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NEWARK POST STAFF PHOTO BY HEIII SCHEING Children at St. Thomas Parish in Newark presented "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," to the community last Sunday. Ralph and Abby Lang portrayed Joseph and Mary in the traditional play about the birth

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of Christ.

## What are they 'doin' New Year's, New Year's Eve?'

By SHARON R. COLE

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITITER

Although historians say that the new millen nium does not officially begin until 2001 New Year's Eve, it has not affected the many who believe that New Year's Eve 1999 holds a certain sig nificance that should not go unrecognized.

Albeit not everyone will be dressing to the "nines" with the turning of the "nines," a small poll taken around the area reveals that most are anticipating the excitement of a once-in-a-lifetime segment of history.

None of the 24 people polled said that they would have to work on the night that will be a "workday" for thousands of people needed for potential Y 2 K computer problems, emergency rescues, possible electrical outages, police patrols, catered events, restaurants, bars and, of course, entertainment.

Instead, most said that they would spend the evening with family, a few will spend time at parties with friends, and some plan to travel.
 will watch the ball drop if we can stay up that late," she said. "If we can't then we'll See NEW YEARS'EVE ,4

Newark, Del. - 50¢

## Stand by for

 anythingBy MARY E. PETZAK
NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

$\Delta{ }_{4}^{11}$11 department heads for operations in the city of Newark are on call this New Year's Eve. "They are all required to be on stand-by within minutes of the Municipal Building," said city manager Carl Luft. "What we'll probably have is a lot of bored people."

Possible computer failures, mob scenes or party-goers in accidents has government heads around the world marshalling their employees and Newark is no execption.
"The operations center will be set up at the police department," Luft said. "The police chief and building director Junie Mayle who is our Emergency Management Coordinator will be there early on New Year's Eve to make sure everything's ready."
Luft does not think there will be any computer failures from Y2K in Newark itself. "Finance director George Sarris has checked all our technology and we are fully compliant,", said Luft. "But if the electric on the whole peninsula goes down, we go down - there's nothing we can do about that."

Conectiv issued a statement indicating more than 400 of their employees, compared to a normal 75 , will be working over the New Year's weekend. "Please do not turn off circuit breakers before midnight and turn them back on after midnight as suggested by one group," said Conectiv duty officer Ray Civatte. "A balance between energy supply and demand is critical to maintaining service." Newark Police Department will have more than double the usual number of officers on duty from 7 a.m. on Dec. 31 through 4 p.m. on Jan. 1. "We'll have 30 officers, including supervisors, on duty and another five on call f there's a real catastrophe," Luft said. "We're really beefing up, which will cost quite a bit." As a precaution, Luft said, all officers will be issued riot gear and prevention vests. Some people will be doing nilly sed "But me more likely sce he said is Buffic problems mov ario is ing bodis 1 , ions with flashlights if the sigals stop working."
Newark's electric department is always on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "But in addition to the department head, we will have a supervisor and two lineman who can be here within a few minutes," said Luft. "Normally, during a summer See STAND BY,3

## Poulce Report

## Nude man offers ride to girl

New Castle County Police are investigating an incident on Dec 20 around 7 a.m. involving a naked man who approached a 13 -year-old girl in lodd Estates while she was walking to school and asked her if she needed a ride. The girl told police a vehicle operated by a black male drove up to her. The driver was nude except for a black knit cap and gold-rimmed sunglasses. The girl refused to approach the car although the vehicle followed briefly as she walked on. The car is described as gold. four-door. with tinted windows and a rainwith tinted windows and a ram-
bow-colored blanket with white and blue stuffed animals on the and blue stufted animals on the rear deck of the passenger area. asked to call county police at asked to
$571-7931$.

## Man robbed on <br> Park Place

Newark Police report a 21 -year-old man was robbed on West Park Place on Dec. 18 around $7: 30$ p.m. The suspects are described only as two white men and two black men, all in their teens and all wearing hooded sweatshirts. The man said the group was intially walking in front of him before he was struck in the head by one while others took his bookbag, jewelry and wallet before fleeing. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 366-7111.

## Attempted robbery in parking lot

On Dec. 16 around 6:25 a.m. 46-year-old Newark man wa attacked in the parking lot behind the Stone Balloon. The man told police a black male in a greyhooded sweatshirt got out of pickup truck and punched him while trying to remove the man's

Police Coorndnate Tois for Tots


NEWARK POST STAFF PHOTO BY HEIDI SCHEING
Newark Police coordinated the distribution of toys by Santa at several neighborhoods in Newark on Monday night. Despite the rain, children and their families were thrilled by the visit from St. Nick who arrived on an Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Co. fire engine escorted by police and fire personnel. U.S. Marines from the Navy-Marine Corps Training Center on Kirkwood Highway helped supply the gifts for annual Newark visit through the "Toys for Tots" program.
wallet from his pants pocket. The suspect fled without taking any thing.

## Pair found with

 drug paraphrenaliaNewark Police arrested Jan W. Vermullen, 43, and Beretia Lane, 42, both of Newark, on Dec. 11 around 1:30 a.m. after they were found in a parked car at an apartment complex on Thorn Lane Police approached the suspicious vehicle and found Vermullen in possession of a glass crack pipe and Lane in possession of a hypodermic syringe. No drugs tharg. The two wer charged with possession of drug

## paraphrenalia

## Man exposes self

Police charged Michael C Wright of Newark with three counts of indecent exposure after he pulled down his pants in the Newark Shopping Center. A 54-year-old man, accompanied by 9 -year-old and 13 -year-old boys, told police Wright asked for a ride and was refused. He then urinated on the car and kicked it while the children cried. Wright was identified at the police station where he was being questioned in regard to an earlier incident of kicking trashcans at the Burger King on Chapel Street

## Holiday trash collections in Newark

The New Year's holiday will be celebrated on Friday, Dec. 31 Trash normally collected on Friday, will be collected on Thursday, Dec. 30, and Thursday's trash will be collected on Wednesday, Dec. 29.
The trash schedules for Monday, Dec. 27, and Tuesday, Dec. 28, will remain the same. Anyone with questions about these changes may call the public work department at 366-7045.



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## Swedish tradition celebrated

By SHARON R. COLE
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More than three centuries ago, Swedish voyagers who sailed the Kalmar Nyckel across thousands f miles on the rough seas of the Atlantic Ocean rough seas of the ern Delaware and built the very first church here in 1698.
Members of the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society with family, friends, and this year, more than 15 descendants of Dr Tymin Stiddem who sailed to the New World on the original Kalmar Nickel, gathered at Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church in Wilmington on Dec. 12 to honor Sankta Lucia, a highlight of the Advent season in Sweden

Dressed in a white robe with a crown of candles on her head, Stacey Fenstermaker,14, of Elkton, was Lucia for this year's festival which also included a procession of children and young adults portraying attendants, starboys, and elves.
Fenstermaker previously participated in the celebration, but always as an attendant. Her grandmother, Karen Murray of

Newark, designed the costumes. "I've had a good time doing is," said Fe good time doing his, said Fenster naker laughingly. The candes, trying balance the candles on my head has been pretty hard, though."
The story of Lucia comes from several legends, including the most well-known which tells of a maiden in the town of Syracuse in Sicily around 300 A.D. After joining Christians in their charitable work and being betrothed to a wealthy man, Lucia gave away her gifts to the poor. Because her behavior was considered strange, she was thrown in jail, tortured and condemned to death by burning. She emerged from the fire unharmed only to be slain by her foes with a sword.

In Swedish tradition, a family's eldest daughter, dressed in a white gown and red sash and assisted by her brothers and sisters, brought bread, coffee and ginger cookies to their parents by candlelight at dawn.

For Swedes, Lucia carries the message of Christmas, coming with light in her hair on the darkest morning of the year according to the old calendar


Stacey Fenstermaker, 14, of Elkton, played the role of Lucia in the annual Swedish festival at Old Swedes Church in Wilmington. Her grandmother, Karen Murray of Newark, designed the costumes.

## City on standby for New Year's Eve

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thunderstorm, for instance, we can be out within 20 minutes, but I said, 'we can't put up with that' for this New Year's Eve. Every electric substation but two can be operated manually and all city facilities have generators which can be operated manually. "But we're computer compliant," reiterated Luft. "Tha was done and ready months ago. Loss of pressure at the pump station is the biggest worry in the water department "But that can be operated manually, also, and we will have one operator duty throughout the night" Luf duty hroug "all water tank will explaull and can waty be full and can carry us through for three to four days.

Director Rick Lapointe, a supervisor, five streets workers, a mechanic and an office dispatcher will be on call in public works from 4 p.m. Friday to $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on


Saturday. "They've assured me they have reflector barrels. extra signs and barricades, reflective vests, oil dry and an extra 'arrow board' all ready to go," Luft said. "Hurricane Floyd was Luft said. "Hurricane foyd was a good opportunity fork what we needed.'

All city vehicles will be gassed up "Officers on the be gassed up. Officers on the street will fill up as near to midnight as they can," Luft said

A supervisor and two foreman from parks and recreation will round out the people standing by to assist other departments in any way necessary.

These guys all do good work
can deal with anything that happens," Luft said. "Days before I asked, they were getting ready it really made me proud.

In addition to the Municipal Building, temporary police substations will be set up at the Newark Emergency Room on Main Street and the Special Olympics Fieldhouse on South College Avenue. "That's where people can find an officer if the city goes dark," said Luft.

Reviewing the preparations this week, Luft was optimistic. "Hopefully, we're ready - a lot of people are getting paid extra to be ready.

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## Kicking off New Year's means kicking back for many

- NEW YEAR'S EVE from 1 we'll set the alarm to wake up and watch it drop."

Newarkers Kathleen Petrillo, Milton Landis, and Paul Schlosser also said they are spending the evening with fami-

Going to church for special festivities and then going home to party with relatives is the plan for Delinda Brown of Wilmington, Christine Warren of Dover and Adrienne Ponzo of New Castle. "We'll go to Mass and then go to my aunt's house to eat pepper pot, drink egg nog and talk about what happened over the year,"


Delinda Brown
said Ponzo.
Brown added. "(My family is) going to eat black-eyed peas and collard greens like we do every year!"

Fearing the worst, H.E. Dixon of Newark said that he plans to stay indoors. "I don't want to go out (because of the potential danger that exists)," said Dixon.

Dixon also believes many
vehicles will experience problems on the highly traveled holiday since newer cars contain date chips.

Unfazed by new year anxi-


Adrienne Ponzo
eties, Marla DiSalvo of brating in Las Vegas, Nev "Last year we went and it was so crowded on the strip it was almost scary," said DiSalvo. "This year we are staying right on the strip at the New York New York Hotel, so it's kind of like York Hotel, so it's kind of like being in Vegas and New York at Ne same time
Newark resident Sean McDearmon will be going to a nearer gambling hotspot. Mc Dearmon, a bartender at Bennigans, said that he is driving with friends to Atlantic City, N.J. "We'll be drinking Dom Perignon on the beach at the stroke of midnight and then staying overnigh at a friend's place" he said.

Others from the area will be spending time at the Delaware

## Students perform at First Night

Students from Tower Hill, Cab Calloway School of the Arts and Brandywine high schools will use their newly acquired improvisational skills in the High School Improv Tournament at Christina Cultural Arts Center Dance Studio 7 to 8:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

The tournament, sponsored
by Bell Atlantic, is part of First Night Wilmington, a non-alcoholic, family celebration of the arts.
Admission buttons for First Night are on sale at all Happy Harry's locations in New Castle County, Pennsylvania New Jersey and Maryland Adults, \$15 each. Children 10 and under are free


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## Polly Drummond Shopping Center

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and Maryland beaches. "All I'm doing is going bar hopping down at the beach," said Newark resident Tony Lepore who owns a Greg Bailey of Strasburg, Pa Greg Bailey of Strasburg, Pa., also plans to go south. 'I'm going to spend the evening with and I'm going to relax - and

that's it," Bailey said.
Originally from Columbia, South America, current Newark resident Jorge Vasguez will be sharing Spanish traditions with family and friends.
"We will drink and eat, and dance to Spanish music," Vasquez said. "At midnight, we will eat 12 grapes for good luck, count money for prosperity and then we will run around the neighborhood with luggage if we want to travel in the upcoming year."
Vasquez said that they are likely to continue partying until


## Jorge Vasguez

## sunrise.

Elkton resident Jolene Austin, from Guyana in South America, plans to spend the evening with her family, a well. "Just to bring in the new year with them will help us remain closer throughout the year," she said.

Alice Shurtleff of Newark plans an alternative celebration negotiating a labyrinth, or meditational maze, with others from the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Fellowship.
Brewed

Awakenings employee, Becky Dolby, will be rocking in her New Year. "I never go out on New Year's Eve, but this year I am going with my boyfriend to Hershey Park to see the band "Live" concert," she said.
Going to First Night in Wilmington is the choice opted by Newark resident David Robertson and for Carol Dyer who works at Brew Ha! Ha! on

Main Street.
I'm going to have a fondue party and then we are walking to First Night since I live in Wilmington," explained Dyer "And then we will go back to

my place for a steak and lobster midnight snack."
Also choosing a non-alcoholic venue is Stephen Kobsa of Newark. "I was thinking that the Friends of Wilmington Western Rail Road are having an event that is non-alcoholic and smoke free which is a lot more enjoyable to me than going to a bar," Kobsa said.

One person still undecided is Newark resident Susan Dean. "I'm not sure what I'm doing yet because my Pop-Pop is 90 and he's having a party in Philadelphia, and my sister is having a party, too," Dean said. "Or I could be going to a restaurant with the man in my life."

## Did the Grinch get Santa?

By Meghan aftosmis
NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER
Santa Claus did not drop out of the sky and land in the Newark Shopping Center this year. He did not sith sman booth and we come little kids to sit on his lap.

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meeting was held in September
the shopping center opened in 1955, many Newarkers and store merchants missed his jolly face, although some said the crowd had been dwindling over the years.
The shopping center was bought by First Washington Realty Trust this summer. A
for the new management with the businesses. However, no mention was made of the holiday season by management or the merchants at that time
"It was more their meeting to introduce themselves," said Marilyn Minster, owner of Minster's Jewelers.

And with no merchants association in place to discuss the issue, the subject was never brought up at any other time.
"The Krapf's always took care of it before," Minster said, referring to the former owners. "It was their contribution.

Shawn Spacht, supervisor at The Ski Bum, said having Santa always brought a lot more business into the shopping center at holiday time. "Usually we got a letter from the management sayletter from the management say-
ing the he was coming at a certain ing the he was coming at a certain
time," Spacht said. "I don't know time," Spacht said. "I don't know why he's not here this year

Joe St. Onge, store manager of Mar-Stan's Unpainted Furniture, fondly remembers having Santa there because he used to bring his kids to see him.
"It was a little bit of a disappointment that there's not one this year," he said. "He's always been here at the beginning of the holiday season.

Overall, St. Onge does not have any complaints about the new management, though.
"It's been wonderful. They've made a lot of improvements," he said.

The owner of Newark TV Service Co., Carmie Bocco, said, "I noticed that he wasn't here, but the crowd was getting fewer and fewer every year. I didn't know whether it was because of the new management, but you'd think the old management would pass that kind of information down to the new."

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## Shopping center tradition broken after decades

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Christine Schaaf, vice president of marketing for First Washington Realty Trust, said no merchants contacted them about bringing a Santa Claus into the
"If there is interest," she said, "a merchant's fund could be started as part of a marketing program."
Each merchant would pay in a certain amount and the fund
could be used for something like bringing a Santa Claus to the shopping center.

Minster said she would like to see a combined effort between the city and the shopping center for Winterfest next year. She
plans on taking the issue up with the Downtown Newark Partnership, of which she is a boardmember.
Overall, the absence of Santa Claus in the center has not had much effect on the merchants,

Minster said
"So many other religions are celebrating now, and we need to be conscious of that," she said noting the diversity of merchants in the shopping center. "No everyone ceiebrates Christmas."

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## It comes upon a midnight every year

Peace on earth, goodwill to men. Were ever six more complex and difficult words strung together by humans in one thought?

By Christmas Eve, many people have had little time in weeks to scan the headlines, let alone read or watch the news on television. But, take it from a newspaper, the news outside is frightful.

War in Chechnya, famine and genocide in Africa, floods in Venezuela, terrorists in the United States, homicides in Delaware, the end of the world a week from today

- the bad news just keeps coming.

Looking at their checkbook balance, even the most dedicated celebrant may find it hard to be cheerful or merry. So where's the Christmas spirit, anyway?
Journalists are particularly prone to depression and pessimism with periods of self-medication not far behind during this season of conviviality and fellowship.
We photograph Santas and cover family reunions and report dramatic numbers of shoppers - we make our usual rounds of malls and post offices - and hospitals.

But just when the hour is darkest, we sometimes are still surprised by the human capacity for joy and hope and dreams.
Lighting candles has been a
comfort and a delight to people of all ages almost since the beginning of time. In the 20th century, we have "gone about as far as we can go" in color, size, arrangement and placement of candlepower.
Some communities, however, have kept, or rediscovered, the power of a single candle burning in the night.

Luminary Night, as it is usually called, means whole neighborhoods of people line their sidewalks with individual votive candles shining through white paper bags. Each by itself has little effect.

The magic - and the overwhelming attitude adjustment - comes when these simple devices glow for blocks, winding their way past homes - some dark, some brightly lit themselves - flickering in the wind but burning on until the early dawn.

Residents and visitors call softly to each other in the dark, almost reverent at the scene they have created. Later, even in the still of the night, sleepless in Newark can peer out and see the keepers of their trust and faith in each other still burning undisturbed.

No vandals take them. No disorder mars their serene message.

Thank you all who create this ephermeral and seasonal moment. Peace on earth. Goodwill to men.

## GUEST OPINION

## Letters to Santa and

 other seasonal thoughts

Herewith the Post publishes letters mailed to Santa Claus, Esquire, at the North Pole. The children here have in Miss Harriet Wilson, principal of he Primary School, an able ally in the cause of Christmas. Through her efforts, The Post has been able to reproduce these letters. Santa himself wants us to state that any little girl or boy may reach him this year by merely addressing his or her letter to Santa Claus, c/o Newark Post, Newark, Delaware. Don't delay, because the Great Man is very busy these days.

## Dear Santa Clause:

I have been good and I want a umbrella. I am going to hang my stocking up for you. I want a pair of gloves. I want a pair of bed room slippers. I want a pair of galoshes. I want a pair of nickers. I want a sweater. I want a middy blouce.

Good-By from Frances Brown, Age 8 years old.

Dear Santa-Claus:
I would like to have my last Dolly. My mother would like a set of dishes. Please d 0 'rrot forget the poor chtildrert and theit

Florence Stengel, 8 years.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a Bicyckle and a pair of gray stockings, size 10. Don't forget the poor people, make them happy. Bring them a Christmas tree with presents on it.

Doris Strahorn, 8 years.
Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? It has been a long time since last year. I want a ring, a doll baby. Mother wants a new dress for Christmas. Father wants a gold watch chain. My aunt Ida wants a pear pillow casses.

Mildred Kline, 10.
Dear Santa Claus:
Would you bring me a mama doll? Santa its been so long since last Christmas 1 almost forgot you. Santa would you please bring mother a pair of bed room Fpers. Good by.

## Dear Santa Clause:

I hope you are well. I am. I would like to have a little doll house and a set of embroid. For my mother a pair of stockings and for my father a handkerchief. Good by.
From Ellenor Roberts, 8 years.

## Out of the Atic



SPECLIAL TO THE NEWMAR POST
This photo, which has the date 1958 on the back, shows a Living Nativity scene as portrayed by the youth group at Ebenezer United Methodist Church on Polly Drummond Hill Road. This outdoor display has been an annual event at the church for many years. This photo is from the files of the Newark Post.
Readers are encouraged to send old photos to the Newark Post, "Out of the Attic," 153 E. Chestnut Hill Rd., Newark 19713. Special care will be taken and photos can be returned. For information, call 737-0724.

## Pages Fron The Past

December 24, 1924 December 21, 1977
Newark poultry show called off; fear spread of poultry disease

The annual exhibit of the Diamond State Poultry and Pigeon Association was postponed indefinite1y.
Fear of the spread into Delaware of the disastrous poultry epidemic which has swept over eight states and threatens many more, was given as the cause for was given as the cause for postponement. After a lenginy discussion, it was felt wat it would be better to call off the exhibit rather than to jeopardize the health of the hundreds of valuable birds.

## Community ready for <br> holiday season

With the lighting of the Community Tree on Academy lawn this evening shortly after six o'clock, Newark will officially usher in another Christmas season.
Perhaps no greater holiday descends upon the people here than this Yuletide observance -- the oldest known festival tradition. Certainly none gives a greater thrill. gives a greater thrill. today are being thrown today to relatives and open to relatives and Tonight will witness the Tonight will witness the mystic arrival of one Santa Claus, the international hero in the eyes of the kid dies. Tomorrow comes the dinper. ...... ........

Re-railing a train wreck.
At first glance, the railroad track looked like it had been hit by a tornado. Railroad cars, some cracked and dented, lay scattered along the tracks. One bashed-up car rested on its side. Not too far away lay a wheel caked in mud.
But the damage done to this 1,200 -foot section of the Chessie System (Baltimore \& Ohio) railroad track behind Old Mill Manor wasn't the work of a tornado.

It was the aftermath of a derailment, early Thursday morning, of a 27 -car freight train carrying auto parts to the General Motors Boxwood Road assembly plant.
Ice scofflaws face frosty reception at Carousel

The first crusts of ice forming on New Castle County ponds have area iceskaters thinking about polishing their skates for another season.
But the winter weather
also has County
Councilman Francis Swift (D-District 4) thinking that he doesn't want Pike Creek Valley ice Pkaters to get the same skaters to get the same frosty reception this year that 35 of them got last December.
A year ago, on a cold Sunday, nigbton December,
5, a band of iceskaters was
arrested by county police as they sported on a frozen pond at Carousel Farms, a county-owned park at Limestone and Linden Hill roads.

## December 23, 1994

## City hopeful about

new road
Traffic relief elief on Ogletown Road could be in sight.
An extension to Wyoming Road, between Library Avenue and Marrows Road, is included in the Delaware Department
Transportation's 1996 1998 Capital Improvement Program draft.
Until now, the Wyoming Road project has been in the CIP's "program development" category
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## Opinion

## It comes upon a midnight every year

Peace on earth, goodwill to men. Were ever six more complex and difficult words strung together by humans in one thought?
By Christmas Eve, many people have had little time in weeks to scan the headlines, let alone read or watch the news on television. But, take it from a newspaper, the news outside is frightful.

War in Chechnya, famine and genocide in Africa, floods in Venezuela, terrorists in the United States, homicides in Delaware, the end of the world a week from today the bad news just keeps coming.
Looking at their checkbook balance, even the most dedicated celebrant may find it hard to be cheerful or merry. So where's the Christmas spirit, anyway?
Journalists are particularly prone to depression and pessimism with periods of self-medication not far behind during this season of conviviality and fellowship.
We photograph Santas and cover family reunions and report dramatic numbers of shoppers - we make our usual rounds of malls and post offices - and hospitals.

But just when the hour is darkest, we sometimes are still surprised by the human capacity for joy and hope and dreams.
Lighting candles has been a
comfort and a delight to people of all ages almost since the beginning of time. In the 20th century, we have "gone about as far as we can go" in color, size, arrangement and placement of candlepower.
Some communities, however, have kept, or rediscovered, the power of a single candle burning in the night.
Luminary Night, as it is usually called, means whole neighborhoods of people line their sidewalks with individual votive candles shining through white paper bags. Each by itself has little effect.
The magic - and the overwhelming attitude adjustment - comes when these simple devices glow for blocks, winding their way past homes - some dark, some brightly lit themselves - flickering in the wind but burning on until the early dawn.
Residents and visitors call softly to each other in the dark, almost reverent at the scene they have created. Later, even in the still of the night, sleepless in Newark can peer out and see the keepers of their trust and faith in each other still burning undisturbed.

No vandals take them. No disorder mars their serene message.
Thank you all who create this ephermeral and seasonal moment. Peace on earth. Goodwill to men.

## GUEST OPINION

## Letters to Santa and other seasonal thoughts



Herewith the Post publishes letters nailed to Santa Claus, Esquire, at the North Pole. The children here have in Miss Harriet Wilson, principal of the Primary School, an able ally in the cause of Christmas. Through her efforts, The Post has been able to reproduce these letters. Santa himself wants us to state that any little girl or boy may reach him this any little gire or boy may reach him letter year by merely addressing his or her letter, Delaware. Don't delay, because the Great Delaware. Don't delay, because the Great Man is very busy these days.

Dear Santa Clause:
I have been good and I want a umbrella. I am going to hang my stocking up for you. I want a pair of gloves. I want a pair of bed room slippers. I want a pair of galoshes. I want a pair of nickers. I want a sweater. I want a middy blouce.
Good-By from Frances Brown, Age 8 years old.
Dear Santa-Claus:
I would like to have my last Dolly. My mother would like a set of dishes. Please do 'riot forget the poor childrend and their
parents.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a Bicyckle and a pair of gray stockings, size 10. Don't forget the poor people, make them happy. Bring Doris Strahorn, 8 years presents on it. Doris Strahorn, 8 years.
Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? It has been a long time since last year. I want a ring, a doll baby. Mother wants a new dress for Christmas. Father wants a gold watch chain. My aunt da wants a pear pillow casses.
Mildred Kline, 10.
Dear Santa Claus:
Would you bring me a mama doll? Santa its been so long since last Christmas I almost forgot you. Santa would you please bring mother a pair of bed room slippers. Good by.
From Anna Coover, 8 years old.
Dear Santa Clause:
I hope you are well. I am. I would like to have a little doll house and a set of embroid. For my mother a pair of stockings and for my father a handkerchief. Good by.
From Ellenor Roberts, 8 years.

## Out of the Attic



SPEGIAL TO THe NEWARK Post
This photo, which has the date 1958 on the back, shows a Living Nativity scene as portrayed by the youth group at Ebenezer United Methodist Church on Polly Drummond Hiil Road. This outdoor display has been an annual event at the church for many years. This photo is from the files of the Newark Post.
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December 24, 1924 December 21, 1977
Newark poultry show called off; fear spread of poultry disease
The annual exhibit of the Diamond State Poultry and Pigeon Association was postponed indefinitely.
Fear of the spread into Delaware of the disastrous poultry epidemic which has swept over eight states and threatens many more, was given as the cause for postponement. After a lengthy discussion, it was felt that it would be better to call off the exhibit rather than to jeopardize the health of the hundreds of valuable birds.

## Community ready for

 holiday seasonWith the lighting of the Community Tree on Academy lawn this evening shortly after six o'clock, Newark will officially usher in another Christmas season.
Perhaps no greater holiday descends upon the people here than this Yuletide observance -- the oldest known festival tradition. Certainly none gives a greater thrill Sives a greater thrill. today are being thrown open to relatives and open to relatives and Tonight will witness the Tonight will witness the Claus arrival of one Santa Claus, the international hero in the eyes of the kid dies. Tomorrow comes the

Re-railing a train wreck ...

At first glance, the railroad track looked like it had been hit by a tornado. Railroad cars, some cracked and dented, lay scattered along the tracks. One bashed-up car rested on its side. Not too far away lay a wheel caked in mud.
But the damage done to this 1,200 -foot section of the Chessie System (Baltimore \& Ohio) railroad track behind Old Mill Manor wasn't the work of a tornado.
It was the aftermath of a derailment, early Thursday morning, of a 27 -car freight train carrying auto parts to the General Motors Boxwood Road assembly plant.

## Ice scofflaws face

 frosty reception at CarouselThe first crusts of ice forming on New Castle County ponds have area iceskaters thinking about polishing their skates for another season.

But the winter weather also has County Swift (D-District 4) thinking that he doesn't want Pike Creek Valley ice skaters to get the same skaters to get the same that 35 of them got last decem of them got last December.

A year ago, on a cold Sunday night on December
arrested by county police as they sported on a frozen pond at Carousel Farms, a county-owned park at Limestone and Linden Hill roads.
December 23, 1994
City hopeful about
new road
Traffic relief relief on Ogletown Road could be in $\underset{\text { An }}{\text { sight. }}$
An extension to Wyoming Road, between Library Avenue and Marrows Road, is included in the Delaware Department
Transportation's 19961998 Capital Improvement Program draft.

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Dear Santa Claus:
How are you. I wish you would bring me a new suit for Xmas and don't forget the poor. Raymond Beers, 9.

Dear Santa Clause:
1 have been very good. I wish you would bring me a box of candy, a ring. I am going to hang up my stocking. I have a present for my teacher for Christmas. Do not forget the poor children.
Emily Rhoades, Age 8 years old.

Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? My mother has been good to me and I thot that my mother ought to get a Christmas present. I thot that I will give my mother a new coat. My brother shud get a new hat. Santa Claus I want five story books for Christmas, a new dress and a new coat.
Maybell Aiken, Age 10 June
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a barrell with either of the heads knocked off. A pair of ice skates. Daddy a pipe and Ruben 1 cigarette holder.

From Thomas Cooch, 8 years of age.

## Dear Old Kris

Please bring me a pair of Boots and a pair of gloves and a fire Engine and a dump truck and an Electical train and some candy and a sled.
From Orville Richardson, Age

## Dear Santa Claus:

How are you? Dear Santa please send me a Rain Cape and a little doll too. Mother would like to have a dress. Father would like to have a stop light. Good by dear Santa Claus.
Catherine Morris, Age years.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football. I want a sweater. I want a bee bee gun. I want a bicle.

Donald F. Hahn.

Dear Old Kris:
I want a doll and a tree, some glasses for my doll, a desk and a chair. Bring Petie my sister a pink doll with blue hair. I have been a good girl. Don't forget I live on Choate Street. Love Duane Jester.

Dear Old Kriss,
I am a little boy 4 years old. Uncle Allen says I'm bad but I am not, Old Kriss, because I help Grampus with the ashes and I help keep the baby in the front room while mother washes in the kithchen. And I want to tell you the velocipede you brought me last year is still good, it's still all together and runs, so, Old Kriss, f you bring Graryson that nice big Car in Lovett's window, I'll take that blue one in Handloff's. They said they would crate them up and send them to you, so you could bring them right back to us, we don't like store things, and I want an erector's set, a tinker toy set, a little black truck and anything else, and Grayson wants a crank and a jack so he can help Father. Karl is only a baby 11 months old, we don't know what he wants so, Old Kriss, we will still be good boys. I wish you would hurry.

Junior Greer
26 Prospect Avenue., Newark, Del.
P.S. Dear Old Kriss,

When you go to Reed's wait ill Uncle Allen is out, he said he was going to shoot you.
This selection of letters originally ran in the Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 issues of the 1924 Newark Post. They are reproduced here exactly as written by little hands more than 75 years ago.

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Letter To The EdTor

To: Editor
From: Dorothy M. Burris Wilmington

The property on East Main Street where the old sycamore tree was located formerly consisted of a three-room house purchased by Gotlieb Fader who came from Cecil County in 1877. He made a bakery in the basement, made the front room into a store and lived in the other two rooms. As a young man, he became a prominent Newark citizen and helped charter the Aetna Fire Co
As the family grew to 12 children (11 surviving), the house had many additions, including seven large bedrooms, store, parlor (where weddings and funerals were held), living room, dining room, and a separate kitchen building which was adjoined by an enclosed porch connecting the kitchen to the dining room and connecting the store to the bakehouse in the rear.
There was also a partially attached house where the family of one of the two bakers resided.
The property extended to Delaware Avenue. There was a large barn. Tennis courts evolved into large garden - a showpiece of prizewinning flowers. Along the drive, a goldfish pond was installed with beautiful flowers around it, the sycamore tree, and a well-used bird bath

Gotlieb Fader died in October 1922 and the family continued the business. Eventually, it was run by three unmarried resident sisters until the bakery business was sold to the Bings after World War II The store became a candy, gift and card shop until it was taken over by Mrs. Mahanna in the midit was
1950 's.

Miss Winnie Fader, the last surviving resident sister, died in November 1971. Just two generations lived in this house. After her death, it was sold to Gino's and torn down.

The family contributed much to Newark and its organizations, helping to charter the Lions Club, and establishing the Ford Agency in Newark in 1911, honored by the Ford Co. as a 50 -year dealer in 1961. Frank Fader also served on the State Highway Commission and was chairman of the Newark Planning Commission. Faders were active in the Newark Country Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, American Legion and the First Presbyterian Church.
I worked in the store and bakehouse while in school and college, as did my sister, and my brother who drove the delivery truck.
My mother was one of the 12 Fader children - all of whom are deceased.
Now the family and the house are history as will be the sycamore tree. So it goes in Newark!

## Letters to the Editor

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The first alternative is a French mantcure. Since no one has any use for three manicures a day, which adds up to 30 by the 12 th day of Christmas, perhaps a gift certificate for the amount that three manicures would cost will suffice. Since French manicures usually run at about $\$ 15$ a each, a certificate for $\$ 51.75$ is perfect. This price also includes the cost of a 15 percent tip for the nail technician.

The lower priced version would be 30 pieces of French toast. In other words, breakfast in bed for ten days. The cost of this would include bread, organic eggs, and orange juice for $\$ 7.05$ all together. Spoiling that special someone comes free as a bonus with this gift.

with you.
For those with a higher budget, four, 20 minute cards will rui out $\$ 80$ for each day, totaling $\$ 720$ on day 12.
For those with a lower spending limit, four, five minute cards wil ost a mere $\$ 20$ per day. In the end this adds up to around $\$ 180$

Most drug stores in the area such as Rite Aid and CVS sell phone cards bat you may not be able to get them all at one place.
"On the fifth day of Christmas," true love finally comes through with something practical, golden rings. decided it was useless to skimp on this one
According to Delhaven Jewelers, a thin gold ring uns about $\$ 49$, which ends up being $\$ 392$ in all. By
day 12 , the cost comes out to $\$ 1,960$ for 40 rings.
For a less expensive version of this gift, five silver rings cost For a less expensive version of this gift, five sil $\$ 3$ each, which will come to $\$ 360$ by day 12 .

Day six yields six geese-a-laying at $\$ 150$ for all six geese and $\$ 1,050$ for seven days. This one was a problem, for all my research I couldn't come up with anything close to geese-a-laying on sale. So I figured six regular geese would fit the bill.

According to eyewitness reports, they can be seen laying in any open space in the area, especially near Old Paper Mill Road. Just stop the car and throw em in your trunk. Word has it the neighbors will thank you for it


On day seven, we have seven swans a swimming, which PNC says are free. Again, as with day six I had trouble finding seven swans, but several people did suggest checking out Lum's Pond for swans or ducks-a-swimming.
My advice would be to take a camera well in advance and snap a roll of film. Most ducks, like people, head south for the holidays, so they might be hard to spot on short notice.

Finally day eight has arrived and all mention of birds in the song has no disappeared.
With the millennium approaching and in this day and age of advanced technology, the maids-a-milking of yore have been replaced at most dairies by automated milking machines. Even if you could find them, and paid them minimum wage for one hour of work, the total cost would be $\$ 45.20$ for one day and $\$ 226$ for five days of work. (Depending on how attractive these maids are, you just may also have someone besides the head of the milk maids labor union to answer to.)
In order to avoid labor costs, and sweeten your love life, how about eight pounds of milk chocolate from Donna's Delights in Newark. The chocolate costs $\$ 13.50$ per pound, the cost per day comes to $\$ 108$, which is slightly more than the eight maids, but the attractive box won't make anyone jealous.
Of course, on second thought, it is that time of year when so any of us are strapped for cash. 1 would go with eight bags of holiday M\&Ms. Happy Harry's has them on sale for about $\$ 1.88$ a bag, totaling $\$ 75.20$ on day 12 .

Well, day nine has arrived and you're almost in the home stretch. Tradition calls for nine dancers dancing. I have two questions, how big is your living room, really, and how do you wrap them?
And of course, the dancers command a higher rice than the milkmaids because they are skilled labor. They would cost $\$ 15,730.88$ for four days.


The Grand Opera House in Wilmington has enough entertainment, whether it be dance, theatre or music to keep your feet moving. So far, 23 shows are scheduled for the new year If true love gave the gift of 18 pairs of tickets to the first of the Hows the cost for mid-priced seats would be $\$ 1,033$ for all 36 tick ets. What a bargain!

Of course you can go low budget on this one and rent the movie "Saturday Night Fever" for four days from Blockbuster Video, for $\$ 2.03$ a day.. (I didn't actually count how many dancers there are in the movie, but I'm sure you'll get more than you bargained for with this gift.)
Yep, its day ten and you have to send those 10 lords-a-leaping for the next three days. They will gladly take $\$ 3,433.99$ of your hard earned cash. Before you buy this gift, think to yourself, do your neighbors really want to see a bunch of people leaping around your yard in spandex?
Just in case you have second thoughts, you can equire some crowns from Burger King, and pay 10 neighbor children $\$ 5$ each, per day to leap around in your yard for three days. That is, if their parents say its okay. Total cost: \$150.
Another alternative is to catch 10 frogs out by Beck's Pond, name them all Lord and send 'em a leaping. After this one, if you're still referred to as true love, you'll know where you stand in the rela-

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## Lifestyle

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Thank a farmer

Have you hugged a farmer today? Okay, so maybe that is little silly, but farmers do so
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you is in order. After all, less than two percent of the popula tion in America grow the food the other 98 percent consume. At the turn of the last centu-
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The first alternative is a French manicure. Since no one has any use for three manicures a day, which adds up to 30 by the 12 th day of Christmas, perhaps a gift certificate for the amount that three manicures would cost will suffice. Since French manicures usually run at about $\$ 15$ a each, a certificate for $\$ 51.75$ is perfect. This price also includes the cost of a 15 percent tip for the nail technician.

The lower priced version would be 30 pieces of French toast. In other words, breakfast in bed for ten days. The cost of this would include bread, organic eggs, and orange juice for $\$ 7.05$ all together. Spoiling that special someone comes free as a bonus with this gift.


The fourth day of Christmas brings four calling birds and a headache. Four calling birds run $\$ 280-$ that's $\$ 2,520$. And even if your significant other is still talking to you at that point, he or she will prob ably not be whispering sweet nothings in your ear. Instead of four calling birds for nine days, how about four calling cards? That way no matter where the receiver of this giff goes, they can stay in touch
with you.
For those with a higher budget, four, 20 minute cards will run out $\$ 80$ for each day, totaling $\$ 720$ on day 12 .
For those with a lower spending limit, four, five minute cards will cost a mere $\$ 20$ per day. In the end this adds up to around $\$ 180$.

Most drug stores in the area such as Rite Aid and CVS sell phone cards, but you may not be able to get them'all at one place.
"On the fifth day of Christmas," true love finally comes through with something practical, golden rings. decided it was useless to skimp on this one, considering all of the money you've saved so far
According to DelHaven Jewelers, a thin gold ring runs about $\$ 49$, which ends up being $\$ 392$ in all. By day 12 , the cost comes out to $\$ 1,960$ for 40 rings
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For a less expensive version of this gift, five silver rings cost about $\$ 9$ each, which will come to $\$ 360$ by day 12 .

Day six yields six geese-a-laying at $\$ 150$ for all six geese and $\$ 1,050$ for seven days. This one was a problem, for all my research I couldn't come up with anything close to geese-a-laying on sale. So I figured six regular geese would fit the bill.
According to eyewitness reports, they can be seen
 laying in any open space in the area, especially near Old Paper Mill Road. Just stop the car and throw 'em in your trunk. Word has it the neighbors will thank you for it.


On day seven, we have seven swans a swimming, which PNC says are free. Again, as with day ming, which PNC says are free. Again, as with day
six I had trouble finding seven swans, but several people did suggest checking out Lum's Pond for swans or ducks-a-swimming.

My advice would be to take a camera well in advance and snap a roll of film. Most ducks, like people, head south for the holidays, so they might be hard to spot on short notice.

Finally day eight has arrived and all mention of birds in the song has now disappeared.
With the millennium approaching and in this day and age of advanced technology, the maids-a-milking of yore have been replaced at most dairies by automated milking machines. Even if you could find them, and paid them minimum wage for one hour of work, the total cost would be $\$ 45.20$ for one day and $\$ 226$ for five days of work. (Depending on how attractive these maids are, you just may also have someone besides the head of the milk maids labor union to answer to.)
In order to avoid labor costs, and sweeten your love life, how about eight pounds of milk chocolate from Donna's Delights in Newark. The chocolate costs $\$ 13.50$ per pound, the cost per day Newark. The chocolate costs $\$ 13.50$ per pound, the cost per day
comes to $\$ 108$, which is slightly more than the eight maids, but the comes to $\$ 108$, which is slightly more than
attractive box won't make anyone jealous.
Of course, on second thought, it is that time of year when so many of us are strapped for cash. I would go with eight bags of holiday M\&M's. Happy Harry's has them on sale for about $\$ 1.88$ a bag, totaling $\$ 75.20$ on day 12 .

Well, day nine has arrived and you're almost in the home stretch. Tradition calls for nine dancers dancing. I have two questions, how big is your liv ing room, really, and how do you wrap them?

And of course, the dancers command a higher price than the milkmaids because they are skilled labor. They would cost $\$ 15,730.88$ for four days.
The Grand Opera House in Wilmington has enough entertainment, whether it be dance, theatre or music to keep your feet moving. So far, 23 shows are scheduled for the new year. If true love gave the gift of 18 pairs of tickets to the first of the shows the cost for mid-priced seats would be $\$ 1,033$ for all 36 tickets. What a bargain!

Of course you can go low budget on this one and rent the movie "Saturday Night Fever" for four days from Blockbuster Video, for $\$ 2.03$ a day.. (I didn't actually count how many dancers there are in the movie, but I'm sure you'II get more than you bargained for with this gift.)
Yep, its day ten and you have to send those 10 lords-a-leaping for the next three days. They will gladly take $\$ 3,433.99$ of your hard earned cash. Before you buy this gift, think to yourself, do your neighbors really want to see a bunch of people leaping around your yard in spandex?
Just in case you have second thoughts, you can acquire some crowns from Burger King, and pay 10 neighbor children \$5 each, per day to leap around in your yard for three days. That is, if their parents say its okay. Total cost: $\$ 150$.

Another alternative is to catch 10 frogs out by Beck's Pond, name them all Lord and send 'em a leaping. After this one, if you're still referred to as true love, you'll know where you stand in the rela-

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## 12 Days of Christmas

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With only two shopping days left, hiring 11 pipers to pipe for two days might be difficult. The pipers will $\$ 1,277.64$ for one day. If you pay plan this pay this
Christmas list off, you can kiss any thoughts of those pipers goodbye
Two subscriptions, for $\$ 75$ each to see the Baltimore Symphony will yield pipers - and as a bonus throw in some strings and brass to boot.
On a budget? No problem, just scour the racks of any music store and you will be sure to find a CD with bag pipe music on it for about $\$ 14$. This should fill your quota for pipers piping for this year and next.
"On the 12th day of Christmas" true love probably breathed a sigh of relief when he presented 12 drummers drumming, along with the other 11 gifts, at a total cost of $\$ 14,214.90$ for that day alone. The drummers would get at least $\$ 1,277.64$ of

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## Dino days at Museum of Natural History

that money to share. (I wonder if that includes holiday pay?)
Wouldn't an electric drum set make a better gift? Ames sells Yamaha electronic drum sets for $\$ 99.99$ each. Each one has four drum pads and four sound effects rum produce the sound of 12 drumo produce
mers.
Of course, if excessive noise tends to be a problem where you live, they also sell Christmas goodies in a tin with drums on it or $\$ 5.99$ each, so 12 would cost $\$ 71.88$


If anyone's counting, and why are we doing this otherwise, the Christmas on a budget comes to $\$ 3,233.74$. On an even tighter budget, the total cost comes to $\$ 697.33$.

With all of that said, I know I am thankful for one thing this year: everyone I know only celebrates Christmas for one day.

Especially since minimum wage for the milk maids will be $\$ 6.15$ next year.

The Delaware Museum of Natural History will host its annual Dino Days festival 9:30 a.m. o $4: 30$ p.m. on Dec. 27 and 28. Festival entertainment, activities, and programs include:

- A fossil dig - take home real fossils after searching through a fossil-laden site.
- Live reptiles and birds*
- Crafts - design your own paleontologis badge, make a Parasaurolophus hat, and make a clay dinosaur cut-out
- Stegosaurus scavenger hunt.
- Follow the dino footprints and make new discoveries!
- Fossil matching
- Movies*-dinosauts come alive in the spe cial movies shown in the DMNH theater.
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A estival highlight will be the Museum's All About A'Saurus contest. Children will compete in two age categories, 6 to 8 years and 9 to 11 years, for the honor of being Delaware's young experts on dinosaurs. The dinosaur trivia contest will take place on Monday and Tuesday

Visitors can also see the first comprehensive dinosaur exhibit on permanent display in Delaware. The exhibit includes lots of information about dinosaurs, a diorama of Yangchuanosaurus magnus and Tuojiangosaurus multispinus, a dinosaur computer game that is both educational and entertaining, and a bilingual audio information system.

Admission is $\$ 3$ for adults, $\$ 4$ for seniors and $\$ 5$ for children ages 3-17; children 2 and under are admitted free. The museum is located on Route 52. For more information, call 658-9111

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## THE SIDEIINE

The University of Delaware's 6-3 women's basketball team scored its highest point total in 10 years when it beat Morgan State 91-61 on Monday. Junior guard Cindy Johnson paced the Hens to their third straight victory by scoring 22 points, while Christina Rible added 18.

## ALL THUMBS

UP: To Christiana senior guard Maurice Rogers, who netted 19 points in the Vikings' 52-42 victory over St. Mark's in a nonconference boys game. UP: To Michelle Albanese of St . Mark's, who scored 20 points to lead the Spartans to a 37-35 win over Alexis I. du Pont in a nonconference girls game.

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## Wrestling

1. St. Mark
2. William Penn
3. Hodgson
4. Caesar Rodney
5. Milford

Boys basketball

1. Sanford 2. A.I. du Pont 3. William Penn 4. Christiana 5. Sussex Tech Girls basketball
2. St. Mark's
3. Ursuline
4. Caravel
5. Garavel
6. A.I. du Pont

## GAME OF THE

WEEK
Glasgow and Caravel will play in the threeday long girls Diamond
Basketball Tournament at various sites beginning Tuesday. The UD women's team, meanwhile, hosts St. Francis (Pa.) on Wednesday.

## DID YOU HEAR?

The Bear/Glasgow YMCA is accepting registration for its 2000 Winter Basketball League for boys and girls ages 5 to 13. The program begins Jan. 8 at area schools. Registration deadline is, Dec, 29, Call 832 is, Dec, 29, Call 832
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## Newark lands 5 on foothall's First Team

## Harrises, German, Haman and Deptula represent Yellowjackets; St. Mark's running back Wright voted into state's top backfield

## By CHRIS DONAHUE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER
Newark High, which won its third consecutive Division I state football title three weeks ago earned five First Team All-State selections as voted by the Delaware Sportswriters and Broadcasters Association.

Caesar Rodney, the only team to beat Newark this season but lost in the first round of the state tournament to St. Mark's, placed six play
ers on the First Team. Newark also picked up two other major awards. Senior Kwame Harris, who played on the offensive and defensive lines and is one of the nation's most sought-after college recruits, was voted Offensive Player of the Year.
Kwame's brother, Orien, a junior who also played offense and defense and was a first team pick on both sides of the ball for the second consecutive season, was named ond consecutive seaso
offensive and defensive first teams by teammate Micah German, a senior lineman.

Newark seniors Brandon Haman and Ian Deptula were also voted onto the defensive first team as cornerbacks.

Senior Louis Wright, of St. Mark's, who rushed for more than 1,100 yards and scored 15 touchdowns, was named as a First Team running back and Honorable Mention as a defensive back.

Christiana High senior Virgil

Second Team as both a receiver and a defensive back. Vikings senior Duben Word was named as a Second Team linebacker.

Included in the area Second Team picks were seniors Brian Vendrick (offensive guard) and B.J. Davis (quarterback), both of William Penn; Steve Rogers of St. Mark's and Chris Radel, of Caravel, both at defensive back; Haman and teammates Seth Montgomery, who both rushed for

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Newark High's Micah German and brothers Kwame and Orien Harris were all picked as First Team All-State members on the offensive and defensive lines. Kwame, a senior, was also voted Offensive Player of the Year, while Orien, a junior, was named Lineman of the Year.

## Newark takes fourth at Jacket Invitational

By CHRIS DONAHUE
NEWARK POST SPORTS EDITITR
Newark High's wrestling team continued its quest for respectability by placing fourth last weekend at the 20th annual Yellowjacket Invitational Tournament.

Milford finished first with 233 points. Bensalem (Pa.) was second with 214.5, Howard was third with 145, while Newark had 139.

Glasgow (121), meanwhile, was seventh, Christiana (53.5) was 10th, and Caravel (40) was 13th.

Newark had finished fourth the week before at the North East (Md.) Invitational.

Newark's Michael Marra finished second at 112 pounds, where he lost 11-9 in overtime to Milford's Mitch Harding. The Yellowjackets' Bram Walker finished second at 189, losing,
$8-6$ in the final few seconds tô

Seaford's Andwar Martin.
Newark's Jeff Hudson finished third at 145 pounds with a 7-2 decision over Milford's Brenden Abel.

Hudson, Walker, Justin Wample (140) and John Brennan (171 or 189), who recently arrived from the football team, are Newark's captains.

Chris Vitale (125), Bob Eno (171), Brennan, Wample, and heavyweight Rob Barbarito are Newark's only seniors.

Basically we gained some experience from last season and we didn' lose that many to graduation," said Newark assistant coach Paul McCloskey. "Our goal is to see how close we can get to those top teams. We're not going to beat those teams, but we just
want to narrow the gap a little bit and you can only do that a little bit at a time.

St. Mark's sixth among nation's elite

## By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUUTING WRIT........................
Some of the state's finest high school wrestlers showed they can compete with anyone in the country following the conclusion of the Seventh Annual Delaware Winter Nationals Tournane last we Nations Tournament last weekend at the University of Delaware's Bob Carpenter Center.

William Penn, Hodgson and St. Mark's all finished in the top 15 against about 40 high schools from as far away as Ohio, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Nebraska.

St. Mark's finished sixth overall in the two-day competition. Spartans' sophomore Bobby Shaw won the 103 -pound weight class with a $2-0$ decision over top-ranked. - Matt - Smith • $\cdot$ of

Timberlane (N.H.). Timberlane Spartans'
The Andrew D'Onofrio finished second at 140 after losing 10-2 in the finals to Zack Esposito of Blair Academy (N.J.).

St. Mark's' Matt McConnell, meanwhile, finished fifth at 125 , and Nick Meyer was eighth at 275.
"I thought we had a chance to do well this weekend, and Saturday's opening round successes gave us the confidence to have the strong finish Sunday against some of the best schools in the country," said St. Mark's Coach Steve Bastianelli
St. Mark's won the Governor's Cup, presented to the state's highest finisher. The Spartans were one of eight Delaware schools in the presti-

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## Caravel girls stay unbeaten

Bucs keep winning despite loss of Mills
by JOE NYE

## NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Caravel Academy's No. 3 ranked girls basketball team proved once again that youth is served as they defeated a tough Conwell Egan team 54-38 last Friday night at home

The victory also showed Caravel's depth in the wake of the graduation of Kristin Mills, now a redshirt freshman at the University of Delaware. Mills, a four-sport athlete at Caravel, finished as the all-time leading girls scorer in state history with 2,131 points.
Against Conwell Egan, the Buccaneers were paced by Bonnie Mills with 15 points and Davineia Payne and Tiara Malcolm, who each chipped in 4 to help run their record to 4-0.
Jessica Bogia had eight points and Kim Helm added three to pace the well-balanced attack. Katie Kilker led the Eagles (5-2) and all scorers with 23 points. "We're a young team age wise, but not experience-wise, said Caravel head coach Joe Pennell of his team, which starts hree sophomores, two juniors and doesn't have a senior on the oster.

Ne've got four starters back from last year and Jessica joined us from Ursuline, so they've been through the wars."

It's those very wars that led the Buccaneers to the state tournament last year, only to lose in the quarterfinals on a last second shot to St. Mark's that has laid the groundwork for a successful season this year, beginning with vicories over Newark, Archmere and Seaford before taking on Conwell Egan, the defending Philadelphia Catholic League Northern Conference champions
The Buccaneers never trailed in the game and got off to a fast start when Bogia hit a three pointer from the right side on her irst shot of the game to set the tone.

While the junior Kilker was dominant down low for the Eagles throughout the first quarter, another three by Bogia and a pair of baskets by center

## Holy Angels runs well at nationals

Six runners from the Holy ning for country team, runprogram, recently competed in the AAU National Cross Country Championships in Lexington,
Ky .
Holy Angels' Cassandra Deitrick finished 37th and Jenna McCartan finished 50th in the Bantam Girls division. Both runners earned Honorable Mention All American status. Teammate Claire Kubizne, meanwhile, finished 64th to help the Wilmington CYO team to sixth-place finish.

In the Midget Girls division, Colleen McCarthy finished 65th and Sara McCartan finished 165th to help their team to an eighth-place finish.

In the Bantam Boys division, Jonathan Stave finished 205th.

Malcolm built an 11-8 advantage before the Bucs turned up their defensive pressure
After a basket by Mills put Caravel up 13-8, Courtnee Dickson's smothering defense forced a five second call against the Eagles, and after a Bucs the Eagles, and after a Bucs turnover, the heady Helms stole the ball back and fed Mins for another basket at the end of the quarter to put Caravel up 15-8.
We had good defensive pressure all night, we really got after them," said Pennell. "They beat us last year, and the year before, and once we got on top of them we wanted to keep it going.
Conwell Egan did not go down easily though, scoring the first six points of the second quarter to pull within one. But after Mills hit a shot to put Caravel up 17-14, the Bucs tightened the press even more. Using back-to-back steals by Helm and Payne to limit the Eagles scoring chances, and after a block by Malcolm led to a Payne fastbreak, culminating in a dish to Mills underneath, the sophomore forward laid it in and Caravel pushed its lead to 23-16 Carave
The two teams exchanged baskets for the rest of the quarter but Payne began to warm up for but Payne began to warm up for her second half show by grabbing the last rebound of the half and putting it back in at the buzzer to give Caravel a 27-20 lead at the break.
The Bucs began to pull away at the start of the second half as

Malcolm hit two free throws and hit a cutting Mills for a lay-up for a 33-23 lead. After Payne had a basket and then was one-for-two from the line on the next possession, Caravel seemed to have an insurmountable 36-23 lead However, after Malcolm had to sit with foul trouble Kilker the Eagles' big center, began to dom Eagles' big center, began to dominate and single handedly cut he teams deficit to 38-32 to close the quarter.

The Bucs answered the chal lenge at the start of the fourth quarter as Payne's athleticism began to take over. The five foot, six-inch tall sophomore hit the first basket sophomore hit the and asket of the fourth quarter defensive pres led the team defensive pressure with steals and rebounds. With six minutes remaining, she hit another shot to put Caravel up 42-36.
With Malcolm back on the court, the Bucs inside game began to flex its muscle and dominate the boards. After a jumper by Bogia, Malcolm ran off the next six points of the game to boost Caravel's lead to 51-36 and then Helm hit a foul shot to put them up by 16 .

After a late basket by Kilker, Payne fittingly hit the last shot of the game to cap the scoring at 54 38 and keep the Buccaneers undefeated.
"This was a good game, they had the size but we were ready to play," said Payne. "We'll do well this year and we hope to win the state championship.


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Caravel's Davineia Payne gets ready to put up a shot during the Bucs' victory over Conwell Egan (Pa.) last Saturday night.

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## Harris brothers honored

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more 1,000 yards, and John Brennan (linebacker) and John Brayman (kicker)

For Newark Coach Butch Simpson, whose team won its third consecutive title en route to an 11-1 season, the awards for his players were icing on what proved to be a very large cake

The Harrises recently provid ed a special moment not only for Simpson but for University of Michigan Coach Lloyd Carr ond Michigan Coach Lloyd Carr and assistant Stan Parrish, who were visiting the family's home when the two Yellowjackets were told of their awards.
When Orien was told by Simpson he was voted Lineman of the Year, Kwame congratulated him with a bear hug. When Simpson then added that Kwame was Offensive Player of the Year Orien responded in kind.
The message all the coaches got was obvious - here were two young men happier for the other than themselves.

Throw in some homemade "Jerk Chicken," and Simpson said Carr told him it may have been the best home-visit to a
recruit he ever made
Kwame, who is six feet, eigh inches tall and weighs 335 pounds, has made official visits to the University of Wisconsin, which he toured last weekend Michigan and UCLA. An upcoming visit to Stanford is planned. Also on Kwame's list of pos sible schools is Penn State Ohio State, University of Florida, Florida State Miami (Fla.) Flonnessee and Texas
The First Team awards for Haman, a transfer from Christiana, and Deptula were especially gratifying to Simpson because those two players helped more than fill a void created by the graduation of all-staters Rich Parson Jr. and Brandon McClennon.

Haman and Deptula were part of a secondary that allowed only one passing touchdown all season.

From the standpoint of what these players have brought to us the last five years, as coaches, we have benefited," summed up Simpson, whose teams made it to the finals every season in that span.


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Tackle: Trip Del Campo, Sr., Cape Henlopen; Matt Lawrence, Jr., Sussex Central. Guard: Jake Booth, Sr., Sussex Central; Randy Kosmalski, Sr. Brandywine.
Center: Joe Manley, Sr.,
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Quarterback: Joe Schonewolf, Sr., Caesar Rodney. Back: Brandon Haman, Sr. Seaford; Seth Montgomery, Sr Newark.
Kicker: John Brayman, Jr., Newark.
Defense
Line: Chris Horsey, Jr. Woodbridge; Burless Hall, Sr., Sussex Central; Ed LeCompte, Jr., Middietown; Dave Moore, S Brandywine; Tommy Rossum Jr., Polytech.
Linebacker: John Brennan, Sr. Newark; Randy Kosmalski, Sr. Brandywine; Duben Word, Sr., Christiana.
Back: Jace Carletti, Sr., Brandywine; Mike Cotton, Jr Middletown; Virgil Rush, S
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Sr., St. Elizabeth.
Quarterback: B.J. Davis, Sr., William Penn; Dustin Johnson Mount Pleasant.
Back: Jeff Fletcher, Jr., St Elizabeth; Steve Rogers, Sr., St Mark's; Ryan Majchrzak, Sr., Salesianum; Titus Mims, Sr., Laurel; J.C. Morgan, Sr., Middletown; Mike Pennewell, Soph., Smyrna; C.J. Pitts, Sr., Woodbridge, Chris Radel, Sr. Caravel; Rob Randolph, Sr. Tower Hill.
Kicker: Toby Hall, Sussex Defense
Line: Jacob Byrd, Jr., Laurel; Justin Montgomery, Sr., William Penn; Chris Wiggins, Sr., Salesianum.
Linebacker: Adam Hickman, Sr., Woodbridge; Pat Stamas, Sr., PolyTech; Devin Wiley, Sr. William Penn.
Back: Ray Calloway, Sr., William Penn; B.J. Davis, Sr., William Penn; Jud Dean, Sr., Lake Forest; Tom Finney, Sr., Caesa Seaford; Jason Rust, Sr., Woordbridge; Laird Stabler Woodbridge; Laird Stabler, Jr, Mark's; Larry Zeccola, Sr., St Mark's.
Punter: Jason Rust, Sr., Woodbridge.
Defensive Player of the year: Corey Sanders.
Offensive Player of the Year: Kwame Harris. Lineman of the Yea: Orien Harris.

## Ice Hockey

## Delaware Junior Blue Hens

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## Hasty earns soccer honor

By CHRIS DONAHUE
NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER
Senior Matt Hasty, a graduate of Glasgow High who started all but one game during his fouryear varsity career for Virginia Wesleyan's mens soccer team had his season capped by being named to the All-South Division III First Team for the second consecutive season.
Hasty, of Caravel Farms, was also voted onto the Old Dominion Conference First Team or the second consecutive year His selection to the All-South squads earned him a place in Virginia Wesleyan's Sports Hall of Fame, said Marlins coach Sonny Travis.

Hasty finished second on the leam in goal-scoring this season with 11 and also added four assists. He was named conference Player of the Week Oct. 11 17 when he notched four goals with one assist in two games.
For his career, Hasty finished with 26 goals and had 10 assists.
Virginia Wesleyan finished with a 13-6-1 record this season and won the ODAC title three imes during Hasty's career, the same number of times it went to the Division III South Region ournament.
"I really enjoyed being down here (in the Norfolk/Virginia Beach area)," said Hasty
"It was a good time."
Hasty, who is contemplating a reer as a probation or parole officer, said the biggest adjustment from high school to college was the speed of play. But he

## Newark places fourth

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But we've got a lot of kids in he program right now that are really learning at a great rate and he outlook is really good. We have a lot of freshman out and the key is recruiting.

Glasgow's Pete Lazzopina, meanwhile, won the 130 -pound Milford's Jon Jons. Tis2 Milford's Jon Jones. Teammate Bob Mingoia won at 152 with a $3-1 \quad$ overtime win
Bensalem's Dylon Williams.

Glasgow heavyweight Troy Beulah also reached the finals, where he was pinned by Concord's Derrell Lorthridge Glasgow's Ben Whitney reached the third-place match at 112, where he was edged by Indian River's Tyrice Nock, 7-4. Glasgent beginning Jan. 8 .

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made the transition well enough as a freshman, Travis said

I think a lot of the coaches in the ODAC thought he was one of the most dangerous players they had to play against," Travis said, "because he had a combination of size and finishing ability coming from a wing midfield position That's a hard position to defend. Probably the smartest move I made this year at coach was one of our co-captains went down with a season-ending injury about the fourth game of the season and I appointed Matt as co captain and I thought his leadership was instrumental in us winning the conference and getting our ninth bid to the nationals in the last 10 years.
Hasty and teammate Ryan Molloy, also an All-South pick who scored 13 goals, combined for 34 of the team's 41 goals this season.
Hasty, who began playing in he Kirkwood Soccer League when he was four years old, was a co-captain of the 1995 Glasgow team that won the state championship. He was named to the First Team All-State squad that year.
Hasty was also joined this season on the ODC conference champion Marlins by fellow Glasgow graduates Matt Lantagne, a junior midfielder who scored one goal this season and freshman Brian Scholl Travis said he foresees Scholl as a defender who should have a bright career.

The Marlins' assistant coach neanwhile, is Chris Yeager, a graduate of Christiana High.

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## Davineia Paine-Caravel Acadeny

By JOE NYE
NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER
With a last name like Payne nd a style of play that makes opposing teams wince,
Caravel's Davineia Payne is a oung woman destined for a nickname

Royal" comes to mind, as this five-foot, six-inch tall sophomore has electrified the girls basketball season so far in leading the Bucs to a 4-0 start and the No. 3 ranking in he state
"She's fun to watch, she's explosive," said Caravel head coach Joe Pennell. "She runs the floor so well that when the rest run with her, they can get some easy lay-ups.

She is a constant force of energy on the floor, a onewoman fast break who can pull down the rebound, weave through two or three defenders, and slice to the basket or dish it off to an eager teammate for an easy basket. Defensively, she is a ball hawking blur, handling a taller player underneath or stealing the ball from a slower player On both sides of the court, her desire shows through.
"She really works at her
game and she enjoys playing, said Pennell. "Even in practice, we'll take a five-minute water break and Davineia will take a quick drink and be the first one back out on the court."

Payne was a part of the Buccaneers squad that lost to St. Mark's in the quarterfinals last year. But this year's team is equally talented and showed that early on with a victory ver Newark, an 83-36 thump ing of Archmere, a 62-24 efeat of No. 8 Seaford and most recently, a 54-38 victory over traditional Philadelphia power Conwell Egan

Against Archmere, the ophomore scored 26 points, hen had 21 against Seaford and finally chipped in 14 gainst the Eagles from Conwell Egan

We'H do well this year and we hope to win the state championship," said Payne, who also played soccer and an cross country for the Bucs. Those sports keep me in "Those sports keep me in good shape for basketball." In her most recent game, her athleticism showed itsel most vividly in the second alf. With her team leading by even at the break, she grabbed a rebound down low
and put it back in for the basket, then after a defensive stop raced down the court ahead of the pack for a long pass for an easy lay-up and then ripped down another rebound, drove the length of the court and forced a foul as she went up for yet another lay-up.
Her running got only tronger in the fourth period as she led off the quarter with a basket off of a nice feed from Jessica Bogia and then once again outraced her opponents with a rebound and sliced through for another two off the glass.
Her hustle showed the way it always does in ways that don't always show up in scorebooks. A tie-up for a jump ball, a steal or two, and a deflection off an opponent for yet another Buccaneer posses sion. Fittingly, she fought to the end, scoring both the last basket of both the first and second halves.

As a sophomore, she's just started to make a name for herself and if she continues to isten to her coach and keep unning, opposing teams and coaches can keep working on that perfect nickname for her.

## Spartans excel in tourney

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gious tournament.
Overall, Delaware schools produced 17 wrestlers in the round of eight. St. Mark's William Penn and Hodgson had four each.
William Penn finished in a tie for ninth place on the strength of two fifth-place finishers - Greg Quailes at 119 and Joe Ferrara at 135. Quailes defeated Pat Atkinson of St. Mark's 5-3 in the consolation round

The Colonials also had two
eighth-place finishers - Ken Krygier at 103 and Ray Callaway at 160

Hodgson, the defending Division II state champ, finished 13th overall. Mike Welch was the team's highest finisher with a third at 130, while teammate Jordan Sianni was fifth at 112 , and Derrick Davis (171) and Wayne Zenorini (275) both fin ished seventh.
St. Edward's of Ohio, the top ranked team in the country, fin ished first in a tournament ranked as the best in the nation.

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Newark resident, Paul S.
Olchvary died on Nov. 14, 1999 Mr. Olchvary, 56, was president and co-owner of Delcon dent and co-owner of Delcon International Inc., an importing/exporting firm that worked with China.
Until March of last year, he had worked with his current partner, Jeffrey Qi at the University of Delaware in international programs and special sessions where they conducted training programs for Chinese executives to introduce them to Western culture and traditions.
Born in Budapest, Hungary, he was a 26 -year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a colonel in 1991. He received his bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and his master's degree from the University of Southern California.
He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Newark where he served as elder and moderator of the board of deacons. He also taught the Young Adult class and participated in the Presbyterian Marriage Encounter and Walk to Emmaus. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Shirley A. Bernath Olchvary; children, Paul Robert Olchvary Merchant of Newark and Lara Michele Olchvary of Washington, D.C.: brother, Laszio Olchvary of Buffalo N.Y.; sister, Judith Szabo of Landing, N.J.; and four grandchildren.
A memorial service was held at The First Presbyterian Church of Newark. the family suggests contributions to the church.

## Alvin Whiteman, owned Collins Park Drugs

Newark area resident, Alvin Whiteman died Nov. 15, 1999 in Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Whiteman, 66, was a 1956 graduate of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. He owned Collins Park Drugs for many years and later worked for various retail pharmacies. He had been twice elected president of the Delaware Pharmaceutical Society and served for many years on its board of directors. He was also a member of the American Pharmaceutical Society, Washington Lodge \#1, AF and AM, Delaware Consistory, and Nur Temple Shrine.

Mr. Whiteman is survived by his wife of 25 years, Claire Schary Whiteman; sons, Dr Mitchell S. Whiteman of Ft . Lauderdale, Fla., Lawrence Willoughby of Omaha, Neb. and Kurt Willoughby of Bozeman Mont.; daughters, Stacey E Freeman of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla Linda Spoor and Edith Horwitz both of Newark; 17 grandchil dren and a great-grandson.
Funeral Services were held at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. Schoenberg Memorial Chapel The family suggests contribuAssociation of American Heart Association of Delaware, 1096 Old Churchman's Rd., Newark DE 19713.
Iva M. Dennison, member White Clay Presbyterian
Newark resident, Iva M Dennison died Nov. 19, 1999, at

Christiana Hospital.
Mrs. Dennison was a member of the White Clay Presbyterian Church. She was a graduate of Newark High School and the University of Delaware.
She is survived by her son, Paul Dennison of Newark, and grandson, Christopher Dennison of Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to White Clay Creek Presbyterian Church c/o Robert T. Jones \& Foard Funeral Home, 122 W. Main St. Newark, DE 19711.

Private services were held by family members.

Harold J. Moen,
WW II Army veteran
Newark resident, Harold J. Moen died Nov. 18, 1999, at Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Moen was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a mechanical engineer for the DuPont Co., where he retired after 39 years of service.

He was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and Kingswood United Methodist Church, Newark. He enjoyed flying, woodworking \& sailing. He also enjoyed studying aviation and ancient history.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Catherine Messick Moen; daughter, Beverly A. Kates, of Bear; grandsons, Ethan W. Thompson of East Stroudsburg, Pa., and Jason W. Thompson, of Wilmington; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at SpicerMullikin Funeral Home. The
family suggests contributions to the Kingswood United Methodist Church, 300 Marrows Rd., Newark, DE 19713.
Janice Preston, waitress

Newark resident Janice Preston died Nov. 13, 1999, at Christiana Hospital.

Ms. Preston, 40, worked at various restaurants as a waitress in the Wilmington area. She is survived by her friend of over 20 years, Robert Milner of Newark; daughter, Christie Lee Milner; and son, Tyler Henry Preston, both at home; parents, Benjamin S. Preston Jr. and Carolyn J. Preston, both of Bonita Springs, Fla.; brother, Benjamin B. Preston of Newark; and sister, Robin J. Riley of Jupiter, Fla.

Services were held at the Krienen-Griffith Funeral Home. The family suggests contributions to Open Door Inc., 254 E. Main St., Newark, DE 19711.

## Richard W.

Somerville, retired from DuPont Co.

Newark area resident Richard W. Somerville died Nov. 18, 1999.

Mr. Somerville recently retired from the DuPont Company after 38 years of service. He was instrumental in developing DuPont's packaging business to its current state. He spent much of his last the years of service as manager of technical services and development at the

DuPont Chestnut Run facility Mr. Somerville was a graduate of Sienna College and earned an MBA from the Wharton School of Finance. He was an Army veteran and a member of St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Marcia Bubonia Somerville, sons Brian, Kevin, and Lee, daughter-in-law Janet, and grandson Jacob Leo Somerville, all of Wilmington; brother, Father Alvin Somerville and sister Joan L. Walsh, both of Albany, N.Y.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Catherine of Sienna Church. Burial was at All Saints Cemetery. The family suggests contributions to the Wilmington and Western Railroad, 1601 Railroad Ave., Railroad, 1601 Railroa
Wilmington, DE 19808.
Mildred S. Lindell, former Western Union operator
Newark area resident Mildred S. Lindell died Nov. 18, 1999, at Christiana Care hospital.

Mrs. Lindell, 88, was a retired operator with Western Union. Prior to that she worked at the University of Delaware.

She also raised songbirds and was a past elder and Sunday School teacher at Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church in Newark.

Services were held at Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church. The family suggests contributions to the church at 1100 Church Rd., Newark DE 19711.


Christmas Eve worship planned

Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church, Route 273 north of Newark, will have a special "Children's" service today at 5 p.m. with a children's processional, placing blankets in the manger, making a Bethlehem star, and acting out the story of Jesus' birth with parents, family and friends. At 7:30 p.m. the congregation will hold a traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with carols, the Christmas story from the Gospels, and a Christmas sermon. A nursery will be available at the $7: 30$ p.m. service. All are welcome to attend. For additional information, call 731-4169.

## Our Redeemer holyday services

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will hold a Candlelight Service of Carols and Lesson at
7:30 p.m. tonight. Christmas Day Eucharist will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Sunday worship will be held as usual on Dec. 26. A New Year's Potluck Supper will be held at 6 p.m. followed by the Last Communion of this Millennium at 7:30 p.m.

## White Clay holding three services

White Clay Presbyterian Church will have a Family Worship Service featuring the Worship Service featuring the
Children's Nativity tonight at 6 Children's Nativity tonight at 6
p.m. At 9 p.m., the Candlelight p.m. At 9 p.m., the Candlelight
service will feature worship and
the Agape Bell Choir. The Candlelight Communion Service starts at 11 p.m. with Chancel Choir and soloists providing the music. For information, call 737 2100.

Public skating during holidays at University

Skaters can use the University
Delaware ice arena on South College Avenue during special sessions planned for the holidays. Sessions on Dec. 23 are 7 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 24, 1 to 3 p.m.

From Dec. 26 through Dec. 31, as well as Jan. 2, sessions are scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. and 8 to $10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The arena will will be open to the public from 1 to 3 p.m. on Dec. 31 and Jan. 3. On Jan. 1, the arena is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Public skating is $\$ 5$ per 4 p.m. Public skating is $\$ 5$ per
person with rental skates availperson with rental skates avain-
able for $\$ 2$. Groups of 10 or more persons are $\$ 4 /$ person. For more persons are \$4/person. For
information, call 831-2868.

## New DMV opens at Minquadale

The Division of Motor Vehicles opened a new DMV office at Minquadale to customers on Dec. 13
The state-of-the-art facility features a drive-through teller service, 10 inspection lanes, plenty of parking, new testing equipment and a computerized queuing system. The drivethrough service allows customers to complete the entire vehicle inspection and tag renewal process without leaving their vehicle.

The $\$ 11$ million facility, designed by Anderson, Brown,
Higley and Associates of

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Wilmington, was funded through a federal grant and the Delaware Transportation Trust Fund.
The outdated DMV facility on Bancroft Parkway, built in the 1940s, is permanently closed. All services previously offered at the Bancroft Parkway location will be available at the new facility and the New Castle DMV at Airport and Churchmans Road.

## Newark planning recreation programs

The parks and recreation department in Newark has more than 170 programs for preschoolers to adults in the winter and spring months. Walk-in registration for city residents is Saturday, Jan. 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. Those living outside the city limits can register beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 11. All registrations take place by mail or in person. For information, call 366-7060, or stop a the Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Road, Newark, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

## Winter workshops at Extension office

The New Castle County Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a number of workshops in January for both kids and adults. These workshops are open to the public and youth do not have to be affiliated with a 4-H program to participate. Among the courses are The Electronic Notebook, Breads, and Photography.

For additional information or registration, call the Extension Office at 831-8965 or see website http://bluhen.ags.udel.edu/ncc


Local U.S. Marines received assistance from Bell Atlantic Mobile when the company provided several wireless phones to facilitate the annual "Toys for Tots' drive. Bell's government account manager Russ Hoblitsell demonstrated some of the options on the phones.

Neighborhood schools meeting
The Coalition for Neighborhood Schools will hold an open meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Jan 6. All persons interested in children to the school to send children to the school nearest meeting to invited to attend this meeting to be held in Room 132, Townsend Hall, University of Delaware Newark campus. For additional information about the group, call Lisa Broadbent at 738-4769, or visit website www.delanet.com/~kmarkham/.


#### Abstract

Jewish day school holding open houses


Albert Einstein Academy will hold Admission Open Houses at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 6, at the home of Kathy and Seth Bloom and from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the chool.
The academy is located at 101 Garden of Eden Road Wilmington. For additional information, call 478-5026.

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# School Board grants senior citizen tax relief 

## Public forum set to discuss plans for portion of state funds to be used for schools

The Christina Board of Education agreed unanimously to pass on to the district's senior citizens that portion of tax relief monies made available by the General Assembly. Eligible residents seeking the tax relief can make application through the New Castle County Finance Office at 395-5420.
"We believe that it was the intent
of the General Assembly that all of the Elderly Property Tax Relief should be made available to those citizens who qualify and wish to apply for it," said Board President Charles M. Mullin. The state will reimburse the District for any tax revenues lost under this provision.
Addressing the second portion of the General Assembly's financial package for schools, the Board voted to use the $\$ 3.7$ million available to them to meet the many educational needs of the District.
"In accordance with the provisions of the law," Mullin said, "the

District will develop a plan that spells out how these funds will be used to help our students meet the new state standards."
The District is seeking broadbased public input on the plans and has scheduled a public forum as part of that process.
"Obviously we recognize that a tax break would have appealed to our residents," Mullin said. "But we have also heard from many people that if we can use this money to directly help improve student achievement, we should put it to that use."

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## In brief...

- The Help One Student To Succeed (HOSTS) Mentoring Program has awarded its Champion for Children Award to Cindy Boulden, mentor at Downes Elementary School.
- Newark High School seniors Kathryn Anderson and David Boylin-Kolchin were named National Merit Scholar Semifinalists. Commended Students were Honu Chu, Cynthia Pong and Sara Priester.
- As part of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce's statewide program, the following leaders served as Principal for the Day in the District:

Thomas Carper, Governor. Bayard
Timothy Boulden, State Representative, Sterck
Stephanie Ulbrich, State Representative, DAP
Robert Glen, State Banking Commissioner, Stubbs
Edward Capadonno, Associated Builders and Contractors, Leasure
Denise McKelvy, Chase Manhattan Bank, Newark
Sara Davies, First USA Pulaski
J. Kent Riegel, ICI Americas, Option

- Smith third-grader Roy Hanna had a story he wrote selected by Houghton Mifflin for inclusion in a book of young authors.


## Downes' Jo Anne Pryor Deshon named Christina Teacher of the Year

by Jill Cokkinis

Public Information Intern
"Good teachers must also be good students." Passing on her love of learning, Jo Anne Pryor Deshon has continuously challenged herself as well as her students to be the best learners they can be.

Mrs. Deshon believes one of her greatest accomplishments to be making "...a contribution to individual children and their families, to future generations, and thus, to society as a whole. Sharing the love for literature, instilling a desire to search for knowledge, enabling students to realize the power of words, creating a curiosity about math and science concepts, and teaching respect for all life - this is the legacy I want to leave."

As an educator, she establishes her responsibilities as a student with the utmost humility, stating "...for the day that I think I have all the answers and have mastered my profession is the day I had better retire." Mrs. Deshon upholds a high level of personal commitment to learning as well as an inspiration to stimulate a similar commitment in students.

That this extraordinary educator with an abounding desire for learning was selected to be the 1999 Christina School District Teacher of the Year comes as no surprise to Kelli Lynn Shermeyer, a third grade student. In fact she expressed her feeling to Governor Carper by stating "...that when I grow up, I want to be a teacher just like Mrs. Deshon."
> "...the day that I think I have all the answers and have mastered my profession is the day I had better retire."

Since her devotion to helping others has become such an integral part of her own life, Mrs. Deshon has also incorporated a number of community service projects into her classroom to introduce students to this meaningful concept.

A teacher since 1975, Mrs. Deshon is a graduate of Millersville State College and
holds a Master's Degree from the University of Delaware.

At a recent meeting of the Christina Board of Education, Mrs. Deshon and the other Teacher of the Year finalists were honored. Each received a gift certificate, a plaque and a video of all of them at work in the classroom. Finalists received $\$ 150$ instructional grants from the District. Mrs. Deshon received a diamond pendent and a gift certificate from the District and a $\$ 2,000$ grant from the State Department of Education..


Jo Anne Pryor Deshon 1999 CSD Teacher of the Year

## Brader students apply their math skills to earn state funds

by Maya Zistl, Data Service Center

The students in Brader Elementary School Room 327, and their teacher Sue Timpson, received great news on November 21. Their letter to State Representative Vincent A. Lofink had been answered to the fullest extent anyone could have wished - Rep. Lofink was granting them the requested funds of approximately $\$ 6,000$ to build two paths connecting outdoor environment areas at the school The students' math work had helped them to understand, measure and plan exactly what was needed to build the paths, if they could obtain the necessary money.

A Teacher-Author in the DeIaWISE project; Sue Timpson, wrote a unit to address three of the Delaware Math content standards. One 3rd grade class at Brader Elementary School, Room 327, piloted the new unit this fall. As part of the culminating (assessment) activ-
ity for the unit, one Delaware legislator, Rep. Lofink, received a letter from the class that summarized the students' work and requested funding assistance to put the capstone on their efforts.

In their math work the students learned to choose the appropriate measuring unit and tool for the purpose; they learned to measure accurately parts of the school environment, they learned how to determine the distance and area of the proposed paths for the school's Outdoor Classroom. They then related this information to Representative Lofink to request funds for construction of the paths.

In his reply, Representative Lofink told the class that he is happy to help them by contributing some of his Suburban Street Fund money. He concluded by stating, "I think this is a great project and I hope that you let me know when it is completed so that I can see it."


Like a team of virtual Sherlock Holmeses, Wilson students Aaron Morris and Melanie Smith followed clue after clue on the international Lycos Cybersurfari last summer, giving up their free time to pursue their quest. According to Lycos, the team earned a spot in the Summer Century Club as, "the cream of the crop". The team won a platinum certificate, a trophy and $t$-shirts. Other team members were: Mimi Fitzpatrick and Megan Brancaccio

## Three Christina teachers earn National Board Certification

Three Christina teachers, Linda Ennis, Brader; Beverly Jordan and Janice Trainer, Wilson have earned the presitgious National Board Certification from
the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The program requires a year of rigorous study and demonstration of teaching excellence.


Standing in front of Fort McHenry, Maclary students express their appreciation to MBNA for their Excellence in Education grant.

## MBNA grants empower teacher creativity and enrich lessons

## by Susan Osborn <br> Maclary Music Teacher

Thanks to complete financial backing by the MBNA Excellence in Education Grant Program, every Maclary third grader spent Friday, October 8th reliving history!

After spending the first five weeks of school studying patriotic music and learning the history of the writing of our National Anthem, all 117 students plus 30 teachers and parents boarded the buses and headed south towards Baltimore, Maryland. Our destination was Fort McHenry. Once there, we divided into groups and explored the fort searching for the answer to questions in our "Information Hunt", ate lunch at the picnic grove overlooking the Patapsco River, and saw where Francis Scott Key wrote the poem which would later become our National Anthem.

The weather was beautiful, and it was a wonderful day where everyone learned something!

Other MBNA grant winners were:

## Bayard Elementary School

## Lynda Britton

## Heroes, Heroism, Adventure

Provides books about notable people and events of the 1800's for a class of fifth graders, one-third of them special education students.

## Valerie Baddorf

Odyssey of the Mind
Helps send students from Bayard Elementary School to Knoxville, Tennessee, for the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals, an international creative problem-solving competition.

## Christiana High School

William Prodgers Christiana Diversified Occupations, Toastmasters

Funds speech materials for high school students in a diversified occupational class, enhancing the Toastmasters International Youth Leadership Program in which the students participate.
Leasure Elementary School
Carole Evancho, Sandra Turulski, Building Positive Attitudes Supports performances by two acrobats from Positive Air, a nonprofit organization that uses a trampoline act to dramatize the importance of setting high standards. Besides presenting their show of comedy and athletics to students in grades K-4, the acrobats will give an in-service presentation to teachers and an evening program for families.
Kirk Middle School
Margaret Flanagan
Kirk Bank-n-Shop
Enhances a bank-and-shop program for special needs students by providing more equipment and supplies. The program gives students experience in using checking accounts and credit cards to make purchases.

## Stubbs Elementary School

Amy Rosas, Hands-On Learning Supports participation by four teachers in a summer workshop called Adventure in the Classroom, which teaches how to integrate experiential learning into the classroom. In experiential education, the teacher guides students as they solve problems.
Wilson Elementary School
Susan Fentzloff

## Japanese Adventure

Supports an interdisciplinary study of Japanese culture for children in grades $1-4$, including visits to the Splendors of Meiji exhibit at Riverfront Arts Center and the Chrysanthemum Festival at Longwood.


Dear Parent／Guardian，
The State of Delaware and the Christina School District have been working to improve the education offered to your child in our schools．

The first step in that process was to set new Content Standards for each subject．Content Stan－ dards define the skills and knowl－ edge students must learn by the end of each grade to be successful in school．All children，with the sup－ port of their teachers and parents， can master these standards．

To help their children at home and work as partners with the schools，parents need to know exactly what we expect children to learn This booklet explains the Content Standards for subjects taught in grades K through 5．We encourage you to read it，and use it to work with your child and your school staff during the year so that your child has the best chance to succeed．


Nicholas A．Fischer Superintendent

## About This Booklet

This Parent Information Booklet provides an overview of the major skills and concepts that students need to know and be able to do in each grade in the four core subjects（Eng－ lish／Language Arts，Mathematics，Sci－ ence，and Social Studies）．The booklet was created by District teachers and is based on the information found in State Content Standards and Perfor－ mance Indicators and the District cur－ riculum．

Of course，Christina students are exposed to many rich and varied learning experiences that cannot be adequately covered in a single docu－ ment．However，our hope is that by clearly explaining the skills and knowledge that students must learn， we will give parents another tool to use to help their children succeed in school．

## Kindergarten

For many youngsters，kinder－ garten is their first experience in a structured learning environment．Stu－ dents entering kindergarten are open－ ing a door to a wealth of intellectual， emotional，physical and social experi－ ences and knowledge．Kindergarten classes are designed to provide a bal－

The following information was distributed to parents at the beginning of the school year． We take this opportunity to share it with our broader community to keep you informed about our effort to reach our goal of
＂Educating each student to succeed．＂

anced experience in these four basic areas．

Kindergarten students spend much of their time developing readi－ ness skills that will be beneficial in later years．For instance，they begin to learn how to play and work with peers in small groups．They learn to follow directions and complete tasks on their own．

Kindergarten students are encouraged to use their natural curios－ ity to explore the classroom and envi－ ronment and begin to communicate their ideas using pictures，numbers， symbols and words．

Kindergartners are usually eager learners who are just as eager to use a computer in the classroom as they are to climb the jungle gym on the play－ ground．Parents can nurture students＇ learning by reading with and to their children daily and by encouraging children to explore and talk about their home and community．

As you work with your child， please remember that it will take most children the entire year to master the following skills and concepts：
Language Arts students will：
－Follow three step directions（stand up，push in chair，and walk to the door）．
－Retell familiar stories using begin－ ning，middle and end．
－Recognize the differences between
letters，words，and sentences．
－Know the consonant sounds．
－Recognize familiar words．
－Name and write uppercase and low－ ercase letters．
－Demonstrate the correct way to read books（left to right，top to bottom， front to back）．
－Rhyme words．
－Use pictures and words to express thoughts．
－Use letter sound／association to write words．
－Know that letters represent sounds．

## Mathematics students will：

－Recognize and write numbers 0－20．
－Use objects to show number combi－ nations up to five $(2+3=5$ and $1+4$ $=5$ ）．
－Identify at least four basic shapes （circle，square，triangle，and rectan－ gle）．
－Sort and group objects by shape， color，or size．
－Order a group of objects from small－ est to largest and largest to smallest．
－Recognize，describe，copy，and con－ tinue patterns（red，blue，red，blue or ロッ＊，ロッ＊）．
－Use objects to solve story problems． －Tell time to the hour．
－Select pennies，nickels，dimes and quarters from a set of coins．

Science students will：
－Name the five senses and the body
part associated with each．
－Use the senses（smell，taste，and touch）to collect information about the environment．Display and organize this information in a variety of ways （graphs，lists，picture graphs）．
－Use senses（textures，odors）to describe and sort the similar and dif－ ferent physical characteristics of liv－ ing and non－living things．
－Use non－standard＂tools＂（feet，paper clips，and hands）to measure and com－ pare the size of various objects．

## Social Studies students will：

－Share and take turns．
－Learn and follow school rules．
－Explain how people behave differ－ ently based on circumstances or loca－ tions．
－Give examples of the differences or similarities between＂school＂rules and＂home＂rules．
－Describe the different types of hous－ es，people，stores，churches，etc．，in their community．
－Use a calendar to keep track of events．（We go to the supermarket on Saturdays．）
－Identify landforms and bodies of water on a map．
－Explain and give examples of why they cannot have everything that they want and why they have to decide what to get based on available money and goods．\＆

## 1st Grade

First grade is an exciting time for young learners．Students enjoy mak－ ing up stories and role playing．These activities expand students＇vocabulary and thinking skills．First graders should be able to concentrate on tasks for longer periods of time，follow a series of directions，and make connec－ tions between events．These skills are the readiness building blocks that stu－ dents need to learn more abstract ideas and concepts．

Formal reading and language instruction takes up most of a first grader＇s school day．New readers begin to understand the connection between spoken and written language． More experienced readers learn more complicated decoding skills and show noticeable increase in their vocabu－ lary．Both groups enjoy being read to and reading to others．

It is likely that students will bring home their first＂real＂home－ work assignment and have their first test－taking experience in grade 1．Par－ ents can help by providing a set time， in a quiet place，where students can read and study．

As you work with your child， please remember that it will take most children the entire year to master the following skills and concepts：

## Language Arts students will：

－Write complete sentences that begin with capital letters and end with peri－ ods or question marks．
－Put spaces between words．

## 2nd Grade

By second grade，most children have adjusted to the routine and pace of the school day．Their experiences in the earlier grades have given them a sense of comfort and confidence when approaching learning activities． Therefore，more time is spent on＂aca－ demic＂activities．There is greater emphasis on specific subjects like sci－ ence and social studies．

Second graders now have writ－ ing and verbal skills that better match their lively imaginations and growing interests．These students can write about fictional and non－fictional events．They are more capable of memorizing，recalling and connecting details and ideas．

Parents should see a marked increase in time needed to complete homework assignments and indepen－ dent projects．Parents can help by working with their children to plan and organize their time and work space．

As you work with your child， please remember that it will take most children the entire year to master the following skills and concepts：

## Language Arts students will：

－Write complete sentences with appropriate spelling，capitalization， and punctuation．
－Write three or more sentences about one idea．
－Use the writing process（rough draft，
－Use correct grade level spelling and reasonable phonetic spelling．
－Capitalize names of people and places and the word＂I．＂
－Use personal experiences to write stories that include beginnings，mid－ dles and ends．
－Increase vocabulary by using words with the same and opposite meanings and words learned from stories and experiences．
－Use pictures，phonics，and other clues to figure out the meanings and correct pronunciation of unfamiliar words．
－Make predictions about what will happen in a story．
－Use own words to retell a story．
－Recognize and begin to correct mis－ takes in reading and writing．
－Give examples of real and make believe people and places found in stories．
－Use personal knowledge and experi－ ences to expand ideas and stories．
－Read simple words on sight（it，at， the）．

## Mathematics students will：

－Write and identify numbers $0-100$ ．
－Recall addition and subtraction facts to 12.
－Recognize the ones place and the tens place in two digit numbers．
－Count by 2 ＇s， 5 ＇s，and 10 ＇s up to 100 ．
－Use objects and numbers to solve math problems．
$\Sigma \cdot$ Identify and sort shapes（triangles， squares，circles，rectangles，and cubes）．
－Identify halves，thirds，and fourths of
editing，and final copy）to complete writing assignments．
－Write for different purposes，e．g．，to persuade．
－Read smoothly．Pause at commas and stop at the end of sentences．
－Use a variety of strategies，including phonics，pictures，and context clues to increase understanding while reading． －Recall the details of stories including the people，where the story took place， and what the story was about．
－Explain the difference between fic－ tion and non－fiction．
－Use a table of contents to locate information．
－Present information orally to the class．
－Put words in alphabetical order using the first and second letters．

## Mathematics students will：

－Explain different ways to solve a math problem．
－Use mental math or paper and pencil to add and subtract number combina－ tions up to twenty．
－Write and recognize the ones，tens， and hundreds places in three digit numbers．
－Identify the parts（ 2 halves， 3 thirds，
4 fourths， 6 sixths，\＆ 8 eighths）that equal one whole．
－Use symbols and words to compare two numbers using，greater than $>$ ， less than $<$ ，equal to $=$ ，and not equal to $\neq$ ．
－Tell time to the hour and half－hour．
－Tell time in 5－minute intervals．
an object．
－Sort and group objects by two or three characteristics（color，size）．
－Create and explain three part patterns （red，blue，green，red，blue，green，or口『＊，ロッ＊）
－Correctly use words that explain the passage of time（yesterday，today， tomorrow，before，after）．
－Read，write，and explain parts of a calendar（days，months，year）．
－Write and tell time to the hour and half－hour．
－Write the value of a penny，nickel， dime，and quarter．
－Create and explain simple graphs．
－Use appropriate tools to measure length，weight，and temperature．

## Science students will：

－Describe different weather condi－ tions and explain the impact of these conditions on plants，animals，and people．
－Observe and record changes that occur in plants and animals over time． （use drawings，discussions，and／or writings．）
－Write the value of coins using deci－ mal points and dollar signs．
－Identify shapes（square，triangle， cube，pyramid，etc．）by the number of sides，angles．
－Sort and label objects according to size，shape，etc．
－Use tally marks and graphs to repre－ sent and organize information．

## Science students will：

－Identify the three basic components of soil．
－Use different instruments and tools （funnels，filter，and magnifying glass） to conduct simple tests on soil sam－ ples．
$\sum$ Observe and record how
plants grow in different types of soil． Describe the life cycle of a living thing（plants，butterfly，frog，etc．）．
－Use a balance pan scale to weigh and compare objects．
－Explain how different forces（wind， water，magnetism，etc．）cause objects to move．
－Plan a menu to show the types of
－Identify the basic things，such as food，air，and water that both plants and animals need to live．
－Compare and group solids and liq－ uids based on the various properties． （color，shape，sinks，floats，etc．）
－Use various measurement tools to observe and record information．（ther－ mometer，rain gauge，and wind scale．）

## Social Studies students will：

－Work cooperatively with classmates to complete specific tasks．
－Explain the differences between ＂goods＂（a product or item such as a TV or a game）and＂services＂（help for others）．
－Explain why we have maps and globes and how they are used．
－Describe the order of events in their daily school schedule．
－Describe several differences between present day and colonial life．
－Give examples of similarities and differences in daily lives of children living in cultures different from their own．A

foods that should be eaten each day． －Describe things that they should do to have a healthy body（exercise，do not drink or use drugs，eat vegetables and fruits）．

## Social Studies students will：

－List several positions of leadership that are filled by election．
－Explain or give examples that show the difference between＂responsibilities＂and ＂rights＂．
－Explain the differences between and give examples of instances when they are ＂consumers＂and＂producers＂．
－Use maps and globes to identify the continents and oceans．
－Use directional words（north，east， south，and west）to describe locations on a map or globe．
－State several similarities and differ－ ences between present day life in the U．S．and Colonial times（dress，food， transportation，inventions in the 1700 ＇s）．
－Describe the customs，houses，foods， etc．of early Native Americans in Delaware．\＆

## 3rd Grade

Verbal and boisterous by third grade, children have become quite comfortable with the structure and rigor of school. In third grade, students are exposed to a wide array of subjects and topics in math, science, and social studies.

These students are becoming more independent, self-directed learners. They can perform multiple tasks and thrive in active, hands-on learning environments. In science and math class, students use tools and objects to measure, solve problems and conduct experiments. Students also use maps, globes and other reference materials to learn about people, places, and economics of their community and the world.

Parents can help these talkative and social children increase their speaking and reading skills by encouraging them to read to or retell stories for family members or friends. Parents can also begin providing opportunities for children to develop personal skills and interests.

As you work with your child, please remember that it will take most children the entire year to master the following skills and concepts:

## Language Arts students will:

- Write paragraphs containing topic sentences, conclusions, and words appropriate for age and grade level.
- Create sentences that vary in length and structure and contain subject verb and noun - pronoun agreement.
- Write sentences that use descriptive words and details about events, places, people, etc.
- Use the writing process (plan, rough draft, revise, edit, and final copy) when completing a writing assignment.
- Write for different purposes (letters, reports, stories, etc.).
- Use three different styles of writing (expressive, persuasive, and informative).
- Use context clues and picture clues to understand the meaning of printed


## 4th Grade

As students enter the intermediate years of schooling, there are notable differences in children's reasoning, thinking and learning habits. They are becoming more mature learners. This is evident in their writings which include details about characters and in their writing habits which now include the ability to review, edit and evaluate their own progress.

Students at this level are also capable of working for longer periods of time on tasks that reflect their interests. They use research tools such as dictionaries, encyclopedias, and the World Wide Web to gather and present information. Classroom learning stations also provide opportunities for students to work on independent projects and skills.
materials.

- Use phonics, pictures, and context clues to help pronounce unfamiliar words.
- Recognize and correct errors during
silent and oral reading.
- Adjust rate of oral reading.
- Identify the main idea, describe the characters, setting, and order of key events in a passage or story.
- Read a passage or story and use information in the story to explain the purpose (entertain, inform, or persuade) and to identify the audience (children, adults).
- Explain the relationships between pairs of words:

Synonyms: words that have
the same meaning.

> Antonyms: words with
opposite meanings.
Homonyms: words that are pronounced the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings (blue and blew).

- Use reference tools, e.g., dictionaries and thesaurus, tables of contents, glossaries and indexes while reading and writing.
- Prepare and present oral reports.


## Mathematics students will:

- Add and subtract up to two digit numbers with re-grouping, e.g.,
- Multiply with single $\begin{array}{r}44 \\ +45 \\ \frac{-22}{\text { digit }} \text { numbers }\end{array}$
(times tables up to 10).
- Divide with single digit divisors $(6 \div 3)$.
- Use fractions to show parts of a whole object or set of objects.
- Compare fractions, i.e., $1 / 2$ of a pie is bigger than $1 / 8$ of a pie.
- Use everyday objects to estimate and measure the perimeter and area of a rectangle
- Choose the appropriate measurement tools (thermometer, ruler) and units (inches, degrees) to determine length, weight, temperature, and time.
- Tell time to the minute and know when to use a.m. and p.m. labels.
- Round numbers to the nearest ten and hundred ( 35 to 40,103 to 100).
- Write and identify numbers to the 10,000 place.
- Use decimal notation to represent money as in $\$ 1.50$.
- Write and solve equations that use symbols and letters to represent numbers $\quad(\mathrm{D}-4=2$ and $3+\mathrm{n}=8)$.
- Use a variety of ways to show how information can be collected, organized, and displayed (survey, tally, bar graph).
$\Sigma$ Explain several different ways to solve a math problem.


## Science students will:

- Use scientific skills (observing, predicting, analyzing, and drawing conclusions) when making tests or experiments.
- Use graphs, charts, and writings to explain and display scientific information.
- Use models to represent the moon, sun, and planets.
- Use a variety of tools (balances, tape measure, and magnifying glass) to gather information about the characteristics of rock, sand, and soil.
- Identify and group mineral samples


Parents should notice an increase in the amount of homework that students are required to complete. These assignments may take the form of a combined social studies and literature project or research and exhibit for a science night. Parents can help by resisting the urge to provide too much help. Instead, parents should coach and encourage students to take advantage of the public library, newspapers, magazines and community resources.

As you work with your child, please remember that it will take most children the entire year to master the following skills and concepts:

## Language Arts students will:

- Write stories or passages that contain a beginning, middle, and end; focus on a specific topic or idea; include appro-
priate word choices and details about the setting and characters.
- Use proper spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure when writing. - Use the writing process (plan, rough draft, revise, edit, and final copy) when completing a writing assignment.
- Use correct grammar (subject - verb and noun - pronoun agreement) when speaking and writing.
- Use three different styles of writing (expressive, persuasive, and informative).
- Prepare and present oral reports.
- Select and read books, magazines, etc. that are appropriate for age and level.
- Use clues from the sentence to determine the meaning of unknown words.
(quartz, fluorite, and calcite) by various properties (hardness, color, or shine.
- Observe, explain, and record the changes that materials go through under various conditions (water: water vapor, liquid, ice).
- Explain and record observations of how common materials like corn starch, flour, soap powder, can be identified by the way that they react to different substances like water, iodine, and vinegar.
- Identify major human body parts (heart, lungs, bones, etc.), describe their function, and how they work together. (Bones and muscles work together to help us walk.)
- Gather and record information on how various organs and body parts (eyes, skin, hair) respond to light, touch, sound, and other environmental forces.
- Explain how certain inventions and discoveries made by Delaware scientists and businesses have changed or improved our lies (DuPont nylon).


## Social Studies students will:

- Recall the names of local elected officials (governor, senator, representative, and mayor) and describe some of their duties.
- Use time lines to sequence historical events.
- Describe the similarities and differences in the daily life of a child growing up in the 1990's and a child growing up during pioneer times (18001860).
- Describe the role of Dutch and Swedish settlers in Delaware's history. - Define and give practical examples of "cost" and "benefits".
- Define "scarcity" and explain how scarcity affects the types of goods and services we use or buy.
- Give examples of and discuss the pros and cons of using different systems to buy goods or services, e.g., barter, cash, charge, check.
- Use a map or globe to locate major geographic regions e.g., Delaware, the U.S., the seven continents, the oceans, the Poles, the Prime Meridian, and the equator. \&
- Use own words to retell stories. Include the major events, plot, setting, and explanation of the characters' actions, feelings, and motivations.
- Use various research tools such as dictionaries, encyclopedias, thesaurus, and the World Wide Web to gather information.


## Mathematics students will:

- Recall and use multiplication and division facts to 100 ( $10 \times 10$ and $100 \div 10$ ).
$\Sigma$ Add and subtract fractions with like denominators $(2 / 4+1 / 4=$ 3/4).
- Estimate the answer (quotient) when using two-digit divisors ( $180 \div 12$ ).
- Make an estimation before finding the answer to a problem and decide if the estimation is reasonable.
- Use estimation, measurement, and computation skills in real situations such as telling time, using money and
determining size
- Add and subtract decimals to the tenths and hundredths places (4.372.21).
- Rename halves, fourths, and tenths as decimals $(1 / 2=.50)$.
- Develop and apply strategies to solve problems.
- Explain how letters are used to represent numbers in equations such as 3 $+\mathrm{n}=5$.
- Find numbers that make > "greater than" and < "less than" statements true (_> 10 and $25<\ldots$ ).
- Place fractions in order from lowest to highest or highest to lowest ( $1 / 8$, $1 / 4,1 / 2$ or $1 / 2,1 / 4,1 / 8)$.
- Place decimals in order from lowest to highest or highest to lowest ( .35 , $.50, .75$ or $.75, .50, .35$ ).
- Read and locate points on a line graph.
- Compute the area and perimeter of rectangles.
- Identify polygons (squares, pentagons, hexagons, and octagons) by characteristics such as the number of
sides and corners.
- Collect information and select the best table or graph to organize and display the information.
- Conduct probability experiments (toss a coin) and use the correct vocabulary to describe outcomes (possible, impossible, certain, uncertain).


## Science students will:

- Use observations and experiments to investigate physical and chemical processes.
- Develop testable scientific questions about living organisms. (Example: Which bean plant will grow tallest? The seed grown in the sun or the one grown under a plant light? Explain reasoning.)
- Create and use models to represent the solar system.
- Observe and describe the characteristics that help living organisms to grow, reproduce, and adapt to their environment (habitat)
- Examine and describe how forces like erosion, earthquakes, floods, and



## 5th Grade

Fifth grade is the beginning of early adolescence. There are obvious changes in students' mental and physical development. Students have acquired many basic facts and skills from the earlier grades and have begun to use the facts and skills in more abstract, complex thinking and problem solving. Student written and verbal communications are more fluent and detailed. Their larger vocabulary includes more figurative language and the use of literary devices.

In grade five, students collect, sort and use information from a number of sources. For instance, they may use fiction and non fictional writings to create a historical timeline. Students learn to generalize and use information for a variety of audiences and purposes. A trip to Bombay Hook might be the basis for a science experiment on water quality. Students might then write a short story or poem about a day at the shore, and produce a math project on estimation and measurement.

For many students, this is the beginning of an extended period of intellectual, physical, emotional growth and change. Parents can help by providing opportunities for children to participate in a variety of physical and intellectual activities. These activities help students gain confidence in both school and non -school related activities.

As you work with your child, please remember that it will take most children the entire year to master the following skills and concepts:

## Language Arts students will:

- Use the writing process (plan, rough draft, revise, edit, and final copy) when completing a writing assignment.
- Write reports and papers that include at least two paragraphs and focus on one major idea.
- Identify and use figurative language and literary devices when writing;, e.g., simile (hard as a rock), personification (the clouds hugged the sun.), metaphor (the sun is an orange furnace).
- Correctly use commas and quotation marks when writing conversations.
- Produce writing samples about various topics and for various purposes.
- Distinguish between "facts" and "opinions" in a written piece.
- Maintain eye contact, summarize key points in the correct order, and answer questions when making oral presentations.
- Select and read books and magazines for pleasure reading.
- Use dictionaries, glossaries, thesaurus, etc. to learn the meanings of unfamiliar words and multiple meanings of familiar words.
- Identify errors and re-read for clarity to increase understanding of unfamiliar words and texts.
- Use information from stories and
volcanoes change the earth's surface and systems.
- Conduct investigations to determine if objects conduct or insulate against electricity.
- Group objects based on whether they are conductors or insulators. Explain the common characteristics of each group.
- Describe the impact that electricity has on our daily lives. (Example: Write a story about a child who wakes up and finds out that there is no electricity in his/her town.)
- Give examples of how to safely use and work around electricity in the home and in the environment.


## Social Studies students will:

- Explain the purpose of the Bill of Rights and describe some of the "guaranteed rights" included in it.
- Define and give examples of "supply and demand"
- Describe the different types of customer services provided by banks (savings and checking accounts, loans).
personal experiences to form and support opinions about main characters' actions, feelings, and points of view. $\Sigma \quad$ Identify key parts of stories, articles, or reports and use a variety of tools; e.g., outlines, and summaries to organize and present information.


## Mathematics students will:

- Use math knowledge to solve problems and to explain thinking.
- Know whole number place value through the billions $(1,000,000,000)$. - Know decimal place value through the thousandths place (.001).
- Multiply and divide 2 and 3 digit numbers ( $22 \times 371$ and $354 \div 13$ ).
- Estimate prior to solving a problem and then determine if the estimation is reasonable.
- Add and subtract fractions and decimals $(1 / 4+2 / 4=3 / 4$ or $56.35-55.21$ $=1.14$ ).
- Make equivalent fractions $(1 / 2=2 / 4$ $=4 / 8$ ).
- Simplify a fraction to the lowest common denominator $(3 / 9=1 / 3)$.
- Compare and identify plane (square, triangle, pentagon) and solid (cube, pyramid, sphere) figures.
Classify polygons (shapes) according to similarities (number of sides, corners, angles, etc.).
- Predict and list the outcomes for a single event.
- Select, display, and explain data in a variety of ways (tables, histograms, line plots, and pictographs).
- Measure perimeter, area, and volume.
- Make change using coins and dollars. Write the answer using the \$ symbol and decimal point. Read using correct terms.
- Use clocks to show the passage of time.
- Use letters to represent unknown quantities in equations ( $a+3=11$ and $7-a=3$ ).
- Write or tell how to solve equations. - Use concrete materials, drawings,
- Use maps, globes, atlases, and thematic maps to locate cities, countries, continents, oceans, and other geographical regions.
- Create replicas of the geographic shapes of Delaware and the United States. Label or describe the major features and regions.
- Explain how Delaware's physical features (close to water) and natural resources influenced settlers choices in clothing, crops, jobs, housing, etc. - Give examples of positive and negative ways that people change the environment.
- Create timelines to record key events and people who played key roles in education, government, business, etc. in Delaware and the US during the following time periods:
-Prior to 1500 (Focus on Native Americans.)
-Up to 1775 (Focus on Exploration and Settlement of North America.)
-1763-1800 (Focus on the Revolutionary War.)

1800 - 1850 (Focus on growth and westward expansion.) 8
pictures, and mathematical symbols to show various representations of decimals, fractions, and percents $(.25,1 / 4$, $25 \%$ ).
$\Sigma$ Place and read ordered pairs on a coordinate plane.

## Science students will:

- Explain how the shape, size, or mass of an object can affect the direction and speed of the object's movement. - Use various tools (ruler, stopwatch, and tape measure) to record the distance and speed that an object travels over a period of time.
- Use writings, drawings, and /or presentations to describe the interactions between living things and their environment. Emphasize local environment (Chesapeake, Delaware Bays).
- Explain that most materials are mixtures of substances.
- Select the appropriate tool and accurately measure liquids and solids.


## Social Studies students will:

- Explain the main function of each of the three branches of government (Judicial, Executive, and Legislative).
- Give examples of how events in other countries affect the US economy. - Construct from memory a sketch of the U.S. and the surrounding countries. Include bodies of water, physical features, and countries.
- Compare and contrast the physical, cultural, and economic characteristics of North America and South America. - Use timelines to record and describe major events and people in Delaware history during the following periods:
-Initial Growth and Expansion of the U.S. (1800-1850).

Civil War and Reconstruction (1848-1877).
-Industrial Revolution and Western Expansion (1865-1910).

Emergence of U.S. as a World Power (1900-1945).
-Modern Delaware (1945 Present). \&

## Board adopts higher standards for extracurricular participation

The Board of Education adopted the following new requirements for participation in all extracurricular activities at all District high schools:

Extracurricular activities are an integral part of school life and are used as a means of developing wholesome attitudes and good human relations as well as knowledge and skills. Participation in extra curricular activities is a privilege. Care must be taken to ensure that these activities do not take precedence over the subject matter area, but remain supplemental to the basic courses. It is desirable that students participate in such activities to the extent that they further their educational development. It is of paramount importance that such participation shall not jeopardize pupil's academic achievement nor exploit their time and talents.

## 1 Definition

The standards of a given Grade Point Average (GPA) apply to all other extracurricular activities that are unrelated to courses in which a grade is given.

2 Standards for Participation To be eligible for participation in extracurricular activities, students must meet minimum grade indexes as follows:

Grade 9 (Class 2003) - A minimum of 1.750 GPA is required starting with the second marking period of Grade 9. A repeating Christina School District 9th grade student's eligibility will be based on the fourth quarter index of the previous school year.
Grade 9 - All entering 9th grade students in the class of 2004 and after must have a grade point average equal to, or greater than 1.750 to participate in the high school extracurricular programs for the first marking period. If the student's grade point average is less than 2.000 , but equal to or greater than 1.750 , for subsequent marking periods the student would retain eligibility for an additional marking period by enrolling in and attending a mandatory study program in the after school program. In athletics the student must also comply with DSSAA eligibility regulations.
Grades 10-12 - The GPA must be 2.000. The minimum standard for
the first quarter of the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades is based on the grade point index of the fourth quarter of the previous year or the final grade for the year; whichever is higher. Summer school may be used to improve the final grades and impact eligibility. If the student's GPA is less than 2.000 but higher than or equal to 1.750, then the student may retain eligibility for one marking period by enrolling in and attending the study program. This can be used only once each year that the student is enrolled.

Students new to the Christina School District will be eligible for the quarter in which they enter. Eligibility under the Christina School District Policy will begin at the end of the quarter they enter. In athletics the students must also comply with DSSAA eligibility regulations.

## 3 Probation

There will be no periods of probation. Students not meeting the minimum standard will be ineligible for participation.

## 4 Tutoring

After-school tutoring will be provided for all students requesting such help. Students with a GPA greater than 1.750 but equal or less than 2.000 are required to enroll in and attend the after-school tutoring for one marking period to increase their GPA to 2.000 . (Exception: Class of 2003 ninth grade students)

## 5 Implementation

The implementation of this policy shall be uniform in all Christina District high schools. The principal, guidance counselor, advisor, coach, or athletic director shall jointly implement this policy. In any instance, the decision of the guidance counselor, advisor, coach, or athletic director to the eligibility of a student shall govern, subject to final review by the principal.

## 6 Monitoring

The plan shall be monitored and evaluated at the end of each year by the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

## Implementation Plan

This revised policy will be implemented effective with the second marking period of the 1999-2000 school year.


Cunding the ribbon at the May B. Leasure Elementary School are (1. to r.) Anthony Reid with Superintendent Nicholas Fischer, Albert Wilson with Board Vice President Michael Guilfoyle, Angela Campana with Asst. Superintendent Capes Riley and State Senator Dori Conner, Ieshia Miles with Charles Leasure, Ricky Garcia with Architect Buck Simpers and Kelley Standridge with State Representative John Viola.

## CEEF begins year with elections, fundraiser skating party

The Christina Educational Endowment Fund (CEEF) recently celebrated its 15th year with the election of offcers for the year 2000 and a fundraising skating party.

CEEF, the only fund in Delaware partnered with a public school district, aims "to augment academic and cultural opportunities for students $\mathrm{K}-12$ in the Christina School District to encourage their personal development, scholastic excellence and sense of wellbeing. Additionally, the Fund seeks to impact those aspects of student life that are not addressed by the resources or statutory responsibilities of the local, State and Federal governments".

Newly elected officers are James Streit, Jr., president; Fred Dawson, vice president; Deborah Horn Johnson, treasurer, Teresa Schooley, secretary and Leslie Dukart, immediate past president.


Kirk Middle School student Angeline Meehan was the proud winner of a pair of skates at the CEEF Party

Students, parents and staff from Kirk, Gauger/Cobbs and Shue/Medill Middle Schools enjoyed an evening of skating at the Christiana Skating Center. Proceeds of the party go to fund various endowment programs.

## Christiana posts national FFA winners

The Christiana High School Agriscience Program sent four teams to represent Delaware at the National FFA Convention.

Two students placed gold: Ryan Bonifacino for Forestry and Jamie Ellis for Nursery/Landscape. The following members placed silver: Nursery/Landscape-Andrea Leventry and Jacquie Clement; Dairy Food Products-Alyssa Clark, Heather O'Neill, and Christine Pollinger; Forestry-Jayme Baker and Christina Turner; Floriculture-Andrew Kelczewski, Sun Cho, and Regina Cho. Mr. Thomas Lundy, Mr. Richard Ferenz and Mrs. Julia Emerson coached these teams.

## 1999 Teacher of the Year Finalists



Linda Ennis Brader


Denise Levering Maclary


Deborah Crowell
Bayard


Gauger/Cobbs


Patricia Rosenberg Autistic


Linda Bryson Marshall

Deborah Certesio
Kirk


Not shown: Lester Albright Glasgow, Warren Mays, Option


Jeff Pyle
Shue/Medill


Patricia Kopay Smith


Patricia Carroll Pulaski


Master Chief Charles Baldwin
 West Park


Perquida Washington

## Improved parent/family involvement discussed

On Saturday, November 13, more than 90 people came together to tackle the tough issues of improving parent/family involvement in Christina. Under the umbrella, "Building Bridges Between Schools and Families", mixed groups of parents, teachers, administrators and Board members met in small work groups lead by facilitators from the YWCA.

The groups each developed their defintion of what good parent/family involvement should look like and then discussed the current strengths to build on and challenges to overcome in getting there.
The program was put together by the District's Parent/Family Involvement Activity Planning Committee. The results of the group activity are currently being reviewedand will be used to chart a path forward.
"We had a great session," Superintendent Nicholas A. Fischer told the gathering, "and we clearly see the need for more work in this vital area."


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with new roof, windows, circuit

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DELAWARE CITY 2 story, 3BR, 2B, new kitchen,
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GOVERNORS SQUARE 2BR end unit townhome; new
carpet, fresh paint, deck, ready to move right in! 239-3000
$\$ 99,894$

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4BR, 1 1/2B ranch: new 4BR, $11 / 2 \mathrm{CB}$ ranch; new
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3BR, 1 1/2B end unit
townhome. New carpet \& paint,
largest corner lot. $656-3141$


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family room, porch, bsmt, lots of storage. $475-0800$
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 SMYRNA 3BR, 2 B custom brick ranch on
11 Ac . MBR bath w/Jacuzzi; well appointed kitchen. 733-7000
$\$ 320,000$

GREEN ACRES
GREEN ACRES
3/4BR, $21 / 2 B$, office or den,
full wall stone fireplace, deck, full wall stone fireplace, deck,
hot tub, big yard. 239-3000
$\$ 162,900$


SHELLBURNE
SHELLBURNE
Ranch, 3BR, $2 B$, fireplace, eat-
in kitchen, hardwoods in kitchen, hardwoods
throughout, updates. 656-3141
$\$ 168$.


BRANDYWINE HUNDRED
4BR, $11 / 2 \mathrm{~B}$ brick ranch. 2 car gar, rear porch, updated
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 Brick front 4BR, 2 1/2B home
with step down family room and Private 4BR, $21 / 2 \mathrm{~B}$ cape; lots
of updates, backs to open



COBBLESTONES 3BR townhome w/fireplace, C/A, bsmt. 239-3000
 CHELMSFORD
3BR, $21 / 2 \mathrm{~B}$ condo with
remodeled kitchen \& main remodeled kitchen \& main
bath; ;borders park. 239-3000
$\$ 79,900$
 BIRCHWOOD PARK
Remodeled 3-4BR ranch.
Improvements include kitchen, baths, windows \& roof. 475-0800



ELSMERE GARDENS 2BR townhouse. Full bsmt,
fenced front \& back yards, close to busline. 656-3141
$\$ 52,000$
 PLEASANT HILLS fenced yard \& some updates. Truly a great value! $\mathbf{2 3 9 - 3 0 0 0}$
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FOREST PARK 2BR, huge detached garage,
updated systems , remodeled
kitchen kitchen \& bath. 733-7000

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## FAIRWAY FALLS

 Contemporary style townhomewith $38 R, 21 / 2 B$, bsmt \& skylight. 239-3000
$\$ 119,500$


## VALLEY POINT

 Home w/morey than your canimagine! $3 B R, 21 / 28$, sun room, imagine! 3BR, 2 1/2B, sun room,
$9^{\prime}$ ceilings, more. $239-3000$
$\$ 154,900$


ALBION
4BR,2 $1 / 2 \mathrm{ALBION}$ colonial. New main
battroom, first floor study, inbathroom, first floor study, in
ground pool. $475-0800$ ground po


LIMESTONE HILLS Brick front end, 3BR, $21 / 2 \mathrm{~B}$, , gar,
family mm fireplace, expanded kitchen, $9^{\prime}$ ceilings. $733-7000$
$\$ 184,900$


BON AYRE 4/5BR colonial with $31 / 2 \mathrm{~B}, 2$
car gar, sun room, finished car gar, sun room, finished
bsmt. $239-3000$

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HOCKESSIN
Beautiful, private 2.57 acres! Large ranch w/4BR, 3 1/2B,
poil \& pond. $429-4500$ $\$ 374,900{ }^{67575}$

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ELKTON 3BR, $11 / 2 \mathrm{~B}$ townhome;
updated heater \& rofo cul-d-
sac, near MD-DE line. $733-7000$ sac, near MD-DE line. $\begin{array}{r}733-7000 \\ \$ 45,000\end{array} \quad 65685$


RISING SUN ESTATES 3B, 2B ranch on wooded lot;
gas heat, 1 car gar, finished
bsmt. $239-3000$ bsmt. 239-3000
$\$ 119,900$
 MEADOWS
$3 \mathrm{BR}, 2 \mathrm{~B}$ contemporary, 2 car
gar, 1.5 Ac , full bsmt, ist floor den/study. 733-7000
$\$ 159,900$


FOXHOLE ESTATES 4BR, 2 1/2B colonial. Just 25 mi. from Newark; walk to
community pier. $733-700$ community pier. $733-7000$
$\$ 210,000$
53255


SOMERSET LAKE SOMERSET LAKE
4BRR, $21 / 28$ colonial. Vaulted
ceilings, deck, partially fin ceilings, deck, partially fin.
bsmt, 2 car gar $656-3141$ bsmt,
$\$ 245,000$
 HAMORTON WOODS
4BR, $21 / 2 \mathrm{~B}$, stone \& siding,
colonial split; many updates \& colonianed porch. 429-4500 screened porch. 429-4500
$\$ 275,000$


VILLAS AT PORT HERMAN
Rare opportunity! Villa on Elk.
Upgraded damatic contemporan 3BRR, 3B, dramatic contemporary
548,000 , $\operatorname{lip}$. $239-3000$


VILLAGE BLACKSHIRE Build your dream home or
choose Cotswold. Floorplans


BROWNTOWN 2BR brick townhome. Bsmt,
Geiger warranty, remodeled kitchen \& bath. $733-7000$
$\$ 47,500$
57675


CANBY PARK 3BR brick townhome w/new
paint $\&$ carpeting. lower level $\$ 59,900$ $\$ 59,900 \quad 67415$
 CHESTNUT STREET Redone brick townhome. New
kitchen kitchen \& bath, fenced yard;
bsmt family room. 656-314i ismt family room. 656-3141
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S. FRANKLIN STREET 6BR 3 story; gleaming wood loors, 13 month Geiger home warranty. 672-9400
$\$ 82,500$

W. 19TH STREET 4BR, $11 / 2 \mathrm{~B}, 2$ story home.
Many updates, all appliances Many updates, all appliances
included. $429-4500$
$\$ 112,900$


N. HARRISON STREET 3 unit property. Total renovation heating, electric. $239-3000$ | heating, electric. 239-3000 |
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| $\$ 125,000$ |



W. TTH STREET
Documented historic home fleors $4 / 5$ BR, 2 full baths, 2 nd

floor laund. $656-3141$ | floor laundry. 656-3141 40985 |
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| 129,900 |



PARK PLAZA
2BR, 2B condo w/magnificent city views from terrace: parquet
floors throughout. $239-3000$
$\$ 189,900$ $\$ 189,900 \quad 67465$ $\begin{array}{lr}\text { New Hores } & 234.3614 \\ \text { Aroseat, Mgnt } & 284.5240 \\ \text { Rebcetion } & 234.3600\end{array}$ Relocetion

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    FRESH CUT Premium PA Grown

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[^1]:    Dents for homeowners who need mequireHave you been turned down for a loan? Do you need more than $\$ 10,000$ for $a$ ny rea son? Are you paying more than $10 \%$ int est on any other loans or credit cards? If you are a homeowner and answered
    yes' to any of these questions, they can tell 'yes' to any of these questions, they can tell
    you over the phone and without obligation if ou qualify.
    High credit card debt? Less-than-perfect
    Hedit? Self-employed?

