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Earlier this week, President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama stepped off Air Force One at New Castle County Airport, on their way to the funeral in north Wilmington of Jean Biden, mother of Vice President Joe Biden. See story and video of the president's trip at newarkpostonline.com.

Ordinances aim to protect trees, local watershed

By DOUG RAINEY

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The Newark City Council Monday night approved four ordinances that aim to protect trees and water ways.

Planning Director Roy Lopata emphasized that the changes affect new construction and not existing subdivisions. Barring an annexation, the new ordinances affect a small percentage of property in the city.

Developer William Stritzinger, who plans to build a new home community at the current site of the Newark Country Club, objected to stiffer requirements for tree protection and widening buffers to protect waterways. Both will add costs to the project, he said.

Stritzinger noted that the trees on the golf course are only 40 years old. Supporters of the ordinance pointed to the past practice of work crews and developers not paying attention to trees marked for preservation.

He said developers and contractors are already struggling to survive. Residential development at the Country Club is contingent on development of a tract in a neighboring area of Cecil County, Md. that would become a new home community and a new home for the country club.

The ordinances were developed by the city, with input from those seeking to protect the White Clay Creek watershed in Delaware and Pennsylvania. Proposed federal legislation would extend the creek's designation as a Wild and Scenic River.

Council went on to approve the changes, with Lopata noting that revisions can be made if restrictions turn out to be overly burdensome.

A harshly-worded warning over trash collections also got the council's attention.

The issue came up when one resident pointed to a

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Restaurant week in 4th year

For one week, downtown Newark hosts a culinary celebration highlighting its restaurants and their offerings.

From Monday, January 18th through Sunday, January 24th, fifteen (15) outstanding downtown Newark restaurants will offer specialty menus highlighting the best they have to offer at the right price. So well-priced, in fact, you will be tempted to sample all of them -- and you can because they are all located within a few steps of each other in downtown Newark!

The event – sponsored by the Downtown Newark Partnership, Taste of Newark and the Newark Post – features menus designed to please your taste buds as well as your wallet, seasonal decorations, in-restaurant entertainment, and retail specials. Three tiers of meals are

offered, with some restaurants offering more than one tier during the week. Each restaurant develops specific menus for the week. Participating restaurants, menus and tiers for each restaurant, as well as the full schedule of entertainment for the week, is available at www.eatdowntownnewark.com.



Elvis tribute

(PHOTO BY MELISSA MARSHALL)

Steve Mitchel, from Long Island, New York sings at the Elvis Contest/Birthday Bash last weekend at the Embassay Suites in Newark. See story, Page 11.

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Newark's crime rate posts decline City offers online utility payment option

One Act Showcase

The Chapel Street Players presents its annual One Act Showcase this January at the Chapel Street Playhouse. Every season the Chapel Street Players select four shows to compete for the audiences vote for a coveted spot at the Delaware Theater Association's state wide one act competition. Last year the winner of the Chapel Street One Act Competition, "Relative Strangers" went on to win the 2009 DTA Festival and made it all the way to the Eastern State Theater Festival in Pennsylvania.

This year the shows include "Strut" by Lanie Carlson and Judith A David, "The Brute" by Eric Bentley (who adapted the production from Anton Chekov), "The Lover" by Harold Pinter and "The Dirty Old Man" by Lewis John Carlino.

The CSP Annual One Act Showcase, January 15th and 16th at 8pm and January 16th at 2pm. All tickets are \$10 but if you are a Chapel Street Super 75 subscriber admission is free.

Ballroom with a Twist

The DuPont Theatre announces the addition of Ashleigh and Ryan Di Lello from So You Think You Can Dance to the starry list of Ballroom with a Twist's featured dancers. This second team ioins the brilliant new dance production that rings in the New Year at the DuPont Theatre January 19-24, 2010. Ashleigh and Ryan join host Barbara Eden and 2009 Dancing With the Stars first runner-up Dmitry Chaplin, Chelsie Hightower, and husband and wife team Jonathan Roberts and Anna Trebunskaya to headline the extraordinary lineup of talent. Performances of BALLROOM WITH A TWIST are Tuesday through Sunday, January 19-24, 2010. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening performances start at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday evening

performances start at 8 p.m., and Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Ticket prices begin at \$45. To purchase tickets or for more information about group rates, call the DuPont Theatre Box Office at 302-656-4401 or 800-338-0881 or on the Internet at www.DuPontTheatre.com. For information on dining before or after performances at the DuPont Theatre, call the Hotel du Pont at 302-594-3154 or 800-338-3404.

Bible Study Begins at Newark Senior Center

Newark Bible Study-Fellowship (NBSF) begins its winter session on January 21, 2010 at the Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive in Newark. The Bible study is open to the public, and the admission is free.

For the winter session, classes are held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The classes are informal, interactive, and are designed to provide adults a basic understanding of the books of the Bible with practical application for victorious living. For more information, contact NBSF director Dr. Abraham Philip at 383-5348 or at philipap@comcast. Net.

Brandywine Valley Wine Trail

Come visit the Hilton Garden Inn in Kennett for the seventh annual Brandywine Valley Wine Trail wine-tasting on Friday, January 22, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. For \$21 a person, you

For \$21 a person, you can sample wines from the Brandywine Valley Wine Trail wineries. Catering is being provided by the Hilton Garden Inn Kennett Square, Brandywine Prime and Wings To Go. Advance tickets are required and only 150 tickets are available. Please call 610-441-9100 or email jane.cropper@hilton. com.

The Hilton Garden Inn

Kennett Square is located at 815 E Baltimore Pike, Kennett Square, PA. For more information, please visit www.kennettsquare.hgi.com. A special hotel package is available for that evening starting at \$121 for two people.

Canine Partners For Life will receive \$6 for every ticket sold. CPL is a nonprofit organization that provides service dogs to persons with physical disabilities, mobility impairments, and seizure disorders. CPL is funded entirely through donations and special events. For more information, phone Anita Edwards at 610-869-4902 x 225, email specialevents@k94life.org, or visit www.k94life.org.

Keep it Green 2010

Tuesdays, January 26, February 2, 9, & 16, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. NCC Extension Office, 461 Wyoming Road, Room 132A, Newark, Delaware 19716. Registration Fee: \$45.00 for all four sessions. Join us in the third season of this popular series. Learn easy techniques to GREEN your backyard. Discover simple ways to improve and maintain your SOIL. Learn how to select beautiful, low-maintenance NATIVE PLANTS. Adapt new methods of WATER CONSERVATION. Learn how to create a BACKYARD WILDLIFE HABITAT. Class size is limited to 40 participants. Register early with payment to reserve your place in this popular class! For more information, please visit http:// ag.udel.edu/nccmg.

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Dunkin' Donuts robbed at gunpoint

Newark Police are investigating a robbery of the Dunkin' Donuts at 1152 Elkton Rd. last Tuesday night. An employee with the business told officers that he had been in the back when an unknown man burst into the store, brandishing a weapon that resembled a shotgun. The suspect then leapt over the counter, demanded that the register be opened and that the money inside be placed into a black bag. The employee complied. The suspect then forced the employee to hand over his personal cash, which amounted to \$200. The suspect fled the store on foot, southward on Elkton Road towards Maryland.

The suspect is described as 5'8" or 5'9", wearing dark or black clothing, a face covering, and a hat. The witness stated that he couldn't tell if the man was either white or black, but said that he sounded like a black man when he made his demands. The weapon was described as a long shotguntype firearm with a wood stock and a thick, black barrel.

Police discovered a shoe print on the counter, but no fingerprints at the scene. A search also revealed that the tobacco store next door had taken, minutes before the robbery, video footage of an individual that matched the description of the suspect in the armed incident. A K-9 unit was brought in to develop a track. Police are still investigating the incident.

Friendly's gets unfriendly customer

An armed robbery call was made by employees of the Friendly's restaurant, located at 1115 S. College Ave. When police arrived, several employees stated that a light skinned black or Hispanic male, of average height and build, wearing a black jacket, dark pants, and hiding his face with a blue handkerchief, forced his way into the back office of the establishment and demanded the day's receipts. The suspect was holding a handgun and ushered all four employees into the office, yelling at them to "open the safe" and "give me all the money". The manager turned over about \$156 in cash. The suspect then forced the quartet into the freezer and closed the door behind them. After a few minutes, the employees opened the door and found that the suspect had fled. Witnesses stated that the man was wearing gloves. Police dusted for fingerprints with negative results. One of the employees told the officers that while he was throwing away some garbage in the back, a man approached him and asked where the office was. The employee was forced into the office area, though he said he did not see a gun, at the time. No video footage was recovered at the scene.

Webster gets 188month sentence

Charles A. Webster, Jr., 36, of Newark, was sentenced to 188 months in prison for pos-



session of a firearm by a convicted felon, in violation of federal law. David C. Weiss, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, made the announcement following the pronouncement of the sentence by United States District Judge Sue L. Robinson.

A jury convicted Webster of the gun crime in December 2008. According to evidence presented at trial, Webster was arrested following the Delaware Probation and Parole Office's August 23, 2007 search of his residence, during which two stolen firearms were found. At the time of the probation office's search, Webster was on probation for a prior assault and firearm conviction that involved a November 1997 shooting in Wilmington. He had been released from prison for a gun offense less than two years prior to his August 2007 arrest. In addition, Webster also had been convicted of a separate gun-related assault in 1991 and a violation of probation relating to that offense in 1998 The probation office con-

receiving information that he See BLOTTER, 6

ducted the August 2007 search

of Webster's residence after

Many crime categories post decline in Newark

Newark Police report a decrease in most major crimes between 2006 and 2009 That included a sharp drop in robberies and car thefts in the four-year period. There was also a 18 percent decrease in lesser crimes, although there was an increase of 9.5 percent in total police responses.

The decreased rates continued between 2008 and 2009, despite a worsening economy and included the following declines: · Robberies, down 10.6

percent.

• Aggravated assault, down 28.2 percent. • Theft, down 13.5 per-

cent · Auto theft, down 42.5

percent. In the traffic section, there was a decrease in col-

lisions involving injury and in the total number of collisions, even though the number of collisions involving property damage and hit-

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and-run collisions increased. There was also a significant increase in DUI arrests, up 32 percent between 2008 and 2009. There were no fatal accidents in the 2008-2009 period.

Newark Police Chief Paul Tiernan said he is encouraged by the 2009 crime statistics. "Even during this difficult economic condition, when crimes such as robbery, burglary, and theft tend to increase in frequency, Newark showed a decrease in those crimes compared to previous years. The primary factors contributing to the Department's success are the diligent and unremitting efforts of our patrol officers, and the sustained, successful investigations by our detectives. The Newark Police Department remains dedicated to preventing crimes from occurring, and bringing to justice any person who chooses to commit a crime in Newark."

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Paul Adams

Paul S. Adams Jr., 81 of Newark, died January 8, in the loving arms of his wife of nearly 60 years, Carolyn (Davis) and surrounded by his family. He fought a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Paul was born April 3, 1928 in Philadelphia PA, son of the late Paul S. and Margaret (Carey) Adams. After graduating from Glassboro HS (NJ) where he was an Eagle Scout, he graduated from Catholic University of America in 1953. He later earned a America Master of Business Degree from Wilmington CoHege. Paul served his country as a Navy veteran of WWII and the Korean War. He worked for the DuPont Co., primarily at the Louviers site, as an architectural and civil engineer for 40 years designing buildings globally. He retired

of Wilmington for over 50 years. He was chairman of the Diocesan Building Committee for many years and proudly served during the "Bringing the Vision to Life" campaign. He was a founding member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and oversaw the building of the parish Formation Center. He was a Eucharistic Minister (also to the sick), Trustee and member of Pastoral Council and several other parish min-istries. In 2005, Paul received the Benemerenti Papal Medal of Honor from Bishop Michael Salterelli. This medal is conferred on those who have exhibited long and exceptional service to the Catholic Church, their families and community.

as a Principal Consultant in

1991. Paul served the Diocese

In addition to his adoring wife Carolyn, Paul is survived by nine children, Karen Valentine (Jack), Kathleen Gill (Larry), Paul Kim (Josie), Kyle (Diane), Keith, all of Newark DE, Kelli Sellers (Ed) of Mt. Olive AL, Kerry of Ocean City NJ, Katrina Gilardi (Mike) of Hockessin DE and Kecia

McEntee (Bob) of Gulph Mills PA; brothers Jack Adams (Newark, DE) and Richard Adams (Florida). He is also survived by 24 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren as well.

Visitation began at 9 am, on Wednesday, January 13, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 345 Bear-Christiana Road. Bear DE 19701, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11 am. Internment followed at All Saints Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Paul's memory can be made to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. To express an online condolence, please visit www.strano-feeley.com.

Lawrence Burton

Lawrence C. "Lucky" Burton, Jr., 81, of Millsboro, and Ocean City, MD, formerly of Newark, died peacefully on Wednesday, January 6, at his residence.

Born Sunday, July 1, 1928 in Delaware City, DE, he was the son of the late Calvin and Mabel (Simmons) Burton and

Since 1982

the oldest of 10 brothers and sisters.

Lucky worked for General Motors for 41 years, retiring as an inspector in 1993 and received an award for never missing a day of work. He served as a PFC in the Army from 1950 until 1952.

Surviving is his wife of 52 years, Gisele (Feith) Burton, one daughter, Michele (Burton) Fodi and her husband Andrew, Sr. of Dagsboro, DE, three grandchildren, Andrew Fodi, Jr. and his wife Erin, Jason Fodi and Crystal Fodi and three great grandchildren, Dylan, Andrew Jared and Matthew Fodi.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, January 9, at 4:00pm at the Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes. Military honors followed services. Interment was private.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Delaware Hospice Center 100 Patriot's Way Milford, DE 19963. Please sign the guestbook at: www. parsellfuneralhomes.com.

Herbert Craig

Herbert F. Craig, 67, formerly of Newark, and a resi-dent of Rehoboth Beach, DE, died on Thursday, January 7, after strokes in 2008 and 2009.

Herb was born on June 14, 1942 and was the son of the late Hilda (Jamison) and Herbert E. Craig Herb was a 1960 graduate of Salesianum High School. As a member of Teamster's Local #326, he drove for Adley, St. Johnsbury, and Hemingway Transport. He was the owner-operator of Craig's Mobile Steam Cleaning for 44 years. He

was a member of the New Castle Moose Lodge 1578 and Rehoboth Beach VFW 7447.

Herb is survived by his wife of 46 years, Ginny (Quigley) Craig; their children, daughter, Lisa (Jack) Plummer of Warrington, PA; daugh-ter, Renee Giofre; and son, Christopher (Heather) Craig of Wilmington, DE; grandchildren, Jessica, Caroline, Abigail and Hannah Plummer; grandson, Christian Giofre: brother-in-law, Gerald Vickers; nephew, Anthony Tilson and dear family friend, Marqueen Woytko of Berwick, PA. Herb was predeceased by his sister, Barbara Vickers in 2003. Relatives and friends were

invited to attend the Mass of Christian Burial for Herb at Holy Angels Church at 82 Possum Park Road, Newark, on Monday, January 11, at 10 am. Burial service followed at All Saints Cemetery Chapel. Visitation was held at the Doherty Funeral Home, 3200 Limestone Road, Pike Creek on Sunday, January 10, from 5-8 pm.

Flowers are welcomed, as well as donations in Herb's name to Milford Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963. To send condolences, visit: www. dohertyfh.com.

Howard Leverage

Mr. Howard W. Leverage, 67 of Newark, died suddenly at home on Friday, January 1. Howard was born in Wilmington on September 2.

1942, son of the late Herbert and Arletta (Fenton) Leverage. A graduate of Conrad High School, he served in the Delaware National Guard and

received an honorable discharge. Howard was employed as a steel fabricator with Savory and Cook for 13 years, and then became employed as a maintenance mechanic with NVF, from where he retired after several years of dedicated service.

Howard is survived by and will be dearly missed by his wife of 45 years, Shirley (Robinson) Leverage; and his children, Kimberly Donaldson and her husband, Michael of Newark, DE, Robert Leverage of Bear, DE and Richard Leverage and his wife, Andrea of Bear, DE. He will also be dearly missed by his grandchildren, Megan, Robbie, Lauren, Kylee, Ben, Richard, Kelly, Michael and Brielle. In addition, Howard is survived by his sisters, Lillian Antonelli and her husband, Hugo of Wilmington, DE and Renee Santoro and her husband, Art of Hockessin, DE.

A funeral service was conducted at the Doherty Funeral Home, 3200 Limestone Road, Pike Creek on Friday, January 8, at 12 noon. Interment followed in All Saints Cemetery. To offer online condolences, please visit www.dohertyfh. com.

Helen Townsend

Helen Parrish Townsend, 78, of Newark, DE, died peacefully at her home on Wednesday morning, January 6.

Helen was born Greenville, AL, on Aug. 25, 1931, daughter of Dorothy Speir Parrish and Hubert Parrish. Her only sibling, Priscilla Riley, preceded her in

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IN THE NEWS

Those New Year's resolutions

By KATIE DALY-JONES

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ave you ever stopped to think about why people make New Year's resolutions? As each new year approaches, in our effort to start fresh, we resolve to do something. The creation of New Year's resolutions dates all the way back to the Babylonian times when the most common resolution was to return borrowed equipment. In today's world, common resolutions often include losing weight, getting in shape, or quitting a bad habit. And while these are all noble and worthwhile resolutions, there has been a recent trend towards resolutions that focus on returning to the basics; helping others, spending more quality time with family and friends, engaging in meaningful activities. Whether you have a

resolution that you made on January 1, you are still trying to think of one, or you ignore the idea completely, why not set a goal of doing something

good for yourself or others in 2010? Here are some ideas to get you started.

Continue Volunteering: When we are caught up in the spirit of the holiday season, it can be easy to remember to grab some extra groceries for the holiday food drive. But come March

or June we seem to have forgotten about those that may be less fortunate. This year resolve to do something each month that helps' those less fortunate. Whether you volunteer at a soup kitchen, donate to the food bank, or spend time working on behalf of a charity, try to remember

to give throughout the year in addition to the holidays. · Read More, Watch Less:

One of the best things about being on vacation is catching

up on reading. You finally have a chance to enjoy that pile of stacked up magazines or shelf full of books vou have been meaning to get to. It's easy to find reasons why we are too busy to read throughout the year, and yet a lot of us find time to fit our favorite shows into our hectic schedules. This year

why not resolve to read more than you watch? There is nothing better than losing yourself in a book and entering into another world, and you just might learn some things along the way

· Night In With ...: Whether you have a monthly night out

with the girls/guys, or you go out to dinner and a movie with your family, why not try a night in with that group instead? Movies can be just as much fun in the comfort of your own home, and game night is a favorite on everyone's list. Host a potluck dinner and swap some of your favorite recipes with your friends, or watch the game at home. What matters is spending time together, and gathering at a house rather than a restaurant makes it easier for everyone to participate.

ning of a new year may seem like the ideal time to make a resolution, it's not the only time of the year that resolutions can occur. You can resolve to try something new or set a goal at any time of the year. Just have fun and set yourself up for success; make resolutions attainable and reward your victories, and have a great 2010.

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Questions about demolition

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warning placed on a trash can that says a second offense, including not having the container at the correct distance from the curb, would result in a minimum \$100 fine, if that violation took place within a 18 months of the warning.

"The people who pay our taxes are our customers," said Councilman Paul Pomeroy, who added that the city has problems with overly harsh communications with taxpayers.

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had been the target of two

shooting incidents in Newark

and Wilmington in the three

"There is a a real degree of arrogance in the way it is written," Councilman Jerry Clifton said. Representatives of the Public Works Department were not on hand to answer questions about the issue.

Council members indicated they will take a look at the issue in a future meeting. In other matters, council:

· Heard a complaint claiming the decision to demolish the old CVS store at 108 E. Main St. had changed the project and should require additional input from the public. The demolition came after it

criminals will be severely pun-

Man drives off with-

Employees of Nucar Pontiac

filed a Theft of Services

report with the Newark Police

Department for an incident

that occurred last October.

Representatives of the business

said that on October 14, 2009,

a man named Robert McGill

brought in his 2008 blue GMC

Sierra 3500 crew cab truck for service and tires. McGill

picked up the vehicle, using a

spare key, the next day, but did not pay his bill of \$1,571.04.

A work order showed that

McGill's home address was listed as Dallas, TX. Nucar

attempted to call McGill, but

the phone number listed on

out paying bill

ished."

was determined the building could not support upper floors on the mixed use apartment, office and retail project. The demolition was mentioned in a previous council meeting.

· Discussed whether the cost of services, such as fall leaf collection, should be calculated, in an effort to set priorities. The city is expected to

face a budget gap in 2010. • Praised Public Works for their efforts in clearing lastmonth's snowfall, citing bad conditions outside the city limits.

* Discussed a former land-

fill on Cleveland Avenue that has been declared unfit for use as a park. City Manager Kyle Sonnenberg said the most affordable option is to fence off the property at a cost of tens of thousands of dollars. Other options, including remediation of the property by adding fill or taking away refuse The project is adjacent to a former Newark Housing Authority complex that is now for sale.

. The city continues to see lower electric utility revenues and a lack of peak power purchases by large users, a reflection of a tough economy.

the order was disconnected. A vehicle registration search has produced an alternate number. McGill's information is being verified in an attempt to obtain a warrant.

Student returns to ransacked house

A student from the University of Delaware reported that his residence had been robbed during the winter break. An investigation by police showed that the point of entry was a side window of the house. The student said that he was missing an X-Box game system, 12-15 DVDs, about \$100 in cash, a desk top computer, a 19 inch TV, and several pieces of equipment for his guitar. He advised officers that he had not inventoried his roommates' rooms

to see if anything was missing. A search revealed several partial fingerprints on the pane

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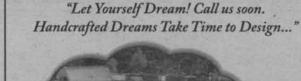
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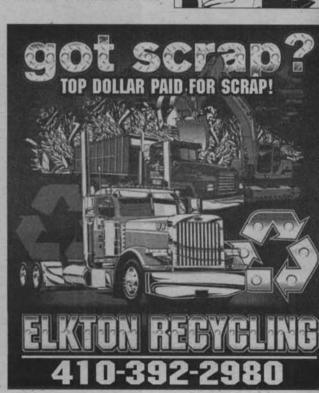
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death in December, 2009.

She met her husband of 57 years when she was studying to be a teacher at Auburn University in Alabama. She was a lifetime member of the Auburn Alumni Association. As a longtime member of AAUW Newark Branch, she helped raise money for local scholarships. As an active and enthusiastic supporter of her children, she was a Newark High School Band Booster. She also worked tirelessly as a volunteer from 1983-1985

traveling all over the country cooking for the Crossmen

Drum and Bugle Corps. Helen leaves behind her husband, Lloyd E. Townsend; son, Lloyd Jr. and wife Kita Mappin of Nashville, TN, daughter, Laura and husband Jaime Garmendia of Red Lion, PA., daughter, Melanie Milburn of Newark, DE, and son, Matthew and wife Rebecca of Townsend, DE.

Friends visited with the family on Saturday, January 9, at Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St., Newark, DE 19711 from 2pm-3pm, followed by a memo-

rial service in celebration of Helen's life at 3 pm, and a small reception afterwards.

Since Helen was a previous survivor of breast cancer and an avid lover of animals, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Susan B. Komen Fund, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265 or Robyn's Nest Animal Rescue (c/o Robyn Guidara, 689 Brick Church Lane, Whites Creek, TN 37189), or your local animal rescue organization. To express an online condo-

lence, visit: www.strano-feeley.com.

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

Paul Adams Lawrence Burton Herbert Craig **Ralph Dant** Mary Dillon **Doris Hoover Howard Leverage** Geraldine Lynch Elaine Masso Ruth O'Neal **Diane Satterfield** Helen Townsend

Girl Scouts launch cookie drive

The Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council are gearing up for yet another successful Cookie Program that got under way last weekend.

Girls began taking cookie orders door-to-door on Jan. 9. Girls will also be taking donations of Girl Scout cookies for Operation Taste of Home and local community groups. The Operation Taste of Home cookies will be donated to the USO for our Armed Forces stationed overseas. Cookie Booth sales

- Girl Scouts setting up tables outside stores, community centers, schools, etc. - will begin Friday, February 12, 2010. Cookies are \$3.50 per box.

Individuals interested in purchasing cookies or donating to Operation Taste of Home can call the Cookie Hotline at 1-800-YUM-YUM2.

This year, the Girl Scouts are introducing a new cookie, Thank U Berry Munch, made with cranberries, white fudge chips, and crispy rice. Also available this year are zesty Lemon Chalet Cremes, Dulce de Leche, and of course all of the traditional favorites-Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Trefoils, and Do-Si-Dos. All Girl Scout cookies are free of preservatives and have zero trans fats!

The benefits of the Cookie Program have been hailed by many of today's businesswomen, who cite selling Girl Scout Cookies as their first step toward successful careers.

All of the proceeds-every

penny-from a local Council's cookie activities remains in the area where the cookies are sold. This revenue is used to benefit girls, some of it directly by remaining in the Girl Scout Troop treasuries, and some of it indirectly by funding Council-led programs for Girl Scouts. Each year, over 9,000 Girl Scouts from the Delmarva Peninsula participate in the Cookie Program, selling over one million boxes of cookies to the community.

Online payments of utility ava

City of Newark utility customers now have the ability to securely pay utility bills online at www.cityofnewarkde.us. Customers may pay online through Visa, MasterCard or a personal/business checking account. Online payments are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and are processed through eCare's secure payment engine. Avoid the lines and pay online.

The city's new online bill pay system allows customers to view billing, payment and meter reading history as well as enables users to view both current and historical information to compare previous usage. There is no additional charge or convenience

fee to use online bill pay at this time. "We are pleased to unveil our new online bill pay system to the utility customers of Newark," said Dennis McFarland, director of finance. "We strive to provide userfriendly methods to transact business with the City over the Internet, resulting in convenience, fast access to informa-

tion, and increased productivity for our city staff." Customers wishing to sign up for online bill pay may do so by going to www.cityofnewarkde.us and clicking on "Manage Online Account" located at the top of the left column of the web page. Questions and concerns may be directed to Customer Service at (302) 366-7085.





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Rookies help women's team

By JON BUZBY

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The University of Delaware women's basketball team's road trip to frigid Boston last Sunday was made much warmer after the Blue Hens captured their 100th CAA Conference victory with a 61-53 win over Northeastern.

"It means I've had a lot of good players and great coaches here," head coach Tina Martin said of the milestone. "Especially with us making the jump to the CAA a year in advance [of other UD sports], I think it shows that we've been solid with women's basketball. I'm proud of the kids and how hard they've competed through the years. I'm happy about the milestone for the kids who have played for me and I have a great deal of respect for the coaches who have helped me along the way.'

As Delaware (10-4, 2-

1 CAA prior to Thursday's game vs. UNC Wilmington) approaches the midpoint of its season, Martin points to several reasons why the Blue Hens

have been so successful, but is especially pleased and somewhat surprised with the play of four highly-touted first-year players: Lauren Carra, Elena Delle Donne, Kayla Miller and Danielle Parker.

"I knew these first-year players would have an impact, but not to this extent," Martin, who is in her 14th season at the helm of the Blue Hens, said of her talented foursome. "It's very unusual for players to come right in and make as big an impact as a group as these four ladies have. In fact, people forget they are firstyear players because they are so talented."

"Take Elena's case -- despite all her double-doubles and game-winning shots, people tend to forget that she's still a first-year player on the college

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basketball scene and finding her way. The fact that she is so good often overshadows that fact.'

Della Donne's road to the UD women's basketball program is well documented, and her decision to stay home and play at Delaware with former Ursuline teammate Miller, who transferred from George Mason and was recently named a team co-captain, could provide incentive for future Delaware high school standouts to do the same.

"I certainly hope them being on the team has a positive effect on recruiting," Martin said of the Delawareans. "But what a lot of fans don't realize is that recruits look at everything and have their own priorities when deciding where to attend college. People think our in-state kids are just going to rush to Delaware, but that's not the case.

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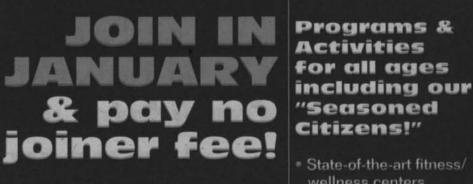
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Elvis tribute artists share love for king

(See video performance at newarkpostonline.com)

Ivis Presley may have officially left the buildling on August 16, 1977, but for the nine performers and the more than 100 devotees who packed Embassy Suites in Newark this past weekend, "The King" has certainly not left the hearts of his fans.

Last weekend, United Legends of America hosted an Elvis Tribute Contest in honor of what would have been Presley's 75th birthday. Performers from as far away as Ontario, Canada and upstate New York, as well as local talent, competed to be named the king of Elvis tribute artists. And even though they did not share geographical ties-or even a deep Southern heritage-all the performers were united by a love of Presley's unique brand of rock n' roll.

Richard Blane, a Rising Sun, Md. man who has been active as an Elvis Presley performer for about 12 years, says he became involved in the circuit after persistent encouragement from his friends. The performance history of Rob E, a Smyrna, Del. native, goes back even further.

"It all started when I was a little child," he wrote in the show's program. "My sister tells stories of when Elvis would come on the radio, and I would jump up on the coffee table and start dancing and singing along.

Sean Rowan, an Ottawa,

Canada native, describes his role as a tribute artist as a means to fulfill a need to be on stage.

"I am an Elvis fan first of all," he said, "But after performing in plays during high school, I felt a need to continue to be on the stage. To me, Elvis is an acting part that 1 step into."

First place in the competition was awarded to Paul Hunt of Guilderland, N.Y.; second place to Kelly Hylton of Rural Valley, Pa.; and third place to

Steve Mitchell of Long Island, N.Y. The People's Choice Award went to Kelly Hylton. United Legends of

America will host a tribute to Patsy Klein, Garth Brooks, Roy Orbison, Tom Jones, and Elvis through the years on February 13 at Embassy Suites in Newark, Doors open at 5 p.m. and tickets are \$35 including dinner. A portion of the proceeds benefit charity. To order tickets call Tim Conley at 302.299.8100.

- By Melissa Marshall



Richard Blane was one of the Elvis tribute performers at the event in Newark.



Looking for the Area's Biggest Losers

A group of local men and women are challenging people to a competition to lose weight and get healthy.

Inspired by the popular fitness reality TV show, "The Biggest Loser", Candyce Johnson, a personal wellness coach has launched a not for profit 12-week course, called the weight loss challenge, that offers tips on nutrition and exercise, paired with a hint of competition.

Together with her team of wellness coaches they are looking to find the biggest losers in the local area.

Course participants can use any weight-loss program they would like and will be given a personal coach to work with to find

what works best for them. Participants will weigh-in each week and the three people with the highest percentage of pounds lost at the end of the course will win prize money.

They are shooting for 50 students per class, which would allow for a \$624 first-place prize, \$374 second place prize, and \$250 third place prize.

For every pound a participant sheds, he or she will receive a raffle ticket for chances to win weekly prizes. A person will be charged \$1 for each pound gained during the course and \$5 if they miss two or more classes.

All monies collected will be put in the pot and paid to the top 3 biggest losers.

They had such positive feedback from prior participants that they are adding times and locations constantly.

The cost for the 12-week course is \$35. The money will go into the pot for the cash pay out.

Classes will book up so call to reserve your spot today.

The next weight loss challenge starts Tuesday, January 19th & Wednesday, January 20th.

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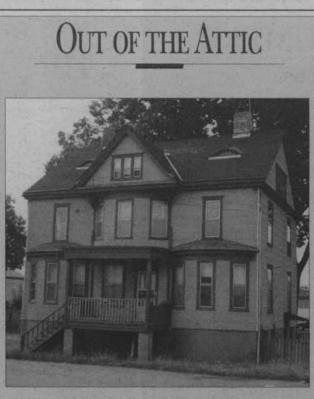
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This week's Out of the Attic item is a late 1990s photograph of the Queen Ann style home built by Samuel B. Wright in the late 1800s on the south side of Main Street just east of Chapel Street. Wright operated a hardware and blacksmith business across Chapel Street and a coal and lumber business east of the house (which later became Newark Lumber Co.). The house has unique architectural features including Newark's only example of "eyebrow" windows in the roof. In the 1920s and 30s, the Sigma Nu and Sigma Tau fraternities used the house. In 1939, it was moved back from Main Street and converted to apartments. It was moved again in 1998 to its present location, set back west of Chapel Street near the Wyoming Road intersection.

The picture is on loan to the Newark Post from the Newark Historical Society collection (courtesy of Mrs., James B. Owen). The Society invites donations or loans of pictures and other artifacts of places, activities, and life styles in the Greater Newark area.

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First-year foursome makes major impact

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"I just hope [future recruits] know that our program is on the rise. But ultimately the players and families decide. Kids choose schools for reasons you wouldn't think. It's a crazy process. You can tell them all the great things going on and yet you'd be amazed what they think is more important; things like better dorms or a leather couch and television in the locker room. But it is a great atmosphere they'll play in here at UD."

And that game-time atmosphere is at an all-time high thanks to an outpouring of support from fans on campus and in the community. In fact, inter-

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est is so high that the athletic department was forced to make game operations similar to how it does men's contests.

"It's wonderful that the fans have come out and supported the team. The fact that it's happening at the beginning of the season is really exciting and I hope it continues. It's great for these women who have worked their butts off to play on this stage in front of so many fans in the community."

Despite their resounding success, the players have not forgoften the importance of giving back to that community which supports them. The women frequently visit the Ronald McDonald house in Wilmington, exchange penpal letters with several elemen-

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tary schools, and also work with CYO teams. On March 5, the women will volunteer as referees at the annual Special Olympics Delaware School Basketball Tournament, something that has become a fun tradition for the team.

"We always look forward to that event," said Martin, who along with her assistants also referees at the event. "We have good kids on this team and we feel real good about the work we do when trying to give back to our community."

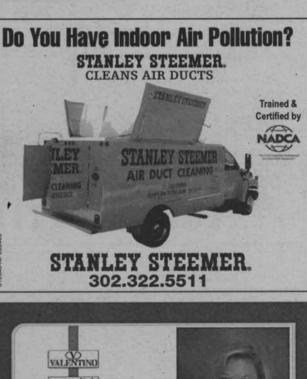
The Blue Hens host Drexel on Sunday at 2. For ticket information visit bluehens.com.

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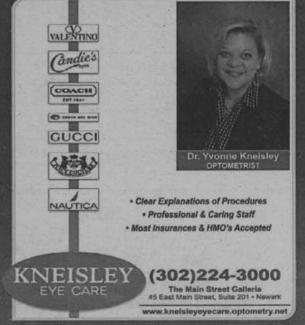
Caravel graduate Erique

Gumbs, a freshman on the University of Towson basketball team, will not be in uniform when the Tigers visit Delaware on Saturday. According to Towson coach Pat Kennedy. Gumbs most likely will be redshirted this season after suffering a knee injury against UMBC on Dec. 2. ... According to Mark Pray, assistant athletic director for communications at the University of Miami, the Hurricanes are still recruiting former Newark High lineman Malcolm Bunche, who signed a letter of intent in Feb. 2009 to play for the Hurricanes but then enrolled this past fall at Milford Academy Prep School (Berlin, N.Y.). ... Send your sports stories to jonbuzby@hotmail.





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Conduct code committee meets

On January 7, the District held its kickoff meeting for the 2010-2011 Student Code of Conduct Review Committee. The committee was formed, following a national controversy over a first-grader being ordered to an alternative school, after he brought a camping utensil, with a knife, to school.

A cross-section of parents, staff, students, and community members attended and held an informative discussion about ways to improve the current Code of Conduct and address behavior concerns district-wide. This group will continue to meet over the next several months.

Further information is available at : www.christina.k12.de.us/CodeOfConduct/ **ReviewCommittee**

Other ways to become involved in the district include;

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The district also has a presence on Twitter that brings updates on the district.

Other options include calling 302-552-2670 or e mailing to info@christina.k12. de.us.

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