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Dover committee proposes cuts

A Dover City Council committee moved Monday night to tighten spending by city officials, including Mayor James L. Hutchison, for meals, golf outings and social functions.

Hutchison, whose spending has come under fire from some members of council, said he could live with the spending guidelines crafted by the Legislative, Finance and Administrative Committee.

The committee voted 4-1 in favor of the proposed hospitality and city function policy. The full council is expected to consider the policy Oct. 27.

Councilman William P. Truitt cast the only dissenting vote, saying the committee should have reviewed the policy line by line.

Dover Symphony's 1st concert is Sunday

The Dover Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Donald Buxton, will perform four concerts during the 2003-2004 season.

The opening concert will be Sunday at the Schwartz Center for the Arts, State and North streets, Dover.

Subsequent dates are Nov. 23, March 21 and May 2. All concerts will be at 3 p.m.

"Basically Bizet," the opening concert, will consist of French music: Offenbach's "Orpheus in the Underworld," including the famous "Can-Can"; the Bizet "Symphony No. 1"; "Carmen Suite No. 1," part of "Carmen Suite No. 2," and Ravel's "Bolero." Single ticket prices: adults \$15, seniors and students, \$10.

Season subscription packages, offering priority seating and savings up to 25 percent off single ticket prices, are available for all four concerts.

Ticket sales are handled by the Schwartz Center, 678-5152 or (800) 778-5078, or at the administrative office, 118 S. Bradford St., Dover, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Del. Memorial Bridge lane closings set

A six-week schedule for lane closings on the Delaware Memorial Bridge has been released by the Delaware River & Bay Authority. Workers are conducting routine maintenance on the span.

The following closings are from 10 p.m. Sunday to 3:30 p.m. Friday:

*One north lane and one south lane, today through Friday, Nov. 2-7, Nov. 9-14 and Nov. 16-21.

*Two north lanes and one south lane, Sunday through Oct. 24 and Oct. 26-31.

The ramp from I-295 north to U.S. 13 will remain closed for repairs for another month. Detour signs are posted.

Authority officials urged motorists to stay alert around the construction, obey the speed limit and prepare for delays.

DSU's Wilmington site gets director

Delaware State University has appointed Cheryl Renee Gooch as the new director for its Wilmington site.

Gooch succeeds interim director Dorothe Talbert-Hersi as the coordinator of academic programs at the Wilmington site, at 621 Market St.

Gooch holds a master of science in journalism from Northwestern University and a Ph.D. in mass communications from Florida State University. She said increasing enrollment and academic programs at the Wilmington site is a top priority.

"DSU-Wilmington has a new, improved look and a customer-friendly vision," Gooch said. "We are working assiduously to increase and diversify our enrollment and expand course and program offerings to better meet the needs of our customers: adult learners, teachers seeking certification, graduate students and working professionals."

The site has been in operation since 1992 and is near the end of a renovation project that started last spring. Spokesman Carlos Holmes said the university hopes to boost next year's enrollment to 200 students per semester.

Minn. researcher to get \$75,000 grant

An organization created in memory of a 2-year-old Brandywine Hundred boy will present a \$75,000 research grant to Dr. John E. Wagner, a leading researcher into the use of umbilical cord blood.

The Brady Kohn Foundation will present the check at a talk from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Theatre N in the Nemours Building in Wilmington.

Wagner, scientific director of clinical research of the Blood and Marrow Transplantation Program and Stem Cell Institute at the **University of Minnesota** Cancer Center, will discuss how the research funds will be used to study umbilical cord blood as a source of stem cells. He is looking into whether it is possible to isolate adult stem cells from umbilical cord blood, then coax them to become other types of cells.

Wagner, who grew up in Delaware, was part of the team that performed the first umbilical cord blood transplant for leukemia in 1990, according to the university.

The Brady Kohn Foundation was created 10 months ago by Carolyn and Andrew Kohn in memory of their son, Brady, who died in March 2002. Brady, who suffered from aplastic anemia, underwent a bone marrow transplant using umbilical cord stem cells. Although signs were promising, he developed complications and subsequently died.

The foundation is dedicated to educating the public about the importance of bone marrow donors, including umbilical cord blood donors.