

New Castle Presbyterian News

June 2009



Graduates

We will honor our graduates in worship on, June 7. Congratulations on your good use of God's gifts!

BRAD L. WERKHEISER grandson of Earl & Janet Reed and son of James and Susan Werkheiser, will graduate 8th grade at CARAVEL ACADEMY June 2nd 2009. He will go on to high school at DELAWARE MILITARY ACADEMY.

BETH HENTKOWSKI, daughter of Judy & Bill Hentkowski graduates from Padua Academy, May 28, 2009. She hopes to attend Bloomsburg University in the fall.

YUEMING GUO, our Someplace Else Director, receives a Masters in English as a Second Language at University of Delaware on May 30, 2009. She will be teaching English as a Second Language in the Appoquinomink School District to Chinese and Japanese students in the fall. She will also continue directing our Someplace Else program.



Summer Worship and Church Picnic

Summer is almost here! Our summer worship schedule begins, Sunday, June 14 at **10:00 a.m.** This will be the last Sunday for the full choir, singing "Soon and Very Soon". After worship, stay for the church-wide picnic. Elders and Deacons bring meat and buns. Everyone else bring salad or dessert.

Congregational Meeting

The congregation of New Castle Presbyterian Church will meet on Sunday, **May 31** for the purpose of electing officers and at-large members to the Nominating Committee. The congregation will consider the following report from the Nominating Committee. Nominations will also be received from the floor the day of the meeting.

SESSION

Class of 2012:

Connie Reese grew up in Aston, Pennsylvania and attended the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Chester, Pa. She came to New Castle Presbyterian Church after marrying Don Reese in December 1974 and moving to New Castle. She joined this church in June 1977. A Sunday school teacher for several years, Connie has also served the church as a member of a pastor nominating committee and the 350th Anniversary Committee. Don and Connie have two grown and two grandchildren. Connie works at Delaware Book Exchange in Newark, Delaware and has previously worked at Bridgewater Jewelers. A member of Arasapha Garden Club, Connie enjoys working in her gardens on Seventh Street where she is also renovating a home with her husband. A member of a Thursday morning bowling league for 28 years and a night league, she thoroughly enjoys the sport.

Jim Whisman is retired from Whisman, Giordano & Associates, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, a firm he founded in 1973. Over the course of his career he has been involved with numerous professional, community and civic organizations, among which he has served in leadership roles of the Delaware Society of CPA's; the Estate Planning Council of Delaware; Delaware Chapter of American Red Cross; Preservation Delaware; Junior Achievement, Rotary Club of Wilmington, Chadds Ford Civic Association, Chadds Ford Township Open Space Committee and many other community groups. He is currently an officer and board member of the Delaware Preservation Fund, New Castle Historical Society, New Castle Senior Center, Chadds Ford Historical Society, Colonial Education Foundation, Faithful Friends no-kill animal shelter, and Rotary District 7630 of Rotary International.

Jim came to New Castle in 1950. He attended elementary school at the Arsenal and graduated from William Penn High School. He served with the Delaware National Guard unit at the Van Dyke Armory on Delaware Street and was called to active duty in 1961/1962. Jim has lived in Newark, Wilmington, and Chadds Ford PA. He and his wife Barbara moved to New Castle in June 2008. Hiking, biking and occasionally roller blading and kayaking are high on the list of Jim's recreational activities. Jim also enjoys gardening, reading and working on computer projects. He and Barbara can be seen regularly walking their two pet dogs, Maggie and Casey.

Two more names will be presented the day of the meeting.

DEACONS

Class of 2012:

Lyn Briggs is a resident of Old New Castle. Married to Bob Briggs, they have a daughter Rachel. She is employed at Delmarva Power, where she works in the Drafting and Design Department. She participates in the hand-bell choir and enjoys helping out with Vacation Bible School. Lyn has previous experience as a deacon and is happy to serve again.

Bev Stoudt: I have been a member of New Castle Presbyterian church a long time, beginning with Sunday School and officially joining when a teenager. I have worshiped, prayed, decorated, sung, and meditated in our sanctuary. I have served the congregation as a Sunday school teacher, Deacon, choral and bell choir member, Elder, and various positions with the Women's Association. My husband, Jim, and I live in Newark and find the drive to New Castle relaxing and expansive, if not convenient. Three of our four grown children live out of state, while our daughter Cris and her family live within walking distance in our neighborhood. Both Jim and I are retired—Jim from General Motors and I from Engineered Systems and Designs where I did general office work. After graduating from UD I taught elementary school in Elsmere, DE for two years before starting a family.

My Christian faith began at home with Alice and David McCallion and was nurtured in Sunday schools in Ocean City, NJ (Methodist), Halloway Tereace (Baptist), and here in New Castle (first in the arsenal, then in our CE building). I have benefited from the loving labors of teachers and youth group advisors, and talented music directors, as well as, effective and brilliant pastors. Christ has been my constant companion through all stages of my life and I am totally at home among our committed congregation and in our Christian witness here in New Castle.

Sue Townsend started attending the New Castle Presbyterian Church with her parents, the beloved Arlene Olds, who remains active at Arbors, and the late Clifton W. Olds. She joined Church over thirty years ago when her younger child was two. Her faith has been a long and continuous journey but she found Jesus waiting for her during the time of the birth of her two children. Her daughter Shelly, now 39, and her son Drew, now 33, both live in Los Angeles and Sue remains in close contact with them. Sue is in her 39th year in working in public schools in language pathology and she currently works in speech and language at the Eastside Charter School. Sue's former husband, Barry Townsend, also worked in education. Sue is a champion booster of our Church finding it a family loving place to worship where people care for each other. Sue loves the outreach and kitchen activities performed by the Deacons and readily accepted the nomination for a second three year term.

Class of 2011:

Janet Reed and her husband Earl have been members of the church family since 1958. They have three grown children and four grandchildren. Over the years Janet has served as a Deacon, taught Sunday School, delivered Meals on Wheels, ushered, and has been active in the Women's Association.

TRUSTEES

Class of 2012:

Jane Fouracre grew up in the Norristown, Pennsylvania, area, got her degree from Penn State University, and her teaching certificate at Wilmington College. She has taught for many years in area schools. She became a part of this church in 1982. Over the years, she has taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, has been a member of Session and of the Contemporary Worship group. For relaxation, she enjoys reading and keeps active by running and swimming. Jane has three grown daughters: Katie, Annie, and Molly.

Brenda Walters is a native Delawarean. Her parents are Joan and Chuck Smith. The New Castle Presbyterian Church has been a part of her life for as long as she can remember. She is currently a member of the Flower Guild and the Board of Trustees. Brenda and her husband, Bill, were married by the Rev. Ralph Johnson in 1986. They live in New Castle with their sons, Brendan and Phillip. She has three grown stepchildren, Will, Casey and Erin, and a three-year-old granddaughter, Devon. Brenda received her B.A. from the University of Delaware (major Sociology/minor Art History). She received her paralegal degree from Widener University. She is employed by the law firm of Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor, LLP in Wilmington.

Brian Werkheiser: I've grown up here in Bear, De for most of my life (though I spent my very first year in Newport, De) and am proud to be a Delaware native. I went to preschool and kindergarten at St. Marks Preschool, 1st- 8th grade at Caravel Academy, and attended the Delaware Military Academy for my high school years. From basically 1st grade through 12th grade I was also in the Cub Scouts than Boy Scouts of America and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. The BSA taught me the value of citizenship, community service, kindness, hard work, dedication and the value of religion.

Throughout my school career and into my college career I've always had an interest in history and enjoy learning about our past, specifically American History. This is one of the many reasons why it is an honor to be a trustee for such an old church as ours. Though my family and I have just recently sought to bring the church into our lives more, I have always been reverent through the BSA, weekly meetings ending in prayers, Scout Sunday, and of course programs teaching the ways of religion.

At the Delaware Military Academy I strove to be the best and climb through the ranks eventually graduating as the 4th in command as the Battalion Administrative Officer. I was tasked with maintaining the information for all 500 cadets at the academy and lead the 5 lower Company Administrative Officers. Between the BSA and DMA I have developed a highly skilled style of leadership and sense of community. Also due to my careers in the BSA and DMA I have decided to continue my life of public service by pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware. I plan to go into the police force afterwards and possibly local politics upon retirement from the force.

Some of my hobbies and interests include; cars, working on my car, drag racing when the Cougar is running good (legally of course), collecting and listening to vinyl records of Rock artists ranging from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. I really enjoy going to concerts, hockey games and being involved in anything that uses an engine. I enjoy working outside, maintaining things, labor work, mechanical work and learning more about electrical work. I'm the go-to person when something needs fixing at the pool where I lifeguard. I've done everything ranging from fixing a table to getting the filters back in operation.

That's basically who I am and what I've done with my life so far. Thank you again for choosing me as a trustee for the New Castle Presbyterian Church. I am honored and pleased to serve such an old institution.

Class of 2011: Irv Lipp, 64, has been a member of the New Castle Presbyterian Church since the mid-1970's, with leaves of absence for transfers to Houston, Singapore and India. Irv has been an elder for two six-year terms and Spirit of Christmas Co-Chair with his wife, Susan, for three years. He is principal of LippService LLC and a partner in Hillis Group, both communication and PR agencies. Irv is a career communications professional with more than 40 years of global experience in crisis and issues management and consent-to-operate community relations. He is a DuPont Fellow, the only Public Affairs Fellow in the more than 200-year history of DuPont. This unique honor capped a 33-year career with DuPont that included leading the company's crisis/business continuity management and planning function. New Castle has been his faith home since leaving Monmouth, IL in 1971.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE, 2009-10

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

(Nominations will be taken from the floor on May 31)



MEALS ON WHEELS

Our next delivery will be June 22-26. If anyone is interested in delivering meals to shut-in Seniors in the New Castle area, please contact the office at 302-328-3279.

Monday 22

Shirley Knox

Tuesday 23

Lois Barth
Joan Smith

Wednesday 24

Cynthia Robbins
Nanette Nichol

Thursday 25

Dot & Jason
Campbell

Friday 26

Susan Flook
Ruth Moore



SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS 2009

It is that time again. Believe it or not Christmas is coming and our Spirit of Christmas Event is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th. We are scheduling meetings as we did last year in June and then again in September and October (and in November if necessary) to plan the day's activities. We will meet at 7:00 pm in the CE Building on the fourth Tuesday of the month, June 23rd, September 22nd, October 27th and November 24th (if needed). We invite anyone who is interested in helping to come to the meetings. At our wrap up meeting in February most of our co chairs were willing to serve again and we hope that is still the case. We do know that we are in need of co chairs for the CRAFT table.

Please join us on Tuesday June 23rd at 7:00 pm in the CE Building and bring your good ideas and your enthusiasm!

Ellie Gerhart, Nanette Nichol and Carol Mayhew
Event Co Chairs



Bell Choir Members Needed



Minerva Lermond would like to add some more members to both of our bell choirs. She is willing to teach anyone who would like to join. Rehearsals are on Thursday evening 7-8 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. Every one is welcome. The bell choir music adds so much to our worship service and the more ringers you have, the better the sound! Please consider joining one or both of our groups. We have a lot of fun "making a joyful noise unto the Lord." Contact Minerva if you are interested.



July Beach Day!

Enjoy the Blue Rocks' game in June and have a great day at the New Jersey shore with the Violas in August. Come on down to Bethany Beach on Saturday, July 11, for a day at the beach with Pat and Dave Taylor!

You are invited to use our house at Lake Bethany as a base to park, change, relax, and enjoy a cookout meal. Arrive any time from 9:30 on. Bring a lunch or purchase in town or at the Wawa down the road. You can drive the 1.4 miles to the Bethany Beach boardwalk/beach area, or take the 25¢ trolley that stops in front of the lot next to ours twice each hour.

We'll fire up the grill around 4 p.m. We'll provide the burgers, hot dogs, and iced tea. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, along with a 2-liter bottle of your favorite soft drink.

At 7:30 p.m., there's a concert by the Annapolis Blue Grass band scheduled at the Bethany Beach Bandstand to wrap up your day of fun and fellowship.

Please sign up on the list in the CE Building or call the church office (328-3279) by July 7 to let us know you're coming. Pat will be glad to provide directions.



JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

You are invited to join us at this year's Vacation Bible School, "Camp Edge", July 12 through 16, where students ages 4-10 will Experience and Discover God Everywhere and get to know the strength and might that comes from God.

Dates: July 12 to 16, 2009
Place: New Castle Presbyterian Church
Time: 6:00 - 8:15 p.m. (includes supper)
Contact: (302) 328-3279 or ncpc1651@verizon.net

Mission and Outreach News

Urban Promise Supplies and Cookout

We will be helping Urban Promise in two ways this summer. Each summer they provide a Christian summer camp experience for inner city children as well as training youth "street" leaders to provide guidance on a daily basis for children who may need extra support. They have provided us with a list of supplies that will be much needed for their camp experience. If you could bring in one or more items from this list, it would really help them defray some of the costs of running the camp. Please use the collection container in the foyer of the CE building for your donations. There will be a sign-up sheet where you can sign your name and list the item or items you will be bringing. Please bring your donations on or before July 5th. Thank you.

We will be having a cookout for the Team Leaders on Sunday, July 5th. We generally serve about 35 youth and adults. If you can prepare a side dish for this dinner, please see the sign up sheet on the easel in the CE building. The Mission and Outreach committee will supply the hamburgers and hotdogs and condiments. Here are some suggestions for additional items:

Macaroni and cheese
Potato chips, pretzels, doritos, corn chips, etc.
Fresh fruit
Tossed salads
Corn on the cob (3 dozen ears)
Hamburger and hot dog rolls
Pizzas or subs
Canned sodas

If you are interested in attending the cookout or would like to help out, please sign up on the list provided.

URBAN PROMISE

Summer Camp Supply Needs

(Please place your donated items in the Christian Education Bldg Entryway)



Crafts

- ④ Acrylic Paint
- ④ Black Tempera Paint
- ④ Cardstock
- ④ Colored pencils
- ④ Fine tip markers
- ④ Finger paint
- ④ Gel Pens
- ④ Glitter
- ④ Glue Sticks
- ④ Gold Crayons
- ④ Gold Markers
- ④ Markers
- ④ Masking Tape
- ④ Mixed Construction Paper (9x12 & 12x18)
- ④ Paint Brushes (#10 & watercolor)
- ④ Pipe cleaners
- ④ Poster Board (white & colors)
- ④ Red Construction paper (12x18)
- ④ School Glue
- ④ Scissors
- ④ Scotch tape
- ④ Sequins
- ④ Sharpie Pens
- ④ Stickers
- ④ Tissue Paper red/orange/yellow
- ④ Watercolor paints
- ④ Watercolor paper
- ④ White Construction paper (12x18)
- ④ Wiggle Eyes

Cleaning/Paper

- ④ 6 oz cups
- ④ All purpose cleaner
- ④ Bathroom cups
- ④ Dish liquid
- ④ Hand sanitizer
- ④ Hand soap
- ④ Handiwipes
- ④ Paper Towels
- ④ Small paper plates
- ④ Soft Scrub
- ④ Tissues
- ④ Toilet bowl cleaner
- ④ Toilet tissue
- ④ Windex



Miscellaneous

- Ⓢ Balloons
(blue/red/asst'd)
- Ⓢ Artificial leaves
- Ⓢ Baby Oil
- Ⓢ Baby Shower
Decorations (it's
a boy)
- Ⓢ Bricks
- Ⓢ Candlesticks
- Ⓢ Candles
- Ⓢ Cardboard
"brick" blocks
- Ⓢ Cardboard (not
corrugated)
- Ⓢ Circle stickers
- Ⓢ Clear contact
paper (rolls)
- Ⓢ Clothes pins
- Ⓢ Coffee & Oatmeal
cans (with lids)
- Ⓢ Cotton balls
- Ⓢ Drinking straws
- Ⓢ Duct tape
- Ⓢ Empty rolls
(toilet/paper/gift)
- Ⓢ Food colors
- Ⓢ Game spinners
(with numbers)
- Ⓢ Graph Paper
- Ⓢ Index cards
- Ⓢ Journals
- Ⓢ Magazines
- Ⓢ Manila Envelopes
- Ⓢ Nametags
- Ⓢ Newspapers
- Ⓢ Packing peanuts
- Ⓢ Pens
- Ⓢ Pitchers
- Ⓢ Ribbon
- Ⓢ Shaving Cream
- Ⓢ Small snakes
(plastic or
rubber)
- Ⓢ Staplers
- Ⓢ Staples
- Ⓢ Stickers
- Ⓢ Streamers

Sports

- Ⓢ Foam balls
- Ⓢ Playground balls



Monthly Report

Look here each month for a statistical report on the life of the congregation:

Membership:

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| April | 182 |
| Addition | 0 |
| Loss | 0 |
| May..... | 182 |

Income thru 4/09:

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| 2009 Budgeted expectation: | \$95,213.00 |
| 2009 Actual:..... | \$89,223.00 |

Expenses thru 4/09:

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|----------------------|-------------|
| 2009 Budgeted: | \$84,371.00 |
| 2009 Actual:..... | \$85,857.00 |

St. Mark's Junior Selected as Sharpe Scholar Only Student-Artist from Delaware Chosen for Unique Program

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Rachel Briggs, a junior at St. Mark's High School, has been selected to participate in The Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation 2009 Summer Seminar Program. Briggs, the sole recipient from the state of Delaware, is among an elite group of only 63 artistically gifted high school juniors from across the nation chosen as Sharpe Scholars for 2009 based on the quality and originality of their art work.

The Summer Seminar is an intensive visual art studio program held on the campus of The Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Col. Artists-in-residence serve as the primary instructors. During the two-week program, students experience college-level drawing and painting classes in a group studio setting, participate in small group discussions with artists, and attend sessions concerning the development of a portfolio and careers in art. Trips to visit area museums and to draw and paint in the mountains are also included.

"I'm very thankful that I was chosen to attend the Summer Seminar and very excited about this great opportunity," said Briggs. "I'll learn a lot and get to meet people my age who share my interest in art. I'll also get to meet artists who can provide me with valuable insights now and possibly be important contacts for future networking."

Briggs, the daughter of Robert and Carolyn Briggs of New Castle, Del., is the assistant art editor of *Markings*, the St. Mark's literary magazine. She attended the 2008 Delaware Governor's School of Excellence and has taken pre-college courses at the Delaware College of Art and Design (DCAD). Briggs plans to pursue a career in art. "I have a real passion for art. I'm constantly drawing and I've been told that I have painterly instincts," explained Briggs. "I see art as a way of life and I couldn't see myself doing anything else. I'm very interested in how people respond to images and I want to create art that will brighten their day or change their perspective."

Exposure to great works of art began at a young age for Briggs. "From the time I was five years old, my dad has been taking me on what I call the 'all things Wyeth' tour," said Briggs. "Being exposed to their work and to the places that inspired them has greatly influenced me, causing me to be more observant and to get inspiration from everyday things."

Established in 1969, St. Mark's is a Catholic, college-preparatory, co-ed high school located in Wilmington, Del. It offers the most comprehensive Advanced Placement (AP) program in the state and has 97 percent of its graduates go on to college. St. Mark's provides a broad-based curriculum that includes music, drama and art, and emphasizes mastery of written communications. The school also offers a comprehensive competitive sports program and gives students the opportunity to explore their interests, gain confidence in their abilities and provide service to the community through a wide variety of extracurricular clubs and activities.

The Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation was established in 1984 by Marie Walsh Sharpe to provide assistance to individual visual artists of demonstrated talent and to provide seminars and workshops for gifted high school students.

The Christian Education Committee Announces...

A Day at the "Shore" in Avalon, NJ

Courtesy of Jo and Corky Viola



For: Everybody (young and old!)

Date: Saturday, August 15

Time: come as early as you can and stay as long as you like. You might want to come early to avoid traffic from the renters that check out/in every Saturday. The day will be pretty unstructured but Jo and Corky's house will serve as "home base". Hang out there to read, visit or nap in the hammock, go to the beach or explore Avalon. We'll have dinner together at the house in the mid to late afternoon.

Place: The Viola's House at 148 31st St. in Avalon, NJ

What to bring: your own beach needs, lunch will be on your own, and a dessert or salad to share for dinner.

Corky, Jo and the CE Committee are providing dinner - Pulled Pork BBQ sandwiches, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and drinks.

There will also be an outside shower and a place to change clothes, if needed.

Please sign up on the CE Building Bulletin Board by Sunday, August 9.

Questions? See or call Corky, Jo or Amy Selheimer.

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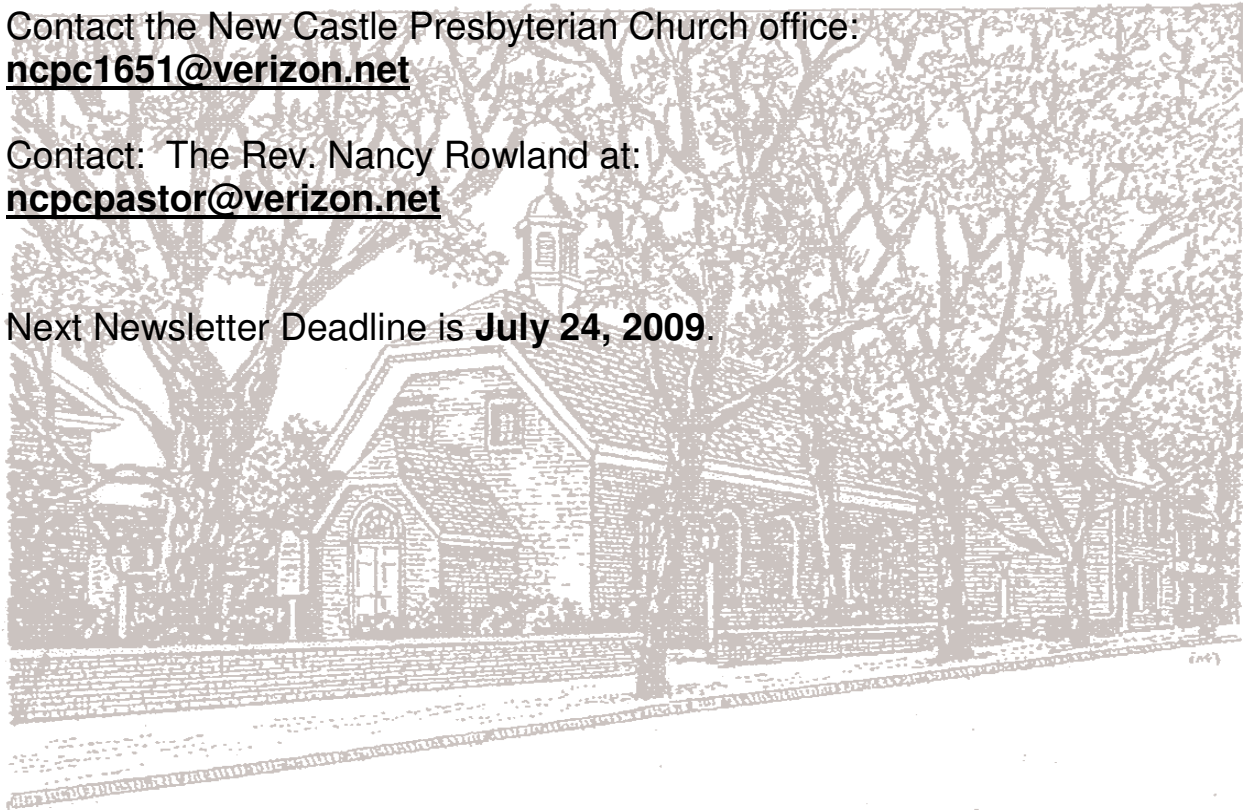
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Next Newsletter Deadline is **July 24, 2009.**



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