



Best events for January-March

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We're caught in winter's ice-tipped talons at the moment, but it won't be long before we free ourselves and banish our mittens for another year. The new calendar year has arrived, the days are getting longer and, hey, is that the return of baseball way down there? I can feel the warmth already. Here's what you have to look forward to between now and the end of March.

Polar Bear Plunge

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Maryland's answer to Pamplona's running of the bulls is the Polar Bear Plunge, the annual rite of winter that drives thousands of thrill-seekers to shed their winter garments and plunge into the icy waters of the Chesapeake Bay. It's all for a good cause, of course: Participants are required to raise a minimum of \$50 for Special Olympics Maryland for the privilege of tempting hypothermia. DJ Pauly D, of "Jersey Shore" fame, is scheduled to be part of the pre- and post-plunge entertainment, but good luck convincing that guy to get his hair wet, let alone dive into the bay.
