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TALKING POINTS



Travel back in time at local museum

A cast of Haddy the Hadrosaurus welcomes guests at the entrance of the Delaware Museum of Natural History through February. **FRIDAY LIFE, B4**

» LAW ENFORCEMENT

DUI checkpoints planned for weekend in NCCo

Two DUI checkpoints are scheduled to take place this weekend as part of the Checkpoint Strikeforce effort to arrest DUI offenders.

The checkpoint will be in the Christiana-Newark area today and Wilmington on Saturday.

The campaign, a six-month effort, runs through New Year's Eve. For more information on Checkpoint Strikeforce visit www.ohs.delaware.gov, www.DUIRealTime.com.

» EDUCATION

Dover High road costs force changes to new building

Administrators in the Capital School District have chosen not to implement some design features from plans for the new Dover High School, currently under construction, to compensate for unexpected costs related to the building of the new school's main entrance road.

Located on the west end of the new school's campus along Forrest Avenue, the entrance road was supposed to be paid for by the developer of an adjacent apartment complex, which will share the access point. But the arrangement with the developer changed, sticking the district with a \$3.1 million bill for the new road and intersection, which includes a traffic signal.

To stay within the \$114-million budget for the new school, the district has opted to scale back plans for amenities at the facility.

» HUMANITY

Grants offered to raise discrimination awareness

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center and the Arnold D. Kerr Holocaust Education Endowment Fund, programs of Jewish Federation of Delaware, are accepting applications for grants to raise awareness of the dangers of discrimination, indifference and the consequences of hatred and enhance understanding of the Holocaust.

The application deadline for grants, typically less than \$2,500, is Nov. 18, with grants to be decided by Dec. 12. Applications may be downloaded at www.ShalomDelaware.org/HEC and sent to Gina Kozicki at GinaK@ShalomDel.org. For questions, contact Regina Kerr Alonzo at Alonzo@kennett.net.



POLL RESULTS

Previous voting at delawareonline.com

Does the amount of tall buildings in Sussex concern you?

Yes, they detract from the beauty of the area **28%**

No, bring on the business **33%**

I've never noticed **39%**

UNSCIENTIFIC POLL. TOTAL VOTES: 913

POLITICAL ADVERTISING

Disclosure law disputed

Group claims free-speech impingement

By Sean O'Sullivan and Jonathan Starkey
The News Journal

The conservative group Delaware Strong Families has filed suit in U.S. District Court challenging a new Delaware election law requiring advocacy groups to disclose donors behind political ads.

The 18-page lawsuit says that because Delaware Strong Families publishes a voter guide near elections it will fall under the Delaware Elections Disclosure Act forcing it to comply with "burdensome" regulations that will improperly

"chill" the group's right to free speech. Andy Lippstone, chief legal counsel to Gov. Jack Markell, said they believe the law is constitutional and will defend it in court.

"This appears to be an effort by a group that wants to influence Delaware elections and wants to hide behind the cloak of anonymity while doing so," said Lippstone, adding the voter guide is exactly the type of thing the law was created to regulate.

The law requires third-party groups and individuals to disclose their donors to the state elections commissioner if



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they publish advertisements or other communications that refer to a candidate in an upcoming election.

Under previous language, only groups that directly advocated for or against a candidate — using language such as "vote for John Doe" — were required to disclose their donors.

The suit names Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden and State Commissioner of Elections Elaine Manlove as defendants and seeks a determination that

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PUBLIC HEALTH



Registered nurse Jill Cummings of the Delaware Public Health gives 1-year-old Mikaila Reto a flu vaccination at Georgetown Presbyterian Church on Thursday. Mikaila's mother, Sharon Reto, was one of many who took advantage of the Delaware Division of Public Health's drill to see how many vaccinations they can give within a predetermined time in the event of a sudden infectious disease outbreak. **GARY EMEIGH/THE NEWS JOURNAL**

NO TIME FOR SLOWPOKES

Clinic doubles as drill for bigger outbreak

By James Fisher
The News Journal

GEORGETOWN — Although more than 100 Delawareans were inoculated against the flu virus during a clinic at a Georgetown church Thursday, the clinic's real success was in helping state health officials analyze Delaware's readiness to handle large-scale emergencies.

State officials used the clinic, designed as an emergency preparedness test for the Division of Public Health, as a dry run for how they would handle more immediate emergencies, like an anthrax outbreak or a malignant strain

of bird flu.

The state has plans in place for "when we need to mobilize to get a lot of people vaccinated quickly, or get medications to a lot of people quickly," said Dr. Karyl T. Rattay, the state's public health director. "We exercise our emergency plans multiple times a year."

On Thursday, dozens of public health workers and volunteers moved people through the paperwork and pinpricks that would inoculate them against the flu virus. The clinic was designed to move someone from the paperwork entry to an injected vaccine

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SUSSEX DEVELOPMENT

Saga finished, hotel parties

Dewey's Hyatt Place holds grand opening

By James Fisher
The News Journal

DEWEY BEACH — In the great Rudgetowne redevelopment saga, it was all over but the ribbon-cutting as business leaders and elected officials gathered Thursday for a grand opening party at Dewey's newest hotel.

The Hyatt Place on Dickinson Street, which opened for business a few weeks ago, boasts 108 rooms and 16 high-end condominium units on the top floor. Part of a commercial block that's now called Lighthouse Cove, it is the first phase of a two-part redevelopment by owner Dewey Beach Enterprises. The company plans to start re-making the Baycenter events room,

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Gov. Jack Markell is presented with a photo of the new hotel in Dewey Beach Thursday. **GARY EMEIGH/THE NEWS JOURNAL**

WILMINGTON CRIME

Woman charged as drug dealer; cops won't ID her

By Terri Sanginiti
The News Journal

A Wilmington woman was arrested Tuesday during a raid of a home that netted drug officers more than 4,300 bags of heroin about an hour after a teenager was wounded in the same block in the city's Browntown section.

The woman, whose identity is being withheld by Wilmington police for her safety, was charged with trafficking heroin, maintaining a drug property and

possession of drug paraphernalia, said Cpl. Jamaine Crawford. She is being held in the Baylor Women's Correctional Institution with \$50,000 secured bail, police said.

About 4 p.m. Tuesday, detectives raided a home in the vicinity of Sixth and South Van Buren streets and seized a shotgun, ammunition, assorted drug paraphernalia and 86.04 grams of heroin worth \$56,784.40 on the

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