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UP FRONT

Newark budget deal a lesson in compromise

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Compromise, in most cases, is not a bad idea.

And Newark City Council did exactly that by approving the 2009 operating budget in Monday night's meeting.

A proposed budget that included a 22 percent tax increase and five additional police officers eventually settled into a four percent tax hike and three additional police officers.

For weeks there had been debate and speculation about adding additional police officers.

Do we need them?

Can we afford them?

There was strong sentiment on both sides, but there was also the reality of the harsh economic times that countries, states and communities all over the world have been grappling with for months now.

City officials, though, came up with a good plan that attempts to address the economic issue and the crime issue.

In addition to the four percent property tax increase, the city plans to raise the water rate (15 percent for residents and 30 percent for non-residents) and the electric utility margin.

These additional increases will help offset what instead could've been a much bigger property tax increase for residents.

Crime has been a major issue since Labor Day.

Muggings, assaults, gun crimes - when University of Delaware students came back, so did numerous crime problems. Many of these prob-



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UD to pursue deal for Chrysler property



Howard Cosgrove, above left, chairman of the University of Delaware Board of Trustees addresses members during Tuesday's meeting. Scott Douglass, above right, the university's executive vice president, discussed the campus assessment and capacity review at the same meeting.



Board of Trustees to pursue 270-acre property

By SCOTT GOSS

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The University of Delaware's Board of Trustees gave the green light on Tuesday for its executive committee to pursue a deal for Chrysler's 270-acre property in Newark.

The board made its decision in an executive session that was called during a semiannual meeting held Tuesday at the Trabant University Center.

Board Chairman Howard Cosgrove said the resolution, which was approved unanimously, authorized the executive committee to pursue purchase of the property based on "price, opportunity and risk."

"The University of Delaware and Chrysler are still in the midst of negotiations made more complicated by Chrysler's pursuit of a multibillion-dollar government bailout," Cosgrove said. "We realize that Chrysler and any other automaker we're hearing about in the news have a lot of moving parts in regard to their financial situation."

Cosgrove said that during the executive

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Council approves \$36M budget

3 of 5 requested officers to be hired next year

By SCOTT GOSS

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It started as an attempt to reach a consensus on some preliminary figures.

But by the time Newark City Council was finished on Monday night, it had unanimously approved a \$36 million budget for 2009 that includes a much smaller property tax increase than expected, the promise of cheaper electricity and three of the five new officers requested by the police department.

"Once we started discussing the major components it became clear that we were generally in agreement on the overall approach and only had more minor differences to be worked

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School districts' financial recovery confirmed by state

State budget office removes Christina, Red Clay from oversight

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Christina and Red Clay Consolidated School Districts were officially removed from Financial Recovery Team review this week after more than two years of oversight.

State Secretary of Education Valerie A. Woodruff made the announcement after receiving approval for the move from the state's Office of Management and Budget.

"The Christina School District through the successful efforts of a new superintendent, Dr. Lillian Lowery, the Financial Recovery Team and a strengthened Christina administrative team has within a two-and-a-half-year period satisfied the requirements for release from the FRT review," Woodruff wrote in a letter to the state budget office. "Through the proper and efficient readjustment of resources, Christina School

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Thefts and Robberies

A 22-year-old New Jersey man told police someone tried to rent movies with his Blockbuster Video card after he lost his wallet between **Suburban Shopping Center and Benny Street** between 4 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 16.

An unknown suspect broke into a home in the **unit block of Holton Place** and stole a television and change, collectively valued at \$315, between 6 p.m. on Nov. 25 and 6 p.m. on Nov. 28.

A 30-year-old Newark man told police someone stole two UPS packages, collectively val-

ued at \$240, from outside of his residence in the **unit block of Marvin Drive** between 9 a.m. on Nov. 26 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 2.

An obese black woman between the ages of 38 and 45 reportedly stole an unknown amount of merchandise from Pathmark in the **College Square Shopping Center** before fleeing in a red Ford Taurus driven by an obese white woman of a similar age at about 3 p.m. on Dec. 1.

An unknown suspect stole 59 DVDs, collectively worth \$941, from Blockbuster Video in the **College Square Shopping Center** at about 12:37 p.m. on Dec. 3.

An unknown suspect attempted to break into Game Stop in the **Suburban Shopping Center** by cutting three metal hinges from a rear door between 9 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 11:40 a.m. on Dec. 4.

Police charged 29-year-old Daniel J. Krapf of Wilmington and 26-year-old Amanda K. Baffone of Hockessin with shoplifting and conspiracy at 2:25 p.m. on Dec. 4, after they allegedly attempted to steal \$132 worth of baby formula from Pathmark in the **College Square Shopping Center**.

A 21-year-old woman from Allendale, N.J. told police someone stole a wallet from her purse while she was at the Deer Park Tavern in the **100 block of West Main Street** between midnight and 1 a.m. on Dec. 5. The wallet contained items with a collective value of \$403.

An unknown suspect broke into a home in the **unit block of Nightingale Court** and stole jewelry collectively valued at \$4,570 between 12:45 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. on Dec. 5.

An unknown suspect stole a

17-foot flatbed trailer and about seven custom fabricated pieces of steel bound for Rohm Hass, collectively worth \$11,500, from the parking lot of KMP Mechanical LLC in the **100 block of Sandy Drive** between 4 p.m. on Dec. 5 and 7:45 a.m. on Dec. 6.

Police charged 29-year-old Linwood L. Black of Wilmington and 23-year-old Bonita J. Mangum of Wilmington with shoplifting and conspiracy at 1:17 p.m. on Dec. 6, after they allegedly attempted to steal \$521 worth of merchandise from K-Mart in the **College Square Shopping Center**.

Police charged 36-year-old Nancy Smith of Oxford, Pa. and 35-year-old Julie M. Thompson of Newark with shoplifting at 5:01 p.m. on Dec. 6, after they allegedly attempted to steal \$230 worth of items from Pathmark and K-Mart in the **College Square Shopping Center**.

Vehicles Targeted

An unknown suspect broke into a 2006 Jeep Wrangler parked in the **800 block of Wharton Road** and stole a clarinet and pillow stuffing, collectively valued at \$1,250 between 8 p.m. on Nov. 30 and 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 1.

An unknown suspect entered an unlocked Jeep Wrangler parked in the **600 block of Wharton Drive** and stole a radio and a GPS system, collectively valued at \$50 between 11 p.m. on Nov. 30 and 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 1.

An unknown suspect keyed a 2000 BMW 323i parked in the **200 block of New London Road** and broke the vehicle's side mirror, causing an estimated \$900 in damages, at about 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 1.

An unknown suspect broke the side mirror of a 1997 Buick Skylark parked in the **100 block of East Cleveland Drive**, causing an estimated \$25 in damages, between 5 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 10 a.m. on Dec. 4.

An unknown suspect broke the side mirrors of three cars parked in the **unit block of Choate Street**, causing an estimated \$100 in damages, between 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 and 3:30 a.m. on Dec. 6.

An unknown suspect broke the side mirror of a 2003 Toyota Corolla parked in the **100 block of King William Street**, causing an estimated \$200 in damages, between 8 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 12:50 p.m. on Dec. 7.

A white woman and an unknown man broke out the rear window of an Acura Integra parked in the **400 block of Lark Drive** and removed stereo equipment, collectively valued at \$220, at about 6:48 a.m. on Dec. 6. Damages were estimated at \$350.

An unknown suspect entered a 2000 Chevy Prizm parked in the **600 block of Lehigh Road** and stole items collectively valued at \$316 between 9:30 p.m. and 11:10 p.m. on Dec. 6.

Fights and Assaults

A 47-year-old Newark man told police he was hit in the face by a 42-year-old woman from Bear at the Elks Pride club in the **unit block of West Cleveland Avenue** at about 6 p.m. on Nov. 30.

Police charged three women and two men with various crimes after two of the women reportedly engaged in a fist fight at the intersection of **Short Lane and Elkton Road** at about 4:50 a.m. on Dec. 7. Police charged 23-year-old Kristen Rocheleau of Newark and 18-year-old Mackenzie Dirocco of Wilmington with offensive touching. Newark resident Michael J. Dirocco, 20, Wilmington resident Robert I. Hedley, 20, and Newark resident Kristen M. Jeffries, 20, were charged with underage consumption.

Other Incidents

An unknown suspect caused \$300 in damages by spray painting graffiti on a bench in the **unit block of East Main Street** between 8 p.m. on Dec. 2 and 7 a.m. on Dec. 3.

A 12-year-old Newark Charter School student brought matches to school on Dec. 3 and threatened to burn down a classmate's house.

Two 14-year-old boys from Newark reportedly caused \$100 in damages by vandalizing property belonging to West Park Place Elementary School in the **100 block of West Park Place** at about 12:50 p.m. on Dec. 6.

An unknown suspect caused \$200 in damages to a drive-up teller machine at PNC Bank in the **200 block of East Main Street** on Dec. 7.

Noise and Alcohol

Police charged **Karl H. Cooper, 21**, of Avondale, Pa. with driving under the influence at 11:22 p.m. on Dec. 2, after he was involved in a two-car collision in the unit block of Delaware Avenue and reportedly was found to have a .327 blood alcohol content.

Police charged **20-year-old Kyle J. Connelly** of Townsend, Del. with underage consumption, driving under the influence and a traffic violation at 3:22 a.m. on Dec. 5, after he allegedly crossed into oncoming traffic to pass a vehicle on West Park Place. Connelly was reportedly found to have a 0.168 blood alcohol content on a intoxylizer test.

Patrick S. Mika, 22, of Wilmington, open container; **Kirill V. Babak, 23**, of Camden-Wyoming, Del., loud noise from a vehicle, unit block of Duke Street, 3:28 a.m. on Dec. 6.

Timothy Studd, 21 of Bear, Del., disorderly premises, 12:09 a.m. on Dec. 7, 100 block of West Main Street.

Matthew S. Miller, 20 of Newark, disorderly premises, 2:46 a.m. on Dec. 7, 400 block of South College Avenue.

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Newark man wins Air Force Action Combat Medal

By SCOTT GOSS

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A Newark resident was among the first airmen in the Delaware Air National Guard to receive the new Air Force Combat Action Medal during a special ceremony in New Castle on Sunday.

Staff Sgt. Aaron Weber of Newark was among three airmen to receive the medal for their service while they were stationed at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan from February to July of 2008 as members of the 166th Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit.

Weber and Delaware Air National Guard airman Staff Sgt. Aaron Sweeney of Landover, Md. were specifically recognized for their service during a ground combat mission on April 27.

According to U.S. Air Force officials, both men were part of a convoy that came under fire. Weber, a vehicle gunner/radio operator, reported muzzle flashes and rocket-propelled grenade fire to his team, allowing them to quickly identify and engage the enemy.

Weber also returned fire after another vehicle was hit by an RPG, an action that Air Force officials credited with helping to win the battle.

Staff Sgt. David Gazzara also received an Air Force Combat Action Medal on Sunday for his actions during a ground battle on May 9.



"I am very pleased that the first members of the Delaware Air National Guard to receive this prestigious medal are three of our airmen," Lt. Col. Mike Castaldi commander of 166th Civil Engineer Squadron said. "Their performance is a testament to the combat skills training they received and to their dedication to duty while engaged in combat."

Colonel Jonathan Groff, wing commander of 166th Airlift Wing, said he is particularly proud of the airmen's valiant service under fire.

"They maintained their composure, protected fellow team members and successfully fought back against the attackers," he noted.

The medal first became available in 2007 for airmen that directly participate in



Delaware Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Aaron Weber who lives in Newark, is one of the first airmen to receive an Air Force Combat Action Medal.

active combat, either in the air or on the ground, as part of their official duty.

Airmen can apply for the award to recognize participation in combat activities dating back as far as Sept. 11,

2001.

In order for an airman to wear the medal, someone with first-hand knowledge of their involvement in combat activities must submit a narrative of the incident.

UD students mugged at gunpoint on Sunday

By SCOTT GOSS

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A pair of 21-year-old University of Delaware students became the latest victims of an armed street mugging in downtown Newark last Sunday morning.

According to Newark Police, the students had just left a party and were walking in the 100 block of Haines Street at about 1:45 a.m. when they passed two men headed in the opposite direction.

Immediately after passing the students, one of the men turned and punched one of the victims in the back of the head. The same man, who at that point had produced a silver handgun, then punched the stu-

dent in the face before grabbing his wallet and ordering him to lay on the ground, as well.

The man holding the gun then struck the second student in the face before stealing his cell phone and ordering him to the ground.

Both suspects were last seen running on Haines Street toward Delaware Avenue.

A K-9 officer later tracked the men to the 7-11 at Delaware and South College avenues before losing their scent.

One of the victims suffered a cut lip and a contusion and was taken to Christiana Hospital. The second victim suffered a contusion above his eye and was treated on the scene by emergency responders from Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co.

The armed suspect was described as white, in his early 20s, about 5'10", 150 to 170 pounds, with a thin build, a chin strap beard and a shaved head wearing a green hooded sweatshirt.

The second suspect was described as a white male, in

his early 20s, about 5'11", wearing a black knit cap and a light-colored shirt.

Anyone with information about the mugging is asked to contact Detective Andrew Rubin at 366-7110 ext. 135 or by e-mailing Andrew.Rubin@cj.state.de.us.

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Rodel Foundation launches new Website



The Rodel Foundation has a newly designed Web site at www.rodelfoundationde.org with information about public education in Delaware and nationwide. Features include:

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- Links to other education sites useful to parents, educators and policy makers;
- Background information on the Rodel Foundation's Board of Directors and Advisory Council;
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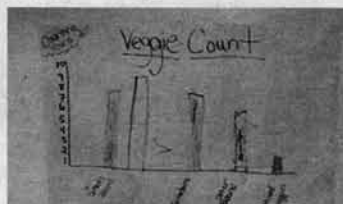
Newark Day Nursery and Children's Center expanding

The children at Newark Day Nursery and Children's Center located on Barksdale Road had their hardhats and shovels all ready for the formal Capital Renovations Groundbreaking Ceremony on Nov. 20.

"Our children were very excited to help us move some dirt to get our long anticipated renovations started," said William Carl, executive director of the early learning and out-of-school program.

Donors, parents, volunteers and the general community witnessed the exciting expansion of services for the center which opened with five students in 1961. Construction for Phase I of the renovations is being funded through a 19-month Capital Campaign which has raised 92 percent of the \$757,300 goal.

The renovations will provide a new child's reading room, a new family counseling room, modernized kitchen facilities, a new teacher/family conference room and an expanded front reception area for better serving the 250



children and their families who use the facilities.

Children also welcomed family and friends for their annual Soup Sharing Day on the day before Thanksgiving. Families sign up to provide the ingredients for vegetable soup and all the children helped with the preparations.

"Even the 'tweenies' helped by washing the raw vegetables," explained program director Bobbi Budin. "The preschoolers sorted the cans, counting and graphing the different varieties, while the kindergartners chopped the celery and potatoes."

Budin picked the day before Thanksgiving for the event "because the children have family in town for the holiday who may not have many opportuni-



ties to see where they go to school."

The facility offers early care and education for children, ages 6 weeks to 5 years, and full-day kindergarten, as well as before-and after-school care for children ages 6 to 15. A summer camp provides a week of field trips in



addition to fun on the 5.5-acre property.

For more information, please call 731-4925 or visit www.newarkdaynursery.org.

Teens gather for "Real Talk"

The Good Works Coalition visited Sparrow Run on Route 40 in Bear to host "Real Talk," a program for young ladies to discuss issues affecting teenagers.

"We are trying to draw some attention to the program so that we can duplicate it for other groups like the Sparrow Run Youth Council," said Tisa Silver who organized the event with Sharon Hayes.

"Real Talk" went to Sparrow

Run at the request of Trenia Nichols (*foreground in picture with another participant*), a Glasgow High senior and "Real Talk" participant who serves on the Sparrow Run neighborhood's youth council. The first "Real Talk" seminar was held at Glasgow High School in May when students participated in role-play exercises with GWC members to examine the effects of decisions regarding money, careers and relationships.



The theatrics were followed by an informal question-and-answer session over pizza. The program concluded with a motivational exercise in which participants wrote down one action item in which they could use a lesson from the program in real life.



The program was sponsored in conjunction with the Alpha Theta Alpha Club Juanita Pritchett and Carol Eggink serve as the club's advisors. For more information, please visit www.thegwc.org/RealTalk.html.

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Coal for Christmas?

By AMY ROE

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

The holidays are closing in upon us and illuminated decorations are starting to appear all over town.

As I consider how I will decorate this year, there are a number of things influencing my decision. The price of electricity increased by 17 percent this year and now costs more than ever before.

I am also concerned about the particular fuel mix contributing to our electricity and its environmental impacts. By taking these energy costs into consideration, I am seriously re-evaluating whether or not I can afford the Christmas decorations that used to be my annual routine.

Looking back at electric bills from previous years, I can see the drain of holiday decorations on my checkbook. This year I can expect to pay \$93.86 in electricity costs for 590-kilowatt hours of electricity if I decorate my indoor tree, hang my outdoor lights and use my nativity sets and other indoor decorations throughout the house as I normally would.

While I'm apprehensive about the rising cost of electricity, there is more to think about than the utility bill that I'll have to pay. I am also concerned about the costs of electricity have on our climate, environment and public health. This is where our hometown municipal utility's choice of fuel mix and its heavy dependence upon coal becomes important.

My electric holiday decorations are usually turned on when it is dark outside, which means that I am drawing mostly off-peak energy from the electricity grid. Ultimately, burning coal, which creates a significant carbon footprint, illuminates my holiday deco-

rations.

For my 590-kilowatt hours of electricity that I have used in past years for holiday decorations, I contributed over 1,200 pounds of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. According to the Center for Energy and Environmental Policy at the University of Delaware, this is almost one-fifth of my allotment of annual carbon dioxide emissions for environmental sustainability and social equity.

While I pay 15.9 cents per kilowatt-hour for electricity, there are other costs that are paid by our society at large for our chosen fuel mix. A 2005 article published in "Energy Policy" has estimated that the health cost of air pollution from coal-based electricity is additional five cents per kilowatt-hour.

The land area destroyed by mountaintop removal coal mining will likely exceed the size of Delaware by next Christmas. The waste from processing this coal poisons thousands of miles of rivers and streams and destroys hundreds of square miles of ecosystems.

To cut down on these impacts and to keep my utility bill manageable, I can limit my use of holiday lights by decorating less, using my decorations for fewer days and for fewer hours each day. I also can replace some of the decorations that I use with more efficient technology. For example, LED strands of holiday lights are now available that use a fraction of the electricity of incandescent varieties and the small bulbs that are used in electric window candles are now available in compact fluorescent versions. These high-energy efficiency decorations cost more at the store, but last longer and use much less energy, which will eventually pay for the higher purchase price.

Somehow, though, the cheer that I normally experience from my holiday decorations is dampened when I think about how I am burning coal for Christmas.



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This week's Out of the Attic features the Dean Woolen Mill on White Clay Creek. Joseph Dean, founder of Newark's woolen industry, bought the Tyson Grist Mill site in 1845. The prospering business led to the 1853 construction of the four-story building. The mill was the first in the greater Philadelphia area to produce woolen goods for the Union Army. It was the major town employer with almost 300 workers. A fire broke out on Christmas morning, 1886, and consumed everything. It was the greatest disaster in the town's history, but it resulted in the establishment of a town water system and the formation of the Aetna, Hose, Hook and Ladder Fire Co.

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Obama ready to lead on global warming

Caitlin Moran
Newark

For eight years, the Bush Administration denied and obstructed global warming solutions.

Not only did Bush's policies cost America and the world precious time to deal with the crisis, it damaged our reputation as members of the international community.

While we can't depend on the lame-duck administration to accomplish much at the world climate negotiations underway in Poland this week, Obama's early commitments to tackle the crisis and the demonstrations of public support we saw in Delaware go a long way in telling our neighbors abroad: America is back and ready to lead.

Police chief's budget request deserves support

James Corbett
Newark

The city council is considering next year's budget and neighbors are concerned they will minimize tax increases



by cutting costs and avoiding increased services. Among the controversial budget items is Police Chief Tiernan's request for additional police resources to better deter and solve crimes in our community.

Chief Tiernan's presentations indicate increasing crime, changing crime patterns and overworked police resources. His plan appears designed to lead the department to accreditation and – more importantly – improved performance across some 460 standards that should help deter and solve community crimes. These public safety goals directly underpin our sense of community and indirectly enhance community wealth among neighbors during recession by preserving property values and protecting economic stability.

Adequate police resources should contribute to these results.

Curious, I reviewed community crime information for recent years, which helps to compare how well Newark police have deterred and solved crime.

Crime is growing in Newark faster than the population, faster than the state average crime rate, faster than crime on the University of Delaware campus in most categories, and faster than Newark police force budgets. Average robberies per year from 2002-2005 are double the average Newark robberies in 1992-1995.

We should support the recommendation by the police chief that the Newark police force structure and/or staff resources need to keep better pace. Perhaps with better police resources (not just more street patrols), our community police could perform better.

Currently, Newark police work hard but are not keeping up with increased crime trends. Chief Tiernan's request

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appears focused on solving and deterring crimes. Our police chief's assessment of the department's need for resources merits our support.

A voice in support of more NPD officers

**Eve Buckley
Newark**

I am writing to support Newark police chief's request to hire five additional officers.

I have been concerned about crime in Newark since last summer, when a gunman held up all customers dining at the Bamboo House restaurant on a busy Friday evening. In September, Newark's crime wave came uncomfortably close to home. Two armed men mugged a graduate student at the end of our driveway as he walked home from campus on a weekday night.

Following this incident, I spoke to police chief Tiernan and to members of city council. Tiernan sees crime in Newark increasing in ways that pose new risks to ordinary citizens: more lethal weaponry, multiple assailants involved in individual incidents, attacks occurring in broad daylight or early evening – in short, more brazen and organized criminals. Statistics show a recent upsurge in serious crime of three percent, but those numbers tell only part of the story.

According to Tiernan, Newark's police force is over-extending to keep pace with the increase in violent crime. His officers stemmed last fall's crime wave by working

40 hours at a stretch in high-intensity situations; this is not a sustainable solution. Already the costs of insufficient police personnel are evident, a point echoed by Aetna responders who spoke eloquently in support of Tiernan's request at recent council meetings. Response times to 911 calls are slower. Nonviolent crimes like traffic violations are not pursued. Tiernan describes his staffing strategy as a "shell game," moving officers between shifts and locations to address the most serious needs. Area criminals are onto this: when our police focus on downtown to deter street muggings, home invasions go up, and vice versa.

Can Newark afford not to comply with Chief Tiernan's request for additional officers?

Let's support our council members in making the right decision for the welfare of everyone in this community, by funding five additional police officers.

Prop. 8 a set back for equality

**Douglas Marshall-Steele
Milton, Del.**

In California, Prop. 8 passed in November by 52 to 48 percent, thereby invalidating same-gender marriage. It is not clear what will happen to the once-legal marriages of some 36,000 Californians, who had legal weddings and then created legal documents together such as wills, mortgages, insurance policies, etc. Some had children together.

But the proponents of the religious definition of marriage do not much care. It's

enough for them that civil marriage conforms to their church's dogma.

Mormons poured \$25 million into efforts to pass Prop. 8. Ironic, since Mormons first redefined marriage to allow polygamy, and then redefined it again to disallow polygamy.

Roman Catholics also gave big bucks to wage religious war on behalf of Prop. 8. A higher priority might have been to use those dollars to more quickly settle with victims of pedophile priests.

Seventy percent of African Americans voted to pass Prop. 8. Odd, since church and state agreed not that long ago to ban interracial marriages, and based it on the Bible – the same Bible that says, "Slaves obey your masters."

One day more heterosexuals will learn it's not such a bad thing to treat gays like people.

Two Rotary groups support Rotaract

**Robin Broomall
Newark**

It was encouraging to see your coverage of the new Rotaract club forming at the University of Delaware. The good things our students are doing, like community service, never get enough press.

One point of correction though. The UD Rotaract club is a joint sponsorship of the two Rotary clubs in this area – the Newark and Newark Morning Rotary clubs. Both clubs are equally active in support of the efforts of our young people to develop their understanding of the importance of local and international humanitarian involvement.

Both the Newark and Newark Morning clubs, with a combined membership of approximately 75 local business men and women, work in a variety of ways to serve our community, including providing scholarships to high school grads, leadership training to younger students, personal dictionaries for all third graders in Christina schools, support of Easter Seals summer campers, support of local emergency funds for needy families and many more. International service is also an important part of our focus. We give money where it is vital and our time when imperative.

Both Rotary clubs are honored to be able to support University of Delaware Rotaract students who want to follow the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

Lack of warning on speed limits shows ill intent

**Bill Houghton
Newark**

When town council voted for higher speeding fines in August, Councilman David Athey specifically said this was not a revenue generating mechanism. I think most of us were probably good with trying to control fast drivers, although I doubt many really did the math to see how punitive the new fines are.

Recently, the town added a new twist, and now I can't help but think the goal is exactly revenue generation.

On several approaches to town, including Paper Mill Road and Route 896 north of town, the city has lowered the speed limit much sooner than it used to drop by a quarter mile to a half mile, but the change was subtle: if you don't read the speed signs every day, you'd never notice it. And there are no indications to drivers of the new lower speed limits. At the very least, a small orange sign affixed to the top of the new lower speed limit signs stating "NEW." Without any indication of this sort, it is clear that either the city's intent is to generate revenue, or the person who ordered the new lower limits just wasn't thinking, and doesn't really care about the adverse effect on drivers. It is such a no-brainer to highlight a change to traffic regulations that one can't help but conclude ill intent.

No, I am not one of those who received a ticket from the new revenue generation scheme, but I do sympathize with unwitting victims of this devious prank.

David Athey, if you are serious that this was not a revenue generation scheme, please have the town put some indications out anywhere that there is a new lower speed limit, so drivers are on an even playing field with the police.

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OUTLOOK

Gift ideas for nursing home visits

By MARIA PIPPIDIS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Many of us have elderly family members that we visit during this time of year. It's important to engage them and have them be loved and included as much as possible, for their well-being and for ours.

But what do you bring someone who doesn't have a lot of space in their nursing home room, or who cannot move around very much, or may have other health issues?

Outlook is a weekly feature prepared by the New Castle County Cooperative Extension Service

Research shows that boredom and loneliness are common complaints from seniors who reside in skilled-care facilities. Many of us think of bringing plants or flowers, which provide visual pleasure to nursing home residents. In a discussion with some seniors recently, I asked the question, "What would you like for the holidays?"

They responded, "Bring some gifts that will help us occupy our time or gifts that they can enjoy after you have left."

Here are some ideas they shared:

- A magazine or a Reader's Digest that they can read and use to reminisce with other residents;
- Foreign coins, pictures or postcards of places they have visited in years past.
- Regular or large-print books (especially if there are visual limitations) or audio books they can listen to on their own.

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Newark knitters help Special Olympics athletes

By LAURA DATTARO

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Of the 3,000 athletes expected to attend February's 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, about 25 will be wearing blue and white scarves emblazoned with the words "Newark Free Library."

The scarves were knitted by the Newark Library Knitting Club, a group of about 20 women, mostly Newark residents, who meet every Tuesday at the Newark Library, as part of a call for 5,000 scarves to be donated to the coaches and athletes participating. This year, Boise, Idaho will host the games, the largest multi-sport event ever held in the state.

The knitting challenge was brought to the group by Rose Dagg, a one-year member whose 30-year-old son, Steve, is a long-time Special Olympics athlete. Steve, who has been the football manager at Newark High School for 18 years, participates in almost every sport



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The Newark Library Knitting Club shows off the scarves they have made for Special Olympics athletes competing in the World Winter Games. Pictured are (first row, left to right) Rose Dagg, Rayna Gray, Cathy Kempinski; (second row, left to right) Kathleen Robinson, Debbie Ryszka, Shirley Agnor, Sabie Strzala, Phyllis Beam and Sharon McDaniel.

Special Olympics has to offer, including softball, volleyball, basketball and golf. He attends portions of the Knitting Club's meetings before leaving to lift weights.

"They just love him," Dagg

said. "If you met him, you would have a friend for life. Most athletes are like that."

The Knitting Club members vary in age, including a few 10-year-old girls learning the craft from older, more experienced knitters.

About 10 of the members chose to make the scarves, which will benefit both national and international athletes, including three from Delaware.

"We're hoping that one of our scarves could end up with one of our athletes," Dagg said.

Dagg also challenged members of her son's Special Olympics group to make the scarves. About five parents participated, as well as one of the athletes.

The project is being sponsored by Coats & Clark, part of the world's largest textile/thread manufacturing company.

Five thousand scarves would be enough to outfit each athlete, delegate and dignitary attending the games.

All knitters are welcome contribute.

For more information, including patterns, please visit Coats & Clark's Web site at www.coatsandclark.com/Crafts/Crochet/Features/Special+Olympics.htm.

Delaware Dance Company presents 25th annual performance of The Nutcracker

By ALLYSON HEISLER

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Newark-based Delaware Dance Company will hold special performances this weekend to mark its 25th year of performing Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker."

The shows will be held at John Dickinson High School on Milltown Road this Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and on Sunday at 7 p.m.

This year, the dance company's performance will include some new changes to the long-standing production, according to artistic director Sunshine Latshaw.

"Our performance has been a family tradition for many people in the community and we are very excited to unveil new costumes, choreography and sets for the 25th anniversary production," she said.

As part of the special event, DDC has extended a unique invitation to all dancers who have performed in the role of



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Delaware Dance Company performs Ballet Dolls Pas de Deux - Nutcracker Act 1 during a preview of this year's performance during the Mosaic's Masquerade Gala in November. Pictured are Hunter Raysor (left) and Julianne Borden (right).

Clara in past performances of the traditional Christmas ballet. All Nutcracker alumni are invited to the performance and will be recognized at the curtain call with a special bow and presentation.

Over 100 local performers

and several guest artists will be performing as a part of this weekend's performances. Kelly Weber will play the role of Clara this year. From the Pennsylvania Ballet, Max Baud and Andre Vyopotov will reprise their roles from 2007

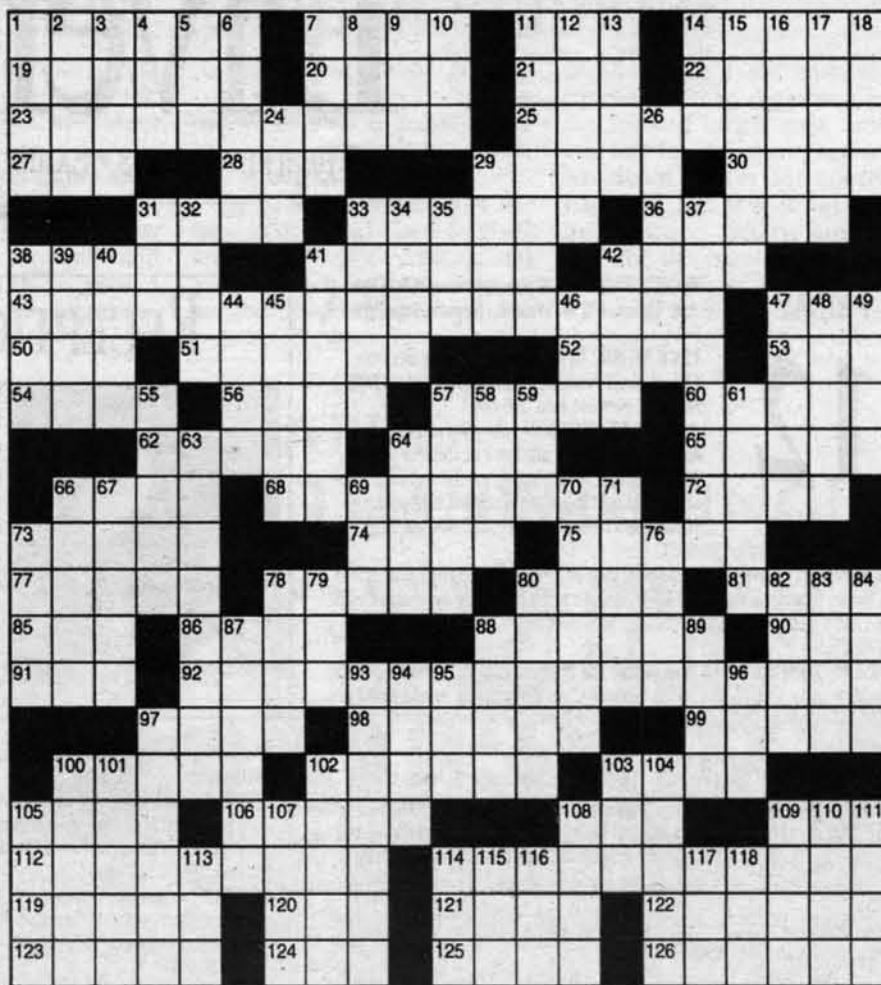
as Cavalier and the Nutcracker Prince, respectively. Dancers Anna Courter and Alex Rodriguez of the Urban Ballet Theatre in New York also will join the cast as the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Snow King. Local talent Avery McGee, who has previously played Clara, will make her debut this year as the Snow Queen.

In addition to the performances this weekend, the dance company also will hold "The Sugar Plum Tea" in the cafeteria of John Dickinson High School at noon on Saturday. Guests will have the opportunity to meet the actors and enjoy tastes from the Land of Sweets. Tea tickets cost \$10.

Tickets to the show are priced from \$13 to \$30, depending on seating location. They can be purchased up until Friday afternoon at DDC's box office, which can be reached at 738-2023. Tickets also will be sold prior to each show outside of the John Dickinson Theater.

For further information, please visit www.delaware-dance.org.

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7 Belfry sound
11 Poetic monogram
14 Little rascal
19 Bunch of ballplayers
20 Fairy-tale fiend
21 Spring mo.
22 Forbidden
23 Start of a remark by 114 Across
25 Teddy-bear president
27 Tut's relative
28 Ganesh or Hanuman
29 That's the spirit
30 Building wings
31 Level
33 Actress Welch
36 With 51 Across, "Wuthering Heights" author
38 Face lift?
41 Anchored
42 Hot spot?
43 Part 2 of remark
47 Aries animal
50 Important numero
51 See 36 Across
- 52 "— look at me!"
53 Distinctive period
54 Irving character
56 Hotels
57 Prepare the Parmesan
60 Toil
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64 Trim a photo
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66 Vittle statistics?
68 He's got plans for you
72 Skilled
73 Pick-me-up
74 Sheet of stamps
75 Big name in kids' music
77 TV's "Starsky and —"
78 Get on
80 Cougar
81 Viscount's superior
85 Put into service
86 Partially open
88 "Summer —" (72 hit)
90 Mauna —
91 Augsburg article
92 End of remark
97 Wise guy?
98 Bother
- 99 Like Hawaiian shirts
100 Wails
102 Vicar's assistant
103 Bend
105 Saucy
106 It gets squirreled away
108 Beastly place?
109 Jacket info
112 Gardener's friend
114 Speaker of remark
119 "— Gay"
120 Khan opener?
121 Kind of roast
122 He's left holding the bag
123 Enticed
124 Pewter base
125 Cunning
126 Layers
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2 Body-builder's pride
3 Need
4 Give it — (try)
5 Big —, CA
6 Reduce a risk
7 Little lake
- 8 "The — and I" (47 film)
9 Word with folk or fine
10 Tenor
11 Durham denizen
12 Bobbin
13 Cupid, in Corinth
14 Sault — Marie, MI
15 Collapse
16 Ring — (seem familiar)
17 Aquarium fish
18 Saucepans
24 Charged atom
26 Witty Wright
29 Spiritual guide
31 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
32 Do or die?
33 Takes a break
34 Exercise aftermath
35 Status —
37 Diner fare
38 Self-important
39 Blabby bird
40 Borodin's "Prince —"
41 Sermon subject
42 Woodwind instrument
- 44 The Furies, e.g.
45 Toyota competitor
46 Banned pesticide
47 Defy a dictator
48 Faced the day
49 Stallion's sweetheart
55 Lose control
57 Pulverize
58 Learning method
59 Mimic
61 Activist Hoffman
63 15th president
64 Burn a bit
66 Animal that roared?
67 Log
69 Pocket protector?
70 Altar vessels
71 He keeps lions in line
73 Heavy blow
76 Disconcert
78 Bete noire
79 Nev. neighbor
80 Novel language?
82 Baseball family name
83 Crucifix
84 Tramp's tootsie
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88 Gravy vessel
89 Finish the lawn
93 "The Avengers" actress
94 Knitter's need
95 Monk's title
96 Wicked stuff?
97 Pay up
100 Reeves of "The Matrix"
101 Mistake
102 It's walked at Windsor
103 Watch pocket
104 Crochet units
105 Rind
107 Winter wear
108 Off-the-wall
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110 "Players" actor
111 Gumbo veggie
113 Possessed
114 North Pole worker
115 Milne creature
116 Cowboy Tom
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118 "I'm freezing!"



Most seniors ask for visits

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- Picture/coffee table books that they can view and share with other residents and visitors;
- A magnifying glass to help with small print items;
- A small, portable radio so they can listen to a favorite station or the local news;
- Bring anecdotes, stories or cartoons clipped from newspapers or magazines to make them laugh or smile;
- Stamped stationery or note cards to keep in touch with friends;
- A padded, sheepskin cover for their wheelchair or bed to make life a little more comfortable;
- Share photographs of your family, your vacation, your house or garden. Ask children to draw a picture or write a story especially for your loved one and bring this as a surprise;

• Bring and send cards and decorations on special holidays to brighten their room.

Of course, most seniors want visitor and company during the holidays. They want to feel included and loved. Many of the seniors I

spoke with said the best way to do that is to spend time with them. Most agreed they did not need more "stuff" but rather the enjoyment of being with family and catching up on all the simple pleasures of our lives.

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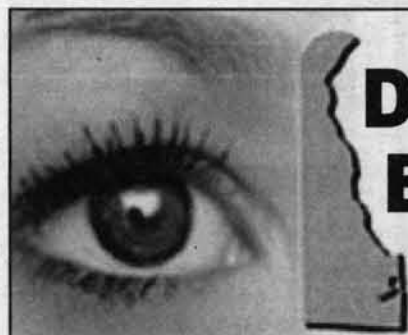
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DANCE PARTY 9:30 p.m. Awesome 80's. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

LIVE MUSIC 10 p.m. Featuring bluegrass with Chapel Street Junction. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 266-6993.

ARTIST RECEPTION 5:30 - 8 p.m. Featuring nationally acclaimed illustrator of children's books, Alexi Natchev. Book signing, exhibit and sale of original paintings from several of his books. Hardcastle's Newark Gallery, 622 Newark Shopping Center, Newark. Info, 738-5003.

BROWN BAG CONCERT 12:15 p.m. Featuring the Concord High School Chorale, Madrigals and Brass Choir. Bring a lunch and enjoy the music. Coffee, tea and punch provided. Free. Grace Episcopal Church, Wilmington. Info, 478-9533.

SINGLES MINGLE 8 p.m. Professional and Business Singles Network sponsors holiday dance party. \$17. DuPont Country Club, Wilmington. Info, 1-888-348-5544.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

LOIS YOUNG SHOW 10:30 a.m. "Holiday Cheer and Rockin' Reindeer."

Life-size puppets, Christmas songs and audience participation. Kids bring their favorite teddy bear or doll and wear a Santa hat, reindeer antlers or a sugar plum fairy costume. \$7. New Century Club, 201 E. Delaware Ave., Newark. Info, 456-9227.

LIVE MUSIC 9:30 p.m. Featuring Mad Sweet Pangs. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

LIVE MUSIC 10 p.m. Featuring bluegrass with Sin City. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 266-6993.

BAZAAR & BAKE SALE 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Crafts, jewelry, white elephant gifts, and holiday candies and cookies. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 10 Johnson Road, Newark. Info, 737-6176.

VISIT WITH SANTA Noon - 2 p.m. Free prizes for kids 13 and younger, refreshments, arts and crafts and pictures with Santa. \$5 suggested donation, reservations required. Christiana Dental Spa, 4133 Ogletown-Stanton Road, Newark. Info, 224-5410.

ART CLASS 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. "Innovative collage" taught by Malissa Reese, for ages 14 to adult. \$60. Newark Arts Alliance, 276 E. Main St., Suite 102, Newark. Info, 266-7266.

CONCERT 7 p.m. Holiday Brass Concert featuring the Chesapeake Brass

RECEPTION PARTY



Opening reception party for Newark's own Alexi Natchev, a nationally acclaimed illustrator of children's books, at Hardcastle's Newark Gallery, 622 Newark Shopping Center on Dec. 12, 5:30 - 8 p.m. Featuring a book signing, exhibit and sale of original paintings from several of his illustrated books. Exhibit and sale continue through Dec. 31.

Band. \$10 free with offering. Grace Episcopal Church, 4900 Concord Pike, Wilmington.

BUS TRIP & CONCERT 8 a.m. Newark Parks & Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Army Band Holiday Concert. \$40. Newark residents \$35. Bus departs from City Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Road, Newark. Info, 366-7060.

THEATRE 2 p.m. Also Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. The Anna Marie Dance Studio presents "The Nutcracker." Adults \$20. Senior citizens and children 12 and younger \$15. Archmere Academy Theatre, 3600 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. Info, 475-3949.

BABYSITTING SERVICE 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Parents may bring children ages 5 - 11 for "Christmas ADVENT-ure" while they shop, with crafts, snacks and entertainment. Free. Community of Christ, 1205 Milltown Road, Wilmington. Info, 995-2447.

CHRISTMAS TEA 11:30 - 2 p.m. Two seatings available. Enjoy lunch and catch the Christmas spirit in a 250-year-old farm house. \$15. Sinking Springs Herb Farm Retreat, 843 Elk Forest Road, Elkton, Md. Info, 410-398-5566.

SUNDAY, DEC. 14

CONCERT 2 p.m. An assortment of holiday classics with the First State Ringers handbell choir. Free. Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave., Newark. Info, 731-7550.

CONCERT 3 p.m. Featuring the Brandywine Baroque with "Love in Arcadia, Duets and Trios," music by Handel, Corelli and Tellemann. \$22. Students \$10. The Barn at Flintwoods, Wilmington. Info, 594-1100.

BRUNCH SERIES 10:15 a.m. Insurance Commissioner Matt Denn will speak about insurance fraud. \$12, includes brunch. Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington. Info, 654-4462.

MONDAY, DEC. 15

DRAMATIC PRESENTATION Noon. Dr. Jan Seitz, University of Delaware, College of Agriculture, will portray in period costume and narration, the life of Annie Sullivan, teacher of Helen Keller. Presentation will follow a Christmas Tea. Newark Century Club, Delaware Avenue and Haines Street, Newark. Info, 737-5831 for reservations.

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 6:30 p.m. The Central Delaware Civil War Round Table presents "Delaware Women in the Civil War" with Bobbi Steel. \$14, includes dinner. Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Ave., Dover. Info, 697-1050.

TUESDAY, DEC. 16

BUSINESS WORKSHOP 5:45 - 8:45 p.m. Score presents a Small Business Startup Series. "Effective Business Plan Writing Made Easy - Part I." (Part II - Dec. 23). \$70 for both. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 573-6552.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

SHOWTIME TRIVIA NIGHT Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

LIVE MUSIC 10 p.m. Featuring soulful jazz and blues with Bruce Anthony. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 266-6993.

FOLK DANCE 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. With Jenny Brown. \$4. Arden Gild Hall, 2406 Granby Road, Wilmington. Info, 478-7257.

THURSDAY, DEC. 18

MUG NIGHT 9:30 p.m. Featuring Kristen & The Noise. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

YOGA CLASSES 7:15 - 8:45 p.m. Restorative yoga and pranayama (breath awareness). \$15, advance registration required. The Awareness Center, 280 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 792-7230.

FRIDAY, DEC. 12

JAZZERCISE LITE 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Low impact, modified version for seniors. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY 1 p.m.

Second Fri. Continuing education to promote better way of life. New members welcome. New Castle County Cooperative Extension Office, 461 Wyoming Road. Info, 738-4419 or 831-1239.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. \$5 donation goes to missions. Life Community

Church, 750 Otis Chapel Road, Newark. Info, 738-1530.

JAZZERCISE 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Certified instructor Nadine Weisenbach. George Wilson Center, 303 New London Road, Newark. Info, 366-7060 or www.newarkjazz.net.

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SUNDAY, DEC. 14

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 1 - 2 p.m. Westminster House, 292 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 453-9075.

MONDAY, DEC. 15

DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7:15 p.m. New Directions Delaware sponsors support group for persons with depres-

sion or bipolar disorder. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2313 Concord Pike, Fairfax. Info, 286-1161.

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 9 p.m. Sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info, 654-6833.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Newark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 377-6746.

NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Timothy's, 100 Creek View Road, Newark. Info, 453-8853.

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S.

College Ave., Newark. Info, 368-2318.

ENGLISH CLASSES 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. English conversational classes. Free. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 368-8774 or esl-numeric@hotmail.com.

TAI CHI 3 - 4 p.m. Mon. (Advanced) or Wed., 4 - 5 p.m. (Beg/Intermediate). \$20 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.

TAI CHI 10 - 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mon. through Fri. \$70/month. Shaolin Martial Monks School, 181 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 373-2918.

JAZZERCISE LITE 9 - 10 a.m. Low impact, modified version for seniors. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.

JAZZERCISE 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Certified instructor Nadine Weisenbach. George Wilson Center, 303 New London Road, Newark. Info, 366-7060 or www.newarkjazz.net.

PILATES 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mon., 9 - 10 a.m. Tues., 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Wed., 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Thurs. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 737-2336.

STRENGTH TRAINING 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Mon., Wed. and Fri.; 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.

STRENGTH & FLEXIBILITY CLASS 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Mon. Wed., and Fri.; \$4 per session/\$50 for six weeks. First Presbyterian Church, 292 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 731-5644.

KUNG FU 6 - 7 p.m. and 7 - 8 p.m.

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Mon., Wed., and Fri. \$70/month. Shaolin Martial Monks School, 181 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 737-2918.
KUNG FU 6:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., and Fri.; 10 a.m. Sat. \$100/month, unlimited sessions. Shao Lin Tiger and Crane Kung Fu Academy, Market East Plaza, 280 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 737-4696.
PANIC RELIEF 7 p.m. Mon. and Wed. Phone workshop. Programs available. Overcome fears, anxiety and agoraphobia, and achieve positive self-image. Info, 732-940-9658.
DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Berea Presbyterian Church, 957 Old Lancaster Pike, Hockessin. Info, 737-7239.

TUESDAY, DEC. 16

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 6 - 7 p.m. Newcomers meeting follows at 7 p.m. Aletheia School, 91 Salem Church Road, Newark. Info, 824-6317.
CONSTITUENT BREAKFAST 7 - 8 a.m. Join state Rep. John Kowalko for coffee and conversation. Friendly's Restaurant, 1115 S. College Ave., Newark. Info, 577-8342.
NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. For men who like to sing. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 376-8934.
DIAMOND STATE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES 7:30 - 10 p.m. Women's acapella singing group. Curious and enthusiastic singers welcome. Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Road, Wilmington. Info, 731-5981.
PARKINSON'S STRENGTH TRAINING 10:30 a.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 737-2336.
OPEN SWIM 4:30 - 7 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. Gore Aquatic Center, Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 737-2336.
YOGA 2 - 3:30 p.m. Tues.; 9 - 10 a.m. Thurs. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 737-2336.
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STAMP GROUP 1 p.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.
NEWARK LIONS 6:30 p.m. Lions meeting with program. Deerfield Country Club, Thompson Station Road, Newark. Info, 731-1972.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL MEETING 9 a.m. The Delaware Clean Water Advisory Council will discuss current and proposed uses of non-federal administrative funds and wastewater planning grant requests. Del Tech and Community College, Stanton Campus, Conference Room A114, Newark. Info, 739-9902.
CONSTITUENT BREAKFAST 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. State Rep. Terry Schooley will attend to field questions and concerns. Eagle Diner, Elkton Road, Newark. Info, 577-8476.
OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Asbury United Methodist Church, 300 E. Basin Road, New Castle. Info, 610-444-5194.
BINGO 12:45 p.m. Lunch available for \$2.25 a platter at 11:45 a.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.
EVENING YOGA 5:30 - 7 and 7 - 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by Newark Parks & Rec. \$65. Newark resident \$55. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 366-7060.
JAZZERCISE LITE 9 - 10 a.m. Low impact, modified version for seniors. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.
JAZZERCISE 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Certified instructor Nadine Weisenbach. George Wilson Center, 303 New London Road, Newark. Info, 366-7060 or www.new-

arkjazz.net.
TAI CHI 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Free for people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.
DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support group meeting. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Road. Info, 737-2300.
GRIEF SHARE 7 p.m. Seminar and support group for those who have lost someone close to them. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info, 737-5040.
RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION GROUP 7 - 8:30 p.m. Current events and religious discussions led by the Rev. Bruce Gillette. Limestone Presbyterian Church, 2301 Limestone Road, Wilmington. Info, 994-5646.
AT HOME MOTHERS CONNECTION 7:30 p.m. Meeting for moms only. Unitarian Universalist Society, 579 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark. Info, 388-6469.
PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS 7 p.m. Orientation for the Wilmington chapter. Panera Bread, 3650 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington. Info, 998-3115.
CROHN'S AND COLITIS FOUNDATION 7:30 p.m. Wilmington Satellite Group. Christiana Hospital, Room 1100. Info, 478-9206.
C.H.A.D.D. 7:30 p.m. Parent/educator support group to aid people with attention disorders through education, advocacy and support. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 737-5063.
ADULTS WITH AD/HD SUPPORT GROUP 7:30 p.m. Newcomers meet at 7 p.m. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 737-5063.

THURSDAY, DEC. 18

YOGA 6:30 - 8 p.m. Mixed level, Iyengar style. Min. 3 months experience required. Drop-ins welcome. Awareness Center, 280 E. Main St., Suite 109, Newark. \$15/class. Info, 792-7230.
JAZZERCISE LITE 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Low Impact, modified version for seniors. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.
JAZZERCISE 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. and 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Certified instructor Nadine

Weisenbach. George Wilson Center, 303 New London Road, Newark. Info, 366-7060 or www.newarkjazz.net.
YOGA 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Free, pre-registration is required. For people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.
TAI CHI 4:15 p.m. Free for people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle County, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.
LET'S DANCE CLUB 4 - 6 p.m. Features ballroom and line dancing. Free. Meets at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 737-2336.
WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7 - 9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware for Newark area. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info, 654-6833.
NEWARK MORNING ROTARY 7

- 8:15 a.m. Meeting and breakfast. The Blue & Gold Club, Newark. Info, 738-9943.
BLUEGRASS/OLDTIME JAM 7:20 - 10 p.m. Any skill level welcome. Bring your own instrument. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info, 368-4644.
G.O.A.L. DINNERS 7 p.m. Going On After Loss sponsors dinners at various restaurants for widows and widowers. Call Carol at 368-8980.
MS COUPLES SUPPORT 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 994-4014.
BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP 7 p.m. A.I. duPont Hospital, 1600 Rockland Road, Wilmington. Info, 378-0375.
DIAMOND STATE CROCHETERS 6 p.m. Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Road, Wilmington. Info, 324-8585.

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open to the public.

The Newark United Methodist Church also will present Taize prayer services at 7 p.m. each Wednesday in December. "Advent Angels and Beyond," an advent study, will follow each Taize prayer service.

Christmas Eve services at Newark United Methodist will begin at 4 p.m. with a family candlelight service, followed by a SonSpirit service with candlelight at 7 p.m. Celebration candlelight services will begin at 9 p.m. with a candlelight and com-

munion service at 11 p.m.

For more information, please call the church office at 368-8774.

Christmas Eve services will be held Dec. 24 at the **White Clay Creek Church** on Polly Drummond Hill

Road. A children's service will begin the evening at 6 p.m., followed by a candlelight service at 9 p.m. and a candlelight and communion service at 11 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, please call the church at 737-2100.

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Three new officers approved

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out," City Councilman David Athey said after the vote.

The budget approved on Monday includes roughly four percent increase in the city property tax rate – equal to an additional 2.25 cents per \$100 of assessed value instead of the 12-cent increase originally proposed by city staff.

The difference means the average Newark homeowner can expect to pay an additional \$20 a year in property taxes, instead of the \$130 initially proposed.

"I think it speaks well that we are continuing to move forward with a minimal impact on taxpayers," Councilman Ezra Temko said.

Council was able to trim the proposed tax increase by reducing the police department's request for more officers from five to three, while drawing on an anticipated increase in electricity revenues.

This summer, council increased the city's electricity rates by 17.5 percent to cover the cost of rising wholesale prices.

Council members said this week that they anticipate reducing the city's electric rate next month, although not by the full amount of this summer's increase, resulting

in a 1.8 percent increase in the city's electricity revenue margin.

In addition, council is expected to generate additional revenue from a 15-percent increase in city water rates for in-town customers and a 30-percent increase for out-of-town customers, which will come up for a final vote sometime next year.

Increased revenue from the property tax hike included in the budget, as well as future adjustments to the city's electric and water rates, are expected to cover the cost of the three additional officers, as well as the implementation of curbside recycling, and rising costs associated with employee raises, pensions and healthcare.

The approved budget also funds a new \$25,000 utility hardship program that will assist low-income residents and seniors with their utility bills, two new police dispatch positions, a 3-percent salary increase for city employees and repair of sewer lines that cross the Christiana Creek.

"I think this budget actually accomplishes quite a lot," City Councilman Paul Pomeroy said. "This was truly a team effort and all (council members) are to be given credit for making difficult choices while facing a once-in-a-century worldwide fiscal

crisis."

While council was able to balance this year's budget without a major hike in property taxes or electric rates, several council members said the city would have to take a closer look at its long-term revenue streams to ensure fiscal stability in the future.

"The hard work of building a pathway toward long-term fiscal solvency for the City of Newark is what we still have on our plate," Pomeroy said. "This will be one of the most important tasks that we will have to face in 2009."

In the meantime, Police Chief Paul Tiernan said his department would begin the lengthy process of filling the three new officer positions, as well as two vacancies currently in the department.

"Council had some tough decisions to make to balance our needs with other departments while keeping taxes down," Tiernan said. "We're very happy that they were able to find the funds to support our department."

Tiernan said he hopes to have the five open positions in the department filled by March. However, he added, that it could take another year before the new hires have completed their training and can begin working at full capacity.

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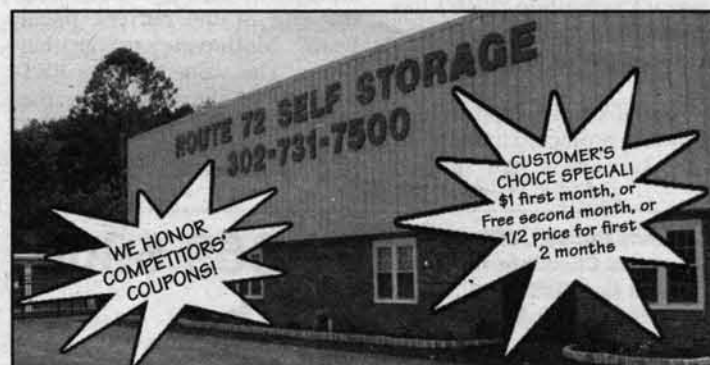
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Financial review committees remain in school districts

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District has managed to regain financial solvency."

In May 2006, the district posted a nearly \$14 million budget deficit, which resulted in the state legislature approving a \$20 million loan for Christina District with conditions that included the financial oversight.

Appointed by the state OMB director, Christina's Financial Recovery Team (FRC) controlled all aspects of the district's finances through fiscal year 2007. However, the district's Financial Review Committee (FRC) has expressed concern over the ongoing cost of the oversight team.

"The district's [state] loan balance is projected to increase to the tune of a half million

dollars to fund FRT compensation," FRC chairman Franck McIntosh reported in April 2007. "The district has no control, nor oversight of this expense. There is no end date to the involvement of the FRT. [The FRC] believes strongly that the district is capable of managing its affairs at this juncture."

McIntosh urged the school board to ask the state department of education to end the FRT's work in the district.

"It is our very strong belief that the school board seek relief from the oversight of this group at the earliest possible moment, but no later than the end of the current fiscal year," McIntosh said at that time. "The value that the FRT brought to the district in the early stages of this crisis was immense; however the cost of

their continued participation goes well beyond the value that the district will appreciate at this point in time."

The actual cost to the Christina School District for the state review team's compensation was ultimately placed at \$417,000. The FRT was removed from the district in 2007 and the district is on schedule to repay the state loan.

Also mandated by the state legislature, Christina's FRC, a group composed of community members and educators who serves without compensation, is a permanent requirement and reports monthly to the school board.

"I am pleased that through the vigilant work and management of our business office staff, our community-based Finance Review Committee

and our Board of Education, the Christina School District has proven to the taxpayers of our district that we are competent stewards of the Delaware tax dollars," Lowery stated. "Our entire district came together to put children at the forefront of every decision. Therefore, this news is a good news story for our students, faculty, staff and community. This demonstrates what school-community collaboration can accomplish."

In her letter to the state budget office, Woodruff wrote, "The Red Clay Consolidated School District through the successful efforts of the Financial Recovery Team and a strengthened Red Clay administrative team has within a year and a half satisfied the requirements for the release from state review as determined by Title 14, Chapter

18. Through the readjustment of resources and the passage of a successful referendum, Red Clay Consolidated School District has regained financial solvency."

The Red Clay Consolidated School District was placed on FRT review in May 2007 following the education department's concerns over its declining financial viability.

"Red Clay would like to thank Secretary Valerie Woodruff and the Financial Recovery Team for providing their expertise and support during a very difficult time," said Red Clay school superintendent Robert J. Andrzejewski. "We are very pleased that we were able to meet state goals for progress one year ahead of schedule."

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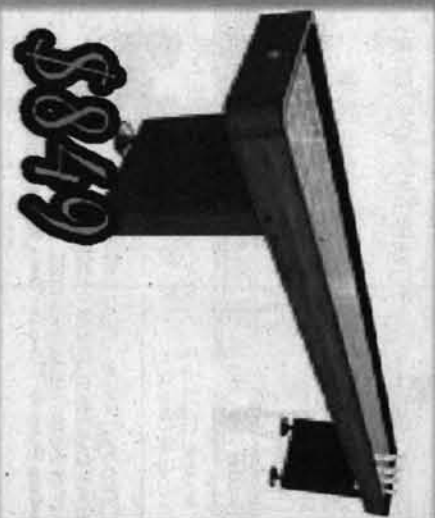
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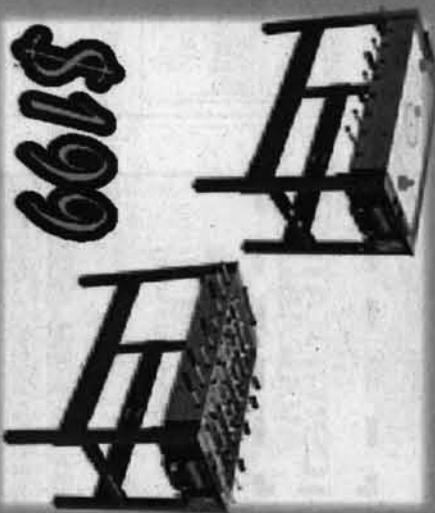
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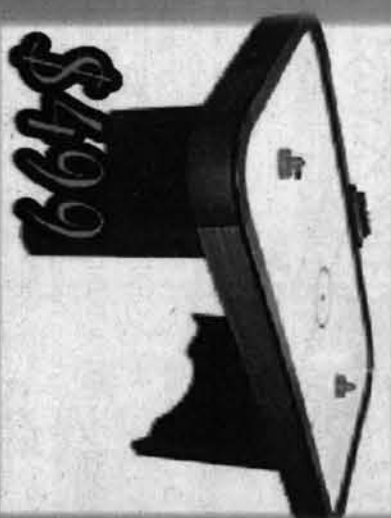
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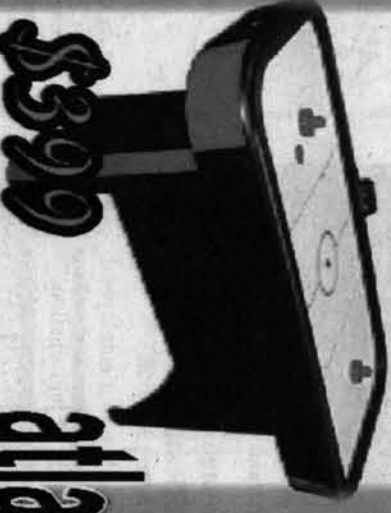
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Stephen C. Clark

Stephen C. Clark, 62, of Newark, formerly of the Bronx and Brooklyn, N.Y., died at home on Nov. 28.

Son of the late Helen and Harry Clark, he is survived by his wife of 39 years, Mary (Harten) Clark; his son Stephen P. Clark; daughters JoEllen Clark and Margaret Borror, and husband Mike; sister Kathleen, and her husband Gerry Rotondo; brothers-in-law Fr. Dennis Harten, James Harten, his wife Marilyn and their sons James, Michael, Joseph, and Dan Harten and his wife Noreen; and grandchildren Andrew, Eric and Chelsea Borror.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Dec. 5 at Resurrection Church in Wilmington. Burial was at All Saints Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center.

Donald Lewis Davis

Donald Lewis Davis, 76, of Newark, died at Christiana Hospital on Dec. 4.

Davis was born in Hagerstown, Md., on July 2, 1932, son of the late Claude S. Davis and Pauline V. Renner Davis.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, and in 1955, accepted a position in the accounting department of Avon Products, where he would continue to work until his retirement as a senior accountant in 1984.

Davis earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Wilmington College in 1972. As a licensed public accountant, he also was the principal of his own tax preparation firm for many years.

Active in the Masonic order, Davis joined Hiram Lodge No. 25, AF & AM in Newark on April 2, 1973. He served the Lodge for over 35 years as its treasurer and, upon relinquishing that office in 2008, was named treasurer emeritus of the Lodge. A life member of the Scottish Rite, he joined the Valley of Wilmington in April 1974 and served on the finance committee for many years. He also was a member of long standing in Delta Chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Masons and St. John's Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar. He joined the Nur Shrine in June 1974 and continued over the years to be a supportive Shrine Mason. In 1996, in recognition of his long years of service to Freemasonry, Davis received the prestigious Grand Lodge Award of Honor from the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

Davis was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church since 1955. A loyal University of Delaware football fan for over

50 years, he was a longtime member of both the Touchdown Club and the Blue & Gold Club. He was a lifetime supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, as well, earning Eagle Scout honors as a young man and volunteering with the BSA as an adult. For his many valuable contributions to the community, he was inducted into the Laurelwood Hall of Fame in Elkton, Md. earlier this year.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Nancy Lee Myers Davis; his children Keith Davis, and wife Mary Ann, of Elkton, Md.; Karen Davis of

Williamsport, Md.; Kathy Nice, and husband Jim, of Fairfax, Va.; and Krista Fleetwood, and husband Alan, of Newark; brother Richard Davis, and wife Carol, of West Chester, Pa.; grandchildren Dawn Loveless, and husband Eric, of Bear, Drew Davis of Bear, Alexander, Anna and Adam Fleetwood of Newark and Jason Nice of Fairfax, Va.; and great-grandson Derek Loveless of Bear.

A funeral service was held on Dec. 10 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Newark. Interment was at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

Contributions may be made to the Masonic Home of Delaware, 4800 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807; or to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 701 S. College Ave., Newark, DE 19713.

Shirley June Hollins

Shirley June Hollins, 64, of Newark and Cabin John, Md., died suddenly at her home on Dec. 4.

She was born in S. Briavels, England, was raised in Tutshill, Gwent, Wales and emigrated to Ottawa, Canada in 1969 with her

husband Michael.

She worked at the Canadian House of Parliament for several MPs. In 1978, Hollins and her husband moved to Newark where she was an editor for the International Reading Association.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Michael Hollins, and family members in the United States, Canada and Britain, including her mother-in-law, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.


A celebration of Hollins' life

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was held on Dec. 10 at R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home in Newark.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Helen Graham Cancer Center or the American Cancer Society c/o the funeral home.

Louise E. Johnson

Louise E. Johnson, 84, of Newark, died on Nov. 29.

She was preceded in death by her husband Theodore D. Johnson. She is survived by her daughter Judy Johnson; grandsons Robert Hines Sr., William Hines and Shawn Hines; eight great-grandchildren; a brother and a sister.

A graveside service was held on Dec. 9 at Gracelawn Memorial Park in New Castle.

James W. Lare

James W. Lare, 71, of Newark, formerly of Princeton, W.Va., died suddenly on Dec. 5.

Born in Greenwood on Oct. 5, 1937, Lare was the son of the late Paul Lare and Mildred Jones Lare.

He had been employed with Johnson Controls in Middletown for 20 years, before retiring

from the shipping department in 1986.

He was a longtime member of Kee Street United Methodist Church in Princeton. He also was a talented designer and builder.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Joyce A. Compton Lare; siblings Martha, Margaret, Mildred, Alice, Jenny, Harry and Donald, all of Milford; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Kathy and brother Bobby.

A memorial service was held on Dec. 10 at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in Newark.

Contributions can be made to Kee Street United Methodist Church, 311 Kee St., Princeton, WV 24740-3507.

Gladys M. Machulski

Gladys M. (Coyle) Machulski, 82, died on Dec. 6 in Landenberg, Pa.

Machulski was born on Dec. 17, 1925, to the late Harry and Estelle Coyle.

She was raised and resided in Newark. She was a member of VFW Post 475 ladies auxiliary and volunteered countless hours.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Rhonda and John Brown with whom she resided;

her grandsons Jason, and his wife Meredith, of Elkton, Md., Donovan, and his wife Leanne, of Newark and Adam Brown, and his

companion Susan Moon, of Point Arena, Calif. and her great-grandchildren Isabella, Elijah and Phoenix; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Walter, who passed away in 1995; her sister Florence Sterlicchi, and her husband Guy; her brothers Charles Coyle, Alfred Coyle, and his wife Louise, and Joseph Coyle.

A funeral service was held on Dec. 10 at R. T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home in Newark. Burial followed at St. Johns Cemetery in Newark. Contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

Lillian May Mazanek

Lillian May (Smith) Mazanek, 91, of Newark, died on Nov. 20.



Machulski

Mazanek was the wife of the late Edward S. Mazanek Sr. She is survived by her children Edward S. Mazanek Jr., and his wife Lorrie, Michael Mazanek, and his wife Marie, Kenneth Mazanek, Steven Mazanek, and his wife Marilyn, and Kathy Phoenix; grandchildren Elise, Jason, Michael, Mark, Jeremy, Deborah and Michelle; great-grandchildren Lillian and Dawson; and brother Arthur Smith. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Dec. 6 at the family owned Evans Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services. Interment was at Moreland Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to agencies that help Parkinson's or Alzheimer's patients; or to Compassionate Care Hospice 702-B Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington DE 19805.

Michael Monaco Jr.

Michael Monaco Jr., 87, of Newark, died on Nov. 30, at the Delaware Veterans Home in Milford, Del.

Monaco was born in south Philadelphia on Sept. 7, 1921, son of the late Michael Monaco

Sr. and Mary Wilt Monaco.

He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a survivor of the Normandy Invasion. An electrician by profession, he was employed with Boeing Vertol for 35 years until his retirement.

Monaco was a longtime member of J. Allison O'Daniel VFW Post 475 in Newark.

He was preceded in death by his wife Anna G. Sicorsky Monaco. He is survived by his children Michael Monaco Sr., and his wife Kathy, of Newark; Virginia Heffner, and her husband Jerry, of Hatfield, Pa.; and Candace Kupchinski, and husband Mike, of New Castle; sister Mary Nicholls of Stratford, N.J.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held on Dec. 5 at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in New Castle. Interment followed at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

Lillie M. Priester

Lillie M. Priester, 75, of Newark, died Dec. 2. A funeral service was held at Star of Bethlehem Methodist Church in Newport. Burial was at Gracelawn Memorial Park.

■ Additional local obituaries are posted each week on the Newark Post Web site. Obituaries of the following persons will be posted on the web this week:

Stephen C. Clark
Donald Lewis Davis
Shirley June Hollins
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Future use of Chrysler site could impact city finances

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session, the board reviewed the status of the talks with Chrysler, including the university's evaluation and appraisals of the land.

The resolution noted that the 270-acre property, which bounded on the east by South College Avenue and on the north by the Amtrak rail lines, would form a natural gateway to the university campus.

Cosgrove said that beyond being a valuable addition to the university's main campus,

the purchase of the Chrysler property could have significant value to the state as the site of strategic partnerships for economic growth.

University President Patrick T. Harker has said he would like to see at least a portion of the property used for a technology-focused business park that hosts companies capable of working hand-in-hand with the environmental technology and scientific research programs being pursued at the university.

"The (Base Realignment and Closure) expansion of the

Aberdeen Proving Ground (in Maryland) is just around the corner and with us being the closest research center for environmental technology, there's an opportunity for a nice, natural relationship with companies that spin-off from the university," Harker said in September. "Whether we directly own (the property) or not, our desire is to attract leading organizations that can bring jobs to the city and provide us with student internship opportunities."

In addition to a possible technology-focused business park, the university has just released a strategic plan for its athletics and recreation programs that calls a new recreation center.

Also, in recent months, university officials have discussed the need for additional scientific research facilities, student housing, academic buildings and graduate programs.

Chrysler announced in October that the Newark assembly plant would shut down in 2009. The car company had hoped to announce a buyer of the property the same month, however according to sources with knowledge of the overtures from potential buyers, the top two suitors have since withdrawn their offers.

Given the nature of the economy, it's not a stretch to think that other players in the bidding for the site now has less access to capital than UD potentially has," said Newark City Councilman Paul Pomeroy, who is part of the city's three-man liaison team with Mayor Vance Funk and City Planning and Development Director Roy Lopata. "It would certainly be in UD's best interests to seek to acquire such a valuable asset, and I'm encouraged by reports that they envision the site as one can that not only boost the

stature of the University but also strengthen the economy for both Newark and the state."

The university's purchase of the site – which officials have warned is far from a done deal – could have negative consequences for the city's finances, however.

Because of the university's tax exempt status, the city could miss out on a one-time \$1 million cash infusion from its property transfer tax, as well as the reoccurring \$300,000 a year in property taxes currently paid by Chrysler.

City officials noted that the university could develop a portion of the property into a use that does generate property tax revenue, although that economic impact could potentially be years away.

On a potentially positive note, university officials have indicated they would be willing to purchase electricity for the Chrysler site from Newark.

The university currently contributes a hefty portion of the city's \$14 million annual revenue from electricity sales. Yet the Chrysler site is not one of the city's customers under a special arrangement established when the property was first annexed into town 56 years ago.

Pomeroy said the city's liaison team has already broached the subject of supplying electricity to whatever project is ultimately developed on the Chrysler site.

"UD seems very open to such a consideration," he said.

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UD unveils athletic plan

New and improved facilities, competitive commitment and increased opportunities for recreational activities are among goals set forth in a new strategic plan announced by the University of Delaware's Division of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation Services.

The plan was drafted as part of the University of Delaware's Path to Prominence, and it will guide the future of varsity sports and recreational programs. Like the University's strategic plan, many ideas were explored and UD will continue to stage initiatives judiciously and focus on facing current challenges in light of the economic environment.

"Despite the current worldwide economic stress that is impacting the U.S., state and University community, we remain committed to our overall strategic plan as well as this plan for athletics and recreation services. Given the uncertain economic times some of our goals may take longer to achieve than we had hoped," stated UD president Patrick Harker.

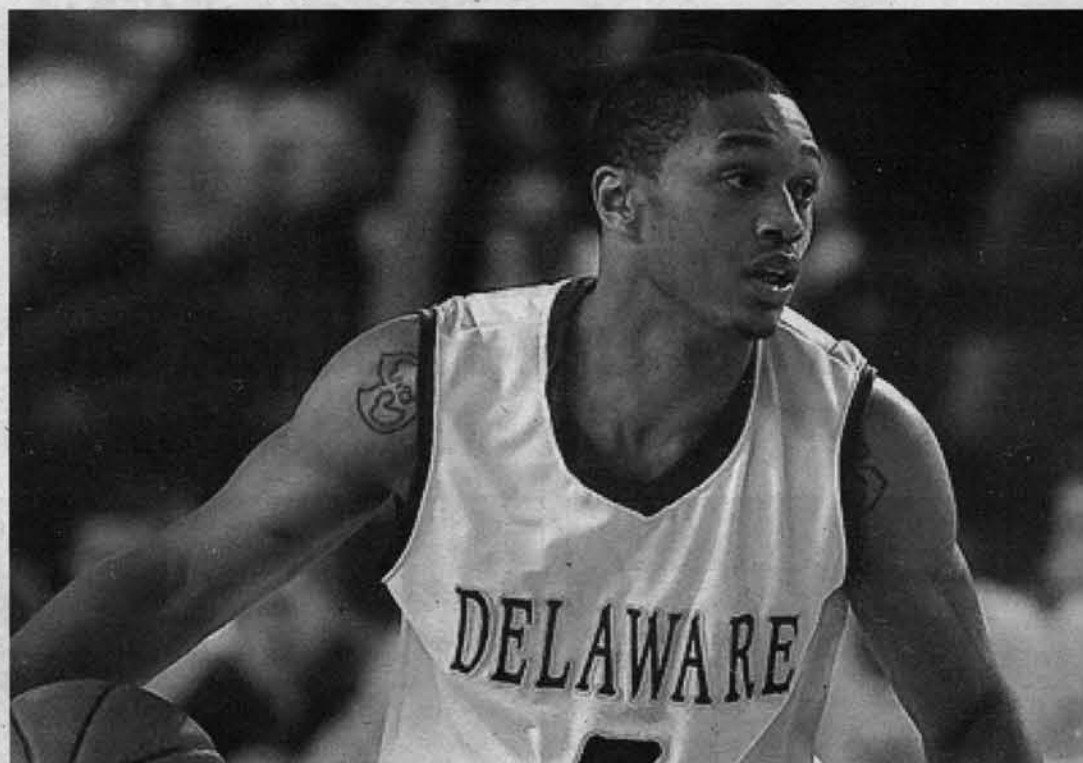
In addition, Harker stressed the need for donor support to fund many of the athletics and recreation services' projects in the future.

"The key priorities set forth in this plan are to increase opportunities for participation for all students in club sports, intramurals, fitness, and open recreation programs; to ensure the competitiveness of varsity sports; to promote and support the welfare of student-athletes; and to comply with Title IX, a federal mandate that calls for equal opportunities for men and women," according to director of athletics Edgar Johnson.

The plan calls for improved recreational facilities, noting that Carpenter Sports Building, first constructed in 1943 and most recently renovated in 2000, cannot meet the space demands of its various users. It recommends a new recreation center equipped with a state-of-the-art aquatics center.

UD will seek to enhance recreation and athletic facilities, to support the academic

CARTER HELPS HENS TO VICTORY



Jawan Carter scored 21 of his 23 points in the second half to lead the Hens to victory Tuesday.

Win over Hampton snaps skid

Blue Hen sophomore guard Jawan Carter scored all but two of his game-high 23 points in the second half to lead the University of Delaware men's basketball team to a 75-66 victory over Hampton Tuesday night at the HU Convocation Center.

Alphonso Dawson added 21 points for the Blue Hens, who snapped a four-game losing streak while improving to 3-6 on the season. Brian Johnson had 14 points and six assists for Delaware, while Marc Egerson contributed 10 points and Jim Ledsome grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds.

Christopher Tolson scored a team-high 18 points for the Pirates, who dropped to 5-4 on the season and had their two-game winning streak stopped. Vincent Simpson contributed 15 points while Michael Freeman added 12 for Hampton, which lost for just the third time in its last 15 home games.

Delaware took a 32-27 half-time lead on the strength of 12 first half points by Dawson, and after the Blue Hens extended their advantage to 38-31, Carter converted a three-point play and on the next possession drained a three-pointer to put UD ahead 44-31 with 15:57

remaining.

George DeGroat answered with a basket for Hampton but Carter hit another three-pointer, and after another DeGroat bucket, Carter again connected from long range to make it a 50-35 game with 13:34 to play.

Delaware was still up 52-37, but Hampton scored seven consecutive points to pull within 52-44 with 9:25 left on a Simpson three-pointer. However the Blue Hens exploded for 10 straight points to take largest lead of game at 62-44 with 6:20 remaining. Dawson ignited the spurt with a jumper, and after two Johnson free throws, Ledsome scored on a tip-in. Johnson then scored on a fast break, and Ledsome concluded the run with an all-oop dunk off a Carter feed.

Simpson scored eight consecutive points for the Pirates to pull Hampton within 62-52 with five minutes to play, and after Johnson scored in transition for Delaware, Smalling hit one free throw and Tolson nailed a three-pointer to make it a 64-56 game at the 3:50 mark. But Carter hit two free throws, and after a Simpson basket, Carter drained his fourth three-pointer of half and added two

free throws to make it 71-58 with 1:48 remaining.

"We beat a very good team tonight at a time when we really needed a win," third year Delaware head coach Monté Ross said. "We got the same looks in the first half that we got in the second, we just knocked them down in the second half. Our defensive effort was outstanding; the last two games our defense has really carried us. If we play that type of defense, we have a chance to be pretty good."

Delaware took an early 11-6 advantage five minutes into the game, but Hampton answered with eight consecutive points to go ahead 14-11 at the 10:04 mark. The Blue Hens regained the lead and were up just 23-22, but UD scored eight consecutive points to take a 31-22 advantage on a three-pointer by Dawson with 2:13 on the clock. However Hampton closed the half on a 5-1 run, with all of the points coming from Freeman, to close within five at the break.

Ledsome added seven points, Dawson grabbed eight rebounds, and Egerson had seven rebounds for Delaware, which shot 45.5 percent from the field. UD,

NHS boys set goals high

In his first season as head coach of the Newark High School boy's swim team, Brian Polaski led them to a 10-3 record and second-place finish in the Blue Hen Conference Flight A division. This year he hopes to have the Yellowjackets near the top of the standings again.

"The boys have set the goals of being in the top 3 in both the Blue Hen Conference and at the state meet," he said.

Four seniors—Sam Crawford, Ben Hitchcock, Kyle Fagan, and Chris Johnson—return to anchor a strong team that finished third at last year's state meet. Crawford (breaststroke) and Hitchcock (backstroke) were members of the team's 200 medley relay that finished first at the state meet.

"We are looking forward to an outstanding season in which we will work hard, jell as a team and continue the proud and distinguished tradition that is Newark boy's swimming and diving," Polaski said.

Hodgson girl's look to defend title

The Hodgson girl's basketball team enters the 2008/09 season hoping to successfully defend its Blue Hen Conference Flight B title and make a return trip to the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association Final Four.

"Expectations are high," fifth-year coach Chris Jones said when asked about the upcoming season.

The Silver Eagles return four key players from last year's team that went 20-6 and was undefeated (14-0) in conference play. Seniors Sirona Chambers (guard), Ericka Furrow (guard/forward), and Asha Jones (guard) all have varsity playing experience. Junior Tiffany Anderson (forward/center) also saw plenty of playing time last season and will start in the frontcourt for the Silver Eagles.

"We hope to be competitive and make the field of 24 at state tournament time," Jones said. "To do so, we must work very hard everyday to be successful and improve in every facet of the game."

See **ATHLETICS, 23** ►

Plan includes study to build new football stadium

► ATHLETICS, from 22

success of student-athletes and fair play, to establish national recognition for the quality of varsity sports programs, and to ensure varsity teams achieve competitive balance by consistently ranking in the top one-third of the Colonial Athletic Association and routinely competing for conference championships. In addition, UD will create an aggressive athletics development plan and corresponding staffing plan to secure the funds necessary for fiscal stability.

The plan speaks to the rich tradition of success of University of Delaware athletics, a tradition marked by the marriage of highly competitive varsity sports with a commitment to rigorous academics — what retired College Hall of Fame football coach Harold R.

(Tubby) Raymond called “athletics.” Attracting quality student-athletes and helping them achieve academic excellence will remain a key goal of the Blue Hen athletics program.

Recruiting is the “life’s blood” of any NCAA Division I athletics program, the plan notes, adding that modern athletic and academic support facilities are required to attract the very best student-athletes. It encourages the University to give “the highest priority” to meeting basic needs — increased and improved locker rooms, weight rooms, practice facilities, training rooms, academic support area, office space, basketball practice gym and softball field upgrades.

A key objective for student-athlete advancement and welfare includes the construction of a student-athlete performance center. This facility will be the centerpiece of the south

athletic campus that will serve all University student-athletes, both academically and athletically. The first phase of this new facility will include a state of the art academic support center, student lounge, sports medicine area, strength and conditioning facilities, plus a new University of Delaware Hall of Fame Showcase. The

second phase will include support and athletic training rooms, as well as facilities for men’s and women’s basketball and volleyball.

In addition, studies into the need to construct a new football and multi-purpose stadium and also a larger basketball arena on the south campus will be conducted. Short- to mid-range

plans call for a new basketball practice facility, renovations to the football locker area, artificial turf for Delaware Stadium, additional offices for coaches and staff, an indoor artificial turf practice facility, artificial turf for the baseball diamond at Bob Hannah Stadium and a press box for the Mini-Stadium.



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Visit Santa at the Christiana Dental Spa

Christiana Dental Spa and Christiana Family Dental Care invite children to visit with Santa for pictures and other fun activities on Dec. 13 from noon to 2 p.m. There will be free prizes for kids 13 and younger, light refreshments, arts and crafts, a drawing contest and free helium balloons while supplies last. The Dental Spa is located at 4133 Ogletown-Stanton Road. Reservations are required and

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Local residents graduate from basic

Air Force Airman Anton E. Chuidian has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Cindy and Alfonso Chuidian of Newark, and a 2007 graduate of Newark High School.

Air Force Airman Lamar A. Martin has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Alice Martin of Newark.

Air National Guard Senior Airman David O. Mulrooney has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S.C. He is the son of Charlotte Eggink of Newark. Mulrooney is a 2008 graduate of Newark High School.

Newark woman inducted into National Honor Society

Alyssa Pietrobono, of Newark, was inducted into the Old Dominion University chapter of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society on Nov. 8. Pietrobono has maintained a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 after her freshman year and was a finalist in the selection of the student representative on the prestigious Board of Visitors for ODU. She is enrolled in the Honors College

double majoring in accounting and finance with a minor in statistics. She also plays varsity women's soccer. She is the daughter of John and Karen Pietrobono.

Local students earn degrees

Thomas Euston and Kenneth Andrews, both of Newark, have each earned a bachelor's degree in human services at Springfield College. Offering 40 undergraduate and 15 graduate major areas of study, the college serves more than 5,000 students at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at regional campuses of its

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Lisa Michele Reale, of Newark was among 140 Bluefield College seniors to accept a diploma during the school's 17th annual Winter Commencement held on Dec. 13. Reale also was one of four outstanding students who recently honored for academic achievement, leadership and service learning during the 19th annual Virginia College Fund Scholars Seminar. She was recognized as a 2008-2009 Beazley and Virginia Collegium Scholar.



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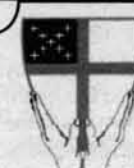
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CITY REPORTS

The following is an abridged listing of weekly reports from Newark city government. The full report for the week ending on Dec. 5 is available at www.cityofnewarkde.us/index.asp?NID=580.

The city building department found 3 Beagle Club Way renting without a rental permit and issued a violation notice to correct the problem within 10 days, according to city staff.

City park officials are reviewing Newark's parkland and open space inventory in advance of a possible staff proposal for a new parkland zoning designation in the city code.

The city attorney and parks staff are working on a maintenance agreement with DART regarding the portions of the Pomeroy Trail that pass through the new state Transit Hub.

The James F. Hall Trail connector in Phillips Park is now open for public use.

More than 200 people enjoyed the 22nd Thanksgiving Day breakfast at the George Wilson Center provided by the hard work of 30 volunteers who helped to prepare and serve the meal.

City parks and recreation staff are looking at the potential funding costs of a possible 21,300-square-foot addition to the existing 5,100-square-foot George Wilson Center.

Parks superintendent Tom Zaleski worked with Boy Scout Troop 255 and their parents

to plant 800 daffodil bulbs along the James F. Hall trail.

Eagle Scout candidate Neeraj Vijay recently completed a project at Redd Park that entailed the design and construction of a small footbridge and a set of steps along a trail in the southwest section of the park.

Newark Police Chief Paul Tieman and Cpl. Gerald Bryda spoke at the Newark Evening Rotary Club meeting on Dec. 1 about the initiatives the department has undertaken in the past year and some of the community programs the department sponsors.

Police officials and the city manager's officer conducted 22 interviews for the two police officer vacancies in the department. Another 13 will be interviewed this week.

The city concluded its United Way pledge drive for 2009, with city employees promising to contribute \$4,431 to the organization next year.

After paying the group insurance premiums for December, the city has now exceeded \$3 million in premium costs during a single year for the first time. These premiums include health, dental, life and long-term disability insurance. After subtracting retiree and employee contributions, the net cost for these benefit programs was \$2,769,957.

The Curtis Paper Mill site Brownfields Voluntary Cleanup Program Agreement was submitted for approval by the state depart-

ment of natural resources and environmental control. If the document is approved the city would be able to submit investigative and remedial clean-up costs for reimbursement by the state.

The city manager's office completed and forwarded Newark's infrastructure projects' funding request to the League of Local Governments' Executive Director George Wright for submission to the incoming national administration. The same will be presented to the city's local area legislators for their consideration.

The Downtown Newark Partnership holiday shopping commercial was posted to the city's Web site and is running on Channel 22 twice a day.

The city received a shipment of parking meter domes to replace discolored domes throughout the city. The new domes will be installed soon.

The Planning Commission on Dec. 2 reviewed and recommended against amending the Zoning Code regarding "For Rent" signs in residential districts.

City officials attended a seminar regarding state revolving fund loans for the repair of pollution control projects in search of a funding option for the replacement of the sewer lines that cross the Christiana Creek. City officials also met with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency to discuss hazard mitigation funds as another option for the funding of the Sewer Line Creek Crossing Project.

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Downtown Newark Partnership gift certificates and a three-month individual or family membership to any YMCA in Delaware.

Drawings for gift certificates will take place on Dec. 18 and Feb. 5. A drawing for YMCA membership will be held on Jan. 15.

Downtown Newark Partnership gift certificates are redeemable at approximately 75 local businesses, while the

free YMCA membership is good for all seven locations in the state.

Readers are encouraged to enter as often as they like.

The Newark Post is located in the Pomeroy Station at 218-E. Main Street, Suite 109. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
Albert Paul Forline
Sonia Angela Forline
PETITIONER(S)
TO
Albert Forlini
Sonia Angela Forlini
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Albert Paul Forline and Sonia Angela Forline 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 name to Albert Forlini and Sonia Angela Forlini.
Albert Paul Forline
Sonia Angela Forline
Petitioners

Dated: Nov. 19, 2008
np 11/28,12/5,12

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
Margaret Niemann
Ellifritz
PETITIONER(S)
TO
Margaret Mary Niemann
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Margaret Niemann Ellifritz intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change her name to Margaret Mary Niemann.
Margaret Niemann
Ellifritz
Petitioner

Dated: 12/1/08
np 12/5,12,19

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
Timothy Earl Histen
PETITIONER(S)
TO
Timothy Earl Dukes-Histen
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Timothy Earl Histen 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 Timothy Earl Dukes-Histen.
Timothy Earl Histen
Petitioner

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np 11/28,12/5,12

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CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the City of Newark, at its regular meeting held **December 8, 2008**, adopted the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 08-27 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map By Rezoning from RM (Multi-Family Dwellings - Garden Apartments) to BLR (Business Limited Residential) a .3513 Acre Property Located at the Southeast Corner of the Intersection of Choate and New Streets

Patricia M. Fogg, CMC
City Secretary

np 12/12

LEGAL NOTICE

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008 - 7:00 PM**

A Special Meeting of the City Council will be held on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008, at 7:00 pm**, in the Newark Municipal Building, 200 Elkton Road, at which time the City Council will discuss the proposed 2009 General Operating Budget.

Patricia M. Fogg, CMC
City Secretary

np 12/12

PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at a public auction on **1/13/09 at 1:00 p.m. at:**

**PS ORANGECO INC./PUBLIC STORAGE
3800 KIRKWOOD HWY.,
WILMINGTON, DE 19808
302-998-0125**

the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

3027 - Charles Davis - 20 bags, bed frame, box spring, mattress, 2 kitchen chairs, kitchen table

1101 - Turquoise Garcia - bed frame, box spring, mattress, 2 bicycles, 50 boxes, ironing board, toys

np 12/12, 19

LEGAL NOTICE

NEWARK WINGS, LLC t/a HOOTERS/FIREWATERS OF NEWARK, has on **December 5, 2008** applied with the Office of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner for a restaurant liquor license to include Sunday and a patio permit, for a premises located at Units 132 & 136 Astro Shopping Center, 2651 Kirkwood Highway, Newark, DE 19711.

Persons who are against this application should provide written notice of their objections to the Commissioner. For the Commissioner to be required to hold a hearing to consider additional input from persons against the application, the Commissioner must receive one or more documents containing a total of at least 10 signatures of residents or property owners located within 1 mile of the premises or in any incorporated areas located within 1 mile of the premises. The protest(s) must be filed with the Office of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner at the 3rd Floor, Carvel State Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The protest(s) must be received by the Commissioner's office on or before **January 5, 2009**. Failure to file such a protest may result in the Commissioner considering the application without further notice, input, or hearing. If anyone has questions regarding this matter please contact the Commissioner's office.

np 12/5, 12, 19

PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public sale, on **JANUARY 13, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.**, at **PS ORANGECO INC./PUBLIC STORAGE, 3801 Dupont Parkway, New Castle, DE 19720**, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

B423 - James Wallace - boxes, clothing, totes (2)
A269 - Melvin Ceaser - bicycle, tool box, totes (5)
E902 - Hubert Taylor - boxes, clothes
E1020 - Lamyra Boulware - vacuum, ice chest, stereo
D805 - Daniel Wright - ladder, lamps (2), clothing
B424 - Judy Brannock - chair, dryer, boxes (15)
B406 - Nathaniel Lolley - television, mattress, boxes
C510 - Tasha Freeman - bed frame, mattress, scooter
C520 - Tanisha Gibson - clothing, bed frame, toys
C609 - Charese Dempsey - fish tank, boxes (30), tool box
C636 - Eric Holmes - love seat, sofa, bags
C638 - Melissa Thurman - stereo, office chair, mattress
D701 - Kellie Young - fan, toys, bags (40)
D722 - Carl Williams - Ice chest, boxes (50), bags (25)
A116 - Danielle Vieyra - microwave, sofa, bed
A118 - Omar Martinez - sofa, boxes (10), television
A122 - Carol Quill - clothing, boxes (20)
A138 - Octavia Rosser - bags, bicycle, totes
A168 - Hezekiah Holmes - books, totes, bags
E924 - Cora Mills - bags (50), clothing, suitcase
E912 - James Bean - boxes, table, toolbox
C637 - Kandra Jackson - clothing, chair, household goods
E927 - Michelle Samuels - totes, stereo, clothes
A259 - Bonnie Beyer - bags, table, chairs
D816 - Monika Tatum - radio, boxes, bags
A216 - Kellie Wilber - clothing, mirrors
np 12/12, 19

LEGAL NOTICE

The following Sentinel Self Storage sites will be holding public auctions on **January 14, 2009**. All sales are cash only and final. A \$100 cash deposit is required to purchase a unit.

SENTINEL SELF STORAGE

200 First State Boulevard
Wilmington DE, 19804
302-999-0704

Public auction to be held on **January 14, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.** The following units will be auctioned:

#1105 - Karla A. Coleman - bed frame, mattress, 10 boxes, chest of drawers, couch, dresser, rug, 6 totes

#1206 - Kathleen Manuel - 3 boxes, rocking chair, 2 bean bag chairs, Christmas decorations

#1263 - Anthony L. Cheeks - 7 bags, 2 mattresses, 6 boxes, 2 entertainment centers, 2 lamps, 2 night tables, 3 totes, 2 TV's, 2 remote trucks.

#1337 - Rachel Flagg - 9 bags, mattresses, 15 boxes, dresser, 10 totes, toys, TV

#4109 - Walter L. Haywood, Jr. - mattress, 2 boxes, chair, couch, dresser, exercise equipment, love seat, 2 end tables, 2 TV's, weight bench, weights

#6179 - Michael S. Jackson - bed frame, box spring, mattress, 2 boxes, kitchen chair, fan, lamps, mirrors, speakers, table, TV

#6252 - Ida Mae Reeves - 7 bags, 5 boxes, Christmas tree

#6281 - Frances Chambers - A/C, 5 boxes, suitcase, rug, 16 totes, trophies

#9242 - Cynthia Hill Jones - 3 bags, 20 boxes, toys

#9277 - Carmen Guzman - 6 bags, 6 boxes, chest of drawers, 2 tool boxes, hutch, bowling ball

#9416 - Lawrence Spencer - 1 bag, suitcase, tool box, 4 totes, copier, Christmas tree

#9419 - Stephanie A. Royle - 2 boxes, monitor, suitcase, 1 tote, TV, baseball cards

SENTINEL SELF STORAGE

465 Pulaski Hwy.
New Castle, DE 19720
302-328-5810

A public auction will be held on **January 14, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.** The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned.

#3045 - Arricka Burruss - baby stroller, bags, bed, boxes, couch, dresser, entertainment center, love seat, table, toys, futon, TV, TV stand

#4175 - Randy Romine - boxes, microwave, stereo, speakers, totes

#4162 - Robert Porter - suitcase, vacuum, tennis racket, DVD's

SENTINEL SELF STORAGE

333 E. Lea Blvd.
Wilmington, DE 19802
302-764-6300

Public auction to be held on **January 14, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.** at the above address. All sales are cash only. All sales are final. The units to be auctioned are as follows:

#40 - Tabernacle Full Gospel Baptist Church - bags, boxes, filing cabinet, office chair, computer, couch, monitor, kitchen table

#51 - Kesonina Snead - air conditioner, boxes, clothing, microwave, totes, toys, TV

#56 - Renee Clayton - boxes, folding chair, speakers, grill, pillow

#104 - Beatrice Derrick - kitchen chair, pictures, kitchen table, trunk, trash can

#126 - Jade M. Lord - bags, bed, mattress, boxes, chest of drawers, pictures, ironing board, stereo, TV, printer

#171 - Sharmina Ellis - bags, filing cabinet, totes, boxes

#221 - Sheena Mable - air conditioner, bed, headboard, mattress, totes, TV, kitchen chair, freezer, refrigerator, coffee table

#222 - Kesonina Snead - boxes, chest of drawers, clothing, computer, totes

#232 - Ian Buterbaugh - bags, boxes, filing cabinet, shelving, speakers, stereo, suitcase, kitchen table, printer, golf clubs

#275 - Robert Truesdale - bags, ice chest, suitcase, totes, bats

#500 - James Hall - bicycle, boxes, couch, table lamp, microwave, rug, coffee table, tool box, handtruck, antique furniture, grill

np 12/5, 12

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Charles J. McVeigh Jr. residing at, 154 Brookside Blvd., 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.

Charles J. McVeigh Jr.
12/2/2008
np 12/12

**THE COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE
OF DELAWARE
IN AND FOR
NEW CASTLE
COUNTY**

IN RE: CHANGE OF
NAME OF

Linda Ann
Malinowski
PETITIONER(S)

TO
Linda Ann Harms
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that Linda Ann
Malinowski 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 Linda Ann Harms.

Linda Ann Ma-
linowski
Petitioner

Dated: 12/10/08
np 12/5, 12, 19

**THE COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE
OF DELAWARE
IN AND FOR
NEW CASTLE
COUNTY**

IN RE: CHANGE OF
NAME OF

Charity N. Wamae
PETITIONER(S)

TO
Charity N. Wamae-
Wanyoike
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that Charity
N. Wamae intends to
present a Petition to
the Court of Common
Pleas for the State of
Delaware in and for
New Castle County,
to change her name
to Charity N. Wamae-
Wanyoike.

Charity N. Wamae
Petitioner

Dated: 12/08/08
np 12/12, 19, 26

**THE COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE
OF DELAWARE
IN AND FOR
NEW CASTLE
COUNTY**

IN RE: CHANGE OF
NAME OF

Guillermina Borrero
PETITIONER(S)

TO
Lydia G. Borrero
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that Guiller-
mina Borrero 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 Lydia G. Borrero.

Guillermina Borrero
Petitioner

Dated: 11/21/08
np 12/5, 12, 19

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public sale on **JANUARY 13, 2009 at PS ORANGECO INC./PUBLIC STORAGE, 201 Bellevue Rd., Newark, DE 19713 at 12:00 p.m.**, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

A022 - Francisco Rodriguez - sofa, fish tank, bags, boxes

A096 - Emily Zabala - microwave, TV, table

B124 - Tabitha Osgood - boxes, totes, clothing, chair

B151 - Nytera Calhoun - toys, TVs (2)

C048 - Doris Pelaez - boxes, totes, refrigerator, pictures

C053 - Ivan Smith - refrigerator, toys, boxes

E025 - Anthony Anderson - toolbox, totes, bags

E048 - Michelle Bibbs - totes, suitcase, mattress, TV

E0888 - Daniel Lewes - boxes, mattress, totes, bags

F001 - Amerigo Tomassi - Misc household

F031 - Carmen Thompson - computer, boxes, lamp, box spring

np 12/12, 19

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Wilmington, Delaware 19805

January 5, 2009 @ 11:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE: CASH ONLY

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2006 Honda Accord

VIN 1HGCM66516A049882

Location:

Buckley's Auto Care
1604 E. Newport Pike

Newport, Delaware 19804

January 5, 2009 @ 11:00 AM

TERMS OF SALE: CASH ONLY

np 12/12

LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at a lien sale on **1/13/09 at 2:00 p.m.** at:

**PS ORANGECO INC./PUBLIC STORAGE
425 NEW CHURCHMANS ROAD
NEW CASTLE, DE 19720**

The personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

E001 - Robert Harduck - rugs, 10 bags, wine rope

C173 - Rick Matthewson - totes, bags, boxes

H015 - Kim Patterson - Miscellaneous household

C146 - Christopher Chandler - dryer, washer, bags

G027 - Angela Davis - chairs, desk, mirrors

B011 - Shannon Norman Wms - sofa, pinball machine, chairs

C103 - Ethan Matthews - lamp, table, end table

F070 - Denise Garcia - table, chairs, bags (10)

C009 - Tanya Henderson - boxes (3), chair, refrigerator

G019 - Brianna Hauck - books, mirrors, suitcases

C044 - John Reilly - bed, dresser, tv

C195 - Maurice Robertson - bags (10), boxes (5), mini refrigerator

F034 - Tyrone Sullivan - bed, couch, big tv

C062 - Jennifer Edwards - bed, stereo, tv

C139 - Donald Bard - china chest, tv, boxes (10)

B035 - Douglas Diern - tool box, air conditioner, couch

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Addition of new officers welcomed in Newark

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lems happen every year during the fall but they got significant

attention this year and were topped off by the death of a student.

Clearly, it's easy to see why residents were clamoring for

more law enforcement.

While five new officers would've been great, it's a good thing that the city was able to put three into the budget.

Nobody is against having more protection – it's just a terrible economic time to try and do it.

But let's face it – something had to be done and the argument that the University of Delaware should be paying for it because it causes all the problems is not valid. This is a college town and Newark benefits greatly from the university.

Adding three new officers instead of five was an excel-

lent decision under the current conditions.

Common sense is difficult to find in politics these days. Everyone is at one extreme or the other. Rarely, it seems, does logic and compromise rule the day.

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