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DEMS WON'T NEED GOP VOTES TO PASS RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA BILL

and revise the original proposal. “We heard the input from members and advocates and spent the legislative break working on compromises wherever possible, striving to build the best possible law,” Osienski said. He noted that other states, including nearby New Jersey, Virginia and New York, have successfully enacted policies relating to recreational cannabis.

Under the bill, the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement would absorb marijuana enforcement and create a separate, administrative Office of Marijuana Control Commissioner within the Department of Safety and Homeland Security. The legislation would allow for up to 30 retail licenses to be issued within 16 months of the bill’s effective date. It would also establish a competitive licensing process that prioritizes applicants who commit to paying a living wage, providing employer-paid health insurance, providing a defined benefit pension plan, providing sick and paid leave to workers, hiring more full-time workers, focusing on diversity of workforce and other factors.

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A new bill to legalize the cultivation, sale and possession of marijuana in Delaware is likely to make its way before the General Assembly this year. House Bill 305—also known as the Delaware Marijuana Control Act—builds on last year’s House Bill 150, which was released from committee but never heard on the House floor.

The Marijuana Control Act, sponsored by Rep. Ed Osienski, D-Brookside, would establish a framework to regulate and tax marijuana in the same manner as alcohol. Currently, recreational marijuana use is permitted in 18 states and the District of Columbia. The bill would allow adults over the age of 21 to legally possess up to one ounce of marijuana for personal use, though it would not permit people to grow their own marijuana.

If passed, marijuana would be taxed at 15%. Nearly half of that—7% of the revenue—would go toward a “Justice Reinvestment Fund,” designed to benefit communities historically most affected by the disproportionate prosecution of marijuana-related crimes.

According to a press release announcing the new bill’s filing, Osienski has been meeting with stakeholders throughout the past several months to address questions

Changes from the previous bill

The new measure varies from last year’s House Bill 150 in several key manners:

- It incorporates six amendments filed with the original bill.
- It adds the requirement of a comprehensive business plan to the competitive scoring criteria for licenses.
- It directs 7% of the marijuana tax revenue to the Justice Reinvestment Fund.
- It removes expungement provisions, as they were rendered duplicative by the enactment of Senate Bills 111 and 112 last year.

The proposed Justice Reinvestment Fund would be administered by the Department of Justice and would be used to facilitate grants, contracts, services or initiatives that focus on the following:

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BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

Delaware Attorney General Kathy Jennings on Tuesday filed suit against the city of Seaford in the state's Court of Chancery over an ordinance relating to the manner by which abortion clinics must dispose of fetal remains. Now, Seaford's mayor and city solicitor are pushing back.

The [ordinance](#), passed by Seaford's all-male city council in December by a 3-2 margin, requires fetal remains resulting from surgical abortion procedures or miscarriages that take place at health care facilities to be either cremated or buried. The three councilmen who voted for the ordinance include Dan Henderson, Orlando Holland and Matthew MacCoy. Those who voted against include James King and Jose Santos. At the time of its passage, Seaford Mayor David Genshaw said that current methods of disposing of fetal remains offend the "morals and values of our community."

Under the ordinance, if a patient elects to have the fetal remains cremated, there is no cost to the patient. If

SEAFORD MAYOR PUSHES BACK AGAINST AG'S FETAL REMAINS LAWSUIT

she decides to bury the remains, the patient would be on the hook for any associated costs. A patient could also leave the decision to the health care provider.

Mayor Genshaw said in an interview with Delaware/Town Square LIVE News that he has assurances from the funeral parlors in Seaford city limits that they would not charge for the cremation of fetal remains.

In a press release announcing the suit, Jennings called the ordinance anti-choice, contrary to state law and "backed by dark, outside money," arguing that it would ultimately amount to "little more than an expensive publicity stunt."

Genshaw said the council never anticipated the ordinance would be so controversial. "Typically in the news media, it goes towards being an abortion ordinance," he said. "It is very, very clear in the ordinance that it does not involve the rights of a woman to an abortion."

He said that the council understands and respects that women in Delaware have a legal right to have an abortion, but that this ordinance has everything to do with what happens after an abortion—the method by which remains are handled.

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TO-GO ALCOHOL, OUTDOOR DINING BILL SAILS THROUGH HOUSE COMMITTEE

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A bill to permanently allow restaurants to sell to-go alcoholic beverages was unanimously voted out of the House Administration Committee Tuesday.

House Bill 290, sponsored by Rep. Pete Schwartzkopf, D-Rehoboth, would allow any restaurant, brewpub, tavern or taproom with a valid on-premise liquor license to sell alcoholic beverages in transactions for take-out, curbside or drive-through service.

To-go alcohol sales would be limited to three bottles of wine, one case of beer and one liter of spirits per customer per day.

The bill would also allow those businesses to serve food and beverages outdoors, as many did when COVID restrictions limited indoor seating capacity.

During warmer months, many restaurants set up tents and tables on sidewalks, in parking lots and on previously unused patios.

Schwartzkopf called the practice “one of the positive things that have come out of COVID” and noted that “the public actually really loves the outside seating and the takeout.”

To-go drinks and outdoor seating were initially allowed under an executive order issued by Gov. John Carney.

When that order expired, the legislature unanimously passed a bill to allow the practice to continue, although the act included a sunset clause that required it to be re-evaluated after a year. It was re-evaluated in March 2021 and another bill with a one-year sunset was passed. It is set to expire in March 2022.

In the early days of the pandemic, some argued that allowing the sale of to-go beverages could result in an uptick in drunk driving cases.

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BY BETSY PRICE

When artist Percy Ricks approached the Delaware Art Museum about doing a 1971 show featuring works of African American artists, the museum wasn't interested. Essentially, it told the teacher and activist, the museum was for whites and if he wanted to do a show of Black art, he should find another place. He did. And the show at the Wilmington Armory was a huge hit.

Much has changed since then, and museums are now actively trying to acquire works of minority and female artists to fill in walls and histories previously dominated by white male artists.

The museum's current show, "Afro-American Images 1971: The Vision of Percy Ricks," takes a look at some of the art in the 1971 exhibit, and the show's role in raising the awareness of quality of Black art.

TEN THINGS NOT TO MISS IN DELAWARE ART MUSEUM EXHIBIT

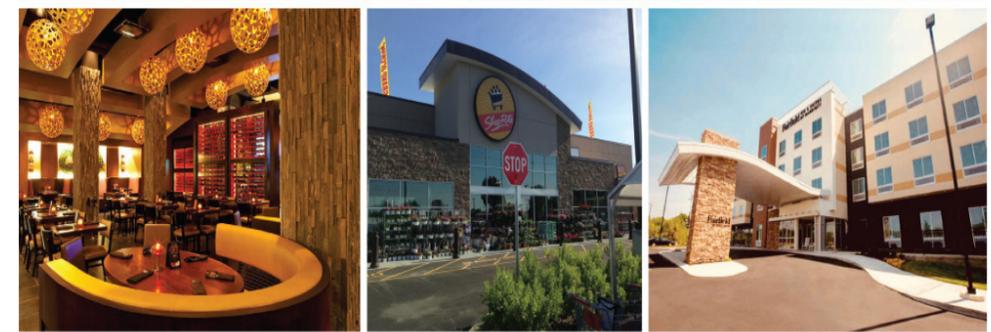
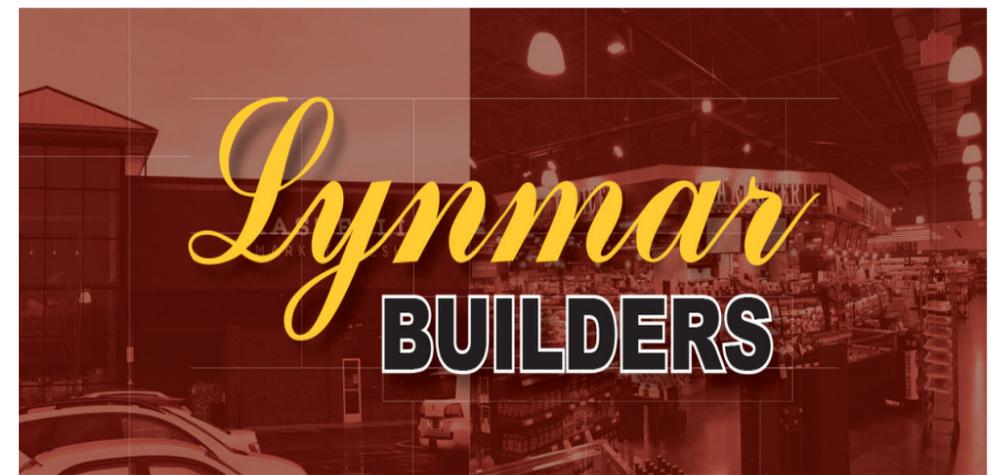
It's drawn a fair amount of acclaim, including being featured in a Forbes magazine article, and the museum doesn't shy away from acknowledging its own role in denying women and artist of color their place in art.

"The century-old Delaware Art Museum, like many American cultural organizations, has a history of exclusion and institutional racism," starts the foreword to the catalog for "The Vision of Percy Ricks."

Ricks, who died in 2008, was the first Black art teacher in Wilmington public schools. He came with a pedigree: a bachelor's degree in education at Howard University and then graduate art degrees at the Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia and Columbia University's Teachers College in New York City. He was also involved with the cutting edge of Black art, watching groups organize in big cities and corresponding with those doing it.

While paying homage to Ricks' determination to mount the show and draw the spotlight to Black art, the exhibit also looks at local and regional art. It's divided, as the original show was, into sections that look at the "elders," some of whom taught Ricks; Philadelphia artists; Washington, D.C., artists; and New York City artists.

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CELEBRATIONS, SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES TO MARK MLK JR. DAY

BY KEN MAMMARELLA

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is on Monday, and for many people, it will be a day of service.

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: what are you doing for others?” the United Way of Delaware quotes the assassinated civil rights leader.

Here are some events in Delaware, all on Monday, unless noted otherwise.

West Side Grows Together, which cares about that section of Wilmington, is sponsoring the 10th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Cleanup, Peace March and Celebration. The cleanup runs 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with the march and celebration following. The event unites the Teen Warehouse, Be Ready CDC, Delaware

Art Museum, Delaware Nature Society, Guerrilla Republik, 302 Guns Down, Network Connect, Wilmington Peacekeepers, Delaware Humanities and the city of Wilmington for a day of service, a demonstration of peace and community strength and an call to action.

The Martin Luther King Breakfast and Day of Service, usually at the Chase Center for the Riverfront, is a virtual event this year, running 8-10 a.m., notes the Delaware State Bar Association. The keynote is by Deborah Archer, president of the American Civil Liberties Union on King and his vision for a beloved community. The association’s service projects will go on as scheduled.

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BY BETSY PRICE

A Wilmington music lover has left \$10 million to the Music School of Delaware, a donation officials call transformative and say will help fund 80 scholarships a year in perpetuity.

Mary Ellen Northrop, a tax analyst who also played clarinet, began contacting a Music School development officer in 2013 asking about the school. Eventually, Northrop said she would like to do something for the school, but wasn't specific about what.

After she died in June at the age of 78, Music School officials were surprised to discover that Northrop had left it the largest gift it has received in its nearly 100 years.

"We are beyond thrilled, obviously, to receive this," said John du Pont, chair of the Music School board, during a livestreamed event Tuesday. The Music School has an annual budget of \$2.5 million and about 2,500 students each year.

\$10 MILLION BEQUEST TO FUND 80 DE MUSIC SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Those at the school never met Northrop, but stayed in touch with her over the years, and were stunned to learn from Northrop's executor that she had left \$10 million.

"This is a life changing event that will help a lot of people," du Pont said.

Northrop loved music and participated in programs at local churches, playing clarinet solos and singing in the choir, a press release said.

Music School treasurer Larry Hamermesh said the Mary Ellen Northrop Endowed Fund for Music Education is set up as an endowment account that will generating earnings for the scholarships.

Kate Ransom, president and CEO of the school, said that the scholarships will be open to new and current students.

"We certainly hope the influx of new students each year is augmented by the availability of these scholarships," she said. "We want to reach more students, and believe that is what Ms. Northrop wanted."

Assuming a 4% return on the money, the endowment should support about 80 scholarships of up to \$5,000 for the first year for students from preschool through 12th grade, Hamermesh said. The scholarships can be used for tuition, voice lessons, instrument purchase or instrumental rental—but not guitars or guitar lessons, per Northrop's instructions.

The scholarships also can be used to participate in the Music School's ensembles such as a youth orchestra or other musicianship classes at the school.

The second year, the scholarship changes to cover 50% of the cost of music education, Hamermesh said. That could mean that the second year of the scholarship would actually pay more than the first year.

If, for example, a student is in a program that costs \$8,000 a year for instruction, the scholarship would cover \$4,000, he said.

"It does get complicated," he said.

The scholarships are open to students from public, private and parochial schools, but not charter schools, Hamermesh said.

The scholarships also will be targeted to families that have a federal gross income of less than \$150,000. The funds for music lessons are not given to families, but go straight to the Music School, he said.

Hamermesh said the Music School, which provides lessons up and down the state, hopes to find a way to offer scholarships to guitar and charter school students.

The school's biggest challenge will be finding ways to help the students after the second year of the scholarship, he said.

Even so, he said, "We're extremely excited to be able to see how this could extend the reach of music education in the state of Delaware."

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BUSINESS

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COMPANY RUN BY ALUMS CREATES UD DATA SCHOLARSHIP

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A Newark company founded by three University of Delaware alums has created an endowed scholarship for current students.

Predictive Analytics Group, a data analytics company that employs 25 people from its offices on the University of Delaware’s Science, Technology and Advanced Research—or STAR Campus—has committed \$50,000 toward a scholarship for students in the university’s new business analytics department.

Forty percent of Predictive Analytics Group’s employees are University of Delaware alumni. One student per year will receive the scholarship, which is expected to be worth about \$2,500 per semester.

The company has sponsored one-time \$5,000 scholarships for the past three years but decided to step up their support after “a very, very successful 2021,” said Stephen Hoops, CEO of Predictive Analytics Group

and a 1998 graduate of University of Delaware’s Business and Economics School.

“We grew by more than 100 percent in 2021 and more than doubled our business,” Hoops said. “So it really became a question of—how can we give back even more to the University of Delaware?”

According to Investopedia, data analytics is the science of analyzing raw data to make conclusions about that information.

“As the use of data analytics expands, many executives are challenged to consolidate data from multiple legacy systems, develop in-house advanced analytics experience, and control access to specific reports across the enterprise,” Predictive Analytics Group explained in a press release announcing their scholarship.

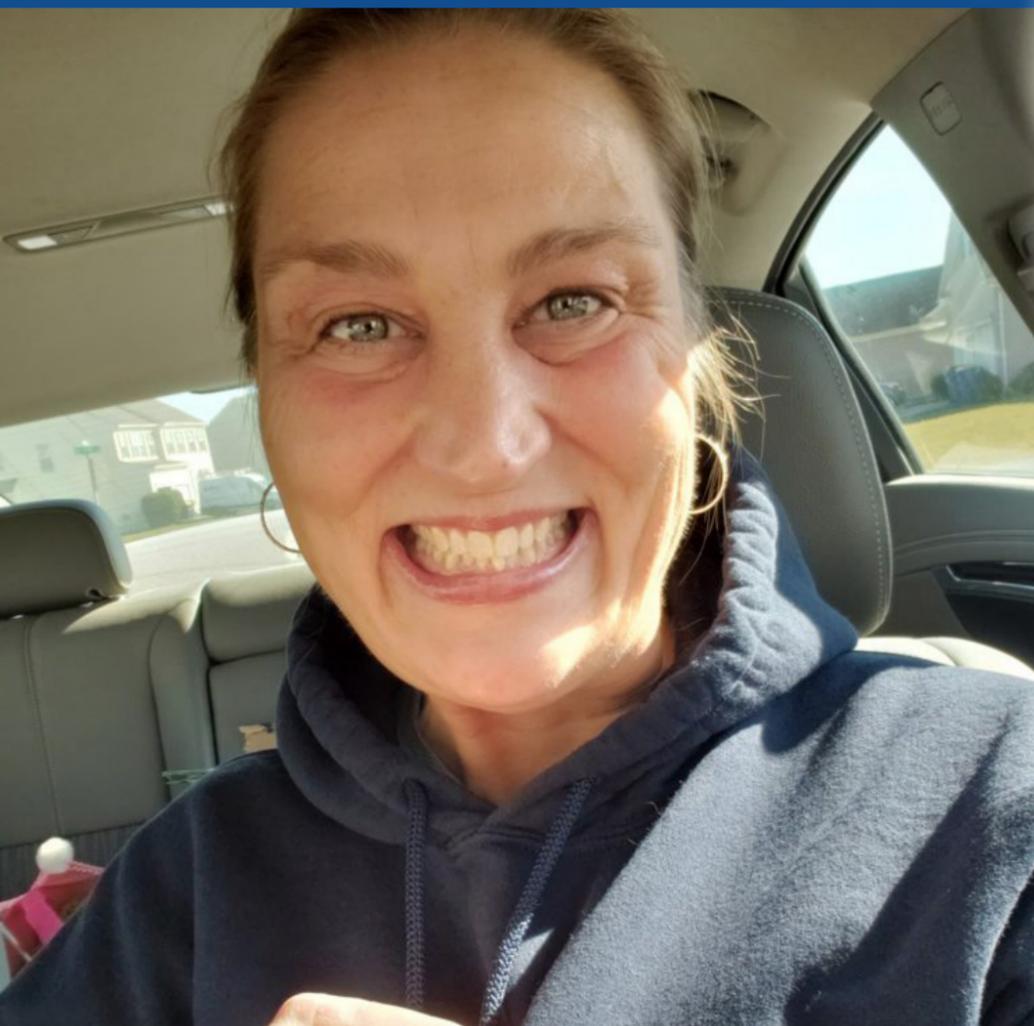
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BY TERRY ROGERS

Currently, there are six distillery licenses in the state of Delaware and two of those licenses are held in the Milford area. In addition to one-third of the distillery licenses in the state being located in Milford, both of those in the town are owned by women, EasySpeak and Feeds Distilling.

“Before getting into distilling, I was in sales,” Stacey Fibelkorn, part-owner of Feeds Distilling, said. “Until recently, I was still working in sales, selling pest control products for Ehrlich. I sold real estate, worked for Comcast and, except for when I was in real estate, always had a quota to meet.”

MILFORD HOME TO TWO FEMALE DISTILLERY OWNERS

When Fibelkorn met her now husband, Eric, he was distilling illegally in his backyard. She joked that one of their early dates involved her learning about the still he had on the patio around his pool. Her family was from Virginia, so she had learned about moonshine while she was growing up, but had no idea how scientific the process was until she started helping Eric. In 2017, Fibelkorn was diagnosed with cancer and underwent chemotherapy as well as radiation treatments.

“I told him that something had to change after that,” Fibelkorn said. “I did not look good in orange, so it was time to figure out how we can do this legally. We talked to an attorney who told us it would cost \$25,000 to do the whole process. I went to the federal website and read through it, many, many times. I went to Eric and told him that I could do this.”

Marissa King, who co-owns EasySpeak with her husband, Zack, has a different history with distilling. Before partnering in the brewpub and distillery, King worked in the medical field before leaving that to open a store in Florida. When Zack decided to open EasySpeak, that was the start of her involvement in the distilling business.

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FOOD & DINING

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BY PAM GEORGE

In December, restaurateur Jim O'Donoghue got a call from commercial real estate guru Joe Latina. A Trolley Square restaurant was now available, Latina said. Did O'Donoghue want it?

"Absolutely," said O'Donoghue, who owns **Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen** restaurants in Delaware and Pennsylvania with friend Lee Mikles.

It is easy to understand the appeal. The space at 1709 Delaware Ave. is the former Scratch Magoo's, which operated for 29 years in the heart of Delaware's nightlife scene. Purchased by Big Fish Restaurant Group, the building briefly housed Bar Roja.

When Grain hopefully opens by St. Patrick's Day, it will be yet another example of the partners' ability to "go with the grain," both in an existing space and an established community.

An eye for opportunity

The idea for O'Donoghue and Mikles' business was

GRAIN TO EXPAND WITH LOCATIONS IN TROLLEY SQUARE, STAR CAMPUS

born around a neighborhood firepit in Hockessin. The neighbors often talked about owning a restaurant. At the time, O'Donoghue was in banking and Mikles was in marketing.

The friends dreamed of an establishment that would cater to both adults and families, with good beer, fun and casual food and activities, such as live music.

In 2015, space became available on Main Street in Newark. Not only was it on the college town's primary artery, but it had parking. The men didn't hesitate; Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen opened in July.

While the partners always planned to expand, they didn't imagine they'd be opening two new places in one month. In 2017, Grain H2O debuted in the former Aqua Sol at Summit North Marina in Bear, Delaware, and Grain Craft Bar + Kitchen opened in downtown Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. The sites were too good to pass up, and an opportunity came knocking again with Grain on the Rocks in the Cape May-Lewes Ferry terminal in Lewes.

So, you can understand why they jumped on the Trolley Square vacancy. "It all came about very quickly," O'Donoghue agreed.

Different yet the same

With so many diverse locations and buildings, Grain is not a cookie-cutter concept, and slight tweaks to the name reflect that approach. For example, a Grain restau-

rant on the University of Delaware's STAR Campus will be called Grain Exchange. "Personally, I like how our places take on the character of the neighborhood we move into," Mikles said. But it's not always simple to accomplish. "It's a bigger challenge to fit the concept into what the building gives you—or doesn't give you," he said.

Big Fish, which remains the landlord, did an excellent job of renovating the old Scratch Magoo site for Bar Roja, the men agreed.

"They spent a lot of money on the patio, which looks awesome," O'Donoghue said. However, the kitchen is tiny, which has prompted corporate chef Bill Wallen to whittle down the typical Grain menu.

"We'll have burgers. We'll have cheesesteaks. We'll have salads and nachos," Mikles said. And, eventually, they will have a commissary at the STAR site that can prep items such as the fried pickles in advance and deliver them to Wilmington.

The opening of that location, however, has been delayed due to supply chain issues. But when complete, it will be a full-service Grain restaurant with an adjacent coffee shop. The partners see the bulk of the STAR business occurring between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., but based on the surrounding community's interest in the project, the hours will expand into the evening.





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BILL AIMS TO FINE DRIVERS WHO DRIVE SNOW- AND ICE-COVERED CARS

BY BETSY PRICE

A bill that aims to fine drivers who operate a vehicle without first clearing it of snow and ice—and penalize them further if that snow or ice falls off and causes damage to another vehicle—passed the Delaware Senate Thursday.

The bill, which has been in the works since 2014, had passed the Senate's transportation committee in March but didn't come up on the Senate floor before the session recessed in June.

Senate Bill 64 would require drivers of vehicles to remove accumulated ice and snow before driving the vehicle on any roads with a speed limit of 26 mph or higher. An amendment approved with the bill removed the requirement for any roads with speed limits of 25 mph or lower.

Sponsor Sen. Bryan Townsend, D-Newark, said that rule is geared largely toward bigger, higher-speed roads where snow and ice can fly off and hit cars or people

and cause damage or injury. The speed limit change was designed to allow people to drive through neighborhoods, he said.

"I would like people to take this seriously and clean off the ice or snow from their vehicles before moving," he said. "But in the event that they don't, I would much rather enforcement of it happen prior to people getting on I-95 or Route 1."

SB64 would impose penalties of not less than \$25 and not more than \$75 for each violation of a car that is caught driving with accumulations of ice or snow. The bill also allows police to pull vehicles over for that alone. Each day a car is driven without ice and snow being removed would trigger a separate violation, but a driver could not receive more than one ticket within a 24-hour period.

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1,500 DELAWARE BORROWERS TO GET LOANS FORGIVEN, RESTITUTION IN NAVIENT SETTLEMENT

BY BETSY PRICE

More than 1,500 state residents who borrowed money from student loan provider Navient will get a part of Delaware's \$5.34 million share of a settlement in a suit charging the company used unfair, deceptive and predatory practices. Of those, 145 Delaware borrowers will get nearly \$4.8 million in private loan debt cancellation. Others will get restitution payments.

Attorney General Kathy Jennings announced Thursday that most of Delaware's share will go to the people who borrowed money.

The company was charged with practices that included making borrowers agree that their loans could not be included in bankruptcy proceedings, refusing to allow borrowers to switch to loan forms like income-based payment schedules, adding interest and fees to loans when it should not have, failing to point customers to loan-forgiveness programs and charging more for loans for schools with low graduation rates.

"Addressing the student loan crisis is one of my biggest consumer protection priorities," Jennings said in a press release. "We have to recognize that even when the playing field is level, student borrowers are fighting an uphill battle. Between rising tuition and a generation of teenagers who were told that a four-year degree was vital to their success, student debt has become a crisis.

"With Day One debt burdens sometimes eclipsing six figures, it's no surprise that thousands of people struggle to make ends meet. At a minimum, loan servicers should be expected to follow the law."

Delaware's share of the \$1.895 billion multistate settlement came after the Delaware Department of Justice helped investigate Navient's alleged misrepresentations regarding the right of private student loans to be included in bankruptcy proceedings, the press release said.

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PERMITLESS CONCEALED CARRY BILL FAILS IN COMMITTEE

BY CHARLIE MEGGINSON

A bill to allow Delawareans to carry concealed firearms without a permit failed to be released from the five-member Senate Judiciary Committee Wednesday.

The lengthy committee meeting drew dozens of public comments on either side of the issue, with some members of the public taking offense to Wilmington Sen. Sarah McBride's characterization of permitless concealed carry as a "justice system of the wild, wild west."

Senate Bill 172, sponsored by Sen. Dave Lawson, R-Marydel, would allow Delawareans who are 21 years of age or older and not otherwise prohibited under state or federal law to carry a concealed deadly weapon for the purpose of defending themselves, their family, their home or the state. Eighteen other states allow for the permitless concealed carry of firearms, often referred to by supporters of the practice as "constitutional carry."

Because the bill was not released from the Judiciary Committee, it will not proceed to a debate or vote by

the full Senate. In theory, because the bill is not dead, it could be released from the committee in the future, though such a move would be highly unlikely.

Under current Delaware law, individuals wishing to carry a concealed weapon must complete a stringent application process, which requires that they:

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BUSINESS GROUP: CARNEY MUST APPOINT JUDGE OF COLOR TO REPLACE SLIGHTS

BY BETSY PRICE

With Delaware Chancery Court's Joseph R. Slight III retiring, a pro-business group is mounting a campaign to have a person of color appointed to the panel of now all-white judges.

Vice Chancellor Slight's retirement came to light when the court began telling lawyers that their cases would be reassigned because of it, according to an article on www.Law360.com. Slight confirmed his retirement to Law360, but referred questions to the courts.

"Vice Chancellor Slight has been a tremendous asset to our court and, indeed, our State; he will be sorely missed," said a statement from the office of Chancellor Kathaleen St. J. McCormick. "The Vice Chancellor has done us the courtesy of announcing his retirement well in advance of his anticipated end date, which he has not yet selected, so that we can ensure an orderly transition.

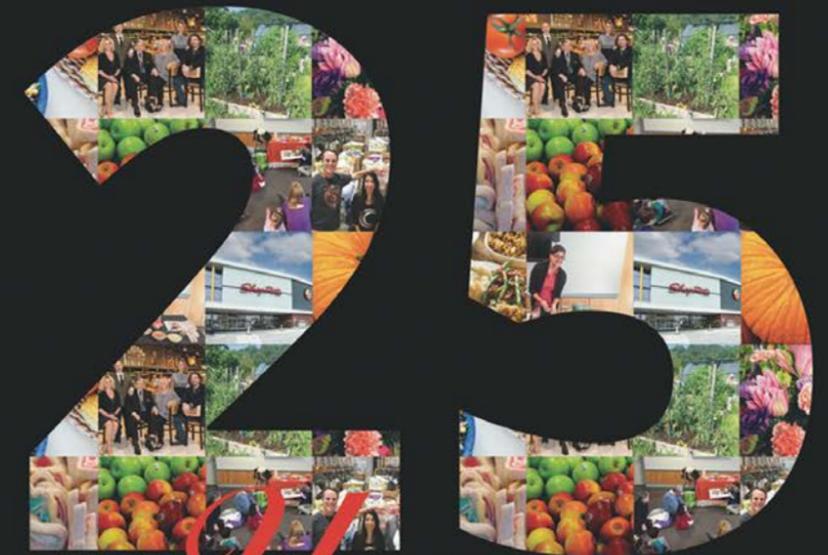
Per the usual process, the timeline for posting his position and selecting and confirming his replacement will be established by Judicial Nominating Commission, the office of the Governor, and the State Senate."

Citizens for a Pro-Business Delaware on Thursday announced it will launch a \$250,000 advocacy campaign for Gov. John Carney to appoint a person of color to the court. "The days of an all-white Chancery Court are over," said Chris Coffey, the campaign manager for the pro-business group. "It's time for Gov. Carney to appoint a person of color immediately."

The Chancery Court has not always been all-white. Judge Tamika Montgomery-Reeves, who is Black, served on the court for four years before moving to the Delaware Supreme Court in 2019.

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work with a population that deals with higher levels of poverty, crime, trauma, food insecurity, transiency, and more teachers leaving their schools than their suburban counterparts.

The three districts and Colonial School District oversee the education of some city students under complicated desegregation rulings. But only Christina, Red Clay and Brandywine have schools within city limits. Colonial's students are bussed into the suburbs.

City students make up 15% or less of the district's students. The organizers of the Collaborative believe that means decisions made for the greater good often do not take into account issues that city students live with, such as a high crime rate.

The Christina vote officially allows its superintendent Dr. Dan Shelton to start negotiating a memorandum of understanding with Red Clay and Brandywine to form the Collaborative.

Red Clay is expected to vote on the issue Jan. 19, and Brandywine's vote may come Feb. 7.

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BY BETSY PRICE

The Christina School District voted unanimously Tuesday night to allow its superintendent to enter negotiations to form the Wilmington Learning Collaborative.

"I'm smiling," said Gov. John Carney.

The Collaborative would oversee the education of only the Wilmington students in kindergarten through eighth grade in Christina, Red Clay and Brandywine school districts, creating programs to help city student learn and achieve at state and national levels.

It's a project of Carney's office and the Delaware Department of Education, and they've spent hundreds of hours in meetings and knocking on doors in Wilmington to sell its possibilities.

With its own board and a small staff paid for by state funds, the Collaborative could try things teachers and others dealing with city students know or believe would

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In a letter to school districts that Gov. John Carney wants to join the Wilmington Learning Collaborative, he said he plans to put another \$14 million into city school efforts. Carney wants the boards of the Red Clay, Brandywine and Christina districts to join the collaborative, which would create a new entity to oversee the Wilmington students in those three districts. If created, Carney plans to put \$7 million into its efforts to help raise city learners abilities and scores.

The other \$7 million would go into meeting some of the recommendations of the Redding Consortium for Educational Equity, although a Monday press release did not say which of Redding’s recommendations it would be funding. In February, the consortium asked for four things:

- \$8.8 million in focused services for children from birth through ag that would expand early childhood

CARNEY PLANS TO PUT \$14 MILLION MORE INTO WILMINGTON EDUCATION

home visits; support development screenings and provide free high-quality full-day Pre-K services to 3- and 4-year-olds in high-poverty areas.

- \$2 million per school for greater access to before-school programs, after-school programs, summer programs and school-based health centers: \$2 million per school
- \$2 million to enhance data collection to better address race-related inequities.
- \$1.3 million plus \$4,000 per scholarship to improve teacher recruitment and retention. Part of that would be used to create whole-school professional learning packages in five high-need schools in Wilmington.

Both the Learning Collaborative and the Redding Consortium are focused on aiding children in Wilmington, particularly children in poverty, who often fall behind the state and national standards.

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STATE, FEMA TO OPEN COVID TESTING DRIVE-THRU IN DELAWARE CITY

BY BETSY PRICE

Update: The week's COVID-19 wrap-up numbers have been added to this article.

A drive-thru COVID-19 testing site will open Monday at the Delaware City Division of Motor Vehicles complex and will operate evenings and weekends, excepts for Wednesday nights, through Feb. 7.

The announcement Friday follows several weeks of record numbers of people seeking testing, leading to venues running out of tests and also having to close because their own employees either had COVID or had been exposed to it.

The highest demand has been highest in New Castle County. The state said that 23,000 tests were given the week prior to Thanksgiving, and 61,000 tests last week.

“The demand for testing is at an all-time high and our

resources are strained. Having this site will serve as a relief valve for our testing partners, particularly in New Castle County,” said Dr. Karyl Rattay, director of the Division of Public Health. “We appreciate the assistance from our federal partners and the testing staff coming to provide Delawareans with another testing option for the next several weeks to help get us through this surge.”

As the state moved to start drive-thru testing at the Delaware City DMV, it also said in its Friday COVID-19 wrapup that cases, hospitalizations and deaths were continuing to rise week from week. Delaware recorded 4,771 new cases on Jan. 7, a new record. Since then, daily new case numbers have been lower.

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BY BETSY PRICE

With state hospitals operating over capacity, Delaware officials on Tuesday again asked state residents to stay out of hospital emergency rooms for anything that's not dire.

ChristianaCare and Beebe hospitals were at 130% of their capacity, and ChristianaCare intensive care units at 170% over capacity, officials said during Gov. John Carney's COVID-19 press conference Tuesday.

Nemours Children's Hospital Delaware on Sunday hit a high-water mark of 70 children hospitalized because of COVID-19, said Dr. Karyl Rattay, director of the Division of Public Health.

Two out of every five people who are hospitalized have COVID-19, Rattay said. Many others are hospitalized with flu, she said.

Of the 734 people in the hospital with COVID-19, 72 are in the ICU and 51 are on ventilators. Of those, 70% were unvaccinated and 90% were unboosted, she said.

Most of the state's hospitals—ChristianaCare, Bayhealth, TidalHealth Nanticoke and Trinity-St. Francis Hospital—have declared they will be operating under a Crisis Standard of Care. That allows them to change normal staffing and operating rules.

As an example, said Dr. Ken L. Silverstein, ChristianaCare's chief physician executive, instead of requiring all meds to be given at 8 a.m., some meds that can be delayed without harm to a patient may be delayed until 9 a.m.



so nurses can handle something else. The hospital overload is powered by a shift in the ratio of Omicron variant to Delta variant cases that occurred at the end of December—just in time for holiday gatherings.

Rattay said that random tests of positive cases in December showed that Omicron was responsible for 78% of the cases, and Delta the rest.

State officials also said during the press conference that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has agreed to set up a mass COVID-19 testing event for two to three weeks at the Delaware City DMV to help ease waits for tests.

Details for that will be forthcoming, said A.J. Schall Jr., director of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency.

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FOURTH QUARTER RUN PROPELS DOVER TO VICTORY

BY GLENN FRAZER

The second-ranked Dover Senators used a 12-0 run to start the final quarter and never looked back in a 76-52 win in boys' basketball at Smyrna Tuesday night. The Senators' Jaheim Harrell was red-hot beyond the arc as he drained seven three-pointers on his way to a game-high 27 points. Two of his long range shots came during that big run to open the final eight minutes.

Smyrna trailed 13-7 early but went on a run of its own of 11-1 to end the first quarter, and take a 17-14 lead. In that run, Daniel Lerro converted two of his three first quarter threes while Devin Demoe added two baskets to help the Eagles gain the advantage heading to the second quarter. There were eight lead changes in the first 10 minutes. Once Dover regained the lead on two consecutive long-range shots by Harrell to go up 24-19, the Eagles could never get closer than three the rest of the half.

Dover was up 37-29 at the half, increased that advantage to 58-48 after three quarters, and with a huge rebounding advantage, took control in the final period to get the win.

It was the first action for the Senators in three weeks as they had games canceled at the Governor's Challenge over the holidays and the recent snow storms.

Besides the 27 points from Harrell, Dover received balanced scoring from Denim Perkins (11 points), and Tyrone Tolson (15 points). The Senators improved to 4-0 in the Henlopen North and 6-1 overall with games

at home against Milford Thursday and rival Caesar Rodney on Saturday. That CR game will be streamed by Delaware Live with tip scheduled for 2 p.m.

Smyrna had a two-game winning streak snapped in the series as it won both games against Dover last season. The Eagles were led by "Lish" Gregory with 14 points, while Devin Demoe added 10, and Daniel Lerro scored nine with his three first quarter three-pointers.

The Eagles fall to 2-2 in the conference and 2-3 overall, with road games at Sussex Tech Thursday night and a date with Seaford Saturday afternoon.

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CARAVEL ACADEMY EXTENDS DUAL MEET WIN STREAK TO 23

The match at 113 pounds saw the top two ranked wrestlers in the Delaware Live Sports individual rankings meet for the second time in three days.

After a scoreless first period the Bucs' Eddie Radecki scored a pair of nearfall points with a cradle, but Davis was able to quickly get out of danger and score a reversal tying the score at 2-2. Radecki then escaped in the closing seconds of the period to take a 3-2 lead.

Radecki started on bottom to begin the third period and scored a reversal with a Peterson Roll early in the period. Davis answered with a reversal midway through the period. Radecki won the match 5-4.

At 120 pounds, fourth-ranked Salesianum's Colin Honaker scored an early takedown on Marcello Ioanoni, but it was a set of nearfall points in the final five seconds of the match to give Ioanoni a 3-2 upset win. "I was holding on waiting for a stalemate and I looked up and saw that 15 seconds so I knew I had to try something, so I just leaned back and tried to get him to his back," Ioanoni said.

Luke Poore earned a pin for Caravel at 126 pounds, followed by a forfeit to Dylan Knight (132) before Mike Kling won a 10-3 decision over Frank Borzio at 138 pounds. Caravel's Jordan Miller and the Sals' Dominic Lapira put on another exciting bout at 145 pounds with Miller scoring a takedown in the third period to win 7-5.

Julian Strickland stopped the string of Caravel wins with a pin at 152 pounds to get Salesianum on the board as it trailed 30-6.

John Antonio received a forfeit at 160 pound followed by consecutive pins by Nick Hall (170) and Matt Duarte (182) extending Caravel's lead to 48-6.

Top-ranked Max Agresti won a technical fall in 2:26 at 195 pounds followed by a forfeit awarded to Frank Miller (220) closing the score to 48-17. Kyshwn Drumgo ended the night with a pin at 285 giving Caravel a 54-17 victory.

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BY BENNY MITCHELL

The anticipated battle between two of the heavyweights on the Delaware wrestling scene got off the rails early as Caravel Academy won 11 of the 14 bouts on its way to a 54-17 victory over Salesianum on Tuesday night.

Salesianum came into the match undermanned with a handful of starters out of the lineup due to injuries and illness, but the dual meet provided several hotly contested matches. Caravel won the first seven bouts of the night to jump out to a 30-0 lead. Clifton Bakhsh received a forfeit at 106 pound for Caravel.



SMYRNA OVERCOMES 20-POINT DEFICIT FOR MAT VICTORY OVER MILFORD

The match began at 106 pounds where the Bucs' Emily Thode hit a lateral drop throw midway through the first period for the pin. Vincent Jenkins received a forfeit at 113 pounds as Milford jumped out to a 12-0 lead.

The Eagles answered with a pair of pins by Gabe Giampietro (120) and Quantez Watkins (126) before the Bucs' Jack Thode would put Milford back on top with a pin at 132 pounds.

The 138-pound class featured two of the top-ranked wrestlers in the state according to the Delaware Live Sports wrestling rankings. Smyrna's number two ranked Jamar Wells won a 5-2 decision over number five ranked Aaron Briscoe as the Eagles cut the Milford lead to 18-15. "I told Jamar before the match to be prepared to win a one-point match, be prepared to win in overtime and go out on the mat with that mentality and win it," Harris said.

The Bucs responded, reeling off four straight victories beginning at 145 pounds with Hunter Durham winning a 10-3 decision over Jesse Dixon. Ryan Mejia recorded a pin at 152 pounds stretching Milford's lead to 27-15. Milford's Averi Copes ranked number two at 152 pounds bumped up to 160 pounds where he and Brandon West battled. With Copes leading 5-3 in the third period he executed a Granby Roll and finished with a pin in 5:17.

After the match, the two wrestlers stood nose to nose exchanging words before referee Justin Cressler could intervene and separate the two, but Milford was then penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct causing the deduction of a team point and making the score 32-15 in favor of the Bucs.

Tim O'Hara ranked number three at 160 also bumped up a weight class for Milford and won a 9-5 decision over Derek Davis and extending the Bucs lead to 35-15.

BY BENNY MITCHELL

Just two nights after watching a 15-point lead evaporate in a 34-30 loss against Cape Henlopen. Smyrna head coach Aaron Harris looked out onto the mat Friday night with the Eagles trailing Milford by 20 with four bouts left.

Smyrna's fortunes were reversed on Friday night as Shaun Atkinson (182), Tyler Downward (195) and Kael Howell (220) recorded consecutive pins to set up the heroics of Chijioke Eule in the Eagles 36-35 Henlopen Conference Northern Division victory over Milford. "I tell the kids it's all about getting your hand raised," Harris said.

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