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Staff Sgt. Emma Corbett gets a hug from her 9-year-old brother, Paul, during a homecoming ceremony for members of the Delaware Air National Guard on Sunday.

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Air Guard ceremony celebrates 207 airmen

By JOSH SHANNON
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Over the past year, 207 members of the Delaware Air National Guard's 166th Airlift Wing have been deployed to Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria and elsewhere in the Middle East in support of the global war against terrorism.

On Sunday, those airmen were officially welcomed home by their commander-in-chief, Gov. John Carney, as well as family members and friends. While many have been home for months already, the ceremony was



A ceremony at the Bob Carpenter Center welcomed home 207 members of the Delaware Air National Guard on Sunday.

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District debates tax hike

Vote rescheduled; board considers priorities

By BROOKE SCHULTZ
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The Christina School Board voted Tuesday to change the date of its operating referendum while also debating which initiatives to seek funding for.

The board voted 6-1 to change the date of the operating referendum to April 30. The change was made after the board realized that if the referendum does not pass, officials would have to notify teachers of possible layoffs by May 15, one day after the previously scheduled date.

But, Tuesday's meeting went beyond re-establishing a date. For two hours, the board struggled to come to a consensus on what items to include in the referendum.

"The district was left with no choice but to give us a menu of things because we didn't tell the district what we valued and the direction we want to the district to go," board member Elizabeth Paige said. "That's our fault. So now we have to pick and choose what we value here in public."

The board voted to advance several suggestions for more research to determine how much of a tax increase to ask voters to authorize.

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The week ahead

Hot chocolate hike: Tonight, 6:30 p.m., at White Clay Creek State Park Nature Center, 1475 Creek Road. Join a naturalist for an early evening hike. The park will provide hot chocolate. Bring a travel mug with lid. Program meets at the nature center and hikes along the Creek Road trail. Pre-registration required. \$5 per person. 302-368-6900

Newark High School play: Tonight and Saturday, 7 p.m., at Newark High School, 750 E. Delaware Ave. NHS students will perform "Cinderella." Adults \$10; students \$5.

Run for Love 5K: Saturday, 9 a.m., at Olan Thomas Park, 89 Paper Mill Road. The Valentine's Day-themed 5K will raise money for the The Caralynn Titter Foundation, which supports pediatric heart transplant patients and their families. An after party at Klondike Kate's will feature food, drinks and romantic music. \$25. Sign up at fusionracetiming.com.

Volunteer fair: Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m., at Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave. The Newark Parks & Recreation Department will host a volunteer fair. Residents can learn about prospective volunteer opportunities for all ages and through numerous organizations.

Concert: Sunday, 3 p.m., at Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. Brandywine Brass will perform select pieces from composers Charles Callahan, Craig Phillips, Carlyle Sharpe, David Schelat, Eric Ewazen, Richard Hillert and Vincent Persichetti.

Concert: Tuesday, 8 p.m., at Amy E. duPont Music Building, 100 Orchard Road. The Capital Bones, Washington, D.C.'s premiere jazz trombone band, will perform. \$15 for adults; \$10 for UD faculty/staff/alumni & seniors; \$5 for students.

Nutritious Newark cook-off: Thursday, 4 p.m., at the STAR Tower Audion, 100 Discovery Blvd. Local chefs will create healthy dishes and let the public decide on the winners. Free. Register at chs.udel.edu/cook-off.

Education discussion: Thursday, 7 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark, 420 Willa Road. Dan Rich, of the University of Delaware, will give a presentation on poverty, race and public education in Delaware.

Newark Symphony Orchestra: Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m., at Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. The Newark Symphony Orchestra will perform a chamber concert with guest conductor Rebekah O'Brien. Adults \$20, seniors \$215, students \$10, free for kids in eighth grade and younger. Tickets available at the door, at www.newarksymphony.org or by calling 302 369-3466.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Local chefs will compete in the Nutritious Newark Cook-off on Thursday.



FILE PHOTO

Ken Fontal (far right), pictured here posing with Newark High teammates in 2013, was struck and killed while jogging in Lumbrook on Feb. 6.

Fatally struck jogger remembered as 'always a gentleman'

By JOSH SHANNON
and JON BUZBY
Newark Post

A well-liked former Newark High School cross-country star was struck and killed as he jogged through the Lumbrook neighborhood last week.

Police identified the victim as 24-year-old Ken Fontal.

The crash happened just before 8 p.m. Feb. 6 along a wooded stretch of Woodlawn Avenue, between Capitol Trail and the entrance to Lumbrook Park, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department. The road serves as an entrance and exit from Lumbrook, Stafford and surrounding neighborhoods.

Fontal, who lives in the area, was jogging west toward Capitol Trail when a 2008 Chrysler Sebring came up from behind and struck him, Rubin said. He was then struck again by a 2009 Kia Spectra heading in the opposite direction, Rubin said.

Fontal was taken to Christiana Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

The 51-year-old man who was driving the Chrysler was also taken to Christiana Hospital to be treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The crash is still under investigation.

"Both vehicles and operators remained at the scene following the crash," Rubin said. "Impairment is not believed to be a factor in this crash."



FILE PHOTO

Ken Fontal, pictured here running cross-country for Newark High in 2012, was struck and killed while jogging in Lumbrook.

Investigators have not determined whether high speed was a factor. Anyone with information about this crash is asked to contact Cpl. Robert Vernon at 302-366-7100, ext. 3452, or rvernon@newark.de.us.

Fontal ran cross-country and track-and-field at Newark High and later joined the Wilmington University cross-country team. At Newark High, where he graduated in 2013, he won

all-state honors and was part of a relay team that won a state championship.

"Ken was a very well-considered young man. He gave a lot of thought to everything," Newark High cross-country coach Mike Mooney recalled the day after the crash. "As a competitor, he raised the bar for athletes at Newark High and left a legacy that remains intact. He was first, last and always, a gentleman."



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Fights investigated at Glasgow, Christiana high schools

By JOSH SHANNON

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At least one student is facing charges after several fights broke out at Glasgow High School last week.

The incident happened just after 11 a.m. Feb. 7, said Master Cpl. Michael Austin, a spokesman for Delaware State Police.

State troopers and officers with other police agencies responded to the school and broke up the fights. No one was injured, and no weapons were used.

One student was taken into custody after pushing a trooper and refusing to comply with commands, Austin said. The other students involved were released to their parents, but more arrests are expected as the investigation continues, Austin said.

The school was put on lockdown "as a precautionary measure," Austin said, and police remained on the scene for the rest of the day.

Administrators decided not to resume classes, according to Taylor Green, a spokeswoman for the Christina School District. Students were dismissed at 12:55 p.m., and after-school activities were canceled.

The school was closed the following day "as a precautionary measure," Glasgow Principal Harold "Butch" Ingram said.

Officials declined to elaborate.

"The situation was quickly contained as a result of the coordinated efforts of school administration, security personnel and the Delaware State Police," Ingram wrote in a brief statement to parents.

Meanwhile, officials are also investigating fights that occurred at Christiana High School

on Feb. 6 and Feb. 7, Green confirmed.

She did not provide details but said the students involved will be disciplined according to the student manual.

Video posted online shows more than a dozen students brawling outside the school while other students inside a school bus take video of the fight and appear to cheer on the aggressors. Several students are seen being thrown to the ground or getting punched in the face.

Austin said police were not called to Christiana.

Green said in a written statement that the district is examining the systems and processes it has in place.

"We are evaluating and analyzing our school safety plans to ensure a safe learning environment," she wrote. "As a school district, we



SCREENSHOT

Video that appears to have been shot from inside a school bus shows a fight outside Christiana High School.

have proactive systems in place to promote compliance with school rules and schoolwide behavioral expectations. We also encourage students to report potential problems to school officials."

Vehicle stolen with man sleeping in back seat

'It was all very surreal,' victim says

By JOSH SHANNON

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For Justin Koerner, a decision to take a nap in his SUV led to a wild ride after thieves commandeered the vehicle on a quiet street in the Lumbrook neighborhood of Newark.

The incident happened around 7 a.m. Sunday on Orchard Avenue, according to Koerner and police officials.

Koerner said he had been visiting a friend, and they stayed up most of the night playing music. Around 5 a.m., Koerner wanted to go to sleep, but the house was too noisy.

He went out to his Ford Escape, turned on the vehicle for heat and fell asleep in the back seat.

"I'm a sleep anywhere kind of guy," said Koerner, who is originally from New Jersey but describes himself as a "migrant worker" looking for a place to settle down on the East Coast.

What happened next, Koerner still has trouble believing.

"It was all very surreal," he said.

From what he remembers and can piece together from witness accounts, Koerner was asleep in the back seat when two thieves approached the SUV just after 7 a.m. One got in the driver's seat and the other, unaware Koerner was there, got in the back seat and sat on him.

In less than a minute, the thieves realized he was there and bailed

out of the SUV, which kept moving, jumped a curb and came to rest on the lawn of a home on Woodlawn Avenue.

"I jumped into the front seat and saved the car from crashing into the house," Koerner said, adding that he then fell back asleep.

He woke up again, thinking it had all been a dream. Neighbors were yelling at him, assuming he was responsible for the crash. Police arrived, gave him a field sobriety test, which he passed, and then put him in the back of a police car.

Not surprisingly, the police officers were suspicious of his story.

"One of the officers was interrogating me, and I wasn't able to answer," Koerner said. "I was out of it."

Fortunately for Koerner, one of

the neighbors has a home surveillance system that caught the incident on camera.

"The only reason I'm not in prison is because there were video cameras," Koerner said.

Sgt. Gerald Bryda, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department, confirmed the gist of Koerner's story and said the video shows the two thieves arriving in a gray Chevrolet Suburban and then walking toward Koerner's SUV. About a minute later, it shows Koerner's SUV crashing on Woodlawn Avenue and the thieves running back to their vehicle and driving away.

The first thief was described as a man wearing a two-tone jacket with a red hood and white pants. The second was wearing a gray hooded jacket and gray pants.

Bryda said police are investigating whether the thieves are connected to a ring of car thefts that occurred in the area of Ogletown-Stanton Road and Harmony Road.

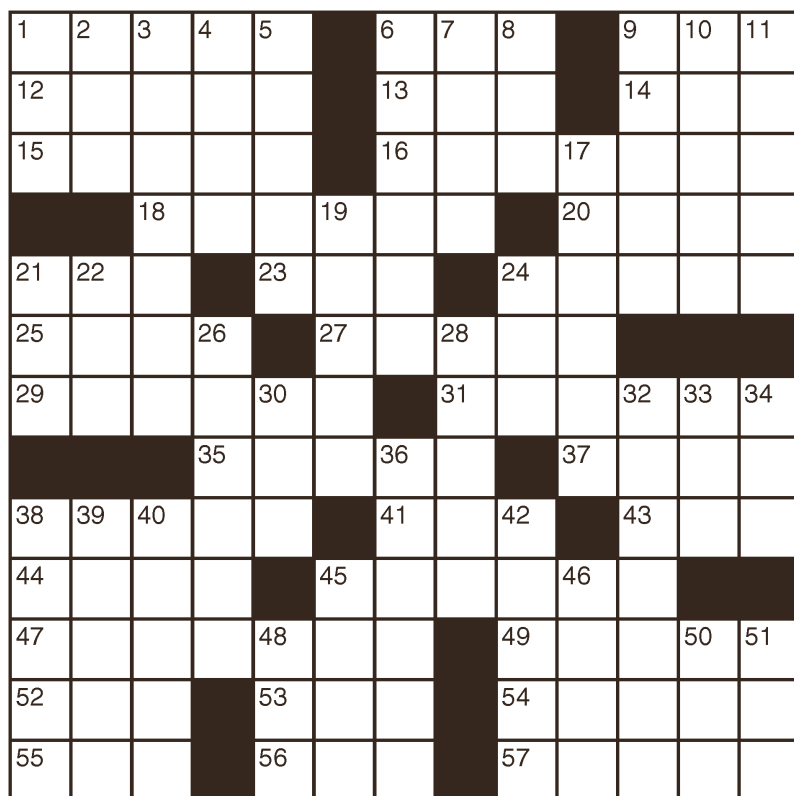
On Tuesday, two days after the incident involving Koerner, New Castle County Police arrested four people for allegedly stealing five cars. In each of those cases, the alleged thieves arrived in a gray Chevrolet Suburban.

County police identified those arrested as Christina Havens, 22, of Middletown; Malik Thompson, 19, of Newark; Mary Smart, 30, of Newark; and Frank Torres, 20, of Bear.

Anyone with information on the Orchard Avenue incident is asked to contact Cpl. Robert Sharpe at 302-366-71000 ext. 3427 or rsharpe@newark.de.us.

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Police: Newark-area man admits to dealing drugs

By CARL HAMILTON

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Three men, including two from the Newark area, were arrested after a traffic stop near Elkton, Md., during which investigators confiscated two loaded handguns, a drug sales ledger and a small amount of marijuana, according to Cecil County District Court records.

One of the defendants – Tyler J. Swope, 22, of Newark – admitted that he is a marijuana dealer during an interview with the lead investigator, Dfc. Joseph McCabe of the Cecil County Sheriff's Office.

“(Swope) further advised Dfc. McCabe that he sells marijuana ... (Swope) advised that he uses his phone, or the email account that Dfc. McCabe located in the ‘ledger’ to make his drug transactions,” court records allege.

In addition, Swope gave police a written confession, which, according to court records, reads, “Last time I sold anything weed-related was within one or two weeks from (Feb. 5). With content on phone will find messages, pictures, content of deals. High There app is a meeting place for people who smoke. I used to meet new people involved with weed, sell and, or, grab

weed when needed.”

McCabe arrested Swope and his two companions – Rahmear Emanuel Rivera-Williams, 23, of Newark, and Marcel Darius Davis, 23, of Darby, Pa. – at about 2:45 p.m. Feb. 5 on U.S. 40 in Elkton after stopping their car because it had a defective brake light.

Investigators identified Rivera-Williams as the driver of the car, which is registered to Swope, who occupied the front passenger seat. They identified Davis as the backseat passenger.

While speaking with the trio, McCabe detected a “strong odor of marijuana” coming from inside the vehicle, police said.

McCabe asked if there was marijuana inside the vehicle, and Swope replied yes before pulling a glass jar containing approximately one-quarter ounce of the drug from the back seating area and handing it to the deputy, police added.

McCabe surmised that the glass jar had once been full of marijuana, based on a greenish-brown residue that could be seen inside of the glass, stretching to the top of the jar, court records show.

Swope told McCabe that he had a gun between the driver's seat and door, which is where investigators later

found a Glock 19 9mm handgun that was loaded with 15 rounds, according to court records.

Davis was carrying a loaded 9mm handgun, court records allege.

While searching the vehicle, McCabe also found a black notebook containing “names and phone numbers, as well as different (numerals) of prices next to each name,” police said. Inside that notebook police added, McCabe found an email address with a password on it.

“Dfc. McCabe knows through his training, knowledge and experience that this notebook is also referred to as a ‘ledger,’ which is used to store contact information of those who engage in the sales of (illegal drugs.),” court records allege.

In addition, investigators found and confiscated eight plastic baggies, which are a “common tool used to package marijuana,” court records show.

Swope is facing eight charges, including possession of a firearm in the commission of a drug trafficking crime, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony or a violent crime, loaded handgun on person, loaded handgun in vehicle and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, according to court records.



Police are searching for this woman pictured here in surveillance footage pocketing a cellphone that another customer left on the counter at Park N Shop Liquors.

Police seeking woman who stole phone from Park N Shop store

POST STAFF REPORT

Police have released surveillance footage of a woman who allegedly stole a cellphone from the counter of a Park N Shop store.

When the victim stopped at Park N Shop Liquors on Jan. 29 around 4:15 p.m., she set her phone on the counter, said Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

Another woman took the victim's phone from the

counter and fled in a gray late-2000s Honda Civic. There was no force involved.

The suspect is described as a black woman wearing blue sweat pants, a blue hooded sweatshirt with the hood up, a gray pea coat and a gray hat with “Cabelas” on the front.

Anyone with information about the identity of the woman should contact Officer Carter McKennon at 302 366-7100 ext. 3491, or cmckennon@newark.de.us.

Man charged with attacking roommate

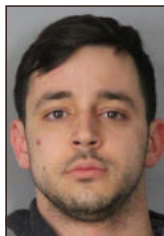
By JOSH SHANNON

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A man was charged with strangulation after attacking his roommate in a Newark apartment complex last week, police said.

The incident happened at the Millyard apartments, located above Buffalo Wild

Wings on South Main Street, at a round Dec. 3, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.



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The victim told police that he and Jeremy Boody, 22, have had an ongoing dispute, and Boody texted him and told him he was coming to the apartment to fight, Rubin said.

When Boody arrived, he allegedly emptied his pockets and attacked the victim. He put his hands around the victim's neck

to strangle him and then strangled a second person who stepped in to help, Rubin said.

The victims were able to get away from Boody by the time police arrived.

Boody was charged with strangulation and offensive touching. He was released on \$5,100 unsecured bail.

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\$16,000 worth of stolen clothes discovered in van

By JOSH SHANNON

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A police officer checking on a man sleeping in the parking lot of a Newark motel stumbled upon a cache of stolen merchandise.

Authorities said Officer Carter McKennon was doing a routine property check at the Red Roof Inn on South College Avenue just after 1:30 a.m. Feb. 5 when he noticed

a man sleeping in the driver's seat of a Dodge Caravan and a second occupant in the back seat.

When the driver woke up and rolled down his window, McKennon could smell marijuana, prompting him to search the vehi-



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cle, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

In the back of the van, McKennon found a number of shopping bags, trash bags and tote bags containing clothes with the price tags still attached.



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On many of the items were plastic security alarms that had been wrapped in aluminum foil, which Rubin said is a common tactic thieves use to defeat anti-theft systems at stores. Some of the bags were lined with aluminum foil, as well.

The 226 items of clothing, worth a total of \$16,000, had been stolen from stores in North Carolina, Rubin said.

The occupants of the car were identified as 30-year-old Sirterrance Brown and 38-year-old Brenda Davis, both from Hartford, Conn. Brown initially gave a fake name, Rubin noted.

Both were charged with possession of shoplifter's tools, receiving stolen property, conspiracy, criminal impersonation and a civil violation for the possession of marijuana.

Police: Car stolen while heating up in Stafford neighborhood

Police are seeking a suspect, or suspects, who stole a car from the 300 block of Stafford Avenue.

Between 7:15 and 7:20 a.m. on Jan. 29, the victim left their 2002 GMC Yukon running while it was warming up, said Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The car was recovered two days later in the parking lot of the Admiral's Club Apartments on Fairway Road east of Newark. There are no known suspects.

Police investigating theft of items in unlocked car

Police are looking for the person who stole items from an unlocked vehicle in the Chimney Ridge apartment complex off South Main

Street.

On Jan. 28 in the 200-block of Smoke Rise Lane, the thief entered an open garage and took several items from within an unlocked vehicle, said Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

There was no force involved and there are no known suspects in the incident.

Police: Man stole money from pizzeria customer

Charges are pending against a man who stole money from a customer at a South Main Street pizza shop.

The incident happened just after 9 p.m. Feb. 8 at Pat's Pizzeria, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The customer inadvertently left his wallet on the bar, and when he returned to get it, an undisclosed amount of mon-

ey was missing. Surveillance footage showed a man picking up the wallet and taking the cash.

Police were able to identify the thief and recover the money. Police have a warrant for the man's arrest, but have not yet taken him into custody. The man's identity has not been released.

Man, 26, dies of overdose at Newark motel

A 26-year-old man died of an apparent heroin overdose at a Newark motel, police said.

The death occurred Sunday at the Super 8 on Main Street, according to Lt. Andrew Rubin, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The man's body was turned over the Division of Forensic Science for an autopsy. No foul play is suspected.

Police did not release the man's identity.

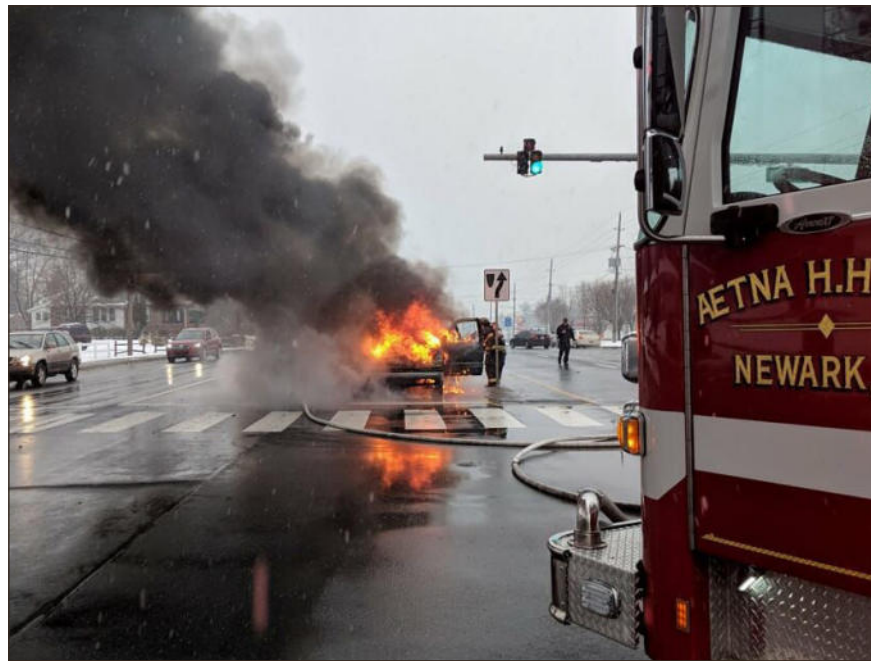


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Car catches fire

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Downes Elementary students celebrate Lunar New Year

By BROOKE SCHULTZ
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Michelle Varisco has listened to her Downes Elementary first-grade twins rehearsing their song for months as they prepared for their performance. She, and her mother Karen Freebery, saw it in action last Friday when the twins joined other students in kindergarten through fifth grade to perform – in Mandarin – a variety of songs, dances and even a little play to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

“They did so good. It’s just amazing how they can sing, and with inflection,” Freebery said.

The Chinese immersion program, Varisco added, made Downes a “no-brainer” when it came to selecting a school for her kids.

“I think it’s an amazing program,” she said.

Varisco and Freebery were just two of the family members who came out to support their students, packing into the cafeteria for an hour of entertainment last Friday morning.

“These young ones and their teachers have been working tirelessly, for a very, very long time, to prepare this celebration to share with you,” Principal Anne Park told attendees before the recital began. “I have seen them down here practicing over and over and over, trying to get it just right to give you the very best experience.”

The immersion program began at Downes about six years ago, and the group of kindergarteners who pio-



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY BROOKE SCHULTZ

Downes Elementary School students performed a variety of songs, poems and plays in Mandarin to celebrate Lunar New Year.

neered the experience are now in fifth grade. Next year, many of them will continue their education at Shue-Medill Middle School, which is starting an immersion program.

“I’m very excited and super impressed,” Michele Savage, principal of Shue, said after the performances had concluded. “Obviously, I need to

work on my dancing skills, so I will be doing that over the summer so I can prepare to do some dances with my fifth graders.”

Savage noted that Shue staff members identified a sister school in China, and they’re planning a trip there for the students once they are in eighth grade.

“Students, you were very

impressive today,” she told the group. “I could not believe all of the amazing performances. I am super excited to see what you’re going to do as middle school students.”

During the event, a group of second graders thanked former Principal Trish Prettyman and second-grade teacher Kathleen Weyant,

who were in attendance, through a performance.

Alternating between English and Mandarin, two narrators told the audience what it was like in their classes, and second graders portraying Prettyman and Weyant told a student acting as Fancia Tang, a second-grade immersion teacher, that they were retiring because they were

no longer “spring chickens.” Park commended the teachers who brought the show to life.

“They put a lot of time, above and beyond the regular school day, and it is greatly greatly appreciated because you can see the level of performances you just got to watch,” Park said. “It was outstanding.”

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Panel analyzes access to local public transportation

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Urban sprawl, bike access and pedestrian safety were among the topics of conversation at the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) Our Town event, which sought to discuss the future for transportation in Delaware.

The overarching goals were to enable more access for people to get to work, services and other opportunities through various transportation options that have minimal impact on the environment.

Beth Osborne, director of Transportation for America, explained the impact that transportation has the affordability of living in a par-

ticular place.

Citing data from the non-profit Center for Neighborhood Technology, she noted that on average, Newarkers spend 21 percent of their income on transportation. In comparison, in Washington, D.C., where Osborne lives, that number is only 9 percent.

"I can accomplish almost every single thing I need to accomplish in my neighborhood, save for there's no bookstore," she said during Feb. 7 event. "Other than a bookstore, I can get anything I need within a four block walk of my home."

She noted that more and more people prefer a home in easy walking distance to shops or restaurants, with a shorter commute, yet the

housing market is still building detached single-family homes that require the use of cars.

"So if you're looking for attracting business, business is following talent, and talent is moving to places where they don't have to spend their entire life in a car," she said. "If you are in a building where the first thing you see is a sea of parking, you have done it wrong. You've had planned for 1985. You have not planned for the future."

Bill Swiatek, a principal planner at WILMAPCO, said 88 percent of Delawareans surveyed in 2018 indicated that the public transportation available meets their needs, but noted that 47 percent of people making \$25,000 or less responded

that access transportation sometimes keeps them from activities, like doctor appointments or social events.

"Compare that to only 9 percent of households with over \$100,000 a year," he said. "We definitely created the transportation system that benefits the wealthy more than it does folks with lower incomes."

Looking at Delaware on a macro-scale, Osborne noted the state's faults when it comes to pedestrian safety.

"Basically, when we allow development far from the amenities people need, you design curves to go at speed, because the notion that you should waste even one second on these long trips that you have designed is just more painful than peo-

ple can imagine," she said. "And when you do things like saying, 'Don't worry about slowing down when you turn,' you tend to crash into things, and you tend to crash into people and those people don't tend to do too well in those crashes."

That point was articulated through the study that found Delaware is the third most dangerous state for pedestrians.

That is something that officials want to solve, Drew Boyce, director of planning for DelDOT, said.

"We are continuing to look at and coordinate with land use and transportation patterns," he said. "We realize that we have a problem and we've got a concerted effort and focus areas committed

to improving a pedestrian safety in our transportation system."

Looking at regional planning, Swiatek noted that in response to the public outreach WILMAPCO has done, the group is looking to use over \$500 million in funding to expand and enhance the transit system in New Castle County over the next 20 years.

Boyce said, with the completion of the statewide master bicycle plan, the group is looking to promote Delaware as a leader in bicycling.

New Castle County is also working on a bicycle master plan, which would be folded into the 2019 WILMAPCO Regional Transit Plan, with the goal that there is ease of access to a bicycle network.

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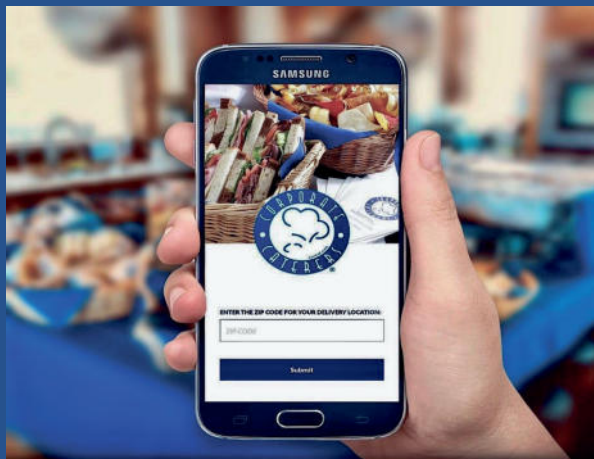
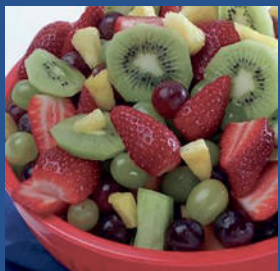
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down to four candidatesBy JOSH SHANNON
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Mayoral candidate Nicholas Fader has dropped out of the race, leaving four people vying for Newark's top elected office.

Fader lives in Nottingham Green and, according to his social media profile, works as a bartender. After filing to run just days before the deadline, he did not respond to the Newark Post's attempts to interview him about his candidacy and quietly withdrew from the race last week.

Remaining on the April 9 ballot are progressive community activist Catherine Ciferni, 10-term councilman Jerry Clifton, aerospace engineer Bran-

don Farzad and University of Delaware undergraduate student Kasai Guthrie.

Incumbent Polly Sierker chose not to seek re-election.

Also on the ballot are two contested council races. District 1 residents will choose between four-term incumbent Mark Morehead and newcomer James Horning Jr. In District 2, Sharon Hughes and Maria Ruckle



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are running for the seat currently held by Clifton, who chose to run for mayor rather than seek re-election to council.

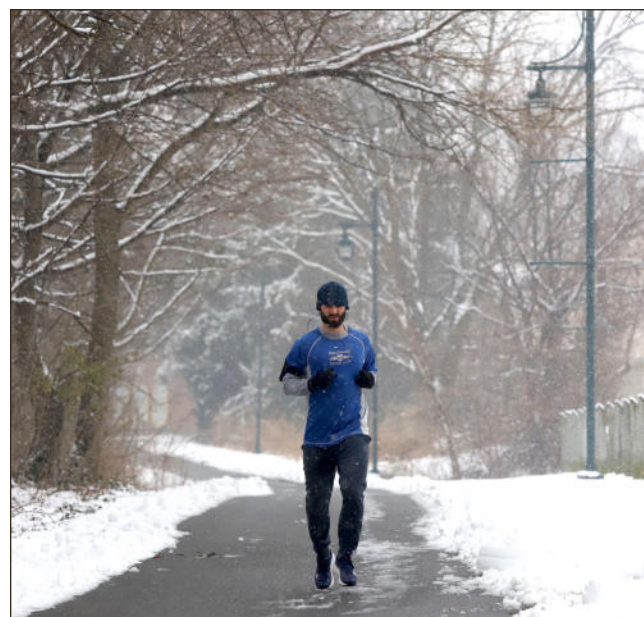
District 4 Councilman Chris Hamilton is running unopposed for his second term.

The League of Women Voters will sponsor a candidate forum at 6 p.m. March 19 at the Newark Senior Center.



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Snow blankets Newark



An all-day snow storm closed schools and city offices on Monday. Newark received 3.5 inches of snow before the precipitation turned to rain overnight on Tuesday, according to the Delaware Environmental Observing System. The snow came on the first day of spring semester classes at the University of Delaware, which delayed its opening until 10 a.m. but did not cancel classes. (Top) Bundled up against the snow, pedestrians pass a sign advertising winter clothing outside Liebermans Bookstore on Main Street. (Left) A jogger runs along the James F. Hall Trail as snow falls Monday afternoon.

Out of the Attic

Suburban Plaza construction – 1992

This week's Out of the Attic item is a 1992 photo of construction workers putting the final touches on Suburban Plaza, which opened 27 years ago this month.

The shopping center was built on former farmland at the corner of Elkton Road and Christina Parkway. Initial tenants included Acme, Kirk's Flowers, Happy Harry's, Suburban Beverage, Café Rossini, Cost Cutters Hair Salon, Video Showplace, Parkway Cleaners, Gallagher Jewelers and Joy Garden.

In recent years, Suburban Plaza has proven to be one of the more successful shopping centers in Newark and has avoided the large number of vacancies that College Square and Newark Shopping Center have faced. The area continues to grow, with



the opening of Home Depot, WSFS Bank and the Retreat at Newark student housing complex on adjacent land over the past few years. An additional standalone restaurant is planned for a vacant area of the shopping center near the Acme.

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Out of the Past

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

May – July 1946 – The Junior Chamber of Commerce requested permission to hold a carnival to benefit Newark Playground Committee. Council agreed to that and to furnish free water and electricity to University of Delaware pool for use of town children during summer.

Delaware Power & Light presented a plan to improve electrical service to Newark. Council urged residents to conserve electricity during national coal miners' strike. Council decided to purchase \$20,000 in Treasury bonds. All town employees would receive a 15 percent pay increase through March 1947.

Bader & Company won a contract to improve and enlarge sewage disposal plant for \$37,800. Douglas Murphy received the

building permit he was denied last month. The plan to build Indian Road was presented by Harry Dawson on behalf of Red Men's Fraternal Home. Council heard a presentation on buying a street sweeper from Elgin Company.

Due to post-war shortages of materials, water and sewer lines to Courtney, Kells, Chambers and Benny streets were postponed until supplies became available. Council asked for a report by the fire company on how fundraising for new ambulance was going. Herb Murphy was paid \$25 every three months to clean and maintain current ambulance.

A survey on water supply and recommendations for future expansion was received and filed. A number of property assessments were successfully appealed. Main Street parking limits were all set at one-hour, rather than three different limits in various areas. A request for an apartment building permit at Manuel Street and East Park Place was refused.

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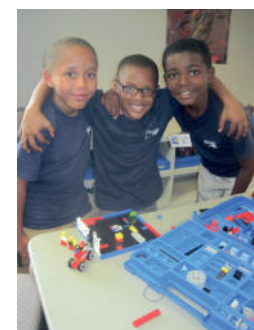
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Newark Partnership to hold first official meeting

By JOSH SHANNON

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A new community-wide nonprofit intended to replace the Downtown Newark Partnership was officially incorporated Dec. 31 and will hold its first official meeting next week, co-chair Dan Rich said.

The group will be known as The Newark Partnership, Inc., or TNP.

Rich, from the University of Delaware's Institute for Public Administration, said a 22-member organizing committee made up of city officials, UD representatives, business owners and Newark residents "has been working continuously in preparation for the official launch of the TNP." The group will become the organization's first governing board and serve for six months, after which the new board will be selected under the terms of the by-laws.

The governing board's first official meeting is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Newark Senior Center.

"At that meeting, we anticipate approval of the by-laws, confirmation of an ongoing meeting schedule, consideration of initial projects and programs, and review of plans for the website," Rich said. "We welcome the attendance of city council members and all interested members of the Newark community."

The new organization has been in the works for the past couple years as the city struggled to determine what to do with the Downtown Newark Partnership. Founded in 1998, the DNP – a partnership between the city, UD and downtown business owners – is credited with reviving Main Street and leading Newark to win the Great American Main Street Award in 2011.

In recent years, though, fundraising and interest in the DNP waned, and the organization drew criticism from some residents and council members who argued it was inappropriate for a government-run organization to promote only downtown businesses while ignoring the businesses on the outskirts of the city.

TNP – which, unlike the DNP, will operate outside the auspices of the city government – will focus on the entire city and work to address issues beyond just the concerns of the business



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Dan Rich speaks to fellow members of the Newark Partnership organizing committee at the Newark Senior Center in October.

community.

The city has pledged up to \$150,000 in start up funds this year, and TNP expects to request the same amount in 2020 and 2021. Meanwhile, UD is expected to contribute a similar amount, and organizers say they have large commitments from local businesses, though they have not detailed them. Eventually, the group hopes to fund itself through membership fees paid by businesses and community members.

Rich said the committed funds will not be invoiced until the board has approved an initial budget. Right now, UD's Community Engagement Initiative and Institute for Public Administration are providing operational support to the group.

Still, TNP is under pressure to show early success because a skeptical city council has indicated that its willingness to disperse funds to the organization will depend on whether the group can demonstrate its ability to get results.

Rich said TNP will launch its website later this month, followed by the spring launch of "How Newark Compares," an online portal enabling comparison of Newark with other communities on quality of life indicators.

Meanwhile, faculty and students from UD's Lerner College of Business and Economics will help the organization develop its business plan.

Three committees, which coincide with the group's three-part mission, are beginning to work on their first tasks.

The economic enhancement committee will create

an inventory of the needs and priorities of Newark businesses.

"It will have subcommittees to address the needs of downtown businesses, as well as businesses of other types," Rich said. "It will seek to attract new and diverse businesses and residents to locate in Newark."

The nonprofit enhancement committee will create a guide to nonprofit and community resources for Newarkers.

"It will promote stronger connections and collaborations among nonprofits serving our community," Rich said.

The civic engagement committee will sponsor community events to foster discussion of various issues including public education and affordable housing.

Members of the organizing committee include: Dan Rich, University of Delaware; Polly Sierer, mayor of Newark; Carla Grygiel, Newark Senior Center; Freeman Williams, NAACP Newark Chapter; Lee Mikles, Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen; Brian Tharan, Newark Toyota World; Linda Majewski, Newark Arts Alliance; Marge Hadden, former Newark councilwoman; Roy Lopata former Newark planning director; Chris Locke, Lang Development; Donna Hoke, Unique Impressions; Michael Chajes, UD; Chris Duke, Becker Morgan; Bryan Horsey, Bloom Energy; George Irvine, UD; Paul Keely, King Print & Promo; Carol McKelvey, resident; Mark Morehead, Newark councilman; Meghan Mullenix UD student; Mike Ratchford, W.L. Gore; Heidi Martelock, Chemours; Katalin Takacs Hayes, UD.

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Mark Mankin, Dr. Louisa Mankin's son, gives her a puzzle of the New York Times front page from Feb. 7, 1919, for her 100th birthday.



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Dr. Louisa Mankin celebrates her 100th birthday with her friends and former colleagues from the University of Delaware.

Retired UD physician celebrates 100th birthday

By **BROOKE SCHULTZ**
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As family, friends and the woman of the hour herself celebrated Dr. Louisa "Weesie" Mankin's 100th birthday, they attributed her long life to a number of things.

Her longtime friend, June Fitzgerald, noted two reasons: "Just being a sweet lady," she said. "And a good doctor."

After Louisa was named honorary mayor of Newark by Mayor Polly Sierer, honored in writing by State Sen. Dave Sokola and opened some presents, she sat with a group of women she had worked with decades ago at

the University of Delaware as a school physician.

"It's nice," she said of the party. "I was surprised to see them all."

For the women surrounding her, celebrating the milestone with her was important.

"She was so good with the students," said Dot Welsko. "She was wonderful to us. It was like working with your best friend, really. And she was just a lot of fun to work with."

And, Welsko added, she hasn't changed at all.

"Maybe her hairdo," she added.

Louisa was born on Feb. 7, 1919, in Johnstown, Pa.

Her parents were Fred and Amelia Claflin and she had a younger sister, Ann Claflin Miller.

She graduated from Westmont Upper Yoder High School in 1936 and then pursued higher education, first at the University of Pittsburgh's Johnstown campus, then at the main campus. She graduated in 1940.

Later, Louisa applied for medical school – something of a male dominated field at the time. But, she said, that didn't matter.

"I worked in a hospital and I saw the doctors there and so I said, 'Well, I can be a doctor, too,'" she said, laughing.

Louisa was accepted into Temple University's medical school, and she was one of only a half dozen women enrolled in the program, her family said.

A year after graduating, in 1948, Louisa married Victor Justus Mankin, who had been a graduate student in psychology at Temple while she was there.

The two moved to Wilmington, where Louisa worked as a doctor and Victor served as a guidance counselor for the Wilmington School District.

In the 1950s, the Mankins started their family and later moved to Chestnut Hill Estates near Newark with

their children, Lynn, James and Mark.

In the '60s, Louisa became a doctor for the Newark Special School District – now part of the Christina School District – and Victor began teaching at the university. In 1974, she joined Victor at UD as a school physician, where she worked out of Laurel Hall.

She retired from UD in 1986, after working there for over a decade and even stepping in as interim director of Health Services.

At her celebration at the Newark Senior Center last week, friends and family recounted memories – from spending a hot summer's day at Indian River Bay, to a trip to Washington, D.C., where she visited the House of Representatives for her 90th birthday as a lifelong wish, to the day-to-day things of growing up with "Weesie."

Mark recounted what it was like to grow up with a doctor for a parent.

"You could never get out of school," he joked.

He shared a story he'd never told her before about the one time he did try.

When Louisa went downstairs, he recounted, Mark poured a cup of hot water over the thermometer, taking care not to make the temperature read too suspiciously high. When she returned to check the thermometer, she let him stay home because he was running a little warm.

"I fooled you that time," he told her, later adding that he was so surprised he got away with it, he had to keep from laughing.

At 100, Louisa has kept her humor and positive attitude.

"What an amazing life you have had," said Carla Grygiel, executive director of the Newark Senior Center. "I read your bio that your son shared with me, and you just are an incredible inspiration and role model, and I'm sure you have always been, to many young women. So thank you, and what a life well lived."

Her friends agreed.

"I think she is a demonstration of what a young woman, in her day, could turn out to do," Estelle Null said.

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Empty Bowls event raises \$15,000 for Meals on Wheels



The Newark Senior Center's Empty Bowls fundraiser drew nearly 200 people on Sunday and raised \$15,000 for Meals on Wheels.

The Newark Senior Center's 12th-annual Empty Bowls fundraiser drew approximately 200 people on Sunday and raised \$15,000 for Meals on Wheels. Attendees picked out a handcrafted bowl or vase donated by local potters and

then sat down to enjoy a bowl – or several bowls – of soup donated by local restaurants. Many of the guests came with a group of friends and brought their own appetizers and wine to make the night even more enjoyable.



Attendees of the Newark Senior Center's Empty Bowls fundraiser each took home a handcrafted piece of pottery.



Volunteers serve soup during the Newark Senior Center's Empty Bowls fundraiser on Sunday.



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Fledgling NCS wrestling team sees early successes

By JON BUZBY

JonBuzby@hotmail.com

The Newark Charter wrestling program is just four years old, yet the Patriots have already seen a level of success that would make many of their opponents envious.

Newark Charter's 12-3 regular-season match record earned the Patriots a spot in the eight-team Div. II Dual Team Wrestling Championships as the sixth seed. The team traveled to Smyrna High School on Feb. 8 to face third-seeded Indian River in the quarter-finals. Although Newark Charter wrestled tough, the Patriots eventually dropped a 53-21 decision to the Indians.

"Us being there and them earning a spot, considering what the last four years have been like, it's really a big accomplishment," head coach Dave Williams said. "We were just really excited to be there. I couldn't be happier or more proud of the kids."

Newark Charter jumped out to an early 24-6 lead as Troy Lenno, Joey Jones, Richard Ragin and Nate Jones recorded four straight pins.

"I kind of saw those four pins coming in my own mind as I looked at the matchups heading in, but I don't think anyone else did," Williams said.

However, the battle-tested Indians, appearing in the state tournament for the third consecutive year, drew on their experience to make a comeback and pull out the victory.

"We had a chance to win three of the last four matches," Williams said. "We were more excited to be there than the other team and we drew on that energy. There was nothing for us to lose. [Our kids] learned that we belong there. I felt really good about that."

The process to get to the state



SUBMITTED PHOTO

In just its fourth year as a varsity program, the Newark Charter wrestling team earned a trip to the DIAA Dual Team Wrestling Championships.

tournament began four years ago when Williams left his head coaching position at St. Mark's to start the wrestling program at Newark Charter, where his two children attend. Unlike at St. Mark's, where Williams was a state champion and a member of the 1998 Spartan team that was ranked in the Top 10 nationally, wrestling was almost unheard of at Newark Charter when he started the program.

"The majority of wrestlers that first year were ninth-graders," Williams reflected. "None of them had experience. Only two kids from that first group, Nate Jones and Zach Hevelow, are still on the team. They are outstanding kids and a huge part of our success because they stuck it out."

Early on, Williams relied on his previous connections with three families in particular to convince their kids to give wrestling a shot.

"The Jones, Lynch and DiTomasso kids all attended my Spartan Wrestling Camp," Williams, who also served stints as the head coach at the Tatnall School and

Hodgson Vo-Tech, explained. "And so I talked with their parents about giving it a try at Newark Charter, and they convinced their kids to do so. It's a hard commitment for people to make, but families who have started have stuck it out. The families have realized that being involved is going to benefit their kids and improve their life overall. My job is to make sure the program is something they want to buy into."

The buy-in from families goes beyond what happens on the mats.

"Coach Williams has been instrumental in developing the program over the last few years and moving these outstanding scholar-athletes to a new level," said Matt Lenno, whose son, Troy, wrestles at 138 pounds. "Troy's experiences with the coach and his teammates has been instrumental in developing his resilience, heart, willpower and integrity."

To help further develop the program, Williams brought in one of his former wrestlers, Keith Medley, as his top assistant. Medley, who had never tried the sport until

his freshman year, wrestled at St. Mark's for two years before transferring to Caravel Academy when Williams left to take the Newark Charter position. Medley won an individual state championship at 220 after placing in the Top 3 the previous three years.

"He is so positive and his work ethic is unbelievable," Williams said. "We wouldn't be where we are today without him. He is the greatest assistant coach I could ever ask for. He is special in so many ways."

Williams and Medley stress the importance of life away from wrestling, including in the classroom. Nearly every wrestler has achieved academic all-state status and the team won the Academic All-State award last year.

"Wrestling is a grind," Williams said. "It's six days a week. It's tough for kids to maintain good grades."

On the mats, the coaches take great pride in the resiliency of their grapplers.

"Our wrestlers definitely reach their full potential," Williams

proudly said. "We're usually better wrestlers than our opponents in the third period."

The Patriots will take part in the conference championship at the Tatnall School today and Saturday. The focus there is to advance as many wrestlers as possible to the individual state tournament, held Feb. 22 and 23 at Cape Henlopen High School.

"Our goal is to finish as high as we can in the conference tournament," Williams said. "Wilmington Charter beat us in the regular season, so we'd like to beat them. But although it's a team tournament, the main goal of the conference tournament is to qualify individual wrestlers for states."

The top four finishers in each weight division at the conference tournaments across the state automatically advance, and then the tournament committee makes wild-card selections. Nate Jones last year became the first Patriot to wrestle in the state tournament. Williams will find out Sunday night if any, and how many, of his wrestlers will have the opportunity to extend their season one more week.

"For some wrestling programs, it's a given to have kids wrestle in conferences," Williams said. "For us, it will be a privilege to be there."

If the Patriots are represented, it will be one more step forward in the ongoing development of a program that Williams already takes great pride in, but also knows has yet to reach its full potential.

"The goal next year is to take the next step forward," he said. "It would be nice to hang up our first conference championship banner. And since we made it to the quarterfinals this year, next year our goal is the semis and maybe the state championships. We need to set our sights as high as they can go."

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The items that moved forward will advance the district's plan to reimagine its three high schools, which will see each high school with focused, career-oriented programming. Those items included hiring drama and dance teachers for Newark High's School of the Arts and additional funds to provide transportation to each of the high schools, regardless of feeder pattern, should the state not fund it.

The school board also advanced a proposal to provide after-school programming in math, English, science and social studies; funding for increased employee expenses; and expansion of summer school programming.

District administrators brought forth several pro-

posals for consolidating buildings and other cost-savings measures in order to offset some of the funds that would be requested in the referendum, but those drew a tepid response from board members.

"What we've heard is that we should be looking at the footprint and the building usage and things like that," Superintendent Richard Gregg said. "So these items would be used to address those concerns that have been raised."

The board green-lighted one of those – evaluating a potential reduction of support staff – but rejected further evaluation of lowering the number of buses used in the district, relocating Sarah Pyle Academy, relocating the central office and vacating the current Wilmington office and combining the district's two Montessori programs to be housed only

in the suburbs.

Several board members raised the concern that if the district vacates buildings, those properties could be taken by charter schools.

"If we vacate buildings, do they get sucked up by charter schools that are now going to be right next schools we're trying hard to improve through the Wilmington MOU?" Paige said.

The board also rejected supporting larger class sizes in the event that the referendum fails and accelerating the one-to-one initiative, which is already underway to provide students in grades two through 12 with a personal device over the next few years.

Now, the district administration is tasked with creating a way to package those items and establishing what the cost would be to implement them. The board will then vote on the tax increase

and the items it will ask the community to support.

Robert Silber, chief finance officer for the district, said that for the district to continue as it is currently running, it needs an increase of 20 cents per \$100 of assessed property value for fiscal year 2020 and 5 cents for each following year through fiscal year 2022.

The initiatives the board agreed to pursue would increase that cost.

"Almost all of the recommendations to consider supporting, growing, adding and doing more things were passed," board member John Young noted. "So I hope this board does not react with sticker shock when the administration does exactly what we just asked them to do, which is go out and provide all of these proposals."

The necessity of an operating referendum has been on the table since November.

Silber explained that the district is operating under an anticipated and approved structural deficit and has lost some funding due to a statewide \$26 million reduction that occurred two years ago.

In 2016, voters approved a tax hike, but costs continue to grow.

"There's a step increase for every year of employment. That step increases 2 percent. Even if you do nothing, you're going to have increased expenses," Silber said at a Feb. 5 meeting. "In my opinion, we have two choices: either bring more resources in, or you're going to have to reduce your expenses someplace."

Silber added there is not much room to cut expenses.

"There is relatively little that is on the table that you're going to be able to reduce without it having some impact on terms of operation," he said.

To complicate things more, should the referendum not pass, there can be no changes made to the staffing in the Wilmington schools, as they operate under a separate memorandum of understanding with the state.

"Your impacts will be, from a personnel perspective, located out in the suburbs," said Silber, adding that cutting personnel would increase class sizes.

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NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY JOSH SHANNON

The Patriot Guard Riders participate in a ceremony welcoming home members of the Delaware Air National Guard on Sunday.



Dean Corbett, the 11-month-old nephew of Staff Sgt. Emma Corbett, waves a flag as he sits with his grandfather, Mark Corbett, during a ceremony welcoming home the Delaware Air National Guard.



Major General Carol Timmons, the adjutant general of the Delaware National Guard, welcomes home members of the Delaware Air National Guard on Sunday.



A ceremony at the Bob Carpenter Center welcomed home 207 members of the Delaware Air National Guard on Sunday.

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designed to honor them all as a unit.

"You provide us with a shield of protection that's so important," Carney told the airmen gathered at the Bob Carpenter Center. "Thank you for all your great work."

Sen. Tom Carper, a Navy veteran, said the people the airmen interacted with overseas might not be accus-

tomed to seeing Americans. "Thank you for being a good ambassador for our country," Carper said.

Maj. Gen. Carol Timmons, who is retiring next month as adjutant general of the Delaware National Guard, noted this was her final time presiding over a homecoming ceremony.

"Coming home from overseas deployment is one of the best experiences you'll have in your military career," Timmons told the airmen.

She noted the sacrifice

of not only the airmen, but also that of their family members.

"The most special members of our audience are the family and friends," she said. "Without them, we couldn't do what we do."

One of the larger contingents of family members on hand was the Corbett family, there to welcome home Staff Sgt. Emma Corbett, who is in her fifth year in the Guard. Originally from Alabama, Corbett now lives in Wilmington.

During the ceremony,

her 11-month old nephew, Dean, passed the time waving a tiny American flag while sitting on grandfather Mark's lap. After the ceremony, Corbett's 9-year-old brother, Paul, ran onto the floor of the Bob Carpenter Center to greet her with a big hug.

"It's so nice to have the support," Corbett said. "We've been blessed in that respect."

The units welcomed home Sunday included:

- The 142nd Airlift Squadron and 166th Op-

erations Support Squadron flew more than 1,800 sorties, totaling over 3,000 flight hours and nearly 10 million pounds of cargo.

- The 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron flew more than 180 medevac missions in Afghanistan and Iraq, including 65 combat injury medevac requests.

- The 166th Maintenance Group spent four months repairing and recovering broken aircraft in desert conditions.

- The 166th Mission Sup-

port Group protected nearly \$12 billion in equipment, responded to 10 in-flight emergencies, processed over 4,000 passengers and loaded nearly 1,024 tons of aircraft cargo.

- The 166th Medical Group provided medical services supporting unit wartime tasking, state emergencies and natural disasters.

- The Airlift Wing Staff provided administrative support and resource management to each element of the wing.

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To the creditors of and the claimants against Neighborly Labs, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"):

NOTICE is hereby given by Neighborly Labs, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), which was dissolved by the filing of a Certificate of Dissolution in the Office of the Department of State of the State of Delaware on the 23rd day of January, 2019 that pursuant to Section 280 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, all creditors of and claimants against the Company are hereby required to present in writing their claims, respective accounts and demands and must contain sufficient information reasonably to inform the Company or successor entity of the identity of the claimant and the substance of the claims, accounts and demands. All claims, accounts and demands must be sent to the following address: Neighborly Labs, Inc., 2606 2nd Avenue #130, Seattle, WA 98121, and must be received on or before 5:00 pm Pacific time, the 9th day of April, 2019, or such claims, accounts and demands shall be forever barred as against the property of the Company and its directors and stockholders. The Company or successor entity may make distributions to other claimants and the Company stockholders or persons interested as having been such without further notice to the claimant. No distributions have been made by the Company to its stockholders for each of the three (3) years prior to the date the Company dissolved.

Dated at Seattle, Washington, on the 29th day of January, 2019.
np 2/8,15 2832093

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed Construction of a U.S. Army Reserve Center

The U.S. Army Reserve 99th Readiness Division proposes to construct and operate a U.S. Army Reserve Center on available land at the existing Armed Forces Reserve Center in Newark, Delaware. The proposed U.S. Army Reserve Center would provide properly equipped and secured training facilities for approximately 300 U.S. Army Reserve soldiers.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the U.S. Army Reserve has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a draft Finding of No Significant Impacts (FNSI) for the proposed action. The EA and draft FNSI evaluate and document potential environmental and human health effects associated with the construction and operation of a new U.S. Army Reserve Center at the proposed location.

The EA and draft FNSI have been submitted to Federal, state and local agencies for review and are available for public review at the Newark Free Library, 750 Library Avenue, Newark, DE, 19711; the Wilmington Public Library, 10 E. 10th Street, Wilmington, DE, 19801; and the internet at: <http://parsenviro.com/FTP/NewarkEA.pdf>.

Written comments are to be submitted by March 18, 2019 to: 99th Readiness Division, DPW, ATTN: Daniel Van Voorhis, 5231 South Scott Plaza, Joint Base MDL, NJ 08640-5000, or by email at daniel.b.vanvoorhis.ctr@mail.mil.

np 2/15

2831336

Meffco, LLC, dba Finn McCool's Irish Gastropub, has on October 17, 2018 applied with the Alcoholic Beverage Control ("Commissioner") for a substantive change in the area utilized for entertainment—i.e., removing tables and chairs in the first floor dining room and upstairs banquet room to accommodate occasional musical entertainment and dancing, including during the hours of approximately 9:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. on Thursdays and on St. Patrick's Day—for the premises located at 102 E. Main Street, Newark, DE. 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 Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner at the 3rd Floor, Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington DE 19801. The protest(s) must be received by the Commissioner's office on or before March 10, 2019. Failure to file such a protest may result in the Commissioner considering the application without further notice, input or hearing. If you have questions regarding this matter please contact the Commissioner's Office.
np 2/8,15,22 2832100

CITY OF NEWARK Delaware AUCTION NOTICE

The following lost, unclaimed and validly seized property will be placed on the online auction site Municibid for public auction:

- 2007 FLH Harley Davidson
- 2006 FXD Harley Davidson
- YOYO baby stroller
- Sentry safe

The public auction will last for 2 weeks and will begin on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 and end on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Questions regarding the auction items should be directed to the City of Newark Purchasing Division at (302) 366-7000.
np 2/15 2833425

GARAGE KEEPER SALE NOTICE

Place: Glasgow Court
212 N. Oxford Street
Newark, DE 19711

Date: March 26, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Owners: Albert Chapman and Suzanne Williams

Make & Model: 1990 CENR HS

Tag & VIN: VIN # MY9075858; Tag # MH21739

Taken as the property of Albert Chapman and Suzanne Williams to be sold to satisfy a lien to Glasgow Court Enterprises, LLC c/o Michael P. Morton, attorney. This sale was authorized by J.P. Court 13 in C.A. No. JP13-18-014567.

np 2/15

2833848

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO ALL CREDITORS OF OR CLAIMANTS AGAINST AEC USA LLC. On January 7, 2019, the sole Member of AEC USA LLC ("Company"), a Delaware limited liability company, resolved to dissolve the Company and on or after February 15, 2019 will file a Certificate of Cancellation of Limited Liability Company with the DE Secretary of State. All parties must submit a written summary of any claims against Company, including name, address and phone number of claimant, date on which the claim arose, basis for the claim, and supporting documentation to Abengoa North America LLC, c/o Legal Department, 3030 N. Central Ave., Suite 808, Phoenix, AZ 85012. All claims will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce is commenced within three (3) years of publication of this notice.
np 2/8,15 2832077

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO ALL CREDITORS OF OR CLAIMANTS AGAINST AEC BIOMASS USA LLC. On January 7, 2019, the sole Member of AEC Biomass USA LLC ("Company"), a Delaware limited liability company, resolved to dissolve the Company and on or after February 15, 2019 will file a Certificate of Cancellation of Limited Liability Company with the DE Secretary of State. All parties must submit a written summary of any claim against Company, including name, address and phone number of claimant, date on which the claim arose, basis for the claim, and supporting documentation to Abengoa North America LLC, c/o Legal Department, 3030 N. Central Ave., Suite 808, Phoenix, AZ 85012. All claims will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce is commenced within three (3) years of publication of this notice.
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- 7-1990 JEEP VIN# 2J4FY19E8LJ527813 NO TAG JP9-18-002891

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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
HURKLEE LAWTON
Petitioner(s)
TO
HERCULES LAWTON
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HERKLEE LAWTON 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 HERCULES LAWTON.

HURKLEE LAWTON
Petitioner
Dated: 1/15/2019
2829615

np 1/18,25,2/1,8,15

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO ALL CREDITORS OF OR CLAIMANTS AGAINST AEC PELLET 1 USA LLC. On January 7, 2019, the sole Member of AEC Pellet 1 USA LLC ("Company"), a Delaware limited liability company, resolved to dissolve the Company and on or after February 15, 2019 will file a Certificate of Cancellation of Limited Liability Company with the DE Secretary of State. All parties must submit a written summary of any claim against Company, including name, address and phone number of claimant, date on which the claim arose, basis for the claim, and supporting documentation to Abengoa North America LLC, c/o Legal Department, 3030 N. Central Ave., Suite 808, Phoenix, AZ 85012. All claims will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce is commenced within three (3) years of publication of this notice.

np 2/8,15 2832081

PUBLIC AUCTION SENTINEL SELF STORAGE

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

A Public Auction will be held on Thursday, March 14th, 2019 at 11:00 AM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit #4005 - Carl Massey - Bags, Boxes, Clothing, Fishing Equipment, Tiller, Power Tools, Shelving, Suitcases, Folding Table, Totes, Browning Gun Safe, Rolling tool Chest, Deer Head, Work Bench, Hand Truck, Framed Deer Skin

Unit #3025 - Betty Tuckerson - Bags, Headboard, Bicycles, Boxes, Chairs, Chest of Drawers, Dresser, Sewing Machine, Folding Table, Big Screen TV, Washer, Heater, Armoire, China Cabinet, Assorted Household Items

Unit #3027 - Betty Tuckerson - Air Conditioner, Bags, Boxes, Kitchen Cabinets, Dryer, Speakers, Suitcase, Totes, Photo Developer, Patio Table, Canopy, Weed Wacker, Garden Tools, Assorted Household Items

1100 Elkton Road
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(302) 731-8108

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, 3/13/19 at 12:00 pm. All sales are cash only. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit #5002 - Daniel Igo - couch, love seat, totes, flooring in boxes, floor samples, toys

200 First State Blvd
Wilmington, DE 19804
(302) 999-0704

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 1:00pm. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit #333 - Erin Linderman - baby crib, mattress, boxes, kitchen chair, stool totes, high chair, changing table, night stand

Unit #1259 - John Humphreys - hamper, coffee table, totes, heater world globe

Unit #9279 - Nicolas Rhoads - air conditioner, box spring, dining chairs, lamps, dining table

Unit #9444 - David Southall - bags, bed frame, box spring, mattresses, boxes, upholstered chair, clothing, couch, ironing board, loveseat, stereo, coffee table, end table, totes, mics household items, 1 car rim, shovel, crutches, board games

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

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 2:00 PM. The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit #102 - Rashawn J. Maddrey-Reed - Bags, pictures, toys, freezer, shoes.

Unit #198 - Aide Burnett - Bags, clothing, (2) dressers, pictures, toy basketball net, comforters, space heater.

Unit #28 - Dubei Group, Inc, George Dubei - New microwave, (2) new refrigerators, (3) tires, boxes.

Unit #333 - Eeyesha N. Mitchell - Baby crib, bags, mattress, totes.

Unit #316 - Latisha C. Alls - Headboard, kitchen chairs, bench stool.

Unit #267 - Larry A. Joyner - Bags, clothing, (2) suitcases, totes, TV.

Unit #178 - Gregory Jordan - Office chair, tires, tool box, (2) rolling tool boxes with tools, air compressor, car hubcaps.

141 Edgemoor Rd.
Wilmington, DE 19809
(302) 762-3626

A Public Auction will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 3:00 PM. Sales are "cash only". The contents of the following storage units will be auctioned:

Unit #151 - Jamie K. Osman - Boxes, bags, totes, golf clubs, footlocker
np 2/8,15 2830617

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
MICHAEL ANTHONY ROJAS
Petitioner(s)
TO
TAKASHI UZUMATI ROJAS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MICHAEL ANTHONY ROJAS 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 TAKASHI UZUMATI ROJAS.

MICHAEL ANTHONY ROJAS
Petitioner
Dated: 1/23/2019
2831069

np 2/1,8,15

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
TRUC THANH HUYNH
Petitioner(s)
TO
VIVIAN PHAM
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TRUC THANH HUYNH 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 VIVIAN PHAM.

TRUC THANH HUYNH
Petitioner
Dated: 12/10/2018
2831105

np 2/1,8,15

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
ANH NHAT HUYNH
Petitioner(s)
TO
KELLY PHAM
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANH NHAT HUYNH 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 KELLY PHAM.

ANH NHAT HUYNH
Petitioner
Dated: 12/10/2018
2831108

np 2/1,8,15

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
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TO
SEAN RENZEL CARTER
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RODNEY SHONTAI DUFFY 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 SEAN RENZEL CARTER.

RODNEY SHONTAI DUFFY
Petitioner
Dated: 1/25/2019
2831256

np 2/1,8,15

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
KATHRYN VERONICA HOPKINS
Petitioner(s)
TO
KATHRYN VERONICA HOPKINS MILAM
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KATHRYN VERONICA HOPKINS 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 KATHRYN VERONICA HOPKINS MILAM.

KATHRYN VERONICA HOPKINS
Petitioner
Dated: 1/25/2019
2831413

np 2/1,8,15

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
ASHLEY LINETTE RIVERA
Petitioner(s)
TO
LILITH EVA AIKO
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ASHLEY LINETTE RIVERA 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 LILITH EVA AIKO.

ASHLEY LINETTE RIVERA
Petitioner
Dated: 2/1/2019
2833426

np 2/15,22,3/1

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
SAFIYYAH NAJEEN SYKES
Petitioner(s)
TO
SAFIYYAH NAJEEN BAKER
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SAFIYYAH NAJEEN SYKES 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 SAFIYYAH NAJEEN BAKER.

SAFIYYAH NAJEEN SYKES
Petitioner
Dated: 2/12/2019
2834361

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np 2/15 2833723

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RE: DEADLY WEAPON
I, Matthew J. Willey, residing at 102 Clover Court, Newark, DE 19711, will make application to the judges of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Matthew J. Willey
2/12/19
2834158

np 2/15

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
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Aaron Michael Lawson
2/8/19
2833773

np 2/15

LEGAL NOTICE

RE: DEADLY WEAPON
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Wilfredo Vargas III
2/5/19
2833340

np 2/15

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np 2/8,15 2826976

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np 2/15,22,3/1

2833539

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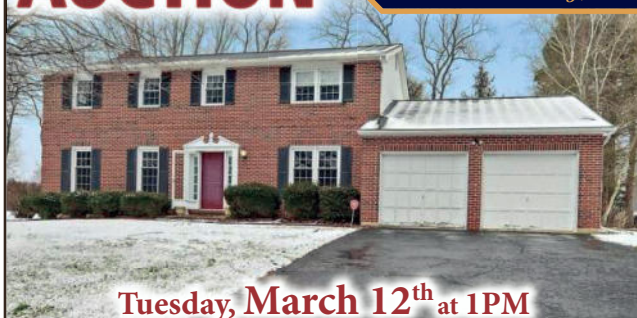
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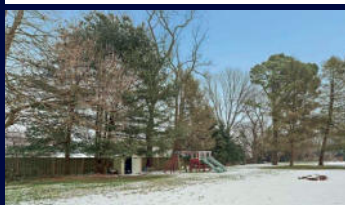
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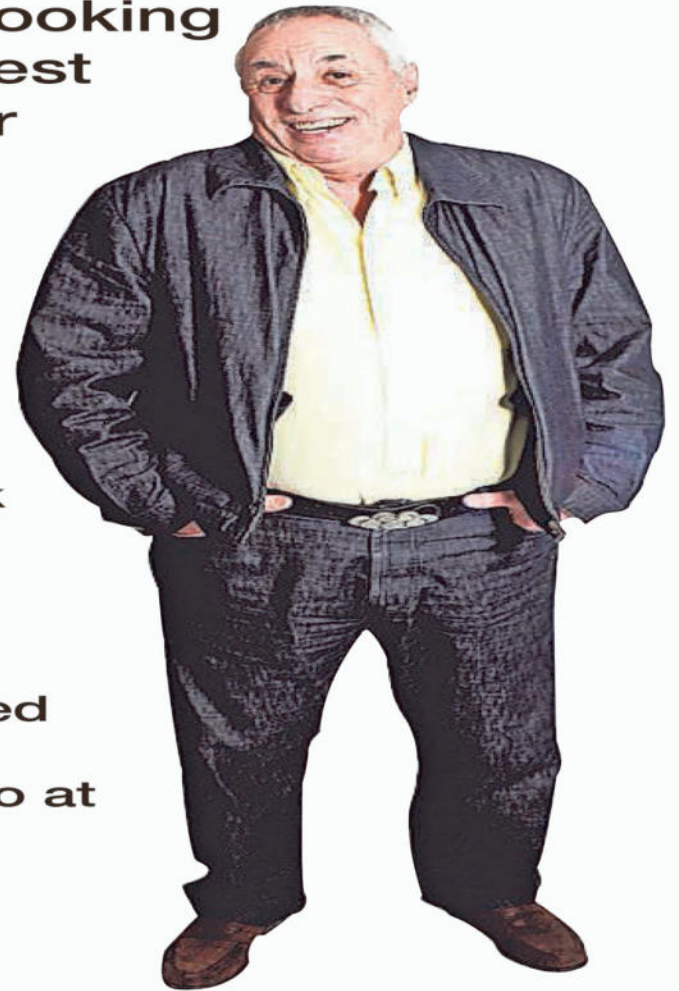
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