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Decision on city manager tonight

Coatesville official says council found its final candidate

By ERIC S. SMITH
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COATESVILLE — City Council is poised to make an offer to a final candidate for city manager tonight.

Council President Karl Marking said council has agreed to draft a "high-level offer" for an candidate. Council will have to vote on whether or not it will actually make the offer.

Marking said council has agreed upon a candidate, but he could not release any details about the applicant.

Interim City Manager Wayne G. "Ted" Reed's contract will expire tonight. Council previously extended Reed's contract on Feb. 28 to give him an additional two weeks in the post.

DOZENS APPLIED

Search consultant Bill McCauley of the Keystone Group said the city received 37 resumes for the position before it began narrowing down the list of candidates.

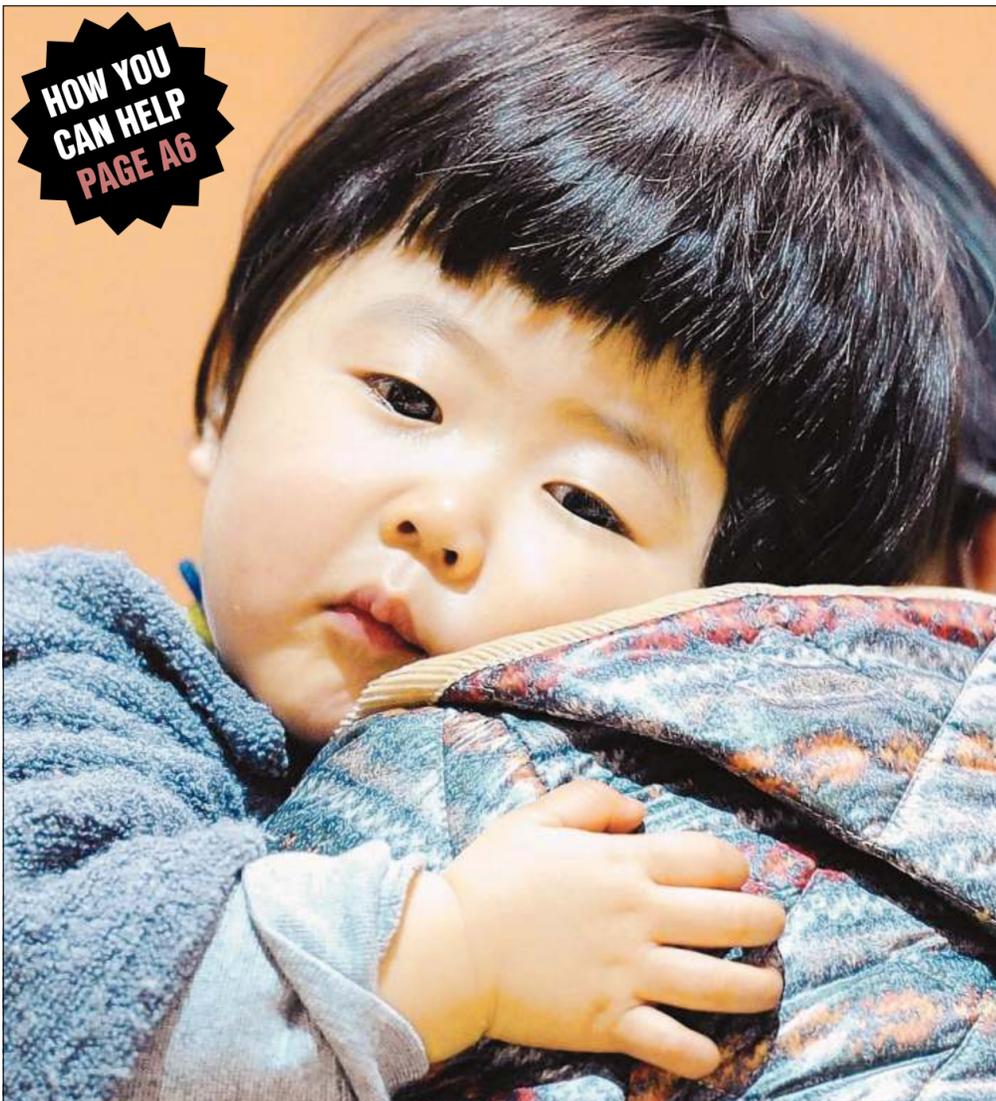
Marking said council "will probably not extend" Reed's contract. He said council's previous extension was to allow Reed "to wrap things up" and give time for city Assistant Manager Kirby Hudson to fill the position on a temporary basis, until a full-time candidate is hired.

Reed was hired in February 2010 to fill just a one-year term, before a replacement could be found. Reed previously said he will continue to serve the city for a "couple of months" while council finds a replacement if necessary.

On Feb. 28, Marking and councilman Joseph Hamrick voted against placing the dis-

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As calamity unfolds, 10,000 or more feared dead



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A child waits Sunday at an evacuation center in Kawamata, Japan. The nation's nuclear crisis intensified Sunday as authorities raced to combat the threat of multiple reactor meltdowns and to evacuate people from the quake- and tsunami-savaged northeastern coast, where fears spread over possible radioactive contamination. Below, a man holds his dog as they are scanned for levels of radiation in Koriyama.

Multitude struggles for basic necessities

By JAY ALABASTER and TODD PITMAN
Associated Press

SENDAI, Japan — The estimated death toll from Japan's disasters climbed past 10,000 Sunday as authorities raced to combat the threat of multiple nuclear reactor meltdowns and hundreds of people struggled to find food and

water. The prime minister said it was the nation's worst crisis since World War II.

Nuclear plant operators worked frantically to try to keep temperatures down in several reactors crippled by the earthquake and tsunami, wrecking at least two by dumping sea water into them in last-

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School stung by state cutbacks

Under governor's proposed budget, Lincoln University will be facing drastic cuts in state support this year

By CHRIS BARBER
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LOWER OXFORD — Under Gov. Tom Corbett's proposed education budget cuts, Lincoln University would take a big hit, and school officials have yet to figure out how to make up the shortfall.

If the proposed state budget is adopted as it is written now, education funding throughout the state will be reduced by 50 percent. For the historically black southern Chester County university, that would mean losing 10.8 percent of the school's total operating budget or \$6.8 million.

Taking into account a 3 percent inflation rate for next year, President Ivory Nelson said that amounts to \$8.7 million he has to make up.

He said Friday he realizes the state must solve its financial woes, but he was not expecting to be hit so hard.

"I know we have to participate in the solutions, but not at the level they have been proposed," he said.

Lincoln University is one of four state-related Pennsylvania universities. The three others are Penn State University, the University of Pittsburgh and Temple University. They, along with the 14 state-owned universities (the former state teachers' colleges including West Chester and Cheyney) all stand to lose substantial state subsidies.

Nelson was particularly concerned

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IVORY NELSON

ANNUAL COST

The cost of tuition and fees for a year at Lincoln University is \$16,000 for Pennsylvania residents and \$23,000 for all others.

West Goshen apartments on schedule

Project at Route 202 and S. Matlack St. to be completed this fall

By ANDY EDWARDS
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WEST GOSHEN — A building with 230 luxury apartments to replace a beer distribution center at Route 202 and South Matlack Street is on schedule for completion this fall.

Jefferson Pointe of West Chester will occupy the former Spaz Beverage property.

Drew Chapman, vice president of Development for the Jefferson Apartment Group, said

the location of the project is being promoted to young professionals and empty-nesters.

Chapman, whose Virginia-based group is developing the apartments, said Jefferson Pointe will be the most attractive housing for Chester County's young professionals and empty-nesters.

Demolition of the old beer warehouse on the 11-acre property began in August.

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Staff photo by Larry McDevitt

The Jefferson Pointe apartment complex is being built off Matlack Street at Route 202 in West Goshen. The complex will feature a theater room, a two-story fitness center and a garage that allows residents to park their cars on the floor on which they live.

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