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John Sauer, 90, is one of two local D-Day survivors who will take part in a flag-raising ceremony honoring veterans at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Pines infighting continues ahead of golf showdown

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 8, 2015) Contention continued among the members of the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors this week, as a new set of internal memos suggests unrest between several members.

Director Sharyn O'Hare came under fire from board President Dave Stevens after sending an email stating she had heard about support for current course manager Billy Casper Golf, but had not seen any actual letters.

"We need the golfers to send those emails to the directors in the next two weeks," O'Hare wrote.

O'Hare added that a special meeting was set for Jan. 9 and that she hoped "we can get the golfers out in force for that meeting ... I think this meeting will be informative and important for all the golfers."

Board President Dave Stevens accused O'Hare of "rallying the troops."

"This is not a new thing for Sharon [sic] whether it be golfers or the clubs committee, or any other group, who given the right amount of misinformation will come to a board meeting and repeat, one after another, a particular point of view without adding anything to the discussion of the real issue."

Stevens said the move gave "the false impression of representing an actual majority."

"They place people who have a different opinion, but are not members of the group, at a real disadvantage," he wrote. "More importantly, it has a stifling effect on any reasonable discussion of pros and cons."

A similar controversy occurred in December, when internal emails suggested Stevens had unilaterally fired Casper.

In the latest batch of emails, Stevens clarified his position.

"I am not proposing that we fire Casper," he wrote. "I do propose that we hold a competition with a level playing field, based on a new contract. I also believe we must take a serious look at how we provide oversight to this new contract. If OPA golfers have anything remotely close to an open mind they should have no problem at all with this."

Speaking to the Bayside Gazette on Monday, O'Hare labeled Stevens a "bully."

"It is absolutely so disrespectful," she said. "Anytime I have made a comment, he has publically said in meetings that I am wrong. I've asked for compromises. He has publically said 'no.' I'm another fellow board member. My opinion is just

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'I think the people should know'

Berlin resident John Sauer talks about his harrowing experiences during D-Day

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 8, 2015) "I really don't like to talk about this part of the invasion, because it's awful gruesome," John Sauer said.

Sauer, 90, sat calmly in his easy chair in a modest apartment at the Gull Creek Retirement Community in Berlin. His voice was grave, but clear, with a hint of a Baltimore accent.

"I've never told anybody about it," he said. "I've told them about different things, but I never told them the gruesome part of the invasion - how bad it was. I think the people should know."

Sauer was one of the 24,000 American, British and Canadian troops who landed in Normandy on June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day.

Born in Baltimore City, Sauer originally received an exemption from the draft due to his duties at the Glenn L. Martin Company.

"I worked there building airplanes," he said. "All my friends were leaving and I was the only one there,

so I asked the supervisor, 'What do I do that I can't work anymore?' And he says, 'if you don't come in for a couple days you're fired.' So that's what I did."

Seven days later, Sauer received his draft notice. He reported to a basic training facility in Florida, but initially was not assigned to a specific service branch.

"I went to the rifle range one day and I hit 19 bull's-eyes out of 20, and the Marine guy says, 'We want you on the Marines,'" Sauer said. "But they wouldn't take me in the Marines because I wore glasses. So I ended up in the Army Air Corps."

After basic, Sauer spent seven months at the Royal Air Force Burtonwood base in Warrington, England, training and awaiting further orders.

"One morning they lined us all up and they said, 'When I call your name, I want you to step forward and then I'll tell you what,'" he said. "And then he said, 'You are now in the 29th Division in the Army.'"

The 29th moved to the White Cliffs of Dover and, for two months, the unit repeated the same task, climbing onto landing barges by rope. Ironically, when the invasion actually occurred,

the 29th would walk from the hulls directly onto the awaiting barges.

The first wave of attacks on the Normandy beaches came in the form of rocket fire. Sauer, then 19, was in the second wave.

"It was cold, black, really bad rain, and you couldn't see the shoreline," Sauer said.

Each man was outfitted with a 60-pound pack, a 12-pound rifle, and a bandolier of bullets and grenades.

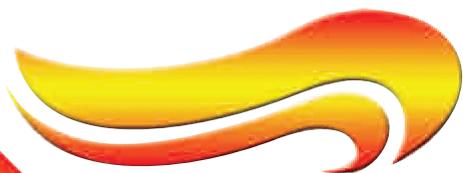
"When we were coming into shore the landing barge hit a sandbar, and the guy dropped the gate and 29 men just walked off into the water and I didn't see them anymore," Sauer said. "Most of them got drowned or shot."

"After I got off the boat, I got rid of my pack and my rifle, and I walked on the bottom of the water to go to war," Sauer continued. "I was in about 18 foot of water and I walked until I ran out of breath and then I went up, and I was about 100 feet from shore."

Sauer reached the shore of Omaha Beach. What he saw next, he said, he would never forget.

"The water was full of blood all around because of all the wounded," he said. "It was solid red. You had to crawl on all the men to go into the

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Yacht club raises flag for D-Day veterans Saturday

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shore, and you could hear the men groaning like they were hurting and shot. You had to crawl over them because you couldn't walk.

"They gave it a good name: they called it 'Dog Red Beach,'" Sauer continued. "That was the bloodiest part of the 3,000 men that died that day. It was terrible with the bodies in the water. I never will forget that."

Trying to advance, Sauer was stopped by a Marine corpsman. Fearing sniper attacks, the corpsman told Sauer not to move until he saw smoke.

"The smoke came and then I crawled up to the beach, and then I got hit on the back with shrapnel," Sauer said. "I moved up a little more and I got hit on my right side [just above his eye]. The next thing I knew a shell came in and it blasted the ground 20 feet from me, and it blew all the shrapnel around. And it hit me [on the forehead] and knocked me out. I don't remember a thing after that."

Two days later Sauer woke up, his head bandaged, on a hospital ship.

"I didn't remember nothing," he



Four Ocean Pines residents traveled to Normandy in 2004, visiting D-Day sites including this American cemetery near Omaha Beach. Pictured holding the flag, clockwise from left, are Sharyn O'Hare, George Reisinger, Jean Rorke and Jim Rorke.

said. "Eisenhower came on the ship and gave us all Purple Heart medals, and Gen. [Charles H.] Gerhardt gave me the Bronze Star because I had rescued somebody. It was a reporter and he couldn't swim, so I got him to shore in all my doings."

Sauer is unsure if anyone else from the 29th survived that day.

"I never saw another man [from the 29th]," he said.

Ocean Pines will honor veterans of the Normandy landings during a flag-raising ceremony at the yacht club on

Saturday, Jan. 10 at 11 a.m. A reception at the club follows.

Sauer said he volunteered to participate in the ceremony "to praise the 3,000 men who were heroes of the war."

"If Eisenhower wouldn't have formed D-Day and done the invasion we'd be speaking German now," Sauer said.

Ocean Pines resident Elmer Muth, present during the 6th wave at Normandy, will also take part in the ceremony.

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Ocean Pines director O'Hare labels Pres. Stevens 'bully'

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"We don't have to agree," O'Hare continued. "I get it. But we should certainly treat each other with respect for God's sake."

Director Bill Cordwell said he was "appalled" by what he labeled as personal attacks on O'Hare.

"She's been here longer than any of us, and all she cares about is the welfare of the community," he said. "I tell people all the time, 'Come to the meetings, be involved, talk to the other directors,' and that's all Sharyn did. For her to be personally attacked from the president of this organization, it's appalling that the president does not want the residents to know what's going on."

"This stuff affects them," Cordwell continued. "These people, especially the golf members, they stuck through this course through thick and thin. Five, six, seven years ago it was horrible. They

stuck through all this construction and now to tell them it's wrong that they're notified when it's something that pertains to them that they're interested in, we're not supposed to tell them when we're going to meet and discuss this? I just don't get it. This is Ocean Pines, not North Korea."

Stevens was unavailable for comment.

Two major board meetings are set for this week in Ocean Pines, addressing the next fiscal year's budget as well as the future management of the golf course. Both are open to the public.

General Manager Bob Thompson will give the budget book presentation during a meeting at the country club on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 3 p.m.

On the following day, at 9:30 a.m., the board will address the golf course in the board room. The meeting includes a period for public comments before the board goes into a closed session.

Sharp switch saves Ocean Pines pool thousands on gas

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan 8, 2015) The Ocean Pines Association signed a new deal to heat the Sports Core pool in December, switching propane carriers from Sandpiper Energy to Sharp Energy.

In the deal, the community stands to save several thousands of dollars on utility costs each month.

Both companies are subsidiaries of parent company Chesapeake Utilities.

The notion to switch first came up during a public meeting in November, when General Manager Bob Thompson reported on the high utility costs at the pool.

"In late November, it came to our attention that we were paying \$2.96 cents a gallon, commercial rate, to Sandpiper," OPA Vice President Marty Clarke said. "A couple of phone calls later I discovered we were paying twice as much as everybody else in town was asking."

Clarke said the board directed Thompson to investigate.

"He came back with some really great rates," Clarke said.

Thompson declined to give specific numbers, citing fluid fuel costs, but said the community was saving a "significant" amount.

Thompson would go on the record to say Ocean Pines paid close to \$3 a gallon with Sandpiper, and will pay less than \$2 after switching to Sharp.

"There appears to be a significant enough savings by switching to delivered propane - to tanks - that it was worth our effort to move in that direction," Thompson said. "We'll see between a 30 and 40 percent savings."

According to Clarke, the Sports Core pool uses approximately 2,000 gallons of propane each month, meaning monthly savings could be as much as

\$2,000 to \$3,000.

Thompson said he is looking at tapping into similar savings at other Ocean Pines amenities.

"We're looking at all of the facilities that use propane," Thompson said. "We're doing that right now."

Clarke switched propane carriers at his private residence several months ago, and encouraged other residents to explore similar options.

"I'm saving a fortune, and I'm one individual guy," he said. "Last year, I spent \$2,800 on gas with Sandpiper. Next year I'll be very surprised if I spend \$1,600."

"If someone called me and asked if I had any recommendations I would tell them to start with the yellow pages under gas," Clarke said. "Start calling around. You're going to find Cropper is less, Suburban is less, Matheson Valley - who I went with - is less."

Pines Anglers Club awards cash prizes in contest

(Jan. 8, 2015) The Ocean Pines Anglers Club announced the 2014 fishing contest winners during its final meeting of the year. Winners were presented a cash prize and certificate.

Winners were: Eric Bruder, 20-inch large mouth bass; Larry Eberly, 27 1/4-inch flounder; John Jewer, 19-inch bluefish (tie); Bill Bundy, 15-inch fresh water trout, 19-inch bluefish (tie); Kevin Welkner, 19-inch tautog, 19 1/4-inch Weakfish; Greg Donahue, 44-inch striped bass and Clifford Moore, 18-inch black sea bass.

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Berlin defends purchase of Tyson plant

Critics worry about expense to taxpayers, but mayor stresses need for growth

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 8, 2015) While many people cheered the town's purchase of the former Tyson Chicken plant in Berlin, with intention to transform the former "eyesore" into a massive public park, some in the community criticized the \$2.75 million buy as extravagant and superfluous.

The property, on Old Ocean City Road across from Burley Oak Brewing Company, has been dormant for more than a decade after functioning as a chicken processing plant.

Berlin Mayor Gee Williams said the town has always endured criticism, during periods of growth, when pursuing ambitious public projects.

"It might as well be 1975," he said. "These are the same things I've heard forever. There are people who believe in the town and believe the town should invest in itself, and there are people who do not. And that will never change."

"The majority of the people in the town have to decide, after working so hard to get where we are, is now the time to stop? Now that opportunities are blossoming all over the place, now that we have potential commercial

and residential development beyond anything we could possibly hope for even five and 10 years ago, is now the time to stop? I don't think so. We are spending the money now so the town controls [the site] and its future use, and the town is no longer left to deal with property that is beyond our control."

Williams remembers the ecological nightmare the site presented the town in the 1960s and 1970s.

"From a lifetime of living in Berlin and a lifetime of living in the immediate proximity of that property, people who know what used to be there, I think, will greatly support [the purchase]," he said. "And I think people who don't want us to spend money on anything, that's just the way it is. I can't change that."

The mayor also refuted the notion that, by buying a former industrial site, Berlin was stifling possible industry.

"There is good industry and there is bad industry," he said. "Not all business is ideal for our community. We've had to learn that the hard way; we're not going to go back and learn that a second time."

Finance Director Natalie Saleh is exploring three different options for purchasing the site, likely including the \$230,000 the town annually receives as part of the deal to bring the Casino at Ocean Downs to Worcester County.

"That's certainly going to be a contributing factor," Williams said. "We took that money for things we never otherwise would be able to do, and when this obligation is met I hope our future mayor and council take advantage of some other unique opportu-

nity. It is not there to replace income that citizens are normally responsible for."

Williams expects Saleh to present her findings during a public meeting in January.

The mayor and council unanimously approved the purchase of the site from Berlin Properties North LLC, with a \$25,000 down payment and a six-month study period, during a meeting on Dec. 22.

Under the contract, the town will commission an appraisal and conduct a Phase 1 environmental assessment of the property to determine if it is suitable for public recreational purposes pursuant to the state Department of the Environment regulations.

Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen said there are several contingencies in the contract that allow the town to receive a refund of the down payment.

"If some reason were to come up, say the environmental study proved that we were not able to use the property as we would like, we would be able to get the deposit back," she said.

The contract also allows the town to pursue construction of a temporary skate park on the site, and transfers 2.903 acres of property on the east side of Flower Street to town ownership. Bohlen said the additional property would likely serve as a town parking lot.

Development of the former Tyson plant into a multi-use facility, possibly including indoor and outdoor recreation as well as festival grounds, will likely carry a hefty price tag.

Economic and Community Development Director Ivy Wells, who brought in hundreds of thousands of

dollars in grants in her former role in Sykesville, Md. expects Berlin to pursue several endowments to fund the purchase and development of the site

"Typically the perception is we're going to have all this debt, we're going to get this property and then where does the money come from, but a lot of time people don't realize that there's so much grant money out there," she said. "There is grant money out there that allows you to do the things you want to do without having to spend town money."

Wells said the type of grants used on the property would depend on the town's intended use.

"That would help us to determine which grants to apply for," she said. "If it's going to be a park, there's Community Parks and Playground money. If you're going to do some construction with the building, there's Community Legacy money that you can use for that."

Berlin has enjoyed a cultural and economic upswing dating back several years and culminating in the Budget Travel designation in early 2014. Revenue is up, and optimism is clearly enjoying a period of renaissance.

Williams said the Tyson purchase is proof that the current leadership is not content to rest on their laurels.

"Our job is to work on the future, not live in the past," he said. "The community has to decide, do they want to basically shut down or do they want to prepare for the next level of prosperity and success, which is literally knocking on our door."

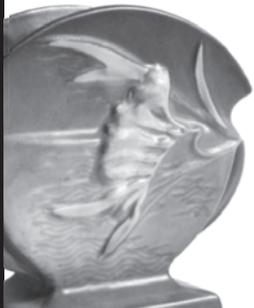
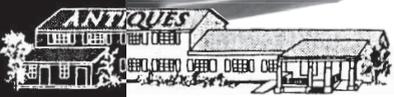
"This is the time you make these investments, not after the property values start shooting up," Williams continued. "We want to do everything we can to make sure we do not leave a piece of property that could become an environmental and economic development nightmare when we have the opportunity to do something very special with it."

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Growth, traffic woes loom over annexation

Infrastructure burden could be concern as Berlin OKs new housing development

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 8, 2015) When the Berlin Mayor and Council voted to begin the annexation process of a 120-acre parcel of land at 9828 Seahawk Road in December, the town officially entered a lengthy process that could add as many as 900 new apartments and thousands of new residents over a 15-20 year period.

Developer Rinnier Properties, the current landowner, plans to build a series of "market rate" apartments in four phases, beginning with a 144-unit complex next year.

Before construction can begin, however, the town is required to advertise the move and hold a public hearing.

District 1 Councilmember Troy Purnell came out in favor of the annexation, saying, "I've been looking forward to some growth [in Berlin] for some time now."

Purnell served on the county planning commission when annexation and development, rumored for at least a decade, was originally discussed.

"The previous developer, he just couldn't get the traction going to get the job done," Purnell said. "I think he had some financing issues. But the guys who picked it up, the Rinnier bunch, they've got a really good track record of doing some quality stuff. I think we're lucky to be having those types of people coming to town and say this is what we'd like to do."

Purnell said the target market for the apartments would be "your bartender, your school teacher, just out of college and got a job and need a place to live as far as rentals go."

The only point of contention, in Purnell's view, is the potential of increased traffic on nearby Flower Street.

"The folks on Flower Street and in that area do not want through traffic coming from that development towards Assateague using Flower Street as a shortcut," he said. "I've heard it over and over, and that is probably the biggest thing that has been negotiated with that property for the last 10 years."

According to Purnell, the deal with Rinnier includes a provision that would protect Flower Street.

"I believe that's part of the resolution," he said. "When you leave that property you're going to make a right-hand turn and go out to Route 50 to go anywhere. You're not going to be able to make a left-hand turn to go to Flower Street. I know from talking to the people in east Berlin, that's their major concern. They don't want Flower Street to turn into a throughway. All the plans and all the proposals I've seen so far show that [would not happen]."

"If they pop out with a plan that shows a left-hand turn going towards Mary Road and Flower Street I think there will be a major backlash," Purnell continued. "I don't think you're going to see it."

Under Resolution 2014-06, Rinnier can purchase water and sewer EDUs in phases, beginning with 144 in phase

one. The property owner is required to construct necessary new public infrastructure, including public works and highway improvements, and conduct a traffic study that meets approval from the State Highway Administration.

Provisions aside, At-Large Councilmember Thom Gulyas said he is concerned with the strain on town infrastructure, and is worried the developer may choose to target lower income individuals.

"I don't think it's the appropriate type of growth that we need, especially across from schools," he said. "I don't want to strap the town of Berlin with anything more than what they should be at this time. I don't think it's fair to straddle them with these developers that come in here and want to make their money, do what they've done and then leave."

Gulyas said there was a chance he would support the measure when it comes back for a council vote following a public hearing, likely held in early February.

"I'm anxious to see this come up [to the public]," he said. "I'm anxious to make sure that the word gets out there."

"If the whole town says they want to see this, then I'll vote for it," Gulyas continued. "I still won't agree with it. Be careful what you ask for, but if that's what you want, that's what we'll do. I just don't think it's the best match for this town."

Visitor's Center to highlight Berlin Main Street business

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 8, 2015) The Berlin Visitor's Center, on 14 South Main Street, appears to have found stability following more than six months of uncertainty.

Ivy Wells, who took over Michael Day's position as town economic and community development director in October, also took over the Main Street coordinator position from Megan Houston this month, moving into her office at the center.

Wells said her role there, as well as that of Jim Volk, who took over daily operations of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce in November and keeps an office in the center, will reinvigorate the building as a hub for local business.

"We need [the center] to showcase local businesses," Wells said. "Typically when I go visit a town, I'll go to the visitor's center first, get all my information together, and then go out and explore. If people can come here and look at all the menus of the restaurants and look at a little snapshot of what all the shops have to offer, that's going to be a big plus. We want to make the visitor's center a place where you actually want to go to find out information."

Wells envisions a row of "cubby" shelves with pamphlets briefing visitors on each shop in downtown Berlin. She also suggested making the center into a gathering place, renting out con-

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Main Street Coordinator Ivy Wells and Jim Volk of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce have plans to reinvigorate the Visitor's Center as a hub for local business and a gathering place for tourists.

Wells hopes to transform center into new town square

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ference rooms for meetings and placing chess and checkerboard tables outdoors in front of the center.

"Let's say somebody doesn't want to go shopping – men maybe. They want to bring their wives here or their significant others and to shop, but what are they going to do? They can come here and sit and play checkers or chess and have a really nice day doing something like that," Wells said.

Wells hopes to use a combination of grants, volunteer hours and a small part of the Main Street budget to pay for the improvements. Fundraisers could also be a possibility.

"I'm pretty thrifty," she said. "Plus, I want to get some of the youth involved. Kids need service hours, so if I get some old tables maybe we can get some art students to do a project. I'm all about community service hours."

The business incubator previously proposed by Michael Day could also find new life under Wells and Volk.

"Jim had a really good idea that we could almost make it like an indoor Main Street," Wells said. "Someone could have their office in here and we could have their name above the office and hang a shingle over it. I thought that was a really great idea."

Wells also hopes to replace the carpets inside the center, and make the general décor inside the back rooms look a little less "American Horror Story."

"We're going to move some things around and make it more of a gathering place, almost like a town square," she said. "When people come to Berlin, I want them to say, 'We have to go to the visitor's center first. I've heard really good things about the visitor's center.'"

Kindergarten and pre-K sign-up starts this month

(Jan. 8, 2015) Ocean City Elementary School will begin the registration process for the 2015-2016 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs this month.

Children who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, may be eligible for the OCES Pre-Kindergarten program. Space is limited and children from families who meet the federal income guidelines will be given priority enrollment.

Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, must register for Kindergarten. Children who are currently attending Pre-Kindergarten at OCES do not need to register for Kindergarten. They will be enrolled automatically in OCES Kindergarten.

Call Ocean City Elementary School at 410-632-5370 beginning Jan. 28, 2015 to schedule a registration appointment.

Nonprofit offers training programs for volunteers

(Jan. 8, 2015) Coastal Hospice & Palliative Care is offering an introduction and training course for anyone interested in volunteering at the nonprofit organization that serves Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

Coastal Hospice depends on a staff of volunteers to fulfill its mission. Patient volunteers offer comfort and companionship to patients and their families, provide transportation and deliver supplies. Other volunteers support the staff with office work or assist at the Coastal Hospice Thrift Shop in Berlin.

Those interested in volunteering for patient visits are invited to attend the training course on two Saturdays — Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 — from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Coastal Hospice Volunteer Offices, Philmore Commons, 224 Phillip Morris Drive, Suite 102 in Salisbury.

Those interested in volunteering for office or thrift shop work are invited to

attend Saturday, Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., but are also invited to attend both days.

Along with information about opportunities for volunteering with Coastal Hospice, the course will include discussions about end-of-life changes, the hospice philosophy, admission criteria and patients' rights.

The course is open to anyone, and attendees are not required to commit to volunteering. There is no cost to attend.

For more information or to register for the course, call Judy Hunt-Harris, manager of volunteer services, at 410-543-2590.

Founded in 1980, Coastal Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization that cares for individuals facing life-limiting conditions but who want to remain as active and engaged as possible. Coastal Hospice cares for patients in their home, nursing home, assisted-living facility or at Coastal Hospice at the Lake.

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Beef, beer bash benefits Wounded Soldiers of Md.

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Jan. 8, 2015) Support the Wounded Soldiers of Maryland during Star Charities 16th annual Beef and Beer fundraiser Friday, Jan. 9 at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

"This is our biggest event of the year to raise money for our soldiers who support us," said event coordinator and Star Charities founder, Anna Foulzt.

The all-you-can-eat beef dinner is provided by Monty Jones of the Lazy River Saloon at Frontier Town. Beer will be provided from a local merchant out of Berlin.

Emcee Irv Brumbley, owner of Holiday Tours in Salisbury, will be hosting the affair with entertainment throughout the night provided by bands Backbay Strummers and Still Rockin.

There will be door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and a live auction hosted by "Bulldog" David Rothner of Ocean 98. He will be auctioning off gift baskets, which include items donated by local businesses and Star Charities volunteers.

Prizes include an \$800 purse, Girl Scout cookies and office supplies.

Guests will include State of Veterans of Foreign Wars Brain Sturgis and Jack

Lewis, State Commander and VFW member in Salisbury.

The event will feature guest speaker Major General James A. Adkins. He has served on the governor's cabinet as Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs and he is currently commander of the Maryland National Guard.

Tickets cost \$26 and organizers urge people to purchase them in advance. The beef and beer fundraiser will be held from 5-9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9 at the Ocean Pines Community Center.

The Wounded Soldiers of Maryland was started in 1998 by Foulzt and her husband, Carl to support returning soldiers with injuries and disabilities. The couple also started the all-volunteer fundraising group, Star Charities, in 2007 to help non-profit organizations raise money.

"The volunteers who put the event together all buy their own tickets and make gift baskets for the auction," Foulzt said. "We love doing this event for our soldiers and try to do everything we can to make it special."

For more information, call Foulzt at 410-641-7667 or Barbara Mazzei, 410-208-0430.

Blood drive fills need in OC during shoulder season

(Jan. 8, 2015) Blood Bank of Delmarva's OC Cares Blood Drive will return on Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to the Ocean City convention center on 40th Street.

"Blood donations can slow during the winter months, which makes the OC Cares Blood Drive so crucial to the members of the surrounding community," said Michael Waite, BBD director of marketing and community relations.

This year marks the 17th time that Ocean City and BBD have teamed up to host the blood drive. Since its inception, BBD has collected blood from 7,576 donors at this event, and BBD expects – and needs – at least 500 donors to sign up this year.

"With this one blood drive, residents of Ocean City and its surrounding areas can help supply the blood needs of the hospitals on the shore during a critical time of year," said Suzanne Murray, BBD account executive.

In past years, the drive was held on two days; this year's drive has been condensed to one day with extended hours to better meet donors' schedules. Everyone who signs up to donate blood receives a chance to win a flat screen TV, as well as other prizes. The blood drive will be housed in the Dockside Hall, which offers donors a beautiful view of the bay.

"It's great to see the whole community come together to help support the blood drive," Murray said.

In fact, Ocean City supports its

many employees who wish to come donate blood during the drive, and members of the Ocean Pines Kiwanis Club have also volunteered their time and assistance to work that day.

Many local businesses will be providing free refreshments for donors to enjoy in the canteen after donating blood, including pizza from Dough Roller, donuts from Wawa, chocolates and candy from Candy Kitchen and Wockenfuss, brownies from Applebee's and coffee and hot tea from Centerplace Catering. The Worcester County Girl Scouts have also donated 15 cases of cookies.

Because the need for blood remains constant to ensure an adequate supply for patients during the winter, donors of all blood types are urged to schedule an appointment. Every blood donation can save up to three lives in the community. Walk-in donors are welcome.

To schedule an appointment, visit www.DelmarvaBlood.org or call 1 888 8-BLOOD-8.

Correction

A Dec. 24 article in the Bayside Gazette stated that West Ocean City business, All Paws Doggy Daycare, employs a mobile veterinarian. All Paws uses the services of a mobile vet non-exclusively.

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More than 200 people showed up to watch the Dive In Movie "Frozen" at the Sports Core Pool in Ocean Pines on Saturday, Dec. 6.

OP offers chance to dive in with 'Big Chill'

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan. 8, 2015) Looking to increase the amount of activities offered during the usually quiet winter months, Ocean Pines aquatics launched a "dive in" movies series in November. More than 80 people turned up to watch "Finding Nemo" on Nov. 1, followed by more than 200 attendees for the Disney smash "Frozen" on Dec. 6.

"It's been an idea that people have thrown around for a long time, but when I came here I asked Sonya [Bounds], the rec director, if we could

use her movie screen to try and do dive in movies and she said yes," Aquatics Director Colby Phillips said.

Bounds had been using the inflatable screen for the movies in the park series.

"I'm someone who really likes to try new ideas," Phillips said. "I think we need more things in wintertime for the kids and families. There's not as much to do apart from the rec department activities. We're trying to add more at the pool."

Up next, dive in movies present an offering for grownups, with "The Big Chill" screening on January 10 at 6

p.m. The showing is 21 and over, and guests can bring alcoholic beverages as long as they are not in glass containers.

"They can bring appetizers and food and we'll have rafts out," Phillips said.

Family friendly screenings return on Jan. 24 with the Pixar prequel "Monsters University," showing at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for swim members, \$5 for residents and \$7 for nonresidents. For Monsters University, a special nonresident rate of \$20 is available for families.

Phillips said swimming facilities are scarce in the area, meaning swimming while watching a feature film is doubly rare entertainment.

"We're one of the only indoor pools that are open to the public," Phillips said. "We encourage people to come in and swim and watch a movie and bring their dinner, and just do things together as a family."

"We try and do this as a family thing, so hopefully people leave cherishing the time they spent together as a family, and also to have an opportunity to see what our pool is and what we have to offer," Phillips said. "We have so much to offer the public, and we're trying to get more people to come in and have an experience in our pool, wanting to come back for other things."

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Sons of Italy announces OC 'Citizen of the Year' award

(Jan. 8, 2015) The Ocean City Lodge of the Sons of Italy has announced the establishment of an annual award to honor a "Distinguished Citizen of the Year."

This award will be given to an individual in the Ocean City area who has made significant and sustained contributions to one's community through

one's time, actions, talents and dedications. The individual should have a passion for helping others in the community through compassion and service to either one organization or a variety of volunteer actions without receiving monetary or personal benefits from their involvement.

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Foultz recognized by OC lodge for volunteer work

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The Ocean City Lodge of the Sons of Italy announced this year's "Distinguished Citizen of the Year", Anna L. Foultz, during its annual Lodge Christmas Party at the Dunes Manor Hotel on Dec. 14. Before moving to the Ocean City area, Foultz started the first community service program in Northern Virginia called "Youth in Action" to coordinate high school student volunteers with non-profit organizations which kept them off the streets.

She and her late husband, Carl, established Star Charities in 2007, and she has continued with the group since his passing a few years ago. This organization has benefited Wounded Warriors, has gathered holiday gifts yearly for the troops overseas, runs Beef and Beer benefits to provide phone calling cards for our troops overseas, runs benefits for the

Women Supporting Women, American Cancer Society, Home of the Brave, Worcester County Development Center and Interfaith Caregivers to name just a few.

Foultz has been given the Keys to the City of Ocean City three times. She has held many offices in the Ocean City Lodge of the Sons of Italy, including president, and has established the first yearly scholarship to a deserving high school senior. This has continued to the present day and has grown to include three area high schools.

Foultz is still an active Girl Scout, and the Girl Scout Council of Houston Texas, honored her with a plaque in its museum in Houston, Texas, as the oldest living active girl scout.

The Ocean City Lodge of the Sons of Italy congratulates Foultz for being the first recipient of this award, and it thanks her for all she does for the Ocean City region.



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The Ocean City Lodge of the Sons of Italy announced this year's "Distinguished Citizen of the Year" is Anna L. Foultz. She is pictured with Sal Castorina, president of Ocean City Sons of Italy Lodge #2474, left, and Vito Potenza, vice president.

Chilly swimmers raise thousands for AGH

Participants from 1-month to 81 years of age took part in annual fundraiser

By Kara Hallissey
Staff Writer

(Jan. 8, 2015) About 850 participants plunged into the 41-degree Atlantic Ocean on New Year's Day during the 21st annual Penguin Swim, a fundraiser for Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin.

"This year's swim went great and we thank the community for supporting us," said AGH Development Assistant Heather Trader. "We are looking forward to next year's event since it will fall on a Friday. It should be big-

ger and better."

Swimmers gathered on the beach behind the Princess Royale hotel on 91st Street just before the icy dip.

At 1 p.m., the "penguins" dashed into the chilly ocean, which was just a few degrees colder than the 43-degree air temperature.

Participants came out dressed as penguins, Avatar, Elvis, a huge giraffe, princesses, Batman's Penguin, and this year even brought an older gentleman into the mix who dressed as baby New Year.

An awards ceremony followed the swim inside the Princess Royale, where participants had the opportunity to warm up.

Awards were presented to the

youngest and oldest swimmers, as well as to the top team and individual money-raisers.

The youngest penguin was 1.5-month-old Maddie Gaffney of Selbyville, Del. whose 81-year-old grandfather, Joe Gaffney, was the oldest participant for the second year in a row.

Craig Kettler of Leesburg, Va., raised \$3,390 and was named the top adult individual fund raiser for several consecutive years. He has participated in the swim for seven years. Woody "Butch" German of Baltimore, an 11-year swim participant, collected \$1,632 in donations, landing him in second place. Robert LeCompte of Columbia, Md. raised \$525, which earned him third-

place for individual top fundraisers.

In the community group team category, first place was won by Ocean City Ravens Roost No. 44 for donating
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KATIE BEAR HONORED

Volunteerism and organizing charity drives are familiar grounds for Stephen Decatur High School senior Katie Bear, who received a special surprise distinction on Dec. 17: American Legion Junior Auxiliary Member of the Year for Maryland. In addition to organizing the Veterans Day Project at Stephen Decatur High School for American Legion Unit 166, Bear assists with the "Metals for Miracles" campaign, collects coupons for military families, and helps with several American Legion Unit 166 functions. Bear is a member of the National Honor Society, Connections, and the Leo Club.

Pictured with Bear, center, are Assistant Principal Kathy Cater, John and Dawn Bear, Department of Maryland American Legion Junior Activities Chairman Starr Purnell, American Legion Unit 166 Activities Chair Rosie Garlitz, American Legion Unit 166 Auxiliary First Vice President Tina Preziotti, and American Legion Unit 166 Americanism Chairman Ellen Salafia.



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CAROZZA VISITS SCA

Maryland Delegate, Mary Beth Carozza, recently visited the students at Seaside Christian Academy. During her visit, Carozza told the children about all the people she met during her election campaign and about her "freshman orientation" as a new delegate in Annapolis.



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INDIANS

Ethan Hitchens, Addison Zang-Taylor, Ethan Shackelford, Abigail Fetters, Averie Chute and Genevieve Hilbert dress as Indians in Rebecca Fetters' class at Seaside Christian Academy.



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CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Worcester Prep's fourth and fifth grade chorus perform during the Christmas Candlelight Service at the Berlin school.



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MAKER DAY AT WPS

Building a Sound Room for the tech radio station at Worcester Prep, from left, are Davis Mears, Patrick Pettera, Alex Abbott and Rayne Parker.



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CREATIVE CLASS

Fourth graders in Mandy Lynch's class at Worcester Prep work with electronics and modeling during the school's Maker Day. Pictured, from left, are Rory Pugh, Jason Todorov, Linley Hill and Annie Carter.



James Petrera holds the poster he prepared for the International Congress of Joint Replacement.

Salisbury surgeon presents at international convention

(Jan. 8, 2015) Last summer Dr. Pasquale Petrera, an orthopedic surgeon in Salisbury, asked his sons, Matteo and James, if they would be interested in partnering with him in medical research.

Dr. Petrera had received a call for abstracts for a prestigious international total joint replacement meeting. Both sons were happy to work with their father researching total joint surgery.

The research they tackled compared operating times for knee surgery using conventional instruments with different levels of experience using a novel GPS ("Guided Personalized Surgery", a proprietary type of extremely accurate imageless navigation for total knee replacement) guidance system (Exactech GPS, Blue-Ortho, Grenoble, France).

Three abstracts were prepared. Two of them were researched and written by Matteo, a Worcester Prep graduate and a junior at Villanova University. For the third, James, a senior at Worcester Prep, spent his summer vacation extracting and analyzing medical data for the re-

port. His findings were found to be statistically significant and an abstract was prepared.

Use of the more accurate GPS system did not increase operative time for patients. One of the primary objections to computer navigation in orthopedic surgery is the perceived increased operating time.

The three abstracts prepared by the Petrera family were accepted for presentation at the International Joint Replacement Transatlantic Orthopaedic Congress in New York City, Oct. 3-5.

Dr. Pasquale Petrera presented the findings at the Congress, explaining to his audience that Matteo and James were his major researchers.

The poster explaining the findings garnered great interest. In fact, Exactech of Gainesville, Fla. produced a "white paper" from the Petrera studies for physician training purposes. The research director from Exactech was amazed that most of the research was completed by a senior in high school and a junior in college.

More than 800 take part in annual Penguin Swim in OC

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\$9,555. In second place was the Parke Penguins (Ocean Pines), who collected \$4,840. The Jamboys out of Baltimore raised \$1,350.69 and were awarded the third-place trophy.

The Bull on the Beach team, which included more than 200 swimmers, was the top business team fund raiser again this year, donating \$27,000. During the 21-year history of the event, the Bull on the Beach team has generated more than \$377,000 for AGH. The AGH Flapping Flamingos collected \$2,661 and Fisher's Popcorn garnered \$1,300 to round out the top three businesses.

Awards were also presented to teams and individuals 18 and younger who collected the most donations. Ben Kettler, Craig's 15-year-old son, was the top youth fund raiser for the second year, donating \$385. Lilliana, 17, and Nicholas Franklin, 12, from Berlin pledged \$250 each to finish in second place and Samantha Ewancio, 16, of Berlin raised \$200, to win the third-place award.

The top team fund raisers in the 18-and-Under Division was the Polar Patrollers out of Berlin raising \$370. Team O'Jettski's from Ocean City pledged \$155 and Stephen Decatur High School's Connections Club finished out the top three, collecting \$100.



KRISTIN ROBERTS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE
Michael Franklin, president/CEO of AGH, left, and Phil Houck, owner of Bull on the Beach.

In 20 years, the Penguin Swim has raised more than \$800,000 for AGH. The goal for the 21st annual swim was \$71,500. As of press time, the 2015 Penguin Swim generated well over the goal with \$91,000 raised for AGH, and the number is expected to increase because organizers are still counting and taking donations, Trader said.

The hospital has been providing health care to residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset counties as well as Sussex County, Del., since May 1993.

For more information about Atlantic General Hospital, visit www.atlantic-general.org.



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Don't criticize park idea at this juncture

Raising the alarm based on first impressions and perceived, but not necessarily real, problems generally accomplishes little, because the critical outburst is usually the result of instinct rather than solid information.

That's the case with the Town of Berlin's proposed purchase of the former Tyson poultry plant. The operative word here is "proposed," because nowhere in the town's announcement was it ever said that this is a done deal.

What town officials did say was that they had made a \$25,000 down payment that is refundable if it turns out that their vision of turning the plant property into a multi-use park facility isn't feasible.

That most significant aspect of this consideration, obviously, is whether the town can do what it wants to do without burdening residents financially.

That's something that town officials don't want to do from both a political and practical perspective, considering that it took years to clean up the town's earlier fiscal mess and get it to the solid financial standing it enjoys today.

In the meantime, however, there is no better use for the Tyson property than as a park. Critics can say what they want about the possibility of some enterprise relocating there, but even if that were to happen, there is no guarantee that it would be the kind of operation that would be beneficial to the downtown core and the community overall.

A park of the scope envisioned would be better for general commerce and tourism than anything else that might go on the property.

There is no risk in looking at how the property might be reconfigured and how the town might pay for it. Not looking, on the other hand, risks missing an opportunity to make Berlin an even greater landmark community.

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O'Malley slashes budget ahead of exit

By Bryan P. Sears
 The Daily Record Newswire (Jan. 8, 2015) Gov. Martin J. O'Malley will offer up to \$400 million in budget reductions at the last Board of Public Works meeting of his eight years in office.

The reductions, which were not detailed, will be O'Malley's last chance to erase a projected budget shortfall of about \$400 million in the current year before Republican Gov.-elect Larry Hogan takes office on Jan. 21.

O'Malley said the budget reductions will total between \$350 million and \$400 million when presented Wednesday to the three-member panel that includes himself, Comptroller Peter V.R. Franchot and state Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp.

The proposed cuts are likely to include some of the same budgetary moves used in July when O'Malley and the board cut \$84 million just two days into the fiscal year.

O'Malley said that political opponents have criticized his budgetary moves, which he said will edge toward \$10 billion over his two terms, "not being real."

In past years, O'Malley has acknowledged that what he sometimes refers to as cuts are reductions in expected spending or budget growth. Over his eight years in office, the state budget has grown by about \$1 billion annually.

Kopp, the state treasurer, said a preliminary briefing given

to her and other officials included reductions, transfers and some contingencies that would require some legislative action when the General Assembly returns for the 2015 session.

She said some of the proposed cuts come prior to the next Board of Revenue Estimates meeting in March, when legislators will get an updated picture of the state's finances.

"Maybe they won't all be needed," Kopp said. "The cuts won't be pain-free but it's the prudent thing to do."

In December, the Board of Revenue Estimates projected that state revenues would be \$271 million less over the current and fiscal 2016 budget years than originally expected.

That write-down resulted in a growth of the projected budget deficit that would top \$1 billion over the next 18 months including \$400 million in the current year.

Following the Board of Revenue Estimates meeting, Franchot, a member of that board, called on O'Malley to make cuts prior to leaving office.

On Tuesday, Franchot said he would be "fully supportive of the governor's proposal."

"It's very prudent from a fiscal standpoint that we get ahead of the deficit," Franchot said.

Earlier this year, the legislature approved a \$39 billion spending plan, a nearly 5 percent increase over fiscal 2014. O'Malley and the three-member board

can cut that budget as much as 25 percent without additional legislative action.

O'Malley's expected cuts are the second that the board has been asked to make since July.

In that month, O'Malley and state budget officials said the reductions were needed in anticipation of expected reductions in projected revenue that would be announced by the Board of Revenue Estimates at its September meeting.

Included in the unanimously approved cuts were \$77.1 million in actual spending — an amount equal to about one-half of 1 percent of the state's \$16.1 billion operating budget.

Other cuts made at that meeting included:

- Nearly \$19.4 million in reductions to a state health insurance funding pool.
- Nearly \$17.9 million in various cuts to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- Some \$11.3 million from the Department of Human Resources, including \$9.5 million as the result of what the state says is a declining foster care caseload.
- \$1.45 million from the Office of the Public Defender, all but \$150,000 of which is attributed to "decreased caseloads and reduce funding to reflect decreased need for contractual social workers and temporary staff.
- More than \$7 million in reversions and transfers from special funds.

BUSINESS

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

New store brings 'batteries and Band Aids' to Berlin

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

(Jan 8, 2015) Downtown Berlin has a lot going for it, but one thing it does not have is a general store.

Associate Broker Jenny Sheppard, of Berlin mainstay Sheppard Realty, is about to change all that when she opens the doors of Runaway Tide in February.

"I wanted to do something because I have a background in retail," Sheppard said. "After talking to Lisa [Kolarik] next door, who has been in that spot for 26 years, we really beat some ideas around and came up with the general store concept together."

Kolarik, former owner of the Hair Shop on 17 North Main Street in Berlin, continued to provide guidance and moral support as Sheppard developed a business plan.

Goal number one is to get open. Sheppard said the next step is carrying light food items like hotdogs and pretzels. Pet and baby care products are also in the works.

"I do want to have some groceries and some things that you can't get anywhere else in town, but I am also going to have some boutique items as well," Sheppard said. "That's the best thing about a general store - it can encompass anything and everything. I want to have a place where you can come in and get batteries and Band Aids."

Along with nearly a decade at Sheppard Realty, Sheppard has a lifetime of experience in Berlin.

"I was born and raised here," she said. "I've been in real estate for 20 years, but I've had my own business here for eight." Watching the "foot traffic" from her



JOSH DAVIS/BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Runaway Tide, a new general store in Berlin, is slated to open during the first week of February, carrying locally sourced items as well as "batteries and Band Aids," according to owner Jenny Sheppard.

window on Main Street pick up exponentially during the last year, Sheppard was spurred into action.

Rather than compete with existing shops, Sheppard hopes to use her inventory to fill in the blanks, including sourcing as many local goods as possible.

"I want to incorporate some of the things that you can't find," she said. "I really don't want to be majorly competing with any of my fellow storeowners."

"I'm going to be putting an ad in the paper so we can carry as many local prod-

ucts as possible," Sheppard continued. "The other day this man from Whaleyville was selling honey and I said, 'I would love to sell your products in my store.'"

As for the cheeky name, Sheppard said she could not resist.

"The amount of people who still come into town because of that name is amazing," she said. "To play into that somewhere was important for us."

Expect Runaway Tide to open during the first week of February on 17 North Main Street in downtown Berlin.

Town to test notification system

(Jan. 8, 2015) The Town of Berlin will be utilizing the CodeRED Emergency Notification System on Jan. 15 to call the entire community.

The calls will occur in the afternoon and will continue until the entire database has been attempted. This call will give Town of Berlin personnel the chance to operate the system as if there has been a community wide disaster.

The message that is being delivered directs recipients to the Town of Berlin website to add additional contact numbers, and it also asks that recipients spread the word by mentioning the system to family, friends and neighbors.

Mary Bohlen, deputy town administrator, suggests that "all individuals and businesses should take the time to visit our website and add contact information to include cellular phones and other non-traditional phones as well as email

and text addresses. If your contact information is not in the database you will not receive a call when an urgent message is sent." In particular, businesses should register, as well as individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number recently, and those who use a cellular phone exclusively or have VoIP phones (such as Vonage) as their primary numbers.

Bohlen urges citizens to log onto the Town website at www.berlinmd.gov and follow the CodeRED link in the upper right hand corner. Those without Internet access may call 410-641-2770 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for assistance. Required information includes a street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes) for location purposes, and a primary phone number. Additional phone numbers, email and text addresses may also be entered.

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

THURS. Jan. 8

OCEAN CITY AARP 1917 GENERAL MEETING

— MAC Senior Center, 41st Street, Ocean City, 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker is Chris Calcianno, scout for the Boston Red Sox. Travel opportunities for 2015 discussed. All persons ages 50 and older welcome. Info: aarp1917.org or 410-352-5748.

CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

— Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 7-8 p.m. Support and information for those affected by Celiac Disease. Info: Betty Bellarin, 410-603-0210.

BEACH SINGLES

— Every Thursday, Beach Singles 45-Plus meets for happy hour at Harpoon Hanna's, Route 54 and the bay, Fenwick Island, Del., 4 p.m. Info: Arlene, 302-436-9577; Kate, 410-524-0649; or Diane, 302-541-4642.

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.

CHAIR AEROBICS

— St. Peter's Lutheran Church Community Life Center, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 1-2 p.m. Free will offering appreciated. Sponsored by St. Peter's Senior Adult Ministry. Info: 410-524-7474.

FRI. Jan. 9

BEEF & BEER FUNDRAISER — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 5-9 p.m. To benefit Wounded Soldiers of MD. Special guest speaker, all-you-can-eat beef dinner, two live bands, door prizes, live auction and 50/50 raffle. Tickets cost \$26. Contact: Barbara Mazzei, 410-208-0430 or Anna Foults, 410-641-7667.

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER

— Stevenson United Methodist Church, 123 N. Main St., Berlin, 4-7 p.m. Includes two pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and drink. Cost is \$10. Bake sale table and carry outs available. Info: 410-641-1137.

'ALADDIN' PERFORMANCE

— Wor-Wic Community College's Guerrieri Hall Theater, 32000 Campus Drive, Salisbury. Performances starting at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Presented by the Ocean Pines Players Youth Theater. Tickets available at the door one hour before showtime. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for children 6-18 and \$8 for children 5 and younger. Info: Em Hench, 410-208-9544.

BASKET AND GIFT CARD BINGO

— Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Main Station, 10709 Bishopville Road. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Twenty games, 10 baskets and 10 gift

cards; specials; 50/50; and door prize. Food and beverage available. Advance tickets: 410-352-3101.

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.

SAT. Jan. 10

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY — Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 1 Mumford's Landing Road, 11 a.m. A brief ceremony will feature two local survivors of the Normandy Beach landings and an Honor Guard. Light refreshments to follow. All are welcome. Info: Sharyn O'Hare, 410-603-4777 or Marie Gilmore, 410-726-2881.

DELMARVA HAND DANCE CLUB — Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 6:30-9 p.m. Music provided by DJ Norm. All are welcome. Admission costs \$5. Proceeds benefit local charities. Info: 302-200-DANCE (3262).

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OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Captain Sonny Gwin, a commercial fisherman for 30 years, will provide an insight into the world of a local commercial fisherman. All welcome. Info: Jack Barnes, 410-641-7662.

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 2-2-2, 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, Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Locally grown vegetables and fruits, eggs, honey, kettle corn, flowers, artisan breads, seafood, meats and more. New vendors welcome. Info: 410-641-7717, Ext. 3006.

SUN. Jan. 11

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 2, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, noon to 1 p.m. Group shares experience, strength and hope to help others. Open to the community and to AGH patients. Info: Rob, 443-783-3529.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS #169 — Atlantic General Hospital, Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Group is a 12-step program for anyone struggling with a compulsive eating problem. No initial meeting charge. Meeting contribution is \$1 weekly. Info: Bett, 410-202-9078.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERENITY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING — Woodlands in Ocean Pines, Independent Living Apartment Building, 1135 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, 7:30 p.m.

MON. Jan. 12

LIVING WELL WORKSHOP — Northern Worcester Senior Center 10129 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mondays, Jan. 5 through Feb. 23. Free, six-week workshop that teaches how to live a quality life with chronic disease. Chronic conditions include diabetes, arthritis, depression, asthma, bronchitis, pain, heart disease or any condition that hinders you. Pre-registration required by calling Laura Small, 410-629-6820.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY MEETING — Berlin group No. 169, Atlantic General Hospital, conference room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. TOPS is a support and educational group promoting weight loss and healthy lifestyle. It meets weekly. Info: Edna Berkey, 410-251-2083.

COMPUTER TRAINING — Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., 1 p.m. Learn how to set up an e-mail and how to navigate the Web. Registration is necessary by calling 410-957-0878.

WOR-WIC EXPRESS REGISTRATION — Wor-Wic Community College, corner of Route 50 and Walston Switch Road, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. "Smart Start Express Registration," two extended days of full-service spring credit registration services. Allow at least 3 hours for any diagnostic assessments. Spring credit classes begin Jan. 16. Info: www.worwic.edu or 410-334-2800.

DELMARVA SWEET ADELIN CHORUS MEETS WEEKLY — The Delmarva Chorus, Sweet Adeline's, meets each Monday from 7-9 p.m., at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway. Women interested in learning the craft of a cappella singing welcome. Info: 410-641-6876.

TUES. Jan. 13

LIFE LINE SCREENING EVENT — St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 302 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City. Preventive health screenings can detect your risk for serious disease. Pre-registration is required. To get a discount and have questions answered call, 1-888-653-6450 or visit lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. Sponsored by Atlantic General Hospital.

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WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP - WOC Fitness, 12319 Ocean Gateway, Suite 203, Ocean City, 5 p.m. Cost is \$5 per meeting. Talk nutrition, exercise, health, tips for weight loss and more. Info: 410-213-7000.

WED. Jan. 14

BINGO — Every Wednesday at Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645, 138th Street and Sinepuxent Avenue, rear of the Fenwick Inn. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start 6:30 p.m. Food is available. Open to the public. No one allowed in the hall under 18 years of age during bingo. Info: 410-250-2645.

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY — Meets every Wednesday at the Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway. Doors open at 7 a.m., meeting begins at 8 a.m. Info: 410-641-7330.

BAYSIDE BEGINNINGS AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 7:30 p.m.

OCEAN CITY/BERLIN ROTARY CLUB MEETING — Captain's Table Restaurant in the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 15th St, Ocean City, 6 p.m. Info: 410-641-1700 or kbates@taylorbank.com.

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ONGOING EVENTS

SUICIDE GRIEVERS' SUPPORT GROUP — Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, the third Wednesday of each month, 6 p.m. Also held at the Pocomoke library, 301 Market St., the fourth Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. Open to anyone who has lost a friend or loved one to suicide. Free of charge. Info: 410-726-3090 or www.choosetolive-maryland.org.

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Jan. 10: Dave Sherman, 6-10 p.m.
Jan. 14: Bobby Burns, 3-6 p.m.
Jan. 15: Aaron Howell, 6-10 p.m.

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Jan. 9: Ladies Night w/DJ BK, 8 p.m.

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130th Street in the
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410-250-1449
Jan. 9: Bob Hughes, 6-10 p.m.

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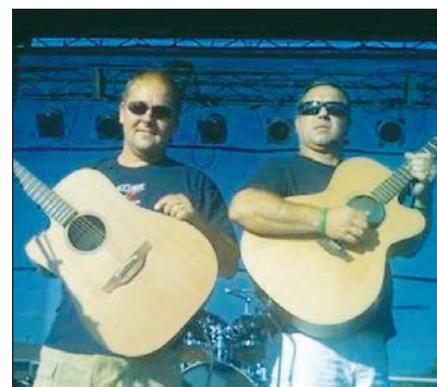
49th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-4900
Jan. 9: Melodime, 9 p.m.
Jan. 10: Rew Smith, 5 p.m.; Big Bang Baby, 10 p.m.
Jan. 15: Opposite Directions, 5 p.m.

FAGER'S ISLAND

60th Street and the bay
Ocean City
410-524-5500
Jan. 9: DJ RobCee
Jan. 10: DJ Groove

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12841 S. Harbor Road
West Ocean City
410-213-1846
Jan. 9: Ladies Night w/DJ Bill T
Jan. 10: Simple Truth, 2-6 p.m.; DJ Jeremy, 9 p.m.
Jan. 11: Opposite Directions, 2-6 p.m.



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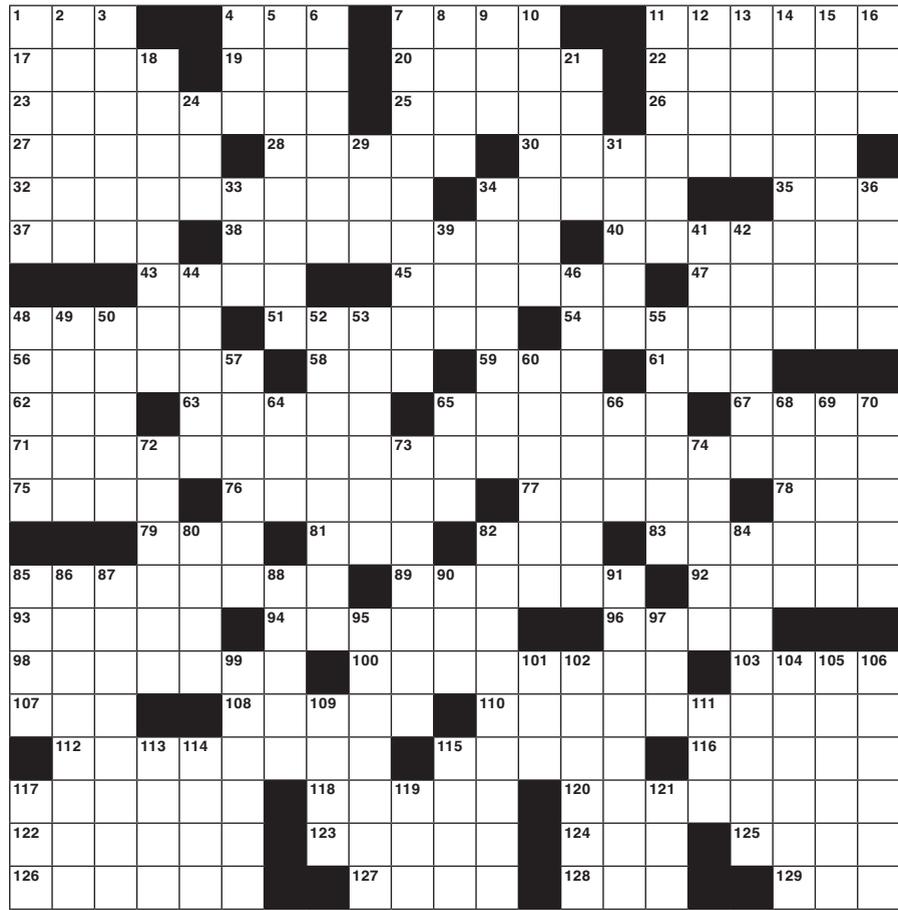
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PUZZLES

THE DESCENT OF MAN

BY FINN VIGELAND / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 The "1" of 1/4
 - 4 Org. portrayed in "American Hustle"
 - 7 Conceal, in a way
 - 11 Aloof
 - 17 Subj. that gets into circulation?
 - 19 Caterer's container
 - 20 Starters
 - 22 Spring
 - 23 Greeting at the door
 - 25 Daily newspaper feature, informally
 - 26 Rabelaisian
 - 27 Signs from above
 - 28 Part of U.N.C.F.
 - 30 "Nobody's infallible, not even me"
 - 32 Literary genre of "David Copperfield" or "Ender's Game"
 - 34 World-weary
 - 35 U.K. record label
 - 37 States
 - 38 So-called "herb of remembrance"
 - 40 Jimmy
 - 43 Serenader, maybe
 - 45 Something a chair has
 - 47 "Candid Camera" feature
 - 48 To the same extent
 - 51 What a hippie lives in?
 - 54 Takes to court
 - 56 Novelist Frank who wrote "The Octopus"
- DOWN**
- 1 Pioneering urbanologist Jane
 - 2 Inability to recall the names of everyday objects
 - 3 To wit
 - 4 Entertainment
 - 5 Elicit
 - 6 "Delaware Water Gap" painter George
 - 7 Long period of stability ending circa A.D. 180
 - 8 Part of Lawrence Welk's introduction
 - 9 Enthusiastic, sociable, confident type, it's said
 - 10 Norma Jean, later
 - 11 Kitchen gadget
 - 12 Certain weanling
 - 13 One of a Greek trio
 - 14 100% guaranteed
 - 58 She, in Brazil
 - 59 Hipster beer, for short
 - 61 Most IRT lines in the Bronx, e.g.
 - 62 Cry of discovery
 - 63 _____ cotta
 - 65 Like smoothie fruit
 - 67 Rocker Weymouth of the Talking Heads
 - 71 Title song question in Disney's "Frozen"
 - 75 _____ jacket
 - 76 Abalone
 - 77 Southern African desert
 - 78 You can bank on it
 - 79 Bygone French coin
 - 81 Foreign policy grp.
 - 82 Window units, briefly
 - 83 _____ Stark, Oona Chaplin's "Game of Thrones" role
 - 85 Friend's couch, perhaps
 - 89 Stuffed Jewish dish
 - 92 Leslie of "Gigi" and "Lili"
 - 93 Singer Mann
 - 94 "Tom _____" (#1 Kingston Trio hit)
 - 96 Reclined
 - 98 Sang like Ella
 - 100 What may eat you out of house and home?
 - 103 Hon
 - 107 37-Across, informally
 - 108 Some police attire
 - 110 Academy Award winner who has played both a U.S. president and God
 - 112 Cover subject on Ms. magazine's debut issue, 1972
 - 115 Easily bribed
 - 116 City burned in Genesis
 - 117 _____ algebra
 - 118 Scope
 - 120 1990s craze
 - 122 Eats up
 - 123 Kitchen gadget
 - 124 Free ad, for short
 - 125 Water carrier
 - 126 See 52-Down
 - 127 Like stereotypical TV neighbors
 - 128 Application info: Abbr.
 - 129 Spanish article
 - 15 "Kinderszenen" composer
 - 16 Exclamation repeated in the Monkees' TV theme song
 - 18 Is a mixologist
 - 21 Drug also known as Ecstasy
 - 24 Big Ten rival of UMich
 - 29 College sr.'s test
 - 31 Award for Hunt and Peck
 - 33 Shooters' org.
 - 34 Its drafts may be crafts
 - 36 Bothers
 - 39 Fourth word in the "Star Wars" prologue
 - 41 Kind of blue
 - 42 Ones holding hands?
 - 44 "Un Ballo in Maschera" aria
 - 46 Hesitant start to a question
 - 48 + end
 - 49 "Ooh-la-la!"
 - 50 Cold treat, informally
 - 52 With 126-Across, first European to cross the Mississippi
 - 53 Thrills
 - 55 Website billed as "the front page of the Internet"
 - 57 Clinches
 - 60 Repast for a late riser
 - 64 Singer Carly _____ Jepsen
 - 65 _____ favor
 - 66 Good wood for cabinetmaking



- 68 Where bombs are bursting, per Francis Scott Key
- 69 "Au contraire!"
- 70 "Gimme a break!"
- 72 Quick round of tennis
- 73 Takes on
- 74 Summers of old?
- 80 President Arthur's nickname
- 82 Feature of much modern architecture
- 84 Hill or dale
- 85 Mama _____
- 86 Popular Eastern beverage
- 87 Largest state of Brazil
- 88 Deadly viper
- 90 Suffix with hotel
- 91 Container in a 34-Down
- 95 Place to kick your feet up
- 97 Solid rock center?
- 99 Very much
- 101 _____ thruster (NASA system)
- 102 Wanders (around)
- 104 Traveling around the holidays, maybe
- 105 New Jersey town next to Fort Lee
- 106 1960s-'80s Pontiac Substitute
- 111 Edward Snowden subj.
- 113 "Quo Vadis" character
- 114 Nutty
- 115 Tries to win
- 117 You can trip on it
- 119 Dude
- 121 Has the ability to

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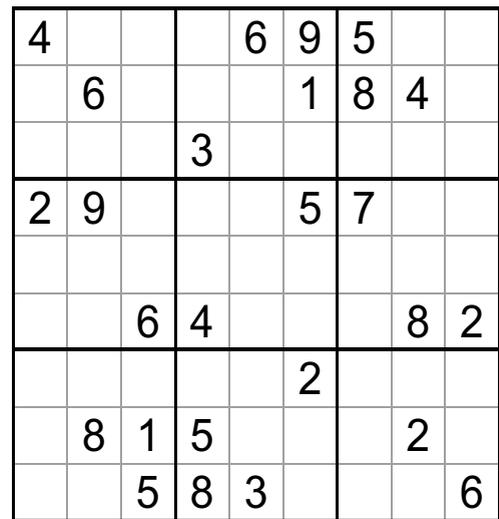
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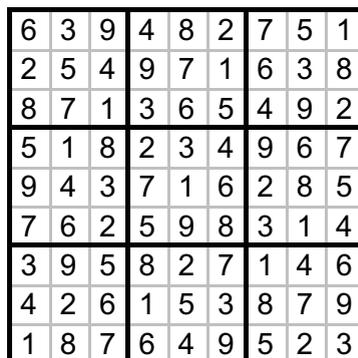
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HARD - 26

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



CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Md. chef blasphemously bashes Old Bay

I have a profound respect for the McCormick Spice Co. As a Marylander, I relish in the fact that I personally own a 1963 McCormick placemat with historical trivia and tidbits of spicy know-how. A warm smile slights my face every time I run across the 1954 McCormick spice brochure that adorns my attic,



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

safely tucked away in a box of special books.

But I must come clean. It pains me to write such blasphemous words, but, alas, I find myself in a predicament from which I see no easy way out. I am backed into a corner and the hounds of the spice gods are gnashing at my soul.

I can't stand Old Bay.

There, I said it. I am one of three charter members in the 'I Don't Like Old Bay Club' in our own America in Miniature. Does it hold its own in some dishes? Sure, I guess. But, I'd take JO spice any day. Or at least I would until recently, when a friend gave us a couple canisters of Williams-Sonoma Potlatch seasoning.

Imagine Old Bay without the punch of celery on the front end and then add a little heat and more of the warming spices, then you have the Potlatch. It is darned tasty stuff, and I can't thank Monty enough for introducing us to this great blend of spices.

To clarify what I mean about the celery, allow me to clarify that I love celery. After learning to peel celery a number of years ago in California, it became one of the greatest cheap vegetables to me. But when you talk about the pungent nature of celery seed, then it becomes something else entirely.

And the spice blend in question smacks of overbearing celery in the nose, the front end in the first bite, and the back end in the last bite. That's all I can taste. Again, I know



that I'll get hate mail for this, but I don't care. I'm glad to get this off my chest. Mayhap I haven't lost too many nights' sleep over it, but as a Marylander I feel it to be my civic duty to be honest and forthright.

Our son, on the other hand, won't touch the blend I now enjoy and adores Old Bay on anything and everything under the sun. In fact, I'm a tad surprised that he doesn't put it on his Lucky Charms. A fanatic supporter and aficionado of Old Bay, he enjoys it on pizza, chicken, shrimp (of course), blue crabs, snow crabs, king crabs or any other savory dish that we may lay out before him.

Which brings me to the next admission in my new year's resolution to air my shortcomings and dislikes: I could go the rest of my life without a blue crab feast. I mean, what is the point of them anyways? I don't need a steaming pile of blue crabs to sit, drink beer and talk with friends, which seems to be the main reason for having a crab feast. Otherwise, you pick crabs for three hours, and then down some hot dogs and hamburgers because you're starving at the end. Maybe I'm not from Maryland, after all. Who knows?

So as I begin the New Year with a

desire to bare all, I realize that I may lose my status in some official Maryland club, but it is what it is. At least our great state has some of the best small breweries in the country in my eyes, such as Burley Oak. That's pure Maryland entrepreneurship, and that is what makes us a great state. So if you ever want to meet to discuss my spicy shortcomings, at least we know a friendly bar to which we could belly up.

Shrimp Salad

Makes 4 sandwiches
1 lb. 16/20 shrimp
1 whole lemon
3 Tbsp. Potlatch seasoning
1/2 c. mayonnaise
1/2 c. celery

Peel and devein the shrimp, placing the shells in cheesecloth and tying it off.

Place the shrimp, shells, lemon and Potlatch in a pan and cover with water halfway up the shrimp.

Bring the water to a boil and cover the pan.

Stir every two minutes, ensuring that the shells stay in the water to extract flavor.

When the shrimp are cooked

through, remove from the heat and place pan in refrigerator, stirring every five minutes.

When shrimp are cold, remove from the liquid and lay out on a pan.

Place back in icebox to allow them to dry for 30 minutes. This helps to keep the salad from getting too wet from water on and in the shrimp.

Gently peel the celery on the outside to remove as much of the fibrous gunk as possible

Chop finely and add to a bowl.

Cut the shrimp in half only so that you have large chunks. There's no point in using large shrimp if you're going to chop it up into small pieces.

Add the mayonnaise and stir. If you need more spice, add some more of the blend and you're done.

This sandwich is best served on Rye bread, a Baltimore staple, but if you don't have it (or can't stand it), any bread will do.

Eat and be ready for the Old Bay police to come pounding on your door.

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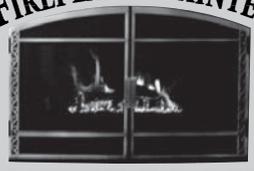
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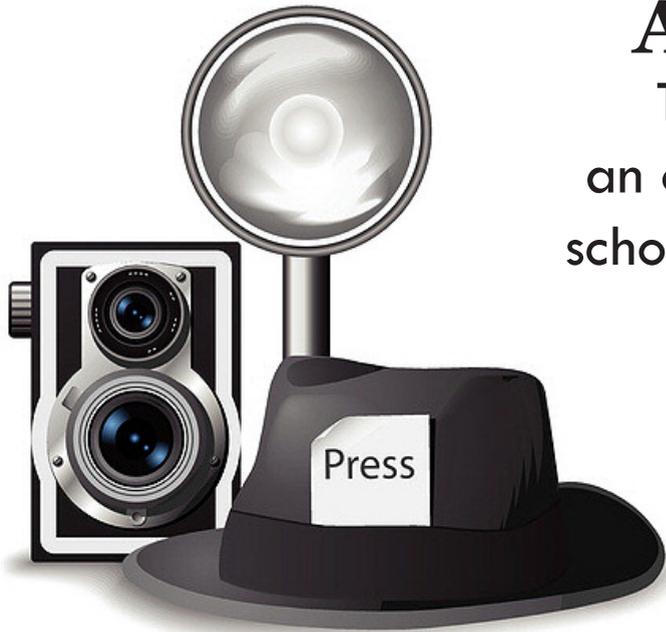
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