Park in Ocean Pines in April.



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**REVERENCE**  
During the Vietnam War Memorial replica “Wall That Heals” stopover in Ocean Pines a lengthy procession leads a candlelight ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in April.

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**SUPER LEAPER**  
Trifecta shot of an airborne pooch competing in the Delmarva Dock Dogs Competition in May at Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery in Berlin.  
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**FRESH CATCH**  
Berlin officials welcomed the Mermaid Museum to town during a ribbon cutting at the 4 Jefferson Street location in May.



**HOMEMADE**  
Tanya Jackson with Gmom's Preserves retails homemade delicacies during the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health "Motherhood Walk," at Showell Park on May 8.

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**CONCERNED**  
Director Tom Janasek took issue after not being alerted that repealing an ethics and conduct resolution was being introduced for a first reading during the OPA board meeting May 15.



**ADAMANT**  
Director Frank Daly makes his case during the latest round of discussions regarding short-term rental regulations during the Ocean Pines Board meeting on May 15.



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ROLL OUT

A mob of two-wheeled gear shifters rolls out from the Ocean Pines Racquet Center on Manklin Creek Road to undertake a 14-mile community bike ride sponsored by the Worcester County Bike and Pedestrian Coalition in May.



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FISCAL SPLIT

Back-to-normal procedure following the lifting of pandemic restrictions, a packed room witnessed the Berlin Town Council override Mayor Zack Tyndall's recent veto of an amended FY22 budget on June 14.



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IMMORTALIZED

Active-duty Navy Cdr. Joe Parker performs ceremonial placement of Gene Parker's memorial brick at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial during a ceremony on June 28.



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PRESENTING

MSG John Fox and members of the First State Detachment Marine Corps League salute selfless service while presenting the POW/MIA wreath at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial on May 31.



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INSPECTION

Ocean Pines Elections Committee members, from left, Mary Anne Whitcomb, Carol Ludwig and Steve Habeger conduct a ballot count for a spending referendum on May 14.



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VISUAL CUES

Gov. Larry Hogan makes his point to Berlin Mayor Zach Tyndall, while shadowed by Town Council members Shaneka Nichols and Jack Orris in conversation with Sen. Mary Beth Carozza (R-38) during a morning stroll down Main Street on June 28.

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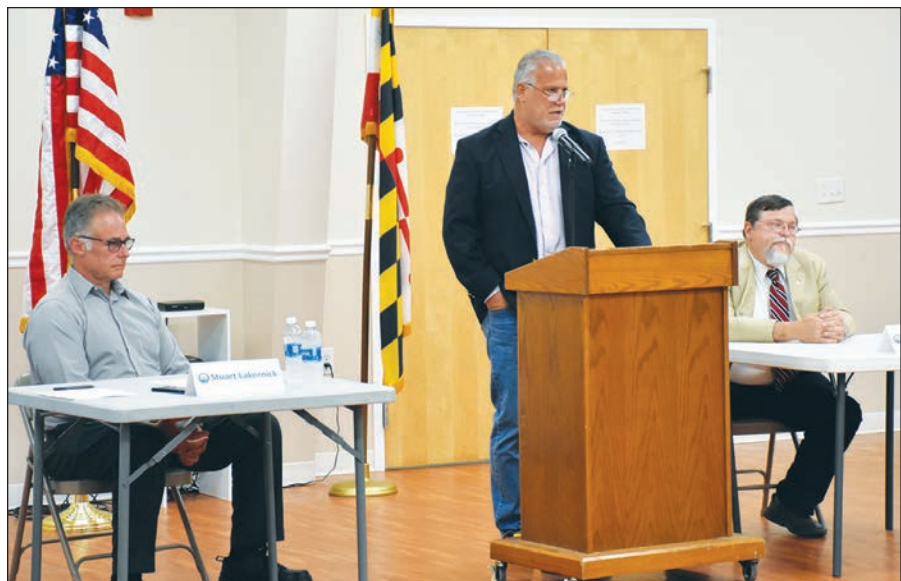
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VIEWPOINTS

Ocean Pines board candidate Rick Farr, flanked by fellow candidates, from left, Stuart Lakernick and David Hardy, shares perspective during an election forum on June 9 in the Assateague Room of the community center.



PHOTO COURTESY JÉRÉ JOHNSON

FLOATING FACILITY

More than 500 people took in Snow Hill's Black Eyed Susan riverboat on June 22 during an informal open house. The paddlewheel-powered vessel just concluded an extended stay at Murtech Marine in Salisbury where it underwent various renovations and repairs. The Black Eyed Susan riverboat took its maiden voyage in late August.



GREG ELLISON/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

LATE ARRIVALS

Election Committee Chair Jim Trummel displays roughly 100 ballots for the recent spending referendum that arrived late, while advising to allow sufficient mailing time for the upcoming Ocean Pines Board contest during a candidate draw on June 4.

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A close-up photograph of a dog's face, possibly a bulldog.

A photograph of a dog walking on a sidewalk.

A close-up photograph of a cat's face.

A photograph of two young children sitting on the grass.

A photograph of a dog wearing a Santa hat.

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SEND OFF

Stephen Decatur High School Principal Tom Sites addresses the class of 2021 graduates during their commencement ceremony in Berlin on June 2.



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EDGE OUT

The team from Sheppard Realty takes a slight lead over Ocean 98.1 while rolling down Main Street during a highly-competitive heat at the Berlin Bathtub Races on July 9.



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EXUBERANCE

Bouncy house exuberance on display during the youth event preceding the Fourth of July fireworks display at Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines.

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TOP PLACE

The Berlin Junior League Softball All-Star team captured its second consecutive state championship, winning 11-1 over Montgomery County Little League in Hancock, Maryland, in July.



PHOTO COURTESY KRISTY INTRIERI

CHAMPS

The Berlin Little League Junior League All-Star team captured the state championship in July on their home field.



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DISSENSION

Ocean Pines Board candidate Rick Farr, seated against wall, attended a special meeting of directors on July 30 to appeal an effort to invalidate his eligibility tied to dates of property ownership from a family trust.



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TEARFUL EMBRACE

Marie Gilmore, left, embraces Recreation and Parks Director Debbie Donahue after receiving the 2021 Sam Wilkinson Volunteer Award in August at the Ocean Pines Community Center.



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BUZZY

Honey bees mob a hive lodged deep inside the Taylor House Museum roof until renovations necessitated relocation procedures undertaken by BayBees Honey and Burley Building Company on Aug. 19.



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NOW OPEN

Cutting the ribbon for the new concession stand at Showell Park on Aug. 6, from left, are Worcester County Recreation and Parks staff members Derek Jarmon, Kelly Buchanan, Hunter Nelson, Kelly Rados, and commissioners Chip Bertino, Ted Elder and Allen Swiger.



DISMAYED

Longtime Maple Avenue resident Wallace Purnell displays pictures in August from recent flooding in and around his home.

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TUNESMITHS

The Bilenki Duo, George and Patricia, accompanied by Don Solo on pedal steel, serenade attendees at Berlin's Peach Festival from the Taylor House Museum porch on Aug. 7.



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BACK THE BLUE

Ample crowds descended upon Henry Park on Flower Street for National Night Out hosted by the Berlin Police Department in August.



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WELCOME BACK

Worcester County Public Schools Superintendent Lou Taylor spoke during a back to school kick-off event on Aug. 31 for teachers at the Stephen Decatur High School stadium.

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FIRST DAY

King Wallop talks with Erin McGreal, occupational therapist at Cedar Chapel Special School, on the first day of school, in September.



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PLAY BY RULES

Ocean Pines Director Doug Parks, left, voiced support for adhering to court directives in the lawsuit filed by disqualified candidate Rick Farr, while Director Frank Daly and Association President Larry Perrone considered the point during a special meeting on Sept. 7.



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CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT

Posing with shovels during the groundbreaking for the future Gudelsky Family Medical Center on Racetrack Road in Berlin in September, from left, are Michael Franklin, former president and CEO of Atlantic General Hospital; Jim Morvick, Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary Board member; Cindy Roman, president of the Atlantic General Hospital Auxiliary; and Greg Shockley, chair of the Atlantic General Hospital Board of Trustees.



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HOEDOWN

The annual Berlin Fiddler's Convention filled Main Street with music fans drawn for an afternoon grin-inducing picking on Sept. 25.



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STREET LEGAL

Seven-month-old mini dachshund puppy, Gemma Jane, keeps watch while Evan Griffiths from Bishopville, right, discusses his 1929 model-A Ford with Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Board member Rich Cropper during a car show at the South Gate Pond in September.



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RENTAL ISSUES

Berlin Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood, right, discussed licensing issues for short-term rentals with Councilmembers Shaneka Nichols and Troy Purnell on Sept. 27.



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UNCERTAINTIES

Ocean Pines directors, from left, Josette Wheatley, Larry Perrone and Colette Horn reviewed the unknown direction of the contested 2021 board election during the groups meeting on Oct. 16.



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LIGHT IT UP

Berlin officials, from left, Town Administrator Jeff Fleetwood, Electric Utility Director Tim Lawrence, Mayor Zach Tyndall and Councilmember Dean Burrell flipped the switch to kick in a newly installed solar array at the electric substation on Schoolfield Street during a ceremony on Sept. 16.



**OPTS TO RESIGN**  
OPA Director Tom Janasek preempted a motion to consider removal on Oct. 11, while board members Colette Horn and Larry Perrone awaited his departure.  
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**HERITAGE**  
Gregory Purnell presented a plaque to Sharon Briddell-Fowles, while Donald Smack Sr. observed the proceedings during a dedication ceremony for "Briddletown Road Historical Area" street signs Sept. 3.  
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OKTOBERFEST

Adding a touch of authenticity to Oktoberfest celebrations on Oct. 16 in Berlin, the Edelweiss Band filled Main Street with polka-flavored tunes, while attired in Bavarian-themed outfits complete with Alpine-hats.



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COSMIC CANDY

Halloween treat seekers on Washington Street in Berlin were lured in by festooned freaks channeling the spirit of Jerry Garcia in October.



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TECHNICOLOR

Bright swatches of colors adorned basketball court surfaces at Henry Park in Berlin after nonprofit We Heart Berlin solicited funding and invested sweat equity for an upgrade that also included new rims, backboards and pole pads in October.

Town of Berlin  
Public Notice



NOTICE OF A  
PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to The Town of Berlin, MD Code Sections 108-214 and 108-215, the Berlin Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to hear the request for a Text Amendment to the Town Code at their next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 5:30 PM in the second floor Council Chambers of Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, Berlin, MD.

The proposed Text Amendment reads as follows:

Proposed Text Amendments for Authorization of Crematorium as Conditional Use on M-1 Light Industrial Property

“Sec. 108-5. – Definitions  
Crematorium defined: a building containing furnace(s) for cremating dead human bodies”

“Sec 108-163. – Conditional uses, variances and special exceptions.  
(c) Within any M-1 Light Industrial District, a crematorium as defined in Section 108-5.”  
(d) the old (c) will then become the new (d)

“Sec. 108-518. – Conditional uses.  
(4) In any M-1 Light Industrial District, a crematorium as defined in Section 108-5.”

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**HIGH OCTANE**  
Car enthusiasts spied under the hoods of numerous classic rides jamming Main Street during the Cruisin' Berlin event in October.  
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**LONG SOUGHT**  
Superintendent Lou Taylor, Showell Principal Diane Shorts and several local and state officials cut the ribbon in October on the new elementary school that opened its doors for the first time to students this year. The 9,600-square-foot school had been ready for full use for more than a year, but the covid-19 pandemic forced the Showell community to settle for distance learning in the 2020-21 school year.  
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COUNCIL HONORS

Berlin Little League's Junior Baseball team was honored for winning the 2021 state championship during the Berlin mayor and Town Council meeting on Sept. 23.



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DROP BY

DNR Secretary Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, top center, spoke with Berlin Mayor Zach Tyndall, Town Council members and assorted stakeholders regarding state help for Heron Park during a special meeting in November.



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CONNECTION

Volunteers with Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health oversaw a prize table during the groups "Family Fun Day" event at Stephen Decatur Park on Oct. 9.



TOTAL FOCUS

Chase Owens, 7, received heavy equipment guidance from Claude Littleton with Public Works on Oct. 3 during Berlin's "Touch-A-Truck" event.  
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SPLIT VOTE

Elections Committee members, from left, Steve Habeger, Mary Ann Whitcomb, Bob Windsor and Carol Ludwig listened to Association President Larry Perrone explain the recent 4-3 vote to re-do the contested board contest during a meeting in October.

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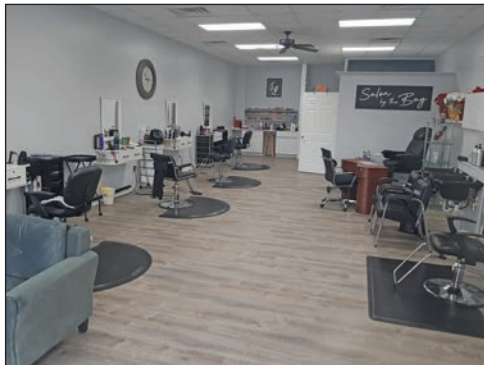
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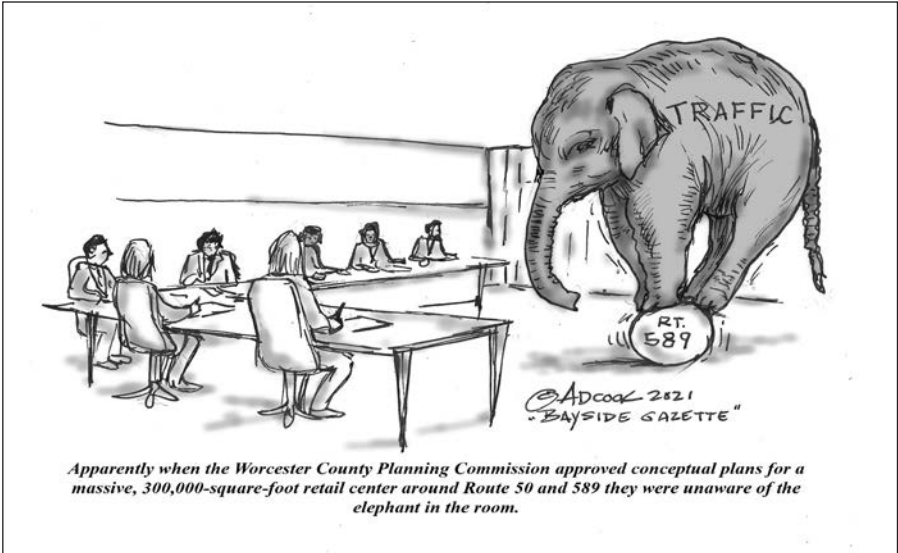
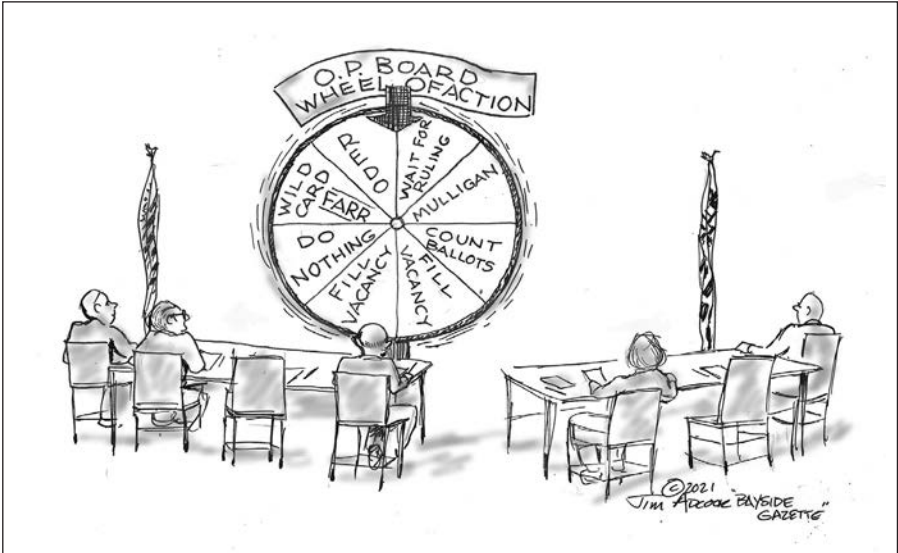
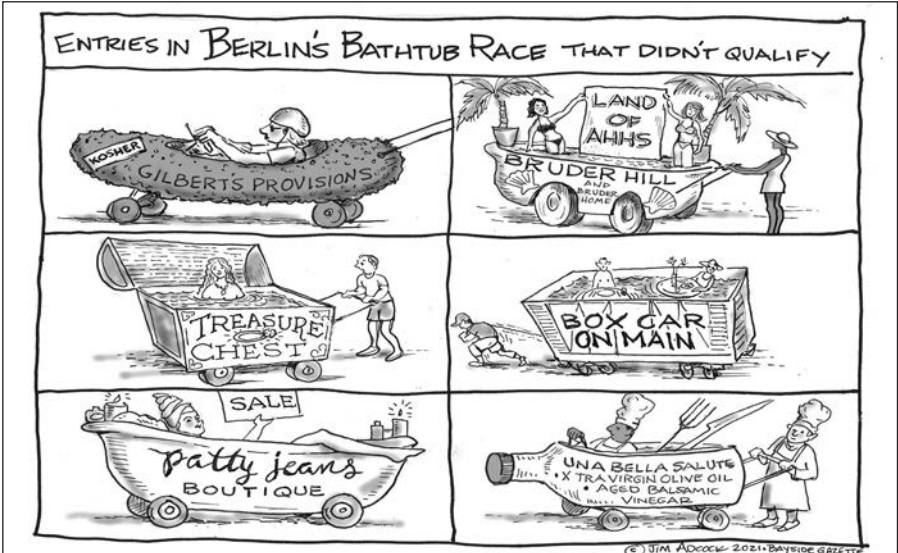
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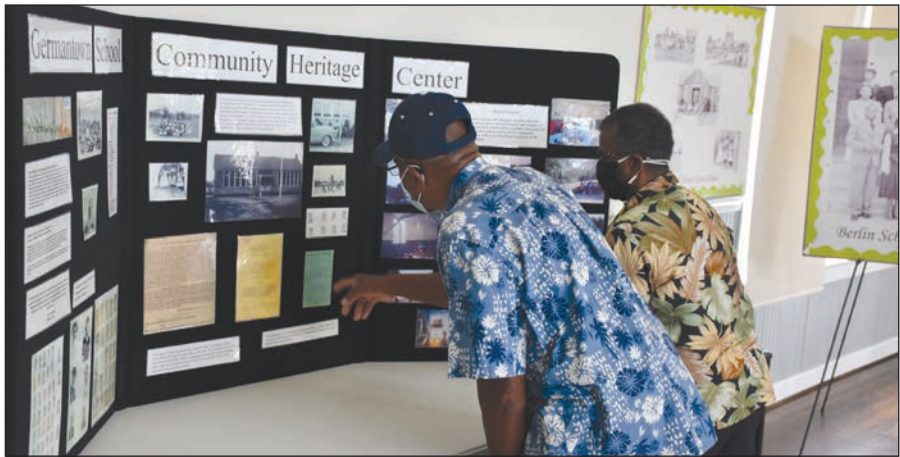
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NEW DIGS

Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce representatives held a ribbon cutting for the newly launched Ocean Pines Visitors Center on Nov. 3.



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HISTORY BUFFS

Ervin and Alice Briddell inspected the variety of historical photos on display at the Germantown School Community Heritage Center in November.



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FLAG PROCESSION

The "Posting of Colors" is performed by the Joint Color Guard, with members from American Legions in Ocean City (166) and Berlin (123 and 231), First State Detachment and the Marine Corps League, on Veterans Day at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines.



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UNDERWAY

Worcester County Public Schools officials, board members, staff members and local dignitaries ceremoniously gathered on Nov. 24 to break ground on a long-awaited nearly 25,000-square-foot addition at Stephen Decatur Middle School. The project is set for completion by the end of the 2022.

DRIVES

Kicking off the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City combined toy and coat drives in November are Dave Landis and Kitty Wrench.

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LIGHT IT UP

Twinkling lights illuminated throngs of Christmas fans during the "Ice Ice and Tree Lighting" event in front of the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin on Nov. 26.

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SANTA SHACK

Garrett Neeb rolls the more than half century old “Kringle Kottage” down Main Street earlier this month to its ultimate destination in the Berlin Welcome Center parking lot.



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WINNER WINNER

Jolly Roger Amusement Park’s float took top honors during Berlin’s 50th annual Christmas Parade that filled Main Street on Dec. 2, with throngs of spectators to partake of holiday revelry.



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SNACK ATTACK

John and Barbara Oltman marveled as their grandson, Kingston Oltman, 7, taste tested his cookie creation during the “Gingerbread Man Decorating” event at the Ocean Pines community center on Dec. 10.



**TOUCHING BASE**  
Bishopville resident Brody Downs, 6, confers on gift ideas while visiting with Santa at the “Kringle Kottage” in Berlin right before Christmas.  
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FISCAL CONCERNS

Willie Brown, a representative from Pocomoke Elementary School, spoke to members of the Worcester County Board of Education about budget priorities for the school during a meeting held on Dec. 14 to gauge public feedback on the public school district’s fiscal 2023 finances.

FIRST IN LINE

Del. Wayne Hartman (R-38C) makes the first bet at the Ocean Downs Casino sportsbook after a ribbon cutting on Dec. 17. Hartman’s bet was for the University of Maryland to defeat Virginia Tech in the Dec. 29 Pinstripe Bowl.

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YULETIDE CHEER

Holiday revelers delight as Ocean Pines officials flip the switch during the “Hometown Christmas Tree Lighting” in White Horse Park on Dec. 3.



NOT LEAVING

Ocean Pines Association President Larry Perrone responded after Roelof “Dutch” Oostven requested his resignation during the Board of Directors meeting on Dec. 11.

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# Calendar

Please send calendar items to [editor@baysidegazette.com](mailto:editor@baysidegazette.com) by 5 p.m. Monday. All community-related activities will be published at no charge.

## Thurs., Dec. 30

**STORY TIME ‘ANIMALS IN WINTER’**  
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. Take-home activity included. For ages 2-5 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**PJ/MOVIE TIME: DISNEY’S ‘FROZEN’**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Come and watch a family favorite in your coziest outfit. Rate PG. Run time: approximately 108 minutes. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**OPEN SKATE**  
Sturgis Park, River Street, Snow Hill, 12-7 p.m. Free ice skating. Children 13 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Children 6 years and younger are not permitted to skate without an adult on the ice with them. 410-632-2144, x2505

**BEACH SINGLES**  
*Thursdays* - Harpoon Hanna’s, 39064 Harpoon Road, Fenwick Island, DE, 4-6 p.m. Info: 302-436-9577 or [Beachsingles.org](http://Beachsingles.org)

## Fri., Dec. 31

**NEW YEAR’S EVE FIREWORKS**  
Northside Park, 200 125th St., Ocean City, 11 p.m. DJ BK with Radio Ocean City will be live hosting remotely on a big screen with music and a countdown at midnight. The fireworks will begin promptly at midnight. Winterfest of Lights will stay open until 10:30 p.m. Northside Park will close at 11 p.m. as New Year’s Eve festivities on Jamaica Avenue begin. The town will be offer free bus service on New Year’s Eve. Masks are required on public transit. 410-289-2800 or 800-626-2326.

**KIDS BALL DROP & LASER LIGHT SHOW**  
Downtown Berlin, 2 S. Main St., 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ball drop at 6 p.m. <https://berlinmd.gov>, 410-641-2770

**NEW YEAR’S EVE JELLYFISH DROP & JAM**  
Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 7-10 p.m. Dancing, crafts, candy, animal programs, Jellyfish Ball Drop at 10 p.m. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids 4 years and older and free to those 3 years and younger at [www.delmarvadiscoverymuseum.org](http://www.delmarvadiscoverymuseum.org). 410-957-9933

**NEW YEAR’S EVE IN BERLIN**  
Downtown Berlin, 2 S. Main St., 10 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Music, dancing, laser light show and ball drop at midnight.

Beer and wine sales benefit We Heart Berlin. <https://berlinmd.gov>, 410-641-2770

## Sat., Jan. 1

**ILIA FEHRER / JUDY JOHNSON MEMORIAL BEACH WALK AND NEW YEAR’S DAY HIKE**  
Assateague State Park - Day-Use Boardwalk, 6915 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Meet members of the Assateague Coastal Trust and State Park staff, enjoy a campfire and free hot chocolate and coffee. Bring your own mug. The hike is happening Jan. 1 and 2 from 7 a.m. to sunset. 410-629-1538

**28TH ANNUAL PENGUIN SWIM**  
Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1 p.m. Registration at 10 a.m. Get a short-sleeve T-shirt for a \$25 registration fee or a long-sleeve T-shirt for a \$100 or more donation (while supplies last). Registration required: [www.aghpen-guinswim.org](http://www.aghpen-guinswim.org). 410-641-9671

**OC MAYOR’S NEW YEAR’S DAY CONCERT**  
Performing Arts Center - Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 4-6 p.m. Mayor Rick Meehan and the Ocean City Council will host a free concert featuring “The Priceless Band,” a Motown band from New York. No tickets issued. Seating is first come, first served. 410-289-8931

## Sun., Jan. 2

**ASSATEAGUE NEW YEAR DAY HIKE**  
Assateague State Park, 6915 Stephen Decatur Highway, Berlin, 7 a.m.-sunset. State Park staff will be available 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dogs on a leash are welcome only as far as the boundary of the State Park.

**NEW YEAR’S KNOCKOUT GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Eagle’s Landing Golf Course, 12367 Eagles Nest Road, Berlin, 11 a.m. Modified scramble format with 12 p.m. shotgun start. Gross and net prizes. Cost is \$60 and includes brunch. [www.eagleslandinggolf.com](http://www.eagleslandinggolf.com), 410-213-7277

## Mon., Jan. 3

**DELMARVA WOMEN’S A CAPELLA CHORUS**  
*Mondays* - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 7:00-9:00 p.m. All ladies that love to sing invited. Contact Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol Ludwig, 302-242-7062.

**GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30 p.m.

Examine the short story “The Fall of the House of Usher” by Edgar Allan Poe. The group is currently reading selections in Book 2 of Great Conversations. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

## Tues., Jan. 4

**FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIP**  
John H. ‘Jack’ Burbage, Jr. Regional Cancer Care Center, 9707 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 10-11 a.m. A cooperative effort between AGH and local worship centers to increase health awareness. Held in-person and online Zoom call. Gail Mansell, [gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:gmansell@atlanticgeneral.org), 410-641-9725

**STORY TIME ‘PLAYFUL PETS’**  
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and fingerplays. Take-home activity included. For ages 2-5 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**STORY TIME ‘HIBERNATION STATION’**  
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Stories and crafts about animals that hibernate during the winter months. For ages 2-5 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**MASTER GARDENER PLANT CLINIC WITH GINNY ROSENKRANZ**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 11 a.m. Master Gardener Ginny Rosenkranz talks about all things plants. Bring any questions and feel free to show your plants as well. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**ROCK ART**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Adults will create their own designs on small rocks to decorate their homes, offices or to leave in a random spot to brighten someones’s day. Supplies included. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org). 410-632-2600

**DELMARVA DANCING**  
*Tuesdays* - Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, Bishopville, 5:30-9 p.m. Dance to the sounds of the ’50s and ’60s. A \$5 donation to benefit Veterans. Participants show proof of vaccination or wear a mask. [delmarva-handdance@gmail.com](mailto:delmarva-handdance@gmail.com), 410-208-1151

## Wed., Jan. 5

**ART FOR WELLNESS**  
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30

a.m. Learn to use art to increase wellness. Held Jan. 5, 12 and 19. Supplies included. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under “Events” or call Elena Coelho, 443-783-6164, [ecoeelho@worcestelibrary.org](mailto:ecoeelho@worcestelibrary.org).

**JOB SEARCH WORKSHOP**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 3-5 p.m. Drop into the library every Wednesday to receive one-on-one guidance from library staff to strengthen your resume and help with your job search. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org), 410-632-2600

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 3:30-4:30 p.m. The group provides discussion, education and a speaker on the topic of diabetes. Darlene Jameson, 410-208-9761, [djameson@atlanticgeneral.org](mailto:djameson@atlanticgeneral.org).

**D.H. LAWRENCE IN NEW MEXICO**  
Join Diane Heck as she traces the footsteps of D.H. Lawrence through Taos to discover his epiphanies and how it affected his writing, 6:30 p.m. Register: [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org) under “Events.”

## ONGOING EVENTS

**29TH ANNUAL WINTERFEST OF LIGHTS**  
Northside Park, 200 125th Street, Ocean City, through Jan. 1. Hours are Wednesdays through Sundays, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Admission cost is \$5 for adults and free to those 11 years and younger. Pets are welcome on Wednesday evenings. The 2021 Winterfest of Lights will be an expanded walking tour through the animated lights. There will be hot chocolate, photos with Santa, a gift shop, an array of holiday exhibits and the 50-foot Christmas tree. Pets are welcome on Wednesdays. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/241649021281497/> for updates. Info: 410-250-0125, 800-626-2326.

**WINTER TRAIN GARDEN**  
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, through Jan. 3, 2022. Visitors of all ages can interact with buttons to activate accessories or sounds. Kids can take part in a scavenger hunt to win prizes. Open during the library’s regular hours. 410-524-1818

**TINY ART COMPETITION**  
Pick up a Take & Make Kit from Jan. 3-15 at any Worcester County library branch. Submit your creation by Jan. 17 for judging. Winners will be announced on Jan. 31 and will be eligible to win an art kit. For ages 8-15 years. [www.worcesterlibrary.org](http://www.worcesterlibrary.org)



# Puzzles

## SEASON TO TASTE

BY LAURA TAYLOR KINNEL / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

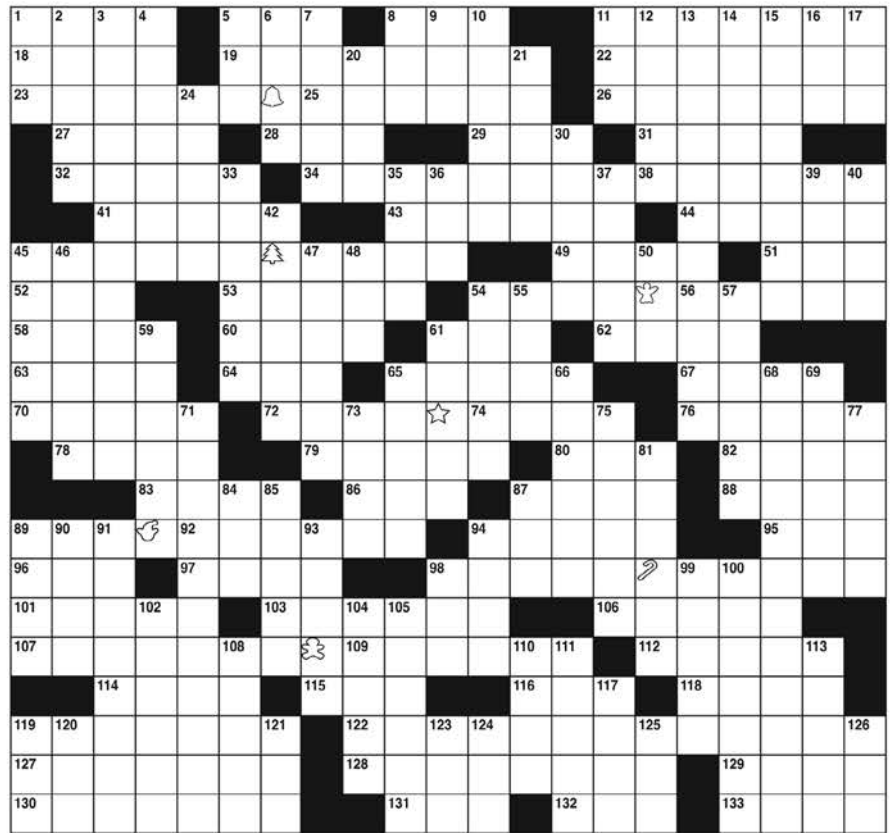
Laura Taylor Kinnel is a math teacher and the director of studies at a Friends boarding school in Newtown, Pa. This is her fifth crossword for The Times. Last New Year's Eve, when Laura got together with some wordplay-loving friends via Zoom, she gave them words from a working version of this puzzle, for which some of the celebrants suggested clues. I wonder if they'll remember any of them now. — W.S.

**ACROSS**  
1 They might be put on  
5 Singer Grande, informally  
8 Undercover attire?  
11 \_\_\_\_ Creole (Caribbean language)  
18 Drive-\_\_\_\_  
19 Certain urban map  
22 Demoralize  
23 Little tyke  
25 Flatter, with "up"  
26 Things bachelors might have  
27 Certain Scandinavian  
28 "Gimme \_\_\_\_!" (start of a cheer at three Big Ten schools)  
29 Noted Dadaist  
31 \_\_\_\_ Helmer, Ibsen heroine  
32 Scalpel creations  
34 Relative of a tee-hee  
38 Bit of marginalia  
41 M.L.K. or R.B.G.: Abbr.  
43 Stage name of rapper Yasiin Bey  
44 Forest spirit  
45 Pep  
47 Onesie feature  
49 "Sure, I'm game"  
51 UNICEF address suffix  
52 H.S. subj.  
  
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**DOWN**  
3 Becoming faint  
4 Solarium activity  
5 National dance co.  
6 It was eliminated from the U.S. in 2004  
7 Library IDs  
8 Kitty  
9 Project  
10 Outback orders  
11 Cabinet dept. since 1965  
12 Come to \_\_\_\_  
13 Fit  
14 Nightmare  
15 "Got it"  
16 "\_\_\_\_ Maria"  
17 Super Mario Bros. platform  
20 Downfall  
21 Dropped the ball  
24 Remove, as a ribbon  
30 Green shampoo  
33 Italian thoroughfare  
35 Wishy-washy response  
36 Get, slangily  
37 Genuine  
39 Filmmaker von Trier  
40 Little lead  
42 Some graffiti  
45 First and reverse  
46 Not learned  
47 Proverb-spouting Panza  
48 Lancaster-to-Scranton dir.  
50 Citrus hybrid  
54 Come to \_\_\_\_  
55 Present opening?

**ACROSS**  
53 Words before point or rate  
54 Ring  
56 Hold, as inhabitants  
58 Med school subj.  
60 Certain Scandinavian  
61 "The One I Love" band  
62 \_\_\_\_ Hall ("The Wind in the Willows" residence)  
63 Loud but friendly growl  
64 Bow  
65 Adjusts the spacing between, as typed letters  
67 No \_\_\_\_ (apartment policy)  
70 Big name in cast-iron cookware  
72 Reduce in volume  
74 As new  
76 It'll knock you out  
78 Ogle  
79 Chiwere speakers  
80 Christmas ornament, often  
82 Modern prefix with medicine  
83 Becomes less taut  
86 Old "Up, up and away" sloganer  
87 Mannheim madame  
88 Fivers  
89 Kind of leaf  
92 Scientist born on Christmas Day in 1642  
94 With 117-Down, cholesterol reducer  
95 Musician Brian

**DOWN**  
96 Paris's \_\_\_\_ Saint-Louis  
97 \_\_\_\_ Finch, "ER" doctor  
98 Possible result of getting one's wires crossed  
99 Moola  
101 Singer/actress Shore  
103 Big block  
106 Two-time U.S. Open tennis champion while still a teen  
107 Breakfast dish  
109 Fruitcake tidbit  
112 Amasses, with "up"  
114 Nuclear-medicine units  
115 "\_\_\_\_, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus"  
116 \_\_\_\_ culpa  
118 Trig function  
119 Some laundromat machines  
122 This puzzle's images, in two different ways  
127 Physician awarded a Presidential Medal of Freedom by G.W. Bush  
128 Party staple  
129 Prefix with space  
130 Chandelier part, often  
131 \_\_\_\_-mo  
132 Football units: Abbr.  
133 Hurdle for a J.D. wannabe  
1 Court sport grp.  
2 Course preparers



- 57 "Gonna Let It Shine" singer  
59 Personal essence  
61 Where to go on a trip?  
65 Not a mystery  
66 One keeping others up at night, perhaps  
68 Something else  
69 Singer Gomez  
71 Went in a different direction  
73 "What's \_\_\_\_ you?"  
75 Pride and prejudice, e.g.

77 Fix, as a lawn  
81 Pirate  
84 Set  
85 Mushroom  
87 Woman in Progressive ads  
89 Classic dog name  
90 Hip bones  
91 What some neighborhoods do  
93 More than enough  
94 Volts/amp  
98 Long-tailed monkey

99 Blowout party  
100 Piano performance, possibly  
102 Some ranges  
104 El \_\_\_\_ ("View of Toledo" painter)  
105 \_\_\_\_ Cradle (maritime rescue device)  
108 Popular adoption agcy.  
110 "Sign me up!"  
111 High-maintenance

113 Richard famous for large-scale sculptures  
117 See 94-Across  
119 Agcy. fighting epidemics  
120 Bobby of the N.H.L.  
121 Part of R.S.V.P.  
123 Old-fashioned menorah filler  
124 "Kitchy-kitchy-\_\_\_\_!"  
125 Raises  
126 Teetotaler's opposite

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				1	6			9
	6		4				5	3
	4						1	
				8	7	1		
		7						2
6	7					8		9
8			5	2				
	9						2	

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5	9	7	1	4	8	6	2	3
8	3	4	2	7	6	9	5	1
2	6	1	5	3	9	7	8	4
6	8	3	9	1	4	2	7	5
4	7	2	8	6	5	1	3	9
1	5	9	7	2	3	8	4	6
7	2	5	4	9	1	3	6	8
3	1	8	6	5	2	4	9	7
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