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American Cruise Line's ship docks off shore. *See story page 3*

You're So Lucky

By Maureen G. Eller

Luck. It's something everyone wants, isn't it? And if you have it, you're warned not to press it . . . or push it. You know it can be good or bad, but, let's face it – isn't it better than having none at all?

But how many of you today can honestly say you feel "lucky?" Perhaps your every day existence doesn't provide you with a constant feeling of good fortune – you'll have to wait for the slots to open across the river for that! But while we're all busy taking care of our mundane-every-day things, have you ever just stopped for a moment (or longer) and looked around you? Perhaps it's just my rose-colored glasses, but I see something you may be missing. I believe you are some of the luckiest people around . . . you're living in the City of Havre de Grace. You're so lucky.

How lucky you are to be in a community that is rich in history and heritage. The downtown district boasts some of the best examples of early-19th century architecture. These structures are becoming victims of revitalization in other areas of the county and state, but you have a dedicated group of citizens and business owners who are committed to the preservation of what truly makes Havre de Grace so special and why many people want to visit (and some of them stay). You're so lucky.

How lucky you are to be in a waterfront locality. There is a peaceful, calming effect when one catches the spectacular views across the Susquehanna River to the Bay. . . I know I could sit and gaze for hours. The city's promenade beckons people for a leisurely stroll - becoming part of the enchanting waterscape. You're so lucky.

And let's not forget about the people. How lucky you are to be surrounded by warm, friendly people. Those I know who live in Havre de Grace and those I've had a pleasure to meet exude the small town charm that can get lost in a sprawling metropolis. Because you're in Havre de Grace, you are blessed with an impartible sense of community. You're so lucky.

Now I'm not saying I don't have my share of luck or that my Irish heritage may have played a significant role in carving my own future, but my luck certainly changed the moment I was asked to take over as editor with Havre de Grace Magazine. The reason I know how completely fortunate I am is because I've had my fair share of bad luck. . . and I mean really, really, life-altering, stinky bad luck. Perhaps the rabbit foot I've carried with me for the past year (or was it the penny I found in the parking lot?) helped to change all that.

Suffice it to say, I love Havre de Grace and look forward to providing a fresh new perspective to the magazine. There is a force that seems to shape circumstances and opportunities for us all. At this moment, I know I am the lucky one.

Anchors Await

Local Marina Attracts Cruise Ship to Havre de Grace, City Secures Ties

By Maureen G. Eller

Hope floats off the shore in Havre de Grace in the form of a 51-room cruise ship, however, the prospect of a boost to local businesses would have to wait for the cruise line to actually add the city to their trip's itinerary. In a press release issued on July 9th by the City of Havre de Grace Marketing and Tourism office, the cruise line announced it has officially added Havre de Grace to their plans. The city is now prepared to welcome the passengers from American Cruise Lines on several dates in July.

"The cruise ship was originally suppose to dock in Chesapeake City," said Jeff Andrews, manager of Tidewater Marina located on Bourbon Street. "American Cruise Lines' Operations Director was looking around the northern bay area for a new location suitable for their ship. He contacted us to see if we could accommodate them."

The eight-day/seven-night cruise takes passengers from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C. via the C&D Canal to the Chesapeake Bay. During the first visit, passengers were shuttled directly from the boat to a waiting bus ready to drive on to Winterthur Mansion in Wilmington.

"The cruise itinerary was already set," Andrews continued. "Havre de Grace was never the point of interest. We weren't even sure if we had the facility to accommodate a vessel of that size."

Initial arrangements with American Cruise Lines were made by Tidewater Marina - not the city or the tourism office as has been previously reported in the press.

"Now that American Cruise Lines knows about Havre de Grace," commented Brigitte Peters, Manager of the Havre de Grace Office of Marketing and Tourism, "we are working closely with them to let them know what a great tourist destination we are."

The efforts of the city has paid off for Peters - as well as the museums and merchants of the downtown area.

"It's because of the positive relationship we have with our local businesses that allow Havre de Grace to grow as a travel destination," she said. "We are thrilled for their change."

The ship revisited Havre de Grace during the 4th of July festivities. Havre de Grace's Mayor Wayne Dougherty boarded the ship at the Captains' invitation and presented the Captain Jim Miller and his crew a proclamation on behalf of the City of Havre de Grace and also provided them with the flag of the city.

This time, passengers were able to enjoy the downtown shopping area for businesses that chose to be open.

"The passengers really seem to be enjoying their time in Havre de Grace," wrote Cristina Hall, Assistant Passenger Service Manager with American Cruise Lines in an email message.

Because of the new arrangement, the cruise lines will provide a shuttle service for their passenger to run a constant route from Tidewater Marina to downtown.

The vessel will be returning for three more visits in July.

Photo courtesy of Leo Heppner

A proclamation from the city was presented to the Captain of the American Cruise Lines ship during their second voyage to Havre de Grace. Pictured are from left to right, Brigitte Peters, Manager of Havre de Grace Marketing and Tourism, Captain Jim Miller, First Lady Mary Dogherty, and Mayor Wayne Dougherty.

People along the city docks were able to catch a glimpse of the vessel docked off shore near Tidewater Marina.

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Reinventing Retirement

By Maureen G. Eller

Nancy Dryden enjoys her little piece of paradise.

You've probably heard stories of people fleeing to Florida to enjoy their retirement and perhaps fulfill a life-long dream to live in a paradise locale. For several Havre de Grace residents, their dream is being fulfilled right here in the City by the Bay.

"Why would we leave paradise?" questioned Nancy Dryden, a resident of Havre de Grace. "It is paradise right here."

Dryden and her husband, Jim, have lived in Havre de Grace for over 40 years, raised their daughter and worked for the local school system.

When life changes appeared and it came time to examine their future, they were faced with many obstacles.

"We had to decide something," Dryden said. "We either had to remodel our house to accommodate us in our old age . . . or move."

Faced with making this monumental decision, they could look no further than their own back yard.

"Heron Harbor was the place we decided to call home," Dryden said. "We have a gorgeous view from our balcony and can walk anywhere in town."

Some of Dryden's favorite things to do include the summer concert series every Friday night in the park and Mondays at the Maritime Museum, and the abundant list of activities that are put on by city organizations.

"There seems to be some type of event or fair every weekend," she said. "We just love Havre de Grace. . . always have, always will."

Havre de Grace has also attracted retired folks to come from different parts of Harford County, as well.

Former Forest Hill resident Shirley Berends Querns retired in June 2010 after teaching with Harford County Public Schools for 31 years. Her husband, Ron, also a retired Harford County teacher, lives in Havre de Grace because Havre de Grace "has it all."

"We live here because Havre de Grace offers everything," Querns said. " . . . biking, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, the best chocolate in the world, quaint shops, great restaurants, an impressive promenade, wonderful architecture along with a rich history, spectacular fireworks and the list goes on and on."

It was the quiet, slower-pace environment that attracted Pamela Wexler to Havre de Grace.

"When I decided to retire, I wanted to experience something different from the extremely busy and hectic lifestyle that I had," said Wexler, a volunteer with the Havre de Grace Main Street, Inc.

Wexler said goodbye to Rockville, Maryland and hello to Havre de Grace's Bulle Rock community when she retired from a career with the Federal government in 2008.

"I lived briefly outside Seattle," said Wexler, "and quickly realized I wasn't a west coast gal."

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Born and raised in upstate New York, Wexler lived most of her life in the state of Maryland. Her love for this state is apparent.

"It's a state that offers something for everyone," she continued, "you can live on the water, in a metropolitan area, in the countryside and best of all choose among a few very special places – Havre de Grace I've since learned is number one."

"I wasn't a West Coast gal."

Having a grown son living in New Jersey, Havre de Grace was a convenient location close to I-95. She was looking for a slower-paced lifestyle, near the water but more important, there needed to be a community that she could become a part of.

"When I discovered Bulle Rock, it presented a lifestyle that fit my personal needs," she said. "I knew no one in Havre de Grace so it was important that I have opportunities for meeting people and getting involved in social activities."

For many Americans, the absence of productivity from a job has been replaced with volunteering. However, key findings of an AARP survey taken in 2009 revealed that mid-life and older Americans are actually less likely to join organizations, spent less time volunteering with traditional organizations (an average of only 6 to 10 hours per month in service). Not true for Wexler.

"She immediately became part of our family," said Diana Broomell, Director for Havre de Grace Main Street, Inc.. "Pam puts in more than 6 hours a week volunteering. She sees how the main street community benefits as a whole from our non profit group and enthusiastically helps wherever she can whether it's in the office, at our events or helping to support our downtown businesses. We really appreciate all she does."

Wexler has lived in Havre de Grace for almost two years now and considers this her home.

"My favorite way to start the day is finding a free hour in the morning when I can take in the natural beauty of Havre de Grace while walking the promenade," she said. "I love the small town atmosphere."

Retirement is being reinvented in Havre de Grace where activities are endless. . . and a breathtaking view of the sunrise over the bay is on display practically every day.

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The Graw Days Festival represent a colorful time in Havre de Grace's history beginning in 1912 with the construction of the Havre de Grace Racetrack, affectionately called "The Graw." The track was considered one of the best racing strips of the American turf and was the main training ground for owners who hoped to win the Kentucky Derby. It also made Havre de Grace a popular stop-off for travelers and gamblers up and down the East Coast.

The Graw Gala is the evening's featured event – will be held at the original Graw Clubhouse, currently occupied by the National Guard Armory on Old Bay Lane from 7:30 to 11:00 pm. The club was "the" happening place during the 1920's where you could find some famous and notorious characters hanging out such as Al Capone and movie stars like Jane Russell. Guests attending the Gala are encouraged to dress in themed attire. Tickets should be purchased in advance as the seating is limited. Tickets are $50 each.

The Graw Days Festival and Gala has earned Havre de Grace Main Street, Inc. two major awards including Promotional Excellence from the Maryland Main Street program, as well as Best Revitatlization and Economic Development from Maryland Downtown Development. Havre de Grace Main Street is a membership organization committed to the revitalization of its downtown, in both retail, fine food, fine art, the performing arts and historical significance. Their website is www.mainstreethdg.com.

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"Rooms That Hug"

By Ellie Mencer
Photos by Michael Grubb

"Rooms that hug" is the phrase Jane Currier and her daughter, Sarah, use to describe how they hope you will feel when entering your guestroom at the historic Currier House Bed & Breakfast. This c.1790 Havre de Grace house, filled with antiques and family heirlooms is not only their home, but also their vocation. For over a decade Jane and Sarah, along with Sarah's high school friend, Donna DiPaula have opened their home to guests. With four rooms and a capacity for eight guests, it is no small challenge.

Recently, this trio has added a new mission. Partnering with Arc, Northern Chesapeake Region, the women of Currier House B&B are creating a training program to teach their skills to others. The Arc organization assists people with developmental or intellectual disabilities to lead personally-valued lives in, and supported by, the community. This new program will offer a unique service while guests at the B&B will reap the benefits.

Sarah Currier

Throughout the years, Sarah and Donna have been key to the success of the Currier House B&B. Along with Jane, they have extended their hospitality to well over a thousand guests from all over the U.S. and many other countries. Sarah and Donna have received generous tips and beautiful notes from guests who appreciated their warmth, friendliness and attention to detail during their stay.

As soon as the appropriate trainees are determined by ARC, Sarah and Donna will be able to add "instructors" to their resume. With this new program – a brainchild of Jane's, these women will offer their expertise and skill to others looking to find a satisfying place in the world of work.

Sarah Currier (left) and Donna DiPaula share the responsibility of running the local B&B.

Curiously, when asked what she loves to do or what she dislikes the most, Sarah answers, "I don't know." Then she quickly reacts to her mother's comment that "creating a room that hugs you" is the key. She loves most when guests arrive and their rooms are ready for them.

Sarah proudly shares that her many tasks include stripping beds, gathering towels, and starting the laundry. Next she scrubs the bathrooms. She is meticulous. Her attention to detail in restocking items such as toilet paper and soaps, water in the refrigerator, plus preparing the tea pot, cookies and scones, is amazingly accurate.

Her friend, Donna, is

SARAH (LEFT) VOLUNTEERS WITH MARSHA JACKSTEIT (RIGHT) TO CLEAN OF THE CONCORD POINT LIGHTHOUSE WINDOWS. JACKSTEIT IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CONCORD POINT LIGHTHOUSE. JACKSTEIT'S MOTHER, JANE, WAS ONE OF THE THREE WOMEN WHO ACTUALLY SAVED THE LIGHTHOUSE FROM DESTRUCTION.

equally diligent. She explains that her responsibilities include replacing all the wastebasket liners, sweeping balconies, and brushing away cobwebs. Both women dust, water plants, vacuum and clean the wrap-around front porch. Of course, this is a small list of their daily tasks. All three wrestle the many others including folding laundry, re-making beds, and preparing the dining area for breakfast. When all is done to their personal approval, they are then ready for your visit.

It's very refreshing to listen to them describe how they work together. Each have assigned rooms for which they are responsible. Often one will have a room much messier than the others. When this happens, they all work together to get it cleaned. They are a remarkable team with a wise work philosophy.

The respect and self-confidence Sarah and Donna have gained from their work has been immeasurable. They are both recognized throughout the community. Sarah has volunteered at the Concord Point Lighthouse since 1995 to help with the weekly cleaning of the windows. Donna has just recently volunteered to help sweep the stairway.

With the new program, they're going to help Jane teach other developmentally challenged adults how to work in similar situations. The pride seen in their faces as they consider teaching others is heartwarming. Sarah's easy smile and dark eyes that read the details of your face, eagerly welcomes you. Donna's outgoing personality immediately makes you smile. As of this writing, I learned they have had their first student. It went very well and the student eagerly asked when she could return. Success!

Jane Currier could not be more proud of her daughter Sarah, her friend Donna, and their accomplishments with the bed and breakfast. They chatter and talk excitedly about the new venture they are stepping into. To Jane, offering this resource to others is a dream come true.

To Sarah and Donna, the idea of being teachers is both exciting and a little daunting. There is no doubt they will accomplish their new goals with the same attention to detail, behind-the-scenes discipline, genuine smiles and eagerness to make your visit pleasant, that they have used throughout the past decade to reach this exciting place in their lives.

So the next time you stay at Currier House, you can rest assured that the details for a pleasant stay are already completed. Your room is ready to "hug you."

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BY MAUREEN G. ELLER

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Don't be a muffin! Show a little ginger! Strikers will be out hitting sky scrapers - maybe a foul tic - but if we're lucky, the team Muckle will send a bug bruiser steaming past the garden tender, sending the baller to the dish. Huh?

For the men and women of Havre de Grace's Vintage Base Ball Club, these words help them stay true to the authenticity they strive to maintain. The Dauntless Base Ball Club may be a little bit behind our "times," but they are a dedicated group of individuals helping to restore one of America's favorite pastimes – base ball.

Vintage base ball (properly spelled using two words) is played by the rules and customs of the 19th century. The Dauntless team uses the Rules of 1864, as adopted by the National Association of Base Ball Players. Club members wear replicas of the uniforms worn at the time and use equipment similar to what the players would have had used during this era.

The club, organized just three years ago by Gary Wasielewski, a history teacher at Havre de Grace High School. He got the idea after reading an article in a Smithsonian Magazine.

Current "1864" Team Roster

Gary "Weasel" Wasielewski , Behind
Doug "Pittsburg" Heeter, Rover
Kevin "Moon Shine" Walsh, Mid Fielder
Bill "Silver Fox" Walsh, Hurler
Meghan "Vassar " Walsh, Behind
Charlie "Heat Base" Burgos, Tender
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Wasielewski's passion for history sent him researching old newspapers in search for information on two teams that played in Havre de Grace.

"There were lots of local teams at the time," he said. "Bel Air, Aberdeen, Port Deposit and Darlington all had one, but Havre de Grace sported these two teams during the 1860's and 1870's; the *Havres* and the *Dauntless*."

So how different is 1864 base ball from the sport we know today? Perhaps the most noticeable difference is that the fielders will not have gloves.

"Gloves were not really needed," he said. "The catcher and first base players were the one who started using some type of protection because the ball was thrown to them the hardest."

The balls are also slightly larger, with a more pronounced stitching around the leather. The bats are longer and heavier, with much fatter handles. Pitches are thrown underhanded, and runners will advance after the third ball thrown to a batter.

"The focus of the game was to see the skill of the hitters, runners and the players on the field," Wasielewski said. "The pitches were thrown so they could hit the ball. It wasn't to strike them out."

All the equipment for the club is custom ordered from companies specializing in vintage sport gear.

The club's current schedule included 30 matches against teams in the Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Local rivals "Chesapeake Nine" are based at Jerusalem Mill in Baltimore County.

The Havre de Grace Dauntless Vintage Base Ball Club guarantee to take spectators back to the 19th century. Root for your hometown vintage base ball club at an upcoming match at Steppingstone Museum on August 22, and September 12 and 19th. All games begin at noon with a nominal fee of $3.00 to enter the grounds.

You can also support the club by becoming a crank (fan) or by getting involved as a player. Membership with the team is only $25 per year, plus the cost of uniform.

The Dauntless team is also available to play against clubs, groups or organizations. Contact Gary Wasielewski at wasielewskig@hotmail.com to schedule a match.

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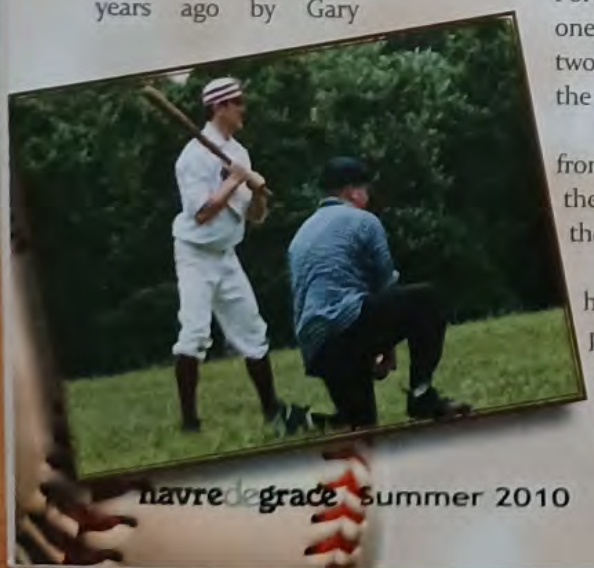

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The guided 1½ hour walking tour will be conducted each Friday and Saturday evening in September and October at 7:00 pm and again at 8:30 pm. Private tours can be arranged for groups of 8 or more.

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ART in "plein" view

4th Annual Art Competition set for September

Havre de Grace will be the subject of the plein air paintings created by artists selected to compete in the fourth annual Havre de Grace Plein Air Painting Competition set for September 15 – 18, 2010.

En plein air is a French expression meaning "in the open air," used to describe painting in an outside environment rather than in a studio. Artists will be painting "en plein air" without the assistance of photography or any source other than the subject of their work. Artists may paint anywhere in Havre de Grace area during the competition. Artists must then turn in two completed, framed and ready to be hung artwork by 11:00 a.m. on September 18.

Artists will begin arriving a few days before the competition. Some local residents have offered their homes for the artists to stay during the week.

Artists are selected to compete by submitting applications and agreeing to follow a strict timeline and painting procedure.

During the competition, artists' location information can be obtained, and a map will be posted at the Havre de Grace Tourism Center, 100 Pennington Ave.

Final paintings, along with the artists, will be at the preview gala exhibit and awards ceremony at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Tidewater Marina Waterfront Building, 100 Bourbon St. Approximately $10,000 in prizes will be awarded.

The paintings will then be displayed at ArtUnion, 214 North Union Avenue from September 20 through August 19. All items will be on sale.

The event is sponsored by ArtUnion to benefit Soroptimist International of Havre de Grace's scholarships and community service projects. For more information, call 410-939-9342.

A Kick-Off promotion for the 4th annual Plein Air Painting Competition has been set for Friday, July 30 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m at MacGregor's Restaurant Banquet Room (2nd floor). The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, a silent auction, raffles and more. Call 410-939-9342 for details.

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July 17, 24, 31 . . . 9 am -12:00 noon
Farmers' Market
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July 19, 26 . . . 7:00pm
Concerts by the Bay Series
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July 24 and 25 . . . 10:00 - 5:00 pm
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August

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First Fridays!
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August 7, 14, 21, 28 9 -12:00 noon
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August 14 - 15
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August 22 . . . 12:00 noon
Dauntless "Vintage" Base Ball
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September

September 3 . . . 5:00 - 9:00pm
First Fridays!
The theme this month for First Fridays is "In Service in HdG". Enjoy this fun-filled evening with great music and attractions for all ages.
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September 4, 11, 18, 25
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September 12, 19 . . . 12:00 noon
Dauntless Vintage Base Ball
Come to the grounds of the Steppingstone Museum to watch a great game of vintage baseball. Players wearing authentic uniforms of the 1860's, using bats, balls and bases of this time period do not use gloves...as was the rule at the time. Fun for the whole family!

September 15 - 19
4th Annual Plein Air Painting Competition
The Competition is sponsored by ArtUnion to benefit Soroptimist International of HdG. Approximately $10,000 in prizes. Gala Preveiw held Saturday, Sept. 18 @ 7:00 pm. Contact the ArtUnion for application to participate or for more information about the event.
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Local Teen Makes "History" with Geico®'s Prehistoric Spokesperson

By Ellie Mencer

He zips up with his tour group, all balancing on Segways, to listen to the Geico® "caveman" share interesting historic details in front of the White House. Our very own high school senior, Ben Getz, has a fun role in this commercial created for the History Channel.

When Ben was young, his mom (Elaine Hirsch Getz) was a choreographer for a number of local shows. Ben was often enlisted. The first he recalls was "Circus! Circus!" that he performed at the age of 5 at Harford Community College.

He continued dancing until age 12 or 13, when he realized that dance wasn't really his 'thing.' He loved acting. He still enjoys musicals, but the acting is the real attraction. He remembers his first paid gig was for a sunglasses segment that was featured on the Weather Channel with Dr. Anna Marie.

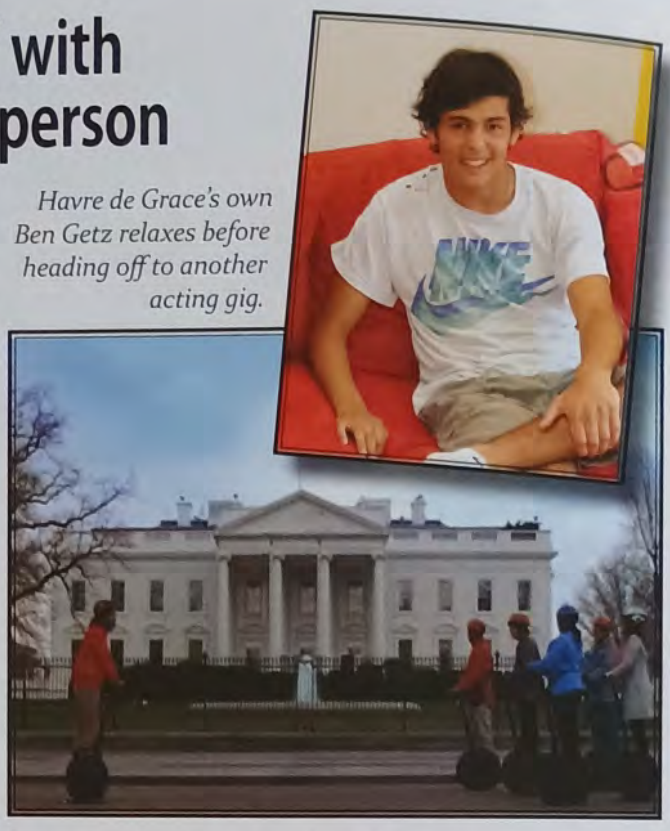
Ben has been offered several movie parts, but his schedule always conflicted. A year ago he received a phone call from Stonehenge, an agency offering one-day casting events, and a new relationship started. He now works with Gigi Soto of CIMA Talent in Ellicott City, MD. He likes the arrangement because he doesn't pay her upfront, she receives a percentage of any work he gets. He's never done the large up-front money programs that he's heard about. Ben has really enjoyed working with Gigi Soto. She is friendly and always available to receive his calls.

He does mention that it's important not to nag the agent, audition team, etc. They will call if they want you. It's a fine balance that an actor walks to be assertive to get jobs while still being respectful of the folks who do the hiring. Ben also reminds me that it's not personal if you're not chosen. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of wannabe actors. A good portion of them are excellent for any given part. If you really love what you're doing, just keep showing up for auditions.

Ben is now excited about working on JERSEY HIGH, a low budget SAG (Screen Actors Guild) film. He knows he has a few lines as a gang member, but he doesn't know much more at this time. He starts the week of July 5th.

The final tip Ben shares is another favorite website: www.Dragonukconnects.com Brian Dragonuk is always looking for ways to connect actors with gigs. Ben watches for possibilities on this site. He explains that sign-up is free and you can learn a great deal about the industry here.

To Ben, the above connections seem to have integrity. He wouldn't be afraid to recommend them. He encourages an aspiring actor to just get out there and audition, meet and chat with other actors, and learn all you can about the industry. The more you learn, the easier it is to be ready to answer the call! "Break a leg!"



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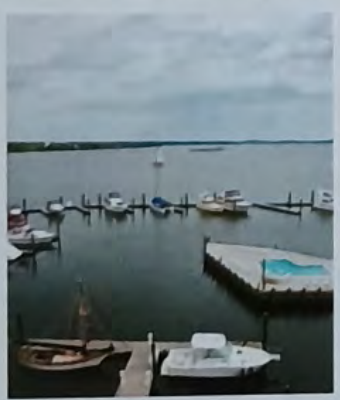

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