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### **Neighbors helping neighbors**



PHOTO BY MARK CORRIGAN

Volunteers with the Newark Area Welfare Committee packed boxes of food for needy families at the First Presbyterian Church of Newark. The group has partnered with charity organizer Val Nardo and Val's Needy Family Fund to supply over 1,000 boxes this year. Contributions, including foodstuffs and over \$2,000 in monetary donations, were collected from local area schools, churches, groups, and families. Packing boxes were supplied by Office Movers and Penske donated the use of a moving truck to the group. The charity was the benefactor of a 48% increase in family donations from last year. For more information or to submit a donation, visit www.newarkareawelfare.org.

### Digging out

(PHOTO BY DOUG RAINEY

John Orr tackles a sidewalk on Main Street as Newark continued to dig out from one of the heaviest snows on record. The city advised residents, before the storm hit on Saturday, to keep their sidewalks clear. Meanwhile, many roads remained icy early in the week as snow plow crews worked on major arteries.



## Fraunhofer gets \$9.85 million grant

Fraunhofer USA Center for Molecular Biotechnology and Gov. Jack Markell announced the award of \$9.85 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for clinical development of a transmission blocking vaccine to combat malaria.

The foundation, with tens of billions of dollars in assets, focuses on child and education issues. It was launched by Microsoft co-founder William Gates and his wife, Melinda.

No Delaware employment impact figures from the grant were immediately available.

"This is one of three projects supported by the foundation, and coupled with the Center's cGMP pilot production capability will be key for the validation of CMB's production platform," said Dr. Vidadi Yusibov, CMB's executive director. "We are looking forward to beginning clinical product development following up on the exciting pre-clinical results we have achieved to date."

Dr. Philip Russell, on the Board of Trustees of the Sabin Vaccine Institute, commented, "The technology has the potential to provide the capacity and cost effectiveness required to deal with the health and economic problems caused by malaria in developing countries."

According to The World Health Organization, 41 percent of the world's population lives in areas where malaria is transmitted, and each year more than one million people die from the disease, most of them young children in sub-Saharan Africa.

Gov. Jack Markell thanked both Fraunhofer and the Gates Foundation for their efforts to improve global health.

"We're very excited that Fraunhofer's contributions to Delaware's legacy of innovation may save lives across the world. Their ideas and their efforts are creating the kind of quality jobs we need to move Delaware's economy forward," Markell said. "The Gates Foundation awards tend to honor existing excellence and potential.



PHOTO BY MARK CORRIGAN.

Gov. Markell discusses the Gates Foundation grant to Fraunhofer.

They found both in Fraunhofer."

Fraunhofer USA CMB, a division of Fraunhofer USA, Inc., is a not-for-profit research organization whose mission is to develop safe and effective vaccines targeting infectious diseases and autoimmune disorders.

CMB's technology provides a safe, rapid and economical alternative for vaccine production. The Center conducts research in the area of plant biotechnology, utilizing new, cutting edge technologies to assist the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of human and animal diseases. The Center houses individuals with expertise and excellence in plant virology, pathology, molecular biology, immunology, vaccinology, protein engineering, and biochemistry. Further information is available at www.fraunhofer-cmb.org.

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#### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### **Newark resident** honored

John Novak of Newark, was recently inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) in Kings Point, Long Island, NY.

Novak, who graduated from the USMMA in 1974, earned four letters for pistol and was the team's captain during his senior year. He earned many honors while also setting national records.

In 1974, Novak led the Pistol Team to its first undefeated season in Academy history. He was named First-Team NRA All-American in Intercollegiate Pistol while setting the NRA

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or the second straight year, The Cereal Bowl on Main Street won the holiday win-

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tured its products in the display. The

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the city, business and the University

of Delaware.

#### National Pistol Record that year for standard pistol (.22 caliber at 25 meters), scoring 532 points out of a possible 600. He also led the team to a ROTC Pistol Number One ranking.

#### **Dance Classes**

Stage Lights Dance Studio and Performing Arts Center, located at 25 S Old Baltimore Road Suite 300, Newark, 19702, is still registering for ALL Classes! Classes run now until June 2010. Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern, Pointe, Lyrical, Hip-Hop, Krump, Musical Theater/ Drama, Toddler Movement, Tiny and Kinder Classes, Adult Classes. Home of ArtSmarts After School. For more information, please call 302-453-0714, visit stagelightsdancestudio. com, or email stagelights2@aol. com.

#### **Toy Drive at Captain Blue Hen Comics**

Spread some Holiday Cheer where it's needed the most (this year). Give the gift of Holiday Happiness by donating new toys and games for kids spending Christmas at Nemours/A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children. Bring unwrapped donations to Captain Blue Hen Comics between now and December 23rd. Check out the kids' want lists and restrictions at www. captainbluehen.com or at the store. The Toy Drive is administered by Child Life, a program directed at meeting the psycho-social and emotional needs of hospitalized children. For more information and directions: Captain Blue Hen Comics, www.captainbluehen.com, 302-737-3434.

#### **Scientific & Biblical Creationist** Fellowship

Already Gone, a DVD produced by Answers in Genesis, will address the situation with young people in regard to church membership. This is a DVD presentation with Ken Ham, President and Founder of Answers in Genesis who has studied the problem of Church membership. The presentation will occur on Tuesday January 5, 2010 @ 7:00 pm, at Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, 808 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark, 19702. For more information call Harry Wolfe at (302) 737-5149 (e-mail flymar45@juno. com or Preston Cocke, at (302) 731-5395. Check out our revised website, www.BackToGenesis. Info.

#### **Blue Moon Hike on New Year's Eve**

White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Thursday, December 31, 7-10pm. The blue moon shines on New Year's Eve approximately

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once every 29 years. Don't let this special occasion pass by uncelebrated! Our evening will begin with an enchanting moonlit hike and end with a sparkling cider toast on the scenic grounds of the Judge Morris Estate. After our hike, we will gather inside to enjoy hot drinks, light refreshments, and blue moon music. The cost is \$20 per person, \$36 per couple. Pre-registration is required. Call the park office at 302-368-6900 to register.

#### Handbell concert in Newark

Wilmington Handbell Ensemble to perform at First Presbyterian Church Newark ~ A community based handbell ensemble will perform "Twelfth Night" on Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church Newark, 292 West Main Street, Newark, 19711, 1/2 west of the University of Delaware on state route 273. Parking is available, and the church is handicapped accessible. The public is invited to attend; a free-will offering will be taken. For questions see our website: www.firstpresnew-ark.org or call (302) 731-5644.

#### Learn to Play Ice Hockey

A hockey program designed for the beginner player with very basic skating skills. Run in conjunction with the University

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of Delaware Community Youth Hockey program, the course will focus on proper skating and an introduction to stick handling. All equipment and skates provided. The winter session will be held on Saturdays beginning January 9th- March 6th at the Gold Ice Arena from10-10:45am. Registration fees for all sessions are \$166 and the Newark resident discount fees are \$144. For more information contact the Recreation office at 302-366-7060, visit www. citvofnewarkde.us or register at 220 Elkton Road, Newark, .

#### Pint Size Basketball

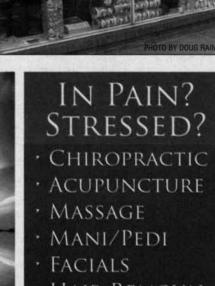
Fun, teamwork, sportsman-ship, and learning the funda-mentals of dribbling, passing and shooting using mini balls are the goals of this program. Boys and Girls ages 4-7 are welcome! This program is held at West Park Elementary School beginning January 9th –March 13th on Saturday mornings (no class January 16th or February 13th). Class for ages 4-5 is held from 11-11:45am and the class for ages 6-7 is held from 10-10:45am. Fee is \$61 and the Newark resident discounted fee is \$45. For more information contact the Recreation office at 302-366-7060, visit www. cityofnewarkde.us or register at 220 Elkton Road, Newark, .

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#### POLICE BLOTTER

## Bank teller helps police nab fraud suspect

(Editor's note: Police blotter items are compiled from local law enforcement agencies. For the latest law enforcement news, log on to newarkpostonline.com. Registration is free.)

n alert bank teller helped Delaware State Police arrest a woman accused of a number of fraudulent bank transactions in Newark and other areas.

The suspect was identified Delaware by State Police Courtney as Henry, 27 Bingham of Street in

Henry Philadelphia.

Police reported Henry went to the Wachovia Bank onn Naamans Road in the Claymont area and attempted to withdraw \$7,900.00 out of a Wachovia bank account. She allegedly forged a withdrawal slip in the actual account holder's name.

The bank clerk believed Henry was not the account holder and called in the Delaware State Police to investigate.

Troopers arrived and took Henry into custody. Investigators later determined she had gone to other Wachovia locations and successfully withdrawn money on previous days and attempted another theft on the day of her arrest. Other transactions included:

• December 14th, 2009-Route 202 in the Fairfax

Shopping Center, Wilmington, attempted theft of \$7,900)

• December 12th, 2024 Naamans Road, Wilmington (\$7,900)

• December 11th, 7270 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, (\$4,900)

• December 10th, 310 Dove Run Boulevard, Middletown (\$4,900)18.

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Henry was formally charged with the following offenses: Identity Theft (felony), Theft (felony), two counts of Attempted Theft (felony) and She Forgery (misdemeanor). She was committed to the Baylor Woman's Correctional Institute in lieu of a \$1,600.00 secured was bond. with 1st

#### **Arrests in Cherry Hill Manor robberies**

Newark Police The Department announced the arrest of two people for their participation in an armed robbery that occurred in the Cherry Hill Manor neighborhood on November 17. The investiga-tion has revealed that the female "victim" of the robbery actually was a participant, serving as a conspirator with the robber. The female, now known to

be Desiree Pulliam, 19, walked with the victim and notified her co-conspirator, William Malachi, 23, that she and the victim were on the service road. Upon being told of their location, Malachi committed the robbery, knowing that the victim was carrying cash.

Pulliam and Malachi both live in the Cherry Hill Manor neighborhood. They were



Pulliam 2nd Degree. and Criminal Solicitation. was released after posting \$6,500 bail. Malachi charged Robbery Malachi Degree,

Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Felony,

Aggravated Menacing, and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. He was being held on \$22,250 bail.

An Airsoft (BB) gun, believed to be the weapon used during the robbery, was recovered during a search of Malachi's house.

#### School bus driver cited

A school bus driver has been cited in a two vehicle crash Wednesday afternoon at the off ramp from Route 1 southbound to Route 72, in the Delaware City area.

A 2003 School Bus (operated by Charlene Reed, 57, of Wilmington) was stopped on the aforementioned off ramp behind a stopped 2006 Nissan Altima (operated by Luis Vazquez, 43, of Delaware City). The school bus driver accelerated and rear-ended the Nissan. Two students on the bus,

a 14 and 15-year-old female, sustained minor facial injuries. Two passengers in the Nissan, a 4-year-old boy and his 39-yearold mother, were evaluated for possible injuries.

The school bus had 29 total students coming from the Delaware Military Academy.

Reed was cited for Careless Driving. The school bus was towed from the scene.

#### Car break-in suspect nabbed

Police have arrested Michael McDowell, 42, whose last known address is in the 100 block of Brookside Drive near

been relatoffensficers apprehended him

Scottfield community. Officers a number of stolen items to

other stolen items have not yet been linked to victims.

On Dec. 16 at 10:45 p.m., County Police responded to the area of the 800 block of Broadfield Road for a report of theft in progress. When the officers arrived, they contacted a witness who advised a male subject was walking along Broadfield Drive breaking into cars and stealing items. Officer Thomas Purse located the subject walking in the area and was able to take him into custody without incident.

Purse found McDowell was in possession of a GPS, a men's watch, cash, and a radar detector that had all been stolen out of cars in the community. Officers were able to locate one victim where property was stolen and returned and two other attempted thefts. Additional items have been recovered but not linked through crime reports as the victims have not yet reported or possibly noticed the crimes.

McDowell, who is reportedly homeless, has been charged with two counts of attempted theft and one count of misdemeanor theft. He is currently awaiting an arraignment.

#### Nutrition store robbery suspect found

Police in Cecil and New Castle counties say they solved four robberies with the arrest of

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## **Fossil and mineral collection goes to McVey School**

Oreceived a Fossil and Mineral Collection with an accompanying set of books from Juan and Judy Villamarin. Their gift was made to give McVey students the opportunity to see, enjoy, and be inspired by an impressive collection of specimens, many of which the students can directly relate to what they are learning in earth science and human studies.

The Villamarins have lived close to McVey Elementary for

over 30 years. Their daughter, Joann Villamarin, attended McVey beginning in 1971 as a first grade student, and completed fifth grade there in 1976. Juan Villamarin, a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Delaware from 1970-2004, was a passionate teacher and collector. When he passed away, his wife Judy decided to share some of his treasures with the students of McVey Elementary School, so they could enjoy and learn from them as he did.

When the offer was made to

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the school, Principal Heather Bordas and the PTA purchased a lightéd and locked display case so the collection could be viewed easily, safely, and securely. The case is now positioned in the hallway opposite the school office, so children walking down the hall can enjoy the treasures inside each time they pass by.

"It's fantastic and exciting to see the students mesmerized by the amethyst, fluorite, dinosaur teeth, stalactites, shells, and other objects in the case," said Danne-Michelle Murphy, who served as McVey's Creative Mentoring Coordinator last year. "Juan would be very proud and happy to know that part of this collection is inspiring the imagination of the students at

McVey--perhaps a whole new generation of anthropologists, archeologists, and geologists!" Bordas has also reported

Bordas has also reported that the case has a huge captive audience all day long, and that teachers and students love the display and can't wait to use it in their academic work. Everyone at McVey is proud of this honor and thanks Mrs. Villamarin for this extraordinary gift, a release noted.



From left, Danne-Michelle Murphy, former Creative Mentoring Coordinator at McVey Elementary; McVey Elementary Principal Heather Bordas; Judy Villamarin; and McVey Assistant Principal Jane Smith.

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# High-speed network coming to the region

A high-speed Internet network is coming to the Newark area.

The Newark City Council approved drawing up a lease for Clear to put transmission equipment on two water towers in the city. The towers are expected to help bring 4G wireless service to the city and region via a Wi-Max.

Clear (www.clear.com) is the a venture between cell phone carrier Sprint and Comcast that will offer high-speed wireless service. It now offers the 4G service in the Philadelphia area, with a Comcast spokesman forecasting that the system will be up and running in northern Delaware in 2010. Clear, Comcast and Sprint are all offer the service as low as \$25 a month in the Philadelphia area for home Internet service.

Demand for the service has grown rapidly, due to the use of "smartphones" like the Droid and iPhone that surf the Internet. The technology



may also appeal to some home customers who do not want a cable connection.

Business and some consumer customers also want highspeed Internet service that can be used on sales and service calls.

Such service is available through current Verizon, AT&T, Sprint and other systems, but at speeds that are below those for wired Internet systems. Comcast became an investor in Clear as a way to participate in growth in "go anywhere" Internet that could pose a threat to its cable system, since 4G's higher transmission speeds could carry TV as well as Internet "pipes" into a home.

Comcast recently rolled out technology that allows its customers to access thousands of television shows and movies via the Internet. This week's Out of the Attic item is an undated photograph of George Neighbors ready to serve customers in the pharmacy section of his Rexall Drug Store. The 72 East Main Street store was open across three decades, the 1940s, 50s and 60s. The store was typical of most Main Street businesses – a house converted to commercial use. Neighbors highly valued customer service in managing his business. He also devoted much of his time to community service.

The picture is on loan to the Newark Post from the Newark Historical Society collection (courtesy of George Neighbors, grandson of the pharmacist). Minster's Jewelers in the Newark Shopping Center is now carrying the 2009 Newark Historical Society Annual Ornament featuring the Main Street Diner. The cost is still \$6.50. Purchase may be made during regular store hours.

The Society continues to seek pictures and other artifacts of places, activities, persons, and life styles in the Greater Newark Area.

Contact the Newark Historical Society by voice mail at 302-224-2408, by postal mail to P.O. Box 711, Newark, DE 19715, or by email to newarkdehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.



#### John Adams

John Michael Adams, 56, of Newark, DE, died on Sunday, December 13.

Mr. Adams retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Civil Engineer. He was devoted to his family and loved his grandchildren very much.

Adams is survived by his loving wife, Reba Carol Adams; son, Shawn M. Adams and wife Cherie; daughter, Destrie Cossaboom and husband Robert; brother, Jeff Adams and wife Lois; sister, Janie Moore and husband Jeff; four grandchildren, Andrew and Matthew Cossaboom, Taylor and Zachary Adams; and mother, Billie Ann

Adams. He was preceded in death by his father, John Joseph Adams. A visitation for family and

friends was held on Thursday, December 17, in Holy Family Church, 15 Gender Road, Newark, DE 19713. Burial followed in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, "Lung Cancer", 92 Reads Way, Ste. 205, New Castle, DE 19720. To express an online condolence, visit www. strano-feeley.com.

#### **Betty Baron**

Mrs. Betty Holmes Baron, 70, of Newark, DE, died on Friday, December 11, at home surrounded by her loving fam-

Mrs. Baron was born in Durham, NC, on June 19, 1939,

#### daughter of the late Floyd Ross Holmes and Sarah Frances Williams Durham. She had been employed for many years as a professional school bus driver in the local school districts.

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In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Wes L. Baron; by her grandmother, Zeller W. Warren, who raised her and whom she called "Mama"; and by her aunt, Virginia Price. She is survived by her beloved husband of 40 years, George J. Baron; children, Joyce Fangman and husband, Don Jr., Jill Renee Clayton and partner, Stephanie Walters, Currie Wayne Clayton, Jr., and Joe Baron and wife, Christine; brother, Floyd R. Holmes; sister, Donna Mangum; grandchildren, Chad and fiancée, Sara, Danielle, Todd, Amanda, John, and Brad; and great granddaughter, Willow.

A memorial service was held at 11 am on Saturday, December 19, at the Spicer-Mullikin-Funeral Home, 121 West Park Place, Newark. A committal service was held at 11 am on Monday, December 21, at the chapel of Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465

Chesapeake City Road, Bear. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mrs. Baron may be made to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810; or to the Visiting Nurse Association of Delaware, c/o Christiana Care Foundation, P.O. Box 1668, Wilmington, DE 19899.

#### John W. Hazel, Jr.

John W. Hazel, Jr., 86, of Newark, DE, passed away December 16, 2009 at Heartland Hospice House surrounded by his family

John was born in Clearfield, PA on August 29, 1923, the son of the late John W. Hazel, Sr. and Ella Moore Hazel. He graduated from Clearfield High School in 1941 and entered the Army in March 1943, serving in England, France, Belgium, Bastogne, the Battle of the Bulge and in Germany. He was discharged in February 1946 with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He worked for Texaco Refinery and retired from there in 1985 after 29 years of service.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dorothy L. Boyles

Hazel and a son, John W. Hazel, III and his wife Jonienne of Morgantown, WV; two daughters, Jacqueline Smith and her husband Russel of Claymont and Susan Derrick and her husband Robert of Newark; two sisters, Donna Phillips and her husband Richard of Aston, PA and Pricella Patterson of San Marco, CA; four grandsons and seven great grandchildren.

In keeping with his wishes, private interment will be held at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery with military honors. Donations may be made to Heartland Hospice c/o R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, 122 West Main St., Newark, DE 19711. To send condolences visit www.rtfoard.com.

#### Kathleen Hollobaugh

Mrs. Kathleen Bird Hollobaugh, 51, of Newark, DE, died on Saturday, December 12, at Christiana Hospital.

A native Delawarean, Mrs. Hollobaugh was born in Wilmington on February 9, 1958, daughter of the late William Bird and Doris E. Abrams Bird. She

Avon Corporation for 23 years until her retirement.

She is survived by her beloved husband of eight years, David Hollobaugh; her children, Stephanie Bird, Jessica Weikle and her husband, William, and Charlie Manuel and her husband, Dan; her brother, Leroy Bird; her sister, Audrey Gray; and her grandchildren, Alexis, Jason, Billy, and Xavier.

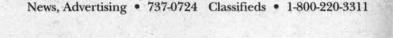
A memorial service was held at 11 am, on Friday, December 18, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121 West Park Place, Newark. Interment was held privately.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mrs. Hollobaugh may be made to the American Cancer Society, 92 Read's Way, Ste. 205, New Castle, DE 19720.

#### **Dorothy Horchler**

Dorothy J. Horchler, 76, of Newark, DE, died peacefully at home on Monday, December

Dorothy was a homemaker who worked for Avon for twenty five years, retiring in 1994. She attended mass at Holy Angels





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#### Church for the past 50 years.

She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, George Horchler in 2004; her daughter, Susan Jean Horchler in 1994 and her sister, Karen Pottinger in 2001. She is survived by her son, Stephen Horchler and his wife, Carey of Hockessin, DE; her daughter, Anna Martin and her husband, Charles of Manchester, MD; her grandchildren, Jessica, Catie, Sara, Josie, Luke and Nadia; and her sisters, Patricia Frysinger, Betty Bream and Mary Ellen Soliday all of PA.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, December 18, at 11 am, at Holy Angels Church, 82 Possum Park Rd., Newark, DE. Burial was in All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the fam-

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society, 92 Read's Way, New Castle, DE 19720 or to Holy Angels Church, 82 Possum Park Rd., Newark, DE 19711.

#### John Lafferty

John J. Lafferty, 76, of Newark, DE, died December 15, at the Heartland Hospice House, with his loving wife by his side.

John was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA and graduated in 1951 from West Catholic High School for Boys. After high school, John enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was station-ed in Germany. After his honorable discharge in 1954, John returned home to marry his childhood sweetheart, Joan Paynter.

John worked for 19 years as an inspector and manager for the Middle Department Association of Fire Underwriters. He then spent the next 18 years as an executive in the insurance industry. He ended his career as President of Delaware Mutual Insurance Co. He was a member of the Polish Library and the Newark Senior Center.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Joan; his daughter Linda and husband Brian Gorman of Wilmington; daughter JoAnn of Houston, TX; son John of Birmingham, AL and daughter-in-law Linda of PA; daughter Susan Carey and her partner Carll Human of Newark, DE; son Bill and wife Melissa of Greenville; daughter Gayle and husband Marc Morfei of Glen Mills, PA; fourteen grandchildren; brother Phil; and sisters Kate Holveck and Christine Jaskowiak.

Friends called on the Chandler Funeral Home, 2506 Concord Pike, Wilmington on Saturday morning, December 19 from 9 to 11 am with a memorial service immediately following at 11 am. Interment was private.

The family requests that no flowers be given. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, Suite 205, New Castle, DE 19720.

#### **Dustin Lynam**

Mr. Dustin E. Lynam, 29, of Easton, MD, formerly of Newark, DE, descendant of Clifford Robert Lynam, Sr. of Ogletown and Elmer Dawson of Hockessin, unexpectedly died on Thursday December 10, at his residence.

He is survived by his paternal Grandfather, C. Robert Lynam Jr., and grandmother Mabel R. Lynam, his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Lynam, uncle Marc Lynam, fiancée Heather Hardee, daughter Natalee Lynam, his maternal grandmother Johanna Herlihy, grandfather Mr. William Herlihy and his wife Mrs. Sherry

Herlihy, uncles William Herlihy, Mark Herlihy Joseph Herlihy and cousin Dylan Curry. Dustin was predeceased by his mother Catherine Herlihy, aunt Christine Herlihy, and uncle Kevan C. Lynam. His funeral service was held

7 pm, Thursday December 17, at the Beeson Funeral Home of Newark, 2053 Pulaski Highway Newark, DE 19702. Interment was 10 am, Friday, December 18, at All Saints Cemetery.

#### John McGill

John S. McGill, 62 of Rehoboth Beach, DE, formerly of Wilmington Delaware died peacefully on Monday, December 14, at his residence.

Born Wednesday, April 30, 1947 in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of Helen (Boyko) McGill of Rehoboth Beach and the late William C. McGill. He began his teaching career in Chester, PA, moved to Latrobe, PA, and then to Newark, DE where he taught for 28 years at Newark High School, retiring 2002. After retirement, he moved to the beach. He was a member of St. Edmond's Roman Catholic Church.

John is survived by his partner of 26 years, Drenning E. Sweigart of Rehoboth Beach; a son, John M. McGill USMC and his wife Dawn M. of Dover, DE: a daughter, Mary Elena McGill of North East, MD; two brothers. Hugh McGill and his wife Susan of Tempe, AZ and Stephen McGill and his wife Claire of Broomall, PA; a grandaughter, Gabrielle McGill of Dover and a grandson Leon Lochlan Smith of North East, MD: sister-in-law. Nancy McGill of Lemoyne, PA; a former wife, Rosella C. McGill of Newark, DE; and eight nieces and nephews. In addition to his

father, John was predeceased by a brother, William McGill and a sister, Mary Elena McGill.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, December 19, at 1 pm, at St. Edmond's Catholic Church, King Charles & Laurel Streets, Rehoboth Beach, DE. Interment followed at Epworth Methodist Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to a Charity of your choice or CAMP Rehoboth, 37 Baltimore Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. Arrangements handled by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Lewes, DE.

#### **Gary J. Natalie**

Gary J. Natalie, 50, died suddenly at his home in Newark, DE on December 6.

The son of Anthony Natalie and Geraldine Stoppi, Gary graduated from Christiana High School in 1977. He had worked at Porter Trusses and was currently employed by HSBC bank in Newark.

Gary was predeceased by his Mother. He is survived by his Father, Anthony Natalie and step mother, Shirley Natalie; step siblings, Anthony Natalie, David Natalie and Laurie Hedden; uncles, John Natalie, Gerald (Diane), Jack (Darlene), Dan (Darlene), Kenneth (Mary Ann) and Dale Stoppi; and cousins, Dale Kelly, Dan Stoppi, Bob Polukis and David Busch. A Memorial Service was

A Memorial Service was held at the Charles P. Arcaro Funeral Home, 2309 Lancaster Ave. in Wilmington, on Saturday afternoon, December 19 at 1pm. Burial will be held privately at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association,

1501 Casho Mill Rd., Suite 1, Newark, DE 19711.

#### **Judith Soult**

Judith A. Soult, 64 of McVeytown, PA, died Saturday, December 12, at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA.

Born January 26, 1945 in Lewistown, she was a daughter of Virgie (Bishop) Hackenberg of Lewistown and the late James Hackenberg.

She attended Lewistown High School and graduated from James H. Grove High School in Newark, DE. She was a daycare worker for Zephyr Knoll in Newark, DE for 20 years. Her husband, George L. Soult, whom she married September 13, 1962, survives.

Also surviving are children, George L. Soult, Jr., and wife, Debrah of Newark, DE and Terri L. LaManna and husband, Joseph of Bear, DE; brothers, James Hackenberg and wife, Marsha, Robert Hackenberg and wife, Darlyn, a sister, Trudy Brown and husband, Scott all of Lewsitown; grandchildren, Joshua L. Soult, Stephen R. Soult, Cortney J. Soult and Joseph "Joe-Joe" LaManna, Jr., great-grandchildren, Makensie and Alivia Soult and a number of nizees and neaheurs.

of nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 am Thursday, December 17, at Hoenstine Funeral Home, Inc., 75 Logan St., Lewistown with the Rev. Kurtis Swisher officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to PA S.P.C.A., 2451 General Potter Highway, Centre Hall, PA 16828.

Antoinette Strickland Mrs. Antoinette C. "Toni" Strickland, 77, of Elkton, MD, formerly of Newark, DE, died on Tuesday, December 15. After a courageous 40-year battle with rheumatoid arthritis and, more recently, heart disease, Toni died at home with her family by her side.

Born in McAdoo, PA, on September 4, 1932, Toni was a daughter of the late Edward Vespucci and Carmella Stanziola Vespucci. She was a lifelong homemaker, raising three sons, and was a devoted wife, mother, grand-mother, aunt, sister, and friend.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 58 years, Edward D. Strickland; sons, Gary E. Strickland (Pamela) of Bear, DE; Edward Strickland (Dawn) of Elkton, MD; and Mike D. Strickland (Suanne) of Fair Hill, MD; grandchildren, David, Kelly, Kayce, and Nick; and siblings, Joseph Vespucci, Louise Schwalm, Carmella Vizen-tine, Roseann Slusser. and Paula Slovick. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Amerigo Edward Vespucci, and sisters, Theresa Boskovich and Mary Knobl.

Visitation was held from 5 pm to 7 pm on Monday, December 21, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121 W. Park Place, Newark, DE. Mass of Christian Burial was offered at 11 am on Tuesday, December 22, at Holy Family R.C. Church, E. Chestnut Hill and Gender Roads, Newark, DE. Interment followed in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, DE.

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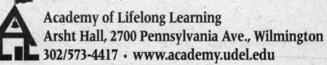
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t seems everywhere I go in Newark and New Castle LCounty, people are talk-ing about cell phone use and texting while driving. I have been participating in Safe Family Holiday events spon-sored by the Delaware Office

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non-alcoholic holiday drinks and snacks to employees while distributing this safety information. At these events, I am usually accompanied by a police officer who is there to demonstrate the effects of inattention and impairment to guests. Guess what everyone wants to complain about? The first words from people I talk to are how very dangerous cell phones and texting are making their driving experience. People are angry and scared for their safety when people are not paying attention while they are driving. I say this is great news! We all need to do more complaining about bad drivers to change people's behaviors when it comes to respecting driving as a responsibility.

What can be done about the distraction of cell phones and texting while driving? We need to let drivers know that not paying attention and driving is unacceptable and our lives are worth a lot more than their carelessness. Beginning New Year's Day 2010, this line of thought will be backed up by law. Wilmington will begin enforcing a law to fine drivers \$50 if caught using cell phones that are not equipped with a hands-free device. This is a primary law, which means an officer will be able to enforce this ordinance individually, without any other reason or probable cause to stop a motorist in violation of this law. Wilmington is not the first municipality to pass a cell phone law. November 1 of 2009, the town of Elsmere banned the use of hand-held cell phones and texting while driving. The Delaware Senate is also considering a statewide texting ban, which if passed, would make it less confusing for motorists who travel through towns across Delaware. Elsmere's law, as well as Wilmington's law, also applies to bicyclists. Ultimately, these laws will provide additional protection for all motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, as it forces drivers to focus on the task of driving, which should be their first priority behind the wheel of a vehicle.

However, these laws do not solve the whole problem. A study by AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety confirms that See GENAU, 12

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#### **Cecil College hosts** free "Ready to Work Week"

Cecil College is helping people age 16 and older prepare to get the job they love by hosting a free "Ready to Work" Week Jan. 11-14 at Elkton Station, 107 Railroad Ave.

Beginning at 5 p.m. Jan. 11 and 6 p.m. the next three nights, energizing presentations and information filled sessions on a wide variety of careers and topics will take place. Guests are encouraged to come all four nights to gain the best advantage in today's economy.

Attendees will receive an orientation to the college's Career Resource Center, view demonstrations of an online career planning system, and learn about the funding options available through the Cecil County Workforce Center. In addition, advisors will be available to discuss options, and registration technicians will be onsite for those who are ready to sign up for a class or program to start themselves on the path to their next career move.

Pre-registration for "Ready to Work" Week is requested by e-mailing information@cecil. edu or calling 410-287-1000 and providing your name, home address, e-mail address, and phone number. For more information, visit www.cecil. edu/jobyoulove or call 410-287-1000.

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#### one man Wednesday.

Detective Ray Lynn of the Maryland State Police said 29year-old Justin Sudina of North East has confessed to robbing The North East Store on Nov. 24, GNC in Elkton's Big Elk Mall on Dec. 10, and a BP Gas Station convenience store in North East on Monday night.

He also confessed the July robbery of a GNC in Newark, Lynn said.

Police said each robbery followed a similar pattern: a lone suspect entered the store, produced a knife and demanded money.

Lynn said investigators received a tip that led them to Sudina after the Cecil Whig ran a story featuring photos taken from video surveillance cameras.

"Someone recognized the description and the mask and called us (saying), 'Hey, I think I know who this guy is," Lynn said.

Lynn said the witness positively identified Sudina.

After Monday's robbery of the BP convenience store at knifepoint, police went back to the same witness, who again identified Sudina, whose last known address is on Church Point Road.

"But he had been living in his car," Lynn said.

Police found Sudina Wednesday asleep in the front seat of his car, which was parked in a train station parking lot at Delaware Park in Stanton. Sudina's car also helped

crimes, said Lynn who added he was driving a white Ford Crown Victoria - a former police car that still had the search light attached to the driver's side. He was charged with armed

police to match him to the

robbery and theft in Delaware and is being held without bond while he awaits extradition to Maryland, Lynn said.

#### **UD police arrest 2** for break-ins

University of Delaware Police arrested two men on Thursday, Dec. 17, in connection with a series of thefts from cars on the campus. Arrested were Robert Hynes-Tyre, 22, of Newark and Steven A. Emmons Jr., 23, of Bear.

Officers were at the Dickinson Residence Complex

parking lot near Hillside Road in Newark on Thursday morning looking for a vehicle that had been iden-

tified from a parking lot security video during earlier thefts from cars. The officers saw the vehicle leaving the lot shortly after 5 a.m.

and stopped it a short distance away. After further investiga-

tion. determined that the two men in the vehicle were responsible for at least six instances of vehicle break-ins

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on the campus since Dec. 10, as well as other vehicle breakins in Newark and New Castle

executed at the residence of Hynes-Tyre and additional stolen property was recovered. Both men were charged with possession of burglary tools,

three counts of misdemeanor theft and four counts of criminal mischief. Hynes-Tyre also was charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon, and he was wanted on outstanding warrants for JP Court.

County. A search warrant was

In the resulting investigation, Newark Police charged both with five counts of theft, four counts of criminal mischief and four counts of conspiracy for incidents occurring on Dec. 6 at Embassy Suites on South College Avenue, on Dec. 9 at Embassy Suites and Christina Mill Apartments on Elkton Road and on Dec. 11 at Sleep Inn on South College Avenue

Unsecured bail was set at \$13,000 for Hynes-Tyre and at \$9,000 for Emmons.



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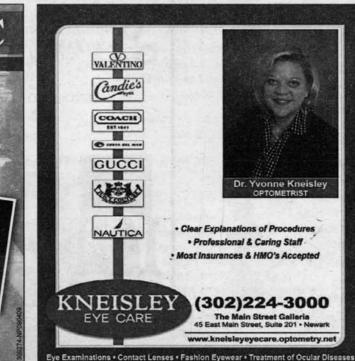
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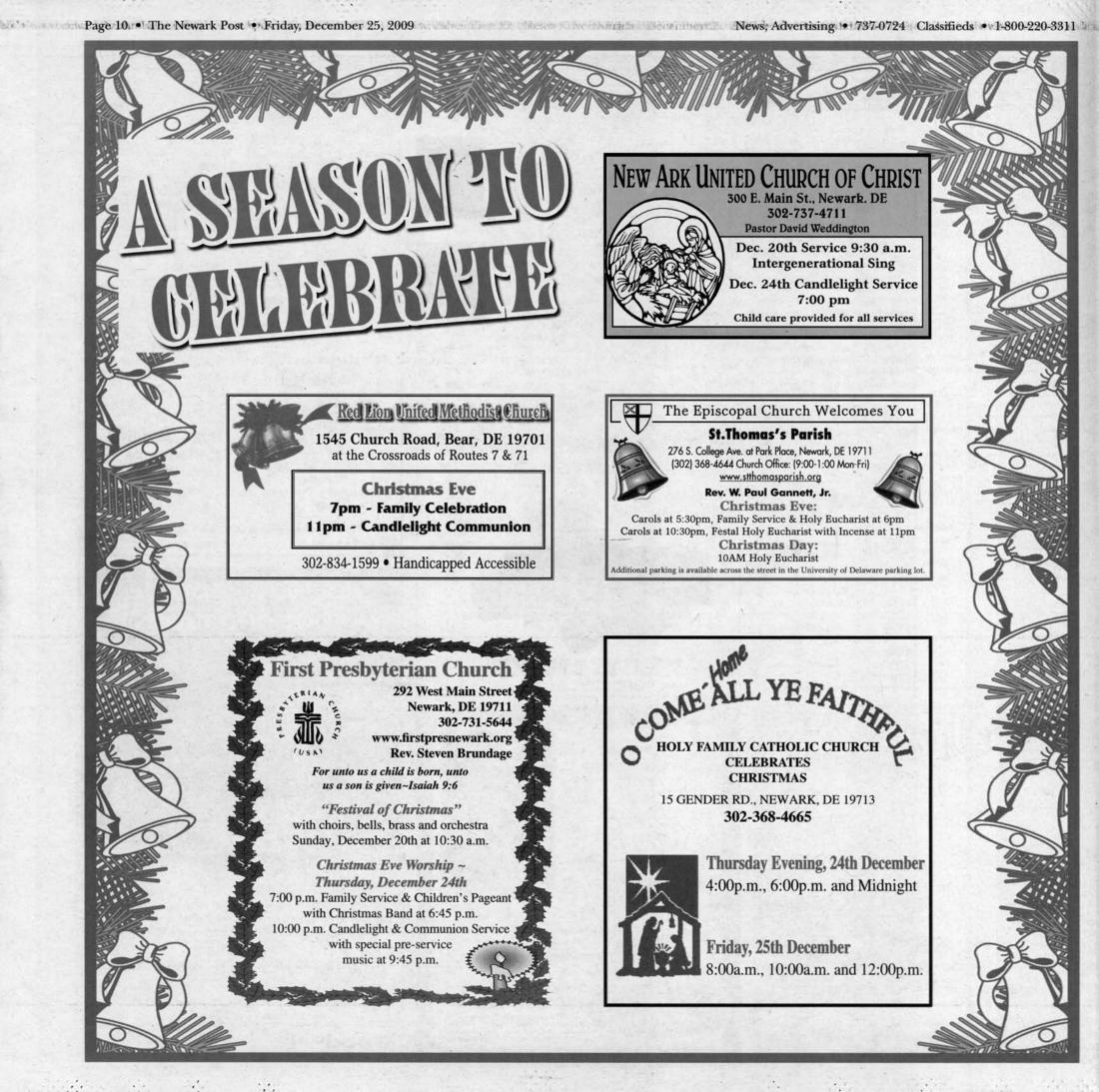
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## White Clay bill moves forward



Fishing on White Clay Creek. A bill to give the water Wild and Scenic River status is headed to the Senate floor.

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egislation to expand White Clay Creek's "Wild and Scenic River" designation has received unanimous committee approval and will move to the U.S. Senate floor for a vote early next year. Sen. Ted Kaufman (D-Del.) introduced the bill in April to increase protection for Delaware's first and only Wild and Scenic River, and it was co-sponsored by Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.).

"White Clay Creek is a Delaware treasure, and we are pleased that its unique cultural, natural, scenic and recreational values are being rec-

ognized," said Sens. Kaufman and Carper. "The committee's vote this week is a significant step forward in further protecting the creek from over development. The White Clay Creek watershed is the home to many plants and animals and is a source of drinking water for the region. This legislation would help preserve the quality and health of the waterway as well as increase the watershed's value when applying for state, local, and federal grants."

federal grants." The bill designates an additional nine miles of White Clay Creek in Delaware and Pennsylvania as a wild and scenic waterway. The expansion includes two sites: Lamborn Run in Delaware, and the East Branch and Egypt Run in New Garden Township, Penn. This would bring White Clay Creek's total designated area to 199.9 miles.

The legislation was among a suite of 31 other bills reported by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee that would create throughout the United States new wilderness areas, national parks, wild and scenic river designations and water transfers.

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## Distracted driving hot topic

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cell phone use - hand-held or hands free - impairs a driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle and increases a driver's chance of being in a crash by four times. A driver's reaction time is decreased and that increases their stopping distance. AAA also reports that for each 2 seconds a driver does not have his eyes on the road, the driver is twice as likely to be in a crash. Nationwide Insurance reported that 50% of the drivers they interviewed used cell phones while driving, and 45% said they had been in a collision or near-collision due to a driver using a cell phone. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports over a half million people are injured in crashes due to driver distraction. Driver distraction, which includes cell phone use, is a top cause of teen crashes in the US. Driver inattention continues to be the leading cause of all crashes in Delaware. The National Safety Council

has been reported to requesting the governors of all 50 states to enact laws banning motorists from using cell phones and messaging devices.

While I believe these new laws can make a difference, they do not fully protect us. I think the full answer lies in all of us taking responsibility for our actions behind the wheel. Hands-free or not, pull over to use your cell phone for emergencies, conversations, and sending text messages. Resolve this New Year to do your part to follow the new law and pay attention to your job of driving and not to your cell phone — all of us will live without using our cell phones while driving. Happy New Year to All.





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## <u>Sports</u> Some holiday gifts for sports programs

#### **By JON BUZBY**

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It's the season of giving and so to keep with that theme I'll hand out my holiday gifts this week.

• To coach Butch Simpson and the Newark football program: a quick return to its winning ways. Unless you play or root for the opposing team, you most likely are hoping for the same no matter where you live in the area. They are the tradition, here's hoping they return to glory.

· In fact, to all three local public high school football teams: a winning season next year. It has been a while since all three teams - Christiana, Glasgow and Newark - have been competitive during the same season. Just think how wonderful it would be if all three of those rivalry games actually meant something next year.

• To Glasgow High School: a new basketball court. I covered their home game against Middletown and after watching several players slip during the first half I gingerly walked across the floor at halftime and nearly did the same. It was so bad I'm actually surprised the referees allowed the game to be played. In fact one referee sprained his ankle during the game.

· To Christiana High School: a new press box. I've been in nicer tree forts.

To Hodgson Vo-Tech: a running back to replace Jamaal Jackson. And actually, Santa can check this one off his list

because Christmas came early for the Silver Eagles in the form of junior Tyler Hunter.

• To St. Mark's: a win over Salesianum next year. And wouldn't it be nice if that win came in early December rather than in week 10. Actually it would be nice to win both. but let's not be greedy during the holidays. Given a choice, coach John Wilson will take the win after Thanksgiving.

· To Caravel Academy: a new football playoff system. It will have to be one which doesn't keep a team which was the preseason favorite, considered by many to be the best in Division II at playoff time, and that beat the eventual Division I state champion late in the season, out of the Div. II playoffs.

· Also to Newark High School: an indoor pool. The school boasts one of the best swim teams in the area with a very dedicated coaching staff. They shouldn't have to bus or drive to Glasgow Pool to practice and compete.

· To former Newark swim coach MJ Polaski: a lifetime membership to that pool. Upon her retirement this fall after 12 years on the deck, she immediately returned to volunteer as a stroke-and-technique coach.

· To the soon-to-be-turf on Delaware Stadium: the high school football state championship games. I don't want to hear about the downstate teams having to travel. Imagine if someone from Texas heard a school complaining about having to drive 90 minutes to play in the state finals. Delaware Stadium is the premier football facility in

the state and that's where the premier high school games belong

· To Newark Country Club: plan. Does anyone really know when the club is closing or even if it's moving?

· To the Blue Hen football program: a winning season. It has now been two-consecutive seasons of .500 or below football if you take the West Chester scrimmage off the 2009 schedule. Based on attendance this past season fan interest is at an all-time low during coach K.C. Keeler's tenure. The extended postgame tailgating time won't bring them back — although that was a brilliant long-timecoming move by new athletic director Bernard Muir - only wins will.

· To the Blue Hen basketball program: may you win more games than the football team. I'm a huge Monté Ross fan and hope Santa is as well.

• To Elena Delle Donne: happiness on the hardwood. Hopefully your claim that you are now happy is genuine for nobody else's sake but your own.

· To Newark Parks and Recreation: enough interest to add baseball back to your program. One of my son's favorite seasons was the one he spent in the machine-pitch division. It was one of his coach's favorite seasons as well.

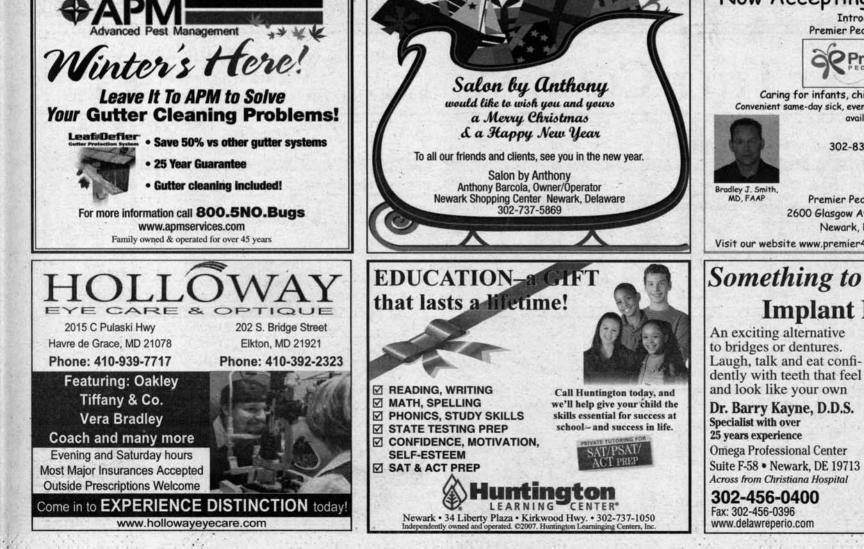
• To all of you: A safe and happy holiday season. Thanks for the greatest gift you can give a sportswriter - your interest.

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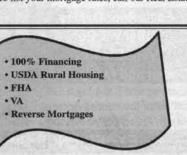


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