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Sports bet bill nixed in House

Measure fails to get three-fifths majority

By Leah Burcat
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DOVER — The odds were not in the favor of sports betting on Tuesday as the measure failed to receive a three-fifths majority in the state House of Representatives by two votes.

“We have \$55 million worth of cuts to do now,” said House Majority Leader Rep. Peter C. Schwartzkopf, D-Rehoboth Beach, and sponsor of the bill. “The losers were the people of the state of Delaware.”

The legislation would have reauthorized a sports lottery in the state, created a commission to study the feasibility of future venues and shifted the split in video

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BUS-CAR CRASH INJURES FELTON TEEN



Rescue workers survey the damage Tuesday morning following a crash involving a 1998 Pontiac Sunfire driven by a 17-year-old Felton woman and a school bus that left the teen in serious condition. The crash occurred at the intersection of Irish Hill Road and Peachtree Run between Viola and Magnolia. The driver of the bus and a single

passenger, the driver's 9-year-old child, were not injured. The woman was trapped in her vehicle for approximately 20 minutes before she was extricated by rescue workers from the Felton and Magnolia volunteer fire departments. Kent County paramedics also responded to the scene. For the full story, see Page 3.

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Levy Court fails to support library plan

By Bruce Pringle
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DOVER — Kent County Levy Court declined Tuesday to move forward on a proposal to join with the city of Dover in providing library services.

In an informal vote following a lengthy discussion with representatives of the city, only three of the seven Levy Court commissioners favored continuing discussion with Dover on starting a regional library system that would feature a state-of-the-art library next to City Hall.

The three included commissioners Eric

L. Buckson, Bradley S. Eaby and Richard E. Ennis. They were outvoted by Commission President P. Brooks Banta and commissioners Allan F. Angel, Harold K. Brode and George “Jody” Sweeney.

“We don’t have the money at this time to give anybody,” Commissioner Brode said, referring to \$3.7 million the city hoped the county would contribute toward building a new library that would be run by a board representing both the county and the city.

Commissioner Ennis agreed the county’s financial situation is problematic, but said library service may suffer in the long run if the county does not participate in cre-

ating a new library. “I feel if we don’t go forward with it now, we’re going to miss a great opportunity,” he said.

Tuesday’s decision could mean Dover will be on its own in building and operating a \$23.5 million facility that will replace the existing Dover Public Library.

According to Dover officials, the city’s current library draws more than 1,000 visitors a day, about half of whom live outside the city.

A number of scenarios for county-city cooperation on library management were

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