



Dad's memories still too hurtful

Quentin Dennis speaks about the loss of his son after a tragic Nov. night

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

BERLIN—There are some events that people rarely witness as they occur: a flower bursting into full bloom, and a strong man succumbing to profound grief.

It was difficult to read the emotions of Quentin Dennis, who is physically imposing, when he and his wife Rebecca agreed on Dec. 27, 2013, to speak about the loss they experienced with the death of Quentin's only son Tymeir on Nov. 8.

Tymeir and his brother Tyheim Bowen were struck by an unmarked Maryland State Police car while they were speaking with their mother Tynise Bowen in the median area at U.S. Route 113 and Bay Street. Tyheim, who was about to turn 18 years old, eventually lost his right leg and suffered a crushed pelvis as a result of his injuries, but 16 year-old Tymeir was thrown a considerable distance by the impact of the crash and subsequently died from his injuries.

Quentin Dennis said he remembered receiving a telephone call around 8:05 p.m., almost immediately after the accident had occurred. He remembers heading to Atlantic General Hospital, where Tymeir had been taken. "I got a chance to see Tymeir, but the whole thing was so unreal," he said.

Tymeir had already died; to Dennis he looked like he was asleep. "But they were telling me he was not here anymore," he said. Dennis recalled spotting and meeting with his former wife Tynise Bowen in the waiting room. His mind was filled with questions, but as Bowen contended in an earlier interview, very few answers were forthcoming. "At this time, I just really want to know what happen," he said in a voice that was steady, but suddenly dropped to barely audible.

Dennis, a Worcester County correctional officer, said he had contacted the Maryland State Police, seeking a pre-



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Classmates of Tymeir Dennis at Worcester Technical High School fashioned this memorial in his honor after his tragic death on November 8, 2013 on Rte. 113 and Bay Street in Berlin. Quentin Dennis said the sign project helped his classmates cope.

liminary accident report. "I felt like some were helpful," he said, noting that some of the officials he spoke with tried to accommodate his inquiries for further information, "and some were not," he said of other officials he said, "kind of brushed me off."

When a child dies, a community customarily embraces the mother, especially if she is a single mom, and rightly so. But in Tymeir's case, Dennis was no absentee dad; he had been the custodial parent since Tymeir was 3 years-old. During those years, Dennis said he had been trying to instill in Tymeir an ethic to work hard, be respectful to others and to be an overall good person. It was paying off apparently; Tymeir made the honor roll in the second semester of 10th grade at Stephen Decatur High School and was well regarded by his peers.

The situation Dennis described seemed to indicate that he had not been brought into the circle of community support and information network

that had been afforded to Tymeir's mom.

That was where Dennis' wife Rebecca came. She sat quietly, watching him closely as he struggled to have his say. A few times—when he had gone silent in thought—she finished a sentence or added an explanation or detail. Talking about Tymeir seemed like something Dennis had felt compelled to do, as though it was a painful oration he needed to get off his chest to reach some degree of closure.

Unlike with Bowen, no one had reached out to Dennis—possibly presuming he had not been an active participant in Tymeir's life. But he had been, all along. Prior to marrying Johnson, Dennis and his son stayed with his mother—until Tymeir was eight. The tri-generational living arrangement was meant to give Tymeir a stable family environment and, Dennis admitted, he was also a demanding father. "I would know

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Flood insurance rates at high tide

Lawmakers looking at ways to lesson costs for stunned policy holders

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WEST OCEAN CITY—Federal lawmakers are trying to scale back the unintended impact of previous legislation that could cause flood insurance premium rates skyrocketing for some local homeowners with subsidized policies, meanwhile one subset of policyholders will be allowed to keep their subsidized plans thanks to an omnibus spending bill that was recently signed into law.

Ralph Giove in West Ocean City said during a Jan. 30 interview, his annual flood insurance premiums were on average \$280 to \$300 annually from 1978 to 2012. But when he received a bill in 2013 for \$1,100 he called officials at the Federal Emergency Management Agency to find out why. He said he was told there was no elevation certificate on file and that getting one might result in lower premium rates.

However, according to Giove, after spending \$400 to get an elevation certificate, he then received a bill for an additional \$600 rate adjustment from FEMA, because his home was not elevated high enough to meet the mandated height requirements. The premium he received this year, Giove said, was \$2,200.

Part of what Giove perceived as an insurance premium rate increase was likely the removal of a subsidy that had kept his flood insurance premium rates low for a number of years with the enactment of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. It could also be part of a re-designation as FEMA updates its flood insurance rate maps or other factors specific to his individual property.

In a recent letter to constituents, Rep. Andy Harris (R) explained "the federal government had provided subsidized insurance for properties built before flood insurance rate maps were established since 1968, when the program began and that more than 1.1 million policies (21 percent) were subsidized in 2012." But, he said, "That number dropped to about 715,000 after Biggert-Waters was implemented, with the largest number

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Father looks for ways to commemorate his late son's memory

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when he wasn't giving a project his full potential," Dennis said. To further guard against that occurring, he gave Tymeir's teachers his cell phone number, he said.

Tymeir was a little shy with new people until he got to know them, Dennis said, "Then he could open up." The teen had an abundance of energy and was prone to fits of giggling, he said. The description seemed to prompt a memory that brought a brief smile to Dennis' face. Then it vanishes again beneath a veil of stoicism.

Asked whether there was a particular memory that stood out from his life with Tymeir, Dennis started with one and added several to the list. There was the summer of when father and son worked together as cooks at the Atlantic Stand in Ocean City, spending their workdays bonding with conver-

sations about sports, life and growing up. There were the sports events they attended with Tyheim: watching Sunday games at the Green Turtle, taking road trips to Washington to take in the occasional professional basketball game, or to museums and family vacations with Rebecca and his two stepsisters. Rebecca, who had known Tymeir since he was six, said Tymeir called her by her middle name, Rene', never "stepmom."

As the son Rebecca said she had always wanted, Tymeir inherently rounded out the Dennis' blended family. She said her role now was to help Dennis cope with his loss. "I know Tymeir was not my biological son," she said. "But I try to put myself in my husband's shoes. I don't know how it would be if it had been one of my girls," she said, "My husband has been really, really strong."

Rebecca said her oldest daughter, who was roughly the same age as Tymeir, took his death exceptionally hard, she said. The tragedy left her younger daughter asking why God would take Tymeir, "out of all the other kids he could have taken," she said. The daughter of a pastor, Rebecca responded with the answer, "It was God's will."

In December, the family decided not to cancel a pre-planned family trip made prior to the accident: a cruise to the Bahamas that Tymeir had been looking forward to, which became a de facto family wake to celebrate the happier times and antics with their late son and brother.

Dennis said he was also concerned about Tyheim's well being and that he hoped everything works out for him. He said although Tymeir and Tyheim, who is not Dennis' son, grew up in sep-

arate homes as they grew older and more independently mobile they began doing things together as brothers on their own.

That was the case on Nov. 8 when they had spent the afternoon playing video games before setting out to visit a friend in the Town of Berlin. Dennis said a pedestrian crosswalk and added safety measures were long overdue in the highly-populated area where the accident occurred. "There are a lot of kids going across there and it needs to be taken care of before something else happens," he said.

Like Bowen, Dennis expressed deep gratitude to Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing. "That night he really helped out a lot," he said. He credited Downing with keeping "a lot of things under control," adding, "I really appreciated that."

In the midst of his grief Dennis is also reflective of the 21 year-old trooper who was involved in the accident. A member of law enforcement himself, "I know the officer has a lot going on," Dennis said. He went silent, as he seemed to be trying to anticipate what the young man might be experiencing. Nevertheless, he said, "I don't know what I would say to him."

Dennis also seemed touched that Tymeir's classmates at Worcester Technical High School had presented him with a memory book they created in Tymeir's honor, in part to help them cope with his loss. The students also created a memorial and planted a tree in his memory.

Dennis said he too would like to find some way to commemorate the all too brief life of his only son. He said he is considering a scholarship fund in Tymeir's name and invited anyone who could help him with that goal to contact him by e-mail at qfrommd@yahoo.com.

This is part two of a series.

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Worcester County G.O.L.D. names Otterbein executive

Previously worked as director of Julia Purnell Museum in Snow Hill

WORCESTER COUNTY—Worcester County G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity), Inc., has announced the appointment of Claire Otterbein to the position of executive director.



Claire Otterbein

Otterbein will lead an organization that since its founding in 1996 has provided services to thousands of Worcester County residents in need.

Otterbein brings years of experience in non-profit administration and previously served as the executive director of the Julia A. Purnell Museum in Snow Hill. Achievements during her tenure at the Julia A. Purnell Museum include bringing a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit to Snow Hill in 2011.

She is a native of Worcester County and holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from Towson University.

"The Board of Directors is very pleased and excited to welcome Claire Otterbein as executive director of Worcester County G.O.L.D. as we go

forward in addressing challenges and needs to continue our excellent service to Worcester County citizens," said Carol L. Jacobs, president of the Board of Directors.

Otterbein will replace Darlene Onley, who retired in early January. Onley was promoted to executive director in 2009 after having served as G.O.L.D.'s assistant director since 2002. Under Onley's leadership G.O.L.D. was awarded prestigious grants from the Humphrey's Foundation and the Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation.

Worcester County G.O.L.D.'s mission is to improve the quality of life of local citizens for whom traditional means of well-being support is not fully available, and to promote dignity by providing financial aid to children in foster care, vulnerable adults and families in crisis.

During the 2013 holiday season more than 900 people in need received gifts and food through Worcester County G.O.L.D.'s Helping Hands for the Holidays program.

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OP Boat Club continues its plans for Festival of Boats

Signature July 26 event to include festivities on both water and shore

OCEAN PINES—The Ocean Pines Boat Club is looking ahead to summer days and is continuing with its plans to revive the annual boat parade.

Now named, "The Festival of Boats," the boat parade was a signature summer event for many years in Ocean Pines and is scheduled this year for July 26.

The activities, which will include both water and shore festivities, will be centered in the south Ocean Pines waters with the thought of alternating north and south in future years. The southern waters are a bit more confining than the north, but the planned route has been surveyed, and appears doable.

The plan is for all decorated participating boats to assemble in the Pintail Park Canal prior to the start of the pa-

rade. The boats will be sequenced into the charted route and will eventually pass by the judge's station located at the end of the Grand Canal close to Ocean Parkway.

At the conclusion of the parade, all interested parties will gather at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club deck for the announcement of the winning boats and trophy presentations. Plans are being formulated for additional festivities during and following the presentations.

The event is open to all Ocean Pines businesses, members of the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce, Ocean Pines organizations and individual Ocean Pines boat owners.

There are many areas where volunteers are needed, and the Ocean Pines Boat club is actively seeking assistance from its members and the Ocean Pines community.

For additional information, contact either Steven Stein at 410-641-8930, spikerex@aol.com, or Fred Heinlen at 410-208-3165 or fheinlen5@msn.com.

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D.C.'s Dave Chappell to perform as opening act March 15 at Green St.

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The opening act at the Old Firehouse on Saturday, March 15, will be Washington D.C. musician Dave Chappell.

For the last several years, Chappell has won the Washington Area Music Awards (WAMMIES) for Musician of the Year, Rock Instrumentalist of the Year and Roots Rock Instrumentalist of the Year.

He has performed with Rock and Roll Hall of Fame legends Jerry Lee Lewis, Sam Moore of Sam & Dave, Percy Sledge, Johnny Johnson, and

guitar wizard Danny Gatton.

Chappell will perform as “Dave Chappell and His So-Called Friends.” The other performance of the evening brings back “Mr. B and the Snow Hill Blues Jam All-Stars,” who first debuted at the 2007 Winter Blues Jam.

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MALPF applications now being accepted by county

Those interested should begin process in time for May 2's deadlines

(WORCESTER COUNTY)—On behalf of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, Worcester County is accepting applications from interested landowners who may wish to participate in the MALPF program through the voluntary sale of an agricultural easement to the Foundation. Eligible properties must be at least 50 acres in size (unless contiguous to an existing MALPF easement) and have a minimum of 50 percent Class I, II and III soils.

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To be eligible for participation this year, applications must be submitted to Worcester County by May 2. Since preparation of this application can be a lengthy process, potential applicants are encouraged to begin the process as soon as possible.

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Mediacom to upgrade network technology to provide expansion of high-definition TV

Changes will remove analog reception for all but very basic channels

(MARYLAND)—Mediacom Communications announced this week that it is upgrading network technology to provide area customers with a major expansion of its high-definition lineup, while also eliminating analog reception for most family cable video channels.

Mediacom's upgrade will remove analog television reception for all but a limited number of basic broadcast channels, which is a change to digital-only reception for channels 18 through 66. Company officials describe the digital upgrade as an investment to give all customers improved picture and audio quality and larger channel lineups. The upgrade will include the addition of dozens of channels in the popular HD format to deliver an HD lineup with nearly 100 HD-channel choices.

With digital technology, consumers gain more value and a bigger channel selection than ever before, as well as the superior viewing experience of HDTV," said Mediacom Area Operations Director Glenn Bisogno. "With

this digital conversion, Mediacom customers can be confident we'll keep pace with their demand for more HD channels and ever-faster Internet speeds."

Bisogno explained that Mediacom's network has been delivering a simulcast of both analog and digital signals to televisions in customer homes and businesses. The upgrade will remove the analog transmission for channels 18-66. As each analog channel is eliminated, he said, network capacity becomes available to potentially carry three high-definition channels or 10 standard-definition digital channels (SD). Dozens of new HD channels will be added to Mediacom's lineup in late April.

The phase-out of analog television transmission for channels 18-66 will require customers using non-digital televisions to use digital adapters to view those channels. Bisogno explained that Mediacom will distribute digital adapters, which are small devices that convert signals from the cable network into a format that displays on any screen, including an older, analog TV.

Mediacom will provide digital adapters on a lease-free basis through April 2015 (for current customers and limited to three adapters per cus-

tomers). Customers using newer TVs with built-in digital tuners are encouraged to use adapters as a way to retain the familiar channel lineup, but the adapter is not required for continued reception of the channels converting to digital.

"Instead of seeing older televisions go to landfills, we have a simple solution using digital adapters to deliver Family Cable channels," Bisogno said. "It also is convenient for viewers with newer televisions because the adapter automatically adds new channels without re-scanning and retains the familiar channel displays in whole numbers. It is especially beneficial for customers with HD televisions to use our high-def adapter to gain the superior picture quality of HDTV."

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Wear something red to town Friday, Feb. 7, and you will find some special promotions at the local galleries, shops and restaurants. At the same time you will enjoy walking around the downtown district of Snow Hill from 5-8 p.m.

Start the evening at Snow Hill's two new stores: The Corner Shoppe and The Green Doors.

Big green egg cookers, infused oils and flavored vinegars are featured in The Corner Shoppe along with other unique culinary finds. The Green Doors offers refinished furniture, pillows, candles and jewelry. Further down Washington Street is The Serenity Shoppe where you will find hand-crafted Valentine's Day cards and gift certificates.

As you browse through the collectibles and antiques at Antiques by the River you may find one of 25 "Freebies"

scattered through out the store. If you find something marked "Free" it is yours.

Patti McDermott is busy creating unique cakes and cupcakes to tempt First Friday visitors in her shop, Miss Patti Cake, on Green Street. She is offering 10 percent off any Valentine's Day cake orders and 15 percent off Valentine's Day cupcake orders.

Next door, the Sassy Girl Boutique is featuring gifts for your Valentine and up to 60 percent off any remaining Christmas items. And, at Snow Hill Business Center, you will see Jerry's Woodcraft items.

Bishop's Stock Fine Art, Craft and Wine will open its Winter Abstracts 2014 show by a variety of artists. Wine for tasting comes from Spain.

Plan to have dinner at one of the restaurants in town? Reservations are strongly recommended.

The Emporium Dinette will be serving a prime rib dinner. The Blue Dog will feature Todd Crosby and the WW Tunes and Harvest Moon Tavern hosts Opposite Directions from 7-10 p.m. The American Legion will also be open.

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COUNTY BRIEFS

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

(Feb. 7, 2014) The Worcester County Commissioners discussed the following topics and took the following actions during their Tuesday, Feb. 3, meeting.

Commissioner James Purnell was unable to attend.

Proclamation

The commissioners presented a proclamation celebrating the month of February as Black History Month to Roxie Dennis, a teacher in Salisbury and president of the Worcester County Chapter of NAACP.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, which was signed into law July 2, 1964. It banned discrimination in public facilities, including private businesses offering public services, such as lunch counters, hotels and theaters, protected voting rights, ended racial segregation in schools, make employment discrimination illegal and guaranteed all citizens equal protection under the law.

Range usage

The commissioners approved the use of the county's Langmaid Road borrow pit by the Maryland-Delaware Joint Terrorism Task Force for its 16th annual BATTLE (Basic Anti-Terrorism



NANCY POWELL/OCEAN CITY TODAY

Roxie Dennis holds a proclamation recognizing the month of February as Black History Month that was presented to her Tuesday by the Worcester County Commissioners.

Training for Law Enforcement) Conference in Ocean City on April 15-18.

The conference, to be attended by 300 people, includes a field range demonstration at the county range. The shots will be less than 20 ounces of explosives and will be used with props for demonstration purposes.

In past years, there have been complaints about noise from the explosives, but last year, no complaints were received. Again this year, area

residents will be notified about the use of the range.

Housing rehab

The commissioners approved a letter of intent expressing the county's intention to continue participation in the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program.

The program, which is offered through the State Special Loan Pro-

gram, is targeted at Maryland residents with acceptable credit whose income is below 80 percent of the state median.

Worcester County's allocation for this year is \$55,906.

Small project agreement

The commissioners approved a small project agreement with the new owners of Castaways, Suns Castaways RV, LLC. They waived the bidding process and approved the contract.

They also approved an amendment to the contract stating that if any costs have more than 10 percent variance from the estimates, they must come back to the county for approval.

Its purpose is to move forward with the proposed connection between Castaways and the Mystic Harbour Service Area and for the county to "piggy-back" on the design and construction contracts for its 6-inch treated effluent for main that will be placed in the same easement at the same time.

The agreement allows the county to save time and money compared to bidding the work separately.

The county's cost will be 40 percent of the total design/construction costs. It will pay approximately \$211,675 plus 40 percent of the cost of the survey.

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Review expected of state's struggling health care exchange

Won't be finished until well after legislature's current session is over

By Bryan P. Sears
The Daily Record Newswire

BALTIMORE, MD—There will be a review of Maryland's struggling state health care insurance exchange website, but it won't be the formal investigation some legislators hoped for—and it won't be finished until well after the General Assembly session.

Senate Finance Chairman Thomas M. "Mac" Middleton, D-Charles, said Friday that the troubles surrounding the state health insurance exchange may be part of a two-stage audit performed by the Office of Legislative Audits.

"That was going to happen anyway," Middleton said of the review. "I think the juiciest information is already out there. I don't think anybody can point to anything that is criminal, where there's been any impropriety. You can argue about whether there's been good management or you can say look into the fact that the primary contractor fired the subcontractor but I don't see anything that warrants a full-scale investigation.

"There have to be some questions asked," Middleton said. "There has to be some kind of inquiry. Anytime you have something like this you want to learn from it."

Middleton's comments were part of an interview given a day after Gov. Martin J. O'Malley signed into law a bill that provides insurance to people who were unable to register through the MarylandHealthConnections.gov

website. O'Malley and others expect that "a couple hundred people" will make use of the bridge insurance offered through the state's high-risk health insurance pool known as the Maryland Health Insurance Program.

But some groups are raising questions about potential conflicts of interest.

Earlier this month, Change Maryland issued a 15-page report questioning donations made to the Democratic Governors Association during the time that O'Malley chaired the organization. The review spotlights companies that collectively donated millions to the DGA and received lucrative state contracts.

One such example was United Healthcare Services, which donated \$650,000 to the organization. Since 2008, it has been paid more than \$2 billion in state contracts. Most re-

cently, the state awarded Optimum/QSSI, a subsidiary of United Healthcare Services, an emergency contract to fix the state's failing health insurance benefits exchange Web site.

Larry Hogan, chairman of Change Maryland and a declared Republican candidate for governor, said in an earlier interview that this contract alone raises conflict of interest issues because United Healthcare also offers plans through the state exchange.

In his State of the State speech last month, O'Malley acknowledged that the rollout of the health benefits exchange site was a failure and vowed to fix it.

The Office of Legislative Audits will begin with a review of documents. A second stage involving face-to-face interviews between auditors and health exchange officials will begin sometime after March 31.

"We want them to get the exchange up and running," Middleton said, explaining the March 31 deadline. "We want them to get the system going and get people enrolled."

The previously-scheduled review would not be completed until summer at the earliest — after the 2014 primary election on June 24..

Senate Minority Leader David R. Brinkley, (R-4), said the review doesn't go far enough and is calling for an outside investigation.

Brinkley and other Republicans want an independent investigation with subpoena power and forensic experts who will comb through the site looking for irregularities.

Middleton said there was no need to such an elaborate investigation, the demand for which he linked to "finger-pointing at the lieutenant governor."

"That's not my interest," Middleton said. "My role here is what's the best thing to do and where do we need to go from here."

Lt. Gov. Anthony G. Brown led the implementation of the state's response to the federal Affordable Care Act, sometimes called Obamacare. The struggles of the site are sure to become a campaign issue both in the Democratic primary in June and in the general election in November.

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- Sign up for eBill (paperless billing);
- Get e-mail notification when bills are ready;
- Take advantage of features that can help save energy.

Once customers register for My Account, they just need to log in and click on the “Budget Billing” button.

- **Extended Payment Date Plan:** This allows residential customers whose main source of total household income is from government or other low-income entitlement programs to request a regular extension of their bill due dates without incurring a late charge so their bill due dates align with the dates they get their checks. To apply, call Delmarva Power at 1-800-375-7117 or submit the enrollment form online at www.delmarva.com.

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<http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dssc/liheap.html> while Maryland customers should click onto http://www.dhr.state.md.us/blog/?page_id=5433. In addition to state-specific programs, Delmarva Power partners with various agencies to offer energy assistance to low-income customers. For more information, contact:

- The Salvation Army (Wilmington, Del.) – 302-472-0750
- The Salvation Army (Salisbury) – 410-749-7771
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Delmarva Power also has conservation programs and tips for customers to reduce energy consumption, which can mean lower monthly bills. Our smart meters can help customers save energy and money and help lower their bills during these high usage periods. The new technology allows customers to log in to Delmarva Power’s My Account web portal and see energy use data in easy-to-read graphs. The smart meter data can help customers make informed choices about controlling energy consumption.

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Italian gun manufacturer Beretta chooses Tennessee

Employer makes move saying state's newest laws leave few options

By Sheila R. Cherry

Associate Editor

MARYLAND—In direct response to Maryland's new gun law, executives from Beretta USA, which has operated a manufacturing facility in Accokeek since 1978 and affiliate operations in Pocomoke, announced on Jan. 29 the company has chosen Gallatin, Tenn., as the site for a new \$45 million manufacturing facility for a needed expansion of its U.S. operations.

Once constructed, the new state-of-the-art plant in the Gallatin Industrial Park is expected to bring 300 new jobs over a five-year period to the town, which is located 30 miles north of Nashville, according to company executives. "The company is expected to complete construction on the facility this year," a company statement said.

So far, company representatives have been vague on whether operations that employ roughly 350 workers in Maryland will close once the new facility is operational. Multiple calls for comment from Bayside Gazette went unanswered.

But in an online video interview at a National Rifle Association's Web site <http://www.nranews.com/cam/video/jeff-reh-maryland-s-gun-laws-forced-expansion-to-tennessee>, Jeff Reh, general counsel and vice-general manager of Beretta USA, made it clear the move was in response to Maryland's new gun control law.

Noting that for Tennessee officials the move was received as a major economic boon for the region surrounding Gallatin, "It's unfortunate; those are jobs that could have gone to Maryland," Reh said. But, he added, "we have good friends in Tennessee and we are looking forward to working with them for many years in the future."

Reh said during the interview the family-run company plans to maintain

its operations in Accokeek and at its affiliated Benelli USA and Stoeger Industries facilities in Pocomoke City, in order to fulfill an ongoing contractual commitment. "We're in the middle of a contract," he said. "We can't move production."

However, Reh added the company is holding the roll out of several new product lines until the Tennessee facility is opened. "We're going to use the new facility for product lines that you've never seen or heard of yet that we've had on the drawing board for a while, but that we've kind of held back on while we looked for a new place to put the investment and buy new machines."

Reh said company representatives were planning to break ground at the new site around mid-April and to hold a ribbon-cutting to open the new facility in December. He also noted the decision to choose a site outside Maryland for the company's expansion was a reluctant one for both himself and the Beretta family.

The current Beretta facilities are located in communities that are supportive of the company's activities, according to Reh. "But then the government goes in a different direction," he said, adding "the population demographics are such over time that the nature of the state itself has changed politically." The gradual change in political dynamics led executives to search for a new place for the expansion project. He said other industry executives operating in the state were struggling with the same decisions.

He noted that a far more restrictive version of the gun bill was passed by the Maryland Senate and had it survived in the final legislation it would have prohibited the company from manufacturing many of its products in the state. But for efforts made by legislators in the House who were able to strip the language banning the manufacture of certain weapons out of the bill, Reh said, the company would have had to move their operations immediately. "But a lot remained that's really onerous for Maryland citizens



Volunteers give AGH major gift

Atlantic General Hospital's Auxiliary donated \$40,000 to the Atlantic General Hospital Foundation's annual Appeal during its annual membership meeting. This donation follows a contribution of \$40,000 to last year's annual appeal and \$50,000 toward a \$150,000 pledge to the Healthy Café campaign. In addition to the donations, which are the proceeds of fundraisers and merchandise sales at the hospital gift shop and thrift shop, the Auxiliary gives more than 35,000 hours of their time and expertise volunteering in Atlantic General Hospital and Health System each year. Pictured, from left, are Sue Harting, outgoing Auxiliary president; Michael Franklin, Atlantic General Hospital CEO; Ann Hamilton, Auxiliary treasurer; and Jane Wolnik, incoming Auxiliary president.

and actually for us as a manufacturer," he added.

According to an update by Delegate Michael McDermott, Department of Business and Economic Development Secretary Dominick Murray addressed the Eastern Shore Delegation about the overall business climate during a Jan. 31 meeting. McDermott said he asked Murray whether Beretta was leaving Maryland for Tennessee.

According to McDermott, Murray confirmed the company was expanding and was choosing to do so in another state. "He also alluded to statements made by the company when the Gun Bill (SB-281) was passed last year indicating they were simply following through with what they had stated at that time," McDermott said.

No official statement was published on the department's Web site about the expansion plans.

In a separate statement, Franco Gussalli Beretta, vice president and managing director of the Italy-based parent company Fabbrica D Armi S.p.A. and executive director of Beretta USA, said Tennessee had been chosen as the new home for Beretta

USA's expansion after an extensive nationwide search.

Executives made their decision after reviewing traditional business-related factors such as tax rates, cost of living, cost of doing business, availability of white and blue collar workers, traditions of high-level manufacturing in the area, the quality of local educational institutions, availability of job recruitment, screening and training, Reh said when announcing the move to Tennessee. From that analysis, he said, the search team developed a list of 80 sites within seven states in which they conducted site visits to winnow the selections down to a list to three, before making the final choice of Gallatin.

The extensiveness of the products that nearly cleared the General Assembly last year rattled the executives of the family-owned corporation, according to Reh, who added that the company is continuing to monitor legislation this year. He said the good news about the expansion in Tennessee was, "Now we'll have the land and potentially the facility that we could move to if we had to do so in a hurry."

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Entrepreneurs may benefit from available loans in 2014

About \$500,000 comes from county's share of lottery terminal monies

By Nancy Powell

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

(Feb. 7, 2014) Some Worcester County entrepreneurs may benefit from more than \$500,000 available in loans this year to create new jobs and support business expansion.

In 2013, Worcester County's share of VOLT (Video Lottery Terminal) funds for small, minority and women-owned businesses was \$500,000.

"We're looking to get more than that this year," Merry Mears, deputy director of the county's Economic Development Department, said.

"The casinos have been doing very well," said Bill Badger, director of the county's Economic Development Department.

The county's Economic Development Department partnered with the Anne Arundel Economic Development

Corporation, one of three designated fund managers, in seeking the funds.

The request for proposals for the new cycle of funds is being negotiated and should be ready soon,

"It will not be as hard to get funds this year," Mears said

This year, she said, the county would not need to re-apply.

The loans, which are priced at or below current market interest rates, may be used for business acquisition, commercial real estate acquisition, building improvements, purchase of equipment, business start-up costs, working capital, and in some cases, re-financing of existing debt.

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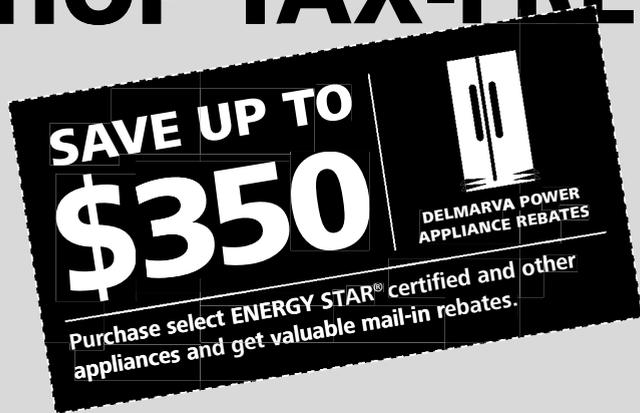
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Lawmakers seek ways to cut rates

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of remaining policies in Florida, Louisiana, California, New Jersey, Texas and New York, in that order," he said.

According to Harris, the Biggert-Waters Act required FEMA to phase out various subsidies and discounts to reduce the federal flood insurance program's debts, prevent the bankruptcy of the program, and improve its sustainability into the future. The program "already has a debt of \$24 billion as of May 2013, according to a Government Accountability Office report, after big payouts from events such as Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Katrina," Harris said, and if its resources are depleted, it could threaten future payouts to homeowners for storm damage.

David Bollinger, mitigation outreach coordinator for FEMA's Region III, Biggert Waters, directed FEMA to phase its subsidized policies to full risk rate policies over a five-year period with 20 percent annual rate increases, which began in October, 2013 for certain policies. However, after hearing from angry and concerned homeowners, lawmakers quickly backtracked to proposals to tamp down the immediate effects of the new law.

Tucked into the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 that President Barack Obama signed into law on Jan. 17 (Pub. L. No: 113-76) was a provision that blocked the funding needed to remove the grandfathered subsidies for flood insurance premiums for homes that had been redesignated from low to high risk. The removal of the subsidy was scheduled to take affect later this October. As a result of the enacted provision the subsidy will remain in place until FEMA officials complete an affordability study, which he said is expected to be done by the end of the fiscal year.

New, unsubsidized rates for secondary homes, businesses and homes that have repeatedly been damaged by prior flood events were not impacted by the relief provision in the budget bill, according to FEMA spokesman Peter Herrick.

The proposal to delay upcoming changes to the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) flood insurance rate maps was introduced on Jan. 14 by New Jersey Sen. Robert Menendez (D) and Georgia Sen. Johnny Isakson (R). In a statement after the vote, Menendez said the delay of the implementation of flood insurance rate increases "protects NFIP policyholders who have no annual cap on their rate increases and have seen their property values plummet as a direct result of Biggert-Waters." He added, "This includes all homes and businesses that were built to code and later remapped into a higher risk area and all properties that were built before flood maps were released which could see their rates skyrocket overnight when they try to sell their property."

Harris said in a Jan. 30 e-mail he would support the House companion bill, Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2013 (H.R. 3370), which would further delay some scheduled increases in flood insurance premiums under the National Flood Insurance Program.

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Like Denver, pizza business a bust for Sunday's big game

By Clara Vaughn

Staff Writer/Ocean City Today

(Feb. 7, 2014) Hours before the Seahawks trounced the Broncos in Super Bowl XLVIII last Sunday, workers at Domino's Pizza on 64th Street prepared for the game day delivery rush, but the boom never came.

On a day that's historically a high point for delivery companies, drivers only answered 43 calls, the pizzeria's general manager Joshua Price said.

"I made sure I staffed heavily and prepared heavily and had plenty of food, but it never really came to fruition, to be honest," Price said.

Delivery spots around town reported similar lags in business this year, blaming the lack of a Maryland team to draw attention to the game or customers' belief that delivery services would be flooded for the poor showing.

"It was actually slow compared to a typically Sunday," said Dawn James, co-owner of Just Deliveries, which brings fare from sushi and Chinese to Popeyes' chicken to customers in Berlin, Ocean City, Ocean Pines and Bishopville.

With a bolstered staff for the day, the Super Bowl only brought 10 calls to Just Deliveries — down even from the typical 15-20 orders it gets on weekend days this time of year, James said.

"We thought it would be busier," she said.

Across the bridge, though, Pizza Hut in Ocean Pines saw a healthy day of takeout and delivery business.

"It was very busy," Director of Operations for the pizzeria Andy Adkins said. "Super Bowl Sunday is double what a normal Sunday's business would be, even during normal football season."

With extra staff to man the ovens and phones, Pizza Hut brought a slew of its new hand-tossed pizzas to customers throughout Berlin, Ocean Pines, West Ocean City and Bishopville, he said. Without the Ravens to draw customers to the bars, he thinks more people stayed in for the game, making business better than last year.

"It was definitely busier than the normal Sunday," manager at Fat Daddy's on 82nd Street Scott Sudol said. "Wings were definitely No. 1," with pizzas close behind in popularity.

The "Super bowl's a good day for us," said Charlie Kight, of family-run Mama Della's in Ocean Pines, though "last year was a lot better, because the Ravens were in the Super Bowl."

Price, who's been with Domino's for 16 years, said the winter deserves the brunt of the blame for the Super Bowl slump.

"We're definitely busy between the summer months, this being a resort town," he said. "We were incredibly slow for a Super Bowl. Here in Ocean City, we usually are."

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Deadline relief for health care enrollments signed into law

Insurance extension for 'bridge eligible' people unable to enroll in time

By Sheila R. Cherry
Associate Editor

MARYLAND—Gov. Martin O'Malley (D) approved on Jan. 30 a bill (SB 134) that extends the enrollment deadline for the state-run Maryland Health Insurance Plan for so-called "bridge eligible individuals," which are individuals who were eligible for subsidized health insurance coverage but were unable to enroll in the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange by the Dec. 31 deadline.

The modification was sponsored by Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. (D) on behalf of the Administration and co-sponsored by Sen. Jim Mathias (D-38).

The program's Web site experienced significant technological problems as it was being rolled out. As a result, some individuals who had attempted to enroll in coverage through the site by the statutory deadline were unable to do so, officials said. The new law would repeal the MHIP enrollment deadline of Dec. 31, allowing bridge eligible individuals who tried but failed to enroll through the exchange's Marylandhealthconnection.gov Web site. The individuals have until to enroll in MHIP and the new law allows coverage to be retroactive to Jan.

1. Open enrollment through the Web site continues through March 31 for anyone, but only bridge eligible individuals will be eligible for the retroactivity, an legislative analyst explained.

Separately, Mathis was the primary sponsor of legislation that would allow candidates and questions in municipal elections to be listed on the state ballot (SB 438). The measure was scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee on Feb. 6.

He has also introduced SB0441, which has a companion bill in the House (HB0367) that would abolishing the Worcester County Bingo Board and directs the Worcester County Department of Development Review and Permitting to administer and enforce the bingo laws in the county. The Senate Budget and Taxation Committee was scheduled to consider during a Feb. 5 hearing.

A bill (HB0284) that would require the Maryland Department of Agriculture to study efforts to manage and reduce phosphorus pollution from agricultural sources and to conduct an economic impact analysis of a Phosphorus Management Tool the department created to replace the Phosphorus Site Index, was scheduled for a Feb. 5 hearing in the House Environmental Matters Committee. The proposal was co-sponsored by members of the Eastern Shore Delegation, including Delegates Norman Conway

(D-38B), Michael McDermott (R-38B) and Charles Otto (R-38A).

Three bills that were introduced by McDermott were scheduled for committee hearings during the week of Feb. 3. They included HB 218, which would require state employee unions to allow employees who are exempt from paying a service fee 30 days to redirect the fees they would otherwise have paid a charitable organization of their choosing. The bill was scheduled for a hearing in the House Appropriations Committee on Feb. 4.

A proposal by McDermott that would allow authorities to prosecute individuals who make false telephone or online threats concerning destructive devices or toxic materials (HB 234) was scheduled to come before the House Judiciary Committee also on Feb. 4.

The House Ways And Means was scheduled to hearing a proposal by McDermott that was co-sponsored with Delegate Michael D. Smigiel, Sr. (R-36), which would expand the state pension exclusion subtraction

modification. The bill (HB 75) would increase the maximum pension exclusion to \$50,000 and allowing income from certain individual retirement accounts, annuities and defined contribution plans to be included within the subtraction modification formula.

During a meeting with the Eastern Shore Delegation, according to a report by McDermott, Secretary of Planning Hall discussed how the implementation of the state's Septics Law was progressing and mentioned that state officials might be considering trying to utilize additional funds from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to address additional septic concerns on the shore.

The delegation also heard from representatives of the Tourism Advisory Council, who McDermott said were advocating keeping the governor's proposed budget numbers for tourism in tact at \$8.5 million as opposed to the budget review recommendations of the minimum mandated number of \$6.5 million. The vast majority of the revenue would be used for advertising, he said.

AGH to offer Yoga classes and others through month

BERLIN—Atlantic General Hospital will offer an assortment of classes, programs and meetings in February.

Sunday, Feb. 9

•Overeaters Anonymous #169, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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6:30 p.m.

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Worcester County seeks public participation with food drive

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All county employees and the public are invited to participate. Canned food items can be deposited in specially-marked Maryland Food Bank barrels at these participating locations:

- Worcester County Jail in Snow Hill
- Worcester County Branch Libraries: Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Berlin, Snow Hill and Pocomoke
- All Department of Liquor Control Shore Spirit Retail Liquor Store locations
- Worcester County Recreation Center in Snow Hill
- Central Landfill storage building in Newark

•Isle of Wight offices in Bishopville
Nearly 12.7 percent of Worcester County residents, including one in five children, are food insecure, meaning they are uncertain where their next meals are coming from. That is the third highest food insecurity rate on the Eastern Shore, behind Somerset and Wicomico counties.

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son standing behind you in line at the grocery store. Many of these families fail to qualify for federal or state assistance, because on paper they do not meet the minimum standards.

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Looking out for flood

While the rest of the state is still concentrating more on the possible snow and ice storms it faces in February, many Worcester County residents have their minds on a different issue.

Oh, it has everything to do with storms, but instead of digging out of snow, we're looking at how to dig out of sudden and sometimes shocking increases in flood insurance.

It's no wonder that almost 250 area residents flooded a January 16 FEMA-sponsored opportunity to study preliminary flood insurance maps at the Stephen Decatur Middle School.

While FEMA wasn't expecting the heavy turnout, many who made up that turnout worried about their flood insurance premiums.

Decatur wasn't the only place where this conversation has happened. Worried homeowners are talking to town councils, elected officials and even FEMA.

What is clear is that the federal government is looking into whether or not it can soften the blow of a real expectation of flood insurance rates. According to Bayside Gazette Associate Editor Sheila Cherry's page one story, many home owners were either not aware or they forgot that their insurance was being kept at lower rates, because of a government subsidy. FEMA, however, is mandated by federal law to phase out various subsidies and discounts to reduce the federal flood insurance program's debts.

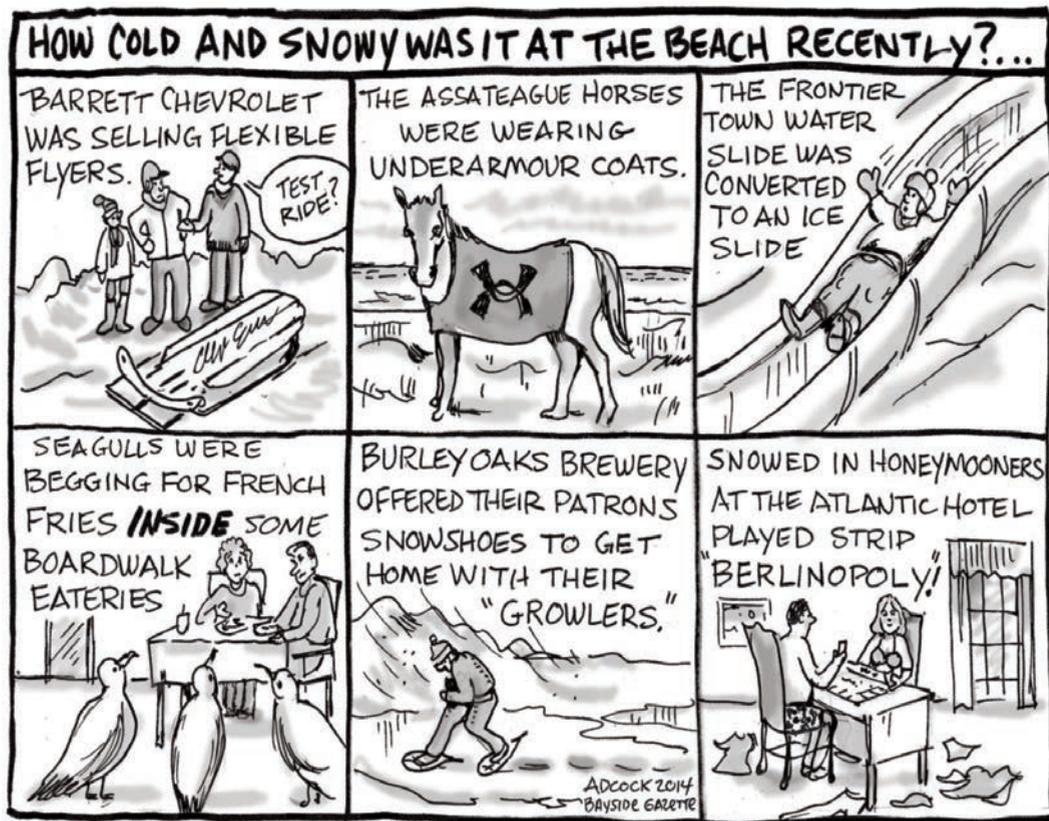
That isn't comforting news to many area homeowners with properties in areas with histories of flooding.

We support those lawmakers who are trying to attempt to scale back the very real possibility of rate increases for homeowners with subsidized policies. And we hope that if insurance rates must rise, that they are done so gradually and only after those impacted are given a full explanation for the rise in policy rates.

FEMA and the insurance companies need to do a better job of reaching the policyholders. They shouldn't have been so surprised when they walked into the middle school. Now, many are waiting for the other shoe to drop and their rates to increase.

They should have known well in advance. The news was almost as shocking as a flash flood.

That just isn't fair.



Heroin trail just follows the money

Philip Seymour Hoffman's death is a sad reminder

By Phil Jacobs
Associate Editor

Last weekend Philip Seymour Hoffman, the Oscar award-winning actor, was found dead in his Greenwich Village home. He was 46 years old.

Early word is that he died from an apparent heroin overdose. Hoffman had been, according to reports, "clean" for some 25 years.

In July 2013, Cory Monteith, an actor on the TV show "Glee" died as a result of a toxic mixture of heroin and alcohol.

In Maryland and Pennsylvania last week, an epidemic of almost 60 heroin related deaths since last September was reported. This time the heroin was laced with the sedative fentanyl.

The Federal Drug Enforcement Agency has said that heroin, like a tidal wave, has hit the Northeast United States. It is inexpensive and it is accessible to those who use it. In the year 2012, over 669,000 American over the age of 12 had used heroin at some point during that year according to the federal Substance and Mental Health Services Administration. In 2011, 4.2 Americans over the age of 11 had tried the

drug a least once, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse. An estimated 23 percent will be come addicts.

Substance abuse hasn't left our community alone.

It seems that it's becoming almost commonplace to read even in these pages about an arrest of a person with the possession and intent to distribute drugs, including heroin.

Used to be that what came with heroin was a stereotype of some sort of inner-city abandoned apartment where addicts would shoot up or inject the poison in the arm of someone else.

With Colorado legalizing marijuana, and Maryland among many states taking a serious look at making marijuana for medicinal purposes available, it seems as if there's been a change.

Marijuana was once considered the "gateway" drug to more serious addiction issues. If you knew of a friend or family member using marijuana, the reaction was far more urgent and concerned than it is today.

Now teens and young adults have concocted a word that you and I may have known nothing about. It's called "pharming." It's a situation where prescription drugs are sometimes stolen by teens or adult children from their very own parents' medicine cabinets. Typically these drugs contain addicting opioids

found in painkillers. Medications prescribed for attention deficit disorder are also sold sometimes by the very student who holds the prescription.

But these prescription drugs come with a hefty price tag. What has become less expensive is heroin.

That is why heroin seems to be everywhere. It is less expensive, yet it can kill you or a loved one. One doesn't have to be a famous, wealthy actor to afford and risk their life over heroin.

I have covered enough NA meetings to know that while the 12-step programs are important and impactful, sometimes the insidious nature of the drug will become more important to a user than a "higher power."

A person's body demands more and more of the heroin. If a body is demanding it, it means that the person has to medicate himself to feel at least well.

Philip Seymour Hoffman was an incredible actor, both in film and on stage. He was reportedly "clean" for 25 years. But now he is dead forever.

We here on the Eastern Shore need to be vigilant on one hand, and sensitive on the other.

For some people, hope is the only elixir they can lean on. Hoffman was a big star, now he is someone we'll remember while watching a movie. Please find help for those you love. It's becoming an epidemic.

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OBITUARIES

Lawrence Paul Downs

Ocean Pines—Lawrence Paul Downs, 75, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center.

Born in Baltimore City, he was the son of the late Paul and Ethel Mae Stein Downs. He is survived by his wife, Sally Stowe Downs, and children; Nancy Morgan of Des Moines, Iowa, John A. Morgan, Jr. and his wife, Alyssa McCarthy, of Arlington, Va. and Robert A. Downs of Baltimore.

He leaves three grandchildren; Michael Paul Morgan, Robert F. Downs, Jr., and Jennifer Downs. He is also survived by his sister, Kathleen Milligan, and her husband, Ronald Patrick, of Westminster, Md., and nieces; Kristin Hurley and Corrine Milligan.

Mr. Downs, a U.S. Navy veteran, had worked with the federal government in the Medicare Division. He served on the advisory board of Wor-Wic Community College, and on their long range planning committee. He also served on the Shore Line Commission.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014 at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Rev. Michael Moyer officiated. Cremation followed.

A donation in his memory may be made to: Worcester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 48 Berlin, Md. 21811. Letters of condolence may be sent via:

www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Sarah J. Hitchens Venable

Berlin—Sara J. Hitchens Venable, 91, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2014 at Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Ocean City, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Ellen Lynch Hitchens. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Ward Venable.

Surviving are her sons; William “Bill” Venable and his wife, Sandra, of Bishopville, Pat Venable and his wife, Kay, of Parsonsburg, and Dale E. Venable and his wife, Denise, of Bishopville, and her sister-in-law, Sally Hitchens.

She was preceded in death by a son, James B. Venable in 2003. She leaves two granddaughters, Maddie Farlow and Ellen Venable Passwater, two great grandsons, Matthew and Thomas Passwater, and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Venable was a co-owner of Hoffman Drycleaners, now Venable’s Cleaners, in Berlin. She was a member of Atlantic United Methodist Church, Past Matron of the Worcester County Chapter of Eastern Star, Worthy Matron of Holly Chapter of Eastern Star, and a member of “She Shells” Order of the Boumi Temple.

Mrs. Venable was preceded in death by her brothers, Horace and James Hitchens, and sisters; Dorothy Stevens, Betty Rappaport, and Ellen “Pete” Haas.

A funeral service was held Feb. 1, 2014 at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Rev. Robert Miller officiated. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery. A donation may be made in her memory to: Berlin Volunteer Fire Company 214 South Main St. Berlin, Md. 21811. Letters of condolence may be sent via www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Jennifer Leigh Melvin

Ocean Pines – Jennifer Leigh Melvin, 29, died Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin. Born in Silver Spring, Md., she was the daughter of Edward Melvin and Wanda Atkinson Melvin, and granddaughter of Betty S. Atkinson and the late John Stanley Atkinson.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Ocean City local rapper, “Hott Spitter” Brian Jones, Sr. and their son Brian Jones, Jr. Also surviving is her brother, Travis James Melvin.

Mrs. Melvin had worked as a cashier and deli clerk at the WAWA in Ocean City.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014 at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin. Memorial donations may be made to the Brian Jones, Jr. Scholarship Fund, c/o Bank of Ocean City, 627 William Street, Berlin, Md., 21811. Expressions of condolence may be sent to the family at www.burbagefuneralhome.com.

Walter Matthew Langan

Walter Matthew Langan, 89, of Berlin, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014 at Atlantic General Hospital. Born in New York, N.Y. he was the son of the late Walter J. and Anna Devlin Langan.

Mr. Langan was a U.S. Navy veteran serving during World War II on the U.S. Montauk, in charge of the radio room. He was a systems analyst for the Department of the Navy until retirement. He lived in the Bowie, Md. area most of his adult life, moving to Ocean Pines after retirement.

He was the editor of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees Newspaper. Memberships include VFW, American Legion and St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Berlin.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Langan of Berlin; daughter, Alice Anderson and her husband, Larry of Crofton, Md.; sons: Walter J. Langan of Springfield, Va. and Kenneth J. Langan and his wife, Kitty of Hollywood, Ca.; grandchildren; April Anderson, Amy Chapman, Matthew Anderson, Erik Anderson and Julia Langan and great-granddaughter, Sadie Anderson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Berlin. Arrangements are in the care of Holloway Funeral Home, P.A., 501 Snow Hill Rd., Salisbury, Md. 21804.

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CALENDAR

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BAYSIDE GAZETTE

THURS. Feb. 6

WOMEN'S CLUB OF OCEAN PINES MEETING — Ocean Pines Community Center, 235 Ocean Parkway, 10 a.m. Nancy Creighton, Director of Managed Care at Peninsula Regional Medical Center, will speak about the services of PRMC and the health law coverage. WCOP Treasurer will present the proposed budget for 2013-2014 membership year. Info: Pat Abby, 410-208-0171.

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 Dianne, 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.

FRI. Feb. 7

OCEAN CITY FIBER FEST — Carousel Resort Hotel and Condominiums, 118th Street and oceanfront in Ocean City, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Vendors gather to educate and promote the natural fiber industry. Featuring wool, fabric, wood, reed, etc. There will be shopping, classes and make-n-takes taught by artists. Also door prizes daily. Admission costs \$5 per day or \$8 for the weekend. Info: Susan Childs, 443-235-2926 or www.ocfiberfest.com.

BINGO — Knights of Columbus, 9901 Coastal Highway (rear of St. Luke's Church) in Ocean City. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Info: 410-524-7994.

OPENING RECEPTION FOR FEBRUARY EXHIBITS — Ocean City Center for the Arts, 502 94th Street, 5-7 p.m. In the Thaler Gallery: Interiors. All media, 2D artwork by local artists and members of the Art League of Ocean City. Featured artists in the Galleria are Laura Hickman and Michele Green. Artist in Residence: Paintings by Jim Rehak. Spotlight Gallery: Paintings by Teri Edgeworth. Free and open to the public. Info: 410-524-9433 or www.artleagueofoc.org. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily.

SAT. Feb. 8

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST — VFW, Post 8296, 104 66th St., bayside in Ocean City, 8-11 a.m. A \$5 donation for all-you-can-eat pancakes or 2-2-2, 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 in Ocean Pines, 8 a.m. to noon, through Oct. 26. Produce, farm fresh eggs, organic goods, herbs, fresh cut flowers, soaps, jelly, homemade baked goods, honey and more.

MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER — 28th Street Pit and Pub, 2706 N Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 6-11 p.m. New Orleans Mardi Gras themed event with cajun buffet, desserts, champagne and hurricane fountains, draft beer, silent auction, bake sale table, palm/tarot reader, drag queen comedy act and blues band Skyla Burrell. Cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Benefits the Ravens Roost #58 Community Outreach programs. Purchase tickets at the 28th Street Pit and Pub or by calling 443-497-2040, 443-944-4763 or 410-289-2020.

ANNUAL WINTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, 8-11 a.m. Tickets cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5-11 and free to children 4 and younger. Tickets sold at the door or by calling 410-208-6719. Carryout available. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and benefits the Youth of the Community.

'INSIDE A BALD EAGLE'S NEST' BOOK SIGNING AND PRESENTATION — Assateague Island Visitor Center, 11800 Marsh View Lane, Berlin, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Presented in concert with Eastern National, Teena Ruark Gorrow and Craig A. Koppie, co-authors of "Inside a Bald Eagle's Nest - A Photographic Journey through the American Bald Eagle Nesting Season," will be on hand to sign their books. A presentation will take place at 11 a.m.

SUN. Feb. 9

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ITALIAN LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER — Ocean City Baptist Church, 102 N. Division St., Ocean City, noon to 2 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 and younger. Maximum of \$30 per family. All proceeds support the missions team headed to Ukraine. Reservations: 410-289-6573 or 703-340-6189.

71ST ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL SERVICE — St. Pauls Episcopal Church, 8700 Memory Lane, Hebron, 2 p.m. The Home of the Four Chaplain's Memorial and Monument. Info Russell Franklin, 410-873-2838.

54TH ANNUAL EASTERN SHORE STAMP SHOW — Wicomico Civic Center, 500 Glen Ave., Salisbury, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stamps, coins, post cards and memorabilia. Free admission and free stamps for kids. Info: Bert, 410-422-1492.

MON. Feb. 10

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

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

PENINSULA REGIONAL DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MEETING — Avery W. Hall Educational Center on the Peninsula Regional campus, 100 East Carroll St., Salisbury, 7-8 p.m. Offering assistance in coping with the concerns that diabetes brings. Presentations include information on how to better manage and live with diabetes. There are no fees to attend. Info: 410-543-7061.

OCEAN PINES CAMERA CLUB MEETING — Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be professional photographer Chris Parypa. New members welcome.

WED. Feb. 12

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.

DELMARVA HAND DANCING CLUB — Meets every Wednesday at Peaky's Rooftop Restaurant & Bar, located in the

Fenwick Inn, 13801 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by dancing 6:30-9 p.m. Jitterbug, swing, cha-cha to the sounds of the '50s, '60s and Carolina beach music. All are welcome. Discounted food and drink prices. Info: 302-337-3638.

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BINGO AND LUNCHEON — St. Andrew Catholic Center, 1404 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, The luncheon of Baked Ziti and salad will be served at 11:30 a.m. followed by 18 games of bingo. Tickets cost \$25 for 17 games ("Split the Pot" not included). Tickets: Pat Luckett, 302-436-0351.

ONGOING EVENTS

BUS TRIP TO HARRINGTON CASINO SLOTS — Sponsored by the Ocean Pines Boat Club. Busses will pick up on April 7 at the Ocean Pines Mumford Pool parking lot at 9:30 a.m. for a 10 a.m. departure and return at 5 p.m. Upon arrival participants will receive a \$10 voucher for the machines. A complimentary buffet lunch and bus gratuity is included. Cost is \$15 payable to Ocean Pines Boat Club. Send checks by March 5 to Gerry Clarke, 10 Links Lane, Ocean Pines, Md 21811. All are welcome. Info: 410-208-9401.

OCFVC LADIES AUXILIARY — The group meets monthly on the first Monday at 7 p.m. at the West Ocean City Fire Station, second floor, Keyser Point Road. New members welcome. Info: Denise, 443-359-2014 or any Ladies Auxiliary member.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP — Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at Ocean Pines library, 11107 Cathell Road, 2:30-4 p.m. Speakers, discussions, exercise, etc. No reservations, no fees. Patients and caregivers are encouraged to stop by. Info: 410-208-3132.

HORSE & CARRIAGE RIDES ON THE BOARDWALK — Weather and ridership permitting, horse and carriage rides will board passengers near Thrasher's at the Inlet lot and travel around the pier and down the Boardwalk to Fourth Street and back on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., through April 30. Cost is \$10 per person, kids 3 and younger ride free. Info: Randy Davis, 443-783-1409.

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CUISINE

BAYSIDE GAZETTE

Even with ravioli, it takes a little practice

One of the pleasures of teaching is watching a kitchen full of qualified students tackle something new and different. The easiest and most accurate way to determine whether a competency is not in the students' repertoires is by noting the condition of the kitchen at the end of class.



By Paul Suplee,
CEC PCIII

Today happened to be such a day; our student aide made the

comment that she was pretty sure that the class used every pot, pan and bowl in our inventory.

When the smoke cleared and the ashes settled from the onslaught, what we found was a variety of ravioli, agnolotti, Cornish pasties and tri-color pasta; all from scratch.

One student stuffed his artisanal pieces with lamb curry while another made a chicken-basil stuffing. Since we had food in the walk-in that needed to be used after the nightmare of scheduling through the recent school days, I decided to let them have at it when it came to their fillings.

Fresh pasta is one of the greatest foods to master in the kitchen. Like bread, it is a simple process that brings you closer to your food as you knead the dough and get it ready for its simmering bath. Following a few suggestions the students made some colored with beet juice and spinach juice while others stayed traditional with a plain fresh pasta.

Of course tasting the wares is a perk of the job assuming that it isn't made too salty or mushy. The abilities of the students shine in this one particular class since it embodies a great deal of the cooking skills that a professional cook deems necessary. Fresh pastas, canapés,



hors d'oeuvres, sausages, pates and terrines only scratch the surface on the complex topic of garde manger.

Since some of the students make fresh pasta the night before in Italian class. They were happy with the 'full circle' of seeing the same thing twice from different chefs. It gave them a good perspective on where and when pastas could be used on a menu; not only in just an Italian setting but also as a platform for finger foods.

When making your own ravioli, just remember that it might not turn out the first time. That is the secret to success in the cold kitchen, the bake shop or anywhere else that you might think you'll get tripped up when cooking. People seem to have a fear of makings breads and pastas, but with a little practice anyone can be a pro.

So if it doesn't turn out, try it again and again. Once you get the feel of it you won't want to stop. Of course, you might have to tack on a few extra miles each week on the treadmill. But it will be worth it. Try something new. You'll thank me.

Tomato-Pesto Ravioli

Makes enough for 4

- 1 # fresh pasta
- 2 c. Italian filling (recipe follows)
- Fresh parsley, basil and chervil,
- EV olive oil to coat
- 1 tbsp. salted butter to coat

Roll the pasta out into two long rectangles, about 1/16-inch thick

Starting at one end but about 1 inch in, pipe the filling in 1 teaspoon mounds with water and top with the second piece of pasta

Press around the filling to make little 1 1/2-inch ravioli

With a pasta cutter or circle cutter, cut the ravioli into squares or circles

Since the filling contains no raw meats, it will cook in the time that it takes to cook the fresh pasta, which is about 3 or 4 minutes

Store with some semolina until ready to cook

Cook in salted water at a high simmer for 3-4 minutes and remove, immedi-

ately tossing in the herbs and olive oil, and some butter if that is your preference. I like the butter, but it's up to you

Serve immediately and enjoy how amazed your guests will be by this simple but decadent dish

Italian Filling

makes 2 cups

- 3/4 c. fresh mozzarella
- 1/2 c. sundried tomatoes
- 2 ea. garlic cloves
- 1/4 c. ricotta cheese
- 1 whole egg
- salt and pepper to taste

Place all ingredients in a food processor and work into a smooth paste

Set aside until you are ready to stuff the ravioli

Pesto Cream

- 2 cups fresh basil, picked and blanched
- 3 ea. garlic cloves
- 1/2 c. parmesan cheese
- 1/2 c. Pine nuts
- EV olive oil, as needed
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 c. heavy cream

Combine the basil, garlic, parmesan and pine nuts in a food processor until pureed

Drizzle in just enough oil to bind it into a pesto

Refrigerate and use on pasta, chicken, pork or anything else that sounds good

When you are ready to make a pesto cream, bring the cream to a boil and add 2 tablespoons of pesto

Reduce until it is thick and creamy. Adjust seasoning and serve with the ravioli

— Paul G. Suplee is a certified executive chef and ProChef certified Level-3. He is a writer and culinary instructor. Find his ePortfolio at www.heartofakitchen.com.

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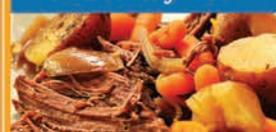
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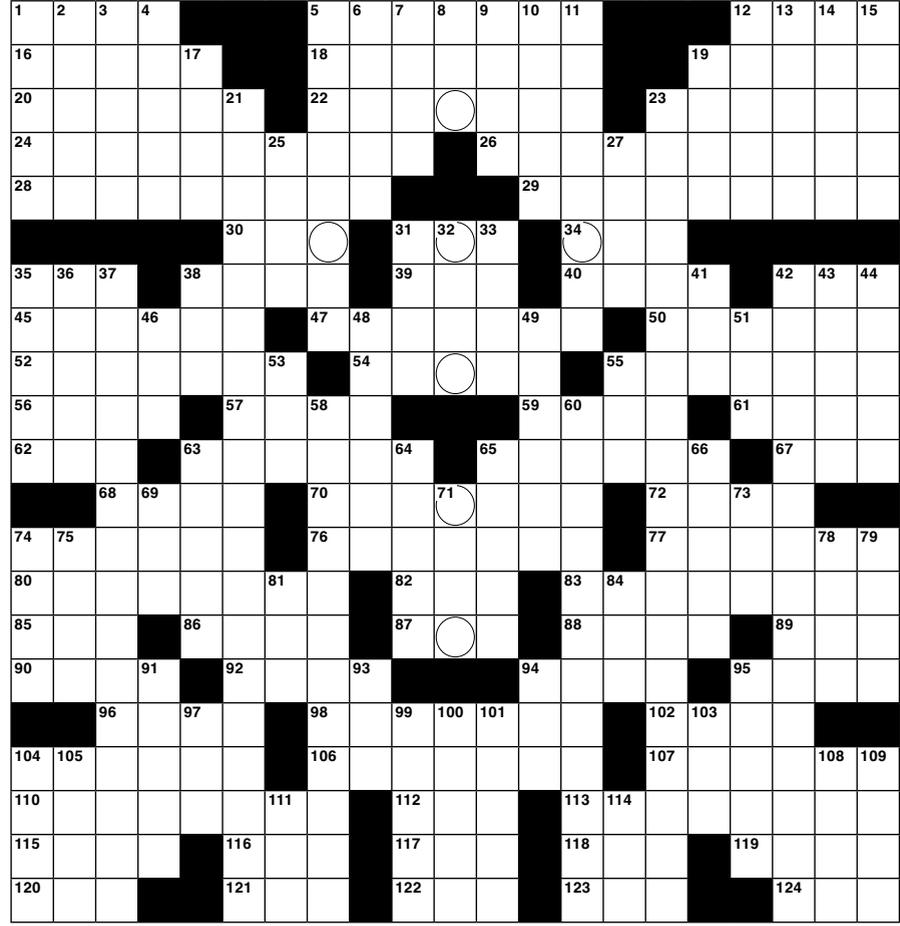
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- 1 Turns left
 - 5 Oglés offensively
 - 12 One for the money?
 - 16 Actors Ken and Lena
 - 18 Gettable
 - 19 _____ Foods
 - 20 Cash in
 - 22 Tiny tunneler
 - 23 Big gun
 - 24 Ones doing aerobics
 - 26 Popular British band named after the villain in "Barbarella"
 - 28 Sinister señor
 - 29 Lacoste offering
 - 30 Soul maker
 - 31 Channel showing old Hollywood hits
 - 34 Disposables maker
 - 35 Modus operandi
 - 38 Kind of accounting
 - 39 Bistro glassful
 - 40 Sturdy ones
 - 42 Org. using X-rays
 - 45 Equally, say
 - 47 Tangled
 - 50 Legit
 - 52 Words before and after "my lads" in the United States Merchant Marine anthem
 - 54 _____ acid
 - 55 Sides are often alongside them
- DOWN**
- 1 Biblical peak
 - 2 Actress Vega of "Spy Kids"
 - 3 Expand
 - 4 Mortimer of old radio
 - 5 Contributors to The Paris Review, e.g.
 - 6 First of 12 in South America
 - 7 Muffs
 - 8 Band with the 1994 album "Monster"
 - 9 "He" and "she" follower
 - 10 Not perform as expected
 - 11 Dance popularized by Michael Jackson
 - 12 "Yep"
 - 13 Iraqi P.M. _____ al-Maliki
 - 14 Like one of the arm bones
 - 15 Destined (for)
 - 17 Like vino de Rioja
 - 19 Gobs
 - 21 Compassion, figuratively
 - 23 Start of many jokes
 - 25 Dos x tres
 - 27 Latin "others"
 - 31 Blue-green
 - 32 Part of many an anniversary celebration
 - 33 Tax-free bond, for short
 - 35 Pair of cymbals in a drum kit
 - 36 Ceaselessly
 - 37 Tautological statement of finality
 - 38 Cavs, on a scoreboard
 - 41 Elbow-bender
 - 42 Superstitious thespian's name for a work of Shakespeare ... from which 21-, 23-, 37-, 58- and 60-Down all come
 - 43 Take care of
 - 44 Cause of an insurance investigation
 - 46 One of 17 on a Monopoly board: Abbr.
 - 48 What a goner has
 - 49 Army threats?
 - 51 Mendoza Mrs.
 - 53 "_____ get it!"
 - 55 System prefix
 - 56 Entry fee?
 - 57 "Don't look now ..."
 - 59 Bell or shell preceder
 - 61 Regarding
 - 62 Super Bowl successes, for short
 - 63 Key of Bach's most famous Mass
 - 65 Furniture style of Louis XV
 - 67 Dupe
 - 68 _____ the Explorer
 - 70 "That's all folks," for Mel Blanc
 - 72 Batman: Robin :: Green Hornet :: _____
 - 74 Strand, somehow
 - 76 Girl's name meaning "happiness"
 - 77 Squirm
 - 80 John Cusack's co-star in "Say Anything ..."
 - 82 Dir. of the Missouri between S.D. and Neb.
 - 83 Like leftovers, often
 - 85 Born
 - 86 Actor Richard who played Jaws in Bond films
 - 87 Some A.L. (but not N.L.) players
 - 88 It may be indicated with a ring
 - 89 More than pique
 - 90 Too smooth
 - 92 Dudley Do-Right's love
 - 94 Second place?
 - 95 Part of N.R.A.: Abbr.
 - 96 Email button
 - 98 Erne or tern
 - 102 Baloney, in Bristol
 - 104 Entitle to wear vestments
 - 106 Headstrong
 - 107 East Asian stew
 - 110 "Ta-ta!"
 - 112 It may be radical
 - 113 Places where polar bears fish
 - 115 They may be sprayed on
 - 116 HBO competitor
 - 117 Bill's partner
 - 118 Pro
 - 119 Major, for example
 - 120 Poetic rhapsody
 - 121 Soak (up)
 - 122 Summer White House setting: Abbr.
 - 123 "Lady" of the lea
 - 124 Rocky shout-outs



- 58 A single stroke
- 60 What the lucky person leads
- 63 Lively
- 64 Piqued
- 65 500 events
- 66 Equipped to row
- 69 Have debts
- 71 "The Addams Family" nickname
- 73 _____ Maria
- 74 Rat
- 75 Carol
- 78 Towel designation
- 79 Elysium
- 81 Cry before "haw"
- 84 Big stretch?
- 91 Moccasin decorations
- 93 You might bow your head to receive one
- 94 Play about Capote
- 95 Famous Titanic victim
- 97 Zilch
- 99 One of "The Honeymooners"
- 100 Drippings appropriately positioned under the circled letters
- 101 Alternatively
- 103 "Lo-o-ovely!"
- 104 Director Preminger
- 105 You may find a fork in it
- 108 Prefix with -phile
- 109 Some reproaches
- 111 Palindromic cry
- 114 Intimidate

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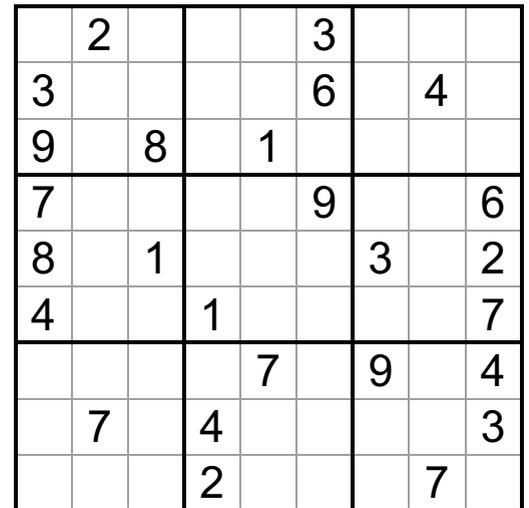
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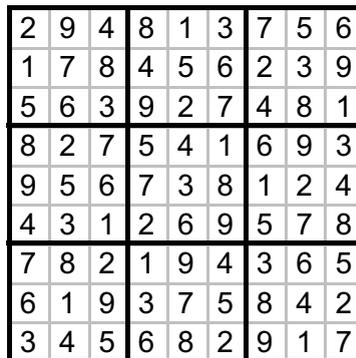
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HARD - 73

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.



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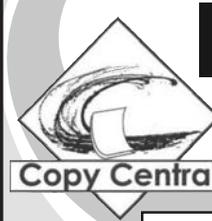
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