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## UP FRONT

### Barely a sound

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THEY came. They listened. But there was barely a sound.

New Castle County Executive Christopher A. Coons brought his travelling road show to Newark High School Monday night and less than a dozen citizens had anything to say.

It was the 12th stop in his year-long campaign to get face-to-face with voters and hear what's on their minds. There has been one session scheduled in each of the county's 12 councilmanic districts.

Coons was joined by New Castle County president Paul Clark and Newark's 5th District representative on the New Castle County Council since 1992, Karen Venezky.

The "listening" session was held in the cavernous NHS auditorium, adding contrast to the sparse attendance.

After the 75-minute session, Coons admitted that his listening campaign may have run its course, recalling that a similar gathering last spring at Glasgow High School for District 11 drew 200 people. There, the county officials got an earful on a wide range of topics. From residents demanding an explanation why it was taking so long for the county to purchase their flood-ravaged homes to

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Eva Shay, from Newark, plays in the hay at Milburn Orchards.

## FUN ON THE FARM

Right: Heather Baker looks for ripe apples. Below: Maya Vanderslice, also from Newark, checks out pumpkins.

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By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

OCTOBER wouldn't be the same without the obligatory march to the nearest orchard for apple and pumpkin picking. Missing that tradition would be like missing the vibrant fall leaves that burn orange and red. Without it, autumn would not be complete.

According to Jay Milburn, owner of Milburn Orchards in Elkton, Md. just over the state line on Barksdale Road, the annual fall farm visit is going by the wayside for many families.

"Growing up, it seemed like everyone had an aunt or a grandmother whom they could go visit and enjoy the farm for the weekend," he said. "But today, there's very few people who have that opportunity anymore. For the most part, we are so many times

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## Test scoring changes

First change in DSTP levels take effect in 2006 for grades 2 to 10 in state

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

FOR the first time since the Delaware State Testing Program (DSTP) began in 1998, the Department of Education has reviewed and recommended changes to the scoring levels.

"We thought it was appropriate to see if we are where we need to be," said Secretary of Education Valerie Woodruff on Tuesday. "We also wanted to revisit the DSTP after switching from the SAT 9 to SAT 10 in reading and math so we are certain we are meeting the requirements of the No Child Left Behind

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## Energy costs soar

DOE makes record-setting fuel adjustment

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ACCORDING to online reports, gasoline prices fell almost two cents in the week ending Sunday, Oct. 16. CNNMoney reported that the average price nationwide for a gallon of unleaded gasoline was \$2.752. But, according to a calculator provided by MSN Autos, the average price locally was \$2.78.

Analysts speculate that fuel consumption and fuel prices have dropped due to consumers adjusting their driv-

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## Armed robbery on Amstel

**THE** Newark Police Department is investigating an armed robbery that took place in the area of Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road.

According to police, on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 12:54 a.m., two university students were walking to their dormitory when a vehicle pulled up next to them. A male suspect yelled for them to come to the vehicle, then exited the vehicle and drew a handgun. After being told by one victim that he didn't have anything, he was hit with the barrel of the gun. The suspect then got back into the vehicle and fled.

Police said the armed suspect was described as a Hispanic male, 20 to 25-years-old, approximately 5'7", wearing a black short sleeve shirt, black pants, and had a tattoo on his right arm. The victims were unable to give a description of the driver. The car was described as a small dark-gray four-door sedan.

Anyone with information is asked to call 366-7110, ext. 132 or 1-800-TIP-3333.

## Arrest follows assault

Police arrested Mario D. McLean after an altercation on Church Street in Newark at 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 16.

According to Newark police, a 22-year-old male was involved in a brief altercation with several individuals on Church Street. As he began to walk away, the man was punched in the head, causing him to fall and hit his head on the curb.

He was taken to the Christiana Hospital, where he is listed in critical but stable condition with bleeding on the brain, police said.

Officers said McLean was

## Man hit with glass mug

**N**EWARK police were called to the parking lot outside 700 Scholar Dr. on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 2:29 a.m. after officers were alerted of a "large fight."

Police reported a crowd of 40 persons dispersed upon their arrival and they discovered a man on the ground. Words were exchanged after a party spilled out onto the lot, police said.

The victim, 20, told police he was struck in the head with a glass mug, with a force so hard that the glass shattered.

Police have the description of a suspect; the investigation is continuing.

charged with second degree assault and was transferred to the Howard Young Correctional Facility.

## Accident injures three children, mother

The Delaware State Police, is investigating a two-vehicle crash, which injured three children and their mother.

According to police, on Tuesday, Oct. 11, just after 7:30 p.m., a 1994 Freightliner tractor was hauling an empty 1988 utility trailer on Interstate 95 northbound just north of the Route 896 northbound on ramp to I-95 northbound. James Krychowski, 63, of Philadelphia, was the operator and lone occupant of the vehicle.

A 1989 Chevrolet, Cavalier was traveling in the right lane of I-95. Sharon M. Sanders, 26, of Wilmington was the operator of the vehicle. Her 5-year-old son was a passenger in the right front seat, her 4-year-old son was a passenger in the left rear seat and her 6-year-old daughter was a passenger in the right rear seat.

Police said the tractor and trailer became disabled in the right lane of I-95. The operator had activated the emergency hazard light of the trailer but had not displayed any flares or reflective triangles. The operator of the Cavalier failed to observe the disabled truck and slammed into the rear of the trailer.

Sanders and her children were transported to the Christiana Emergency Center. Krychowski was not injured.

Police said Krychowski was issued a traffic citation for failing to display flares and reflective triangles in a timely man-

ner. Sanders was issued citations for careless driving, no proof of insurance, expired registration, no valid license, and two counts of no child restraints.

Three lanes of I-95 northbound were closed for approximately 90 minutes while the crash was under investigation.

## Murder suspect arrested in Newark

The New Castle County Police SWAT Team arrested murder suspect Matthew H. West on Saturday, Oct. 15, in the Newark area.

On Friday at 10:23 p.m., county police received a report of shots fired at a residence in the unit block of Foxton Drive in Amberfield. Witnesses reported hearing gunshots and moments later, observing the male homeowner run from the home carrying an unknown object.

Officers arrived on scene within minutes and found the residence secure. The officers forced open the front door after several unsuccessful attempts to contact the occupants by knocking. Inside police discovered 31-year-old Ronda West deceased in the upstairs bedroom. She had suffered apparent gunshot wounds to her upper body.

Investigators searched the rest of the home and quickly determined the victim's 6-year-old daughter was missing. An Amber Alert was issued for the daughter, Caitlyn West, and her father, Matthew.

At approximately 3:45 p.m., the SWAT Team executed a tactical search warrant at the Admiral Club Apartments and found West, an adult female and his daughter inside.

He was arrested as a murder suspect and the Amber Alert was cancelled, county police said.

## Two attack two

Newark police are investigating the assault of two men as they walked along Paper Mill Road at Creek View on Sunday, Oct. 16, shortly after 2 a.m.

The two victims, ages 20 and 21, said they were walking northbound when they encountered three men heading south. As their paths crossed, the two men were punched several times in their faces and thrown to the ground.

The victims told police no words were exchanged and the attack was unprovoked.

The three assailants, described a white men in their early 20s, fled running toward East Cleveland Avenue.

## Pair arrested after assault

Two men were arrested after Newark police received a call on Monday, Oct. 17, at 12:34 a.m. that a man was being beaten on the municipal parking lot at 20 Center St., officers reported.

The victim, 19, said he was walking to his car when he passed a party at a home on Choate Street. As the man passed, someone yelled his name and three people began a chase.

A parking lot attendant observed the attack and summoned officers. A short time later, two suspects were taken into custody and a third eluded a police chase.

David Ray Adams, 20, of Bear, and Thomas Guzzi, 19, of Newark, each were charged with assault, conspiracy and underage consumption of alcohol and released pending court appearances, police said. The arrest of a third attacker is expected soon.

## Camera, DVD player taken

The resident of a home at 24 Marvin Dr. in the Southgate Garden apartments told Newark police on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 11:42 p.m. that a digital camera, DVD player and DVDs were taken after she vacated the home after a fire in a nearby unit.

The victim told police that she vacated her apartment on Sept. 30 after firefighters had forced open her door and windows to ventilate smoke. She left with only a few essentials.

When she was allowed to return on Oct. 15, she discovered the items gone. The missing goods were valued at \$450.

## Driver cut by flying glass

A 17-year-old male told Newark police on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10:13 p.m. that he was cut by flying glass after a rock was

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# Parties draw zero tolerance

Police will further ramp up anti-alcohol efforts after assaults

By JIM STREIT

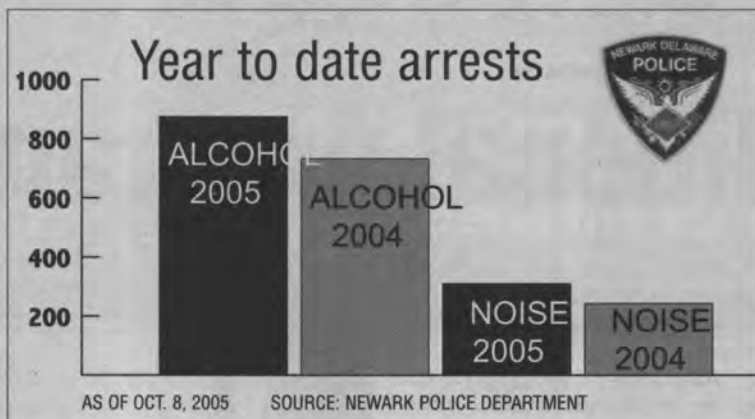
NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

NEWARK'S new acting police chief has issued his first order: crack down on parties.

In the wake of four assaults during the past weekend - one of which left a man in a coma - Newark Police Department Capt. William Nefosky was scheduled to meet yesterday with supervisors of the patrol division. He said Tuesday that he will urge officers to ramp up enforcement of alcohol and noise law violations, which often are associated with student parties.

"In the past, we've been strict, but now we are going to adopt a policy of zero tolerance," Nefosky said. "Violations will be enforced to the letter of the law."

The 27-year veteran of the NPD said that the common



denominator in the most recent assaults is alcohol. "We find most victims and suspects have been drinking, sometimes excessively," he said.

"Newark takes on a whole different complexion after the sun goes down," he said noting that crowds of students, many of them underage, cruise city streets looking for parties. Fights break out as people pass on the street because of alcohol, he said, and small parties become large ones that "get out of hand." Some of the recent assaults took place

when gatherings spilled out of homes into front and rear yards and into the street.

Nefosky said officers will be asked to aggressively go after violators and not wait for neighbor complaints. In the past, in some instances warnings were issued instead of arrests made for alcohol and noise violations. "We're not going to do that any longer," Nefosky said. "We need to step up a bit more."

Increasing enforcement will further swell statistics that already

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# Commercial creep?

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

IN the eyes of some Newark residents, things have gone too far. Neighborhoods are no longer the same. Slowly, bit by bit, they have changed from the sacred, safe hold of homes into bustling streets with corner offices. The offenders have been small businesses: doctors, funeral homes and accountants. The neighborhood streets no longer hold children riding their bikes, but have cars slaloming to and from appointments. At least, that's what residents have argued.

"I would like to preserve the sense of community that we once had, but are losing everyday," said long-time Newark resident Alice Shurtleff at the last Newark Planning Commission meeting. "There are funeral homes, chiropractors, dentists and even ugly, unoccupied gas stations all along West Park Place."

Shurtleff and several other residents turned out for the last meeting to oppose the rezoning of another property in their West Park Place neighborhood from residential to business limited. If approved, the change could mean that the single-family rental home would become a psychotherapist office.

The application, which was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, will go

before the Newark City Council for first reading on Monday, Oct. 24.

Not everyone shares Shurtleff's point of view.

The city's planning director, Roy Lopata, said that this particular zoning change makes sense.

"My sense of that area is that it has always been a transition zone," he said of the several blocks of the street that back up to Elkton Road. "For decades it has been a transitional zone from residential to offices and light commercial use. We have had this sort of a mix for many years. That's the nature of the street as I see it. I don't see much of a change."

He argued that approving the office for this property might even benefit the neighbors. As of now, the property has a rental permit, and could house student renters, as it has in the past.

"The real choice here is whether a rental property is preferred to the building being occupied as office," he said. "It's not an unusual use. There are many instances in town of a building being used this way."

A few of those instances neighbor the property in question. The next building to the west houses a small, residential-style office. A few properties to the east is a dentist office.

Lopata's argument has not changed everyone's point of view. Commissioner Marguerite

Ashley voted against the application at the Oct. 4 meeting.

"I don't see a reason to dilute the neighborhood anymore than it already has been," she said. "If we want to preserve this area as residential, then I don't see the common good in continuing this non-residential trend."

Dr. Scott Barnhouse, the applicant who would set up his psychotherapy office in the West Park Place house, said that his presence would not have much of an impact on the immediate community.

"I'm not going to change the house in anyway," he said. "It is set up perfectly for my purposes. I will have one patient at a time, so that means there won't be a lot of traffic, and I'll be a much quieter neighbor than students."

Barnhouse estimated that he would have not more than eight patients each day, which would bring nine cars into the street, including his own vehicle.

At the meeting, Shurtleff and her neighbor Norma Knox remained loyal to their argument that these slow zoning changes, which have created a commercial creep into their backyards, should be stopped.

"It's time and long overdue to revive old Newark and entice new homeowners," Knox said. "This does nothing to protect the homes and homeowners."

# Film festival flourishes here

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

IF you only have one chance to make a first impression, then Barry Schlecker and his Newark Film Festival certainly seized the one opportunity. The first Newark Film Festival, held from Sept. 22 through Sept. 25, drew quite a crowd.

Before opening, Schlecker said that he hoped to sell 1,000 tickets. In fact, the four-day event sold 2,000.

"That was way above our expectations," he said. "I think people were drawn by the idea of being able to see a wonderful independent film that they had heard about but didn't want to wait for the DVD to see it. The whole idea was to show films that had gotten good reviews in last six months but hadn't reached this area or had bypassed Delaware."

Despite the unexpected turnout, the festival did not turn a profit.

"We broke even," he said. "That's all that we can ask for in our first year. It's a lot like a business. You don't always make money right away, but if it pays for itself, that's a good step."

Schelecker said that the high

ticket sales stemmed from the quality of movies that were shown. He picked flicks that came highly recommended.

That made for a mix of movies, some his own personal favorites, others new even to him.

"I had only seen about one-third of the movies we showed," he said. "We got lucky. We got a lot of referrals."

According to Lisa Lucas, co-producer of the event, the local film festival saved folks more than a few bucks on gas. "Why travel to Philly when [the films] are available here?" she said.

A few standout films sold the most tickets. They included documentaries such as "The Aristocrats," "Murderball" and "Mad Hot Ballroom." But the one film that attracted the most attention was "Paperclips." This independent movie tells the touching tale of a classroom of sixth graders as they work to collect six million paperclips, one for each of the victims of the Holocaust.

"Word of mouth on this movie had tremendous appeal to adults and children," Schlecker said.

He plans on encouraging students of all ages to see the movie, even now that the film

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PHOTO BY MATT BASHAM

Hedy Stegner, Viviane Opitz, Jill Charles and Emma Morgan made a point to stop by the Newark Film Festival while it was in town.



# In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

## NOTE PAD

### Principal For A Day

**S**CHOOLS around the state, including some in the Christina District, are participating in Principal for a Day on Monday, Oct. 24. This year, business leaders take over the helm at a record 154 schools in Delaware.

### October is Fire Safety Month

These two simple guidelines may save your lives. Develop and practice fire drills in the home before the real thing happens. Install and maintain working smoke detectors — one on each level of your home.

### Seasonal changes: What to wear?

Parents, please dress your children in layers when they come to school. A long sleeve sweatshirt, sweater or jacket over a short-sleeved top allows them to be prepared for cooler weather outside and warm temperatures in the building. Also, sneakers are the safest shoes for running and playing in physical education class and at recess.

### Student of the Week

The staff at Maclary Elementary School in Newark nominated fifth-grade student Kayla Schafferman. "She demonstrates leadership ability and a strong work ethic," said teacher Sandra Campbell.



Schafferman

"She exemplifies 'Be Your Best, Be Respectful, Be Responsible,' Maclary's motto."

Schafferman, who lives on a farm with her grandfather and mother, is also "supportive" of her family.

Campbell called Schafferman, a "selfless," person who looks for opportunities to help other students. "She's a good citizen and not just a student," Campbell said.

## Non-traditional programs grow

Educator works to meet needs of every student

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**J**ONATHAN Brice has plenty of education credentials. More importantly, he has devoted his entire career to time spent with children — in and out of schools.

Since graduating from the University of Baltimore and Towson University, Brice has gotten a masters degree from Harvard University and is working on a doctorate in superintendency there.

While pursuing all this learning, Brice coached football, girls' softball, and track, taught social studies, and was assistant principal in two Maryland schools. Most recently, he came to the Christina District from Ann Arundel County, Md. "I was a superintendent intern for six months and then worked on research and assessment for 18 months," Brice said.

Now he is Christina's executive director of alternative programs and non-traditional schools. District students in grades 2-8 who commit serious code of conduct infractions are sent to Douglas Alternative School in Wilmington. And Christina is a member of a New Castle County

Consortium that maintains joint alternative programs to meet the needs of district students in other grades.

"Alternative programs are set up to provide smaller class sizes, additional paraprofessionals in the classrooms, an additional dean of students, a Security Resource Officer, a full-time nurse and counselors who work with the students to assure they are progressing academically and behaviorally," explained Brice. "It's not therapeutic, and the only real difference is the teacher-student ratio is greater than in traditional schools."

On the other hand, Sara Pyle Academy for Academic Intensity is a non-traditional school under Brice's watchful eye. "At Pyle, we have students who, for all intents and purposes, would be dropouts, would be statistics," said Brice. "And we reclaimed them."

Brice said that these students are not candidates for alternative schools. "In traditional schools, these students sat in the back of the classroom and weren't behavior problems but also weren't being successful," he said.

Brice pointed out that public schools best serve the needs of the super-bright, those with special needs, and the disruptive. "Our teachers have incredible workloads and try to meet the needs of all kids in their class-



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MARY E. PETZAK

Jonathan Brice's office at the Drew Educational Support Center in Wilmington is the focus of decisions on alternative education for students in the Christina District.

es," Brice said. "We have special needs programs and alternative programs, and the high-flyers — you just set them on the path and they go; but 'Pyle kids' have been the invisible, non-motivated ones that never get the attention they need."

The students in Pyle's inaugu-

ral year are already demonstrating the success of the program. "Now we see students who are working very hard to be successful," Brice said. "They are bright, eager and have what they needed: smaller classes and self-paced learning."

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## Newark teacher wins Excellence Award

Third Governor's award at Montessori school

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**O**NE child sits at a table and carefully dabs glue on black circles to create the design on a red ladybug. A little boy plays alone with clay at a table in the middle of the room.

Other children and teachers are scattered about the room, each engaged in a "job" or activity. There's no arguing or yelling and very little talking. This is a typical morning at the Montessori Center for Learning in Newark.

Director Marilyn Tokarsky won first place as a teacher at this school in the 2005 Governor's Awards for Excellence in Early Care and Education.

In 2004, the school won a first place Governor's Award for

Excellence as a center/preschool. In 2003, the school took second place as a preschool.

Marilyn and her husband, Ed Tokarsky, have owned the educational facility since 1987. Located on West Main Street, the learning center teaches the principles of Maria Montessori to approximately 50 students, ages 30 months to 5 years.

"Being able to work with very young children is a gift," said Tokarsky. "I believe when a teacher touches the life of a young child, he or she affects and helps shape the future..."

Five days a week the school opens with the Pledge of Allegiance, an explanation of the day's schedule and a short demonstration of the day's take-home art project by Tokarsky. "There's a tremendous emphasis in the beginning of the school year on procedures," explained Gretchen

Gobris, staff member and mother of a former student. "Things like sitting in a circle, waiting your turn, washing your hands and walking in a line become routine."

The morning demonstration is also routine. "Typically, when the children are introduced to a job or project," explained Shivaun Jester, a parent/volunteer, "they also learn how to set it up, and how to get the space ready for the next person."

Jester said the basic skills taught at the school become social skills as the children grow. "The students understand that everyone can't do a project or have a snack at once," said Gobris. "They eat when they are hungry and do jobs when they wish or wait until another child finishes and that helps each child develop



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MARY E. PETZAK

Children independently decide on which job they want to do, but Marilyn Tokarsky (seen here) and other teachers are always available to help.

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# Saint Mark's has 48 AP Scholars

**S**T. Mark's High School student Matthew Romanczuk of the class of 2005 earned a perfect 5 on five of the nine Advanced Placement exams that he took last year. Romanczuk was among 48 St. Marks students in the class of 2005 who earned the designation of AP Scholar from the College Board for achievement in the 2004-05 AP exams.

Seventeen students earned an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. They are: Romanczuk, Kristen Bell, Chelsea Brown, Daniel Corrigan, James Danberg, Philip Keller and Shannon Dougherty, all of Newark; Amanda Berg of Bear; Timothy Boyle, Molly McInnis

and Samuel Mease, all of Lincoln University, Pa.; Ann Deakyne, Gregory Stirparo and Sharon Young, all of Wilmington; D'arcy Jeffery and Joshua Paulus, both of Elkton, Md.; and Mark Weaver who died prior to graduation.

Nine students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams

taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. They are: Timothy Ciarlo and Lisa Diandreth, both of Hockessin; Konrad Endres, John Gangloff, Christopher Hortillo and Melissa Marshall, all of Newark; Jacqueline Freebery of New Castle; Andrew Gerrish of Lincoln University, Pa.; and Kelsey Rathcke of Bear.

Twenty-two students qualified for the AP Scholar award by completing three or more AP exams with grades of 3 or higher. Class of 2005 honorees are: Mariem Abdou, Stephanie Lu and Nikhil Paul, all of Newark; Sarah Bingham of Perry Point, Md.;

Raymond Cook, Daniel Kennedy, Elena Muzzi, and Kevin Turner, all of Wilmington; Justin Disabatino of Bear; Autumn Lynch of Hockessin; and Karen McInnis

of Lincoln University, Pa.

Class of 2006 honorees in this group are: Kelly Ambrose, Tyler Bazzoli, Heather Fahey, Andrew Kruzienski, Maria Muscara and Cynthia Wray, all of Newark; David Chapdelaine of Wilmington; and Jennifer Evers, Michelle Evers, Megan Lafferty and Erin McAuliffe, all of Hockessin.

Approximately 18 percent of the more than one million students worldwide who took AP exams in May 2005 earned recognition as an AP Scholar.

St. Mark's, a Catholic, college-preparatory, co-ed high school located in Wilmington, offers the most comprehensive AP program in the state and 97 percent of its graduates go on to college.

## Children learn at their own pace

### ▶ AWARD, from 4

their own internal control."

Despite the freedom this approach gives to the children, it's not a free-for-all while school is in session. The children willingly select "jobs" like playing with clay, drawing, sorting objects, serving a snack to themselves and reading storybooks. The school's six teachers watch, suggest and gently direct an activity that threatens to go off-track.

A child who wants to do a job on the floor first takes a small, rolled-up rug from a bin and lays out the work on it. Teachers encourage or join in the job only when they can enhance the child's learning. Such jobs are identifying and sounding letters or arranging shapes or numbered groups on display boards.

"The teachers all have degrees in education and some have Montessori-certification," Gobris said. "[But] a child feels more empowered to learn at their own pace here."

Tokarsky and the rest of the teachers note what each child learns as the school year progresses. "The teachers really do

draw on their notes for parent-teacher conferences," Jester said. "And they make sure a child is not always going to one particular job, because they want the children to develop in all aspects."

Both parents believe the early grounding in Montessori practices helped their children when they went to traditional elementary schools. "Even if a child had learned a skill previously, it wasn't internalized for that child as it is with Montessori-trained children," explained Jester. "Our children were freed-up to want to learn."

The Governor's awards were created by the Women and the Law section of the Delaware State Bar Association in conjunction with the governor's office. The award criteria are excellence in: applying knowledge of how children develop and learn; developing and implementing curriculum; assessing children's development and learning, and using this information to improve curriculum and programs; building relationships with families; and professional development and professional behavior.

An independent selection committee evaluates the nomina-



PHOTO BY MARY E. PETZAK

**Students take turns setting up the day's art project after everyone watches the school director demonstrate how to do it.**

tions, obtains information on the finalists from the Office of Child Care Licensing and observes the finalists in their childcare setting. This year, parents nominated 72 professionals responsible for their children. Each winner received a certificate signed by Gov. Minner and a cash award.

## Christina district looking at KIPP

### ▶ BRICE, from 4

Brice added that he wouldn't expect a self-paced student to "spend a year in school without getting more than a year's worth of learning!"

This month, the Christina District school board approved an application to accept a KIPP [Knowledge Is Power Program] Charter School. "The district is aware that students don't all learn in the same way, and this is another non-traditional option to meet their needs," Brice said. "A KIPP school is preliminary at this time, but we need the approval of the school board if one is to open in the district. My job is to provide the board with all necessary information, so they can make a decision."

A recent report on Stanford 9 and Stanford 10 data found that fifth graders at KIPP Charter Schools "post substantially greater academic gains on the [bi-annual assessment tests] than what is considered normal." Students attend KIPP schools at least nine hours a day, compared with fewer than seven hours in regular public schools. Three weeks of summer classes are also mandatory.

Brice said the district is dedicated to meeting needs of students and seizing opportunities to do better. "If we identify a need, or ID a program or strategy that we think will help our students, we will do everything we can to bring it to the district," Brice said.

In 2004-05, Douglas secondary students participated in an inter-generational service program called Douglas School

Community Outreach (see Newark Post, July 1). "It's apparent from what I heard reported, that students with behavioral problems focused on the connections they were making with something outside of themselves and that's powerful," Brice said. "A prerequisite to learning is the need to learn the ethic of caring."

Brice said this type of program should be in traditional schools, as well. "Many of our best principals and teachers already do this," he said, "but we have to do a better job of putting children in a place where they realize they are part of something bigger than themselves. In these situations, the students often grow in self-esteem which translates to better behavior and greater achievement in school."

## CHS' custodial staff honored

**T**HE Christina District School Board recently recognized the custodial staff at Christiana High School for their outstanding service to the District. "Custodians at CHS worked extremely hard to prepare the building for the start of school in August," explained Wendy Lapham, the district's PR person, "after hosting summer school dur-

ing the months of June and July."

CHS' custodial staff includes: Otis Williams, Donna Cronk, Douglas Yoder, Jeff D'Alexander, Barbara Matthews, Fran Duker, Joyce Corcoran, Keith Oliver, Gordon Stoops, Gary Waters, Karen Shoun, Marie Flores, Janes Hayine, Carmen Ramos, Juan Decenord, John Favors, and volunteer Tom Scherer.

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PER CHANCE

## 'The Rivals' enjoys 3-century run at UD

By ELBERT CHANCE

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

WHEN the University of Delaware's Professional Theatre Training Program presents "The Rivals" in the spring of 2006, it will represent a three-century relationship of Delaware student actors with Richard Brinsley Sheridan's famous comedy of manners.

For this writer, it also will bring back pleasant memories as a member of the cast.

"The Rivals" was one of the first theatrical productions offered by the students of Delaware College.

The play was presented in 1873, the same year in which President William Henry Purnell introduced a controversial program of coeducation. Delaware College had been closed for a decade because of financial difficulties and the turbulent years of the Civil War, and Dr. Purnell viewed the acceptance of women students as a desirable expansion of the undergraduate enrollment and needed tuition income.



Chance

The play already had become a classic.

It had first been produced in London's Covent Garden Theatre on Jan. 17, 1775. Though the first performance was not well received, a revised version with a stronger cast soon made it one of Great Britain's most popular comedies.

Mrs. Malaprop, the character who has mangled the English language to the delight of theatergoers for three centuries, even contributed a new word to the dictionary.

A malapropism is the ludicrous misuse of one word by confusing it with another of a similar sound.

The second UD performance of "The Rivals" came 76 years later when it was

■ *The author, who for five decades was the familiar voice announcing University of Delaware home football games, now is retired and has authored a number of books. Chance is a long-time Newark resident and has written this column for a decade.*

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... "The Rivals" was one of the first theatrical productions offered by the students of Delaware College in 1873... Remarkably, two of the members of the 1873 cast were still living in 1949."

presented in Mitchell Hall by the E52 Players on Dec. 8, 9 and 10, 1949.

It was a major attraction on a weekend that included a formal dinner at Old College and dancing at the North Campus Carpenter Field House to the music of two popular orchestras.

Remarkably, two of the members of the 1873 cast were still living. Mrs. Elizabeth Blandly Williamson, then a resident of College Park, Md., had played the role of Julia. She was unable to attend, but a sprightly Mrs. Delaware Clarke, the former Harriette Hurd Curtis, then 93, was introduced at intermission on opening night by Dr. Francis H. Squire, dean of the University. Robert Niemeyer, president of the E52 Players, presented her with an orchid and an E52 pin designating her an honorary member of the student drama group.

This talented cast under the direction of Thomas B. Pegg not only received favorable reviews for its on-campus performances, but also was the first theatrical organization invited to present scenes on WDEL-TV, which then was broadcasting in Wilmington.

Several members of the company, Parke Perine and John Sedwick, had long careers in theatre and television, and lighting designer Spofford Beadle took his multiple stagecraft skills to Broadway. Turner Edge became a professor of theatre at a midwestern university.

"And what role did you play?" asked my wife, right on cue.

"Oh, I was Captain Jack Absolute, the dashing romantic hero. It was type casting, pure and simple," I modestly replied.

Fortunately, I made my escape before she could hit me with the broom.

## OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, "Out of the Attic" continues a months-long series of photographs taken in the early 1950s of all buildings on Main Street in the downtown area. This treasure trove of nostalgia is borrowed from archives in the City of Newark municipal building. Few details were discovered with the color slides but they were believed to have been taken by Leo Laskaris in 1954. The building shown in this photograph was in the unit block of East Main Street. The structures contained homes, seen at left, and a store, which is believed to be Fader's card shop. No further information is available. Readers with details about the buildings in this series are asked to contact the newspaper staff. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

## PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

■ Oct. 23, 1930

### Recital held in new Mitchell Hall

The first of a series of organ recitals, which will be given this fall and winter in the new Mitchell Hall at the University of Delaware, will be presented next Monday evening, Oct. 18.

The University of Delaware, the community and the citizens of the state are invited to hear these fine organ recitals given by Mrs. Swinnen.

This is an exceptional treat for the music lovers of Delaware. The first recital was Oct. 13 at 6:45 p.m.

### Fire prevention stressed this week

The students in the Newark school during the past week have been taking an active interest in

Fire Prevention Week and in the study of the various safety measures that apply to fire prevention and fighting.

The Agricultural Department of the school has been busily engaging this past week. The aim of the department is to teach the students who the most efficient methods of farm management and fire prevention.



"Pages From The Past" is compiled from early editions of the Newark Post and its forerunners by staffers. Efforts are made to retain original headlines and style.

■ Oct. 22, 1980

### Meeting held on d'town problems

An informal meeting was held on the downtown district in City Council chambers last Wednesday.

City officials were on hand to discuss overcrowding, public drinking, noise, litter, vandalism, and other problems, and will give and update on progress made on those problems.

Awareness and issues have been raised in Newark due to the increased levels of these problems.

### Parking lot funded

The New Castle County's Community Development Program is expecting \$3.3 million in federal funding for 1981-1982.

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# Exec, council prez, local rep at Newark High to listen

## ▶ UP FRONT, from 1

an appeal from the fired county auditor, the Glasgow session was spirited, wide ranging in content and, at times, heated.

Coons clearly used input from the Glasgow and other early listening sessions to craft his FY 2006 budget priorities.

Monday's session, however, was quieter.

Three residents from the Drummond Hill area spoke about limiting the length of time that temporary trailers can be parked on the fields at Etta J. Wilson Elementary School while renovations take place.

They complained the temporary classrooms are parked adjacent to homes on a field that is used daily by the community. They also worried that the trailers would be there "for years" and presented Coons with a petition signed by 54 residents urging that the three-year permit for the trail-

ers not be renewed by the county. One of more than a dozen county officials in the room told the trio that school renovations usually are completed in less than two years and the trailers are then removed.

"We're just here to cover our bases," said resident Sandra Dailey, who added the neighbors have been in touch with the Christina School District, state and federal representatives. Coons assured her the bases were covered.

Victoria Owen, who never misses an opportunity to pitch historical preservation, stated her concern about county developers building new homes while letting historic homes within the developments deteriorate or become victims of vandalism. Venezky praised Owen as the "heart and soul" of preservation work being done in Pencader Hundred and elsewhere.

One resident told how new county regulations to shield

parked boats, trailers and RVs on private land might force her to sell her home and move elsewhere. She was assured by council president Clark that he is looking at revisions in the land-use code. "We're revisiting it. Stay tuned," he said.

One speaker listed his support of Sunday bus service to the malls during the December shopping season while another asked Coons, simply, "What are you doing about flooding?"

Newark City Councilmember Frank Osbourne asked Coons' about recently revealed plans for sewer service south of the canal.

The vice president of Common Cause thanked the county officials for support and said "It's nice to be welcomed."

It was. The two listening sessions in this area speak volumes to the change in openness that Coons instituted from Day One on his administration, a clear contrast from the secret, manipulative maneuvering of the "Gordonberry" administration that often shut citizens out of the process.

Why was the attendance so sparse when all top county officials came to Newark to listen?

Coons is right. Ten months into his administration, citizens

have had their say and believe they can again in the future if they so desire. Coons now offers one-on-one appointments in his office to listen to countians.

Lack of publicity and the timing - 5:30 p.m. - also were factors in low turn-out.

But county government is mostly invisible to most city of Newark residents and I suspect was the significant reason for a low attendance.

Zoning, electric and water, trash collection and police services all are city functions. Most of Venezky's county council district lies within the City of Newark boundaries and it is that government, not the county, that is closest to these constituents.

However, Venezky made it clear Monday that Newarkers benefit from \$1.2 million that New Castle County receives in taxes from city residents.

She pointed to the expanded and enlarged Newark Free Library as a glowing example of county service in the City of Newark. Few would disagree.

Venezky also noted the county's support of Newark's Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company and two paramedic stations here, grants to Newark Senior Center and Emmaus House, and the

county's 9-1-1 system. She added that the New Castle County Police assists the Newark Police Department frequently and provides canine services to the local officers.

Even though the attendance was light and participants were urged to take home dinner from trays of uneaten sandwiches in the rear of the auditorium, the session proved Coons' continuing fulfillment of his campaign promise.

His rolling out, early and in stages, of the consultants' options for southern New Castle Council sewer options gives residents and developers the opportunity to comment before decisions are made and allows them to help shape the difficult creation of a long-range sewer plan for south of the canal.

Coons said that his administration would be open and he's proven that repeatedly, even to a handful of residents in Newark Monday night.

■ When not noting the ham sandwiches were tasty, the writer is publisher of this and three other newspapers headquartered in Newark. This month, he celebrates 35 years as a community journalist. He came to Newark in 1992.

## Hens, 'Jackets set concert at Mitchell Hall Nov. 20

ON Sunday, Nov. 20, members of the Newark High School Orchestra and Band will perform with the University of Delaware Orchestra in a joint concert entitled "Blue Hens and Yellow Jackets." The concert will be held at Mitchell Hall on the UD campus at 3 p.m.

The concert will feature a performance of Bizet's Suite from "L'Arlesienne." NHS musicians will perform along-

side their UD counterparts, lead by directors Brian Stone and Rosaria Macera.

To help prepare, NHS students will attend UD rehearsals and UD students will visit NHS to lead sectionals.

The program will also feature Holst's "The Planets" and the premiere of "A Celtic Prayer" by Jennifer Barker.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$3 for students.

## 2000: Stop sign, not signal

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Due to this grant, housing authority improvements such as rebuilding and resurfacing parking lots, replacing sidewalks and existing hot water heaters will take place.

Also, several building renovations are scheduled to take place, as well as renovations to the White Clay Creek State Park.

■ Oct. 20, 2000

### Four-way stop becomes a reality

In response to a letter sent to the Delaware Department of Transportation by Mayor Hal Godwin and the University of Delaware President David Roselle, a new four-way stop sign is being installed at the intersec-

tion of South Chapel Street and Wyoming Road.

"This was the result of a letter written many months ago," said Godwin.

The two local leaders wrote to Secretary of Transportation Anne Canby in May asking for a traffic signal at the intersection.

### New program coming

Christiana School District school superintendent Nicholas Fischer said his primary goal for the next few years is to raise expectations for parents, teachers and students.

In an effort to increase scores on Delaware statewide tests, Fischer said, district officials hope to implement a new alternative program within Christiana district schools.

The program would be designed to benefit students who perform below standard on the statewide tests.

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## OUTLOOK

### The art and science of pruning

By JO MERCER

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

I noticed a large evergreen shrub the other night when I was out walking the dogs, except it wasn't so large any more. It's been there only about eight years and I remember how compact and neat it was the few two or three years. Then, it exploded into growth and began taking over the front picture window, the utility meters, half the stoop and was headed for the sidewalk.

It was a classic case of the right plant in the wrong place—a pest and disease resistant species adapted to the climate, soil and sun exposure, but its ultimate size would be too large for the small space it was expected to occupy. The plant survived those first few years to get established and had grown into quite a remarkable specimen. Alas, the hapless owner decided too late that some pruning was in order and overdid the job. The shrub is now nothing but bare brown branches with the odd sprig of green hanging on here and there. Junipers, spruces and other needled evergreens are notoriously unable to re-leaf branches as most broadleaf plant do. Without enough green leaves to supply food, this shrub will die.

Had that homeowner done some maintenance pruning all along, he could have gotten a few more years of useful life out of this plant. Note that I didn't say he would have solved the problem altogether. The shrub was doomed to a premature death from the day it was set in the ground. This shrub deserves a dignified end at this point—complete removal—and a better-suited successor put in its place.

'Outlook' is a weekly feature prepared by the New Castle County Cooperative Extension Service

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# Reading out illiteracy

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

SOMETIMES, the biggest ideas start in the smallest ways. Take Success Won't Wait for example. The group, which aims to collect and donate a total of 25,000 books by the end of this weekend, started with a small basket with a few children's books.

stores. Now, the pair collects books of every sort, even text books, and passes them on to needy groups. The hope is that by having books available, it will stimulate reading and knock out illiteracy.

According to the Alliance for Excellent Education, nearly one-quarter of all students in the state read below their grade level. According to McNeill, it doesn't have to be that way.

far it would come," McNeill said.

But the work isn't over. On Saturday, Oct. 22, the group's most recent month-long book drive will come to an end. They hope by end of the day on Saturday to have collected 25,000 books since Success' inception three years ago.

"We're fairly close to that number now," said Carrieri-Russo, who also pointed out that they would not turn down more books if they come in. "We always have an open mind. We're not going to say, 'We need to collect this many books and that's it.' If we collect one book or two, that's fine, too. They are still books and we'll find a home for them."

### To donate:

Bring slightly used books to drop off sites on the University of Delaware campus. Book drop boxes are located at: the information desk at Perkins Student Center at 395 Academy St.; the Trabant University Center at 17 W. Main St.; and the Career Services building at 401 Academy St.



Founders Susan McNeill and Vincenza Carrieri-Russo pose with staff and students at Success Won't Wait's library set up at Urban Promise in Wilmington.

The idea came about when University of Delaware alumna Susan McNeill waited with her son during her daughter's ballet lessons. During each hour-long class the two would wait in the lobby with not enough time to run home and too much time to spend sitting idle. Sometimes the youngest of the McNeill clan would do homework. Sometimes he would play. Sometimes he was just bored. And he wasn't alone. Lots of parents were running through the same sit-and-wait routine. That's when it occurred to Susan: bring in a basket filled with books so that parents and kids will have something to do. Those old enough to read could do so, and those too young could be read to. The word spread fast. Before long, all of the other storefronts in the Hockessin shopping center had the book baskets, courtesy of McNeill and her daughter's dance teacher Vincenza Carrieri-Russo.

These days, the idea isn't so small. They don't just collect kiddie books, and they don't just send them to Hockessin

"By reading to your child for 15 minutes a day on a regular basis, your child's reading level can improve a whole grade level," she said. "As a mom of three, I know it's hard to find 15 minutes each day. But if you think about the amount of time you spend sitting and waiting with your kids, it's amazing."

In recent months Success Won't Wait has even created entire libraries for local charities. The Bayard House, a local home for pregnant women, now boasts a 1,000-book library because of the project that started in a dance studio. But Success didn't stop with just books. They redecorated the space, created a reading area for mothers and a play space for kids. And the build-a-library concept is spreading. Groups like Newark's soon-to-open children's hospice, Exceptional Care for Children is waiting for its library; so is P.E.A.K., an alternative school in Dover, and Urban Promise, a non-profit in Wilmington.

"I had no idea when this started how





# See collection of steamers - cars and trains

**N**ESTLED on a well-tailored tract of land near Yorklyn is the ancestral home of the Marshall family, Auburn Heights. It contains a magnificent stone home dating back to the 1800s, a museum with the world's largest collection of Stanley Steamers and a railroad complete with two live-steam trains, which operate around the estate. Twice more this year Thomas C. Marshall and his wife, Ruth, along with The Friends of Auburn Heights, will open all of these attractions to the public. It is a visit not to be missed.

The railroad is quite evident as you turn into the driveway at 3000 Creek Road. An old-fashioned railroad crossing warning sign announces its presence. The tracks are seven-and-a-half inches wide, telling you that this is a rather large "model" railroad. It carries cars with seats large enough for one adult or two children.

Next, the driveway takes you to the porte-cochere of the noble stone edifice, the Marshall family home as it seemingly casts its approving eye over the whole Red Clay Valley. (If you were to see it in the moonlight, you might

## THE ARTS



By PHIL TOMAN

feel you were about to step into a gothic novel.)

On you move to the next stone building, which houses the Stanley Steamer and antique car display. In the museum is also a "Standard Gauge" model train layout with four operating trains and an "O Gauge" layout with a very steep climb to its summit. When you leave the museum and walk behind the mansion, you arrive at the Auburn Heights Railroad Station where you may board one of the two trains operating on the railroad.

Turning our attention first to the home, we find the original house called "Auburn Heights"



This is the scene as one of the two steam trains on the Auburn Heights Railroad makes its way around the Marshall estate. It will be open to the public one day this month and one day in November.

was begun in the summer of 1896. Plans were obtained from a New York source, but the only remnants of these plans are the four exterior elevations. Upon completion in 1897, the family of five Marshalls moved in. There was very little in the way of trees or shrubbery in the lawn, but final grading and planting was done

before 1897 was over.

The family interest in Stanley Steamers began when the present owner's father, T. Clarence Marshall, became a Stanley dealer in 1910. But the museum didn't really develop until 1940 when he began to collect the early autos and display them. Also in the museum are two Packards, 1932 and 1937 models, and a 1916 Rauch and Lang electric car.

The railroad around the estate was begun in 1960 and operated to help raise money for Historic Red Clay Valley, Inc., owners and operators of the Wilmington & Western Railroad. It was open every weekend during the warmer weather and for some very special Christmas runs. It was at that point my children and I encountered Auburn Heights. We went back many times during those fund raising events!

Both live steam engines on the Auburn Heights Railroad were built by T. Clarence Marshall and

are tenderly cared for by his son. These are real steam engines, operating on the same principal as the full size counterparts that helped open our country.

In just a few years the property will pass from the Marshall Family and become a State of Delaware museum. The Friends of Auburn Heights are using this time to raise funds to operate the museum. You may visit the Auburn Heights to be part of the excitement of a visit there on Sunday, Oct. 30 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. or for a special Christmas preview on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Admission to the grounds, museum, train rides and plenty of popcorn is only \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Special house tours, not recommended for small children, are \$10. Mark your family calendars, have fun, help support a brand new museum and get it off to a great start. Oh yeah, it will be a lot of fun too!

## 'Puzzled by Pruning?' two-hour workshop offered

### ▶ OUTLOOK, from 8

I often see both extremes of pruning, but hardly anything in the middle ground. People either barely snip here and there, making lots of hard-to-heal wounds and fail to accomplish the goals the pruning was meant to address. Or, they go overboard and seriously or fatally harm the plant by taking away too much or in

all the wrong places. Pruning is definitely an art that is hard for many people to learn from books. Fortunately, New Castle County Master Gardeners have found an effective way to help people see the real thing as well as get some information to take home.

"Puzzled by Pruning?" is a two-hour workshop Master Gardeners have put on several times. Past participants tell us they've finally come away with

a clear understanding of how landscape trees and shrubs grow and the do's and don'ts of pruning. This workshop puts the scientific facts behind the art and shows people the tools of the trade. The next offering of this workshop are Nov. 15 in Newark and on Nov. 14 in Wilmington. For more information and registration materials, visit <http://ag.udel.edu/ncc/mg/> or call 831-2506.

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**HAWK COUNT** 1 - 3 p.m. Runs till Nov. 18. Watch as hawks travel between their breeding grounds and their winter residences. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info, 398-6900.

**ART EXHIBIT** 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday. 12 - 4 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday. Runs till Nov. 19. Artwork from Steven P. Koelsch and his clay monoprints. The Newark Arts Alliance, 100 Elkton Rd. Info, 266-7266.

**ART GALLERY** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Wednesday. 1 - 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Runs till Dec. 9. "Abstract and All That" featuring works from various artists. Mechanical Hall Galleries, Newark. Info, 831-8037.

**ART GALLERY** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Wednesday. 1 - 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Runs till Dec. 7. "Quilt Voices" featuring quilts from 25 different quilters. Mechanical Hall Galleries, Newark. Info, 831-8037.

**ART A LA CARTE** 6 - 9 p.m. enjoy an evening of art and entertainment involving more than 25 unique shops. Main Street, Middletown. Info, 378-7545.

**STROLL IN THE VALLEY** 1 p.m. Free. Meeting House, White Clay Creek State Preserve, Landenberg, Pa. Info, 610-274-2471.

**FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURE BREAKFAST** 7:15 a.m. The future of dairy farming will be the focus. \$15. Modern Maturity Center, Dover. Info, 831-1355.

**BINGO** 5 p.m. Doors open. 6:55 p.m. Games begin. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. \$20 for 20 games. Mill Creek Volunteer Fire Company, 3900 Kirkwood Hwy., Wilmington. Info, 994-6361.

**SUSPENSE AND INTRIGUE** 7 p.m. Also runs Oct. 22-23. Roll-playing event to solve murder mystery. \$15. Judge Morris Estate, Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark. Info, 368-6900.



## WATERCOLOR WORKS

The Chadds Ford Gallery is showing the recent watercolor works of Rea N. Redifer. The show, which is open now, runs until Oct. 30. Redifer studied unofficially with Andrew Wyeth during the late 1950's. His paintings have been collected by museums, corporate and private collections through out the country. The gallery is located at the Chadds Ford Village and Barn Shops at 1609 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, Pa. There is no admission fee and the gallery is open to the public. For more information, call 610-459-5510.

SATURDAY

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**LIVE MUSIC** 7 - 10 p.m. Tyler Somers will perform. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info, 266-6993 or www.homegrowncafe.com.

**HARVEST MARKET** 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs Saturdays and Sundays till November 6. Regional artisans will showcase their crafts. \$8 for adults.

\$5 for seniors, students and children 6-12. Free to children under 6 and Conservancy

members. Brandywine River Museum, Route 1, Chadds Ford. Info, 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org.

**MUSICAL THEATER PERFORMANCE** 1:30 p.m. The Dukes of Destiny will perform. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Open Air Theatre, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info, 610-388-1000 or visit www.longwoodgardens.org.

**BUS TRIP** 7:30 a.m. Trip to Greenwich Village in New York City. \$25 for Newark residents. \$28 for non-residents. City Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Rd., Newark. Info, 366-7060.

**HISTORIC HAUNTING** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Walk through a cemetery and see who you meet. Free. Meeting House, White Clay Creek State Preserve, Landenberg, Pa. Info, 610-274-2471.

**CONCERT** 8 p.m. Calliope X will perform. \$15. Bob Carpenter Center, S. College Avenue. Info, 831-2577.

**GHOSTS & LEGENDS CRUISES** 5:30 p.m. Join the crew of the Martha Lewis for an evening of haunts and legends told by author Ed Okonowicz. Light dinner and refreshments included. Tydings Park, Havre de Grace, Md. Info, 410-939-4078.

**FOX TROT BALL AND CASINO** 6 - 10 p.m. A night of food, dancing and gambling. \$50. \$2,500 Casino Bucks included. Ed Walls Center, Cecil County Fair Grounds. Info, 410-398-4909.

### ■ SUNDAY, OCT. 23

**MUSICAL THEATER PERFORMANCE** 1:30 p.m. The Upper Darby High School Band will perform. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Main Fountain Garden, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info, 610-388-1000 or visit www.longwoodgardens.org.

**DRIVING PARK TOUR** 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. See historic locations in the park through driving. Free. Meeting House, White Clay Creek State Preserve, Landenberg, Pa. Info, 610-274-2471.

### ■ MONDAY, OCT. 24

**AAUW MEETING** 7:30 p.m. Victoria Owen will speak. Open to the public. Memorial Hall, First Presbyterian Church, W. Main Street, Newark. Info, 731-4724.

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### ■ FRIDAY, OCT. 21

**STRENGTH TRAINING** 9 - 10 a.m. Mondays; 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Tues. and Thurs.; 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Wed. and Fri. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

### ■ SATURDAY, OCT. 22

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** 7:30 a.m. \$5 donation goes to missions. Greater Grace Church, 750 Otis Chapel Rd. Info., 738-1530.

**KARAOKE** 8 p.m. - midnight. The American Legion of Elkton, 129 W. Main St. Info., 410-398-9720.

**POST-POLIO SUPPORT** 10 a.m. - noon. Easter Seal Independent Living Center, Reads Way, New Castle. Info., 369-3905 or 764-1714.

**WOMAN'S MINISTRY** Meeting to unite and share fellowship. Dale United Methodist Church, 143 E. Lake St., Middletown. Info., 378-9744.

### ■ MONDAY, OCT. 24

**MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP** 7 - 9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To pro-

tect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740.

**FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES** 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Classes for English Conversation. Registration required. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. Info., 368-4942 or 368-8774.

**SIMPLY JAZZERCISE** 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

**GUARDIANS' SUPPORT** 6 - 8 p.m. Meeting for grandparents and all those raising others' children. Children & Families First, 62 N. Chapel St. Info., 658-5177.

**NEWARK ROTARY CLUB** 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. The Holiday Inn, Route 273. Info., 453-8853.

**NCCO STROKE CLUB** 12 p.m. The Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., 324-4444.

**SCOTTISH DANCING** 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, S. College Avenue. Info., 368-2318.

**TAI CHI** 2:30 p.m. Monday or Wednesday; 11:15 a.m. Friday. \$20 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

## MEETINGS

### ■ TUESDAY, OCT. 25

**GRIEFSHARE** 7 p.m. Support group and seminar for those who have lost someone close to them. Union United Methodist Church, 345 School Bell Rd., Bear. Info., 737-5040.

**BUT YOU LOOK SO GOOD!** 7 - 9 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church, Graves Road, Newport Gap Pike, Hockessin. Info., 994-3897.

**NEWARK DELTONES** 7:45 p.m. For men who like to sing. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 368-3052.

**DIVORCECARE** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support group meeting. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd. Info., 737-7239.

**SWEET ADELINES** 8 - 10 p.m. Singing group. Listeners and new members welcome. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 731-5981.

**SCRAPBOOKING** 7 - 9 p.m. Nursery, \$2 per child. Glasgow Reformed

Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow. Info., 834-GRPC. Concordia (IL)

**MS SUPPORT** 4 - 6 p.m. MS Society Headquarters, 2 Mill Rd., Wilmington. Info., 655-5610.

**EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP** 7 - 8:30 p.m. Free. Open to the public. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Naaman's and Darley Roads, Wilmington. Info., 475-1880.

**CANCER SUPPORT** 6:30 p.m. 405 Silverside/Carr Executive Center, Wilmington. Info., 733-3900.

**ADULTS WITH AD/HD** 7:30 p.m. Support group meets at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 737-5063.

**UNSCHOOLERS & OTHERS** 7 p.m. Parents meet. Also holds activities for homeschool families. Kirkwood Library. Info., 322-5950.

### ■ WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26

**CONSTITUENT BREAKFAST** 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Terry Schooley will attend to field questions and concerns. Eagle Diner, Elkton Road. Info., 577-8476.

**DIVORCECARE** 7 p.m. Separated/divorced people meet. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info., 737-

5040.

**ANXIETY DISORDER** 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. To maintain the privacy of members, support group locations not published. Info., 765-9740.

**GRIEFSHARE** 7 p.m. Seminar and support group for those who have lost someone close to them. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info., 737-5040.

**PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** 6:30 p.m. Meeting for men who are survivors of and newly diagnosed with prostate cancer. The American Cancer Society Office, 92 Reads Way, Suite 205, New Castle. Info., 234-4227.

**FAMILY CIRCLES** 5:30 p.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 658-5177.

**BINGO** 12:45 p.m. Lunch available for \$2.25 a platter at 11:45 a.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

**PARENT/EDUCATOR SUPPORT GROUP** 7:30 p.m. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St.

**ADULTS WITH ADHD SUPPORT**

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■ TUESDAY, OCT. 25

**BIBLE TRANSLATION BANQUET**  
7 p.m. Presentation on translating the bible by Michael Harrar. Holiday Inn, Christiana Road, Newark. Info, 731-2821.

■ WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26

**LIVE MUSIC** 7 - 10 p.m. Bill Belcher will perform. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info, 266-6993 or visit

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**GROUP** 7:30 p.m. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St.

■ THURSDAY, OCT. 27

**STORYTIME** 10:30 a.m. Animal stories read by a lively storyteller near the Otter exhibit at Brandywine Zoo. Info., 571-7747.

**WOMEN'S DEPRESSION** 7 - 9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting

www.homegrowncafe.com.  
**HIGHLIGHT TOURS** 5:30 p.m. Music 6 - 7:30 p.m. Delaware Classical Showcase. Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Info, 571-9590 or visit www.delart.org.

■ THURSDAY, OCT. 27

**PIANO RECITAL** 8 p.m. Julie Nishimura and Carol Prodan will perform in a four hand piano recital. \$10 adults. \$7 seniors. \$3 students. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info, 831-2577.

locations provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740.

**EVENING YOGA** 6:15 p.m. Class to encourage relaxation and improve strength, balance, and peace of mind. \$15 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

**BLUEGRASS/OLDTIME JAM** 7:30 - 10 p.m. Any skill level welcome. Bring your own instrument. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, S. College Avenue.

**NEWARK MORNING ROTARY** 7 - 8:15 a.m. Meeting and breakfast. The Blue & Gold Club, Newark. Info., 737-1711 or 737-0724.

## Leaf collection underway

Newark's free leaf collection service began last week and will continue through mid-December.

Each Monday, leaves will be picked up from the south side of the city, which includes: Devon; Binns; Arbour Park; Silverbrook; Yorkshire; Yorkshire Woods; Cobblefield; and Cannons Gate.

On Tuesdays the central area of the city will have their leaves picked up. That includes the area from Elkton Road to Marrows Road, from Main street north.

On Wednesdays, the northern portion of the city - north of Main Street and east of West Main Street will have leaves collected.

Thursdays will bring leaf collectors to the area west of Bent Lane and Radcliffe Drive, which

includes: Nottingham Green; Pheasant Run; Cherry Hill; Elan; Cherry Hill Manor; Barksdale Estates; Country Hills; Country Place; and Abbotsford.

The Oaklands, Nottingham Manor, College Park, Westfield, West Branch, Christianstead, Timber Creek, Woodmeere, Valley Stream and Stone Spring will have leaves collected on Fridays.

The collection service will run until Dec. 16. Residents should have their leaves placed outside by Dec. 12 to ensure pickup occurs on time. Residents will be charged for any leaves picked up after Dec. 16.

For more information, call 366-7045.

## Public invited

Newark City Council member Paul Pomeroy will host a meeting for his constituents to discuss planning and development issues. Roy Lopata, director of planning for the city, and Gerald Kauffman, director of watershed policy for the state, will both be there to answer questions. The discussion will focus on how traffic and storm water affect the future of Newark.

Pomeroy said that these issues are important, especially as decisions are being made about the future of the Newark Country Club and the Wilson Farm, both of which may be developed in the near future.

The meeting will run on Oct. 26 from 7 until 8 p.m. at John R. Downes Elementary School.

For more information, contact Pomeroy at 456-1389.

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# Police target student parties

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show marked increases in alcohol- and noise-related arrests this year. As of Oct. 8, the NPD had made 874 alcohol arrests this year compared to 733 at the same time in 2004. Noise arrests, which most often are associated with large parties, stood at 310 compared to 243 last year. With nearly three months left to go in 2005, arrests have reached year-end totals for previous years. "Our officers have done a good job this year," Nefosky said, "now we're going to step it up."

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... we can't sit  
back and do nothing.”

**WILLIAM NEFOSKY**

ACTING POLICE CHIEF

The acting chief said his office will reach out to the University of Delaware Police Department for assistance with stepped-up

enforcement. "We'll ask for some of their officers, paying overtime out of grant money we have to fight alcohol abuse," he said.

He will also ask UD officials to quickly notify parents of students of NPD arrests. "That seems to be effective," Nefosky said.

Nefosky also will write Newark landlords alerting them of the stepped-up enforcement. "Hopefully, they'll inform their tenants. We hope people will be responsible and limit (the size of) their parties.

Admitting that he has "seen it all" in his nearly three decades on Newark streets, Nefosky said he's baffled why there is a sudden increase in assaults in light of the increased enforcement, "I don't know why, but we can't sit back and do nothing."

Nefosky became acting chief of the NPD Oct. 8 following the retirement of former chief Gerald Conway. Nefosky was Conway's chief assistant and led the investigation of the Lindsey Bonistall murder last spring that ended with the arrest of James Cooke on homicide, rape and arson charges.

# Historic haunts return to White Clay Creek Preserve

THE story of Sandy Flash starts long ago in a cave just off of Penn Green Road. He was a Revolutionary War prankster, whose menace found solace behind the cave walls. He was wanted for his petty crimes, and in 1778, he was hanged for them.

Just because Sandy Flash is dead, don't think that he's gone.

He is just one of the many historic haunts that you might run into at the White Clay Creek Preserve in Pennsylvania this weekend. Flash is back to his old stomping grounds, and he's brought a few friends with him.

A local Indian tribe, preacher Thomas Barton and Revolutionary War soldier Dr. David Eaton are all rumored to be in town.

Fithian Minuit from the Ticking Tomb, a World War I admiral, and a widow of a Civil War veteran will also join the crowd.

This weekend marks the return of the Historic Haunting, hosted by the White Clay Creek

Preserve. The walk, which winds around the park's trails, starts at 6:30 and runs until 8 p.m.

While the ghosts may not be real, the stories are - to a degree.

"Sandy Flash is an alias for a real man who was rumored to live in different parts of Chester County," said Marily Flannery, spokeswoman for the park.

"His real name was James Fitzpatrick and he was a real troublemaker. He traveled through the area, getting into mischief," she said.

For more information, call 610-274-2471.

In the event of severe weather, the rain date is Saturday, Oct. 29. The program will go on despite light rain.

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## Film festival a success

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festival is over.

His hope is to set up field trips with New Castle county schools to visit the Newark Cinema Center to watch private screening of "Paperclips."

So far, no schools have made definite field trip plans. But the doors to the Cinema Center are open to the idea, if schools sign on.

But the question remains: Will Schlecker schlep his movies in Newark again next year? That answer looks to be a yes.

"We're hoping to build on what we did this time," he said. "We hope to get more public input and let people about it beforehand."

The real trick is in picking movies that have a draw. "Our mission to show movies that matter," he said. "We want to entertain, but we want people to think, too. Our goal is to bring 15 or 20 movies that hit people from all walks of life and build on the 2,000 tickets we sold this year."

## Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.

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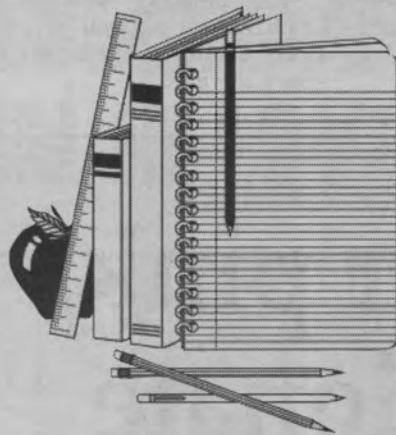
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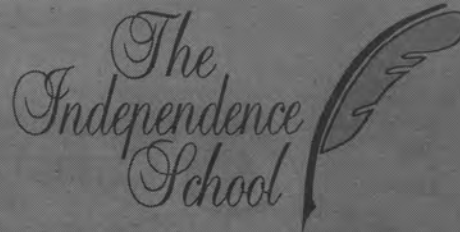
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chants of Sunset Station in Bear invite the public to join them for a community day on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The morning will include entertainment as well as public safety exhibits from local emergency services.

Crash The Clown will entertain children with his stilt and unicycle prowess, while Mrs. Offbeat paints faces and produces balloon art. WJBR radio personality Mike Waite will bring J-Bear to join the fun.

The Delaware State Police will have emergency services exhibits. Christiana Fire Company's trucks will be on display, and representatives from the New Castle County Paramedics and the Red Cross will participate.

Sunset Station is offering the first 100 children free pumpkins to paint.

The festival will conclude with a parade and costume contest for the youngsters.

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## All Delaware students will take DSTP next

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regulations.”

Questions on the DSTP are derived from content on editions of the SAT (Stanford Achievement Test), a national assessment method, as well questions compiled in the state. It is up to each state to insure that its chosen testing method meets the NCLB requirements.

According to Woodruff, more than 280 classroom teachers, educators, administrators, parents and representatives from community and business organizations served on panels in the summer of 2005 to review the existing DSTP and “reset” the cutoff points for scoring levels. “We sent letters to schools, colleges, and other organizations and businesses in Delaware to solicit people to serve on the panels,” Woodruff explained. “If the Department of Education board approves their recommendations [on Oct. 19], the new achievement levels will be used in the DSTP tests given in spring 2006.”

The current scores to fall below, meet or exceed the standards in a grade and content area, as well as the score to reach the distinguished level, were set in spring 1999, the first year the DSTP was administered. The panelists job this year was to decide if the cutoff points for each level should be kept or changed. Raising a cutoff point for a level means a score that resulted in “exceeds the standard” in 2005 could fall in “meets the standard” in 2006. “Most of the levels that were changed either way only did so by one or two points,” said Robin Taylor, associate secretary for assessment and accountability. “There won't be too much change.”

Of the 48 cutoff points in levels and grades, Taylor noted that 25 did not change, 14 were lowered and nine will cut-off at a higher point. For example, grade 3 students will have to score more than 415 points before they exceed the standard in reading. In

2005, they only needed more than 411 points.

In math, grade 10 students who score 506 or less, will be below the standard. In 2005, that score met the standard. The full summary report and all the recommendations can be seen on the DOE Web site.

Woodruff said the panelists choices were not quick or easy. “I was [impressed] with the thoughtfulness that they gave to their decisions,” Woodruff said. “We asked people to give their best judgement about what we do or needed to do and they gave significant thought and examination to the whole issue.”

State administrators admitted concerns about bias due to teacher accountability issues, and the position of many parents that the DSTP is too stressful or difficult. “But when push came to shove,” said Woodruff, “the teachers showed they are thoughtful educators who care about the test and the success of students.”

Wendy Roberts, director of assessment and analysis for the state, pointed out that the panelists also had to meet certain standards. “The panel always had to have a grounded reason to change a cutoff point for a level in a subject and grade,” Roberts said. “Rationales provided by the panels for their decisions were carefully considered. In general, the panels' recommended scores were accepted.”

A DOE technical advisory committee studied all the recommendations and made adjustments only if necessary to achieve consistency or coherency across grades and within and between content areas. “These people did a great job,” Woodruff said. “The recommendations don't swing us too much one way or another.”

As of spring 2006, all Delaware students in grades 2-10 will take the DSTP. “How do we know if we're meeting our goals if we don't test?” Woodruff concluded. “It's important to have a way to check.”

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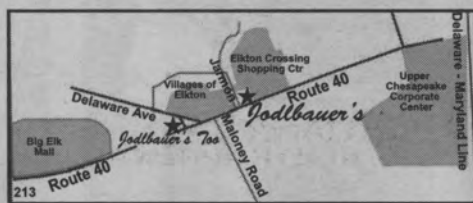
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# DELAWARE VS. J. MADISON

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## Hens hope to resurrect the season

By **MARTY VALANIA**

ROUTE 40 FLIER STAFF WRITER

In their worst nightmares Delaware fans could not have imagined a worst three-week period than the one the Blue Hens have just experienced. Beating James Madison Saturday at Delaware Stadium, however, would certainly be a good first step back in the right direction.

First, the fact that the home game will actually be played in Delaware Stadium is a victory in itself. Secondly, the defending national champion Dukes are a top team again this season and really can't afford another loss. The game is a sell-out and a good chance for the Hens to set themselves up for a strong finish to the season.

The nightmare started at Towson when the Hens fought their way back from a deficit to take the lead in the waning minutes. The Tigers, though, found a way to score again and pull out a win. Things didn't get any better the next week in a 10-6 loss in a quagmire to Hofstra when the Hens had the ball inside the 10-yard line late but were unable to convert.

Two days later we all found out that the quagmire was worse than anybody thought and the home game against Richmond

was played four hours away in Richmond. Which, by the way, turned into a third straight loss.

Now the Hens sit at 0-3 in the Atlantic-10 for the first time since 1987 and have lost three straight games in a season for the first time since 1989. They need to beat the defending national champions to avoid their first four-game losing streak since 1967.

"It's a great opportunity," said Delaware coach K.C. Keeler about this weekend's game. "The bad news is - we play James Madison. The good news is - we play James Madison."

The Dukes come to Newark with a 4-2 record (2-1 A-10). Coastal Carolina upset James Madison 31-27 in the second week of the season and the Dukes also dropped a 10-7 decision at Massachusetts last week. Field conditions were a problem in that game as well. James Madison, in fact, had the Atlantic-10 office inspect the condition of the field before the game but it was deemed suitable for play.

"It's a good match up for us," Keeler said. "They are a physical, smash mouth team that just wants to play downhill football. They run right at you. They maul you."

"They don't try to pretend what they're going to do. They'll line up in double tights and two

### 2005 BLUE HEN SCHEDULE

9/10	LEHIGH	W 34-33
9/17	W. CHESTER	W 42-14
9/24	HOLY CROSS	W 35-23
10/1	at Towson	L 35-31
10/8	HOFSTRA	L 10-6
10/15	RICHMOND	L 20-10
10/22	J. MADISON	noon
10/29	at Maine	noon
11/5	UMASS	1 p.m.
11/12	at Wm. & Mary	1 p.m.
11/19	at Villanova	1 p.m.

back sets and run right at you. That's who they are. I really like the way they play offense."

One thing that could help the Hens is getting off to a better start. Delaware has had trouble early in games all season.

The Hens trailed Lehigh 10-0 after the first quarter. They were tied with West Chester 7-7 after one quarter. They played to a

scoreless first quarter tie against Holy Cross and were tied 7-7 at halftime. Towson got out to a 14-3 lead and the Hens could only notch a last-play field goal in the first half against Hofstra. The scenario was similar last week against Richmond with the Spiders getting out to a 17-3 half-time lead.

Keeler has addressed the slow starts throughout the season saying that he thinks his scout team may not be giving a good enough look, in terms of speed, to his first defensive unit.

### Field update

A large chunk of the field at Delaware Stadium was replaced this week with new sod. The sod

is thicker than normal and is the same that was used to replace Penn State's field earlier this season.

James Madison coach Mickey Matthews, whose team played on a horrendous newly sodded field in the national championship game in Chattanooga last year, is skeptical.

"I anticipate another Chattanooga," he said. "But that being said, I'm not a grass expert."

Delaware officials, however, don't expect anything close to a bad experience. Penn State's new field has held up wonderfully and they expect the same here.



Quarterback Sonny Riccio will try to help the Blue Hens snap a three game losing streak.



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# Sports

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## St. Mark's knocks off Christiana

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Less than one week after scoring 39 points against The Charter School of Wilmington, Christiana's offense was shut down in a 24-6 home loss to St. Mark's in a non-conference match-up Saturday afternoon.

The Vikings saw their record drop to 1-5 overall while the Spartans evened their slate at 3-3. Christiana's defense played well in stretches, giving the team a chance to stay in the game, but the Vikings' offense had another difficult day against St. Mark's.

"They always have a tough, disciplined defense, and it showed today," said Christiana coach Marvin Spence. "They always play us tough, and they always play us hard, and we've never been able to meet their challenge," he said. St. Mark's built a 10-0 lead midway through the second quarter before Christiana could get on the scoreboard. Senior running back Packer Larson scored a first quarter touchdown, and freshman kicker Kyle Sullivan added an extra point, and a second quarter 18-yard field goal. The Vikings, meanwhile, who ran for more than 200 yards last Monday, had difficulty moving the ball on the ground.

"We had some success in the fourth quarter, so we probably should have thrown the ball sooner," said Spence. "That's on me because I should have recognized that earlier in the game," he said.

Christiana got a big break when defensive back Dallas Brown intercepted a Scott Wallace pass and raced 56 yards for the Vikings only score of the day.

A two-point pass attempt failed, leaving Christiana behind 10-6 at the half.

See **SPARTANS, 18** ▶

# Snider runs wild for Newark



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JEFF BOWEN

The Newark ground game piled up over 400 yards of rushing against Charter Saturday morning.

## Jackets pound Charter 54-18

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Newark High running back James Snider raced for 325 yards and four rushing touchdowns to lead the Yellowjackets to a 54-18 road victory over Flight A opponent Charter School of Wilmington Saturday morning. What's more remarkable is the fact Snider achieved his amazing statistics on only 12 carries, all in the first half. He doesn't wear a big gold "S" on his chest, but the mild-mannered, and lightening fast Snider scored on runs of 48 and 80 yards in the first quarter, then added a 40-yarder and a 64-yard strike in the second quarter for good measure.

"More than anything, we are a flank team when we run the football, so we got out on the flanks with our speed today," said Newark coach Butch Simpson. "They did a lot to take care of the tackle-to-tackle part of our game, so we had to rely on the outside." Simpson also complimented tight ends Matt Grygiel and Shane Cavanaugh, wingback Joe Whitmarsh and fullback Scott Gardner for their superb blocking.

The Force was able to keep pace with Newark in the first quarter with two touchdowns of their own.

Charter's Jay Campbell scampered 45 yards at 7:42 to cut the lead to 7-6 after a missed extra point.

Charter's senior quarterback Corey Phelan then found receiver Ian Roddy behind the Jacket defense for an 80-yard bomb, leaving the score 14-12 after one

See **NEWARK, 18** ▶

## Hens drop third straight game at Richmond

University of Richmond quarterback Stacy Tutt threw for a touchdown and ran for another to lead the Spiders to a 20-10 victory over No. 22 Delaware in Atlantic 10 Conference football action Saturday afternoon at UR Stadium.

Tutt was 16-for-25 for 212 yards and also ran 17 times for a team-high 73 yards for Richmond, which improved to 3-3 overall and 3-1 in the league. The Blue Hens fell to 3-3 overall and 0-3 in the conference, as Delaware dropped its first three league

games for the first time since the 1987 season when UD competed in the Yankee Conference. Delaware has now lost three consecutive games for the first time since the final game of 2000 and the first two games of 2001, and for the first time in the same year

since 1989. Richmond, which had lost five of the last six meetings with the Blue Hens, struck first with 2:08 remaining in the first quarter when Joseph Fore kicked a 21-yard field goal to cap a 15-play, 79-yard drive.





NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH NEWITT

St. Mark's Scott Wallace races around right end during the Spartans victory over Christiana Saturday.

# Christiana falls to St. Mark's

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The Spartans tacked on to their lead midway through the third quarter when Tim Widdoes scored on a 48-yard pass play from Wallace. Another good scoring opportunity was thwarted by a Spartan fumble. St. Mark's put the game away at the 9:22 mark of the fourth quarter when Wallace ran 32 yards around the right side on an option play for the game's final touchdown. St. Mark's coach John Wilson said he was pleased with the victory, but felt his team made too many mistakes.

"We should have executed better, not to take away from Christiana's effort today, but there were certain situations in this game where I thought we should have played better," he said.

Wilson added the defense saved the day for the Spartans by limiting Christiana's success on offense, "and we kept our composure today, something we haven't been able to do recently."

This weekend Christiana hosts A.I. Dupont Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. The Spartans will play St. Elizabeth Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Baynard Stadium in Wilmington.

# Newark rolls past Charter

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period Unfortunately for the partisan

home crowd, The Force would not score again until early in the fourth quarter, when the game had long-since been decided. Charter's final points came on a 70-yard run by Campbell.

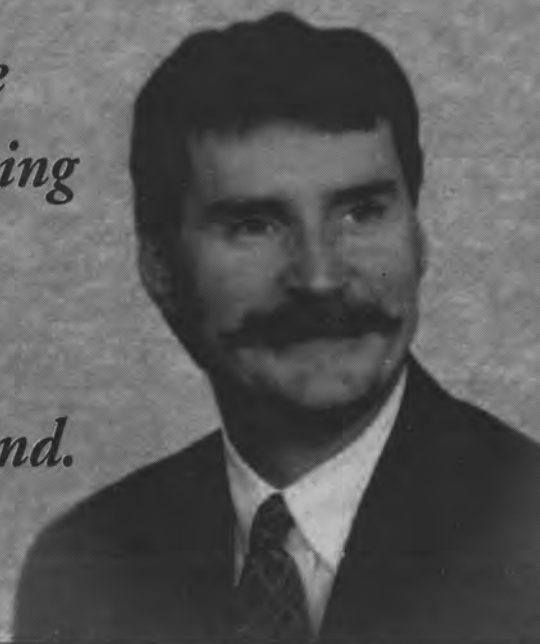
Newark put the game away by scoring a total of 34 points in the second and third quarters, including a 65-yard kick-off return by Whitmarsh to start the second half. Jacket quarterback Steve Williams, who added a 13-yard dash for a score late in the first half, completed only two passes during the game. "We just really came together today," said Snider. "Everybody blocked really hard from the beginning of the game, and we just want to get better and better each game," he said. Charter coach Steve Dent said his team battled hard throughout the day.

"We couldn't keep our offense going. We tried to bottle them up, but they just broke loose on us," he said. Newark is now 4-2 overall, and 2-1 in Flight A. The Jackets host William Penn at 7 p.m. Friday night at Bob Hoffman Stadium in an important Blue Hen Conference tilt. Charter's record fell to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in Flight A. The Force travels to Claymont Saturday morning to play Archmere Academy at 10:30 a.m.

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**Lawrence Doolittle, 77**

Newark resident Lawrence W. Doolittle, 77, died on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005.

Dr. Doolittle was born in Seattle, Wash., on Oct. 19, 1927, son of the late Stewart and Portia Doolittle, and served his country in the U.S. Army.

A professor of education at Shippensburg University for 26 years, he retired as chairman of the education department in 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Seija S. Ikola Doolittle; five children, Laurie A. Greene and husband, Richard, of Shippensburg, Pa., Timothy K. Doolittle and wife, Terri, of Atlanta, Ga., Douglas E. Doolittle, of Tampa, Fla., Sherry S. McKernan and husband, Peter, of Newark, and Stina Jensen, of Aarhus, Denmark; brother, Kenneth Herbert Doolittle, of Columbus, Ohio; and two grandsons, Corey Greene and Nicholas Jensen. He was preceded in death by a brother, Stewart E. Doolittle Jr.

A memorial service was to be on Sunday, Nov. 6 at the Spicer-

**Geneva McCloud, 89, active at Ogletown Baptist**

NEWARK resident Geneva McCloud, 89, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005.

Mrs. McCloud was an executive secretary for the University of Delaware, retiring in 1982.

She was a member of Ogletown Baptist Church and a member of the church's women's missionary union, a member of the Lady Bug Quilt Club, Omicron NU Honor Society,

and a Girl Scout and Boy Scout leader.

After graduating from Oklahoma State University, she became a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles McCloud.

She is survived by her son, John McCloud, of Fairhill, Md.; her daughters, Judy Sutter, of Sebring, Fla., Janet Blume, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Josephine

Antolick, of Newport News, Va.; her brother, Gerald McGehee, of Tulsa, Okla.; her sister, Vivian Tobaben, of Allen, Texas; six grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren.

A funeral service was to be at the Gracelawn Memorial Park Chapel on Friday, Oct. 21. Interment was to be in the adjoining memorial park.

She later worked as a bookkeeper for her husband's barbershop in the Brookside area of Newark.

She is survived by her brother, Enrique Reyes, of Cuba; her sister-in-law, Martha Reyes; two nieces: Virginia Cespedes and her husband, Carlos; and Amanda Reyes and her husband, Jorge; four nephews; and four grandchildren.

A life celebration was to be on Friday, Oct. 14, at the Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home. Burial was to follow in the Newark Methodist Church Cemetery.

Contributions in her memory may be sent to Heartland Hospice, 261 Chapman Rd., Newark, DE 19702.

Mullikin Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), PO Box 6067, Stanton, Del. 19804.

**Ilhan Tuzun, M.D., 70**

Former Newark resident Ilhan M. Tuzun, M.D., 70, of Deerfield Beach, Fla., died Oct. 10, 2005.

Dr. Tuzun was born in Sarkisla, Turkey. He graduated from the University of Ankara Medical School in 1957, completed internships in Washington D.C. and residency in Internal Medicine in Milwaukee, Wis.

He was a licensed physician in

Canada and in the U.S. He obtained the American Board of Family Practice.

He practiced Internal Medicine in Regina, Canada and in Newark from 1971-1984.

He is survived by his wife, Yvette; his children, Jim Tuzun, Asena Tuzun Blackwell and Robert Tuzun; three brothers and two sisters, all in Turkey.

A service was held in Florida on Oct. 16.

**Basil Kontoyianes, 77**

Basil Kontoyianes, 77, of Newark, died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005.

Mr. Kontoyianes was a registered U.S. lobbyist and a television producer of documentaries, commercials and TV shows. He was active in the

National Democratic Party and was a presidential appointee to HEW by President John F. Kennedy.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia J. Kontoyianes; three children, Stephanie, Kathryn and William Kontoyianes Jr.; and one sister, Fanny Harris, of Florida.

A funeral service was to be Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Chandler Funeral Home. Burial was to be in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

**Carmen Vintem, 95**

Carmen R. Vintem, 95, of Newark, died Monday, Oct. 10, 2005.

Mrs. Vintem came from Cuba in 1944 and worked as a seamstress in the clothing manufacturing business in New York City, N.Y.

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Additionally, the event will give visiting skaters a chance to learn more about the community skating program and try out the Rust Ice Arena, which has regular public skating sessions from 8-10 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, and from 1-3 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

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## Prof develops cancer nanobomb

By NEIL THOMAS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

UNIVERSITY of Delaware researchers are opening a new front in the war on cancer, bringing to bear new nanotechnologies for cancer detection and treatment and introducing a unique nanobomb that can literally blow up breast cancer tumors.

Balaji Panchapakesan, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at UD, has recently reported on the discoveries in the journals *NanoBiotechnology* and *Oncology Issues*.

He is the lead investigator for a team that includes Eric Wickstrom, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia and his student Greg Cesarone, and UD graduate students Shaoxin Lu, Kousik Sivakumar and postdoctoral researcher Kasif Teker.

Panchapakesan said this is basic research in the very early stages of inquiry and that it would take extensive testing and years of clinical trials before the nanobombs could actually be used in medical applications to treat human beings.

Explosions in air of loosely packed nanotubes have been seen before in an oxygen environment, creating ignition. However, the work reported by Panchapakesan uses the localized thermal energy imbalance to set off explosions that are intrinsic in nature.

When the UD researchers saw the explosions, they realized it might be possible to use the microscopic bombs to kill cancer cells. They recreated the explosions in solutions including water, phosphate and salt, which meant the nanobombs could be used in the human body. In fact the explosions were more dramatic in



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**Balaji Panchapakesan, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at UD.**

saline solutions, Panchapakesan said.

He believes the nanobomb holds great promise as a therapeutic agent for killing cancer cells, with particular emphasis on breast cancer cells, because its shockwave kills the cancerous cells as well as the biological pathways that carry instructions to generate additional cancerous

cells and the small veins that nourish the diseased cells. Also, it can be spread over a wide area to create structural damage to the cancer cells that are close by.

The nanobombs are superior to a variety of current treatments because they are powerful, selective, non-invasive, nontoxic and can incorporate current technology, including microsurgery.

An advantage over other carbon nanotube treatments being considered by scientists is that with nanobombs, the carbon nanotubes are destroyed along with the cancer cells. Once the nanobombs are exploded and kill cancer cells, macrophages can effectively clear the cell debris and the exploded nanotube along with it.

Other treatments retain the carbon nanotubes and nanoparticles intact. If the material finds its way to the kidney or accumulates in the blood vessels, the nanoparticles might cause blockage and create problems, Panchapakesan said. Furthermore, the nanobomb route is probably the only way to use nanotubes without any cytotoxicity as the nanotubes are destroyed completely.

Current surgical techniques are not precise and cancerous cells are often left behind. In addition, cancers in some part of the body, such as arteries and veins, are sometimes considered inoperable. Nanobombs can be used to target any remaining cancerous cells and can be used in any part of the body, allowing the creation of nanobomb therapy for a wide variety of cancers.

Panchapakesan said the method is far better than modern chemotherapy, which is non-selective, kills normal cells as well as cancerous cells and leads to a decline in the quality of life for the patient. "This is valuable in patient management, pain management and overall quality of life," he said.

In addition to treatment, he believes nanotechnology can provide new tools for cancer diagnosis through the use of tiny nanosensors. He also foresees nano-bio-robots or nano-surgical tools that can be placed inside the body to remove tumors in areas previously inaccessible using traditional treatment methods.

## Holiday wreaths benefit kids

THE Delaware Mentoring Council is holding its fourth annual Wreaths for Kids campaign and is offering full, 20-inch, mixed evergreen wreaths with pinecones for the holidays for office or home. The sale helps the council, whose goal is "supporting efforts to provide a mentor for every child who needs one."

The wreaths cost \$18 without a bow and \$20 with a red bow. Checks, payable to the University of Delaware, should be sent with orders to the Delaware Mentoring Council, Room 111, 200 Academy St., Newark, DE 19716.



The deadline for ordering wreaths is Oct. 26, and the pickup date is Dec. 1. When ordering wreaths, buyers should specify whether they wish to pick up their wreaths at the Perkins Student Center, on UD's Newark campus, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. or at the council office, Room 111, 200 Academy Street from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Delaware Mentoring Council is housed in the Delaware Center for Teacher Education in the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy.

For more information, call Emily Thayer at 831-1665 or Doretha Davis at 831-0520.



# Fitness fun at John R. Downes

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Students and their families learned how to take care of their bodies and have fun doing it at the Downes Family Fun and Fitness Fair on Saturday, Oct. 15. There were more than 35 groups, like the Wizard Soccer players and Coast to Coast bike riders, at the fair that hosted booths and demonstrations. A

5-kilometer walk, run and bike helped kick off the event and get participants in the right frame of mind. Raffle tickets, which were sold through out the day, benefited Beach Elementary School in Pascagoula, Miss. The elementary school was destroyed when Hurricane Katrina tore through the Gulf Coast.



# City hosts trips to New York

The City of Newark will sponsor the following trips:

On Oct. 26, join other Newarkers for a ride to Hyde Park N.Y. to visit the FDR home and the Culinary Institute of America. The bus will depart from Suburban Plaza at 8:30 a.m. and return at 1 a.m. The cost is \$90 for Newark residents and \$93

for non-residents.

On Dec. 2, take a trip to New York City and Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular. The bus will leave Suburban Plaza at 7 a.m. and return at 9 p.m. The cost is \$70 for Newark residents and \$73 for non-residents.

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On-screen romance:

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With mega-stars like Angelina and Brad, and Katie and Tom captivating the national consciousness with their off-screen, big-screen romances, take a look at their small-screen counterparts with *Inside TV* magazine's list of the Top Ten Greatest TV Weddings of All-Time. Millions watched, thousands cried and four divorced – viva la romance!

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## 10] TINY TIM & MISS VICKI

(December 17, 1969): Famed ukulele player and falsetto singer Tiny Tim tiptoed down the aisle with Miss Vicki (29 years his junior) surrounded by ten thousand tulips in America's first televised wedding. More than 45 million viewers stayed up past midnight to catch the wacky marriage live on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson, where the couple toasted the nuptials with milk instead of champagne. They divorced in 1977 after having a daughter, Tulip.

## 9] MORK & MINDY

(October 15, 1981): Intergalactic sparks flew when Mork (Robin Williams) and Mindy (Pam Dawber) decided to get hitched despite Mindy's disapproving dad and a rule on Mork's home planet, Ork, outlawing marriage. They had a son, Mearth from Earth, who aged backwards like his dad – and stayed together until the end, proving that true love can transcend galaxies.

## 8] RHODA & JOE

(October 28, 1974): Rhoda Morgenstern (Valerie Harper) finally found the man of her dreams in divorced Joe Gerard (David Groh) after a string of dating disasters. More than 60 million viewers watched the bride take the subway to the ceremony on "Rhoda," then the second-highest rated hour of any TV show behind the birth of little Ricky on "I Love Lucy." Sadly, Rhoda and Joe divorced two years later.

## 7] ROB & AMBER

(April 16, 2005): Amber Brkich's dreams came true when she said "I do" to fellow reality co-star Rob Mariano at sunset on a beach. The spectacular affair at the Atlantis on Paradise Island, Bahamas – organized by star wedding planner Colin Cowie – was filmed in secret for the two-hour CBS special. The two swapped vows surrounded by shells to remind them of their "Survivor" days, and are still in honeymoon heaven.

## 6] MONICA & CHANDLER

(May 17, 2001): Clutching a bouquet of red roses, Monica Geller (Courteney Cox) floated down the aisle to an awaiting Chandler Bing (Matthew Perry), who was wearing a matching rose. With

millions of "Friends" fans glued to their sets, the wedding wrapped Season 7 with a mystery over whether Monica or Rachel was pregnant. Predictably, it was the insufferable Rachel.

## 5] TRISTA & RYAN

(December 6, 2003): Wearing a satin Badgley Mischka gown, "Bachelorette" Trista Rehn descended down a lighted stone staircase before marrying Ryan Sutter in a lavish \$1 million ceremony festooned in her favorite color – pink. The opulent outdoor nuptials aired live on ABC from the Lodge at Rancho Mirage, Calif., where their vows were nearly drowned out by paparazzi helicopters. They're still living happily ever after.

## 4] DR. MIKE & SULLY

(May 20, 1995): Studly Byron Sully (Joe Lando) slipped a ring on the finger of Dr. Mike (Jane Seymour) during their Colorado Springs frontier wedding, making her Dr. Quinn, Married Woman. Mike's self-righteous mother and two sisters arrived from Boston before the wedding with dresses in tow, hoping they would replace what the doc had in mind. The couple is still married – it must be Dr. Quinn's healing touch.

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**3] CAROL & MIKE** (September 26, 1969): "The Brady Bunch" officially became one big, happy family when Mike Brady (Robert Reed), a widower with three sons, married Carol (Florence Henderson), a widow with three daughters. During the ceremony, the boys' dog, Tiger, knocked over the wedding cake, which ended up all over the groom's suit. The newlyweds, feeling guilty, even invited the kids on their honeymoon. Even though the couple lived a harried life with six kids (and Alice, their maid), their idyllic marriage stayed intact.

**2] LUKE & LAURA** (November 16, 1981): "General Hospital" star-crossed lovers Luke Spencer (Anthony Geary) and Laura Webber (Genie Francis) was America's royal couple, and soap fans nationwide skipped work and school to witness their wedding day. In the highest-rated hour in soap history, 30 million viewers tuned in to watch the daytime super-couple finally tie the knot. Sadly, they divorced after 20 years.

**1] CHARLES & DIANA** (July 29, 1981): It was the fairytale wedding of the century when Lady Diana Spencer arrived in a glass coach to marry her Prince Charles. More than 750 million people worldwide were mesmerized by the lavish ceremony in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, officiated by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Diana wore an ivory-silk gown, and mixed up Charles' long family name during the vows. They divorced in 1996.

Source: Inside TV magazine, June 6, 2005

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## Family fun in the fall

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removed from the farm that kids don't know what the farm experience is like."

City kids, and even suburb folk from Newark, can experience the farm firsthand by visiting Milburn Orchards. During the visit, be sure to check out both the apple trees and pumpkin vines. Milburn offers a simple tip for apple picking: Know your own taste buds.

"Each [breed] has its own unique flavor," he said. "We all grew up eating Red Delicious, but it's kind of bland and doesn't have a lot of flavor. But you can try something different, like the Gala. You can put that in a child's lunch box and know they're going to eat it."

This fall, Milburn Orchards will offer several varieties, including the Gala, Fuji, Mutsu and Granny Smith apples. Those who like sweet apples might try the Gala breed. This apples is distinguished by its pink-colored stripes over a yellow background.

Bakers might try the Fuji and Mutsu apples, both of which hold their texture during baking. They work well in pies and sauces. The Fuji is distinguished by its large size. The Granny Smith apple, which is bitter and green, won't be ready for a few more weeks. Milburn prefers to leave these on the tree as long as possible, which sweetens the taste.

As far as pumpkins are concerned, Milburn suggests that you go with what inspires you.

"Everybody has their own opinion on what makes a good pumpkin," he said. "It's a good thing we're all different because there are lots of different pumpkins out there. I like to pick one that has marks that make a nice face [for a jack-o-lantern]. You have to envision the expression you want it to have."

Don't be afraid to experiment with your finds once you get home. Paint, carve, mash or bake your goodies to your heart's content. Apple cheddar scones are a fun unexpected treat.

### Enjoy apple cheddar scones

#### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup toasted wheat germ
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 Gala apple, cored and finely chopped
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 large egg white
- 1/2 cup low fat milk

#### Directions

■ Heat oven to 400 degrees. Grease an 8-inch round cake pan. In medium bowl, combine flour, wheat germ, sugar, baking powder, and salt. With pastry blender or fork, cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Stir in apple and cheddar cheese.

■ Beat egg white and milk until combined. Add to flour mixture, mixing gently, until soft dough forms. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface and knead 4 times.

■ Spread dough evenly in cake pan and score deeply with knife to make six wedges. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until top springs back when gently pressed. Cool until warm or room temperature.

## Bus contractors struggle as fuel prices rise

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ing habits. Homeowners throughout the country are also bracing for a record year in home heating costs following two hurricanes and industry increases in supply costs.

School districts around the United States are taking innovative steps to save on fuel costs. Indiana public schools have cancelled school trips and doubled up athletes and cheerleaders for trips to sporting events.

In Georgia, bus drivers are forbidden to allow buses to idle and unnecessary field trips were cancelled. Administrators there are also analyzing the routes to minimize travel.

In Christina District, Robert Laws, transportation supervisor, doesn't see too many places to save. "A lot of transportation departments are not up to date with routing software," Laws said. "We use Trapeze, a super-efficient routing tool that's accurate within one-half mile."

Laws said no excessive idling has been a standing policy and the schools or organizations that use the buses pay for extracurricular trips. "In maintenance,

however, we pull a bus whenever the mileage rate drops below 6.8 miles per gallon," Laws explained. "Every time a bus is fueled, usually daily, the mpg goes right on our server and we look for a problem if it drops."

Much of the fuel cost cannot be avoided, however. A school administrator in West Virginia noted that in addition to heating costs, the price of fuel impacts "nearly every facet" of school budgets. Among the areas of concern are school deliveries of every possible item from textbooks to food, operating maintenance vehicles, and costs passed along by vendors. School transportation officials in New Castle County and the rest of Delaware received some help in mid-September when the Department of Education (DOE) approved a special fuel adjustment to help compensate for the unprecedented rise in fuel costs.

A letter sent to all public school districts and school bus contractors on Sept. 15 said bus contractors and school districts would receive increases in their annual contract of approximately \$750 on an average 70-mile per day contract for

a diesel school bus. "This is the largest-ever fuel adjustment in Delaware," said Ron Love, DOE's school transportation supervisor. "All school bus contracts with the school districts will be increased by this adjustment."

There are approximately 1,550 diesel school buses statewide that transport 105,000 public school students daily, logging more than 115,000 miles each day. There are only 30 gas-operated buses operating statewide.

Delaware's DOE will continue to monitor price fluctuations daily through November and will conduct required monthly reviews of price changes from December to April and make additional adjustments if the annual average prices increase or decrease by at least five cents per gallon.

"Many of our contractors are struggling financially due to the unprecedented increases in fuel prices," said Secretary of Education Valerie A. Woodruff. "I believe this adjustment will be greatly appreciated by our contractors who provide a tremendous service to our public school students."



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thrown through the driver's side window of the car he was driving. Police said the man's scalp was cut.

The attack took place on North College Avenue near Ray Street as the victim was leaving a haunted house in the area.

**Two men arrested**

After shouting obscenities and taunts at police officers outside the Stone Balloon, 115 E. Main St., on Friday, Oct. 14, at 12:39 a.m., police attempted to arrest a man.

Police reported he resisted and another man intervened. After a scuffle with officers, the two were taken into custody after one man was wrestled to the ground. Pepper spray was used to subdue the man. Police said Daniel Conley, 22, of Wilmington, was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and offensive touching. Edward W. Jenkins, of Elkton, Md., was charged with resisting arrest and offensive touching. Both were released pending court appearances.

**Other incidents**

■ A rock was thrown through the bedroom window of a residence at 3101 Scholar Dr., University Courtyard apartments, shortly after 2:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 17. In addition to shattering the glass, the stone caused a hole

in the drywall inside the home.

■ A laptop computer valued at \$500 was stolen from the bedroom of a home at 111 Victoria Ct. while a party was being held at the residence, police were told on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 11:47 a.m.

■ After several parties at the Madeline Crossing apartments, 168 Elkton Road, spilled into the courtyard, a resident was shown a large hunting knife during an altercation. The victim, who was not injured, backed away and went inside to summon police on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 2:14 a.m. Police later recovered a large knife on the southwest corner of the Elkton Road property that apparently was dropped as the owner fled.

■ Newark police are investigating a possible hate crime and assault that took place in the street near 16 N. Chapel St. at Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 1 a.m. The University of Delaware Police Department also is investigating the incident. One victim told police that he was beaten for 30 seconds after a crowd surrounded him in the street. He suffered cigarette burns as well as cuts and bruises. Police said witnesses reported the crowd was burning a sweatshirt in the street and shouting racial slurs.

■ A man, 22, and youth, 16, told police that they were attacked while they were parked on the lot at Dickey Park, 60 Madison Dr. Two cars also were damaged during the incident on Monday, Oct. 10, at 8 p.m.

■ Ronald R. Wilkinson, 54, of

Newark, was charged with failure to disperse and disorderly conduct on Monday, Oct. 10, at 7:21 p.m. after police were called to the Cleveland Avenue Sub Shop, 231 E. Cleveland Ave. Wilkinson was released pending court appearances.

■ Andrew S. Vandover, 18, of Newark, was charged with shoplifting at the 7-Eleven, 235 E. Delaware Ave., on Monday, Oct. 10, at 7:48 a.m.

**Vehicles targeted**

Newark police reported that thieves and vandals targeted a number of vehicles here recently. Some of the reports include:

■ Rear lot, G. E. Power Inc., 400 Bellevue Road, on Sunday, Oct. 16, at 6:44 p.m., a pellet gun was used to damage the window of fender of a white Ford Mustang convertible;

■ 400 Wollaston Ave., on Sunday, Oct. 16, at 3:03 p.m., an estimated \$300 in damage was done to a 2000 Honda when the car's hood was dented;

■ Five vehicles parked on the Winner Ford lot, 303 E. Cleveland Ave., were broken into during the night, police were told on Friday, Oct. 14, at 7:20 a.m. Sound systems and tools were taken;

■ 850 Library Ave., on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 8:54 p.m., the windows of two cars were broken and a ouse was removed from each vehicle; and

■ Willa Road near Park Place, on Monday, Oct. 10, at 4:09 p.m., 2001 Honda Civic reported stolen.

**Alcohol, noise law violations detailed**

The Alcohol Enforcement Unit and other officers of the Newark Police Department continued their strict enforcement of alcohol and noise related laws last week.

Some of the recent arrests include:

■ Joseph B. Feldman, 21, of Avon, Conn., noise law violation, on Sunday, Oct. 16, at 1:09 a.m., at 3108 Scholar Dr., University Courtyard apartments;

■ Srint leammiramit, 21, noise violation, on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 12:03 a.m., at 121 W.

Main St., after police dispersed about 70 people from a party;

■ Louis M. Tortella, 22, of Newark, noise violation, on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 12:13 a.m., at 629 Lehigh Road;

■ Alex P. Buscewicz, 19, of Coatesville, Pa., noise violation, on Friday, Oct. 14, at 11:20 p.m., at 281 Beverly Road, University Garden apartments;

■ Peter C. Felgenbaum, 20, of Berkeley Heights, N.J., noise violation, on Friday, Oct. 14, at 11:22 p.m., at 3102 Scholar Dr.;

■ Ronald Christian Elia, 20, of Ringwood, N.J., noise violation, on Friday, Oct. 14, at 1:21 a.m., at 31 Duke St., School Lane apartments;

■ Ricardo Alfredo Valdes, 19, of Wilmington, underage consumption of alcohol and possession of an open container of alcohol, on Sunday, Oct. 16, at 12:30 a.m., at 18 North St.;

■ Shawn R. Duff, 19, of Huntingdon, Pa., underage consumption, open container, on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 11:50 p.m., at 40 E. Cleveland Ave.;

■ Alessandro V. Dantz, 20, of Mount Laurel, N.J., underage consumption, open container, on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10:30 p.m., at 65 S. Chapel St., Continental Court apartments;

■ Lee Hearne, 20, of Landenberg, Pa., underage consumption, open container, on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 1:10 a.m., in alley along Madison Drive; and

■ Shawn Charles Warholc, 19, of Landenberg, Pa., underage consumption, on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 12:47 a.m., at 287 Elkton Road.

All were released pending court appearances, police said.

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