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Brianna Occident, a freshman at Newark High School, received a donated violin from the Newark Symphony Orchestra.



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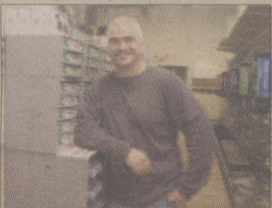
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Cpl. Jeffery Schwagel and Deborah Morrison, 7, check out a pair of pink pompoms at Kmart on Saturday as part of the Newark Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" program.

## Newark kids 'shop with a cop'

Program gives special Christmas to 20 children in need

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Deborah Morrison's face lit up when she saw a Hello Kitty lunchbox. "I want that one!" she said excitedly, pointing to the lunchbox on the shelf. Once in her hands, she paused for a moment before asking, "How much

is it?"

Newark Police Cpl. Jeffery Schwagel chuckled as the 7-year-old pondered the purchase.

"She's too funny," he said. "She's trying to get the most bang for her buck."

Deborah was among the 20 Newark kids selected to "Shop with a Cop"

Saturday morning at Kmart in the College Square Shopping Center. Kmart donated more than \$2,000 to fund the program, which paired up Newark police officers with local children to shop for presents. Each child was allowed

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## Council OKs tax hike

Water rate increase also approved

By KARIE SIMMONS

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On Monday night, city council approved a \$45 million budget that includes a 1.5-percent tax hike and a 7.2-percent increase in the water rate, while slashing a handful of low-priority capital improvement projects and operating expenses in an effort to save money.

Starting in July, property taxes will go up 1.5 percent, meaning the average annual bill for residents will increase by \$7.35 a year to \$497. The average annual bill for commercial properties will go up \$16.69 to \$1,129 a year.

The tax hike, which will generate \$42,000 in additional revenue for the city next year, passed 4-3, with Councilmen Rob Gifford, Stu Markham and Mark Morehead as the opposing votes.

Morehead argued that tax-

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# A lifetime of 'service for others'

At age 74, Aetna's longest-serving EMT retires

By JOSH SHANNON

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Around the Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co. firehouse, Gene Niland is well known for using the phrase "things that go bump in the night."

The phrase comes from his grandmother's favorite prayer, and he uses it as a catch-all to describe anything that could go wrong.

It's also a fitting expression for a guy who has spent nearly 50 years helping people out when things do go wrong — anything from fires and accidents to medical emergencies.

After a lifetime living Aetna's motto of "service for others," Niland has finally hung up his EMT uniform for the last time — at the age of 74. He worked his last morning shift out of Station 8 on Wednesday, which, coincidentally, was the 126th anniversary of Aetna's founding.

"It's been a good career," Niland said. "I feel like I've made

a lot of contributions. We've saved some lives. I've done some good things."

Niland retired as Aetna's longest-serving active EMT. He was also believed to be the oldest active EMT in the state, according to Arman Fardanesh, deputy chief of EMS for Aetna.

"Gene is an all-around good guy," Fardanesh said. "He's always in good spirits and he's easy to approach."

## Inspired by his grandmother

Niland is originally from New Castle but lived with his grandmother in West Virginia while his father served in World War II.

Watching her serve food to the needy instilled a sense of community responsibility in Niland from an early age.

"I always looked at her and said, 'If I can do some of the things that she did, I'll have a pretty full life.'"

After graduating from high school, Niland served in the army and then got a job at F & M Scientific Corporation, which was located at the New Castle County Airport. It was later bought by Hewlett-Packard and

moved to Avondale, Pa.

It was there that Niland's long-held desire for community service manifested. He helped create a fire department to protect the company's plant, and in 1965, joined the Avondale Fire Department as a firefighter and EMT.

He served there for 12 years until one night in 1977 when he was driving home from work to his home in Newark and came across an accident on Kirkwood Highway. He stopped to offer first aid until an Aetna ambulance arrived. Once on scene, an Aetna assistant chief recognized Niland's skill and invited him to join Aetna.

Niland has been a part of Aetna ever since, spending time working the ladder truck before switching to just EMS runs later in his career. He also did a stint as deputy chief of EMS and recently resigned from the board of directors after 24 years.

## 1980 Chrysler fire remains most memorable

Niland's most memorable call came in June 1980, when fire broke out in the paint shop at Chrysler's Newark

Assembly Plant. Hundreds of firefighters worked for hours to contain the blaze.

Niland recalls stepping outside for a break and running into Gov. Pete du Pont, who was at the plant to survey the damage.

"He's standing by the doorway and says, 'Can you save it?' I said, 'Why, certainly. We're Aetna.'"

Niland also fondly recalls the times when he was reunited with a patient he helped save. Usually, it comes via a "tap on the shoulder" when the patient recognizes him at a supermarket or other public place.

He spoke of one incident about five years ago, when Aetna got a distress call from a home in Todd Estates. Niland broke down the door to find a woman collapsed on the floor, in dire condition. He rushed her to the hospital but never heard how she made out.

Three years later, he was at Christiana Hospital after dropping off another patient, when a different ambulance crew brought in another patient, who was accompanied by his wife. The woman immediately recognized Niland.

"She said, 'I know you. You broke into my house and saved my life,' he recalled.

## 'Man, I'm lucky'

Due to the nature of his job, Niland often sees people who die young. It makes him all the more thankful



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Gene Niland, 74, retired Wednesday as Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co.'s longest-serving EMT.

for his own health.

"Man, I'm lucky," he said.

This fall, however, he began experiencing trouble with his shoulder, making it harder to lift stretchers. For his own safety and that of the patients, he knew it was time to retire.

But that doesn't mean he's saying goodbye to his Aetna family.

"Just because he's retiring, he's not leaving the company," Fardanesh said. "I know I can turn to him.

He's good at giving advice."

In his retirement, Niland plans to spend more time with his grandchildren and continue to travel with his wife, Dee, who also spent many years as an Aetna EMT. The couple enjoys taking trips to the Caribbean as well as road tripping around the country.

When he looks back at his career, Niland said, he has no regrets.

"I did what my grandmother wanted me to," he said.

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# Wreaths Across America ceremony honors fallen colonial soldiers



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World War II veteran Charles Fretz lays a wreath at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Pencader Heritage Museum on Saturday.

By JOSH SHANNON

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As part of a nationwide observance, dozens gathered Saturday near the site of the Battle of Cooch's Bridge to lay wreaths in honor of the 24 colonial soldiers who died in the only Revolutionary War battle fought in Delaware.

"When our forefathers came to this ground in 1777, on their lips and in their minds was what freedom really stands for: independence and liberty," State Rep. Earl Jaques told the crowd gathered at the Pencader Heritage Museum on Route 72. "They gave us that with their blood and with their ultimate sacrifice."

Jaques, a brigadier gen-

eral in the Delaware National Guard, was one of 10 people chosen to lay the wreaths, which are part of the Wreaths Across America program.

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

The attention led to an influx of funds and volunteers, and the project expanded. Today, more than 540,000 wreaths are laid at 900 locations in all 50 states and in cemeteries on foreign soil.

Last week, a convoy of tractor-trailers left Maine and journeyed to Arlington to deliver the wreaths, stopping several places along the way, including Middletown.

Kevin Conley, a retired Delaware Army National Guard major, led Saturday's ceremony at the Pencader Heritage Museum.

"We thank those who gave their lives to keep us free and we shall not forget you," Conley said. "We shall remember."

At Conley's feet was his service dog, Angus, who helps him deal with the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder. Serving in Afghanistan, Conley suffered several injuries and lost his best friend,

Lt. Tim O'Donnell, of the New Zealand army.

Deviating from his planned remarks, Conley told the crowd how PTSD has affected his life and how he once sat on the banks of the C & D Canal, contemplating suicide. He also talked about his difficulty in getting medical care from the Wilmington VA Medical Center and how more people should be aware of the needs of returning veterans.

"I appreciate you all being here to honor and remember, but I encourage you now to teach other Delawareans," he said.

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## Man, 67, dies in Newark house fire

By JOSH SHANNON

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A Newark man was killed and a woman was injured early Monday morning when fire ripped through their home in the Elan of Huntington Hills neighborhood, off Barksdale Road.

The fire broke out at 5:15 a.m. in the unit block of South Fawn Drive, according to John H. Farrell IV, spokesman for Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co.

The first to respond was a firefighter who lives across the street. Awakened by the emergency radio dispatch,

the firefighter attempted to enter the burning home but, without his safety gear, was driven back by flames, Farrell said.

When other firefighters arrived, they found heavy fire coming from the two-story home. Three people had escaped, but a 67-year-old man was still trapped inside. By the time firefighters reached him, he had died.

A 66-year-old woman who was able to escape the blaze by herself was taken to Christiana Hospital.

Fifty-two firefighters from Aetna, Christiana,

Mill Creek, Cranston Heights, Five Points, Elsmere, Minquas and West Grove, Pa., fire companies fought the blaze, which left the home uninhabitable, Farrell said.

The Newark fire marshal and state fire marshal's office are jointly investigating the cause of the fire. Officials have not yet released the names of the victims.

Monday's incident is the city's second fatal fire this year. On June 28, a 65-year-old man died when fire engulfed his home on A Street in the Windy Hills neighborhood.

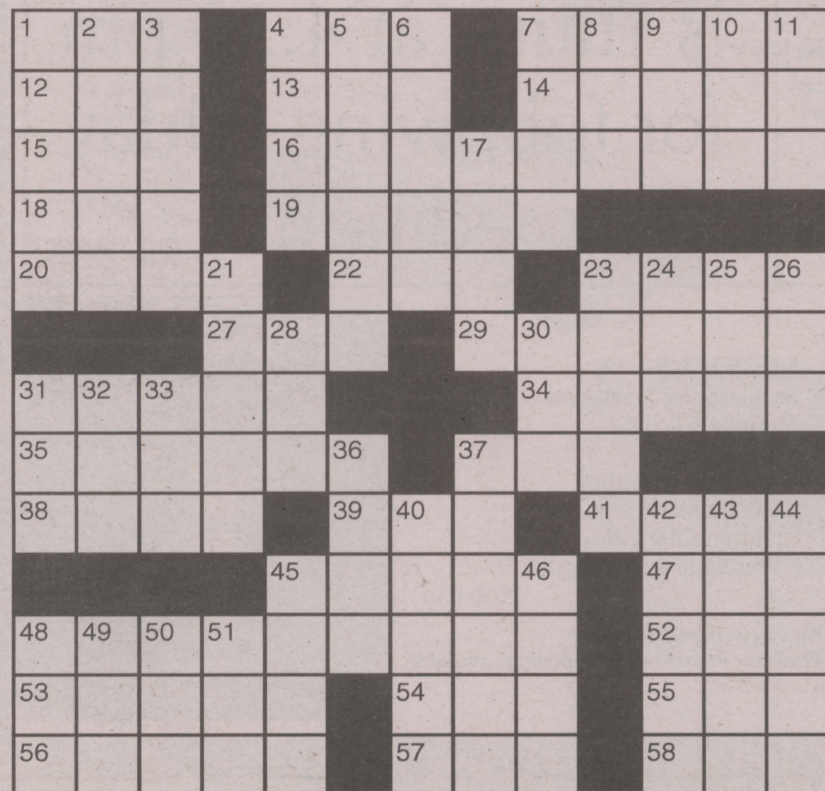


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One person died and another was injured Monday morning when fire ripped through this home on South Fawn Drive.

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### Three charged in thefts at UD library

Three men are facing charges after allegedly stealing items in the University of Delaware's Morris Library.

A laptop and wallet were reported missing at approximately Dec. 9 at 2:30 p.m., according to UD Police.

Investigators used surveillance camera footage to identify the suspects as Jesse W. Beardsley, 26, of Newark; Patrick A. Deramo, 27, of Elkton, Md., and Christian D. Johnston, 30, also of Elkton.

All three were charged with two counts of theft, two counts of third-degree conspiracy and two counts

of second-degree trespassing. They are being held at the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$5,000 secured bond.

Beardsley also was charged as an out-of-state fugitive for a warrant from New Jersey, and Deramo also was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

UD Police warn students not to leave items unattended in the library.

### Newark man struck by car, killed

A Newark man was struck by a car and killed near Delaware Park last week, state police reported.

John A. Riley, 30, was attempting to cross Del. 4 east of Delaware Park Drive on Dec. 10 at 5:47 p.m. when a westbound 2000 Ford Ranger struck him.

"The force of the impact threw the victim into the left-hand travel lane of the roadway, where he came to rest," Master Cpl. Jeffrey Hale said.

Riley, who was not using a designated crosswalk, died at the scene, Hale said.

The driver of the Ford, Chase A. Urban, 19, of New Castle, was not injured.

"Drug and alcohol use by the victim is being considered as a factor in the crash," Hale said.

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## Girls take to the court as local hoops season begins

By JON BUZBY  
Newark Post

Hodgson hopes to defend its conference title, Caravel Academy's veteran team seeks a return trip to the Bob Carpenter Center, and former UD star Kayla Miller takes over the reins at St. Mark's as the girls' basketball season gets under way.

### St. Mark's High School

**Key players:** Claire Igo (Sr.); Alyssa Simmons (Sr.); Caelyn Brabson (Sr.); Kaitlynn Wolff (Jr.); Ann White (Sr.).

**Start to season:** After losing its opener, St. Mark's won three consecutive games by nine or more points.

**First-year Coach Kayla Miller says:** "The girls have been working extremely hard day in and day out and have been responding well to the coaching change. I am very lucky to have a great young and experienced coaching staff. The Catholic conference is a very competitive conference, and we expect to compete in it as well as with the other teams in the state."

### Caravel Academy

**Key players:** Micah Morgan (Sr., 15ppg); Ky'Asia Stanford (Sr., 12.5ppg, 5apg); Caroline Davis (Sr., 12ppg, 8.5rpg); Shannon Tobin (Sr., 5ppg); Grace Lange (So., 5ppg, 7rpg).

**Start to season:** The Bucs are off to a 2-0 start with wins over Germantown Academy (Pa.) and Holy Child School (Md.).

**Coach Kristen Caldwell says:** "The girls are hungry and driven to earn a trip back to the Bob Carpenter Center for a chance at Caravel's first ever girls basketball state championship. Our schedule is the most difficult in Caravel history and should prepare us well for a tournament run in March."

### Hodgson Vo-Tech

**Key players:** Dynasty Williams (Sr.); Ariana Fleming (Sr.); Shechinahglory Tucker (Sr.); Quiara Mayes (Jr.); Kameesha Harriot (So.); Mercedes Baskerville (So.); Sarah Lea (Sr.); Imani Henry-Butler (Fr.).

**Start to season:** The Silver Eagles opened with three consecutive wins.

**Coach Chris Jones says:** "We look forward to developing our team chemistry, work hard every day in practice and progress game by game. If we put forth the right efforts, it is our goal to contend for the Flight B and Blue Hen Conference titles and a DIAA state tournament berth."

### Glasgow High School

**Key players:** Desire Singleton (Jr.); Sydiera Laws (Sr.); Nakia'rah Clark (Sr.); Dymond Taylor (So.); Mileyka Cruz (Fr.).

**Start to season:** The Dragons started with three losses. Glasgow hosts Polytech tonight in the first round of the Dragon Classic.

**First-year coach Andrew Castagna says:** "A motto I often use in practice to motivate the team to work even harder is: Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard."

### Christiana High School

**Key players:** Ciana Kinlaw (Jr.); Jada Gillespie (So.); Alice Solanke (Sr.); Ndidi Iwu (So.).

**Start to season:** The Vikings opened the season with wins over Tower Hill (20-19) and McKean (33-21).

**Head coach Mike Kinlaw says:** "The 2014 — 2015 season will be very competitive. Leading the team will be Ciana Kinlaw and Jada Gillespie. These girls are very motivated to take this team to a new level. They challenge each other and their teammates on and off the court to be competitive student-athletes."

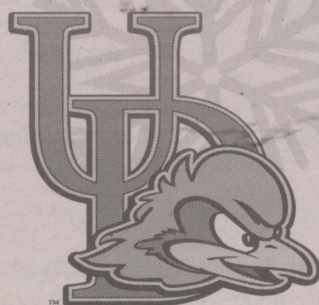
### Newark High School

**Senior players:** Tanazha Ross (C/F); La'Key Deputy (G); Beatrice Gorman (C/F); Jasmin Parker (C/F); Lon'Shae Jackson (F).

**Start to season:** The Yellowjackets are struggling, off to a 0-5 start.

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# 44 people facing charges after 11-month investigation

By JOSH SHANNON

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Delaware State Police, the FBI and several other law enforcement agencies have dismantled a drug-trafficking ring that was allegedly run by two Newark-area men.

After an investigation that took nearly a year, police arrested 40 people and have warrants for four more, Delaware State Police Master Cpl. Jeffery

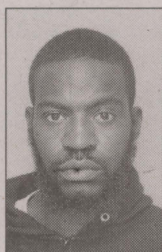
Hale announced Dec. 9.

In October and November, police raided 17 homes in New Castle County. Locally, search locations included residences in the unit block of Brookside Boulevard in Brookside,



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the unit block of Hobart Drive near Newark, the unit block of Winterhaven Drive in Autumn Park, the 5300 block of Byron Court in Bear and the 2200 block of Dickens Terrace in Bear.



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In total, authorities seized 416 grams of heroin, 25 grams of crack cocaine, 10 grams of methamphetamine, 2,426 grams of marijuana, 91.5 schedule II pills, 122 schedule IV pills, six Fentanyl patches, seven handguns, \$34,100 in cash and two motor vehicles.

The two alleged ringleaders, Andrew Lloyd, 31, and Jarrell Brown, 29, both of the Newark area, are facing dozens of felony charges, includ-

ing racketeering and drug offenses. They are being held at the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$1.1 million and \$1.9 million cash bail, respectively.

Ten other Newark-area residents are among the 44 people facing drug charges. They include: Tomekia Gross, 35; Janelle Lloyd, 24; Markeda Brinson, 25; Brown, 25; Mack Andino, 38; Spud Burns, 52; Kenneth Hall, 30; Jeremy Johnson, 28;

Jamaal Dearry, 29; and Najah Mercer, 19.

The investigation, dubbed "Operation Sun Son," was a collaboration between Delaware State Police, the Delaware Department of Justice, the DEA, the Wilmington Police Department, the FBI, the New Castle County Police Department, the Division of Probation and Parole, the Newark Police Department and the Pennsylvania State Police.

## Fire marshal: Electrical malfunction caused College Park blaze

By JOSH SHANNON

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An electrical malfunction is to blame for a fire that ripped through a townhouse in the College Park neighborhood of Newark last week, leaving four people homeless.

The blaze broke out in the unit block of Lincoln Drive, off Elkton Road, on Dec. 10 at approximately 7 p.m., according to John H. Farrell IV, a spokesman for Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co.

Firefighters arrived to find a three-story, middle-of-the-row home with fire coming from an upstairs room Farrell said.

A total of 36 firefighters from Aetna, Christiana Fire Compa-

ny, Mill Creek Fire Company and Singerly Fire Company of Elkton, Md., brought the fire under control in 30 minutes and were able to prevent the flames from spreading to the adjoining homes.

The four occupants of the home, all adults, were able to escape from the fire on their own and are receiving housing assistance from the American Red Cross. No one was injured.

The fire left the home "uninhabitable," Farrell said.

Newark Fire Marshal William Street reported that fire damage was contained to the room of origin, but there was smoke damage throughout the house, according to city spokesman Ricky Nietubicz.

### Bicyclist hit by car on South College Avenue

A 23-year-old bicyclist was injured after he was hit by a Ford F350 pickup truck at the intersection of South College Avenue and Christina Parkway on Dec. 12.

The crash happened just before 6 p.m. as the man was cycling against the flow of traffic on South College Avenue, according to Cpl. James Spadola, a spokesman for the Newark Police Department.

The driver of the truck was traveling east on Christina Parkway and, having a green light, proceeded through the intersection, Spadola said. The bicyclist was traveling north in the southbound lane of South College Avenue and was hit by the truck in the intersection.

Paramedics treated the man for head and back injuries before taking him to Christiana Hospital where he was initially listed in critical condition, according to Cpl. Abigail E. Haas, a spokeswoman for New Castle County Paramedics.

No charges have been filed, but the investigation continues, Spadola said.

### DART bus rider steals driver's backpack

A DART bus driver is missing her backpack after working a shift earlier this week in Newark, police say.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the incident occurred sometime between 1:50 p.m. and 4:20 p.m. on Dec. 9.

The driver told police she drove multiple routes throughout the day and at some point her Jansport backpack fell underneath her seat, which would have been easily accessed by someone sitting behind her.

Spadola said several items were missing from the backpack including a wallet, a set of keys and a cellphone charger worth an estimated \$21. Someone later attempted to use a debit card that was in the wallet on Amazon.com, but it was declined.

### POLICE BRIEFS

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

### Police: Job applicant stole cash from manager's wallet

A man interviewing for a job at a new Main Street restaurant was allegedly caught stealing cash out of the manager's wallet, police reported.

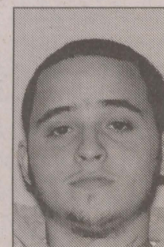
The defendant is identified as Christopher Tingle, 25, of Wilmington.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, Tingle was interviewing for a job on Dec. 11 at Arena's Deli and Bar, which opened this week at 168 E. Main St., when he was seen taking money out of the restaurant manager's wallet.

The manager told police she was conducting interviews for new hires around 5:20 p.m. on Dec. 11 when she noticed Tingle pacing back and forth near the booth where she left her purse. She became suspicious and went over to check her belongings.

Spadola said the manager noticed her wallet was sticking out of her purse and money was missing, so she reviewed the restaurant's surveillance footage, which had captured Tingle taking the cash. She told Tingle there was more paperwork to fill out and called police, who arrived shortly after and arrested him.

Spadola said Tingle returned the money to the victim and was released on \$1,000 unsecured bond. He was issued a no contact order with the city of Newark.



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### Speakers, iPad stolen from Prospect Avenue home

A resident of Prospect Avenue came home earlier this week to discover someone had entered her room and stolen several items, police say.

According to Newark Police spokesman Cpl. James Spadola, the incident occurred sometime between 2 p.m. on Sunday and noon on Monday in the unit block of Prospect Avenue.

The victim told police she walked into her second-floor bedroom and noticed her yoga mat had been moved, and an iPad Air was missing from her nightstand as well as an undisclosed amount of cash from her dresser. Two Bose speakers were also taken from the first floor of the house.

Spadola said the missing items are worth an estimated \$540 and police continue to investigate the incident. There are no suspects at this time.

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# Three years later, hardware store returns to Newark

Scott True Value  
reopens in Fairfield  
Shopping Center

By JOSH SHANNON

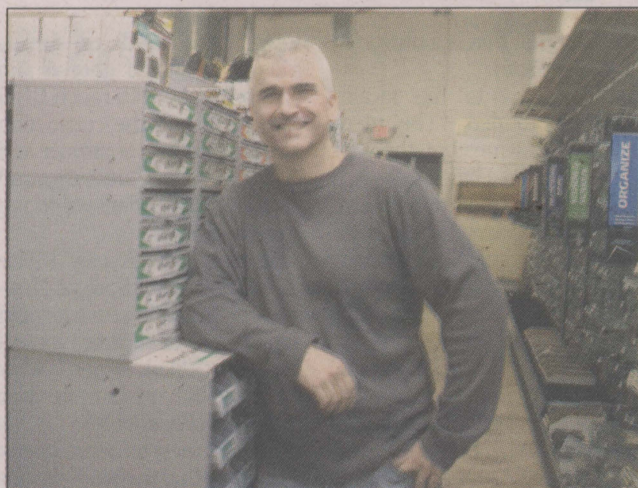
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In 2011, Scott True Value on South Main Street was struggling mightily, a victim of increased competition from Home Depot, an economic downturn and road construction that seemed to never end.

Owner Rocco Curro packed up his store and moved it to Smyrna, leaving behind his hometown and a customer base he had built over his 19 years located in the Park N Shop plaza.

However, in a twist of fate that seemed unlikely just three years ago, Curro has returned to Newark, reopening his store in Fairfield Shopping Center on Dec. 6.

The storefront – vacant for years and last home to a video store – is about half



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH SHANNON

Rocco Curro closed down his Scott True Value hardware store on South Main Street in 2011 but this month, the business returned to Newark, opening in Fairfield Shopping Center.

the size of his former South Main Street store, but Curro hopes the location attracts residents of the surrounding neighborhoods and also catches the attention of shoppers heading down New London Road from Pennsylvania.

"It's like a little pigeon

hole," Curro said. "If I can fill this niche of the neighborhoods and 896, it will work out for me."

A third-generation hardware store owner, Curro said he grew up working in his father's store in Hockessin's Lantana Square.

In 1992, he opened his

South Main Street store and over the years built a loyal customer base. However, by 2006, controversy was swirling over a 145,000-square-foot Home Depot planned for land behind Suburban Plaza.

Curro rallied opposition to the big-box retailer, launching a petition drive that collected more than 4,000 signatures. In 2007, city council approved the plan by a 4-3 margin, and Home Depot opened in the fall of 2008.

Curro feared that meant the end of his business.

"You're always optimistic that you can rebound, but I don't know if this town has given me enough reason to be optimistic," he told the Newark Post in October 2008.

Nevertheless, Curro kept his store going until September 2011. The last couple years got harder and harder, he said.

"People came in and said the right things, but you knew they were going to

Home Depot for most of their purchases," he recalled. "That stung a bit."

He opted to move to Smyrna, an area that "seemed to be booming," he said. But without an established customer base there, the store languished. Curro closed it this fall to return to Newark.

True Value's former home, the Park N Shop plaza, is in the beginning stages of a sort of renaissance. It sold in June and is now under the management of DSM Commercial, which plans renovations and a push to attract new tenants, most recently including a gym.

"I didn't want to go back because it doesn't have an anchor," Curro said, noting that Fairfield Shopping Center has Super Fresh to draw in a steady stream of customers.

Curro's new store offers a paint counter, a full fastener section and other hardware essentials. He readily admits he doesn't have as large of a selection as Home Depot or

Lowe's, but noted that customers can order anything the True Value corporation sells and have it delivered to his store.

He aims to appeal to residential customers looking for a hometown hardware store where they can get personalized help with their purchases. Contractors, he acknowledged, will likely bypass him for the larger stores.

"My appeal is purely homeowners," Curro said. "I have to know my place."

Right now, Curro is the store's only employee, but he hopes to soon bring on some part-time help.

On a recent afternoon, several people wandered into the store, looked around and said to Curro some variation of "Glad you're back."

Curro smiled, later remarking that now they're aware of his new location, he hopes they return to make a purchase.

"It's wonderful seeing old faces," he said.

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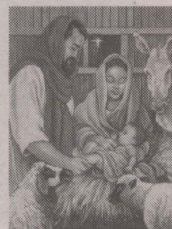
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# Arena's Deli and Bar opens on Main Street

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Arena's Deli and Bar, popular at the Delaware beaches, opened its seventh location in the state this week at 168 E. Main St., in the former home of Pita Pit and Coldstone Creamery.

The developer, Deli Days, LLC, renovated and reconstructed the existing structure over the summer to combine the two commercial spaces into a one-story, 3,392-square-foot, 93-seat restaurant and pet-friendly outdoor patio.

Arena's was serving up craft beer, sandwiches and pub fare during its first full day of busi-

ness on Tuesday.

"It's great to be in town," co-owner Paul Kuhns said.

Kuhns said his company had been looking to expand Arena's into Newark since 2009, but never quite found the right place. That was until two years ago, when he met the owner of 168 E. Main St. and learned Pita Pit was leaving Main Street and Coldstone was soon to follow.

Kuhns said he jumped at the opportunity to be in the heart of downtown Newark, confident the business model from the beach would do well in the college town.

"What's great about what we do is it's great for young people

and it's great for really everyone," he said. "We've seen that down at the beach."

Co-owner Ramsey Schrader said outdoor, pet-friendly dining is a staple of Arena's and being on Main Street gives them the opportunity to put a patio outside.

"It's one of our trademarks," he said.

But while other Arena's are beach-themed, Kuhns said they decided to go with a different décor for the Newark location. Flat screen TVs are scattered throughout the restaurant and bar area, and pictures of University of Delaware sports teams line the walls.

"We want to commemorate

the fact that this is a university town," he said.

"We adapt to the locale," Schrader added. "The menu stays the same, but the look floats around a little bit."

Arena's is open until 1 a.m., but Kuhns and Schrader insisted the eatery isn't catering to the same nighttime crowd as Klondike Kate's, Timothy's or Catherine Rooney's, which often have a dance floor and DJ after dinner hours.

"We've always been a restaurant first," Schrader said, adding that Arena's is focusing on a more relaxed, craft beer oriented crowd.

Schrader said one of Arena's signature dishes is the "Death

Fries," described as french fries with melted cheese and bacon, topped with ranch BBQ sauce. He said the concoction was created by a customer and served as an "underground item" until they decided to put it on the menu.

Amber Hays, Ashley Miller and Dave Arnold, all of Newark, were getting drinks and appetizers on Tuesday, including the "Death Fries," after hearing the restaurant was open from Facebook.

"We decided to come check it out now that the students are gone on break," Miller said.

They said they had not been to Arena's before, but heard great things about the other lo-

cations and were happy to see one come to Newark.

"We wish them good luck and hope they're successful here," Hays said.

"The beer tastes good; it's cold," she added, laughing.

Although Main Street is saturated with bars and restaurants, making business competitive, Kuhns and Schrader said their move to Newark was "calculated." They say Arena's has a strong following and they are confident the brand will take hold in the city.

In April, Schrader said, Arena's at Rehoboth Beach will celebrate its 25th anniversary.

"We hope this one is here just as long," he said.

## Main Towers resident celebrates 100th birthday

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Ruth Holler was wearing a tiara on Monday at a birthday party fit for a queen.

"I'm amazed. I'm speechless," she said as she got up from her chair to hug a few friends. "This is all just wonderful."

The Main Towers resident celebrated her 100th birthday with friends and family who had nothing but congratulations and kind words to say.

"She's a wonderful soul," Janene Mancuso said.

Mancuso, 79, also a resident of Main Towers, has known Holler for 10 years and said there is a common thread between people who reach the 100-year mark.

"They all have such grace, they're funny, sweet and caring," Mancuso said. "She's a great example of the woman I want to be when I grow up."

Holler was born on Dec. 26, 1914, in Newark, N.J., before moving to New York City as a child and graduating high school in the 1930s.

As the oldest of her two brothers and two sisters, she said she took on a kind of

mother role growing up. She recalled how her younger brother always used to call her "the boss."

"I guess I was a bit bossy," she said, laughing.

Holler met her husband, Edward, when she was 15 and recalled the story like it had happened yesterday.

She was playing outside with her cousin's children on Long Island, N.Y., when a car drove by and the driver, 21-year-old Edward, beeped and waved. Later that day, he called the house to ask Holler if she would like to go for a ride in his car.

He picked her up and drove her around town before dropping her back off at her cousin's house.

"The story goes that when he got back he said, 'You know what Mom, I think I'll marry that girl someday,'" Holler said. "I guess he had made his mind up right then."

She and Edward were married 58 years and raised their two children in Maryland before moving to Wilmington. She never held a paid job but spent her time as a homemaker, volunteer, Girl Scout leader, museum tour guide and quilting class teacher. She and her husband spent more than 20 years entertaining children in

the Delaware and Maryland area as Santa and Mrs. Claus.

"We got to interact with a lot of different people who have left some precious memories," Holler said.

Edward died in 1991 and their two children have also since died.

Holler has eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren but is the only remaining sibling alive out of her four brothers and sisters.

"I've lost all my close relatives and I think, why am I left?" she asked.

She said she never thought she would make it 100 years old and owes it all to the golden rule: treat others how you wish to be treated. It's her secret to life, she said.

That, and staying positive.

"I've learned to cope with everything that comes my way," Holler said. "If things get bad I say, 'It'll be another day.'"

Holler's sight started to diminish about 20 years ago, and she moved from the Luther Towers in Wilmington to Main Towers on Main Street in Newark to be closer to family. She has lived in the building for almost 10 years and said she made many great friends.

At the party on Monday, several of her friends came up to her table to wish her a happy 100th birthday, but Holler said it doesn't even seem like it's been that long.

"It feels like it just slipped by," she said.

Mancuso said she doesn't think her friend is quite done yet.

"I got a feeling you got a few adventures left in you, dear," she said. "What are we going to do next?"

"I'm sure we'll think of something," Holler replied.

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Ruth Holler, a resident at Main Towers, greets a guest at her 100th birthday party on Monday.

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# Instrument grant program strikes a chord with local music students

By JOSH SHANNON

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Brianna Occident fell in love with the violin after hearing her older sister play the instrument.

"The tones of the instrument really attract me to play it," Brianna said.

She learned to play through classes at Wilson Elementary School, stuck with it through Shue-Medill Middle School and is now in the orchestra as a freshman at Newark High School. Through the years, she and her sister have shared a violin.

There was only one problem recently: her sister is out-of-state for college.

"I've been going back and forth to New York," Brianna explained. "I take it and then give it back when she needs it."

Now, however, those treks are a thing of the past, thanks to the Newark Symphony Orchestra's new "Instruments in the Attic" program. At NSO's holiday concert at the Independence School on Sunday, Brianna and

two other Christina School District music students were gifted an instrument of their own.

"I'm really appreciative I was chosen," Brianna said. "This is huge."

NSO solicits donations of used instruments from its members and the community, board member Laura Rogers said. Many of the donations were formerly used by the donors' children and have been collecting dust for years.

"It's very satisfying for NSO members who have instruments they aren't using to know they can be cherished by a student," Rogers said.

NSO pays to have the instruments repaired and refurbished before giving them to the students. It is preparing to sell two of the more valuable instruments donated – a saxophone and a zither, each worth about \$1,500 – and use the money to fund repairs for the next couple years.

At the orchestra's October concert, members gave away the first two instruments. On Sunday, Mayor Polly Sierer helped present the violin to Brianna, a trombone to Shue-Medill student Samantha Collins and a viola to Everlove Owusu, also a student at Shue-Medill.

Rogers works with Rosaria Macera, the music chair for Christina School District, to identify potential recipients from among the 10 percent of



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Newark Symphony Orchestra conductor Simeone Tartaglione applauds as Shue-Medill students Everlove Owusu and Samantha Collins receive instruments through NSO's Instruments in the Attic program.

secondary school music students who use borrowed instruments, Macera said.

"The feeling of ownership is very exciting for the kids," she said.

Students considered for receipt of a donation write an application in which they discuss why they would like an instrument. Brianna wrote, "I play the violin not only with my hands, but with my heart."

On Tuesday, she said the gift will help her advance her musical career.

"That instrument is amazing," she said. "It gives me the confidence to try out for All-State Orchestra sooner rather than later."

## Santa on parade



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Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co. fire engines and New Castle County police cars escorted Santa Claus on a parade through the streets of Brookside on Saturday evening. Along the way, firefighters handed out candy canes to children in the neighborhood. The evening concluded with a party at the Brookside Community Center.

### How to help

To donate a used instrument for the Newark Symphony Orchestra's Instruments in the Attic program, call Laura Rogers at (302) 731-0694.

# City to install 22 more solar-powered trash compactors

By KARIE SIMMONS

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Next year, Main Street garbage bins will have a whole new look, as the city is planning to replace the traditional cans with solar-powered trash and recycling compactors that alert the public works department when they are full.

Officials anticipate the new feature will reduce collection frequency, fuel costs and overtime labor.

Council voted 6-1 Monday night to buy 22 more of the new bins, which are manufactured by Massachusetts-based BigBelly Solar and have separate compartments with built-in compactors for trash and recycling. The bins smash down the waste and create more room using energy from the sun, which allows the bins to hold up to 150 gallons of refuse and requires collection twice a week or less instead of seven days a week.

The 22 solar compactors will replace every traditional trash can currently on Main Street.

The city first rolled out



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS

Three solar trash compactors were installed on Main Street in July as part of a pilot program. The city will now replace 22 more trash cans downtown with the new bins that alert public works staff when they are full.

three of the solar compactors downtown in July as part of a pilot program to get crews familiar with the technology. The intent was to eventually install 27 more on Main Street and on a portion of South Main Street, for a complete set of 30.

Earlier this month, Director of Public Works Tom Coleman asked council to sign off on buying the additional 27 bins and acces-

sories for \$165,780, using \$113,705 from the 2014 Capitol Improvement Project for solar-powered refuse and recycling compactors and a \$52,075 recycling grant from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

Council decided to authorize the purchase of nine compactors at \$5,990 each and use only the DNREC grant to pay for them, but was forced to revisit the de-

cision Monday night after it was discovered the vote was not valid.

City Manager Carol Houck said city staff realized shortly after the initial vote that the grant can only fund the recycling portion of the dual compactors, not the bins as a whole. Furthermore, she said, the grant only covers half the cost of the recycling part, and the city is required to pay the other half.

DNREC would only reimburse the city \$15,052 in grant funds for the purchase of nine compactors and the additional \$38,857 would need to be funded by the city, thus the purchase could not be made using grant money alone as council intended. Also, the nine would not provide full coverage of Main Street, requiring the remaining traditional cans to be collected seven days a week as is currently done.

The purchase was revisited Monday night during a special council meeting on the budget.

Coleman asked council to reconsider buying 27 bins

and 30 side message panels with inserts for \$165,780 using a new funding structure. Approximately \$120,622 would be paid for using money from the CIP and \$45,157 from the DNREC recycling grant, as opposed to the previous breakdown.

District 3 Councilman Rob Gifford, who suggested council purchase nine of the compactors during the last discussion, was still hesitant to buy all of the requested bins and accessories on Monday night. He questioned why Coleman was pushing for trash and recycling on South Main Street.

Currently the city does

not collect trash on South Main Street, but Coleman said there is somewhat of a littering problem around Jake's Wayback Burgers, the Sunoco and the bus stops in that area.

"I'm really against expanding coverage where we potentially don't have a problem," Gifford replied.

He suggested the city buy only 22 compactors and not put any new bins on South Main Street.

Council agreed unanimously to cut the recommended number of bins and panels and voted 6 to 1 on the entire amended purchase, with Gifford as the opposing vote.

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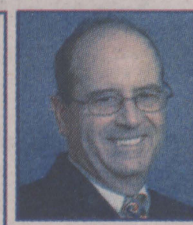
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# Oh what fun it is to pose in a one-horse open sleigh

Antique carriage, made in Newark, serves as centerpiece of museum's Christmas event

By JOSH SHANNON

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Seven-year-old Ryan Organek climbed aboard the antique sleigh in the Newark History Museum, where Santa Claus was waiting.

Ryan handed Santa a home-made envelope, sealed with an abundant amount of tape.

"There's a surprise in there for you," he said.

Inside the envelope was a paper snowflake and a message: "Dear Santa, can you get me a tablet."

Ryan was one of dozens of kids who attended the Newark Historical Society's first-ever Christmas event. The museum was decorated for the occasion, and the gift shop was open.

However, the focal point of the event was Santa's appearance aboard the antique sleigh, which was built in Newark.



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The Hodge children – Donovan, 13; Willow, 6; and Peyton, 10 – pose with Santa aboard an antique sleigh at the Newark History Museum on Sunday.

Rodney Dempsey, whose family has owned the sleigh for more than 70 years, loaned it to the museum for the event.

Dempsey said his father, Norman, discovered the sleigh stored in an old granary on the dairy farm he began renting in Corner Ketch in 1943.

Dempsey remembers fixing up the sleigh as a teen.

"When I was in 11th grade at Newark High, I took it

down, fixed the runners and put a new side on it," he recalled, noting that he later moved it to his own farm, also in Corner Ketch, where he produces hay.

"It hasn't been touched since 1963," said Dempsey, who is the greenhouse manager for the University of Delaware. "Never used it; just stored it."

He was touring the Newark History Museum this sum-



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Ryan Organek, 7, hands Santa a letter aboard an antique sleigh at the Newark History Museum on Sunday. "There's a surprise in there for you," Ryan said.

mer as part of his 50th high school reunion and mentioned the sleigh to Margie Masino, president of the Newark Historical Society, who asked if the museum could borrow it for a Christmas event.

"I thought that would be nice," Dempsey said.

Neither Dempsey nor Masino know exactly when the sleigh was built. A plaque on the back lists the builder as the H.B. Wright Co. but does not mention a year.

Hughes B. Wright was a prominent business owner in Newark in the late 1800s. As of 1890, his hardware store was located at the corner of

Main and Chapel Streets, according to Newark city council minutes recently digitized by the Pencader Heritage Area Association. He also served as Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company's second fire chief in 1891-1893.

The event was part of the Newark Historical Society's effort to draw more visitors to its museum, located in the old Newark Train Station under the South College Avenue bridge. The museum traces its origins to 2008, when the city was gearing up to celebrate its 250th anniversary. It originally operated in a Main Street storefront and then re-

located to the train station the following year.

Masino said more than 100 people attended Sunday's event, which is equivalent to the attendance over an average two-month span.

"It's that many more people who know Newark has a museum," Masino said.

The museum is now closed for the winter but will resume its normal hours in April, when it will kickoff the season with an opening-day special event.

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## Out of the Attic

### Newark's Santa tradition

While Sunday's Christmas event was a first at the Newark History Museum, events with Santa have been a Greater Newark tradition.

Back in the 1980s when the YWCA had a program center at the historic Press of Kells building at the southwest corner of South College Avenue and West Park Place, the organization held an annual Breakfast with Santa event. More recently, a breakfast event has been held at the George Wilson Center, sponsored by the Newark Parks & Recreation Department.

For years, a small wood "house" sat in front of Woolworth's at the Newark Shopping Center, where children could drop in to visit with Santa during the shopping season. At another time, there was a drop-in site to visit Santa in the basement of the Newark Police Station when it was located on East Main Street in a former church building.

The lighting of the town Christmas tree event held on the Academy Building lawn in the center of downtown Newark provides another opportunity for children to talk to Santa. In recent years, this has been part of the Winterfest event held in early December.

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 19711. Visit the Newark History Museum located on South College Avenue beside the bridge. During the winter months the museum is open only by appointment. Make appointments to visit by calling 302-368-9845 to schedule. See the website [www.NewarkDeHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.NewarkDeHistoricalSociety.org), contact the message phone 302-224-2408, e-mail at [newarkdehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:newarkdehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com), or postal mail to P. O. Box 711, Newark, DE 19715-0711.



## SHOP

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to purchase approximately \$100 worth of gifts.

Deborah ultimately picked out a One Direction poster, a pair of pink pompoms and a nail art kit, among with many other toys in her cart, but not everything was for herself. She also chose a pair of snowflake earrings for her older sister.

"Because she's nice to me," Deborah said.

Nasir Carter, 11, was thinking about what to get his 6-year-old sister, Ny'zhae, as he shopped with Lt. Mark A. Farrall on Saturday. He said he wants to wrap her present and give it to her on

Christmas morning.

Nasir placed a pogo stick and a few other toys in his cart and was surprised when he reached the \$100 limit.

"I think he'll understand how fast money goes now," said Shamica Hines, Nasir's mother.

Officer Daniel Burgess walked around the store with 7-year-old Gabriel Ortiz, trying to help him pick out what gifts he wanted to open on Christmas morning. Gabriel had already decided on a Spiderman figurine and Ninja Turtle swords.

"These Nerf guns are cool, man," Burgess said.

Gabriel's mom, Lindsey Crossan, was trying to keep up with her son, who was running up and down the aisles, excited by every new

toy he saw.

She said the "Shop with a Cop" program by the Newark Police Department and Kmart is a great gesture, especially around the holidays.

"It's really nice of them to do something like this," Crossan said.

NPD spokesman Cpl. James Spadola said the event was an overall success based on the feedback from the kids and their parents. He said the best part was seeing some of the officers form a bond with the child they were paired with, who most of them hadn't met prior to the event.

"Also, hearing the kid I was paired up with say 'This is the best day of my life' was very fulfilling," Spadola said.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KARIE SIMMONS

Officer Daniel Burgess and Gabriel Ortiz, 7, look at superhero action figures on Saturday as part of the Newark Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" program. Each child was allowed to purchase approximately \$100 worth of gifts at K-Mart.

## TAXES

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es are low in Newark "by design" because the University of Delaware is exempt from property taxes.

Residents last absorbed a 1.5-percent tax increase in 2013. An identical increase failed to pass for the 2014 budget year.

"I think in general, we are not taxed heavily, and we get many services for that," Morehead said. "I'm inclined to not offer the money forward until we get our costs somewhat more in line."

Gifford, Markham and Morehead also voted against a 7.2-percent water rate increase, which ultimately passed with a 4-3 vote.

Beginning Jan. 1, average water customers inside the city will see their monthly bill increase \$2.42 to \$35.88. For customers outside the city, the average water bill will go up \$2 to \$48.06. The increase is expected to generate \$555,000 to support water infrastructure expenditures and maintenance.

Water rates went up by 7.2 percent in 2014, 5 percent in 2013 and 14.5 percent in 2012.

Morehead, who voted against the 2014 budget last year, said Newark can't af-

ford to pay for everything city staff wants to do without digging deeper into debt, financing its spending and taking money out of savings.

"I can't do that at home," he said.

Councilman Luke Chapman argued that, unfortunately, Newark is facing large, upfront expenses to catch up to "what has been left behind" over the years, referring to the multi-year, \$7.5 million overhaul of the storm water system staff presented last year.

"That is the toughest thing to swallow because we shouldn't be in this position, but we are," he said.

Chapman said the city can reduce future expenses by spending money now, but agreed with Morehead that projects need to be addressed based on priority in order to find savings.

"The capital improvement program is an obvious place to cut, and cut deeply," Morehead said.

Council went through the CIP line-by-line Monday night, looking to slash low-priority projects for next year, including cutting \$50,000 for a traffic calming project on Country Club Drive and \$100,000 for source water monitoring at the reservoir. Council also decided to delay to 2016 funding for a parking garage

in Lot 1 that has yet to be approved.

Next year's key projects include spending \$581,000 to convert the city's streetlights to LEDs, \$436,000 to make stormwater improvements on Paper Mill Road, \$171,500 in vehicle replacements and \$300,000 to build a new electrical substation on the UD STAR Campus.

Council continued to make small cuts to the budget on Monday night by slashing various items from the general operating budget. A motion to remove the proposed deputy director position from planning and development passed 4-3, with Chapman, Councilman Todd Ruckle and Mayor Polly Sierer as the opposing votes.

Council also cut \$6,000 from the administrative vehicle allowance, reduced overall contingencies across departments from \$130,000

to \$50,000 and voted 4-3 to slash a proposed 3-percent pay raise for management to 1.5 percent. Ruckle, Markham and Councilwoman Marge Hadden opposed reducing the raises.

Part of the approved budget includes the creation of a new city department to focus on economic development and public relations. The department will include the Downtown Newark Partnership administrator, a media specialist and the parking department, which are all currently part of the Planning and Development Department.

It will absorb the responsibilities of the Greater Newark Economic Development Partnership, which was formed three years ago as a collaboration between the city, UD and the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce.

The city will hire a director of economic development and public relations to lead the department with a salary between \$78,800 and \$99,700, funded primarily by city and UD money currently allotted for the GNEDP.

The new department would be made up of mostly existing employees and therefore doesn't add any expense to the budget.

The spending plan also includes \$61,000 to purchase 46 AR-15 patrol rifles for the police department. The guns will replace the department's aging MP-5 guns.

Lt. Bill Hargrove said the department only has 16 of

the old rifles, and three need repairs. He wants each officer to have a rifle so he or she will be prepared in case there is an active shooter situation.

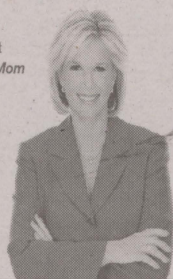
At the Nov. 24 budget hearing, the plan drew heat from several members of the public and council.

"I don't have any intention to support the purchase of the rifles," Chapman said last month. "It has nothing to do with the cost and everything to do with the caliber being used."

However, council approved the purchase of the guns on Monday night without any further discussion.

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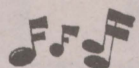
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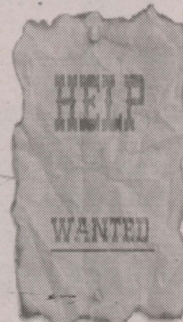
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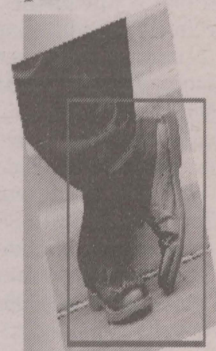


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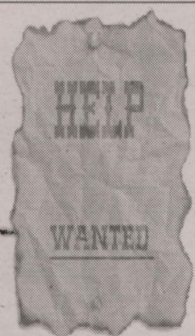
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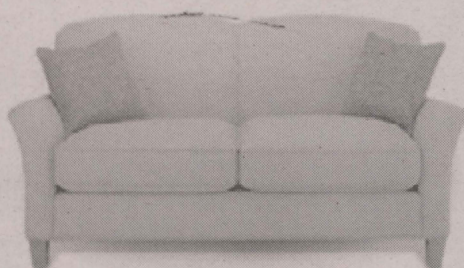
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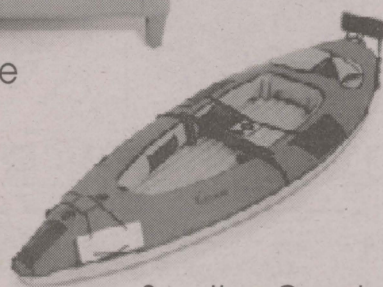
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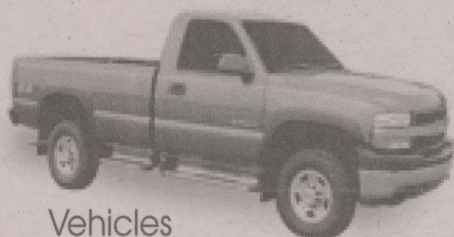
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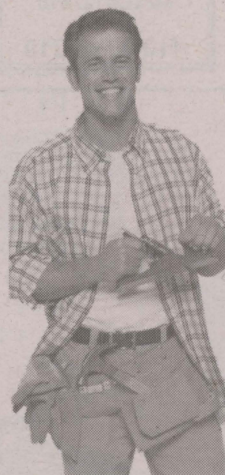
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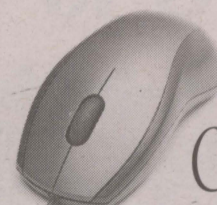
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IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF MARIA RADINSON  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
MARIA BLASUCCI  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARIA RADINSON intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to MARIA BLASUCCI.

MARIA RADINSON  
Petitioner  
Dated: 12/4/2014  
2491824

np 12/12,19,26

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

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF FLAVIA L. CASTRO  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
FLAVIA L. MINO  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FLAVIA L. CASTRO 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 FLAVIA L. MINO.

FLAVIA L. CASTRO  
Petitioner  
Dated: 11/26/2014  
2490826

np 12/5,12,19

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

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF PARVEEN KUMARI  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
PARVEEN DHILLON  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PARVEEN KUMARI 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 PARVEEN DHILLON.

PARVEEN KUMARI  
Petitioner  
Dated: 12/5/2014  
2491947

np 12/12,19,26

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

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF GWENDOLYN CLEMONS  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
GWENDOLYN CLEMONS-POOLE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that GWENDOLYN CLEMONS 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 GWENDOLYN CLEMONS-POOLE.

GWENDOLYN CLEMONS  
Petitioner  
Dated: 12/12/2014  
2493334

np 12/19,26,1/2

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

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF CHLOE MADISON MATTHEWS  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
CHLOE MADISON ANDERSON  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KARYN ELISE ANDERSON intends to present a Petition to the court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change her minor child's name to CHLOE MADISON ANDERSON.

KARYN ELISE ANDERSON  
Petitioner  
Dated: 11/24/2014  
2490525

np 12/5,12,19

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

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF JOHN JOSEPH ANTIL  
Petitioner(s)  
TO  
JOHN HARVEY ANTIL  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOHN JOSEPH ANTIL 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 JOHN HARVEY ANTIL.

JOHN JOSEPH ANTIL  
Petitioner  
Dated: 12/12/2014  
2493520

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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.*

Continuing from The Delaware Ledger, February 1886:

Rankin Armstrong wanted to hire "A young industrious boy to learn the mer-

cantile business. Must stay three years." Joseph Dean offered to rent his "ice house, sitting along White Clay Creek.....to supply ice to the people of Newark."

D. Stanhope said he carefully cleaned and repaired "watches and clocks of every description." J. Fisher, at Newark Depot, dealer in coal, bran and flour, had recently put in a grist mill

for custom work. Painting would be done by Abraham Scott with "neatness and dispatch." W. Russell, at Main Street and New London Avenue sold "boots, shoes, dress goods and fine groceries."

It cost 75 cents to hear Rev. Henry Ward Beecher lecture on "The Reign of the Common People" at Caskey Hall (later named

Newark Opera House). The Improved Order of Red Men rented Exchange Hall (now Klondike Kate's) for a lodge room. Cooch's Mill offered highest market price for wheat. S. Wright had for sale a corner store, "desirable Main Street location with stable and necessary outbuildings in excellent condition." James Roberts call-

ing himself a "Plain and Fancy Rag Carpet Weaver" would weave "just as you want them of best cotton and woolen yarns at low and reasonable prices."

March 1886: Gypsies supposedly murdered William Green by fracturing his skull. A similar crime had occurred a year earlier when a man was murdered and thrown into the Elk River.

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

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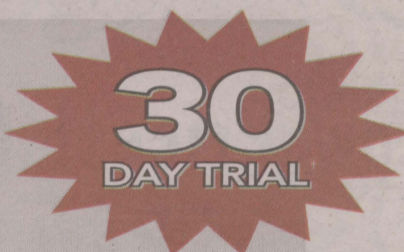
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