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'It is a mess'



Businesses struggle to cope with Newark Shopping Center construction

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Major renovations at Newark Shopping Center have led to a drop in business for some stores and prompted the closure of The Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant.

By KARIE SIMMONS

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For the last few months, Newark Shopping Center has been nothing short of a construction zone.

To some, the sound of hammers and power tools is a welcome one. But the work to improve the aging plaza

comes at a cost, and business owners are learning that sometimes things have to get worse before they can get better.

A visit to the shopping center off Main Street requires navigating construction vehicles, walking around orange cones that line the sidewalk and driving carefully over

areas of broken pavement.

Anthony Barcola, owner of Salon by Anthony, said the disarray is hard to ignore.

"I can't lie and tell you it's not a mess, because it is a mess," he said.

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Police: Crime down 15%

However, increase in gunfire causes concern

By JOSH SHANNON

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Despite a much talked about robbery spree and the city's first homicide since 2010, Newark saw a significant drop in overall crime in 2014, according to data released this month by the Newark Police Department.

Major crimes decreased 15 percent from the previous year and are down 44 percent since 2006.



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Matt Spicer, president of the student-run LGBT group Haven, said that he would be interested in living in the all-gender dorms open to upperclassmen this fall.



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UD's Residence Life and Housing has created an all-gender housing option on Laird Campus to allow students to live with a roommate of their choice, regardless of gender.

UD implements 'all-gender' housing policy

By NICOLE SULLIVAN
Special to the Post

Starting in the fall, the University of Delaware will adopt a new "all-gender" housing policy that allows students to live with whomever they want, instead of being restricted to rooming with someone of the same gender.

Unlike co-ed dorming, which assumes that there

are two genders, male and female, all-gender housing provides a more inclusive idea of diverse gender identities, officials said.

Applicants may include, but are not limited to, those who identify as transgender or are questioning their gender identity and those who do not wish to adhere to prescribed gender classifications.

This housing choice

will be available to sophomores, juniors and seniors who are at least 18 years of age and are eligible for university housing. Students that apply must mutually request one another as roommates or suite-mates and will be placed in suite-style spaces on Laird Campus.

The specific location of these rooms has not yet been designated.

Although there is gender-neutral housing already in place at UD, executive director of Residence Life and Housing Kathleen Kerr said the all-gender housing plan will provide students with better options.

"Over the years, we came to believe that gender-neutral housing wasn't really an ideal situation because some students really do want to have a roommate, not just be in a single," Kerr said. "Assuming students are on a gender binary of male or female really discounts the fact of a gender spectrum and that students — a lot of students across the country and on our campus — identify differently."

Kerr said Residence Life and Housing researched comparable schools to UD that offered all-gender housing, such as Middlebury College in Vermont.

Maggie Hussar, director of major programming for the student-run LGBT group Haven, helped with the research while intern-

ing at ResLife last summer. She found that of the 12 schools she looked at, eight had some sort of all-gender housing available to students.

"Whereas at the University of Delaware, we have a case-by-case basis, which is not really a great way to handle the situation," Hussar said.

The new housing option is a huge step, Hussar said, and is something that Haven has been advocating for a long time.

"I think it's extremely exciting," Hussar said. "As a mid-to-large sized university, having all-gender housing is important because not only are your education and social experience really important, if you're a student living on campus, then that's an especially important thing to be comfortable with because that is your home."

Haven President Matt Spicer said his organization has had students speak about their anxieties about living in traditional dorm situations before.

"I can say within our leadership we do have individuals who identify as transgender, and they over the past year have faced a multitude of challenges when it came to sort of how to fit themselves into a housing option that doesn't really recognize the existence of transgender people," he said.

Spicer is hopeful all-gender housing will change this trend.

Although there is a possibility that romantic couples may use this opportunity to room together, Kerr said Residence Life will not discriminate against any all-gender housing applicants, in order to respect privacy. Students will not be required to disclose their reason for applying.

"Heterosexual or LGBT couples are discouraged from rushing into living together on campus or off-campus," Kerr said. "Our intention is simply to provide comfortable living spaces for students."

Spicer said that the benefits of creating a more inclusive Residence Life environment for students who don't identify within the gender binary norm far outweigh any negative outcomes that may arise.

"I just want to applaud the university leadership for approving this because it really does send the message that at UD we really do care about individuals of diverse gender identities," Spicer said. "It's certainly a very positive step."



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Newark passed over for downtown district grant

State declines to fund effort to promote owner-occupied homes

By JOSH SHANNON

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State officials passed over Newark when awarding the first round of Downtown Development District grants.

The grant program, conceived by Gov. Jack Markell and approved by the general assembly last year, allows municipalities to designate "downtown districts" and compete for funding.

This year, one town from each county was selected. If funding allows, more will be selected in future years. In districts selected for the program, private entities will be able to receive grants to



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

A "for rent" sign hangs in front of a home in George Read Village. Newark was passed over for a state grant program that would have helped encourage owner-occupied housing in that neighborhood.

offset up to 20 percent of capital costs for building or redeveloping proper-

ties in the district.

A spokeswoman for the governor announced Sun-

day that the first three grants were awarded to Wilmington, Dover and Seaford.

"I was impressed by the overall quality of the applications submitted," Markell said in a statement. "In addition to demonstrating significant need, each of the winning applicants submitted thoughtful plans with detailed strategies to strengthen neighborhoods, spur private investment, and improve housing opportunities for residents of all walks of life."

City spokesman Ricky Nietubicz said he understood the governor's decision, noting that state officials reviewing the grant applications called Newark "a model downtown."

"In some ways, it's very much a compliment not to get it," Nietubicz said.

"The scoring was very much need-based."

Newark's bid for the money focused on two areas of downtown where city planners hope to encourage more owner-occupied housing: George Read Village and the area surrounding Center, New, Linden and Choate streets.

The city has long had the goal of increasing the number of owner-occupied properties in the central business district. Currently, homeownership rates in George Read Village and the Center Street area are 13.8 and 3.3 percent, respectively, compared to 72.1 percent in the city as a whole.

The city already sponsors the Promoting Owner Occupancy of Homes (POOH) Program, which provides interest-free loans of up to \$30,000 toward the purchase of a

single-family home currently being used as a rental property. The state money would have piggy-backed on that program, helping new homeowners reinvest in and renovate the property.

Nietubicz said the city will continue to promote the POOH program and will investigate ways to make other money available for renovations.

"We can look at what possibilities there are to assist with that," he said.

The state will retain grant applications for four years, and Newark will still be in the running if more grants are offered in the future.

Candidate nominations accepted through Feb. 9

Walker announces run for District 4 seat

POST STAFF REPORT

The city is now accepting nominations for candidates for the April 14 city council election.

The seats up for election in-

clude District 1, currently held by two-term councilman Mark Morehead; District 4, currently held by first-term councilwoman Marge Hadden; and District 2, currently held by Todd Ruckle, who won a special election in 2014 after Jerry Clifton resigned halfway through his term.

Morehead and Ruckle have

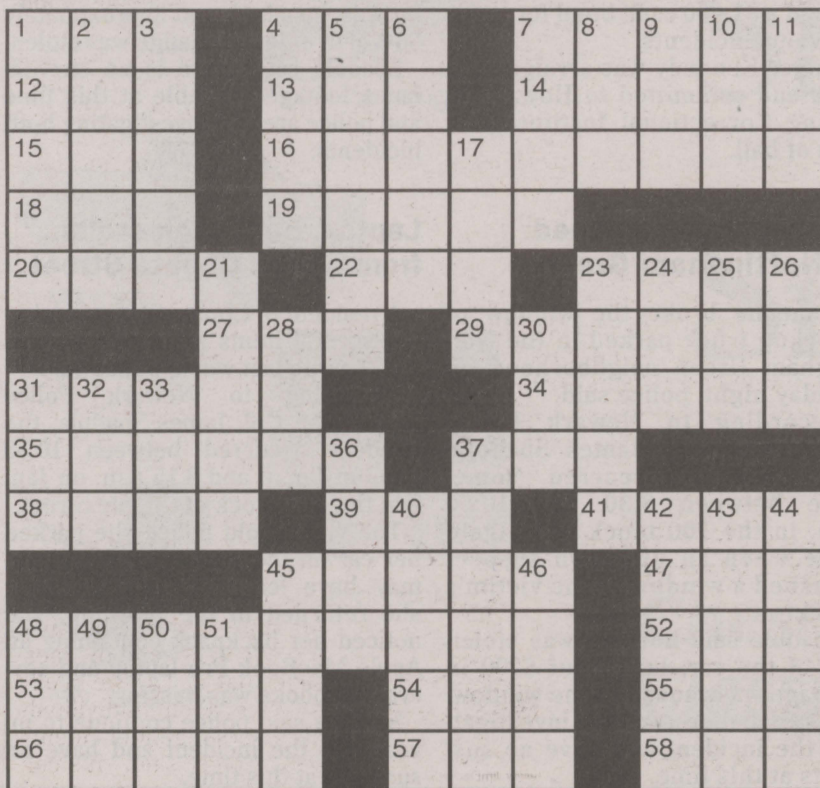
both said they plan to run for re-election. Hadden said she has not yet decided if she will seek another term.

Ron Walker, a resident of Kells Avenue and a former New Castle County Chamber of Commerce president, said Tuesday night he plans to run for the District 4 seat. In 2013, he lost to Hadden by nine votes.

Nominating petitions must be signed by 10 eligible voters and are due at the city secretary's office by Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. Candidates must be a registered voter of the district he or she seeks to represent, must have lived in the city for at least one year and cannot have been convicted of a felony in the past 15 years.

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Police department names deputy chiefs

New roles part of agency restructuring

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Two deputy police chiefs assumed their positions Jan. 5 as part of a restructuring of the Newark Police Department.

Mark Farrall and Kevin Feeney, who each have at least 18 years of experience at NPD, now form a three-person management team along with Chief Paul Tiernan. Late last year, city council authorized the two deputy chiefs, at a salary of \$102,738 each.

Farrall will command the administration and services bureau, which includes detectives, the street crimes unit, internal affairs and the school resource officer, among other groups. Feeney will command the field operations bureau, which includes the patrol and traffic divisions, as well as special operations and the K-9 unit.

Eventually, the two deputy chiefs will switch roles, with the idea that they each get experience with all aspects of the police department so one can be promoted to chief when Tiernan retires in approximately four years.

"I want to be the last police chief from outside the city

of Newark," said Tiernan, who joined NPD in 2007 after serving as police chief in Teaneck, N.J.

Under the old structure, Tiernan was the only management employee, with the rest of the department being union members. Below him were two captains, who performed roles similar to that of the new deputy chiefs.

One captain was Feeney, and the other, John Potts, will now be in charge of auxiliary services, which includes the 911 center, technology department and records division.

With the new system, Feeney and Farrall are now part of management and will play a role in union negotiation and setting department policies. They will also be responsible for administering disciplinary measures in most cases.

That makes for a "clearer appeal process," Deputy City Manager Andrew Haines said, noting that disciplinary measures can be appealed to Tiernan. Previously, discipline was handled by Tiernan, and any appeals ended up back on his desk.

Originally from Orange

County, N.Y., Feeney, 41, came to Newark to attend the University of Delaware and never left. He is in his 18th year at NPD, where he has served in several positions, including patrol lieutenant and captain, a role to which he was appointed in September.

Farrall, 44, is a graduate of Newark High School and UD and started his law enforcement career at the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. He joined NPD 19 years ago, most recently serving as lieutenant of the administrative division, a position that includes acting as the department's spokesman.

"They're both highly mo-

tivated and highly trained," Tiernan said. "They have good training and great ideas."

Among other things, they will be tasked with modernizing the department's use of technology, said Tiernan, who admitted he is not as tech-savvy as his new deputies.

Feeney is working to implement a system to track the activities of officers and the crimes they respond to as a way to analyze trends and provide information to members of the community.

"When we go to community meetings, we'll have data at our fingertips," he said, later adding, "It will help in maximizing our resources to make sure we put the right people in the right place at the right time."

They also want to improve community outreach by talking to more UD student groups, sponsoring events like National Night Out and building up the explorers

program for youths.

"We can better educate the community about what our officers are doing," Farrall said. "I look forward to better showcasing that."

The restructuring also includes the addition of three more sergeants and more master corporals. Over the years, the size of the police force has grown, but the number of supervisors had not kept up.

Sergeants and lieutenants will also rotate responsibilities more often, all as part of an effort to create better succession plans.

"You can see right down the line for the next 20 years," Tiernan said. "There are a lot of excellent people who will be chief of police one day."

City officials worked with the Fraternal Order of Police Newark Lodge 4 when developing the deputy chief proposal. Union president Master Cpl. Greg D'Elia said the FOP reached an

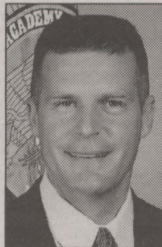
agreement with the city that guarantees the deputy chief position will be filled by internal candidates.

He also said he appreciates the addition of more sergeants, noting that it sets in place the infrastructure needed for NPD to grow.

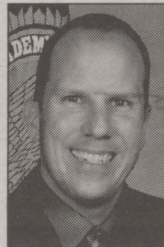
"At some point, the department will have to expand," D'Elia said. "I hope the city will realize that."

NPD recently expanded from 68 to 71 sworn officers. However, D'Elia said, Newark still lags behind similarly sized towns in the state, such as Dover, which has 92 officers and will soon expand to 102.

Haines said Newark is constantly seeking the proper balance between appropriate staff levels and financial realities. He pointed out that Newark has an advantage many cities don't: the large UD Police Department that operates within city limits.



FARRALL



FEENEY

POLICE BRIEFS

Newark man dies in I-95 crash

A Newark man was killed in a high-speed, single-vehicle crash on Interstate 95 early Sunday morning, state police reported.

The crash happened just before 3 a.m. when Rashaan D. Monroe, 22, was driving south and lost control of his car just north of where the interstate crosses over Chapel Street, according to Sgt. Richard D. Bratz, a spokesman for Delaware State Police.

Monroe's 2005 Ford 500 ran off the right side of the road into a grassy area, rolled over and struck a guardrail and a steel pole supporting an overhead sign.

First responders arrived to find the car entangled with the pole and Monroe "extensively entrapped in the wreckage," Sgt. Michael A. McColey, a spokesman for New Castle County paramedics, said.

Monroe died at the scene.

An initial investigation found that Monroe was driving "at an apparent high rate of speed" and was not wearing a seatbelt, Bratz said.

Man charged in theft of cellphone

An 18-year-old man was charged last week with stealing a cell phone from a home in the Williamsburg Village neighborhood off Barksdale Road.

The defendant is identified as Nathan Gilger-Kennedy, of Newark.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the incident occurred between

7 and 7:36 a.m. on Dec. 31 when Gilger-Kennedy allegedly entered a home in the 100 block of King William Street.

The victim told police Gilger-Kennedy came inside around 7 a.m. to charge his phone and left about 30 minutes later. After he left, the victim went upstairs to the room where Gilger-Kennedy had been and discovered that his own phone was gone.

On Jan. 7, NPD's special operations unit located Gilger-Kennedy on Tracy Drive and charged him with theft. He was taken back to police headquarters and issued a \$1,000 secured bond. He was also issued a \$1,000 cash bond for three previous incidents.

Gilger-Kennedy was arraigned in JP 2 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of bail.

Car window smashed in Nottingham Green

Someone broke the window of a pickup truck parked in the Nottingham Green neighborhood on Sunday night, police said.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the incident occurred sometime between 8:30 and 10:50 p.m. in the 700 block of Colgate Lane when an unknown suspect smashed a window in the victim's truck.

Spadola said nothing was stolen out of the car, but about \$200 in damage was caused to the window. He said police are still investigating the incident and have no suspects at this time.

Two cars broken into in Deer Park parking lot

Police are investigating two vehicle break-ins that happened in the Deer Park Tavern parking lot last week.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the incidents happened between 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. on Jan. 7 in the parking lot of the bar and restaurant at 108 W. Main St.

Spadola said a Coach purse and wallet worth approximately \$700 were taken from a Mazda Protege that was left unlocked in the parking lot. Also, the driver's side window of a Ford F150 that was in the parking lot was smashed, and approximately \$3 worth of loose change was stolen.

Spadola said there is no surveillance footage available at this time and police are still investigating both incidents.

Laptop, backpack stolen from car on Choate Street

A resident of Choate Street is missing several items after her car was broken into last week, police said.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the incident occurred between 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 6 and 8:15 a.m. on Jan. 7 in the unit block of Choate Street.

The victim told police she parked her car on the street overnight and may have left it unlocked. When she returned in the morning, she noticed her backpack containing an Apple MacBook Pro laptop and several textbooks was missing.

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

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No surprises here: Students oppose school uniform proposal

By KARIE SIMMONS

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The Christina School District is continuing to gauge the opinions of students, parents, teachers and administrators on a proposal to institute a district-wide school uniform policy.

Uniforms are already in place at Christina middle schools and urban elementary schools, and at least two board members are advocating expanding the requirement to all schools in the district.

Shirley Sutton-Saffer and fellow board member Elizabeth Paige have said that the uniforms would cut down on bullying, make students look more professional, be cheaper for parents and help district schools compete with the growing number of charter and private schools, many of which require uniforms.

The first draft of the uniform policy would require students to wear polo shirts (color-coded by grade level) as well as navy or black pants, skirts or jumpers. In cold weather, students would be allowed to wear sweaters that match their assigned shirt color.

The policy would ban shorts, sweatshirts, sandals, caps, bandanas and scrunchies. It would also limit the size of purses and the type of jewelry that could be worn.

Officials say the specifics of the uniform could change, based on public feedback.

In December, officials released an online survey that asked whether the uniform policy should be expanded and also whether respondents agree with several statements about the benefits of uniforms including that they "increase students' self-esteem," "improve the school environment" and "reduce peer pressure."

Respondents were also asked what grade levels the uniform policy should apply to.

Officials finished collecting data earlier this month and are now analyzing the results of more than 1,200 responses.

Donald Patton, supervisor of student services and support, presented the results of the study to the school board on Tuesday.

In general, Patton said, the results were as expected. The majority of the students who responded opposed uniforms, teachers supported them, and parents were split.

Just more than half of all student respondents, 53 percent, said they wanted no school uniform policy at all. Only 14 percent said they'd like to see uniforms worn by students at all grade levels.

Patton said officials are still looking at the survey data to try to interpret it. As of now, he said, it is too soon to come up with a plan for implementing district-wide uniforms, especially in the high schools.

"I think there's going to be a lot of resistance to high school, and we're feeling that, seeing that and hearing

that," Patton said.

Board member Fred Polaski suggested the district come up with a more specific dress code for high school students so they can learn how to dress professionally without the rigid boundaries of a uniform.

"There may be an intermediate ground," he said.

Christina will hold four community forums in March on the proposed uniforms, during which an in-depth analysis of the data will be presented.

The two forums in Newark will be March 4 at 6 p.m. in the Christina High School auditorium and March 9 at 6 p.m. in the Brookside Elementary School cafeteria.

Christina Uniform Forum Dates

Monday, March 2, 6 p.m.

Oberle Elementary School Library
500 Caledonia Way, Bear

Wednesday, March 4, 6 p.m.

Christiana High School Auditorium
190 Salem Church Road, Newark

Monday, March 9, 6 p.m.

Brookside Elementary School Cafeteria
800 Marrows Road, Newark

Monday, March 16, 6 p.m.

Bayard Middle School Auditorium
200 S. duPont Street, Wilmington



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Police are looking for this man who robbed a credit union on Elkton Road.

Elkton Rd. credit union robbed

By JOSH SHANNON

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Police are searching for a man who robbed a Newark bank last week.

The masked bandit entered the American Spirit Federal Credit Union, located at the corner of Elkton Road and Otts Chapel Road, on Jan. 9 at 1 p.m., according to Lt. Bill Hargrove, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The robber presented a note demanding money to a teller, who complied. The suspect then left the bank and ran west on Elkton Road before getting into an awaiting vehicle.

The getaway car – described as a light-colored sedan, possibly a Mitsubishi Galant – crossed into Maryland and was last seen on Fletchwood Road, north of Elkton, Hargrove said.

The robber is described as a white man with a thin build who is between 5 feet 4 inches and 5 feet 5 inches tall. He was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, light pants, black gloves and a white mask or bandana.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Detective Morgan Fountain at 302-366-7110 ext. 133 or Morgan.Fountain@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the Internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

School board releases details of next month's referendum

Officials seeking tax hike of \$1.05 per \$100 of assessed property

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Next month, the Christina School District will ask voters to approve two separate tax increases: one to fund rising operating expenses and help close a \$6 million budget deficit, and the other to allow the district to invest in new programs.

The school board previously set the date of the referendum as Feb. 24 and decided on the specifics of the proposed tax hike Tuesday night.

In order to "eliminate structural operating deficiencies, continue existing operations and rebuild district reserves," Christina is asking that residents agree to incremental increases that would involve paying an additional 40 cents per \$100 of assessed property value starting July 1, another 20 cents in 2016 and another 5 cents in 2017, for a total increase of 65 cents.

If residents vote to also fund

new programs and strategic initiatives in addition to rising operating expenses in the schools, the increases will instead be 50 cents per \$100 of assessed property value in July, another 36 cents in 2016, another 16 cents in 2017, and finally another 3 cents starting in 2018, for a total increase of \$1.05.

Two of the items being considered for the special funding include adding more services for gifted students and expanding the early education program.

The district is asking for a tax hike that is three times

the amount approved in 2010 by a margin of 26 votes. That referendum increased taxes by 35 cents per \$100 of assessed property value over three years.

Since 2000, the district has held six referenda, four of which received favorable results.

Leading up to the Feb. 24 vote, Christina will hold four community forums on the referendum. Those in Newark will be on Jan. 29 at Downes Elementary School, Feb. 12 at Christina High School and Feb. 17 at Leasure Elementary School.

Referendum Community Forums

Thursday, Jan. 29, 6 p.m.

Downes Elementary School
220 Casho Mill Road, Newark

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 6 p.m.

Pulaski Elementary School
1300 Cedar Street, Wilmington

Thursday, Feb. 12, 6 p.m.

Christiana High School
190 Salem Church Road, Newark

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 6 p.m.

Leasure Elementary School
1015 Church Road, Newark

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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 1900: Council authorized borrowing \$802.50 to pay interest due July 1 on water and electric construction bonds. John Chalmers, bailiff and constable,

was required to report at monthly council meetings. Council was preparing a defined list of the bailiff's duties and investigating the cost of a watchclock for the bailiff to use.

New Century Club members were concerned about trash in the streets. The matter was turned over to council's street committee for action. At \$1 per tele-

phone pole tax, a total of \$44, was reported collected for 1899.

June 1900: A license to perform an "Uncle Tom" show cost \$2. Water pumped in May was over 1.2 million gallons using 47 tons of coal to operate the boilers. Official rules for the bailiff were set: On duty eleven hours per night, wear uniform and badges on duty,

make regular rounds of town and register at points as directed by council, prevent unseemly conduct by intoxicated or belligerent persons, not countenance marauding town or college boys, and not hold a second job.

Citizen complaints of drainage problems on south side of Main Street near Delaware Avenue

were presented. National Meter Company representative was on hand to explain working of their water meters, "which were in use in a large number of cities."

On appeal, Reed's and Donnell's brick houses had tax assessment reduced. Street committee was ordered to clean and keep maintained the drain on east side of the

McPike property.

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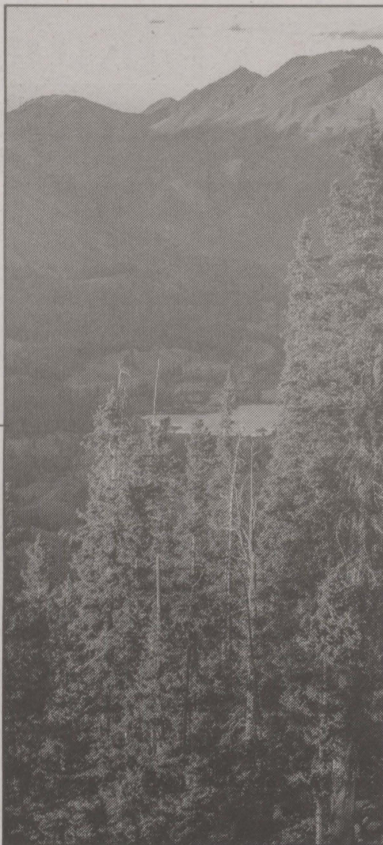
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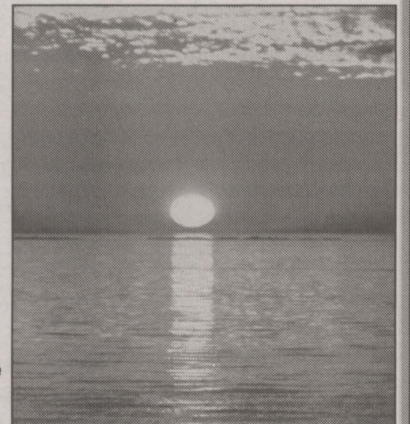
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'Yarn bombing' turns heads at Newark Free Library

By JOSH SHANNON

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For 40 years, The Student has stood as a silent sentinel, watching over people entering the Newark Free Library and warming the hearts of three generations of bookworms.

Last week, a group of library patrons decided the beloved statue could use some warmth of its own.

After their weekly meeting Jan. 6, the Newark Free Library Yarnivores climbed atop the statue and adorned it with a hand-made, multi-colored hat and scarf.

A form of street art, such a display is known as "yarn bombing" and has been gaining popularity across the country. Internet searches turn up hundreds of yarn bombing photos, mostly of trees, signs and park benches as well as larger targets such as the Rocky statue in Philadelphia and the bull statue in the New York City financial district.

"It's a popular activity going on all over the place, and we decided we'd do it locally," Yarnivores member Deborah Ryszka said. "One member had some extra yarn, and said, 'Let's yarn bomb the statue.'"

Seventy-five members strong, the knitting group has met every Tuesday evening at the library for several years. Members work on their own projects and sometimes unite for charity efforts.

Over a period of a week, more than 20 members knitted and crocheted sections of the extra-large hat and scarf and then combined them together before hanging them on the statue



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE YARNIVORES

The Yarnivores knitting group "yarn bombs" The Student statue outside the Newark Free Library.

under the cover of darkness.

The following morning, the yarn bombing created a buzz around the library and on social media.

Library officials did not return a call seeking comment but appeared to take the yarn bombing in the good-natured way it was intended, writing in a Facebook post that The Student "does appreciate it on this cold day."

"Now, he looks like he's warm," Ryszka remarked, adding that the Yarnivores have more yarn bombing projects in the works.

Crafted by well-known Delaware sculptor Charles Parks, The Student was installed in front of the library in 1975. Parks used his nephew, Newark native Floyd Kemske, as a model for the statue, which depicts a barefooted boy reclining with a book resting on his thigh.

After two decades, the statue fell victim to rust, and Parks used the original as a mold to recast the sculpture. Local schoolchildren helped unveil the second version of The Student during a ceremony on Valentine's Day 1999.

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The Student made a fashion statement last week after the Yarnivores knitting group "yarn bombed" the statue outside the Newark Free Library.



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Liquor bill aimed at 'evening the playing field'

By KARI SIMMONS

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When Donna Papanicolas and her husband, Akillas, opened Mediterranean Grille in Newark four and a half years ago, they assumed they would be able to offer customers beer and wine with their Greek dishes, but that wasn't the case.

"We have very, very nice food, and wine pairs with it very nicely," she said. "It doesn't make sense that we can't have it. It's not like we're trying to be a bar."

According to state and city code, which require 35 and 50 seats, respectively, the 17-seat restaurant in the Newark Shopping Center is too small to sell alcohol. However, that may soon change as local politicians are pushing for a bill that would allow smaller establishments with seating for at least 12 to apply for a liquor license.

The bill is sponsored by State Rep. Paul Baumbach, who said he was contacted by a frustrated Papanicolas.

In September, the business owner received a variance from Newark's Board

of Adjustment that allowed her to sell alcohol at the restaurant. However, she was still blocked by the state's requirements and turned to Baumbach for help.

Baumbach said the 35 seats required by the state is an outdated figure that's difficult to justify.

"Nobody knows where that number came from or why it was chosen," he said. "I'm just surprised no one ran up against this sooner."

If the bipartisan legislation passes, he said, small restaurants across the state will be able to compete with the bigger players for business, and patrons will have a wider variety of options when choosing where to drink and dine.

"It just gives more choices, and generally more choices are a good thing," Baumbach said.

The state will also gain revenue in additional license application fees. The cost of a restaurant liquor license is \$1,000 every two years, or \$1,500 every two years if alcohol is served on Sunday.

Papanicolas said having



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARI SIMMONS

Donna Papanicolas and her husband, Akillas, owners of Mediterranean Grille in the Newark Shopping Center, are pushing for a bill that would allow smaller establishments with seating for at least 12 to apply for a liquor license.

a liquor license will help Mediterranean Grille compete with Main Street bars and restaurants on weekends. Allowing customers to have a glass of wine or a beer with their meal will

get more people in the door who may have passed over her restaurant before, she said.

"I'm just trying to even the playing field a little bit," Papanicolas said.

"Now we can just be a part of something that everybody else has already been a part of," she added.

Baumbach expects the bill to move quickly through the process, but

even if it passes, it won't supercede Newark code, which requires 50 seats. Applicants in the city will still need to come to the Board of Adjustment and council for a variance.



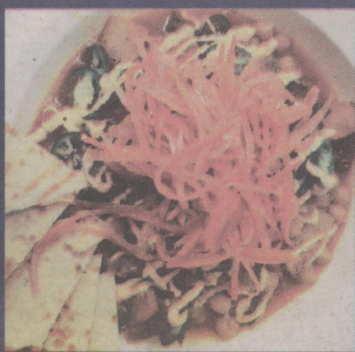
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Annual Restaurant Week kicks off Monday

By NICOLE SULLIVAN

Special to the Post

Jeovany Valle, head chef at Caffè Gelato, has worked at the restaurant for seven years, each year working hard to produce quality food for the city's annual Restaurant Week.

"It's tough, but we love what we do," Valle said. "It's great to have the event."

During this year's Restaurant Week, local and out-of-town foodies will have the opportunity to try lunch or dinner at 14 downtown restaurants.

Sponsored by the Downtown Newark Partnership, the week-long event starts Monday and runs through Sunday, Jan. 25. Participating businesses offer special menus, including two-course lunches for \$10, two- and three-course dinners for \$22 and \$28 and a family meal for \$22.

"We've been doing it since the onset, and I think it's a great way to give back to the community," Ryan German, owner of Caffè Gelato, said. "It's a good deal and allows folks of Newark to go out and try all the different res-

taurants on Main Street."

This year, Caffè Gelato will kick off the week with a "pre-view party" on Saturday.

"It's a little bit unique," German said. "I don't know if anyone else is doing that, so I'm excited about it."

DNP Administrator Ricky Nietubicz said the annual event started nine years ago as an opportunity to showcase what the DNP saw as the initial stages of a "downtown eating Renaissance," which Nietubicz said has blossomed into a full-fledged downtown Renaissance today.

"Restaurant Week is always fun, as a lot of our restaurants try new menus and new pairings," Nietubicz said. "It certainly gives folks who might not typically come to Newark some additional motivation, and for people who are familiar with our downtown and who eat there a lot, [it provides] a break in their routine. So it's certainly good for everybody."

Nietubicz also said it's especially enticing for diners who typically grab simple meals on Main Street and can now try a different type of dining experience for rea-

sonable prices.

Alisha Foore, manager at Klondike Kate's, said Restaurant Week is a major event for the business, as it brings in new customers for lunch, a time when the restaurant does not always draw a big crowd.

On Klondike Kate's menu this year is "banana chonga," a dessert that incorporates deep-fried banana-stuffed tortillas and lemon sweet cream cheese.

"The event also helps us get the chance to show some things that we normally wouldn't have, that if we get good feedback on, we'll run as specials other than during Restaurant Week," Foore said.

For Del Pez assistant manager Rebecca Mayo, Restaurant Week is a whole new adventure, because it's the eatery's first time participating in the event since opening in July.

"We're just hoping to get a lot of publicity, lots of new customers, treat our regular customers that come in with this amazing deal and just get our name out there and get everyone excited about Del Pez," Mayo said.



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Caffè Gelato's head chef, Jeovany Valle, displays pancetta mussels served with grilled focaccia, one of the meals the eatery is offering during Restaurant Week.

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Newark Charter XC star impresses early in varsity career

Menzer third 8th-grader named All-State in girls cross-country

By JON BUZBY
Newark Post

Emma Menzer had no plans to run on the cross-country team at Newark Charter this past fall. But as the saying goes, sometimes the best laid plans often go awry.

And in Menzer's case, her altered plans worked out for the best.

At the urging of one of her teachers, along with the support of her parents, the eighth-grader decided at the last minute to go out for the cross-country team.

"When other kids were getting their physicals to participate, I started thinking about all of the races I had run and how much I enjoyed it," Menzer recalled of her time on the middle school cross-country team. "So I thought I would give it a try."

Menzer did much more than just give it a try. She ran to a second-place finish in the DIAA Division II State Cross-Country Championships.

"I felt like I would do good, but wasn't sure how good," said Menzer, who finished the 5,000-meter race on Nov. 8 in 19:29.25, a little more than 10 seconds behind Archmere's Colleen Carney. "I couldn't believe it when I crossed the finish line. I just thought about how all my training helped me get there."

"Emma has a natural competitive instinct," Newark Charter coach Steve Sinko said. "She works hard in practice, but when it's time to compete, she is a different athlete. She's really tough mentally, and it showed in competition."

Menzer's finish earned her first-team All-State honors, capping a solid inaugural season running for the Patriots. Her regular season included second- and third-place finishes at meets held at White Clay Creek State Park, site of the state championship meet.

"That's my favorite course," Menzer said, smiling.

Ironically, it was at a different course, Winterthur, where Menzer perhaps learned her most valuable lesson of the season. It was on that course one week prior to the state meet that she finished fifth in the New Castle County Championships, a race that included runners from Division I and II.

"I was leading the first 2 miles, but went out too fast," Menzer admitted. "So at the state meet I decided not to go out so fast so I could finish strong. At about the halfway point, I moved from third to second and decided to go all out to the finish."

Her strategy worked, much to the delight of her coach.

"This season, we didn't talk too much about strategy," Sinko said. "For the most part, I'd just talk about the course and what to expect, gave a little advice on pacing. I really just left



Newark Charter's Emma Menzer became just the third eighth-grader to earn All-State honors in girls cross-country running.

it up to her to figure out her racing strategy."

With her second-place finish Menzer became just the third eighth-grader to earn first-team All-State honors, joining Tatnall's Caroline Foley (2012) and Kieran Hanrahan (2010). Despite her success, she is already looking forward to next year.

"I want to stay in the Top 5," she said.

Sinko is looking forward to Menzer's future.

"She's an incredible talent," he said. "The biggest way I will challenge her will probably be mentally, to get her to see the ability and potential she has. She's just scratching the surface. I'll want to see her reach her fullest potential as a runner and understand how good she can be."

What makes her accomplishments this year even more impressive is the fact that throughout the entire fall season, she trained three to five days a week with the Delaware Swim Team. She went straight from school to cross-country practice and then to the Carpenter Sports Building pool.

After that, she went home to study and do homework.

It was a schedule that for some might result in overuse injuries or burnout, but not in Menzer's case.

"I like being busy," she said. "I'm a stronger swimmer from the running. I like both sports equally because both are ones you can cross train with."

With the cross-country season behind her, Menzer's focus now turns completely to the pool – "I'll run for fun when I can," she said – where she'll compete as a long distance swimmer with Delaware Swim Team and Newark Charter.

"I want to try and get into the Top 16 at states," Menzer said of her season goals in the 500 freestyle and 200 individual medley.

As for running track in the spring? "I'm not sure yet," Menzer said hesitatingly, but smiling.

As she proved this fall, there's no rush to decide.

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Newark quarterback Ben Campbell powers his way into the end zone for a touchdown against A.I. on Oct. 10. Campbell is one of two Newark players selected to play in the 2015 Blue-Gold game.

Campbell, Suski among locals selected for Blue-Gold game

By JOSH SHANNON

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Quarterback Ben Campbell and wide receiver Peter Suski are among several local high school football players selected to play in the 60th-annual Blue-Gold all-star game.

The two will represent Newark High School in the game, which is set for June 20 at Delaware Stadium.

The all-star game will be Campbell's first time on the field since he broke his collarbone during an Oct. 31 game against Middletown. The senior, who transferred home to Newark two years ago after attending a boarding school in Pennsylvania, led the Yellowjackets to six victories last fall before the injury ended his season.

He said last week that he will be ready to play in the Blue-Gold game.

"I'm playing in it! I'll be good," he wrote in a text message to the Newark Post. "I started working out this past week. Feels great."

Campbell and Suski will play on the Gold team, which includes players from schools below the C & D Canal, as well as schools in the Christina School District. They will be joined by Christiana's Diondre Hamm and Glasgow's Dominique Drewery.

The Blue team consists of players from schools above the canal. Athletes of local interest include: Dennis Robinson, Robert Heintzen, Lloyd Badson and Jonathan Zitofsky, of Caravel; Raymond Jones, Jacob Jones, Dwight Chavis and Kyle Taylor, of Hodgson; and William Holland, Markquise Normand and Matthew Williams, of St. Mark's.

Sports reporter Jon Buzby contributed to this article.

SPORTS BRIEF

Participants sought for Young Athletes program

Young Athletes is a free program for children ages 2 to 7 with special needs and is an early introduction to sports and to the world of Special Olympics. The program runs Jan. 22 through March on Thursdays from 5:15 to 6 p.m. (preschoolers) and 6 to 6:45 p.m. (ages 5 to 7) at Newark High School. For more information con-

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Tainted heroin causing deaths in the region

By JACOB OWENS

Special from the Cecil Whig

Officials from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York are sounding the alarm about three identified stamp brands of tainted heroin that have led to six overdose deaths in the region.

The news is of significance in Delaware because drug users commonly go to Philadelphia or New Jersey to buy the illegal narcotic.

A collaboration of law enforcement and health officials from New Jersey warned the public about wax folds containing heroin labeled "Power Hour," "Taliban" or "Strike Dead."

Laboratory analysis on these particular drug stamps revealed highly potent and dangerous drug combinations not typically seen, the New Jersey Regional Operations and Intelligence Center announced last week.

"Some of the drugs found within these wax folds will not respond to

the administration of Narcan (naloxone), which is used by law enforcement and first responders to prevent opioid-induced fatal overdoses," the center said in its press release. "Some of these brands contain no heroin at all, and users may not be aware of what drugs they are consuming."

The N.J. ROIC's Drug Monitoring Initiative was created in 2009 in collaboration with that state's Office of Forensic Science to address the epidemic of the pervasive use of heroin, opiates and the violent crimes and burglaries that are directly correlated to this nationwide crisis. The DMI's ability to expeditiously collect and analyze seized drugs enables law enforcement and healthcare officials to quickly notify the public of potentially lethal batches of drugs in the region as overdoses are reported.

"The Drug Monitoring Initiative is an important tool to help warn the public and prevent over-

dose deaths," said Mary E. O'Dowd, New Jersey Commissioner of Health.

While the New Jersey State Police recognizes that heroin and drug use is inherently dangerous and potentially life-threatening, the public service

announcement aimed to notify individuals who may be in possession of this contaminated batch of drugs, which has proven to be lethal on several occasions.

"Since early last year, we have taken a fresh ap-

proach to combating the heroin epidemic in the region based on information sharing from the local through the federal levels. When we learn of clusters of drug overdoses, we immediately alert our law enforcement partners

with details of the threat," said Col. Rick Fuentes, superintendent of the New Jersey State Police. "We are first and foremost interested in saving lives, and that is what this early notification protocol is all about."

Out of the Attic



Newark area focus of 18th-century historic events

City repeals fire hydrant fee for out-of-town customers

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Newark water customers living outside the city will no longer be charged for fire hydrant services.

City council voted Monday night to scrap the fee, which was billed to outside-the-city water customers at a rate of \$1.22 each month. The charge dates back to at least 1964 and generated approximately \$35,000 in revenue for the city each year, according to officials.

A group of state legislators, acting on behalf of constituents affected by the fee, met with city officials last fall to lobby for the repeal.

Public Works Director Tom Coleman said the city maintains roughly 900 fire hydrants, and 10 to 15 percent of those lie outside the city. The \$1.22 charge for outside-the-city water customers covered the cost of upkeep for those hydrants, which can be up to \$2,000 each.

Following a 2011 study conducted by Black and Veatch, Finance Director Lou Vitola said, city staff took a second look at the water rate structure and were unable to find documentation or justification for the hydrant fee. Newark residents were not subject to the fee, as fire protection costs are built into inside-the-city water rates.

"I would love to have the fire hydrant money for at least another year, but we're unable to respond to the simple question of fairness," Vitola said.

He said staff has plans to update the water rate study to address inside-the-city and outside-the-city service, fire protection and other operational and service delivery items that impact the city's cost to provide water.

Council voted 6 to 1 to strike the fire hydrant fee, with District 1 Councilman Mark Morehead as the opposing vote.

This week's Out of the Attic item is a September 2012 picture showing part of the Cooch's Bridge Battlefield historical monument with the Cooch house in the background. It is located on Old Baltimore Pike, east of Route 896 at the Christina River.

The Welch Tract, just south of Newark, was granted by William Penn to three Welch barons from Pennsylvania. Soon, a colony of settlers from Wales arrived.

One of their first structures was a log building on the northeast side of Iron Hill overlooking the Christina River – the Welsh Tract Baptist Church, the first church building in the Newark area (1703). They built homes, mills, farms and iron pits. Samuel James established the

Abington Iron Works in 1725 at the foot of Iron Hill on the river.

In 1746, the log church was replaced with the brick building that stands today using bricks from Wales transported by mule-drawn carts from the ships at New Castle. That same year, Thomas Cooch bought the James grist and saw mills on the Christina River.

Thirty years later, the Revolutionary War was in progress. The British wanted to capture Philadelphia, but the Delaware River approach was heavily fortified. Instead, they sailed up the Chesapeake Bay to land forces on the Elk River.

General Washington established a headquarters at the Hale Byrnes House (on Route 4 on the White Clay Creek near Stanton).

He planned to make his stand on the north side of the Brandywine at Chadd's Ford but wanted a delaying action at Iron Hill.

He called for a force of the four best sharpshooters from each of his units to get the most casualties and break the moral of the British forces here. It is said that Washington stood on Iron Hill and watched the British unloading at Elkton. Recent archeological studies of the Cooch's Bridge battlefield have shown there were significantly more casualties inflicted than had been thought.

The Betsy Ross flag with a circle of 13 white stars on a blue square field flanked with 13 alternating red and white stripes is said to have been first flown in battle here. The British raided homes and mills for food

and supplies. They burned the Cooch mill and it is said their general stabled his horse in the Cooch house dining room. The British troops marched through Newark on their way to Philadelphia.

Do you have pictures, stories, information or suggestions for Out of the Attic? Send with your contact information to: Out of the Attic c/o P. O. Box 86, Newark, DE 19715. Visit the Newark History Museum on South College Avenue beside the bridge open now through March only by appointment made by calling 302-368-9845 to schedule. Website: www.NewarkDeHistoricalSociety.org. Message phone: 302-224-2408, E-mail: newarkdehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com, Postal mail: P. O. Box 711, Newark, DE 19715.

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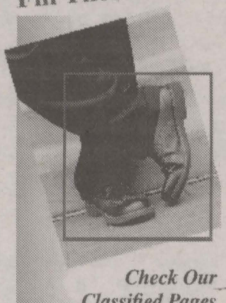
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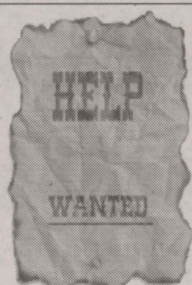
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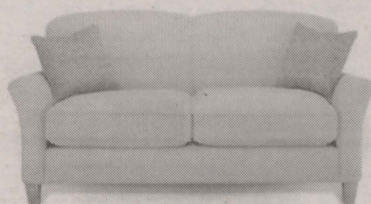
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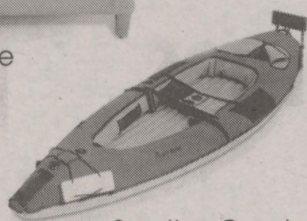
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LEGAL NOTICE
RE: DEADLY WEAPON

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Mikel Anthony Patone
1/8/15
2496501

np 1/16

General Merchandise

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, William A. Jaegers, III, residing at 800 Delgrove Ave., 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.

William A. Jaegers, III
1/12/15
2497084

np 1/16

General Merchandise

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Danielle Kelly Broadwater
1/9/15
2496738

np 1/16

General Merchandise

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RE: DEADLY WEAPON

I, Joseph Aydelotte Bennett Sr., residing at 26 David Place, Newark, DE 19702 will make application to the judges of the superior court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County at Wilmington for the next term for a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, or weapons for the protection of my person(s), or property, or both.

Joseph Aydelotte Bennett Sr.
1/12/15
2497092

np 1/16

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CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE

January 26, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Sections 402.2 of the Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, notice is hereby given of a public hearing at a regular meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Building, 220 S. Main Street, Newark, Delaware, on January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at which time the Council will consider for Second Reading and Final Passage the following proposed Ordinances:

Bill 15-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, Minors, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Amending the Penalties for Unlawful Entry of a Minor in to Places Within the City Where Alcoholic Liquors are Kept, Sold, Dispensed, or Served

Bill 15-02 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Motor Vehicles, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Changing Certain Penalty Provisions and By Requiring That Individuals Who Elect the First Offenders Program For a DUI Offense Obtain an Ignition Interlock Device In Order to Secure a Reduced Period of License Suspension in Accordance with State Law

Bill 15-03 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Creating the Position of Director of Economic Development and Communications.

Renee K. Bensley
City Secretary
2497176

np 1/16

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
AL'NIOJH CEION
ALNAIREUS WHITTLE-VALN
Petitioner(s)
TO
CEION AL'NIOJH MARSHALL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BYRON MARSHALL 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 minor child's name to CEION AL'NIOJH MARSHALL.

BYRON MARSHALL
Petitioner
Dated: 1/5/2015
2495982

np 1/9,16,23

CITY OF NEWARK
Newark, DelawareTraffic Committee
Meeting Notice

The Traffic Committee will meet on **Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 3:30 p.m.** in the Police Department upper level conference room to discuss the following:

1. Discuss tabled request "Don't Block the Box" campaign for Newark. (November 18, 2014 meeting)

The Traffic Committee may add items to the agenda at the time of the meeting and make recommendations to the City Manager on all issues discussed.

Any questions regarding the above topics may be directed to Chief Paul Tiernan, Newark Police Department, at 366-7104, prior to the meeting.

np 1/16

2496934

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
DARLENE BRIGANCE GRILLIOT
Petitioner(s)
TO
DARLENE KIM BRIGANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DARLENE BRIGANCE GRILLIOT 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 DARLENE KIM BRIGANCE.

DARLENE BRIGANCE GRILLIOT
Petitioner
Dated: 1/2/2015
2495678

np 1/9/16/23

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
AZUNDA A. CHINJE
Petitioner(s)
TO
ARNEL CHINJE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that AZUNDA A. CHINJE 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 ARNEL CHINJE.

AZUNDA A. CHINJE
Petitioner
Dated: 12/31/2014
2495930

np 1/9/16/23

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
ISAPORA DASHA JEFFERIES-WEINFELD
Petitioner(s)
TO
ISADORA DASHA WEINFELD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HENRY M. WEINFELD 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 minor child's name to ISADORA DASHA WEINFELD.

HENRY M. WEINFELD
Petitioner
Dated: 1/10/2015
2496818

np 1/16,23,30

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN
AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
A'SHON JADEN KNOTTS
Petitioner(s)
TO
A'SHON JADEN ROSS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KEI-SHON KNOTTS & JAMES ROSS intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change their minor child's name to A'SHON JADEN ROSS.

KEI-SHON KNOTTS & JAMES ROSS JR.
Petitioners
Dated: 12/24/2014
2494839

np 1/2,9,16

RENOVATIONS

From
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Barcola's salon has been open since 1982, but recently business has been a little slower in the shopping center. He said some of his clients feel upset and inconvenienced by the construction, and others are just avoiding the area altogether, vowing to come back after the work in the plaza is done.

He said he expects business will return to normal, he just has to hold out a little bit longer.

"I knew that going into it," Barcola said. "I'm looking at the big picture. When [the shopping center] is done, it's going to be beautiful."

The renovations are part of a \$10 million project by Virginia-based Atlantic Realty Company, which plans to make the shopping center more pedestrian-friendly and contemporary and vows to update the signage, improve parking and install landscaping. The existing structures are currently being renovated, and a pedestrian walkway has been cut through one of the buildings to provide access to the adjacent Pomeroy Trail.

Once work is complete this spring, Newark Natural Foods Co-op, currently in the Market East Plaza on Main Street, will move to a 17,610-square-foot, double storefront space in Newark Shopping Center.

The Co-op's move mirrors the plans of other shopping center tenants to expand and improve their current spaces. Goodwill is planning to take over an additional storefront, Newark Liquors will move to the front of the shopping center, Newark Cinema Center 3 will switch from film projection to digital projection, get new seats, a new roof and possibly a 3-D screen, and Enterprise Rent-A-Car will expand its Cleveland Avenue space into the plaza.

Also part of Atlantic Realty's plan is the construction of a six-story apartment building with 220 residential units and a parking garage at the former site of Blue Hen Lanes bowling alley, which was torn down in September.

Officials with the realty company declined to comment for this article.

Work on the shopping center first began in April when crews could be seen making improvements to the roof and now, several months later, the new, modernized plaza is finally beginning to take shape. However, the construction thus far has proved to be too much for some businesses, like The Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant, which recently



PHOTO BY ROSE MCNEILL

The Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant owner Lan Du Chen serves lunch to two customers in 2013. The restaurant recently closed after nearly 20 years in Newark Shopping Center.

closed after years of struggling to stay afloat.

Tom Chen, whose mother, Lan, owns Saigon, said the restaurant has been in the Newark Shopping Center for nearly 20 years, but couldn't survive the drop in business caused by the renovations. He said the sound of the power tools and hammering over the last several months drove diners away from the sit-down restaurant that was already having a hard time.

"It's so loud that lunchtime customers would get up and leave," Chen said.

To make matters worse, he said, construction vehicles often parked in front of the restaurant, blocking the storefront from view, and crews left tools and equipment near the door during the day.

"It would look like we weren't even open," Chen said.

Saigon is currently in the midst of a legal battle with its landlord, which sued the eatery for failure to pay rent.

Chen said in November that Saigon would

try to hold out, but it wasn't looking good. He expected his mom would close the restaurant before the renovations were done.

"She's going to miss it," he said. "It will be very sad and heartbreaking for my mom once the place closes."

Marilyn Minster, owner of Minster's Jewelers, said she too has been feeling the affects of operating her business in a construction zone, but it's not as bad as it seems.

"Business is down some, but I figured it would be," she said. "I can say I'm doing OK. I would say I'm surviving the construction."

Minster is a longtime cheerleader of the shopping center project and said she hasn't felt the same inconvenience as her neighbors at Saigon, even now that the renovations are in full swing.

"I've been waiting since 1955 for them to do this so to me the hammering, the banging, it's like music to my ears," she said. "It's all temporary and it's going to be so much better in the end. You just have to ride it out."

Councilman Stu Markham, whose district includes the shopping center, visited the plaza last month after a resident brought up concerns that the heavy construction might be negatively affecting businesses.

He said he observed sidewalks fenced off in sections, forcing pedestrians to walk into the parking lot, as well as various trenches in the pavement that could be dangerous for drivers.

"I was concerned about the ones around the curb because you could basically lose a wheel," Markham said.

Markham said although the current situation at the shopping center is less than ideal, he is hopeful things will improve as the upgrades continue to come together, and new and existing tenants begin to thrive in the renovated space.

"It's nice to see the city evolve and if you look at the shopping center, you know it needs help," he said. "I'm sure we'll all look back one day and say, 'I'm really glad we did that.'"

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Much of the drop is attributable to a 21 percent drop in thefts - 160 incidents less than last year. Rapes, kidnapping, assaults and burglaries are also down.

However, some categories saw increases, including arson, auto theft and unlawful sexual contact.

Most notably, robberies increased 21 percent, from 29 to 35. However, 2014's total is still less than the 45 robberies reported in 2012. Several armed robberies were connected to the same group of men arrested and charged with

targeting students in September.

In an interview Tuesday, Police Chief Paul Tiernan attributed the drop in crime to a variety of initiatives and programs put into place over the last several years.

"It's been like building blocks," he said. "Each one of these things decreases it each year."

Since taking the helm of the department in 2007, Tiernan has put a large focus on reducing robberies, often seen as a crime of opportunity in a college town where many pedestrians are on the streets late at night. Most years, there is a spike in robberies when University of Delaware students return to school

in the fall.

"When I got here, there were robberies every weekend," Tiernan said. In 2006, 78 were reported, followed by 55 the following year.

In 2007, NPD started the street crimes unit, a group of plainclothes officers that conducts surveillance of known suspects, investigates nuisance crimes and targets problem areas. The following year, the department joined with UD Police to implement the fall crime suppression plan, an annual effort that floods the downtown area with extra patrols during September and October.

"You shouldn't go more than two blocks without seeing officers," Tiernan said.

Last fall's robbery spree occurred largely in residential areas outside of the crime suppression zones.

Tiernan said, going forward, he is most concerned about an increase in drug activity, which often leads to violence.

"We've seen a slight increase in gunfire," the chief said. "The drug activity has always been there, but it's getting more violent."

Newark's first homicide in four years came Nov. 13 when a 20-year-old man was gunned down outside the KFC in College Square as part of a drug-related robbery gone bad. Police arrested three men who allegedly were accomplices

in the robbery, but have not found the shooter.

In July, shots were fired at a car on Madison Drive, and a few weeks later, a man was shot in the hand during a robbery attempt outside Studio Green apartments. In May, a gunfight broke in broad daylight in the White Chapel neighborhood, and there was also a drive-by shooting in the Devon neighborhood, but no one was injured in either incident.

He noted that Newark has so far largely escaped the problems in nearby Wilmington and Cecil County, Md., which is in the midst of a heroin epidemic. The city must take proactive steps to keep those issues from invading

the city's borders, he said.

NPD plans to work with county, state and federal authorities to address drug sales and usage in the region. New Castle County was recently designated a high-intensity drug trafficking area, meaning more federal money is headed this way.

Tiernan also hopes to reduce traffic accidents in 2015, in part by bringing back highly visible teams of officers conducting traffic enforcement in specific areas.

"You'll see four officers giving out speeding tickets," he said, adding that such concentrated efforts are easily noticed by motorists and serve as a deterrent.

Iconic diner vacant again after Melt Down shuts down

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Melt Down Grilled Cheese has closed, meaning one of Main Street's most iconic buildings is again searching for a tenant.

The gourmet grilled cheese shop opened two years ago at 145 E. Main St., the former home of the Post House Restaurant, the venerable breakfast spot that closed in 2012 after more than 50 years in Newark.

This week, Melt Down remained shuttered. A sign on the door read "Closing at 5," and dozens of pieces of mail were scattered on the floor of the front vestibule.

A message on the Pennsylvania-based company's website read "Unfortunately, all our locations have ceased operations."

Both corporate officials and Newark franchise owner Bob Vearling ignored repeated requests for comment.

Vearling, a resident of Delaware County, Pa., opened the Newark location in March 2013. At the time, it was the company's third restaurant, and a fourth opened shortly after that.

He said then that he was attracted to the Main Street location because of its proximity to the college campus and the history of the building itself.

"It's a beautiful building," he said. "The fact we were able to

take over a property that was a landmark, it's easy to tell people where we are."

The restaurant offered several varieties of grilled cheese sandwiches, from the basic sharp cheddar on white bread to the more adventurous Maryland crab grilled cheese. It also sold milkshakes, salads and a grilled ice cream sandwich.

"It's an amazing concept," Vearling said in 2013. "People have enjoyed grilled cheese forever."

However, the eatery struggled to survive in the crowded field of Main Street dining options.

"Some concepts are hugely successful. Taverna opened roughly the same time, and they're packed," said Ricky Nietubicz, administrator of the Downtown Newark Partnership. "Other concepts are not so successful."

Nietubicz, whose role at the DNP includes helping businesses relocate to downtown Newark, said he has already gotten several inquiries about the now-vacant building.

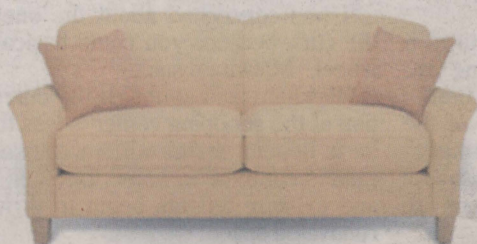
"It's a great opportunity for someone to jump in there," he said.

The 1,800-square-foot building is listed on the real estate website Cityfeet as available to lease for \$4,400 per month.



Melt Down Grilled Cheese recently closed, leaving its Main Street building vacant.

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