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## A belated salute

Terry Wiley, a retired Delaware Army National Guard brigadier general, presents 91-year-old Charles Fretz (left) with the Croix de Guerre medal he earned in World War II but never received.

### WWII vet surprised with medal 71 years after battle

By JOSH SHANNON  
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It has been 71 years since Charles Fretz parachuted into southern France with the 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion to help defend the French against a German advance. After the war ended, Fritz came

back home, raised a family in Brookside and had a successful career working at Chrysler. However, there was always something missing: the Croix de Guerre medal he earned by fighting alongside French troops but never received.

"For the last three years, he always asked about the Croix de Guerre,"

Fretz's son, Mark, said. "I knew I had to do something."

He was able to petition the French government for a certificate proving his father's unit earned the honor and then obtained the medal online.

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## Water, sewer hikes OK'd

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By KARIE SIMMONS  
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Newarkers will see an increase in their water and sewer bills next month after council passed ordinances Monday night to raise rates.

Starting Jan. 1, water rates will go up by 7.2 percent and will result in a bill that is \$2.62 higher per month for a residential household consuming 167 gallons of water per day. The increase will generate \$600,000 in revenue for the city, \$300,000 of which will go directly to an existing \$1 million water main replacement project.

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Army veteran Don Hutchinson salutes during the Wreaths Across America ceremony.

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# Wreath ceremony honors those who died at Cooch's Bridge

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Dozens gathered at the Pencader Heritage Museum on Saturday to honor the 24 colonial soldiers who died at the Battle of Cooch's Bridge and are thought to be buried somewhere on the battlefield at the corner of Old Baltimore Pike and Route 72.

Though the unseasonably warm weather made it feel more like spring, the event was part of an annual Christmas-time ceremony that is repeated across the United States. As the volunteers

gathered at Pencader, so too did groups at Arlington National Cemetery and in 1,100 other towns.

The Wreaths Across America project began in 1992 when the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, had a surplus of wreaths and arranged to have them laid on graves at Arlington. The tradition continued, largely unnoticed, until 2005, when a photo of the wreaths went viral online.

The attention led to an influx of funds and volunteers,

and the project expanded. Today, more than 540,000 wreaths are laid in all 50 states and in cemeteries on foreign soil. Last week, a convoy of tractor-trailers left Maine and journeyed to Arlington to deliver the wreaths.

At the Pencader ceremony, several veterans and other volunteers laid wreaths, two local Girl Scout troops formed a color guard, and Judy Campbell, director of Delaware Gold Star Families, gave the keynote speech.



Mikala Plymyer sings the national anthem.



Carl Whitte lays a wreath during the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Pencader Heritage Museum on Saturday.

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# At 'critical juncture,' DNP looks to plot new course

By JOSH SHANNON

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When a group of city and business leaders formed the Downtown Newark Partnership in 1998, they did so with the goal of revitalizing the struggling Main Street business district.

Seventeen years later, that goal has largely been realized, and the organization is now looking to chart its path for the next decade.

For help with that process, the DNP board voted last week to hire a consultant to study the organization and recommend new goals to work toward.

"The board has had a lot of discussions but recognizes that a fresh set of eyes would be valuable," said Ricky Nietubicz, a city employee who serves as the administrator of the organization that includes representatives from the business community, the city and the University of Delaware.

Teresa Lynch, a commercial revitalization specialist from Kentucky, will spend three months interviewing DNP members and other community stakeholders in order to develop recommendations for restructuring the organization, identify issues affecting the continuing success of the business district and suggest the next steps the DNP should take.

The study, which will be presented in March, will cost \$8,200. Nietubicz said he hopes to obtain state grant funding, but the DNP has a budget to cover whatever the state does not.

In her proposal to the DNP, Lynch described three phases that downtowns go through — the



A crowd wanders Main Street during the New Night Downtown festival, the largest annual event hosted by the Downtown Newark Partnership. The DNP has hired a consultant to plot out the organization's future.

catalyst phase when a DNP-like organization is formed, a period of strong economic growth and then the management stage.

Four years after winning the national Great American Main Street Award, the DNP appears to be transitioning into the management stage.

"Just as sound management of any business remains imperative after its startup, so too is ongoing management of a commercial district essential to its economic stability and continuing growth," Lynch wrote. "Now is not the time to let those years of city support and volunteer efforts go to waste and to allow hard-won gains in managing downtown Newark's

economic viability decline."

Lynch said the DNP is at a "critical juncture."

"Community support for DNP has waned; continued city backing for the program is being questioned; DNP's board and committee structure is fractured; and volunteer participation in the program's projects has been greatly reduced," she wrote.

Nietubicz said that except for building a parking garage, all of the DNP's original goals have been met. In its first 17 years, the organization worked to help fill vacancies on Main Street, improve parking and establish events like Restaurant Week and the Wine and Dine Festival to promote

downtown.

With the business district thriving, he said, it's harder to get business owners involved in the organization.

"The bigger the challenges are, the bigger the desire is to face those challenges," he said.

Recently, the 17-member DNP board has been forced to cancel some of its monthly meetings due to the lack of a quorum. The organization has also faced criticism from some members of the public and at least one councilman, who say it is exclusionary because it allocates city resources to promoting businesses only in the downtown area.

"I'm extremely uncomfortable

spending the public's money on a subset of our businesses in town," Councilman Mark Morehead said last year. "I think we have a responsibility to look after the folks in College Square, the folks on Cleveland Avenue, the businesses on Paper Mill Road and the businesses in Suburban Plaza and Fairfield Shopping Center as much as we do the downtown."

Nietubicz said it is crucial to find ways to improve the DNP and not become complacent.

"It's easy for folks to take for granted things as simple as parking spaces being available," he said.

Mayor Polly Sierer, who sits on the DNP board and pushed for the study, said the organization is "floundering a bit" but can be improved with an infusion of new ideas.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to take the partnership to the next level," Sierer said.

She said a networking mixer the DNP held at The Deer Park Tavern in October was a good start. All downtown business owners were invited and asked to provide their suggestions for improving the organization.

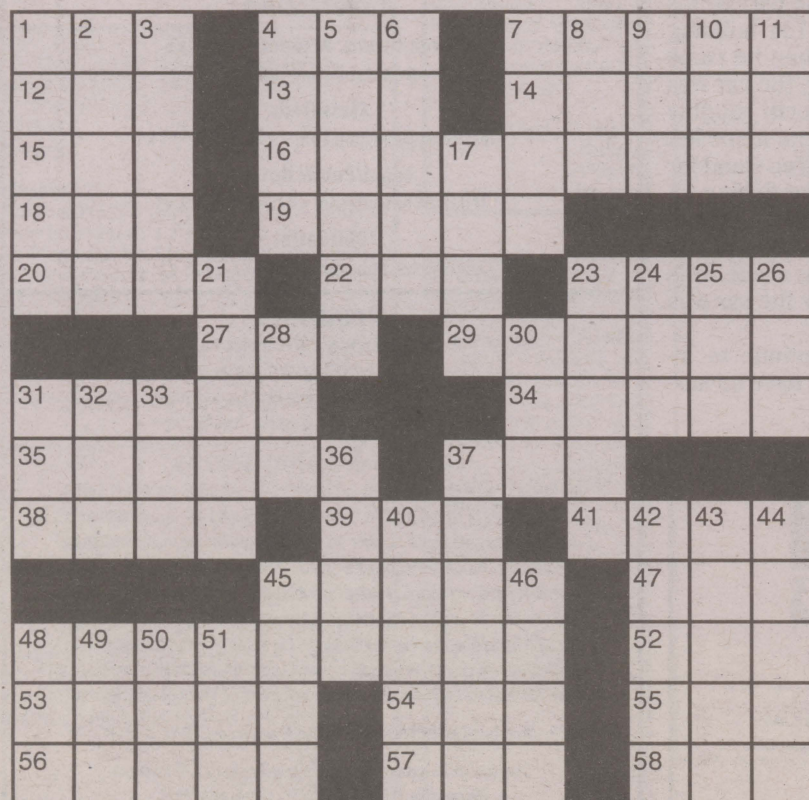
"We had a lot of new faces and an opportunity for great ideas to be considered," Sierer said.

Some of the ideas received included establishing First Friday events, expanding revitalization efforts east of Tyre Avenue, incentivizing merchants to stay open for events and coordinating more themed business promotions.

Sierer said the DNP will choose three to five new initiatives to work on in the next 12 to 18 months.

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## Police: Man hid in women's bathroom at Iron Hill Brewery

By JOSH SHANNON  
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A Newark man was charged with violation of privacy after he allegedly hid out in the women's bathroom at a Main Street restaurant, police said.

Newark Police began investigating when employees of Iron Hill Brewery called Nov. 21 to report that a man had been seen going into the women's bathroom on several occasions and hiding in the stalls, spokesman Cpl. James Spadola said.

The man, later identified as 29-year-old Stephen Sackett, would unscrew the light bulbs in the handicap stall in an attempt to darken



SACKETT

the area, court documents indicate.

"Employees stated they have chased him away before, but that he returned and entered the female bathroom several times," Det. James Skinner wrote in court files seeking an arrest warrant.

Employees stated they had caught Sackett standing on the toilet and lying on the ground inside the stall, noting his actions were "well outside of normal behavior and caused concern and alarm," court records indicate.

"This leads the officer to reasonably believe Sackett was attempting to avoid being observed in the handicap stall, with the nefarious purpose [of] eavesdropping

or observing females in a state of undress or in compromised positions," Skinner wrote.

Sackett was gone when police arrived Nov. 21, but Ofc. Alex Whitt found him a short distance from the Iron Hill Brewery after being called back to the restaurant Nov. 28.

Court records indicate Sackett admitted being in the women's bathroom but said it was because the men's bathroom was full and he couldn't wait. He denied unscrewing the light bulbs.

"This was a direct contrast to the witness reports," Skinner wrote. "Furthermore, Sackett could not explain why the lights were out or why he entered that location repeatedly."

After investigating further, authorities arrested Sackett

on Dec. 4. He was charged with violation of privacy and third-degree criminal trespassing and released on \$750 unsecured bond.

Spadola noted no customers reported seeing Sackett peeping at them while in the bathroom. Police do not believe Sackett used any camera equipment while in the bathroom.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Skinner at 302-366-7100 ext. 3135 or james.skinner@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the Internet at www.tip-submit.com where a reward may be available.

## Grinch tamper with holiday decorations across city

Several residents throughout Newark have had their Christmas lights cut and holiday displays stolen, police say.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the first incident occurred sometime between 1 and 6 p.m. Dec. 11 in the unit block of Winslow Road. The victim told police someone stole an outdoor Santa decoration from his front yard. It was worth an estimated \$65.

Then, between 10 p.m. Dec. 11 and 11 a.m. Saturday, someone removed a Christmas wreath from the front door of a house in the 200 block of Orchard Road.

Spadola said another incident occurred over the weekend in the 500 block of Country Club Drive. The resident told police someone has been cutting the cord to his outdoor Christmas lights several times since Thanksgiving.

The lights were most recently cut sometime between 11 p.m. Saturday and 6 a.m. Sunday, and then again between Sunday and Monday. Spadola said the resident has repaired the cord after each incident, only for it to be cut again a few days later.

Security footage from the home is pending.

Spadola said police continue to investigate all three incidents and do not believe they are related due to the locations and time frames.



Police believe these two men stole a car from the parking lot of Ivy Hall Apartments.

## Suspects steal car from Ivy Hall apartments

Police are searching for two suspects who were caught on camera rummaging through unlocked vehicles at the Ivy Hall apartment complex over the weekend before ultimately stealing one of the cars and driving it to Philadelphia.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the incident occurred at approximately 3:43 a.m. Saturday in a parking lot near the apartments, which are located at 400 Wollaston Avenue.

Spadola said the two suspects found a spare key inside a 2008 Ford Escape that was left unlocked and stole the car. Police recovered it in operable condition on Sunday in Philadelphia.

The suspects also unlawfully used

the victim's credit card, which was inside a purse in the stolen vehicle. The purse was later recovered near the Amtrak train tracks that run past the apartments.

Spadola said police continue to investigate and anyone who has any information about this incident or about the suspects, is encouraged to contact Cpl. Michael Wolfrom at 302-366-7100 x3468 or Michael.Wolfrom@cj.state.de.us.

## Car stolen on Wharton Drive

A resident of the Apartments at Pine Brook is missing his car after someone stole it last week.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the theft occurred sometime between 10 p.m. Dec. 9 and 5:50 a.m. Dec. 10 near an apartment building located in the 500 block of Wharton Drive.

The victim told police he parked his 1994 Honda Civic near his building at around 10 p.m., but when he came outside the next morning, the car was gone. The vehicle was worth roughly \$700 and there were several items left inside including a GPS, a tree stand for hunting and sand spikes for fishing.

The victim said the car was locked, but Spadola said police did not see any broken glass near the scene. It is unknown at this time how the car was stolen.

Spadola said police continue to investigate the incident and have no suspects at this time.

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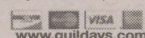
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# Council narrowly agrees to municipal broadband study

By KARIE SIMMONS

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The city is taking the next steps in exploring the feasibility of a municipally-sponsored Internet service.

On Monday night, council voted 4 to 3 to hire CTC Technology and Energy, a Maryland-based independent communications and IT engineering consulting firm that specializes in planning, design and implementation of communications infrastructure and networks, to determine viable service options, designs and cost projections for network deployment in Newark.

The study, which will cost the city \$69,000, was opposed by Councilmen Rob Gifford, Mark Morehead and Luke Chapman.

The city's interest in a municipally-sponsored Internet service was sparked by a few residents who spoke up at a previous council meeting, but staff and council wanted to gauge public support for the concept before moving forward and held a public work-

shop with CTC in October.

During the meeting, CTC officials outlined a preliminary plan for a feasibility study and said that the city itself needs broadband not only for Internet but for public safety, monitoring/SCADA, surveillance, parking meters, cloud applications, code enforcement, GIS data and future Smart City technology.

Last year, the city installed smart water and electric meters that relay usage information over a new wireless Internet network called a Wi-Fi mesh, but it is not designed to service thousands of people and doesn't expand across the city.

Newark's IT department has talked about providing free Wi-Fi hotspots along Main Street in the past, but IT Manager Josh Brechbuehl said city-run broadband could allow the city to act as a wholesaler by providing high-speed Internet access to residents as a utility similar to water and electric.

At the request of council, CTC revamped the original proposal

presented in October, which would have cost \$43,000, and submitted a new plan Monday night that Brechbuehl said aims to accomplish four new tasks: develop high-level technical models and cost estimates, collaborate with representatives of the University of Delaware, prepare financial analysis and prepare a final report and implementation schedule.

He said the study will explore the possibility of connecting UD buildings to the grid if the city decides to build it.

"Maybe we share that fiber and the cost of installation for that fiber," he added.

Though the new study is \$26,000 more than what was originally discussed in October, Brechbuehl said the money is available from the 2016 Legislative Department's Legal/Consulting Services budget.

"Unfortunately, the cost has gone up because of the extra detail provided," Brechbuehl said.

Councilwoman Marge Hadden, who works for the univer-

sity, suggested UD chip in financially.

"I don't know that they are looking to help fund this study," Brechbuehl responded, although he added the university has expressed interest in helping with the research and exploring a possible partnership in the future.

Gifford said that when it comes to Internet providers, large companies like Comcast and Verizon can afford to offer low prices for their services and he is concerned about spending \$69,000 on a study just to learn that Newark won't be able to compete.

"There's no way we can be cost-competitive for residential service, or it's going to be the same," he said.

Morehead was also skeptical. He said he isn't sure municipal broadband will be a real revenue generator for the city because the city won't be able to take customers away from Comcast and Verizon, companies that "do this for a living."

"We don't do this for a living," Morehead said.

Chapman also felt nervous about Newark "entering into the business of offering this utility," but admitted he was hesitant to pass up the opportunity all together.

Hadden urged the board to consider the benefits of moving forward with the feasibility study, even if it turns out to be merely educational. She said municipally-sponsored broadband could make Newark more desirable for future residents and businesses, and the city would be potentially using taxpayers' money to install the network, so it's important to find out if the investment is going to be worth it.

"\$69,000 is a big investment, but it's an investment in the community," Hadden said.

The city of Newark will enter into a contract with CTC Technology and Energy in order to conduct a feasibility study, the findings of which will be presented to council at a later date.

## Mailbox lets Courtyard Marriott employees play Santa's helpers

By KARIE SIMMONS

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A white mailbox sitting outside the Courtyard Marriott hotel on the University of Delaware's Laird Campus has a special outgoing address — the North Pole.

Local children and hotel guests are encouraged to drop off their letters to Santa in the mailbox this holiday season, and front desk manager Michael Bandy-Pistory said hotel employees will help Santa respond to the letters.

"We know the man in red," he said.

According to Bill Sullivan, Courtyard Marriott director, the hotel first put up "Santa's Mailbox" in 2007, and it was well-received by local children.

"Anytime you can reach out to the community as a business, it's always nice," he said.

He said one little girl, who was diagnosed with autism, especially liked the idea of communicating with Santa through the hotel and helped the hotel connect with the autism community. From there came the creation of the Merri-Otters, a free program that allows children with autism, their families and their friends to swim in the Courtyard Marriott pool for free, Sullivan said.

He said the Merri-Otters still visit the pool several times a week.

"It's a byproduct of the mailbox, so if the mailbox did anything over the years, that's the best thing it ever did," he said.

Over time, however, the mailbox program faded away and it wasn't until this holiday season that Bandy-Pistory decided to bring it back. He said he was "inspired" by a former hotel operations manager who recently died and whose legacy, he said, was community engagement.

"I just wanted to bring a little joy into our lives," he said. "There's nothing better than seeing a child smile."

The hotel has received about a dozen letters since installing the mailbox earlier this month, and employees have been helping Santa respond to all of the Christmas wishes. Bandy-Pistory said he has enjoyed reading all of the notes to St. Nick, especially a letter from a child who said she would like a pony this year.

"I'm trying to see how Santa can respond to that one," he said, laughing.

The Courtyard Marriott is located at 400 David Hollowell Drive, off New London Road. In order to ensure a response, letters should include a return address.



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Michael Bandy-Pistory, front desk manager at Courtyard Marriott, stands next to "Santa's Mailbox." The hotel on David Hollowell Drive is accepting letters to Santa in the special mailbox outside the front lobby.

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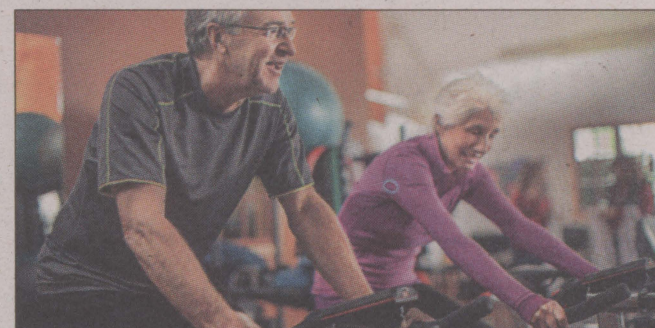
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# Happy Holidays!

# Marijuana decriminalization poses no real changes for police

By KARIE SIMMONS

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A new law decriminalizing the possession and private use of up to an ounce of marijuana starts Friday, but Newark and state police agencies say it won't affect their day-to-day operations.

"For us, everything's really the same. Most of the changes are going to happen on the court level," said Lt. Bill Hargrove, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

Under the new regulations, Delawareans over 21 are allowed to have up to an ounce and use the drug privately without fear of criminal charges, although it will be confiscated if discovered by police. The penalty for possession has been replaced with a \$100 civil fine; however, selling marijuana is still a criminal offense, as is growing it and using it in a moving vehicle. Drivers are also not allowed to drive under the influence.

Possessing up to an ounce of marijuana remains a criminal offense for anyone under the age of 21.

Police emphasize that it is still illegal for anyone to use marijuana in public, regardless of age.

"You can't walk down the street smoking a joint like you can a cigarette. That's not allowed," Hargrove said.

Gov. Jack Markell signed the bill in June after the Senate voted 12 to 9 in favor of the measure, however,



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Delaware NORML Executive Director Cynthia Ferguson, seen here speaking at a rally in Newark earlier this month, says the marijuana decriminalization bill that takes effect this week does not go far enough.

er, the law did not officially go into effect until Friday. Delaware now joins 18 other states and the District of Columbia in the decriminalization of marijuana. The state also has a medical marijuana program, but it has not been fully imple-

mented.

Hargrove said NPD officers attended training classes this week and were briefed on the decriminalization law, but he does not foresee the new regulations affecting day-to-day operations and current en-

forcement efforts. He said there will be no restructuring of undercover units or drug units within the police department.

Sgt. Richard Bratz, a spokesman for the Delaware State Police, echoed Hargrove's comments. He

said that at the state level, there will be no real changes to the way officers handle marijuana. The drug,

in any amount, is still considered probable cause for police to enter and search a home or vehicle. He said officers will seize the pot, weigh it, test it, determine the age of the person in possession and issue any charges as a result.

If the person is over the age of 21 and carrying less than an ounce, he or she will not be arrested or criminally charged, Bratz said.

Hargrove said the only real changes for police would come with complete legalization.

"We'll deal with that when it happens, if it happens," he said.

Cynthia Ferguson, executive director of the pro-marijuana group Delaware NORML, believes decriminalization doesn't go far enough because people who smoke pot still have to hide. She said a criminal charge for marijuana use in public can prevent someone from getting a job or other future opportunities, and that's what she wants to change.

She hopes Delaware takes the next step and repeals all laws prohibiting the use of marijuana and instead taxes and regulates the drug like states such as Colorado and Washington.

"We see it as a stepping stone to legalization and regulation," she said.

## Official: Damage to burned garbage truck is minimal

The city of Newark garbage truck that caught fire on Interstate 95 earlier this month is salvageable, city spokesman Ricky Nietubicz said Monday.

The truck, a 2006 International garbage truck, is

one of four refuse vehicles the city was already planning to replace at a total cost of \$1 million. However, officials plan to repair the truck and keep it as a backup vehicle.

The fire was reported just after 1 p.m. Dec. 4 in the southbound lanes of I-95 near the Del. 273 interchange, according to

Master Cpl. Jeffrey Hale, a spokesman for Delaware State Police.

The driver, who police identified as 60-year-old Marshall T. Washington, was taken to Christiana Hospital mainly as a precaution, Nietubicz said.

Officials believe an overheated brake sparked the fire.

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## Newark man missing for nearly a month

Family: 'He would not simply walk away from his life'

By JOSH SHANNON

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Newark Police are asking for tips that could help lead them to a man who went missing from his home in the College Park neighborhood last month.

Jose Domingo Yanez Cruz, 23, went to bed in his Madison Drive home on Nov. 22 and was gone when his roommates woke up the next morning, said Lt. Bill Hargrove, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department. No one has heard from him since.

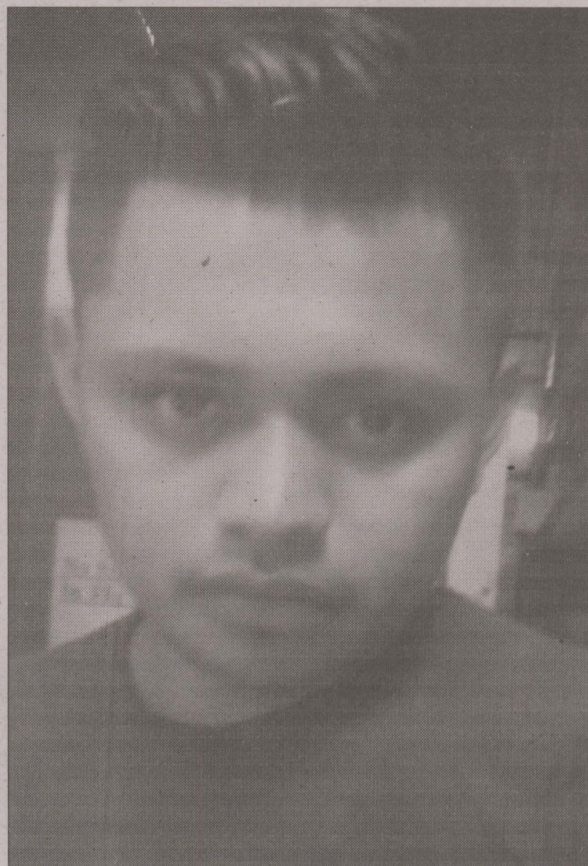
Relatives told police that Cruz, a citizen of Honduras who has been in the United States for three years,

is known to be reliable.

"Cruz has many friends and family members in the area who all say he would not simply walk away from his life," Hargrove said. "He is a very positive young man who had plans to spend Thanksgiving with his family."

Cruz is a Hispanic man with brown hair and brown eyes, 5 feet 6 inches tall and 150 pounds. He works at a Main Street restaurant, the name of which Hargrove did not disclose.

Anyone with information about Cruz's whereabouts is asked to contact Det. James Skinner at 302-366-7110 ext. 3135 or James.Skinner@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the Internet at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com) where a reward may be available.



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## Hearing on proposed piercing shop postponed

By KARIE SIMMONS

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A Board of Adjustment hearing to determine whether a body piercing shop can open on Main Street has been postponed until next month.

The issue was originally set to be discussed Thursday, but was pulled from the agenda and will now be considered at the board's Jan. 21 meeting.

Cheshire May, 36, and his wife, Eva, 27, want to open Looking Glass Body Arts in either 132 or 134 E. Main St, formerly Mizu Sushi Bar and SAS Cupcakes. Both closed earlier this year, and the spaces are available for rent. The couple has not signed a lease for either location nor had discussions with the property owner.

According to Planning Supervisor Michael Fortner, piercing businesses are not permitted in the city as a primary use, only as an accessory to a salon. He said Newark's code states that "personal service establishments" are allowed in the Main Street BB zoning district but defines those as only barber, beauty, shoe repair and tailor shops or dry cleaners.

He said the Mays are going to the Board of Adjustment to argue that piercing should be included in the city's definition of "personal service establishments." If the board rules in their favor, they will be permitted to open on Main Street without city council approval, assuming they sign a lease.

Fortner said the city postponed the hearing due to issues with how the agenda item was advertised.

The Board of Adjustment will review the application during a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Jan. 21 in city council chambers.

## Gunman robs Brookside gas station

By JOSH SHANNON

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A gunman held up a Brookside gas station early Tuesday morning, Delaware State Police reported.

The robbery happened at 1:15 a.m. at the Shell Dash In at 380 E. Chestnut Hill Rd., adjacent to Brookside Shopping Center.

The gunman confronted a clerk and

demanding money from the store's cash registers, DSP spokesman Master Cpl. Jeffrey Hale said.

After the clerk complied, the robber ran out of the store with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The suspect is described as a light-skinned black man, 20 to 30 years old, 6 feet tall and between 150 and 160 pounds. He was wearing a tan hooded jacket, light

blue jeans and a bandana covering his face.

Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to contact DSP at 302-365-8566. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the Internet at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com), or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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# Main Street crosswalk signal delayed again

By JOSH SHANNON

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Motorists frustrated by the crosswalk at Main Street and The Green will have to wait a few more months for relief as a signalization project has been delayed once again.

In the works for more than two years, the plan is intended to reduce traffic backups that occur during peak class-change times.

Currently, cars have to stop whenever a pedestrian wishes to cross. However, crews will install a traffic light as well as pedestrian signals, with vehicles and pedestri-

ans each getting their turn to proceed.

The signal will be timed with the light at Main Street and South College Avenue. When that light turns red for Main Street traffic, so too will the new traffic light at the crosswalk, allowing pedestrians to cross. When Main Street traffic is allowed to flow, pedestrians will be required to stop.

The work was originally planned for over the summer and then got delayed until the University of Delaware's winter session, which begins later this month. However, this week, city spokesman Ricky Nietubicz confirmed that the in-

stallation will not begin until classes let out for the summer.

The problem, he said, is a delay in receiving the special-order, decorative poles that UD requested and agreed to pay for. Were traditional poles being used, the project could proceed as planned. The poles, similar to ones used on South College Avenue, are intended to better blend into campus aesthetics.

The project is expected to cost the city \$106,000, with an additional \$9,000 contributed by UD.

A pedestrian signal is also planned for Delaware Avenue and The Green, but an exact timetable has not been determined.



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University of Delaware students cross Main Street at The Green during a class change earlier this year. A project to install a traffic signal at the crossing has been delayed again.

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# Newark kids 'shop with a cop'

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Even though she had free rein of Kmart on Saturday, Gabriella Montanez had a hard time shopping for herself.

The 10-year-old pushed her cart up and down aisles and aisles of dolls, cars, action figures and art sets, but even Newark Police Department Officer Brian Whitehead couldn't help her make a decision. "I just don't know," she sighed.

Gabriella eventually picked out some pajamas, a book and recipes for her Easy-Bake Oven and decided to buy a necklace for her mother.

"Because she loves me and I love her," she said.

But it wasn't until she got close to the checkout that she finally spotted something she really wanted — a large white teddy bear. Her face lit up as she rushed toward the plush toy.

"If you saw my room, you would never let me get this," she told Whitehead as she hugged the bear. "I have so many stuffed animals. They're everywhere."

Gabriella was one of 19 Newark kids selected to "Shop with a Cop" Saturday morning at Kmart in the College Square Shopping Center. Kmart donated approximately \$2,000 to

fund the program, which paired up Newark police officers with local children to shop for presents. Each child was allowed to purchase approximately \$100 worth of gifts.

Whitehead, who graduated from the police academy only a week ago, was glad one of his first assignments with NPD was picking out toys with local children.

"It's a good way to give back," he said.

Meanwhile, Gabriella's brother Christian, 7, was doing some shopping of his own on Saturday.

He perused the aisles with Officer Aaron Olicker, who challenged him to a Star Wars lightsaber fight before they made their way to the toy section. Christian picked out Nerf Zombie Strike Dominator Blaster, but didn't seem to have any plans to use it on the walking dead.

"I'm gonna hit my brother with it," he said, referring to his twin brother, Adrian.

Christian also put a small basketball hoop in his cart. He said he already has one at home, but wants another hoop so he can play with Adrian.

"It's a competitive thing," his father, Antonio, said. "He just wants to beat his brother."

Cpl. Darryl Saunders walked around the store with 8-year-old Janaye Winder-Brown, who was grabbing all kinds of Barbies and Monster High dolls. Still, out of everything in her cart, she said the Glow Pet pillow she



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS

Christian Montanez, 7, and Newark Police Officer Aaron Olicker battle with Star Wars lightsabers while at Kmart Saturday for NPD's "Shop with a Cop."



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Janaye Winder-Brown, 8, shows Newark Police Cpl. Darryl Saunders a pair of Barbie dolls during NPD's "Shop with a Cop" Saturday morning at Kmart in the College Square Shopping Center.

picked out was her favorite. "I'm gonna hug it when I sleep," Janaye said. "I have

to. I'm scared of the dark." Nilah Singleton, 5, spent Saturday shopping with Cpl. Brandon Walker, and the duo grabbed a cart full of toys for her to play with on Christmas morning. Her mother, Laverne Hanson, said Nilah was nervous at first, but quickly

warmed up to Walker as they walked around the store.

"I thought it was wonderful," she said. "I like the interaction with the police officers, and the kids getting a positive image from the cops that they are safe people."



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Carl Pack portrays an Elf at the Glasgow Park tree lighting ceremony.



The New Castle County Police Mounted Patrol Unit poses with Santa.



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County Executive Tom Gordon lights the Christmas tree at Glasgow Park.

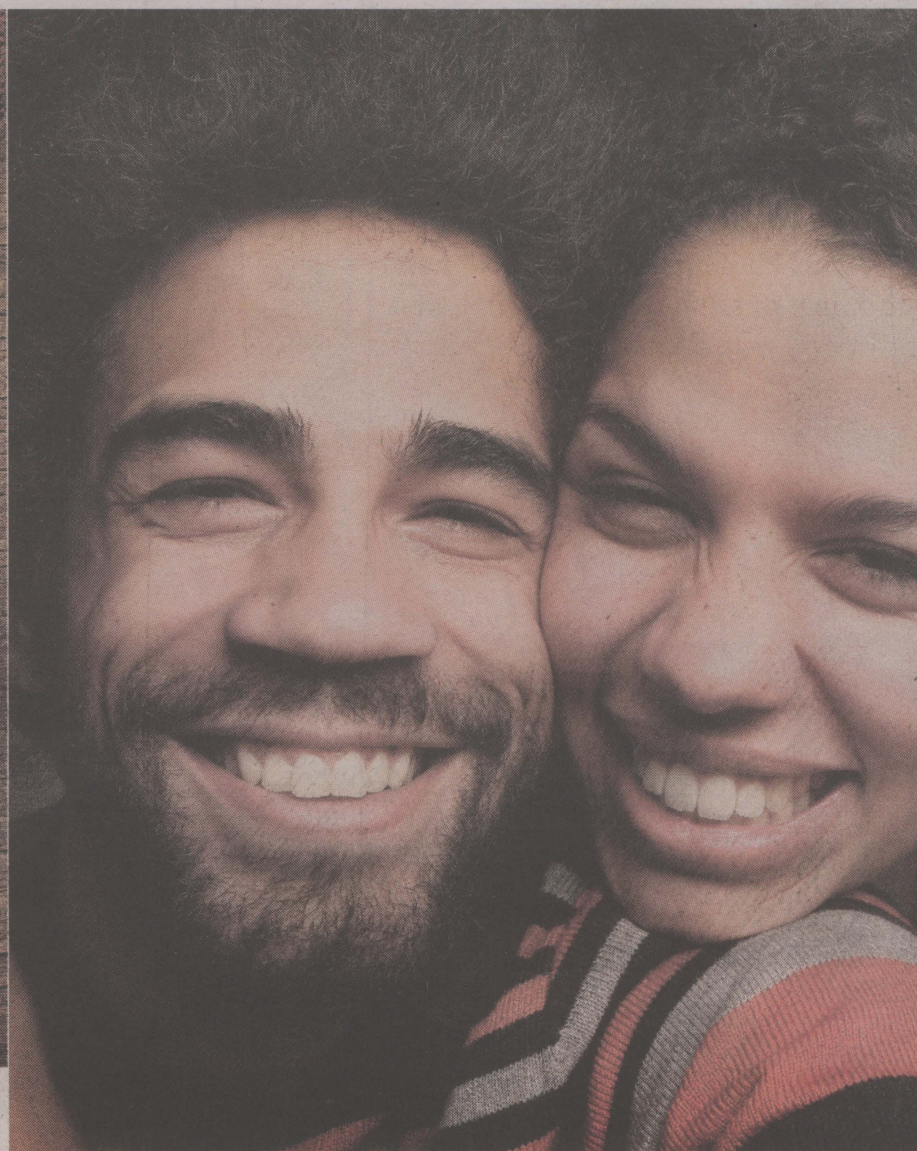
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# Santa helps Newark History Museum celebrate Christmas

POST STAFF REPORT

Santa Claus helped the Newark Historical Society celebrate Christmas during an event held on Sunday. The Jolly Old Elf posed with kids atop an antique barber chair. The museum, located in the old train station on South College Avenue, was decked out in holiday greenery.



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY JOSH SHANNON  
Ryan, 9, and Abbey McBride, 7, meet Santa at the Newark History Museum on Sunday.



Frankie Rodriguez, 16 months, meets Santa at the Newark History Museum on Sunday.



This year's Newark Historical Society ornament features the recently demolished Newark New Century Club.



Carter Bogan, 5, meets Santa at the Newark History Museum on Sunday.



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# Brian Grant takes over girls soccer program at Glasgow

By JON BUZBY

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Brian Grant is no stranger to coaching soccer. Quite the opposite, in fact.

Before arriving at Glasgow, he coached at the high school level for 13 years, including stints as a head coach at Delcastle and Hodgson. He has been the head coach of Glasgow's boys team since 2010 and on the coaching staff of the girls team for the past 12 seasons.

Now he's the head coach of both programs.

"Brian is a coach who has a lot of experience," Glasgow athletic director Jeremy Jeanne said. "He served as an assistant under the great Bob Bussiere and learned a lot from him. Brian is someone that the girls in the program enjoyed working with and respect. I think that he will bring some comfort and stability to the program and do a great job. Brian can really relate to our girls."

Grant was hired to replace Mike James, who left after just one season when he accepted a position to teach driver's education at Newark High. James had succeeded long-time coach Bob Bussiere, who started the program in 1994 and went on to coach the Dragons for 21 years before retiring. Grant is one of Bussiere's many protégés coaching around the First State.

"I was happy to hear that Coach Grant was named as the varsity girls soccer coach at Glasgow," Bussiere said. "He served as my assistant coach for years, so he is familiar with the program that I installed there. In addition, we worked together in the physical education department at Glasgow, and I always felt that one of his strengths was his ability to talk students into participating in our program. We always had enough players to field a varsity and junior varsity team each year and he had a lot to do with that."

Grant takes over a program that won just twice last spring, three games the prior season, and hasn't had a winning record in recent years. And although Grant has been an integral part of the program for a long time as an assistant, he's now in charge of it, and with that comes a change in coaching philosophy.

"As the JV coach, the emphasis is on developing the players more so than winning or losing," Grant explained of his changing role. "At the varsity level there is a greater emphasis put on the results of the game. However, although our program has not had a lot of success on the field in recent years, I believe that it is still my job as a head coach to develop our players while trying to be as competitive as possible."



SUBMITTED PHOTO.

Brian Grant is the new head coach of the Glasgow High School girls soccer team.

Grant served as an assistant girls coach at The Charter School of Wilmington and then the girls head coach at Delcastle from 2002 to 2003. Records and statistics

aside, he's already aware of the major difference between the boys and girls programs at Glasgow.

"The boys team typically has a little more experience with play-

ing the game at local clubs," Grant explained. "Whereas the girls team does not have that level of experience. We typically get girls who are very much learning the game as high school players. [We need to] get them to get involved at some level in club and playing indoor and summer leagues. The more you play the better you are going to get."

Grant firmly believes that fact is one of two keys to turning around the program.

"I also believe the drop to Division 2 and Flight B will help," he said. "The majority, if not all, of our wins the past couple years have been against D2 schools. By being able to be more competitive with our conference schedule and non-conference schedule, it will hopefully start to correlate into winning some more games and being more successful as a program, soccer-wise."

While Grant has said there is more emphasis on winning at the varsity level, he readily admits that the scoreboard won't define the overall success of the program.

"Our girls are some of the highest academic achievers in the school," he proudly pointed out. "We pride ourselves on our academic achievements. After all, they are student-athletes. The emphasis is on student first."

## Out of the Attic



## Old Newark train station

This week's Out of the Attic item is a photo of the former train station on South College Avenue.

This train station, which was constructed in 1877, provided services to passengers that were not previously available such as a telegraph service. The Pennsylvania, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad es-

tablished service through Newark back in 1837 and laid tracks almost a mile south of town. Today the tracks serve as part of Amtrak's Northeast Corridor.

The building is now owned by the city of Newark and used as the Newark History Museum.

Out of the Attic is produced in part-

nership with the Newark Historical Society. The Newark History Museum, located in the old train station under the South College Avenue bridge is open by appointment December through March. Admission is free. For more info, call 302-234-4145 or visit [www.newarkdehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.newarkdehistoricalsociety.org).

## Out of the Past

*Editor's note: Volunteers at the Pencader Heritage Museum have been digitizing old Newark City Council meeting minutes. They share excerpts with Newark Post readers in a weekly column.*

October-December 1916: Continuing squabbles between the board of health and council over lax code enforcement concerning 77 properties not connected to the sewer resulted in council asking the entire board to resign. The board's stance was since there was continuing typhoid fever in town, sewer connections were desperately needed in order to contain the disease. Dr. Kollock, Dr. Watson and John Frazer refused to resign. No action was taken by council on the matter at this time. Dr. Reed and Louis Curtis submitted letters of resignation.

Purchase of steel cells for the lock-up was being investigated. Mr. Apsley was paid \$25 for enforcing the manure ordinance. Grading and drainage work on Wilbur Street and Depot Road were being engineered. The board of education complained about sidewalk conditions on Academy Street in

front of Ferguson property.

Necessary materials to extend electrical service to the two new sewer pumping stations were on order. Mr. Heavelow complained his horse was injured and its harness broke due to the horse falling into trench on South Chapel Street. The high school alumni association requested that a member of council join the General Community Committee. Mr. Frazer was appointed.

Council's attorney was instructed to draw an act for presentation to state legislature requiring that candidates for election to council file at least 10 days before election. More streetlights for Academy Street were under consideration. Definite studies were underway to combine the water and electric plants.

See the original minutes at Pencader Heritage Museum, 2029 Sunset Lake Rd. (Rt. 72 south of Newark.) Regularly open first and third Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Other times by appointment. Contact the website [pencaderheritage.org](http://pencaderheritage.org) or call 302-737-5792 for an appointment. Family friendly, handicapped accessible and always free.

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He and other family members surprised the 91-year-old veteran with the medal Saturday morning during the Wreaths Across America ceremony held at the Pencader Heritage Museum.

Charles Fretz was an invited guest to the ceremony, which honored fallen troops and coincided with similar wreath-laying events all over the country. He thought he had been chosen to lay a wreath honoring World War II veterans, but his family and event organizer Bill Conley had bigger plans.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Ian Fretz read a summary of his grandfather's military accomplishments. Then, Terry Wiley, a retired Delaware Army National Guard brigadier general, pinned the medal to the elder Fretz's coat as the crowd of several dozen gave him a standing ovation.

"I'm surprised. I'm not used to all that attention," Fretz said softly moments later. "Too much for me."

### 'One of the lucky ones'

Born on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and raised on a farm in lower Delaware, Fretz was drafted into the Army in 1943 and later chose to join the paratrooper program.

He ultimately spent more than two years in combat, serving in North Africa, France and Germany.

"He went all the way," his son said.

In August 1944, Fretz and the 509th parachuted into the town of Le Muy, in southern France, as part of Operation Dragoon two months after D-Day.

"I landed in a tree," he noted. "Hung there an hour and a half."



Ian Fretz tells the crowd about his grandfather's service in World War II.

Fighting alongside French troops, the 509th was able to halt the German 19th Army's advance to the coast. For that battle, the 509th received the Croix de Guerre for bravery.

Four months later, Fretz's unit participated in the Battle of the Bulge in the thick forests of the Ardennes in northern France. Though it was one of the bloodiest battles of the war, the Allies ultimately prevailed.

Of the several hundred soldiers in the 509th, only 55 survived.

"Pop was one of the lucky ones," Mark Fretz said.

With the 509th decimated, the unit was disbanded and the remaining soldiers joined other units. Fretz headed to a unit fighting in Germany until he returned home in May 1945.

However, he struggled to find a job and ultimately re-enlisted, this time with the Marine Corps. He served two more years before being honorably discharged a few months before the Korean War began.

### After the war

After leaving the Marines, Fretz settled in Newark, living



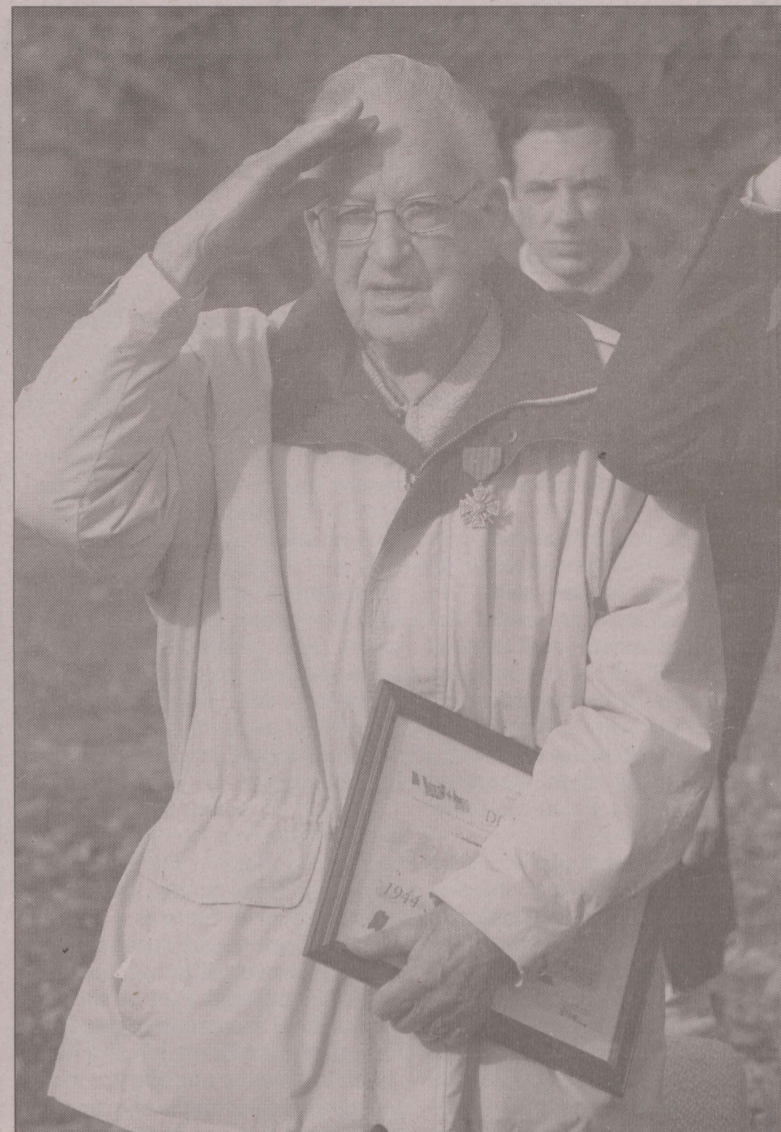
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Charles Fretz was drafted into the Army in 1943.

on Cleveland Avenue, in George Read Village and in Brookside, where he still lives today. He and his wife raised a son and two daughters.

Fretz worked for General Motors for a few years before leaving to take a job at Chrysler, where he worked for 31 years.

Though he was home from the war, it was decades until he got



Charles Fretz, 91, salutes after being surprised with the Croix de Guerre medal he earned in World War II but never received.

the recognition he deserved. Due to government oversights, it took until the 1980s to receive the Bronze Star and Purple Heart he earned in the Battle of the Bulge.

It wasn't until recently that Fretz's family was able to get him the Croix de Guerre, which comes from French government and means "Cross of War."

When Conley, who knows Mark Fretz through Fretz's work with a re-enactment group, heard the medal had arrived, he suggested it be presented at the wreath ceremony.

"It's a huge award," Conley said, adding that he wanted the decorated veteran to get some public recognition. "He's so humble, like all those guys."

## RATES

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Residents already endured a 7.2-percent rate hike this year.

Council passed the increase on Monday night by a vote of 5 to 2, with Councilmen Rob Gifford and Stu Markham in opposition.

The rate hikes come just a month after council approved a 9.5 percent property tax increase.

However, before approving the water rate increase, council voted to remove a proposed monthly \$1 "fire prevention surcharge" that would have gone to Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Co. to help combat rising costs. Councilman Todd Ruckle was the only one who voted in favor of implementing the charge, which would

have provided the fire department with an estimated \$108,000 annually.

Gifford suggested the city explore encouraging water customers and residents to donate to Aetna instead.

"I would think that maybe we could take a baby step first and ask for donations," he said. "That way we don't put the burden on folks who are going to be dealing with a 9.5 percent tax increase."

The fee would have replaced the \$62,000 subvention payment the city makes to Aetna each year, money that comes out of the general fund.

Mayor Polly Sierer said Tuesday that the surcharge was pulled because of legal concerns regarding attaching an unrelated surcharge to a utility bill.

"From a legal standpoint, that's not a path we should be taking," she said, noting

that she supported the surcharge until the city's lawyer and some state legislators expressed concerns.

Instead, council will vote next month on a budget amendment restoring the subvention fee and increasing it 10 percent to \$68,200. In addition, the consulting firm Black and Veatch will do another rate study, which will include a look at how to better support Aetna.

"I've been working hard to get additional funding for Aetna," said Sierer, who added that a recent ride-along with Aetna opened her eyes to the fire department's needs.

In addition to water rate increases, council unanimously voted Monday night to hike the city's sewer fee by 8.4 percent — which equates to an additional \$3.14 per month for residential customers — starting in January

due to increasing operation and maintenance costs related to collection and transmission.

The board also agreed to amend the city's salary plan for management employees, increasing the pay grades by 3 percent across the board. Assistant City Manager Andrew Haines said employees are not guaranteed the raise and any increases to wages will be based on performance reviews.

The city's unionized workers will also see raises in 2015 under already-approved contracts.

However, council did not act on a proposal to increase the hourly rate for the city solicitor and deputy solicitor and instead decided to postpone discussion until more information is provided.

The solicitor and deputy solicitor are both contracted positions and receive \$130

and \$115 an hour, respectively. Rates have not been increased since 2011. Under the proposal, which was submitted by City Solicitor Bruce Herron, rates would go up by \$10 for a total of \$140 an hour for the solicitor and \$125 an hour for the deputy.

Councilman Luke Chapman suggested the board conduct performance reviews on both positions before deciding whether to raise their wages, while other members of council thought it would be beneficial to put both positions out to bid and explore hiring full-time solicitors as city employees.

"We seem to be at a very reasonable rate, but do we feel that we're getting everything that we want?" Gifford asked. "Just because you're paying a little more doesn't make it a good deal."

According to Markham, council has floated the idea of a full-time, internal solicitor in the past, but ultimately decided to keep the position as is. He said it might be worthwhile to bring it back to the table.

"We have to make sure we find somebody who keeps us out of trouble, because that's their job, but certainly internal would allow them to do more than what they do today," he said.

The board voted unanimously to postpone discussion and directed staff to present more information about the position, provide historical background of the appointment process of the solicitor in past years and pull Herron's hourly wage reports for review at the council meeting scheduled for Jan. 25.

Josh Shannon contributed reporting to this story.

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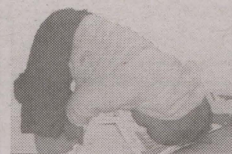
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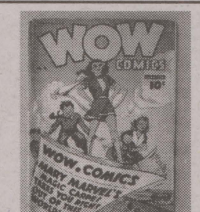
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Chad Streett  
12/10/15

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Petitioner(s)

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SUJEETH KUMAR KOLLUR VARADARAJULU  
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Geoffrey Paul Slichter  
12/9/15

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TO  
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Petitioner  
Dated: 12/8/2015

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Petitioner(s)

TO  
NANCI H. HARDHAM  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NANCI P. HARDAM intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to NANCI H. HARDHAM.

NANCI P. HARDAM  
Petitioner  
Dated: 12/10/2015

np 12/18,25,1/1 2597837

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
MARGARET LINELL FOREMAN  
Petitioner(s)

TO  
MARGARET LINELL TYLER  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARGARET LINELL FOREMAN intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to MARGARET LINELL TYLER.

MARGARET LINELL FOREMAN  
Petitioner  
Dated: 11/25/2015

np 12/11,18,25 2594302

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
REBECCA JAN GRABINSKI  
Petitioner(s)

TO  
REBECCA JAN SMITH  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that REBECCA JAN GRABINSKI intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to REBECCA JAN SMITH.

REBECCA JAN GRABINSKI  
Petitioner  
Dated: 12/13/2015

np 12/18,25,1/1 2597479

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
NOAH ALEXANDER LACEY  
Petitioner(s)

TO  
NOAH ALEXANDER XAVIER  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ALEXANDRIA LACEY and KARL XAVIER intend to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her minor child's name to NOAH ALEXANDER XAVIER.

ALEXANDRIA LACEY  
KARL XAVIER  
Petitioner  
Dated: 11/30/2015

np 12/4,11,18 2594896

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Jon Patrick Cole, residing at 56 Lynam Lookout Drive, Newark, DE 19702, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Jon Patrick Cole  
12/14/15  
np 12/18 2597633

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Ronald Saunders, residing at 908 Sheldon Drive, Newark, DE 19711, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Ronald Saunders  
12/11/15  
np 12/18 2597075

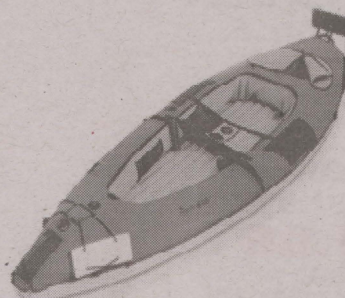
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Anthony Louis Manerchia, residing at 1104 Janice Drive, Newark, DE 19713, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Anthony Louis Manerchia  
12/15/15  
np 12/18 2597998



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RE: DEADLY WEAPON

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Victor Anthony David  
12/15/15  
np 12/18 2597874

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Michael LaBarca, residing at 34 Willow Creek Lane, Newark, DE 19711, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Michael LaBarca  
12/11/15  
np 12/18 2597334

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Robert Emmett Chambers 2nd, residing at 613 Bonnie Lane, Newark, DE 19713, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Robert Emmett Chambers 2nd  
12/9/15  
np 12/18 2596749

**THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN  
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY**  
 IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
 ANGELA SCHULZE

Petitioner(s)  
TO  
ANGELA LAROTONDA  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANGELA SCHULZE intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to ANGELA LAROTONDA.  
ANGELA SCHULZE  
Petitioner  
Dated: 11/18/2015  
np 12/11,18,25 2592788

**THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN  
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY**  
 IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
 LIZA MICHIRA

Petitioner(s)  
TO  
LIZA NYAKONDO  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LIZA MICHIRA intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to LIZA NYAKONDO.  
LIZA MICHIRA  
Petitioner  
Dated: 11/24/2015  
np 12/4,11,18 2593732

**THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN  
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY**  
 IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF  
 PATRICIA ANN ENDERLE

Petitioner(s)  
TO  
PATRICIA ANN STOUT  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PATRICIA ANN ENDERLE intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to PATRICIA ANN STOUT.  
PATRICIA ANN ENDERLE  
Petitioner  
Dated: 12/1/2015  
np 12/11,18,25 2595300

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, William Thomas Kulish, residing at 3 West Periwinkle Lane, Newark, DE 19711, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

William Thomas Kulish  
12/10/15  
np 12/18 2596897

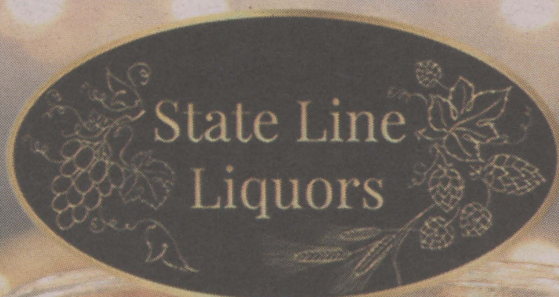
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Raymond Charles Benton, residing at 20 Sandalwood Dr., Apt 7, Newark, DE 19713, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Raymond Charles Benton  
12/14/15  
np 12/18 2597606

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## Cooperative Extension offers holiday food tips

Cooperative Extension  
Maria Pippidis



The UD Cooperative Extension Master Food Educators are always coming up with creative ideas to help make healthier choices.

During this holiday season, they are working on testing healthy and yummy recipes for the holidays. They are also looking for some new recruits.

Here are some of the tips they've identified from the USDA regarding how to makeover some holiday recipes and make healthier choices over the holiday:

- **Snack smart:** Before you go out to eat or to a party, snack on fresh fruits or vegetables. Or if you're trying to eat smart while at the party, bring a health dish.

- **Skim the fat:** Try skim evaporated milk instead of heavy cream. It works well in baking or hot drinks.

- **Tweak the sweets:** Instead of pumpkin or pecan pie, try fresh fruit with fat-free Greek yogurt.

- **Spice it up:** Use spices and herbs instead of salt and sugar to season foods.

- **Bake healthier:** Use pureed fruits – such as apple sauce – in recipes instead of

butter or oil.

- **Brighten your plate:** Fill half with colorful fruits and vegetables.

- **Avoid portion distortion:** Enjoy your favorite holiday foods, but in small amounts.

- **Cheers to good health:** Drink water flavored with citrus fruits, fresh cucumber slices, or herbs instead of soda, wine and mixed drinks.

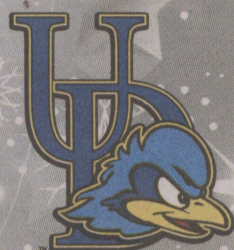
- **Move more:** Enjoy the beauty of the season by taking a walk in nature or visiting a local park.

A new class of Master Food Educators will be starting Feb. 2. Applications are due Jan. 19. If you are friendly, like to work with others, want to learn more about food preparation, nutrition and food safety and want to give back to your community you'd be a good candidate.

The training fee is \$80 for 42 hours of training. Volunteers must promise to volunteer 40 hours of time to Cooperative Extension within a year's time. More information can be found at: <http://extension.udel.edu/fcs/master-food-educator-volunteer-program/>.

*Maria Pippidis is the New Castle County Extension Director for the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension. She and her colleagues write a periodic column for the Newark Post.*

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## Gallaher students win top honors in state contest

Two Gallaher Elementary School students won a state-sponsored Disability History and Awareness poster contest. Fifth-graders Neela Moody and Binta Sow won first and second place, respectively, in the elementary division and will meet with Gov. Jack Markell next month. More than 300 students entered the statewide contest.

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