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UP FRONT

We'll remember his warmth

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

LIKE many other Americans, my in-laws will remember U.S. Sen. Bill Roth for the IRA legislation that bears his name. Even though they live in Maryland, the topic of their Roth IRA surfaces frequently.

As well, the \$640 toilet seat that he exposed as ridiculous government spending will forever be associated with his name.



Streit

Many Delawareans will recall Sen. Roth for his quiet demeanor, his longevity in First State and Congressional politics, and his ability to humbly build voter loyalty. Tributes citing these qualities poured out early this week on the radio and in the daily newspaper and surely will be recurring themes at the memorial service Sunday at Clayton Hall here in Newark.

I'll always remember Bill Roth for his kindness to my friends.

From a distance during previous newspaper experiences, I knew of Delaware Sen. Roth's focus on government efficiency and spending, tax cuts and environmental issues.

But I never met him until I moved to the First State in 1992.

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It's better in Newark

Area shielded from high unemployment

By ELIZABETH COE

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Although the United States economy has been sluggish, unemployment rates in Delaware, and particularly in the Newark

area, remain relatively low.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the national unemployment rate for October 2003 was 6 percent. The rate for Delaware was 4 percent and Newark, the third-largest city in the state, was at 2.6 percent.

That compares to the state's two largest cities, Wilmington and Dover with unemployment rates of 3.8 percent and 3.6 per-

cent, respectively. Newark's October unemployment rate is also .4 percent lower than the previous month and substantially lower than October 2002's 3.4 percent rate.

Edward Simon, labor market analyst for the Delaware Department of Labor, said the University of Delaware and large employers are reasons Newark has such low rates.

Since the employment rate is measured inside city limits, the University of Delaware, which is right in the middle of Newark, has an enormous impact on employment, he said.

"But it also has to do with the fact that Newark is located within the proximity of large employers such as MBNA and Christiana Hospital."

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BEES STING!



Newark Post photos by Mike Biggs

THE NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM CELEBRATED ITS

return to state championship glory Saturday, Dec. 13 with an upset 28-21 double overtime victory over rival St. Mark's High School at Baynard Stadium in Wilmington.

Newark, however, was considered the underdog going into the game, having lost to St. Mark's earlier in the year. But in the end, NHS took home its ninth state championship since 1976, including five straight titles from 1997-2001, all under Coach Butch Simpson. Meanwhile, the University of Delaware football team will play in the NCAA Division I-AA championship 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19 at Max Finlay Stadium in Chattanooga, Tenn. against Colgate University. The Blue Hens advanced to the final for the first time in two decades by defeating Wofford 24-9 Saturday, Dec. 13.

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Yellowjackets return to glory, win state championship in double overtime against St. Mark's



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A stinky situation

NEWARK police reported that they were called to a store in the College Square Shopping Center in response to a stink bomb.

According to the police report, an unknown male entered NASCAR Personal Difference on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. and placed a lighted stink bomb near the front door. The store owner was able to kick it outside, police said.

Later, while the manager was occupied with a customer, the male entered the store again and placed another stink bomb further back in the store out of sight and ran out the door, according to the police report.

The suspect is described as a white male, 17 to 18 years old, average build, wearing fatigue jacket and baggy jeans, brown hair and possible mustache. He was seen getting into a green compact vehicle that left in the direction of Sears Hardware, police said.

No clothes on a cold porch

A Newark resident had a chilling sight when he spotted a naked man on his back porch Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7:28 a.m.

When Newark police arrived at the house in the 300 block of East Park Place, they said they found the man standing in his underwear and no shoes, attempting to put on a shirt. He was unable to tell police what he was doing there.

Andrew P. Siravo, 21, Berwyn, Pa., was arrested for criminal trespassing, with an arraignment date of Jan. 9. He was released pending the court appearance, police said.

7-Eleven robbed

Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that occurred at the 7-Eleven store on Red Mill Road in Newark.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, at 12:30 a.m., police reported that a male entered the store, walked behind the counter as the store clerk was in a back room and then confronted the employee.

The suspect had a handgun and removed money from the cash drawer while he held the employee at bay.

Police said the suspect fled the store and was seen getting into a tan SUV, possibly a Ford Explorer, with Pennsylvania registration plates. The vehicle was last seen heading south on Red

Thieves load up, car breaks down

On Sunday, Nov. 30, at 1:48 a.m., Newark Police were called to the Suburban Plaza Shopping Center where a car had broken down in the roadway.

According to police, their investigation revealed that the two occupants had just come from the Acme, where 17 bundles of firewood, valued at \$67, had been loaded into the vehicle. Police said the wood was stolen.

The vehicle didn't get out of the Suburban Plaza parking lot

before breaking down, police said.

Upon further investigation, police found open containers of alcohol in the vehicle.

Matthew Kelleher, 31, Newark, was arrested for shoplifting. Kris Davis, 27, Newark, was arrested for conspiracy, driving under the influence and possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle.

Both were released pending court appearances, police said.

Mill Road.

The suspect was described as a white male, 20 to 25 years-old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, with a medium build. He was wearing a black Philadelphia 76ers Iverson jersey with the No. 3.

No one was injured during the robbery.

Garage theft here

Thieves struck a garage in the 400 block of Country Club Drive on Saturday, Dec. 13, between 2:30 and 9 p.m. but they took only one item, according to police reports.

A wife had left the garage door open earlier in the day and when her husband came home, he saw the trunk of the car open.

Upon investigation, the only item found missing from the car was one shoe. Other more costly items were still in the trunk, police said.

Shoplifting arrest at Suburban Plaza

Newark Police were called to Happy Harry's in the Suburban Plaza Shopping Center on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 3:49 p.m. where they found a customer being detained by store employees.

According to the report, the customer attempted to leave the store with a bottle of Metabolife pills, valued at \$29.99, when the security alarm sounded. The customer struggled with store employees, police said.

Ann Marie Baker, 43, Wilmington, was issued a criminal summons for shoplifting and offensive touching, police said, and was released pending court appearances.

Parties draw attention

Newark police reported that they responded to several calls of loud parties last weekend:

Kyle James Campbell, 21, of the unit block Westfield Drive, was summoned for maintaining a disorderly premise after police reported seeing a loud party of approximately 200 persons spilling out into the street and on neighbors' lawns, on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2:17 a.m.

Antawn Jenkins, 23, was issued a summons for a noise violation at a party in the unit block of Phelps Lane on Saturday, Dec.

13, at 11:45 p.m.

Ashley Moffatt, 18, and Katelyn Derenzis, 19, were issued citations for disturbing the peace, on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 1 a.m., with a large party in the 400 block of Wollaston Ave., Ivy Hall Apartments.

Police said all were released pending court appearances.

South College Avenue hotel robbed Saturday

Newark police are investigating an armed robbery that took place at the Embassy Suites hotel on South College Avenue in Newark.

Police said that on Saturday, Dec. 13, at about 2:07 a.m., a man parked a vehicle outside the hotel entrance, entered the hotel lobby, pointed a handgun at the clerk, and demanded money. The employee complied and the suspect fled the lobby with the cash, got back into the waiting vehicle, and fled the area, police said. The employee was not injured.

The suspect is described as a white male, mid-20's, short sandy-brown hair, 5 feet 10 inches tall, with an average build.

Persons with any information regarding the robbery is asked to contact Detective Rubin at 366-7110, ext. 135, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

Newark man killed

The Delaware State Police Fatal Accident and Reconstruction Team is investigating a three-vehicle crash that resulted in the death of a 24-year-old Newark man.

On Monday, Dec. 8, at about 1 a.m., police reported that a 2003 Nissan, 350 Z operated by Michael C. Leslie, 24, of Newark was traveling north on I-95. A 1992 Chevy Caprice was traveling in the left center lane of I-95 northbound and operated by Julian H. Wailes, 61, of Wilmington. A 1999 Freightliner tractor-trailer was traveling in the right lane of I-95 northbound and operated by Jarvis Bowden, 41, of Harvey, Ill.

According to witnesses, police reported that the Nissan was driving in a reckless manner traveling at a high rate of speed and weaving in and out of traffic. The Nissan approached the Chevy

Caprice and sideswiped it.

After impact, police believe the Nissan began to rotate and its rear end struck the underside of the trailer. The Nissan continued to spin then struck the Jersey barrier.

While the Nissan was spinning, Leslie was thrown from the vehicle into the left center lane of I-95. Other passing vehicles then possibly struck Leslie, police theorize. The Caprice traveled across the northbound lanes and left the roadway coming to a stop in the snowy median. The Freightliner traveled north from the point of impact and stopped on the west shoulder of the interstate, police said.

Leslie was pronounced dead at the scene. The other operators did not receive any injuries as a result of the crash.

I-95 crash injures two

Delaware State Police are investigating a Saturday, Dec. 13 several-vehicle crash that injured two drivers and resulted in one being found with drugs.

Police said that at 10:09 a.m. a Chevrolet Corsica was heading south on I-95 about three miles north of the Rt. 896 interchange when it drifted into the grass median where the driver lost control. The car began to spin and entered the northbound lanes where it was struck in the center lane by a 1995 Ford Taurus.

The Taurus then struck a 2002 VW Passat and a 1997 Jeep Cherokee which were also traveling north.

The driver of the Chevrolet was identified as James Eastridge, 37, of Elkton, Md. Eastridge was taken to the Christiana Hospital where he was admitted to ICU with a broken lower right leg and fractured ribs. The driver of the Taurus was identified as Amanda Schmidt, 24, of Arlington, Va. She was also taken to Christiana Hospital and admitted in critical condition with a fractured skull. Schmidt also underwent emergency surgery to remove her spleen.

The other two drivers declined medical attention.

Troopers also found what they believe to be cocaine in one automobile.

IVY HALL RUCKUS

By DARREL W. COLE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

LONG running conflicts between Newark city officials and landlords of mostly student apartments came to a head at last week's City Council meeting.

The Monday, Dec. 8 debate between Ivy Hall apartment owner Michael S. Purzycki and council members highlighted the tensions between landlords and a city that has fought to keep student rentals to designated areas of the city.

Purzycki's plan to add eight units to Ivy Hall apartments on Wollaston Avenue was first denied in October by the city Planning Commission because commissioners said there's enough student apartment housing, and more will only mean more problems. Then, when the project was brought to the City Council in November for consideration, the motion made to discuss it did not get a second vote, meaning it died.

However, City Solicitor Roger Akin days later suggested the matter be publicly discussed by Council members in order to give Purzycki a fair hearing. But by putting it on the Dec. 8 agenda, it provided the forum for a heated debate between Purzycki and the council. In the end, the council voted to table the proposal to Jan. 26 so both sides could further discuss their differences.

The eight units are proposed to be built near the railroad tracks.

Purzycki, a former councilmember and well-known businessman, charged the council with ignoring state law, violating his due process and not following its own rules. Purzycki also said the council did not properly handle his request from the beginning because he first cleared his proposals with the city Planning Department.

"The way the matter was treated was offensive to me," he said. "You have to let students live somewhere unless you really are trying to keep them out."

He said he spent \$40,000 on

"I can't imagine you allowing more (apartments) there."

RON WALKER

KELLS AVENUE RESIDENT FOR 40 YEARS

plans because he was told by city planners that his proposal was following city development laws.

"Rather than have an attorney talk to you I wanted to do it myself," he said. "I am here because of your process, following your rules," Purzycki said.

Then it was the council's turn and Councilman Jerry Clifton led the charge.

"I've driven by there [Ivy Hall] countless times and see the genesis of ugly situations brewing," Clifton said. Ivy Hall "has yielded 189 alcohol violations over three years," he said.

Councilman David Athey said

Ivy Hall's police calls are "100 percent higher than the next complex."

Councilwoman Chris Rewa said, "I will say, honestly, as a resident of Newark, more Ivy Hall apartments? My Goodness."

The council acknowledged that if a development proposal meets their zoning plan they may be bound to approve it. But several said they remain concerned about student behavior — especially in an acknowledged trouble area like Ivy Hall — and the fact that they are bound by certain rules.

"What about quality of life?" said Councilman Karl Kalbacher.

Mayor Hal Godwin said "We are not looking to move them [students] out but the issue is the behavior. I don't see it as a land use issue. You look at the map and, yes, why not put more apartments there. But what we hear from neighbors is it will only bring more unacceptable behavior."

Residents in the vicinity of Ivy Hall also oppose the project.

"I have lived there 40 years

and I have a right to a decent quality of life," said Kells Avenue resident Ron Walker, directing his comments to Purzycki. "I can't imagine you allowing more there. There is no good reason to think the relationship will be better between us and Ivy Hall."

Purzycki acknowledged Ivy Hall has problems but that he is working to control them. He said the reason for an excess of problems is that his complex has become "the sophomore place."

"We have the youngest university students in off campus housing," he said. "It's like they broke out of jail. I do hear what the neighbors are saying."

After the rancor died down, Godwin suggested the item be tabled so the city can discuss its options and meet with Purzycki, which he agreed to.

In closing, Athey then asked, "Whose court is the ball in now?"

DSWA may implement curbside service

Editor's note: This is the final week of the updated tabulations of the Delaware Solid Waste Authority recycling survey of Newark city residents. The deadline to the respond to the survey was Monday, Dec. 15.

Delaware Solid Waste Authority officials said the positive responses to a curbside recycling program in Newark may be enough to allow them to implement the voluntary service.

As of Monday, Dec. 15, the last day to return the DSWA survey gauging resident interest in the service, an estimated 409 of 6,400 Newark households said they would pay \$6 a month for curbside recycling.

A total of 875 households responded to the survey, sent to residents through the city electric bills beginning in October. Of the total, 466 said they would not pay for the curbside service but, of that, 144 would like free curbside recycling.

Tom Houska, chief of administrative services for the DSWA, said he expects his staff will recommend to the DSWA board of directors that curbside recycling be offered to those residents in the city of Newark who said they would pay for it.

"I think it's a good number to start

with and we hope to be able to expand on it, but it's still an economic issue and the board has to approve it," Houska said.

He said the board's next meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Jan. 29. At that meeting, the board will first discuss the DSWA's only other curbside recycling program being offered to approximately 500 residents in the Brandywine Hundred area. Houska said if the board agrees to continue that service, DSWA staff will recommend expanding it to include the city of Newark.

The DSWA had hoped for at least 640 Newark households to sign up for the curbside service, but the lesser number also means the DSWA might not have to purchase a new recycling truck or hire new employees, Houska said.

Currently, the city of Newark picks up residential garbage but does not offer curbside pick up of recyclables except yard waste and leaves. The DSWA has recycling drop off containers in six areas of the city.

The DSWA meeting is scheduled to be held at the Delaware Recycling Center on Lambsons Lane in New Castle. For information, call 1-800-404-7080, or visit the DSWA Web site at www.dswa.com.

— Darrel W. Cole

Wolfe to step down from Newark Assembly Plant

By DARREL W. COLE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE MAN who has managed DaimlerChrysler's Newark Assembly Plant for 11 years — and oversaw its conversion to become the exclusive maker of the Dodge Durango — will take over as president and CEO of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce.

James A. Wolfe will begin the high-profile position Feb. 1. He has worked for Chrysler since 1964 and took over as Newark Plant Manager in 1992, overseeing 2,284 employees at the 244-acre property in Newark city limits.

Wolfe was selected after the state chamber board conducted a nationwide search, according to Marvin N. Shoenhals, CEO of WSFS, who headed the search committee.

"We are delighted to have Jim join us, and I am confident that he has the skills and knowledge of Delaware's business community to lead the state's premier business advocacy

organization in the years ahead."

The state chamber has approximately 2,800 members.

Wolfe has worked with and negotiated with a variety of state business and political leaders because the Newark plant is one of only two automakers in the state. But he's also served as board member and past chairman of United Way of Delaware, served on the board of the Delaware Business Roundtable and was awarded the 2003 Lifetime Achievement Quality Award by the state.

"A strong business environment is vital to Delaware's success and I look forward to taking a leadership role in ensuring that the business community has the voice and support it needs to succeed," Wolfe said.

Wolfe, a Michigan native, first began working



Wolfe

in Newark in 1983 as the production general superintendent for truck assembly plants, then manager of quality/product engineering before being named manager of the entire plant.

In 1996, Wolfe and others worked with politicians to help the plant get quick federal and state approval to renovate the plant, so it could begin producing the Durango. Since then more than 900,000 Durangos have been built.

Wolfe's most recent accomplishment was helping launch the 2004 Dodge Durango in October, an event that brought in national media, Gov. Ruth Ann Minner and U.S. Sen. Joseph Biden, among others, all of whom praised Wolfe and the Newark operation.

The launch was huge for Newark and Delaware as the automaker spent \$180 million in renovations for the Durango, while making the plant capable of building several vehicles at one time.

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MARK MY WORDS

The lesson is hope

By MARK SISK

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

I really like cemeteries. Lots of my friends think this is weird, if not even kinky. I like to think of it as buying into the 19th century concept of a cemetery in the center of town as a place of peace, remembrance, and historical interest. The Wilmington and Brandywine cemetery on Delaware Avenue in Wilmington is an excellent example of that thinking.

Trouble is, as one gets older, the visits aren't purely for contemplation.

Christmas and the approaching year end is the time to take stock anyway, and it has been a bad year (can there ever be a good year?) for non-recreational visits to cemeteries.

In my immediate family, my wife lost her father in January, and coincidentally my children lost their first grandparent. An uncle and a cousin near my age (gulp!) passed later in the year. Barbara Hughes, married to my mentor Tom Hughes and known to many in Newark from Tom's days as City Solicitor, and her own days as a Magistrate, lost a courageous battle with cancer in the spring. We all mourned Charlesa Lowell recently.

Dear friends have suffered losses, from parents to siblings to, sometimes, children or even grandchildren. The pain of the latter must be all but unbearable.

Last month, Bob Schlusser died. Bob was my law partner from 1987 to 1995, and, to my surprise and honor, I was told it had been his wish that I deliver part of the eulogy at his service. As I reread my remarks afterward, it seemed to me that they said a lot of things I had wanted to say in this column in due course about lawyering, and about being in ventures in life with partners.

To make reading these comprehensible, you need to know that Bob and his wife Joanna Reiver practiced law with me and Tom Hughes (and others) in a firm known as Schlusser, Reiver, Hughes and Sisk. Bob practiced in the areas of taxation and business planning. No matter how dissimilar someone's professional interests are you don't sit next to him in an office every day for the better part of 10 years and not get a sense of the person.

Our kids played together, we hired and fired employees together, served our clients, brought in new partners, and gen-

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“...At Christmas we remember those who left us this year and all the years before. We take the comfort we can, and draw lessons and strength from well-lived lives.”

erally took on the world together and tried to do our best.

Eulogy for a friend

Here is what I said at Bob's service:

“Those of us who were privileged to know Bob Schlusser knew, above all else, what mattered most to him. I don't think I am telling anyone in the room anything you don't know when I say he loved his children and Joanna. I don't think it's any secret he was considered a lawyer's lawyer, fiercely loyal to his clients, employees and partners. These things we all know however we knew Bob.

“I want to share with you some other things I learned from spending the better part of a decade as Bob's partner. I remember the words of a man who had once sold his interest in the New York Yankees. When asked why, he said that nothing was more limited than being a limited partner of George Steinbrenner.

“Bob made it clear from day one in our partnership that he would be in charge; I believe his exact words were ‘total administrative control’. Me, I like trying cases, not ordering pencils. This was like someone telling me they'd eat my Brussels sprouts for me. The control thing, though, wasn't ego. Well, maybe it was, a bit. But being administrative partner in a law firm is a difficult job, and what Bob was saying, I think, was that he could do it so as to free me up to do the things I did best.

“I also say the obvious when I say that Bob and Joanna were partners, but, as we practiced together during those years, I learned how complete and total the partnership was. Other lawyers told Tom Hughes and me we were nuts to form a partnership with a married couple. Nothing could have been further from the truth.

“In fact, I felt that Tom and I, and later Brian Glancy and Bryan Keenan, had a distinct advantage, since we didn't have to look at each other across the dinner table if we had had a rough day with one another. The way their strengths complemented each other was obvious if you were in their presence for 10 minutes.

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OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week's “Out of the Attic” photo features a post card from the collection of the University of Delaware archives. It shows the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad train station in Newark. The card is postmarked Sept. 14, 1906. This interesting collection of postal memories is available to the public on the Web; go to <http://www.lib.udel.edu/digital/dpc/>. “Out of the Attic” features historic photographs from Newark's past. 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 throughout the years

■ Dec. 20, 1928

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 4 years-old today, of course it is too close to Xmas for me to get any Birthday present. But I will want a lot for Xmas, Santa will you please bring me a nice, big Doll baby, a set of dishes, a mother's helper set, a chair and stove. I guess this will be all I want. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Bring everybody something.

I will be a good girl from now until after Xmas.

With love to Santa,
From Betty Louise Schaeen

Public schools give Christmas play tonight

The series of Christmas programs given by the Newark school will be concluded tonight in a large cantata, “A Search for Santa Claus,” in which the entire school will be represented. The programs are being arranged and coached by the entire

school faculty.

County firemen meet in Newark

The New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association met last Friday night in the Newark Fire House, as guests of the Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company. The chief business of the meeting was to discuss tentatively the program of the convention of the

Delaware State Volunteer Firemen's Association.

■ Dec. 20, 1978

Gas lines should be short, but prices high

Delaware consumers probably won't have to wait in line for gas this winter, but they'll soon be paying as much as a nickel more per gallon by the end of next year.

County ignoring policy, residents claim

Pike Creek Valley residents are growing increasingly upset and may resort to trying to initiate legislation at the state level if New Castle County Council continues to approve land development along Limestone Road.

■ Dec. 19, 1997

Christina could redistrict itself

The Christina School District is looking for ways

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“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 in the reprinting of these items.

'I marvel at those who deal with death each day'

► SISK, from 4

"Bob and I often served the same clients in our respective areas of the law. In the days since Bob passed, I've talked to many of those clients. Bob wasn't just a lawyer. Especially in the family

Roy's site remains vacant

► PAGES, from 4

to correct imbalances in school enrollment. The proposed solution is to redraw some lines in the district, a process known as redistricting.

Dr. Jane Barfield, administrative assistant for Christina, said the immediate need lies at the secondary level in Christiana, Glasgow and Newark high schools. "Newark's attendance area is not growing at the rate of the other two," explained Barfield.

Roy's site still empty on Newark's Main Street

Plans which seemed so bright in October to redevelop the former Roy Rogers site have now languished for almost a month.

The request from developers NewCap Main Street for a minor subdivision for the property at 59 E. Main Street was deleted without explanation from the Newark City Council agenda for Nov. 24.

Bars may be liable

A bill sponsored by Speaker of the House Terry R. Spence, R-Stratford, could result in greater responsibility for alcohol servers throughout the state.

Called "J.J.'s Law," the legislation allows civil action to be taken against commercial alcohol beverage servers who through their negligence create a situation that results in personal injury or property damage.

Currently, bars, taverns and other alcohol sellers can not be held liable in a civil action when they serve a patron who should have been denied service.

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.

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businesses, he advised — and these ranged, literally, from worldwide concerns to corner stores — he was the consigliere.

"Of course Bob knew the law, but what clients really wanted was his judgment and perspective. One client relates to me that, in the course of refereeing a multi-generational dispute, an aunt was trying to exclude a niece from the operation of a business. The aunt proposed, in essence, that no one descended from the founder could be active in the business. Bob observed tartly that the aunt had just fired everyone in the room.

"Bob possessed in spades the single most important quality with his clients that a lawyer can possess. In this era of vending machine law — you put your money in, pull the lever, and get the answer you want — Bob could tell a client no. Sometimes

this was diplomatic; often it was not.

"One client told me this week that she didn't recall a single meeting with Bob in the 30 years he represented their family that there wasn't at least one sharp disagreement. I am often reminded of the story of J.P. Morgan, who is supposed to have said, on being told his lawyers wouldn't approve some plan or other, instructed "Get new lawyers." If you were Bob's client, and he told you no, you didn't get new lawyers, you accepted it and moved because you knew Bob was your partner and didn't want you to fail.

"Bob's sense of humor, tart and understated, was often well hidden in the office, unlike, say, mine. This was who he was. But it would appear from time to time. Its appearance and disappearance in the office made it as

legendary as Brigadoon, and some did not believe it existed. But it did.

"Once, in black mood over the departure of an associate attorney, Bob lamented "Associates!! You teach them all you know, and then they leave one day and take some of your clients with them." He paused, and smiled, and said "Of course, that's what I did".

"I learned a lot of things from Bob, but most of all his life to me is testimony that unless one wants to live as an island, partners are important. I don't care if it's a family, a law firm, a rock band, or a pizza shop — good partners make the sum greater than the parts. All of us who worked with him — clients, employees, and partners — were Bob's partners in the most real and true sense of the word. And that partnership wasn't limited at all. It was richer and fuller

because of who he was.

"It was said of John F. Kennedy Jr. that he had every gift, except years. We all wish Bob had had more years. But the gift of his years was ours."

The lesson is hope

My favorite Christmas book is "A Christmas Carol" and my favorite part is the ghost of Christmas past.

At Christmas we remember those who left us this year and all the years before.

We take the comfort we can, and draw lessons and strength from well-lived lives.

I marvel at the way friends who work, say, as funeral directors (I won't mention Bob Foard by name here), or in medical fields, deal with death every day.

The lesson, I think, is hope.

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Food Bank gets donations, needs more

Two corporations made significant donations to the Food Bank of Delaware in Newark, but Food Bank officials say they are still needing more to brace for the holiday season.

Kraft Foods Inc. in Dover gave the Food Bank a \$5,000 grant, which will partially pay for a Mobile Pantry Program, while ShopRite Partners In Caring, ShopRite grocery store's hunger fighting initiative, is providing 15 regional food banks, including Delaware's, with 43,000 pounds of holiday turkeys.

The Mobile Pantry delivers meal boxes, fresh produce and

bakery items to areas that need it.

With ShopRite's donation of turkeys, the food banks will distribute the turkeys to local charities and agencies that help feed the hungry in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Delaware.

"The holidays are tough for many families struggling to make ends meet," said Karen Meleta spokesperson for ShopRite Partners In Caring. "ShopRite Partners In Caring is honored to be able to offer some relief by donating these turkeys," she noted.

The Food Bank of Delaware is

Holiday garbage collections listed

The City of Newark will have altered garbage collection during the holiday season.

Garbage normally picked up on Thursday, Dec. 25 will be

picked up Wednesday, Dec. 24, while garbage normally picked up on Thursday, Jan. 1 will be picked up Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Friday garbage collections

will remain in place.

Also, there will be no bulk item pick ups during the week of Dec. 22 and the week of Dec. 29.

Newark fares well in jobs competition

► JOBS, from 1

Simon nor anyone else could say how the 150-plus downtown businesses affect the rates, or how many people are employed downtown.

Simon said the Newark area has one of the lowest unemployment rates in Delaware.

Local business owners and managers say the low unemployment translates into more turnover in jobs and it's sometimes harder to hire for service-related positions.

Gene Danneman, owner of The Copy Maven on Main Street, said she has hired recently, but only to replace someone who left an open position.

"It's not unusual for me to hire to replace someone at any time," she said, "but I don't usually do seasonal hiring because training takes awhile, and I like to have well-trained people working at all times."

Although The Copy Maven is walking distance away for most students of the university, Danneman said she prefers to hire a mix of students and other residents.

She also said she feels that hiring in Newark is difficult, possibly because of the high unemployment rate. People may be not be as willing to work jobs in local stores such as The Copy Maven.

"I don't know why, but it's hard for me to find people who are good workers and willing to work," she said.

Danneman said she has not

noticed much difference in her hiring experiences over the past few years. Although the economy has faltered, she has not seen a change in the number of people applying for work or the types of people applying.

Jane Woolsey, manager of The Post House Restaurant, said she is currently hiring wait staff and is almost always looking for more employees.

"I think that's just how it is in the restaurant business," she said, "We're always hiring."

Woolsey agreed that it is difficult to hire in Newark. She said she would definitely be interested in hiring more university students, but since her restaurant is only open for breakfast and lunch, it is often hard for them to work and then attend classes later in the day.

She said she has noticed a difference in hiring over the past few years.

"People don't seem to want to work right now," she said. "Maybe they don't want to work in a restaurant because it is hard work. Maybe they're going for jobs where they don't have to work as hard and be on their feet all day."

Ray Fleck, manager of D.P. Dough, said the company usually hires delivery drivers and kitchen staff during the early fall, but this year they did hire a few employees in the beginning of November.

The large student population of Newark does help with hiring, he said, although many of the employees are student-aged resi-

dents who are not students.

Fleck said he doesn't feel that it is hard for D.P. Dough to hire in Newark, possibly because of the fun and laid-back nature of the business.

"At any given time we have applications just waiting in the back," he said, "So there's no shortage of people who are willing to work here."

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Options are few when fighting the flu

This year's flu season started a month earlier than usual with the first cases being reported before Thanksgiving. However, when it comes to treating the flu, there aren't a lot of options.

"Typically, most cases of influenza clear up without medical treatment," said Joel D. Klein, MD, Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington. "If your child sees their pediatrician within 48 hours of the first signs of the flu, an antiviral medicine, such as aman-

tadine, rimantadine or newer agents such as Zanamivir or Oseltamivir may sometimes be prescribed. These drugs must be started very early in the course of the disease and the main benefit is usually a one or two days shorter course of the infection."

So how can you help your child feel better in the meantime?

■ Offer your child plenty of fluids (fever, which can be associated with the flu, can lead to dehydration). If your child is tired of drinking plain water, try ice pops, icy drinks mixed in a

blender, and soft fruits (like melons or grapes).

■ Encourage bed rest with a supply of magazines, books, quiet music, and perhaps a favorite movie.

■ Provide acetaminophen for your child's aches and pains.

■ Do not overdress your child.

■ A phone call from a close relative or far-away friend can help lift your child's spirits.

■ Another way to care for your child is ask your doctor

whether you (and other family members) would benefit from a flu shot. Also, wash your hands thoroughly and often, especially after discarding used tissues.

If your child's doctor recommends a prescription medicine to ease your child's symptoms, be sure to call before you take your prescription to your local pharmacy. Because the flu has strongly affected so many areas of the United States, many pharmacies may report difficulty in keeping certain medicines in stock.

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OUTLOOK

Take five: Simplify your holidays

■ Outlook is a weekly feature provided to Newark Post readers by the staff of the New Castle County Cooperative Extension Office.

By MARIA PIPPIDIS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

FAR from being selfish or irresponsible, taking time for yourself during the holidays can make you a better parent, spouse or worker-and a happier person as well.

When you "Take Five" to do something you like, brain chemicals such as serotonin and endorphins are released, triggering feelings of well being. Increased demands during the holidays can make managing work and family life increasingly difficult. Although originally considered just a women's issue, research indicates that men are as likely as women to have difficulty managing work and family demands.

In her research on dual-career couples, Dr. Denise Skinner, professor of Family Studies at the University of Wisconsin, found that there are distinct differences in how men and women use down time. Men spend their down-time doing what they want, and don't worry about it. Women typically use down time to become more organized.

According to Skinner, "Men possess more of a sense of entitlement when it comes to time for themselves, whereas women tend to feel guilty if they take a few hours off from the responsibilities," (as cited in Ebron, 1996, p. 30).

How do we break the spell and accept the invitation to a



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Last-minute shopping on Main Street yields treasures

Editor's note: Newark Post Writer Robin Broomall and Editor Darrel W. Cole decided to play the roles of last-minute shoppers. The

rules are that the shopping take place in downtown Newark and each was allowed to spend no more than \$200 for no more than

10 people. On two different days, Broomall and Cole each set out on their own. Here are their experiences and what they found.

By DARREL W. COLE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

PLAYING the role of last-minute shopper is new to me.

Typically I like to spread the shopping out over several weeks prior to the holidays. For this story, however, my colleague Robin Broomall and I decided to pretend to be last-minute shoppers restricted to downtown Newark.

We set spending caps of no more than \$200, for no more than 10 people. We flipped a coin to decide who got what side of Main Street ... Robin took the north side, I took the

south side. She went the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 11, I went late morning of Friday, Dec. 12.

In two hours I easily spent approximately \$185 and walked away with some great, unique gifts. I could have bought much more.

My shopping experience began with a drive downtown and parking at city lot #4, a gated lot where I didn't have to worry about how long I stayed. It is also central enough to many businesses.

On my shopping list: Three nieces, ages two, six and nine, sister in law, wife (stocking stuffer), 19-year-old nephew, mother in law

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

University sophomores Kaili Kao and Becky Gable check out the picture frames at Happy Harry's for only \$9.99.

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

CROWDS of people, horns blowing, long lines, tired sales clerks. These are what give Christmas shopping a bad rap. No pun intended.

When I am short of time, the last thing I need are cruising around parking lots looking for a spot and waiting in long lines to pay for items at the only register open in the store.

So this time I decided to try Main Street.

There were no crowds on a Thursday afternoon with less than two weeks before Christmas. In some cases I was the only customer in the store and had the complete attention of the store owner. Many of them were able to point out unique and unusual items I would never have thought of purchasing.

The parking was within easy walking distance of every shop in town. I had my choice of lunch places with just about every international menu you could desire.

Having lived in Newark for more than



PHOTO BY DARREL W. COLE

Jennifer S. Rayner, manager of E.C. Shades on Main Street, takes time to clean a pair of sunglasses in the store.

30 years, my perception was that the variety of merchandise in shops in downtown Newark was limited to university logo items and used text books, but my first stop quickly squelched that myth. In less than two hours I had lunch, purchased 10 items, completed much of my shopping, and was 61 cents under my budget of \$200.

■ My first stop was in a beauty salon, not where you usually go for gifts. But for a young 20-something, the Head Shop has a funky line of products called Bed Head by Tigi, including Ego Boost, Health Goddess, Chocolate Head and

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Shopping tour on foot yields results

► DARREL, from 8

(stocking stuffer), brother and an aunt.

With a nip in the air but the sun shining, here's a rundown of my experiences:

■ My first stop was Days of Knights. From fantasy to board games and comic books, you can find it here. After browsing around for a short time, I returned to the items I saw when I first walked into the store: Fairy figurines, delicate and detailed and perfect for the nine-year-old niece.

They were priced right (\$20) and an employee told me they were popular. The one I purchased was called Fernwhisper,

from the Faerie Glen series.

■ Next stop was Cameras etc. I first was attracted to the wonderful selection of picture frames but somehow ended up at the tripod section. I found the perfect gift for my photographer sister-in-law, a mini tripod that screws into any 35 millimeter camera, digital or otherwise. It's only about six inches tall but allows you to place the camera on just about any surface, set the timer on your camera, get into place and smile. There are two versions, one costing \$11.99 and the "Ultimate Pod II" at \$19.99.

■ A short distance away was E.C. Shades. Upon walking in I saw a wall of "2 for \$15" bargains. My wife loses every pair of sunglasses she has within

weeks so I thought it would be a perfect stocking stuffer. With the help of manager Jennifer Rayner I picked out two pair.

■ I thought going into Main Street florists would be a long shot, but I was surprised when I found a great low-maintenance plant for my greenthumb aunt, costing about \$22.

■ Crystal Concepts lured me in next. The small store is packed with intriguing items. I settled on the wood box incense burner with a groovy design for my nephew. The box and two packets of incense came to only \$12. As I was waiting to pay, I saw some interesting silver-colored necklaces and added it to my loot for another wife stocking stuffer. I came close to, but passed on,

buying a \$13 "wave ring" for a teenage niece because I wasn't sure if she would like it.

■ I found many opportunities for gifts at Grassroots. But I passed on most because I wanted to visit other stores. I settled on seven Literary Luminaries greeting cards, costing \$20.95 total. The front of the cards have caricatures (by Mike Caplanis) of prominent writers, including Virginia Woolf, Mark Twain, Emily Dickinson and Walt Whitman. The inside is blank but the back of the card offers a short bio of the writer. They are fun, yet classy, a perfect stocking stuffer for my mother in law, a prolific letter writer.

■ After more than an hour of shopping I needed a break so I stopped at Dunkin' Donuts for coffee and a breakfast sandwich. But lo and behold I also found the perfect gift for my all-day coffee drinking brother, four pounds of Dunkin Donuts coffee for under \$20.

■ After fueling up, I retraced my steps, making The Learning Station my last stop. This large store has items for the young and old. I browsed for a while before finding a perfect toy for my two-year-old niece, An "I Play Funtime Tractor." It makes all sorts of sounds, plays the "Old

McDonald Had A Farm" song and moves forward when you push the tractor seat. Best of all the five farm animals in the trailer all make the appropriate animal noises when you push on their heads.

I could envision my niece enthralled by all the sounds and motions and thought the \$23.75 was worth the price. But I could also see the rest of the family, including adults, fighting for their turn to hear the pig go "oink, oink."

I also found neat items for my six-year-old niece. Plan Toys' Patio Furniture (\$14.25) has a lawn chair, beach umbrella and other items, perfect for this niece who loves the beach. To go with it, I bought a tiny "Friends & Family" doll for \$4.25.

■ With that I completed my frenzied, yet fun shopping, all in the cozy, friendly confines of downtown Newark.

■ Of course, if you're really pressed for time or despise shopping altogether, you could easily purchase downtown gift certificates, good at almost 70 downtown stores. For information about where to purchase them, call 366-7155.

'Try building little blocks of fun into each day'

► OUTLOOK, from 8

freer life-style? Simplification is the key.

You can choose to be "Fast and Furious" or "Slow and Easy." First, let go of attitudes that continually deny you health and happiness in your effort to be responsible. The important thing is to work on simplifying your life, then finding ways to keep it simple.

Try simplifying your work and/or home life with these techniques:

■ Set realistic goals and simplify your expectations. Life is filled with foibles, flaws and imperfections.

■ Mark time off your calendar to 'catch up.'

■ Give yourself permission to play; schedule "Joy Breaks"-fun in small doses. Get as good at planning fun as you now are at scheduling work.

■ Blend rewarding work with time for personal refreshment.

■ Plan a day to work from home once in a while.

■ Schedule a breather. If you live by a calendar, schedule one hour a day to allow some breathing space. "Take Five" for yourself. Five minutes away from your work area can have a dramatic effect on your productivity.

■ Schedule time to work on specific holiday projects. Give yourself time to work on these

things by scheduling time in your calendar.

■ Delegate. Stop trying to do everything yourself. Let your spouse and children help with family responsibilities and holiday preparations.

For most of us, work is an inescapable fact of life—it is the way we obtain the physical necessities of existence, but setting aside hours isn't necessary to reap the benefits of "Taking Five." Try building little blocks of fun into each day. Only by breaking the chains of busyness can we renew, recharge, relax and enjoy the holidays.

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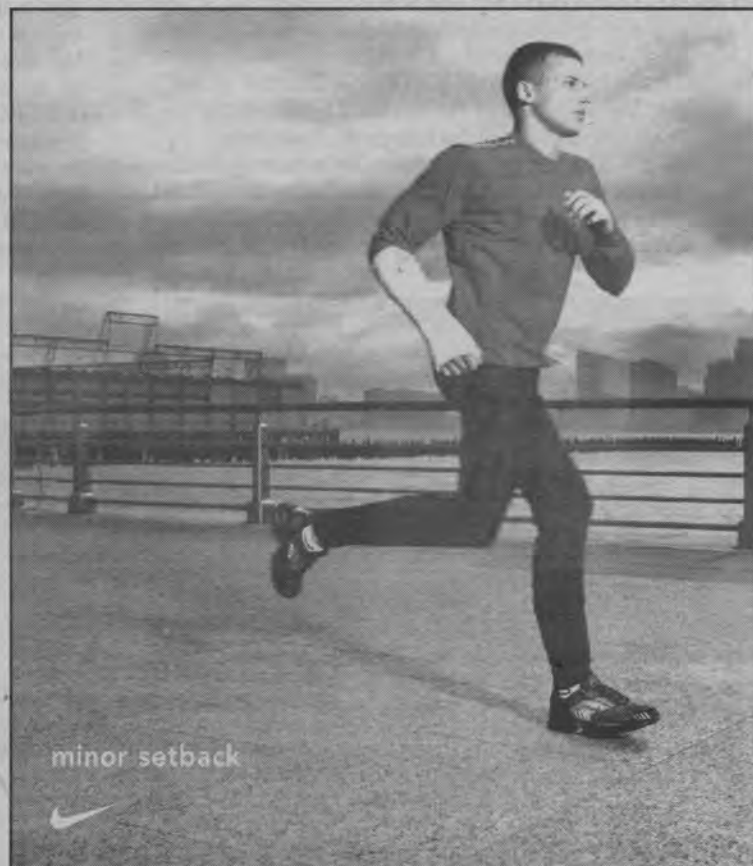
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This is the last weekend to visit downtown Newark's Santa's Workshop, pictured with elves and Santa and Mrs. Claus above. The Workshop is open now through Sunday, Dec. 21, at 46 E. Main St. in Newark, the former home of the Delaware Book Exchange. The workshop offers crafts, carolers, games, toy trains, snacks and elaborate decorations. Entry is free but some activities have fees. The workshop is open Friday, Dec. 19 (3-8 p.m.), Saturday, Dec. 20 (10 a.m.-8 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 21 (noon-5 p.m.)

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FIBRE RICE Through March 31. Exhibit presenting fiber arts in their functional aspect and as beautiful material expressions of different regional, ethnic, and religious symbols at Wheaton Village in Millville, N.J. Info. and directions, 856-825-6800 or visit their web site at www.wheatonvillage.org.

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THE FELLOWS Through Dec. 31. Exhibit showcasing contemporary glass works by past and current CGCA fellowship recipients at

Wheaton Village in New Jersey. Info., 856-825-6800.

SATURDAY

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THE SNOW QUEEN and THE FANTASTIC TOYSHOP Today and tomorrow. Magical children's ballet in University of Delaware's Mitchell Hall, South College & Amstel Avenue. 266-6362.

LUNCHBOX 8-11 p.m. entertainment at Home Grown Cafe' & Gourmet to Go, 126 E. Main Street. No cover. Info., 266-6993.

SANTA CLAUS EXPRESS Through tomorrow. 12:30; 2 and 2:30 p.m. Santa will be on board the Wilmington & Western Railroad on Newport Gap Pike to greet the children and pass out chocolate treats. Riders should bring their own cameras for photo opportunities. \$10 adults, \$9 children, and \$8 seniors. Reservations recommended. 998-1930.

MAGNIFICAT 8 p.m. concert at Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. Tickets \$12 adults; \$10 seniors; \$5 students. For more information, call 831-3753.

■ SUNDAY, DEC. 21

LINDA EDER Holiday concert at The Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St. Info. and tickets, 800-37-GRAND.

■ MONDAY, DEC. 22

LINE DANCING 1 p.m. beginner class; and 2 p.m. advanced class every Monday at Newark Senior Center. 737-2336.

■ TUESDAY, DEC. 23

HANUKKAH CELEBRATION AND WINTER CONCERT 7 p.m. holiday songs and a performance at the Albert Einstein Academy, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington. Info., 478-5026.

FIRST STATE RINGERS 7 and 8 p.m. holiday choir concert composed of volunteers drawn from the Newark United Methodist Church congregation and surrounding communities at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000.

■ WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

ARTFUL LIVING Through Jan. 4. Exhibition showcasing paintings and decorative arts from the home of Sewell C. Biggs at the Biggs Museum in Dover. Free and open to the public. Info., 302-674-2111.

■ FRIDAY, DEC. 19

SETON SENIORS 6 p.m. celebration with dancing and singing performed by the Philipino Choir from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish. Gardiner Hall, Rt. 7, Bear. Info., 834-8632.

STRENGTH TRAINING Fridays and Mondays at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

■ SATURDAY, DEC. 20

NATURE VIDEOS Every Saturday, 1 p.m. video and one-hour guided walk for all ages at Ashland Nature Center. All welcome. Info., 239-2334.

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. at Greater Grace Church, 30 Blue Hen Dr. \$5 donation goes to missions. Info., 738-1530.

DIVORCECARE Saturdays and Wednesdays. Separated/divorced persons meet at Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark. All welcome. Info., 737-5040.

■ SUNDAY, DEC. 21

WHAT ARE OUR SIGNS OF HOPE? 7 p.m. Christmas celebration of prophetic reflections by the Rev. Philip E.

Wheaton at Newark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. \$5 donation at the door. Info., 292-1406.

DELAWARE ACCORDION CLUB 1:30-4:30 p.m. meeting for an open mic session at the Jam'n & Java Coffee House in the Newark Shopping Center. Open to the public. For more information, call 738-7378.

■ MONDAY, DEC. 22

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7-9 p.m. Mondays. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration at 765-9740.

ESL Afternoon and evening classes for English Conversation held every Monday at Newark United Methodist Church, 69 East Main Street. Registration required. 292-2091.

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Avenue, Newark. Info. 368-2318.

NCCo STROKE CLUB noon at the Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. For information, call Nancy Traub at 324-4444.

SIMPLY JAZZERCIZE Mondays,

MEETINGS

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info., 737-2336.

CHORUS OF BRANDYWINE 7:30 p.m. Men's barbershop rehearsals at MBNA Bowman Conference Center, Oglethorpe. All are welcome. 655-SING.

NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday at the Holiday Inn, Route 273. 453-8853.

GUARDIANS' SUPPORT 6-8 p.m. Mondays. Meeting for grandparents and all those raising others' children at Children & Families First, 62 N. Chapel St., Newark. Information and registration, 658-5177, ext. 260.

■ TUESDAY, DEC. 23

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30 p.m. fourth Tuesdays of each month at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Naaman's and Darley Roads, Wilmington. Free and open to the public. 475-1880.

CANCER SUPPORT 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Silverside/Carr

Executive Center, Building 405, Wilmington. Info. 733-3900.

ADULTS WITH AD/HD 7:30 p.m. Fourth Tuesdays. Support group meets at New Ark United Church of Christ, Main Street, Newark. 737-5063.

NEWARK DELTONES Every Tuesday, 7:45 p.m. For men who like to sing at New Ark Church of Christ, East Main Street. For more information, call Will at 368-3052.

SWEET ADELINES 7:30 - 10 p.m. Singing group at MBNA Bowman Center, Route 4, Newark. Listeners and new members welcome. Info, 999-8310.

MS SUPPORT 4-6 p.m. at MS Society Headquarters, 2 Mill Road, Wilmington. Info, call 655-5610.

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

■ WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 6:30 children's pageant, and 9 p.m. country-style service titled "Christmas in Cricket County," a one-act comedy performed by the youth of the church, with a traditional candlelight communion. White

Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, Polly Drummond Hill Rd. and Kirkwood Highway. Info., 737-2100.

ANXIETY DISORDER 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 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 be published. To register, call 765-9740.

BINGO 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center. Lunch available for \$2.25/platter at 11:45 a.m. 737-2336.

DIVORCECARE 7 p.m. Separated/divorced persons meet at Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info. 737-3544.

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

NEWARK DELTONES 7-10 p.m. at Newark United Church of Christ, Main Street. Info. 737-4544.

TAI CHI 2:30 p.m. Wednesday or Monday; 11:15 a.m. Friday, at Newark Senior Center. \$20/month. 737-2336.

FAMILY CIRCLES 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center. 658-5177.

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11 Have bills
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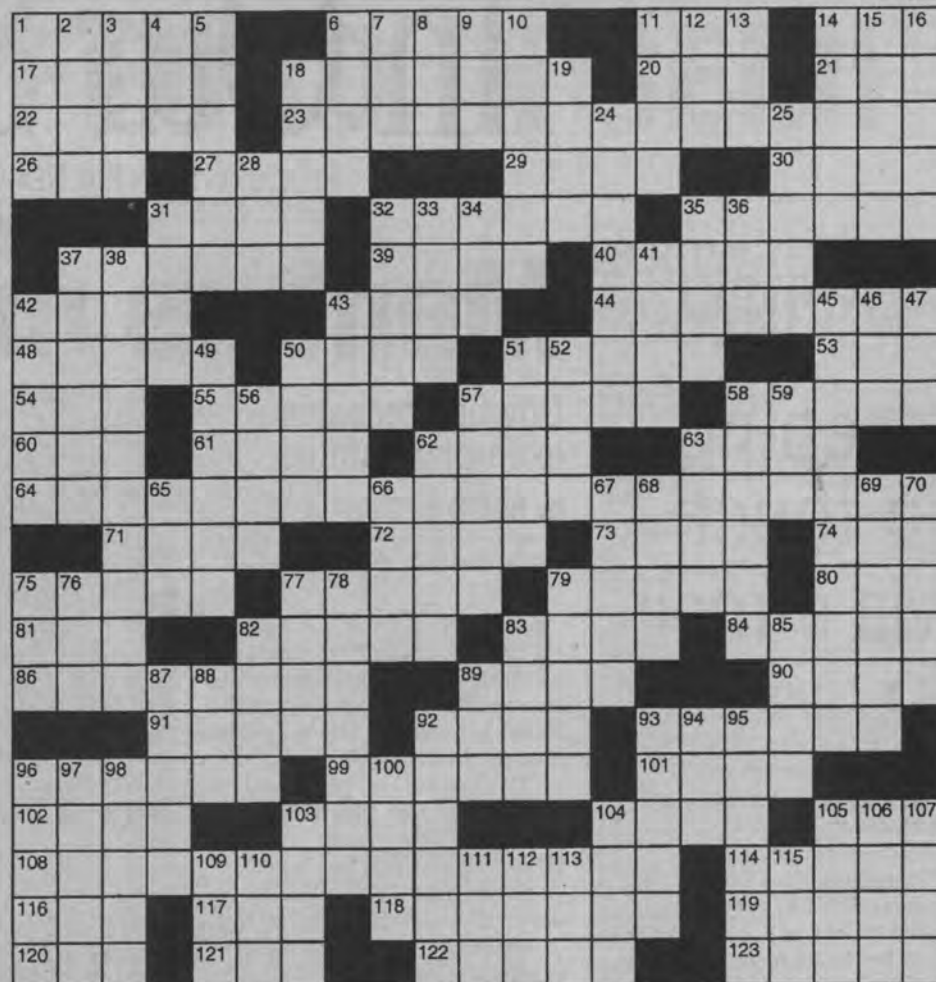
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45 Like some suits
46 Godfrey's instrument
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49 Janine of "Northern Exposure"
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104 Feds
105 Boot out
106 Pro bono
107 Thin layer
109 Attempt
110 Peeples or Long
111 Monk's title
112 Playground game
113 Journalist
115 Bustle



If my husband is reading this...

► ROBIN, from 8

Dumb Blond. I especially liked Hair Stick for Cool People at \$18.80.

■ My aunt loves Frank Sinatra and has all of his tunes. For \$12.95 she can enjoy a different picture of blue eyes every month of 2004 with his calendar. Beyond the Wall has a great selection of unusual calendars and posters. I almost bought the beaded curtain with little blue butterflies for a preteen niece. She'd think it was a really cool thing.

■ My publisher has a huge collection of Beatles recordings, but he is missing this one. At Rainbow you can find collectible LP's, out of print and hard to find. I found "Beatles at the Hollywood Bowl," an original recording of '64 and '65 concerts for just \$14. They sell on E-Bay for less, but I had this one in my hands - no waiting for the UPS delivery.

■ There must be at least one UD logo item in my bag. For the future Blue Hen fan, Delaware Book Exchange has sets of plastic bowls with lid, sippi cup, fork and spoon fit for tiny hands just learning to eat their Cheerios with dignity. Cost, a mere \$11.25. And the set comes in blue, pink or yellow.

■ Every young lady who reads chick magazines knows that cigar box purses are quite the fashion statement. Designer purses, lined with leopard print are

available at Stepping Out Boutique for \$40. I had a hard time deciding between the Yoga World theme or lady bug design on the front.

■ For that person who is constantly late and never knows the time, Happy Harry's has the good standby watches. A Timex with indigo night light, alarm, date and water resistant sells for \$24.95.

■ For someone in the family who has everything, needs nothing, but expects something, a customized calendar at \$29.95 is a great idea. With only 48 hours notice, Copy Maven can make a calendar using your 12 pictures

and will include up to 10 dates for the recipient to remember (birthdays, anniversaries, tax filing etc.)

■ If you're going to a party, you can take along the usual bottle of wine, or you can really impress your hostess by getting a hand carved cooking utensil made of unusual woods at Romanick Pottery for a price range of \$10 to \$35. A wooden rice server, made of lacewood is \$25. This store is nothing like the other kitchen stores. I was making my own wish list to give to my family members.

■ Some gifts just need to be

practical. Every kid who is visiting his friends after dark should have a Light Trek rear tail light for the bike that flashes or has a steady light. Bike Line has them for only \$14.99, batteries included. Makes a great stocking stuffer.

■ I had \$8.11 left in my wallet, so I returned to Beyond the Wall and got the beaded curtain for my preteen niece for \$7.50.

I was under my budget by 61 cents, so I stopped at Caffè Gelato for some ice cream. I figured I saved so much on time - and frustration - by shopping on Main Street that I deserved a

treat.

If my husband is reading this, he can make a stop at Jewelry Studio for those neat Hot Diamonds.

Ranging from \$60 to a few hundred, they are real cut diamonds set in sterling silver. It's the only place in the area that sells them.

I especially liked the simple bracelet for \$63.

That comes out of his shopping budget.

Merry shopping.

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WHEN the weather is bad, or emergencies require schools to close early, parents can hear the news almost as soon as the decision is made.

By simply sending the Christina School District your e-mail, you can get closing notifications at home or work.

The e-mail news service is available for sign up by going to the district Web site at www.christina.k12.de.us, then hit the newspaper icon in the upper right corner.

In addition, you will also be notified of district activities and board decisions faster than you can read about it in the paper or hear about it from a neighbor.

If your child does not attend a Christina school, you can still sign up for e-mail notification of school closings for any district in Delaware at the above Website.

Click on the message and select the school district your child is enrolled in.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

RANDY Hash, a fourth grader at Gallagher Elementary School, was selected by Principal Pamela Waun and staff as this week's Student of the Week.

Randy is respected by his fellow classmates because of his willingness to help others and share materials.

Randy fills in for absent students and completes their classroom responsibilities.

He is in chorus, plays violin, and will be in a group mentoring first graders.



Hash

Mentors make a difference

Downes receives exemplary status

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

JOHAN R. Downes Elementary School recently received national recognition as an exemplary learning center by HOSTS Learning (Helping One Student To Succeed).

The award is presented to high-performing learning intervention programs using HOSTSLink Language Arts.

During the 2002-2003 school year, 32 low-achieving students at Downes, in kindergarten to grade three, were mentored by 96 volunteers for approximately 2,970 hours, with more than 93 percent of those students increasing their reading grade by one or more levels, earning the school exemplary status.

Camilo Martin is one of those students who has benefited by working with a mentor.

This is Martin's third year in the HOSTS program. His father lives in Colombia, South America and speaks very little English. His mother lives in Newark but speaks no English.

Three times a week the second grader leaves his regular classroom and goes to the HOSTS

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Second grader Camilo Martin reads a story about bicycle safety rules with Beverly Michaels, a volunteer from International Reading Association. Martin works with a volunteer three times a week on strengthening reading, writing and vocabulary.

Making history at Independence School

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ON Tuesday, Dec. 9, three-year-olds took the hands of their eighth grade buddies and walked cautiously to the large steel beam sitting in the parking lot. They were about to become part of the history of Independence School, on Paper Mill Road, with a signing of the beam that would connect the two generations.

The oldest students of the school signed their names with permanent markers on the cold gray steel while the youngest ones left their thumb print in ink. Their older buddies signed the preschoolers' names under their print.

Students, staff, parents and community leaders celebrated the signing of the connecting beam that would bring the preschool building together with the other classrooms. This was all part of a \$14 million, 68,000 square foot construction project that began in April of 2003.

Earlier in the day Christopher Coons, New Castle County Council president, spoke to the students about the meaning of signing the beam.

"Signatures are important. People want to leave their mark," Coons said. "You will cross underneath that beam and remember this day. Think about the beam that will hold up your

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Eighth grader Rebecca Robinson, right, helps three year-old Drew Koense "sign" the beam that will connect the two buildings of Independence School. The youngest students left their finger print on the beam while their older buddies wrote their names for them.

Christina teachers nationally certified

Seven recognized with highest honor

SEVEN teachers from the Christina School District are among 8,000 teachers who have attained the highest professional credential — National Board Certification — for the 2002-2003 school year.

The names were announced by the Delaware State Board of Education last week. They are: **Edith Bacon**, Thurgood Marshall Elementary School; **Heather Buchanan**, Brookside Elementary; **Gina Marie Dudlek**, Delaware Autism Program; **Jamett Garlick**, West Park Elementary; **Mary Jane Papas**, Thurgood Marshall Elementary; **David Scott**, Glasgow High; and **Brooke Yorgey**, Jennie Smith Elementary.

Forty-five teachers from Delaware were certified this year, bringing the total for the state to 205 since the program began in 1993.

"I am very proud of the accomplishments of these 45 outstanding professionals," said Valerie A. Woodruff,

Delaware's Secretary of Education. "Receiving National Board certification is truly a testament to each teacher's commitment to hard work and excellence in their subject matter."

In order to become National Board Certified, a teacher must complete an innovative two-phase process.

Phase one is conducted at the teacher's school where they build a portfolio illustrating evidence of good teaching as well as how their teaching meets the advanced standards in their field.

Phase two involves a series of written exercises conducted at an assessment center, designed around challenging teacher issues, evaluation of teaching practices, designing curriculum, student assessment and teacher subject matter knowledge.

The entire process can take as much as 200 hours to complete over the school year.

Youth summit held in Newark

The fifth annual Youth Summit on Teen Workers was held Thursday, Dec. 4, gathering together 120 students from Delaware schools, including Christina School District.

The event was sponsored by the Delaware Law Related Education Center and held at the University of Delaware's Trabant Center in Newark. The goal of the summit was to discuss issues and develop proposals that would lead to increased awareness of youth knowledge of child labor laws and safety.

According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 70 adolescents die each year due to injuries at work, while hundreds more are hospitalized or need emergency room treatment.

The students attending the

summit first met in the morning in small groups, designing posters, public information announcements, columns for newspapers, videos and Web sites. In the afternoon the groups presented those materials to a panel. They included Delaware Attorney General M. Jane Brady, president of the board of trustees of the Delaware Law Related Education Center, state Secretary of Labor Harold E. Stafford, Associate Secretary for Adult Education and Workforce Development Dr. Lewis Atkinson III, and Dolores Allen-McIntyre, principal of Ferris School.

The summit was sponsored in cooperation with the Delaware and the U.S. Departments of Labor and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Businesspeople serve as school mentors

► HOSTS, from 12

room where he works for 40 minutes with an adult volunteer on reading, spelling words, creative writing, and talking.

"Sometimes we read together or write stories and draw," Martin said. "They help you learn more."

Sandra Harper, HOSTS coordinator at Downes, has seen an

improvement in Martin's vocabulary.

"He's a very bright little boy," Harper said. "He picks up words quickly." Sometimes Martin asks for an additional work sheet so he can take it home to teach his mother.

Harper works closely with the classroom teachers, creating lessons that are individualized to the students' needs and reinforce the

regular classroom activities that are tied to state standards in language arts.

But she is quick to give all the credit to the dedication of the mentors.

"The thinking process goes hand in hand with being a good reader and a good writer," Harper said. "Expanding their vocabulary helps in understanding and comprehending. At the beginning

of the year most students were not able to write one organized paragraph. They're writing three and four page stories by the end of the year."

One pair of mentors is Elsie and Charles Gibson. Elsie is retired from the University of Delaware Psychology Department. Charles is retired from the Engineering Department of DuPont Company. They both spend 80 minutes one day a week mentoring two students each.

"The children appreciate it and learn. It helps them back in the classroom to fit in better,"

Elsie said. She admitted sometimes it's a challenge just to be smarter than the students are.

The HOSTSLink program is funded by a grant of the Delaware Mentoring Council.

This year's volunteer mentors at Downes come from local businesses, including International Reading Association, Produce Marketing, W. L. Gore and Associates and members of the Newark Senior Center, as well as university students and staff, local church groups, parents and community members.

For information call 454-2133 ext 213.

School will be ready in fall 2004

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life."

Participating in the ceremonial beam signing, along with the students, were Coons; Jenny Vrana, school board president; Connie Hill, Parent's Association president; Patrick McGrory, Alumni Association president; as well as EDIS and Architectural Alliance representatives.

The school expansion includes a new library, music areas, state-of-the-art auditorium, multipurpose rooms and classroom space. The addition will allow for expansion of one additional class per grade level.

The weather over the past six months has not been cooperating, according to Robert Mark, business manager for the school, but construction has remained on schedule.

"Construction is moving along. With the steel going up, the building is now taking shape," Mark said.

Designed by Architectural Alliance, the expansion is a

Green project by EDIS Construction which will include a Closed Loop geothermal heat pump system providing for renewable resources, a program-mable energy management system, exterior lighting designed to minimize light pollution to the neighbors and a passive solar

design.

Great attention was given to the site plan, which preserves and protects the existing natural resources and beauty of the school's 92-acre campus.

The construction is expected to be completed for the opening of the 2004-2005 school year.



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Delaware Curative	Minster's Jewelers	
Delaware Nature Center	Newark Car Wash	

On Campus

NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

UD's ice arena celebrates the season

JUST in time for the holidays, the University of Delaware Ice Arena has scheduled activities certain to please both kids and houseguests.

Beginning Wednesday, Dec. 24, through Friday, Jan. 2, (with the exception of Thursday, Dec. 25) UD's Fred Rust Ice Arena, David M. Nelson Athletic Complex, South College Avenue, Newark, will have special public skating sessions during the following hours:

- 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 24
- 1-3 p.m. and 8-10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 26-Tuesday, Dec. 30
- 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 31
- 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 1
- 1-3 p.m. and 8-10 p.m., Friday, Jan. 2

Special activities also are planned during the holiday break, including an appearance by WSTW's Tookie Tookie Bird from 1-3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 29; free passes to the Sunday, Jan. 11 women's basketball game vs. Old Dominion to the first 500 skaters at the 1-3 p.m. session Tuesday, Dec. 30; and sand art activities from 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 1.

A \$1-off skate-rental voucher, good from Wednesday, Dec. 24, through Friday, Jan. 2, also is being offered to visitors and is good for up to four pairs of skates.

Besides the regular public skating sessions, which are offered every week from 8-10 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, and from 1-3 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, the ice arena also offers skating lessons and hockey instruction classes.

Regular admission to public sessions is \$5; skate rentals are \$3. Parental supervision is required for children 12 and under. For more information or to receive a program guide on special promotions, skating lessons or in-house hockey leagues, call 831-2868 or visit <http://www.udel.edu/icearena/>.

A better mousetrap?

The event – The 2003 “Introduction to Mechanical Engineering” (MEEG) 101 Celebration,” held in Room 131 Sharp Lab, at 3 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10.

The challenge – To get a Reese's Bite into a 3-inch diameter styrofoam cup perched on a three-foot pole, 30 feet from the launch pad using only mousetrap power for propulsion at a cost of no more than \$5.

The contestants – 128 MEEG students in 33 teams.

At the appointed hour, students filled 131 Sharp Lab, restlessly waiting to put their mousetrap launchers to the test. The competition was fierce as each team stepped up to the launch site, filled their traps with Bites and prepared to catapult the confection to victory.

The launch mechanisms came in all shapes, sizes and forms, but the basic design was a hardware store mouse-trap on some kind of platform or stabilizing unit with various types of spoons affixed to the spring mechanism of the trap. They used a pizza box, cement block, wood blocks and a school notebook to set their traps at just the right angle. One team configured a scope and laser beam to find the best angle, but in the end, no team



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Mechanical engineering student Brennen Raimer (right), prepares to propel a Reese's Bite toward the target under the watchful eyes of (from left) graduate teaching assistant Stephanie Frangakis and teammates Dion Hutt and Miguel Berg.

was able to get a Bite into the cup.

Dick Wilkins, a Newark resident and professor of mechanical engineering, teaches the course and created the yearly competition, replacing a final exam, as a way to

bring all that MEEG students have learned about engineering design together in a fun end-of-the-course competition.

“Typically these freshman are too new to engineering to have much technical informa-

tion, so we concentrate on the basic concept of how to do a mechanical engineering design, collaborating as a team and determining what is the actual problem that needs to be solved and how to go about solving it.”

UD takes second straight CAA Blood Challenge title

The University of Delaware has won the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Blood Challenge for the second consecutive year by collecting 108 more units of blood in one day than its closest competitor, the CAA announced.

UD students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends combined to donate 311 units of blood on Nov. 19.

Towson University finished second with 203 units of blood collected, followed by UNC Wilmington with 190,

Drexel University with 178 and Hofstra University with 177.

“We are very proud to have participated in raising significant units of blood at this critical time of year,” CAA Commissioner Tom Yeager said.



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Hens seek first I-AA national crown

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

For the first time since 1982, the University of Delaware football team will play for a national championship.

The Blue Hens, 24-9 winners over Wofford in the semifinals at Delaware Stadium, take on undefeated Colgate for the NCAA I-AA national title Friday night at 7 p.m. in Chattanooga, Tenn. The game will be televised live on ESPN2.

Delaware has not won a national championship since the 1979 team won the Division II crown. Hen coach K.C. Keeler was a member of that squad.

"This team has had so many great accomplishments this year," Keeler said. "Coming from behind at New Hampshire; coming from 14 points down and winning against a Navy team that's going to a bowl; coming from 21 points down against Maine; beating UMass in three overtimes. It's been a great season, but to not win a national championship, it won't be complete."

"I won't lie to you, I want a ring too. But I already have one and I want so badly for these

guys to get one. I tell them that my best memories and best friends are members of that [national championship] team. I'm on a mission and we need to finish this off."

Finishing off, however, won't be easy.

Colgate enters the game on a 21-game win streak – the longest in the country at any level of play. The Patriot League champs have one of the nation's best running games with Payton Award nominee Jamaal Branch, who ran for 2,271 yards this season, and a talented quarterback in Chris Brown.

"Colgate is an outstanding football team," Keeler said. "I assumed at first they were just a tailback oriented team because their guy has had such a great year. He's a great player, but it's the quarterback that makes that team go. He's a special football player."

Brown is 18-0 as a starter for the Raiders and this season has thrown for 2,738 yards and 22 touchdowns. He is also a threat to get outside the pocket and run.

"Our quarterback has been very good the last three games," said Colgate coach Joe Biddle. "We have a fairly balanced team,



UD's Shawn Johnson leads the Blue Hen defense into title game.

but our quarterback has really improved as the year has gone on."

Defensively, Colgate is strong as well. The Raiders rank among the top 20 nationally in all the key defensive categories, allowing just 90.1 yards per game rushing and 299 total yards per game.

The key player on the defensive unit is Buchanan Award candidate Tem Lukabu, a senior linebacker who has 103 tackles, five sacks and three fumble recoveries this season.

Colgate's regular-season

schedule was dominated by Patriot League and Ivy League teams. That competition certainly hasn't hurt them, however. The Raiders knocked off UMass 19-7 in the first round of the tournament before going on to beat Western Illinois 28-27 in the quarterfinals. Both those games were played in snowstorms in Hamilton, N.Y.

Last week, though, Colgate went to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and knocked off a very talented Florida Atlantic team 36-24 in the semifinals.

"They just embarrassed a very good Florida Atlantic team," Keeler said. "It was evident on tape of how fast that Florida Atlantic team was and they just took it to them."

Even though Colgate is from the non-scholarship Patriot

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League, don't think of calling it an underdog.

"I don't know how we can be underdogs at 15-0," Biddle said. "We have some pretty good football players."

Despite being confident, Biddle also knows his team will have no easy task Friday night.

"Delaware is by far the best team we've faced all year," he said. "They beat Navy, they have an outstanding quarterback, they have outstanding running backs and their defense has been outstanding. They're in the finals, we know they're good."

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Simpson, staff do a great job all the time

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

It would be easy to say that Newark's 28-21 double overtime upset of St. Mark's in Saturday night's state championship game was Butch Simpson's best coaching job ever. That, however, would take away from what Simpson and his staff did all season and, really, what they've done on a regular basis for a long, long time.

No team or program wins six championships in seven years without good leadership at the top.

Sure, Newark's had some great players over the past decade — probably more than their fair share. This group, though, is different from those of four and five years ago.

This Newark team went 6-4 last year. This team back in August would've been happy with another 6-4 season. This team has sophomores sprinkled throughout the starting lineup. This team was smoked 33-6 by St. Mark's six weeks ago.

Yet, it was this team that came out with confidence, taking the opening kickoff and driving the ball right downfield for a touchdown. The Yellowjackets took a 14-0 lead and it could've been more.

The Spartans, like everyone knew they would, didn't go away easily. Trailing 14-7, and down to their last hope, the Spartans drove for a game-tying touchdown and extra point.

It would've been easy
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Valania

Jackets upset Spartans in 2OT

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Seniors Steve Spiese and John Lanouette each scored overtime touchdowns to lead Newark to an exciting 28-21 double-overtime victory over top-seeded St. Mark's in the Division I state championship game Saturday night at Baynard Stadium.

Junior running back Sam Cotton had another superb game on both sides of the ball, collecting 160 yards on 37 carries and one touchdown.

He also made a key interception in the fourth quarter that shut down a Spartan drive.

The win gave the Yellowjackets their sixth title in the last seven years and their ninth overall — the most in the state.

In 2002, the Spartans fell to William Penn in the tournament final. The title game was postponed for the second year in a row due to several winter storms that left the field in unplayable condition.

Newark coach Butch Simpson said he felt this game ranked as one of the best in the school's history.

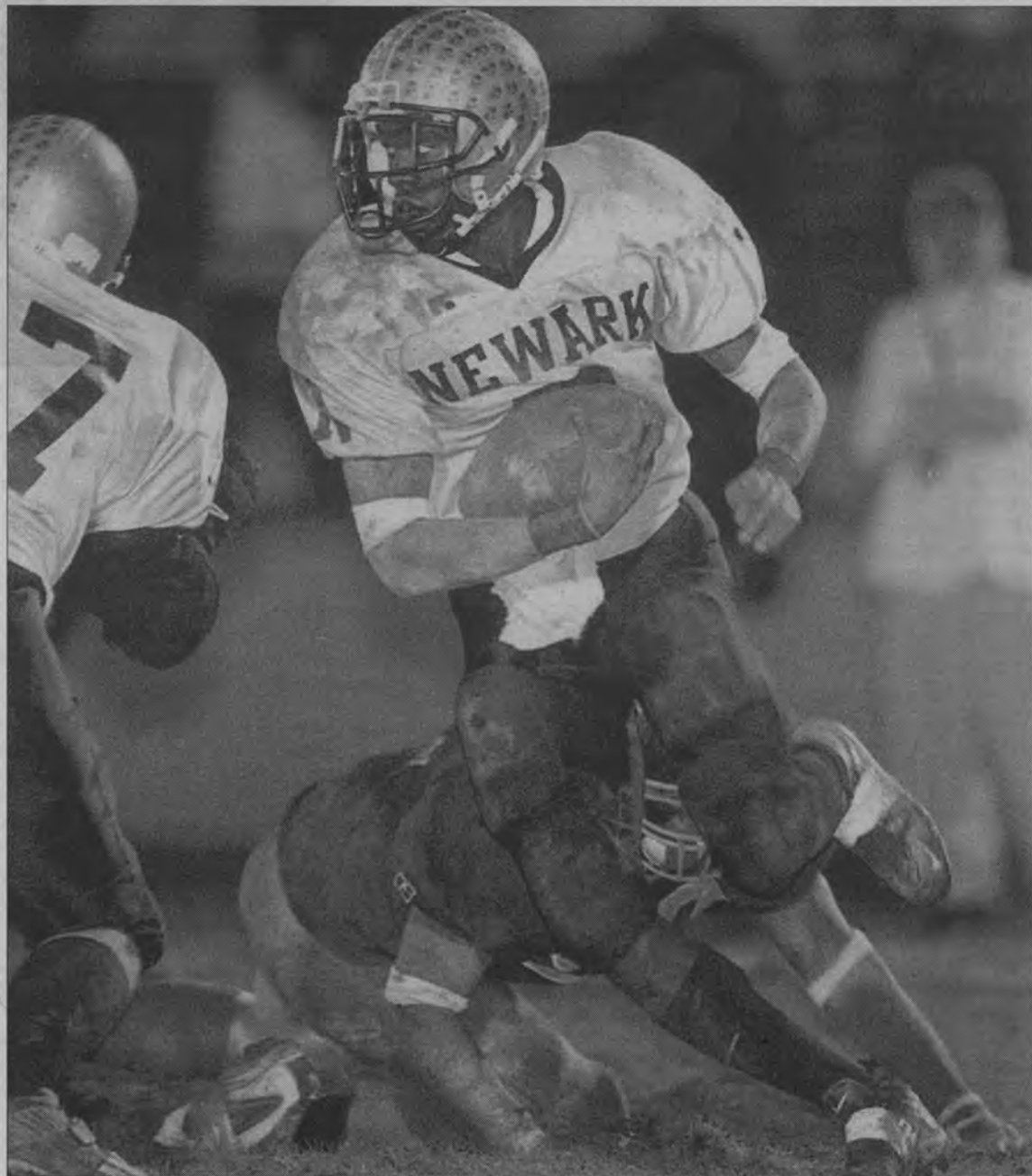
"It was one of the greatest in terms of what it all meant, and what we had to overcome. We played an outstanding football team tonight, and that's what made it even more pleasing. And then for the game to go into overtime, that made it all one of the nicest nights of my life," he said.

The overtime sessions were set up by a last minute score by the Spartans.

Trailing by a touchdown, Wright hit a series of passes to several different receivers. He then threw a 14-yard pass to senior Tight End Mark Lemon for the tying score with only 42 seconds left in regulation.

On the ensuing kickoff, St. Mark's Phil Aviola recovered a Cotton fumble, but Lanouette sacked Wright on the first down play, to send the game into overtime.

In the first overtime, running back Adam Blocker bulled in from the two, to give St. Mark's a 21-14 lead. On Newark's first OT possession, Spiese scrambled one



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

Newark's Sam Cotton rushes for some of his 160 yards during Saturday night's state title game.

yard into the end zone on a fourth down play for the tie.

In the second OT session, Spiese found a wide-open Lanouette, who slipped between several defenders for an easy 8-yard score on the fourth down play.

On St. Mark's second possession, Blocker ran once for no gain. A second down pass was incomplete. Then on third down, Wright threw a pass over the middle that was picked off by junior Kemphis Daniels.

After Daniels end-zone interception to end the game, the Yellowjackets and their fans

began to celebrate the team's improbable victory. For the Spartans and their faithful, it was a heartbreaking ending to their near-perfect season.

Spiese had a good night at the helm, running the Newark option offense.

Statistically he was 7-for-13, for 142 yards and one touchdown. His counterpart

Wright was 15-for-34, for 240 yards and two touchdowns, and two costly interceptions.

"It feels excellent to win this game," said Spiese, who started the season as a receiver. "The team gave me confidence all dur-

ing the game, and once we got the lead we went from there."

Newark jumped out to an early lead, taking the opening kick off and traveling 40 yards on six plays. Spiese hit wide receiver Ed Sugalski for a 26-yard touchdown. Jen Baird supplied the extra point.

Early in the second quarter, Spiese found Lanouette near pay dirt.

The 32-yard pass play gave Newark a first-and-goal at the one-yard line. Three plays later, Cotton burrowed in for a 14-0 lead.

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HENS WHOOP WOFFORD IN SEMI

Big second half lifts UD into I-AA title game

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The torn down goal post in the north end zone told the story.

The University of Delaware football squad is headed to the NCAA I-AA national championship game for the first time since 1982 as senior running back Germaine Bennett rushed for a career-high 186 yards and scored touchdowns in a 24-9 win over Wofford in the I-AA semifinals Saturday at Delaware Stadium.

The No. 3 ranked Blue Hens (14-1), who have won five national titles but none since capturing the NCAA II national title in 1979, won their fifth straight game and extended their school record for wins. Delaware will take on Patriot League champion and sixth-ranked Colgate (15-0), who defeated host Florida Atlantic 36-24 in Saturday's other semifinal game.

Wofford (12-2), the Southern Conference champion making its first ever NCAA I-AA tournament appearance, had a 12-game winning streak snapped.

Delaware dominated the first half statistically but a red-zone turnover and a missed field goal left the Hens tied 3-3 going into the locker room.

The second half was a different story. The Hens dominated both statistically and on the scoreboard, scoring 21 straight points to seal the victory.

"That was easily the most memorable moment of my coaching career," said second-year Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler, who was a member of Delaware's last national title team in 1979. "To see those students come rushing out on to the field and tear down the goal posts. To see our guys out on the field celebrating with the student body. It was great."

Bennett, a 5-8 senior, enjoyed a record day as the Blue Hens piled up 388 yards and 24 points against the nation's No. 2 rated scoring defense (14.1 ppg). Bennett hit career highs with 31 carries for 186 yards and three touchdowns, notching his fourth straight 100-yard game and seventh of the season.

Quarterback Andy Hall, a finalist for the Walter Payton Award as the top offensive player in I-AA, connected on 12 of 19 passes for 130 yards. Delaware's Antawn Jenkins also rushed for 41 yards and went over the 2,000-yard mark for his career.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

Delaware's Germaine Bennett carries Wofford tacklers for some of his career-high 186 yards Saturday.

Wofford's vaunted running attack, which entered the game ranked fifth in the nation with 267.7 yards per game, managed just 136 yards on 44 carries. Kevious Johnson led the way with 49 yards while backup quarterback Trey Rodgers ran for 34 yards and hit on 7 of 14 passes for 65 yards and a touchdown. The Terriers scored their only points on a 40-yard field goal by Nick Robinson on the final play of the first half and on the final play of the game when Rodgers hit Brian Rice on a five-yard touchdown pass as police tried to keep the fans off the playing field.

"Our defense shut down their option," Keeler said. "They tried a lot of things but we were ready. I give a lot of credit to our defensive coaches."

"Our defensive line has been tremendous throughout the whole tournament. They're a big reason

we're where we are."

Delaware senior defensive end Shawn Johnson, a Buck Buchanan Award candidate as the top defensive player in I-AA, posted nine tackles, including 3.5 for loss and one sack. Linebacker Mark Moore added 10 tackles.

The final horn set off a wild post-game celebration by Delaware students, who stormed the field and tore down the goalposts in the north end zone. They saw their team cap a perfect 10-0 season at Delaware Stadium.

The two teams played to a 3-3 deadlock at halftime as Brad Shushman kicked a 22-yard field goal with 9:41 left in the first quarter for Delaware and Robinson ended the half with a season-long 40-yarder that barely cleared the uprights. The drive was set up when Wofford's Josh Smith intercepted Hall at the Wofford 17-yard line, snapping a streak of 129 passes without an

interception. Delaware had a chance to take a lead but Shushman was wide and low on a 30-yard attempt with 6:44 left in the half following a season-long drive that took 18 plays and consumed eight minutes and 51 seconds.

The second half was all Delaware as Bennett ran wild and the Hens piled up 238 total yards, including 192 on the ground, the final 30 minutes.

Bennett gave the Hens the lead for good when he capped a 53-yard drive with a two-yard scoring run with 3:42 left in the third quarter.

Bennett struck again with 6:41 left to play when he capped a 16-play, 89-yard drive with a five-yard run up the middle and added to the scoring when he ran in from 15 yards out to up the Delaware lead to 24-3.

Delaware's magical season continues

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

If K.C. Keeler thinks 100,000 people are going to say they were at the Delaware-Northern Iowa snow bowl game, just wait until he hears how many people eventually say they were on the field following the Blue Hens win over Wofford Saturday in the NCAA I-AA semifinals at Delaware Stadium.

The 24-9 win over the Terriers advanced the Hens to Friday

night's I-AA national championship game against Colgate. It's has been 21 years since Delaware has played

for a national championship — 21 years since we've seen the replay of Paul Hammond's dropped touchdown pass and the ensuing blocked field goal that Eastern Kentucky returned for a touchdown. The Hens lost that day 17-14 and haven't been back since.

We've seen our share of basketball success here in Newark.

The Blue Hens have won conference championships and gone to the NCAA Tournament. We've seen a rocking Carpenter Center with ESPN cameras. It was a wonderful scene and a lot of fun.

But it wasn't football.

Blue Hen football is what the Delaware athletic program is known nationally for. Blue Hen football is what brings over 20,000 fans to Newark on fall Saturdays. Blue Hen football is the one thing that unites citizens of Newark and New Castle County with UD students that come from all over the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast.

In fact, for many years there were a lot more die hard UD fans that never went to a class in Newark

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Valania

St. Mark's tunes up for Beast of the East

Nation's top wrestling tourney in Newark this weekend

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

With the nation's most prestigious high school wrestling tournament coming to Newark this weekend, St. Mark's picked a good time to show the state how good it can be.

The Spartans sent nine wrestlers into the finals at last week's Milford Invitational, crowning six individual champions. Defending Division I state champion Caesar Rodney had

two champions while defending Division II champ Smyrna had three.

Sophomore Andrew Bradley and senior Andrew Jordan stayed unbeaten on the season, winning the 135 and 171 pound titles respectively.

Also winning Milford championships for St. Mark's were Brian Collins at 140, Dave Kingery at 145, Kyle Skinner at 152 and Kenny Zell at 215.

In addition Tommy Abbott and Jeremy Shaw placed second at 103 and 112 respectively. Eddie Quinn also took second at 130 pounds.

The Spartans' performance at Milford was a marked improvement over the first tournament at Solanco, where they finished second to CR in the team standings.

"We got off to a bit of a rough start," said first-year coach Jay

Bastianelli. "We missed two days of practice with the snow, but decided to go up to Solanco anyway. We had a lot of guys wrestling up a weight class as well. These guys love to wrestle and were pretty competitive anyway."

Shaw, Bradley and Jordan won titles at Solanco. Collins finished second while Abbott, Skinner, Zell and 275 pounder Scott Sullivan all placed third. Tim Falgowski (171) was fourth.

"We were better at Milford. I think the results speak of themselves."

All that was accomplished without All-American Brian Willis, who was still playing on St. Mark's football team. Willis joins the team this week in time for the Beast of the East.

"We're obviously happy to have Willis back," Bastianelli

said. "He brings a lot to the team and to the practice room."

St. Mark's, as well as the national high school wrestling scene, now turns its focus to Saturday and Sunday's 11th annual Beast of the East tournament at the Carpenter Center.

Over 60 teams from as far away as California will be participating in this year's event, which is ranked as the No. 1 tournament in the country by numerous wrestling organizations.

Included in those 60 teams will be five among nation's top 10 and nine of the top 20. Perennial powers Blair Academy (N.J.), Northampton (Pa.), St. Paris Graham (Ohio), El Reno (Okla.), St. Edward (Ohio), Massillon Perry (Ohio) and Absegami (N.J.) will be competing.

In addition to St. Mark's, other

Delaware schools participating include Caesar Rodney, Hodgson, Salesianum, William Penn, A.I. DuPont, Smyrna, Laurel, Sussex Central, Concord, Indian River, Sussex Tech and Brandywine.

"It's a great opportunity for us," Bastianelli said. "It's not going to make or break our season. We wrestle in a lot of tough tournaments. But the guys really love this one and look forward to wrestling in it. It's special and I want to see them succeed."

Wrestling begins 8 a.m. Saturday morning at the Carpenter Center and runs all day. Quarterfinals are scheduled for 9 a.m. Sunday with the semifinals following at 11:30 a.m. The finals are slated to begin at 5 p.m. Sunday.

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Jackets win another football crown

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The Spartans finally got on the board late in the first half, on an amazing, highlight-film play. Wright threw a long bomb to Jonathan Heydt down near the 10-yard line. Cotton nearly intercepted but the ball deflected off his hands directly to Heydt, who made a juggling catch, and scampered into the end zone.

Tim Smith's extra point made the score 14-7 with about four minutes left until half.

Newark's final drive before the half appeared to headed for another score, until St. Mark's defensive back John Pearl intercepted a pass deep in Spartan ter-

ritory with only 47 second left in the second quarter.

Not to be overlooked was the superb effort of the Yellowjacket defense.

Earlier in the season, St. Marks senior quarterback Joe Wright filled the sky with passes in leading the Spartans to a 33-6 win over Newark. But this time, the defense solved the riddle of the Spartan's high-powered offense.

One of the keys involved moving Lanouette from his usual linebacker position to nose guard. Throughout the contest, the 6-4, 240-pound Lanouette used his size and speed to harass Wright and helped stop the Spartans' running attack. With

Lanouette's help, Wright was sacked several times and knocked to the ground on a number of occasions, and usually on critical downs.

A teary-eyed Wright said his team was down, but he was proud it battled the entire game.

"Their defense gave us a lot of trouble early, but we made some halftime adjustments to figure out what they were doing. We never gave up, but they played a little better then we did tonight," he said.

Newark, co-champions of Flight A, ended the season with a 10-2 record and the state title. The Spartans closed out 2003 with a 10-1 record, and another second-place finish.

Newark staff continues to be the best

► POST GAME, from 16

for Newark to falter then. St. Mark's had the momentum and was, based on their first meeting, the better team.

The Jackets, though, withstood the Spartans' onslaught. They got two scintillating fourth-down touchdowns in overtime – the second one coming from seven yards out – to win the game.

Everybody then goes crazy, calling it the biggest upset and best coaching job ever. It was an upset and it was fine job of coaching. But this is nothing new for Simpson, who has now won eight state championships and been in eight of the last nine state title games.

The Newark staff did a

superb job of putting its best players in the places where they could most affect the outcome of the game. They've been doing this for years.

I've heard Simpson say numerous times over the years that this is what coaching is really all about.

It's not just taking superior athletes and running the same system game after game, year after year. It's about taking the players you have and finding the right system or game plan to fit the existing talent level.

Nobody does this better than Newark's coaching staff. Mike Brogan, Steve Grundy and Darren Tyson have been along for the entire nine-year run.

In addition, Newark has won when it clearly had the best

players and it's won when it didn't necessarily have the best individual players. The Jackets have won championship games in rematches where they won the regular season contest and when they have lost the first meeting.

Clearly, the Newark players deserve an awful lot of credit and praise for their accomplishment. They're the ones that took the coaching staff's plan and executed. They're the ones that believed they could win when not many others did. They now have a state championship to show for it.

But it's Butch Simpson and the rest of the coaching staff that keeps taking different groups of players, overcoming different obstacles and coming up with the same result – a state title.

Blue Hens rip Wofford, roll into NCAA title tilt

► HENS, from 17

than there were student fans.

That actually seems to be changing for the better. The south end zone was jammed to capacity Saturday with a raucous group of students. Heck, they even showed up in strong numbers in the snow and frigid temperatures for the Northern Iowa game.

It was this group that stormed the field after the game (OK, so the game wasn't quite over yet). It was this group that helped make the day one of the more memorable in storied history of Delaware Stadium.

Football is what gets the attention of the restaurants, bars and gas stations that have signs outside their businesses. Go Blue Hens and Good luck Hens are common on those signs these

days. If you've wandered through Newark and haven't seen any signs of the Blue Hens' success, you haven't looked very hard.

No, it's not I-A football and the Hens won't be playing Oklahoma Friday night. If that takes away the enjoyment for some people, that's too bad. Maybe it's true that not as many people care because Delaware is a I-AA school, but the thousands that have been along for this ride care a lot.

I would look for several thousand Blue Hen fans in Chattanooga this weekend, turning Finley Stadium into the "South Tub." However, if Delaware can pull off another win, look for that number to keep growing over time – just like the last two weeks.

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Castle promotes former *Newark Post* intern

U.S. Congressman Mike Castle, R-Del., has announced several staff changes in his Delaware and Washington, D.C. offices, including promotions of two University of Delaware graduates.

A veteran of Castle's staff, Elizabeth Wenk, a former *Newark Post* intern, returned to the Washington staff as Castle's deputy chief of staff, overseeing communications and long-term policies. Wenk previously served as communications director for U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe and since 1997 worked as Castle's press secretary and campaign manager. Wenk holds a bachelor's degree in mass communications and political science from the University of Delaware and a

master's degree in political management from George Washington University.

Wilmington resident Lisa Purzycki will take over Wenk's press secretary duties after serving as deputy press secretary. Purzycki has worked for the congressman since May 2001. In 2002 she was campaign manager. Purzycki, a native of Delaware, holds a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Delaware. Purzycki often travels to Washington, D.C. when needed.

Mike Quaranta has replaced Paul Leonard as chief of staff, overseeing the Washington and Delaware offices.

Kate Dickens was named Castle's new legislative director.

Dickens joins the Castle staff after serving as policy director and coordinator for Tuesday Group, an assembly of House

Republican centrists who meet to discuss policy. Castle serves as co-chairman of the Tuesday Group.

Steven Scango was promoted to senior legislative assistant. He has been in the Castle office since February of 2001.

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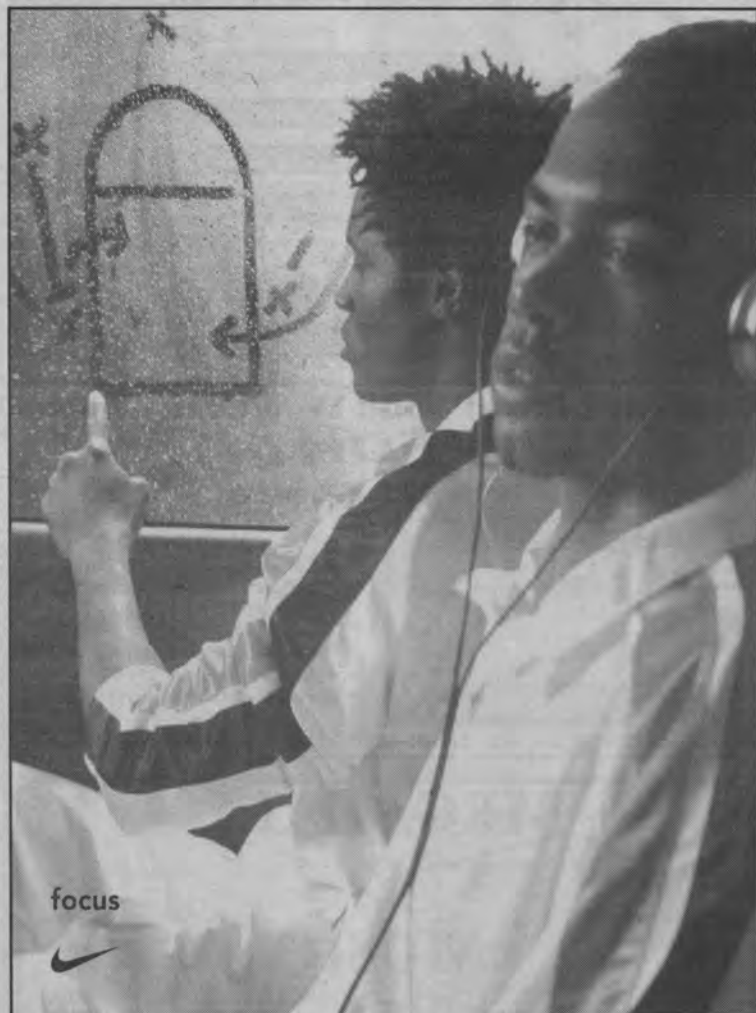
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Newark resident **Lee Hayward** has recently been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges at Wesley College. Who's Who is selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Pippidis named director of extension

Maria Pippidis has been named Director of New Castle County Cooperative Extension at the University of Delaware. In this role, Pippidis is responsible

for guiding the direction of Cooperative Extension programs and services throughout New Castle County, including such areas as 4-H youth development, horticulture, nutrition and food safety, agriculture and financial planning.

Moore named

Greg Moore, 2002 Valedictorian from the Newark High School class of 2002, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Cornell University.

Greg is also the leader in the recolonization of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOHN LLERA

The butterfly garden at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School recently got a fall cleaning and was prepared for the winter, courtesy of the Christiana Rotary Club. Shown above are three members of Rotarian Richard Moore's landscaping team, spreading mulch over the pathways, from left, Pedro Albarán, Adán Albarán and Gabriel Basquez.

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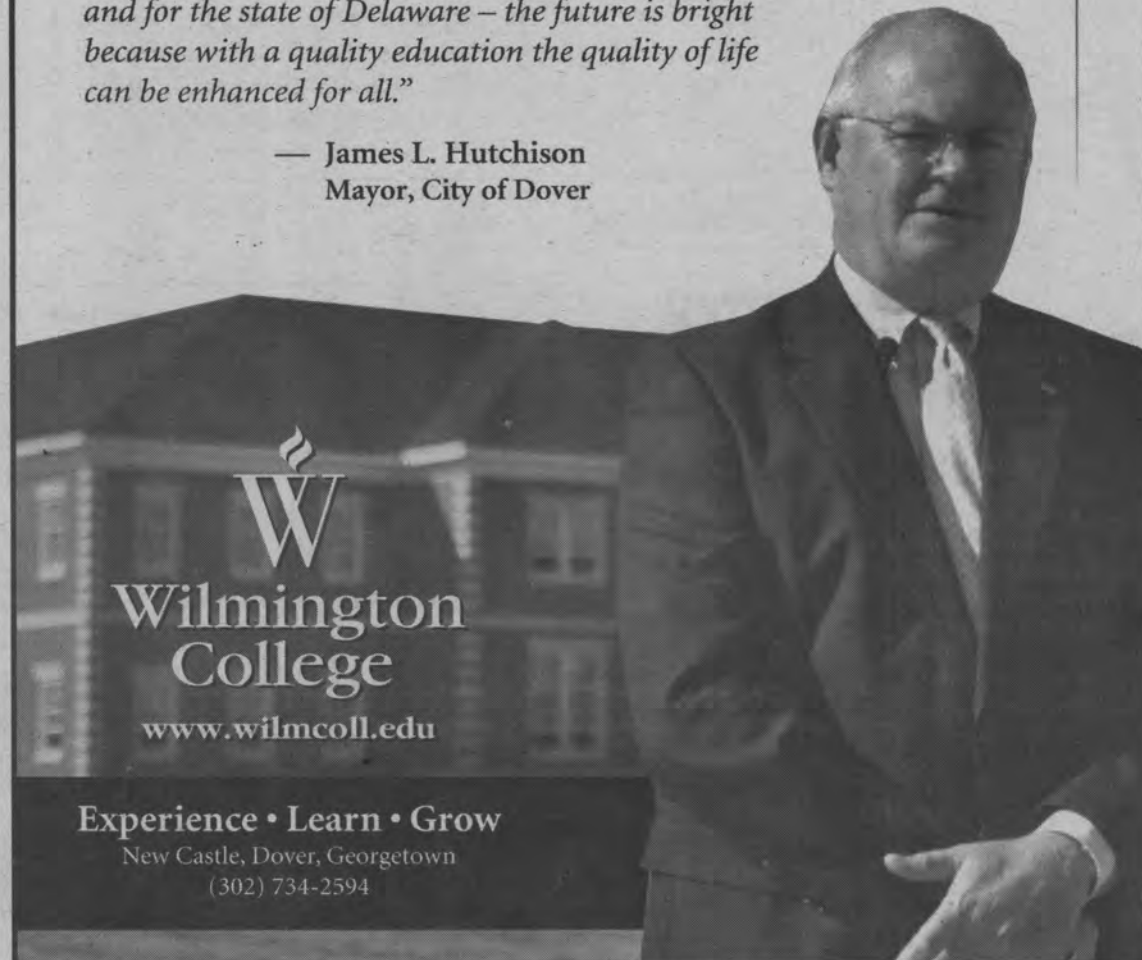
The CAA-Demons in the under 15 age group won the Tide Cup Tournament on Nov. 22-23. The tournament was held at the Kirkwood Soccer Club complex. Pictured are, from left to right (back row) Coach Carter, Chris Lewis, Sven Saldanha, David Young, Brian Gilbert, Will Cook, Darren Vanderbossche; (middle row), Chris Caccavone, Kyle Moore, Christal Sheehan, John Brown, Will Roy, Matt Rapposelli, David Gempesaw; (back row), Sean Baker, John Loaiza, Wes Chandler, Mohammad Bangash, Chris Spagnuolo,



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Eileen Mary Dorbin, student of nursing at Grand Canyon U.

Former Newark resident Eileen Mary "Dobbins" Dorbin died on Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003.

Mrs. Dorbin, 30, was a 1991 graduate of Newark High School and was to receive her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Grand Canyon University in the spring of 2004.

She was a talented athlete who enjoyed running and had ice-skated for the University of Delaware Precision Skating Team.

She volunteered at the Phoenix YWCA as a swimming instructor.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Dorbin was a resident of Phoenix, Ariz.

She is survived by her husband, Anthony; parents, John and Mary Dobbins; sister, Sharon; brother, John; and two nieces.

Services were held at the First Institutional Baptist Church in Phoenix, Ariz.

Burial was in Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery.

Janet Tietze-Handlin

Newark resident Janet A. "Potter" Tietze-Handlin died on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003.

Mrs. Tietze-Handlin, 41, attended Mount Pleasant High School and Widener University.

She was employed at First Horizon Home Loans in Newark.

She is survived by her husband, Robert E. Handlin; daughters, Lindsay, Jocelyn and Jessica; parents, Robert E. and Betty Jean Potter of Wilmington;

and brothers, Douglas A. Potter and his wife Marti of Villa Park, Calif., and Thomas A. Potter and his wife Cindy of Newark.

She is also survived by several aunts; uncles; nieces; nephews; her mother-in-law; and several brothers and sisters-in-law.

Services were held at the Mealey Funeral Home in Wilmington.

Betty L. Touchstone, 74, worked for Avon

Former Newark resident Betty L. "Carey" Touchstone died on Monday, Dec. 8, 2003.

Mrs. Touchstone, 74, was a native of Delaware.

She resided in Newark for over 40 years.

She was employed by Avon Products for 28 years in the Visual Entry department and she provided tours of the facility to various dignitaries including Senator Tom Carper, the Postmaster General of the United States, and many CEOs from other companies.

Mrs. Touchstone was known for her compassion and generous support of children's and animal causes.

She fed stray cats and had them spayed or neutered and inoculated.

The children in her neighborhood called her the "Cat Lady."

She is survived by her brother, John D. Carey Sr. of Houston, Texas; nephew and godson, John D. "Jack" Carey Jr. and his wife Sandy of Elkton, Md.; one great-niece; one nephew; stepchildren, Karen D. Street of Newark, Richard G. Touchstone Jr. of Millsboro, Kimberly A. Bell of Newark, and Randall G. "Randy" Touchstone of Newark; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in Newark.

Interment was in Lawnside Cemetery in Woodstown, N.J.

Brianna Hope White, 10 months old

Newark resident Brianna Hope White died on Monday, Dec. 8, 2003. Brianna was 10 months old.

Alan F. Mack, 80, WWII Air Corps vet, master electrician

Newark resident Alan F. Mack died on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003.

Mr. Mack, 80, was born in Wilmington.

A 1941 graduate of the former Brown Vo-Tech High School in Wilmington, he served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

For 43 years he was employed with the former Delmarva Power and Light Company, retiring as a master electrician in 1982.

Mr. Mack was an avid Civil War buff and a member of the Newark Senior Center, where he sang with the chorus.

In his leisure time, he enjoyed traveling with his wife and reading.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Audrey G. Lewis Mack; sister, Phyllis Johnson of Asheville, N.C.; stepchildren, Sharon Gooden of Columbia, Md., William Hathaway Jr. of Derby, Vt., Paula Drummonds of Elkton, Md., Gregory Hathaway of New Hampshire, and Mary Ellen Hathaway of Newark; three nieces; two nephews; 15 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in Newark.

Interment was in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

She is survived by her parents, Valerie Rodenbaugh and Charles White III; grandparents and caregivers, Charles and Debbie White Jr.; aunt, Lori White, who was also a caregiver; maternal grandparents, John and Terri Rodenbaugh and Debbie Faith; sister, Alyssia Sipple; two other aunts; three uncles; and many cousins and other family members.

Services were held at Corpus Christi Church in Elsmere and at the Strano and Feeley Family Funeral Home in Newark.

Burial was in Silverbrook Cemetery in Wilmington.

Michael Leslie, 24, HVAC certified tech

Newark resident Michael Charles Leslie died suddenly on Monday, Dec. 8, 2003.

Mr. Leslie, 24, was born in Wilmington.

He attended Newark High School and received his HVAC certification at the Delaware Skills Center.

He enjoyed fishing, water sports, playing cards, sports, and spending time with his family and friends.

Mr. Leslie was caring and devoted to his many friends.

He is survived by his best friend of eight years and fiancée, Antoinette Cichocki; parents, John F. and Betty Leslie; brother, John; sister, Rebecca and her fiancée R.J. George; and one nephew.

He is also survived by his paternal great-grandfather, Fred Coffin; maternal grandmother, Beatrice E. Fenton; paternal grandparents, Norma and Herb Platt; one aunt; one uncle; and many cousins.

Services were held at the Chandler Funeral Home in Wilmington.

Interment was in Silverbrook Cemetery, also in Wilmington.

Albert Greene Jr., 27, in U.S. Coast Guard

Former Newark resident Albert Edward Greene Jr. died on Monday, Dec. 8, 2003.

Mr. Greene, 27, was born in Wilmington.

He was a 1995 graduate of Newark High School.

Mr. Greene was an excellent cook and attended the prestigious Culinary Institute of Chicago.

A member of the U.S. Coast Guard for the past 6 1/2 years, Mr. Greene served as a Boatswain's Mate First Class and was stationed in Virginia Beach.

During his military career, he completed extensive training as a quarter-

master, a watchstander and a boarding officer, and also took courses in psychology and sociology.

His many awards include the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

At the time of his death, Mr. Greene was a resident of Virginia Beach, Va.

He is survived by his mother, Joann Curry Greene of Newark; father, Albert Edward Greene Sr. of Pensacola Beach, Fla.; sisters, Kirsten L. Greene of San Francisco, Calif., and Jennifer R. Greene of McLean, Va.; brother, Christopher M. Greene of Phoenix, Arizona; and his fiancée, Chrisha Elliott of Virginia Beach, Va.

Services were held at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home and at Holy Angels Church, both in Newark.

Interment was in the All Saints Cemetery in Wilmington.

Nancy Marie Ebbert, activity aid in musical therapy department

Former Newark resident Nancy Marie Ebbert died on Monday, Dec. 8, 2003.

Mrs. Ebbert, 67, was born in Grafton, W. Va.

Until her retirement, she was an activity aide in the musical therapy department of Delaware State Hospital in New Castle.

She was a member and Past Matron of Newark Chapter 10 Order of the Eastern Star and was also a member of the Eastern Star in New Castle and Middletown.

For many years, Mrs. Ebbert taught courses for the Delaware Chapter of the American Red Cross in the Safety Services Department.

She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Ebbert of Conowingo, Md.; sister, Patricia Knudsen of Grey, Maine; one niece; one nephew; and several great-nephews.

Services will be held at a later date.

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He talked to nearly every person he encountered while a real St. Bernard waited patiently on a leash.

During the past decade, our paths crossed from time to time but not often. He was always cordial and seemed genuine, not always the case with veteran politicians.

THE stereotype of New Englanders is very close to the real thing. The characters on the "Newhart" show, their personalities and approach to life in Vermont, were not far off the mark (except maybe Darryl and Darryl).

When we moved to Maine in 1992, we, the new flatlanders, were held at arm's length. People were not rude or cold, nor were they warm and welcoming.

The parents of a woman that my wife, Linda, worked with realized our loneliness and assimilated us into their family as though the Streits were blood relatives.

We were invited every warm weekend to spend Saturday and Sunday, all day both days, on Swan Lake at their camp.

On holidays like Easter and July 4th, this couple made sure we were part of their family's holiday activities.

They guided us to shopping spots, helped us through a challenging housing problem, and unofficially adopted us as their own.

To my last day, I will be appreciative of the warmth and caring that these Mainers offered my family.

THIS couple had barely ever been out of Maine, save a pre-Christmas shopping trip or two to the no-sales-tax liquor store on I-95 just over the line in New Hampshire. When we moved to Delaware, we begged them to visit. The Streits vowed to offer them a vacation to remember.

It took seven years but finally

in 1999 our friends agreed to come for a visit. We went to work putting together an exhaustive itinerary of visits to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Longwood Gardens and, of course, Washington, D.C. We wanted to make the trip as memorable as possible.

With a trip to Washington scheduled the next day, at the last

minute I called a friend of mine who worked for Sen. Roth and explained my relationship with our visitors. Was there any chance he could supply us tickets for the White House tour and get us into the Senate gallery? I received a quick "no" on the White House but a "I'll call you back" on the gallery tix. That night, my friend suggested we make a stop the next day at the Senate office building.

Our friends were already in awe of Washington, D.C. landmarks they were viewing "live" for the first time. Then, to actually go into a U.S. Senator's office, they were floored.

When we arrived at Sen. Roth's suite, we were ushered into a conference room, which I thought was strange. Then, suddenly, the towering Sen. Roth entered. He announced that an aide would take us on a VIP tour of the Capitol, then he sat down.

For nearly a half-hour, he chatted with the couple from Maine. They talked about Bill Cohen and George Mitchell, both former Senators from Maine. He asked my friends about New Englanders' perceptions of what happens in Washington, D.C. Sen. Roth asked about their fam-

ily and what they'd seen on their trip. While we relaxed, his staff danced around the door of the room, obvious that the Senator should have been elsewhere.

When I last visited Maine, I attended one of my friends' family events. Their relatives told me how thrilled my friends were to actually sit down and talk with a U.S. Senator.

This experience was not unlike one Priscilla Rakestraw related earlier this week. Once, when she was hosting a high school student, Sen. Roth left a meeting with four other Senators to spend some time with the youth.

I am forever grateful to Sen. Roth for his kindness to my special northern friends.

Other Americans will remember him for the Roth IRA or Kemp-Roth tax cut. Those of us in Delaware who met him will forever recall his warmth, kindness and the distinction that he brought to our small state.

■ The author has been a community journalist for more than three decades. He became publisher of this newspaper in 1992. He and his family reside in the Cherry Hill neighborhood of

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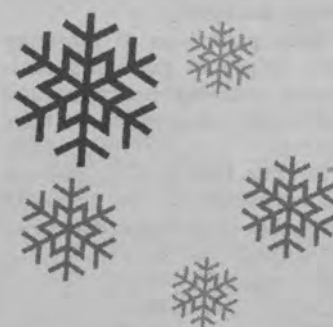
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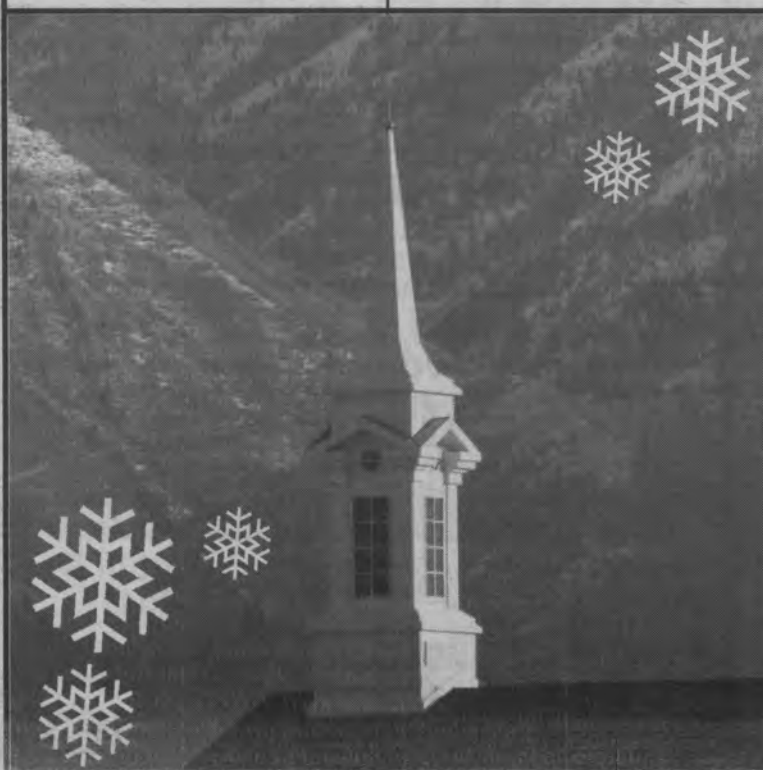
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