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# UP FRONT

# Random thoughts

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

OMPLAINING to a colleague that I often have several ideas for column fodder but none could be successfully worked into a full piece, my friend simply suggested "just combine several topics into one column.'

Duh. Here goes: On snow removal: Our

printing plant is in Elkton, Md., and I make the trip frequently to the county seat of Cecil County. When I do so while it's snowing, there's no need for a "Welcome to Maryland"



Streit

placard to announce the state line. Just look where the snow-covered road ends and the clear wet roadway begins. At that point, you are leaving Delaware and entering the Free State.

Clearly, the Maryland Department of Transportation is either smarter, better organized or better equipped and funded than DelDOT when it comes to snow removal.

All that said: I applaud the City of Newark crews on their snow removal efforts. I realize the most recent storms weren't blizzards, but city crews kept neighborhood streets clear, not just the thoroughfares. Last Thursday night, Feb. 24, in the midst of the snowfall, I picked my Philly girl daughter up at the Newark train station. As we pulled up to our Cherry

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Toddlers and tots tinkered with toy cars before racing them on Sunday, Feb. 27 at the Turtle Creek Craft store in College Square Shopping Center. Kids from throughout the area brought their parents and most creative painting concepts to design the car of their dreams. Once the paint dried, the future-car designers then tried to race their creations around a Squeeky the Mouse Track, that is, when short attention spans didn't get in the way. Between designing and racing, the young Jeff Gordons had lunch and played a round of Red Light, Green Light.

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# **Allies to** face off

Change in school election districts pits incumbents against each other

By ROBIN BROOMALL

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IVE candidates have filed to run in the school board elections for the Christina School District, including two incumbents in the same district. But even though two are running against each other, both could potentially remain on the Board of Education for the next year. Confused?

The Department of Elections for New Castle County has announced that both board members George Evans and Brenda Phillips have filed to run in District A in the May elections.

When the county election district lines were redrawn last fall as a result of the latest census, the Wilmington city portion of the Christina area was realigned, placing both Evans and Phillips in the same district. They are both residents of Wilmington.

Evans is serving out his fifth term, which will expire June 30, 2005. A 24year member of the Christina Board, he

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# **Nothing** changes

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

controversial proposed condo-minium development on Main Street has received recommendation to build from the Newark Planning Commission, but does so with a catch. Commissioners voted on Tuesday, March 1 to recommend to the Newark City Council that the panel approve the building, which will be called Waterstone, if the number of condominium units is pared down from 82 to 54.

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### Woman assaulted **Sunday night**

patron of a Main Street restaurant told Newark police she

rant told Newark police she was sexually assaulted about 11:30 p.m. Sunday night.

The 20-year-old victim went to NPD headquarters at 2:14 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, and told investigators she had gone to the East End Café, 270 E. Main St., between 8:30 and 9 p.m. Sunday evening. While and 9 p.m. Sunday evening. While watching the Academy Awards, the woman struck up a conversation with a male bar patron.

When the woman was ready to leave the restaurant, she excused herself to use a bathroom. A few minutes later, a man attacked the woman

inside the rest room, police reported.

The suspect is described as a white male, 5-foot 5-inches tall, weight between 160 and 170 pounds, and has short military-style hair. He was wearing a green shirt and khaki pants at the time of the attack

Investigation is continuing, police

### Woman robs coffee shop at gunpoint

The Delaware State Police Robbery Unit is investigating a robbery in which a woman fled with cash from the Brew HaHa in a Kirkwood Highway shopping center.

Police reported that on Friday, Feb. 25, a white female entered Brew HaHa at 2610 Capitol Trail, Meadowood II Shopping Center, Newark, and approached the clerk at the counter.

The woman displayed a handgun and demanded money, police said.

The clerk complied and turned

over an undisclosed amount of cash.

The female robber left the coffee shop and was last seen fleeing in an eastbound direction through the parking lot, police said.

The assailant is described as

a white female in her early 30's, approximately 5'7" in height and weighing approximately 220 to 240 pounds. She was wearing all dark

#### Two men attacked

Two New Jersey men, ages 21 and 22, told Newark police they were assaulted as they walked in the 100 block East Cleveland Avenue police

on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 3:43 a.m.

The victims told officers that a champagne-colored Lexus stopped near them and "began to pick a fight." Five white males got out of the Lexus and bioled and expended the Lexus and kicked and punched the victims

### Items stolen at College Square

Purses owned by employees and a bank deposit bag were stolen from a stock room at Sally's Beauty Supply, 381 College Square, it was reported to Newark police on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 5:35 p.m.

TOTAL CALLS

# Train pedestrian in six months

NIVERSITY of Delaware student Michael Lombardo, 20, of Strikes Bellmore, N.Y. is now the third pedestrian to be hit by a train while crossing the CSX tracks in the past six months.

On Tuesday, March 1, at 11 a.m. Lombardo was walking eastbound along the tracks, with his back facing the oncoming train when he was sideswiped by the train, police said. He has suffered severe injuries, including a broken leg. He was flown to the Christiana Hospital for treatment.

Two other pedestrians have been hit before this incident. On Sept. 12, 18-year-old Rachel Payne was fatally struck by a CSX train on her way home from a party. Then, on Jan. 14, a 33-year-old man was seriously injured while crossing the tracks behind the Deer Park.

Despite the three incidents, police say there are no new plans to deter residents from walking along the tracks.

'Nationwide, it is known that it is illegal to cross train tracks, said Lt. Thomas LeMin. "It's common knowledge that it's trespassing. And we don't have the personel right now to make another effort to educate the pub-

A few years ago the City of Newark, the University of Delaware and CSX made a collaborative effort to keep pedestrians away from the train tracks. That included constructing a wall that runs much of the length of the tracks and posting warning signs.

According to store surveillance videotapes viewed by police, a man entered the store at 5:23 p.m. and exited two minutes later. During this time, the contents of two employees' purses and an undisclosed amount of cash were removed from a stock room at the rear of the beauty supply store.

Investigation is continuing, police

### **Robber grabs and goes**

Delaware State Police detectives are investigating the early morning robbery at a busy convenience store

Police reported that on Sunday, Feb. 20, at 1:13 a.m., a white male entered the 7-Eleven store at 1700 Pulaski Highway. The man approached the clerk at the counter and asked to purchase an item behind the counter.

Police said the when the clerk opened the register to accept payment, the assailant attempted to grab money from the cash drawer. The suspect then went behind the counter and obtained an undisclosed amount of cash from the drawer. The assailant fled the store and was last seen running towards Porter Road, police reported.

The suspect is described as a white male in his mid 20's, approximately 5'09" in height and 170 pounds. He was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with a light colored logo on the

front, dark pants and white sneakers. Anyone with information about

the crime is requested to contact Delaware State Police detectives, 834-2620, ext. 213, or Crime Stoppers, 800-TIP-3333.

### No tire on rim

A Newark police officer reported he was on patrol on South Chapel Street near Ashley Road on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 3:28 a.m. when he noticed a black Chevrolet Blazer driving without a tire on the front, passenger side wheel.

After making a traffic stop, Fred M. Ryan, 24, of Wilmington, was charged with operating an unsafe motor vehicle. He was released pending a court appearance, police said.

### **Indecent** exposure on Academy Street

Two women, both 19, told Newark police that a man exposed himself as they walked southbound on Academy Street, one block south of East Delaware Avenue, on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 3:47 a.m.

The victims screamed and ran

An immediate search of the area failed to locate the suspect, police

### No lights gets attention on Delaware Avenue

When a Newark police officer saw a silver Honda Civic travel-ling on East Delaware Avenue without headlights on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 12:14 a.m., he initiated a traffic stop that resulted in alcohol-related

Police said the driver, Jarrett G. Andersen, 18, of Elkton, Md., was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving without headlights, and underage consumption of alcohol, and released pending

court appearances.
A 17-year-old passenger in the Honda was cited for underage consumption of alcohol and released to a parent pending appearance in Family

### Shoplifting arrest

A 44-year-old Newark woman was charged with shoplifting candy, a bottle of salad dressing and batteries at the Pathmark store in College Square, it was reported to Newark police on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 3:21

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	INV	ESTIGATIO	CRIMINAL CHARGES					
	2004	2005	THIS	2004	2005	THIS		
PART I OFFENSES	TO DATE	TO DATE	WEEK	TO DATE	TO DATE	WEE		
Murder/manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Attempted murder	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Kidnap	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Rape	4	4	. 0	0	* 0	0		
Unlawful sexual contact	0	0	0	0	2	0		
Robbery	13	6	1	10	6	2		
Aggravated assault	6	3	1	4	0	0		
Burglary	23	39	8	8	4	0		
Theft	91	91	14	21	26	0		
Auto theft	15	14	3	2	2	0		
Arson	1	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL PART I	153	164	29	45	79	2		
PART II OFFENSES								
Other assaults	39	52	9	41	33	5		
Receiving stolen property	0	0	0	1	1	1		
Criminal mischief	70	78	24	24	9	2		
Weapons	4	3	0	14	13	1		
Other sex offenses	1	3	0	0	4	0		
Alcohol	19	10	3	62	31	6		
Drugs	12	17	9	22	27	8		
Noise/disorderly premise	62	67	14	26	42	6		
Disorderly conduct	96	78	17	17	16	9		
Trespass	22	15	1	10	7	1		
All other	93	69	6	47	24	2		
TOTAL PART II	418	392	83	264	207	41		
MISCELLANEOUS								
Alarm	158	178	29	0	0	0		
Animal control	53	39	2	0	0	0		
Recovered property	22	29	9	0	0	0		
Service	1104	1078	201	0	0	0		
Suspicious person/vehicle	110	361	51	0	0	0		
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	1447	1685	292	0	0	0		

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Weekly crime report
STATISTICS FOR FEB. 2-12, 2005 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

# Woman attacked while she sleeps

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

# Silverbrook home hit twice in two weeks

A 77-year-old female Silverbrook resident -- the latest victim in a string of home invasions and burglaries -- is the first resident to be assaulted during the crime, police said.

This is the second time the same elderly resident has been victimized, with the first incident occurring without the use of violence on Feb. 7.

The victim was asleep in her bed on the morning of Thursday, Feb. 24 when the suspect forced entry into the home through a back window. Inside, the suspect found the elderly woman in bed and assaulted her, striking her in the face before leaving the residence with an undisclosed amount of cash. She was treated for her injuries, which included an abrasion on her head, at Christiana Hospital. She is expected to make a full recovery.

"She is going to be okay," Capt. William Nefosky said, "Her injuries are nowhere near life threatening."

Police said that the fact that same woman was burglarized just 17 days before is no coincidence. "I wouldn't say the first incident worked out well for the burglar," Nefosky said, "but he did get away the first time."

University of Delaware Instructor and Policy Scientist Doug Tuttle said that the suspect's long history of success probably encouraged him to target the same house again. "This is an example of a crim-

"This is an example of a criminal who has discovered a successful pattern and is repeating it," he said. "You see this a lot in bank robberies, and often times, you will see the same suspect go back to the same branch."

This suspect has created a pattern for his crimes, which includes targeting elderly victims during dark, evening hours, entering through the back of the property and cutting phone lines. Tuttle said the motive behind this incident may extend beyond just following a successful pattern, but to also sending a message to future victims. "The physical abuse aspect is troubling. One hazards a guess that this was an attempt to send a message," he said. "It shows that he's not afraid to use force."

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However, both Tuttle and police officers warn against using violence to fend the suspect off. "The chance that you would succeed in heading him off is really, really slim, especially with the demographic he is targeting."

After this latest incident, Newark Police have stepped up efforts to apprehend the suspect. "It's getting worse," Nefosky

downtown

event

admitted. "This is the first time a victim has been assaulted. But we've beefed up our patrol," Nefosky said. "There is now literally an officer in every neighborhood."

The suspect is described as a thin, white male, about six feet tall. He possibly has a mustache and unshaven face.

For many Newark residents, this incident raises the concern of home safety to a new level. "I'm stunned," said Newark resident Victoria Owens. "I'm shocked. But I think I've done the best I could to protect myself. I don't think I can do anything more. I'm normally watchful. I've called

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# **Another hat in ring**

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

SHARON Hughes is the newest entrant into a three-way race for the Newark City Council, District 2 seat. So far, she is facing four-term incumbent Jerry Clifton and opponent Peter E. Shurr III.

Hughes says she decided to run because she's excited by last year's election that cast newcomers to the Newark political scene, Vance Funk and Kevin Vonck, as the city's mayor and District 6 representative.

"I'm very excited about the new leadership," she said. "There are a lot of exciting changes happening right now."

Key issues she hopes to zero in on include bringing more business downtown and changing the dynamics between the city and University of Delaware.

"I've noticed, unfortunately, that a lot

"I've noticed, unfortunately, that a lot of the store fronts on Main Street are empty," she said, pointing out that for her, the loss of the Italian Bistro is an especially sore spot. "We never should have lost them [because they couldn't sell alcohol!" As far as the city's relationship with the university is concerned, Hughes sees this as a big area for improvement. The lack of communication on development and growth has gotten under her skin. "I want to strengthen that relationship," she said. "I want to bring a more unified environment for both the city and university to grow."

While Hughes does not have any experience as a political leader, she says that she is prepared for the job. Most of that preparation came from her time working as an aide for New Castle County Councilman Chris Roberts from 1999 through 2001.

"I learned how to work with constituents and cut through the red tape. There are a lot of ways through local government to help people that people aren't even aware of," she said, adding that she hopes to help Newark residents understand what support is available to them through the city government.

After working as a legal aide, Hughes ventured into real estate. She started out in loan origination and in 2002 she became a licensed real estate agent.

She moved from Bucks County, Pa. to Newark in 1995.

### By THERESA G. MEDOFF

SPECIAL TO NEWARK POST

PVERY businessperson knows that it helps to wine and dine the customer. The Downtown Newark Partnership plans to do just that when it hosts the inaugural Wine and Dine in Newark on Saturday, April 2.

The event is modeled after last July's highly successful Food and Brew Fest, which attracted some of the largest summertime crowds that downtown restaurateurs have ever seen, according to DNP director Maureen Feeney Roser. "It's a wonderful way to showcase our restaurants," she adds.

Nine restaurants participated in the Brew Fest. An additional three restaurants have signed on to participate in next month's Wine and Dine.

"We saw an increase in business of 20 to 25 percent the night of the Brew Fest, and many of those people mentioned that it was their first time at our restaurant,"

said Leon Barnett, general manager of Klondike Kate's.

It was a recordsetting day for Homegrown Café, said owner Eric Aber. "People were coming to the restaurant and saying, 'Wow, this place is great. We've never been here before, but we can't wait to come back."

Century Wine and
Spirits and the Delaware
Beverage Company will pair
each of the 12 participating
restaurants with a winery from
the U.S. or abroad. Most wineries
will have a representative at the
restaurant that evening.
The restaurants and wineries will

The restaurants and wineries will work together to develop their own themes and special events, which might include cooking classes, wine tastings or special dinners paired to the wines. Most will have live music, too.

too.

"We are encouraging the restaurants to serve bistro-style foods with the expectation that people will want to visit a number of different restaurants during the evening,"

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# Police squash sale of stolen property

Some goods may have come from local robberies

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE largest fencing operation in Delaware's history has been shut down this week, after a seven-month investigation by a team of law enforcement agencies.

The fencing operation, which worked under the guise of a New Castle pawn and retail shop named Fast Cash Trading Post, served as a place to sell stolen property for guick cash. Stolen goods came from

large retail chains such as Target and Home Depot and home and shed burglaries. Stolen items ranged from jewelry to compact discs to Play Station 2s.

"You name it, and it could be purchased from the store," said Lt. Col. Thomas MacLeish, who helped oversee the investigation.

Because of the volume of stolen goods, it is not yet known if any items have come from the recent series of burglaries in Newark, but police believe connections to the burglary spree here may surface.

Seven arrests resulted from the investigation. That included three generations of one New Jersey family -- Roy Anthony Silver, his father Edward Joseph Silver and son Roy Anthony Silver. In Newark, Frederick Cover, Angelo Stallsmith, Christopher Cutter, and Chadwick Kuck were arrested at the 100 block of Madison Drive for sale of stolen goods.

Fast Cash Trading Post, which was located at 247 S. Dupont Highway, had been in business for nine years. It is believed that most of that time has been spent buying and selling at least some stolen property. MacLeish said that the State Police have responded to the shop for recovering stolen goods since 2001.

He also said that the establishment had a reputation in the community as a place to recover stolen property. "At least four of the customers who went into the store

[on Monday, Feb. 28] had been robbed and went to get their stuff back," he said.

Items were sold to the store for far less than market value. When State Police sold property to the store, its total retail value was more than \$11,000. However, the price offered by Fast Cash Trading Post was 12 percent of that.

"You could get a lot of bargains there if you wanted to," he said.

The shop will remain open until Thursday, March 3 so that victims of robberies and thefts can identify their property. Those planning on visiting the shop should bring a police report of the theft and any identifiable information such as serial numbers for their property.

# In Our Schools

**EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS** 

### NOTE PAD

### Kickoff for k'dgn registration

THE beginning of registration for kindergarten students in the Christina School District begins Monday, March 7. Children who are five years old on or before Aug. 31 can register in any elementary school in the district.

Any student registering must show medical records with dates of immunizations and a physical exam form. Also needed are custody or guardianship papers and proof of residence, such as an electric bill, signed lease or sale agreement with the custodians name on the document.

Check the Web site for a kindergarten registration form, in English or Spanish, or call 552-2600.

### Board meets

The Board of Education meeting for the Christina School District will be Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., at the Pyle Building, 500 N. Lombard St., Wilmington. Check www.christina.k12 de.us for the agenda or call 552-2600 for directions.

The public is invited to all board meetings and given the opportunity to speak to the board on issues of con-cern to the district. Complete a Request to Speak form before the meeting begins and present to the Board sec-

### Meetings rescheduled

Due to snow earlier this week the Advanced Placement meetings for the three high schools. Glasgow, Christiana and Newark, have been resched-

uled for Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m. Reserved tickets for will be honored for the

Friday, Feb. 25's performance of CHS's "Oklahoma" school's performances on Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5, 7 p.m.

# Grease paint in their blood

### Glasgow students perform popular musical

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

OU'RE the one that I want. Ooh, Ooh, Ooh. When the players at Glasgow take to the spotlight on Friday night, it will be with a lot of attitude and plenty of Ooh, Ooh, Ooh's.

Playing in the popular musical Grease, the parts of Sandy, Danny, Rizzo and Kenicki call for actors with pizzaz, street smarts and an over-the-top acting style.

But Samantha Rodgers, Luis Ortiz, Kathleen Mangan and Paul Albright, who play those roles respectively, are up for the challenge. So are the more than 50 cast members who will be on stage in the school's auditorium

on March 10, 11 and 12.

With its catchy tunes, fastpaced dancing, and timeless love story, Grease is a welcomed relief from pure drama,

It is also a welcomed relief from homework and tests.

"Most of our kids are high academic achievers," drama coach and English teacher Andrew Christopulos said. "Some of them are working outside of school with the Wilmington Drama League. Several are in All-State Chorus. They're all very busy."

Glasgow's drama club started more than 10 years ago, with fewer than 20 students. Over the years it has grown in popularity



With a lot of character and attitude, Glasgow High Drama Club presents Grease March 10, 11 and 12. Samantha Rodgers, front left, plays Sandy and Kathleen Mangan plays Rizzo, while Luis Ortiz., back left, plays Danny and Paul Albright plays Kenickie.

and now has a role of 75 members

Mangan, president of the drama club, said the members have a lot of fun and enjoy each other because they have found their particular "niche" in the school.

Casey Williams, playing the role of the teacher, agreed that the group meshes well and gives them a sense of accomplishment when they have a chance to use their imagination.

Even though the cast enjoys the singing and dancing, they have a greater responsibility to their audiences.

With Newark and Christiana high schools having successful performances of Grease last year, Glasgow has found a way to raise

the bar on their production.

The kids know the movie like the back of the hands, said Christopulos. But taking their production from the playbook is

### TO SEE 'GREASE'

March 10, 11, 12 7:30 p.m. Glasgow High School 1901 S. College Ave. General admission \$6:

students \$4 CSD employees admitted free with ID.

They've added a slightly dif-ferent ending and different lines from the movie to add spark, make the production funnier and giver it more character.

Like the musical from the 70s. several of Glasgow's actors and actresses are hoping the play will give them a jump start of their "acting careers," however small they might be.

Williams, a sophomore, said playing in Grease is giving her a boost of confidence to try more serious parts. In the fall she had the lead role in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. Until then she hadn't acted in a play since first

R.J. Allen, a junior, has already had roles with Wilmington Drama League productions. He said he can use his skills from the Drama League to help with the school musical and vice versa.

Whatever reason the members have for joining the cast, when Teen Angel starts singing, everyone will be tapping their feet.

# **Bancroft team winning meets, setting records**

**BV ROBIN BROOMALL** 

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HEY don't need fancy equipment, expensive uniforms or elaborate game plans. All they need are sneakers and a willingness to run their hearts out.

The track team at Bancroft has

From second to sixth graders, the 17 members of the school's track team have been attending track meets and competing against club teams from neighborhoods in the Greater Philadelphia area in the Mid-Atlantic Division of Track and Field. Meets are held at Lehigh University and the University of Delaware.

Now in its second year, Bancroft's team of eight boys and seven girls works hard from the beginning of December to the end of February, practicing three times a week after school dismissal at the school on Lombard Street in Wilmington. Meets are held on Sundays.

Bancroft is the only elementaschool in the Christina School District to have a track team and is the only public school competing in the division.

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Dujuan Scott and Cheyenne Sapp, both sixth graders from Newark, are set to run practice laps around the school. Both runners typically place in the top three for their events. Bancroft is the only public elementary school participat-ing in the Mid-Atlantic Division of Track and Field. The other teams come from club organizations.

# **Affairs of the heart**

By ROBIN BROOMALL

**NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER** 

HILE most of us were thinking of romantic affairs of the heart on Valentines Day, students at Brader Elementary School were thinking of their heart affairs.

They were jumping, tossing, bouncing, spinning and punching to get their hearts beating faster at the school's Heart Smart Fair.

Physical education teacher Mary Beth French, along with school specialists, presented the fair as a different way for students to be more aware of the need for healthy eating and exercise. After seeing pictures of healthy and unhealthy hearts, the students rotated between 11 different stations.

Some students balanced themselves on tires while jumping to the beat of a bouncing ball. Some did pushups while stacking plastic cups in a pyramid.
Others did crunches, tossed

magnets at targets and punched



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Second grader Eric Hunt, on left, bounces a ball while his classmates must balance themselves on tires and bounce to the same beat. The Heat Smart Fair replaced the traditional dance for Valentines Day at Brader Elementary.

At one station the students did simple exercises to raise their heartbeats then listened to their

beat with stethoscopes. After jogging in place for one minute, second grader Gregory Betts concluded that his heart rate depends on how fast you're doing some-

At each station they answered questions from a chart, indicating the part of the body they were using and the type of exercise they were getting.

On the quieter side, they guessed the number of candy hearts in a jar, with prizes being awarded to each class

At another table, they sampled cups of chopped apples, carrots and raisins, then voted for their favorite snack. Apples were by far their favorite.

It was a heart-warming experi-

# BRIEFLY

### McVey students accept reading challenge

URING the last two weeks February, students McVey Elementary School were heavy into their 2005 Reading Is Fundamental community challenge, called Read With Me, presented by MetLife Foundation.

This year's school theme is "Bears, Bears,' Some prizes students were competing for include Build-A-Bear Read Teddy's and hardcover fairy tale collections. A pep rally kicked off the series of events, including a read-a-loud at Border's Books and guest readers at the school for I Love to Read Day.

Ninety-four children, with parents, came to the Teddy Bear Read-a thon, wearing their paja-mas and carrying blankets, pillows and personal Teddy's. Children were also busy writing bear stories for the contest over President's Day weekend. A library card drive was held at the Bear Library and guest readers from the Newark High volleyball team and UD cheerleaders were scheduled.

All students submitted their reading logs on Feb. 25 so that overall participation could be tallied and submitted to RIF to see if McVey will retain the title of State Champion.

### **Rotary scholarships** available

The Christiana Rotary Club is now accepting applications from high school seniors for two scholarships that will be awarded in early May. One is an academic scholarship for \$4,000 to be awarded to a senior currently attending a public high school in New Castle County. Another is a vocational scholarship for \$1,000 to be awarded to a senior currently enrolled in a vocational or technical training program.

The scholarships will be awarded in the memory of George A. Thompson who was an active member of the Christiana club and vice president of George B. Hanby Company. According to Past District Governor Sam Simpson, a member of Christiana club, Thompson's commitment to the ideals of Rotary, and its motto "Service Above Self," were reflected in his business and personal relationships.

For more information, including eligibility requirements and application, visit www.christianarotary.org.

### McDonald's announces award program

McDonald's Restaurants of the Greater Philadelphia Region Inc. announced a new academic program that will award \$1,000 in prizes to up to 15 schools selected for unique educational programs that promote balanced, active lifestyles among fifth to eighth grade students. Any teacher, principal or administrator employed by an eligible elementary or middle school can apply.

The goal of McD's Go Active! Academic Awards program is to reward local schools and/or teachers who design creative educational programs that demonstrate an original approach to enhancing students' physical fitness, nutrition awareness or health education.

Applications are available in McDonald's restaurants and have been sent to all eligible schools in the region. Entries must be postmarked, e-mailed or faxed by no later than April 5. Winning schools will be announced in

## Dashing around the track

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They play games to strengthen their agility, run obstacle courses, play fitness kickball and run laps on the second floor of the school, similar to running in an indoor

The students compete in the 55 meter dash, 200, 400, 800 and 1500 meter runs. And so far this year they have done well, according to coach and physical education teacher Nick Palka. He is assisted by Sterling Freeman, a teacher at Bancroft.

Competing against teams from three states, five of Bancroft's runners usually place in the top five regionally.

Sixth graders Cheyenne Sapp and Dujuan Scott, both from Newark, are first-year runners, but consistently place in the top three for their events.

Cheyenne runs the 200, 400, 800 and 2500 meter runs. She enjoys running and practicing for meets, even though 15 laps

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Dujuan runs the 200, 400 and 800 meters

Both admit the exercise helps them get in shape but the added benefit is seen in their class

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PER CHANCE

# Basketball dreams still elusive

By ELBERT CHANCE

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

F you're a dedicated supporter of University of Delaware basketball, you undoubtedly are less than thrilled by the outcome of the 2004-05 season.

Dreams of a successful campaign were dashed when potential starters Chris Prothro, Herb Courtney and Henry Olawoye were sidelined by serious injuries.

And as the year progressed or, more accurtely, regressed, Mike Slattery, Lebo Maepa, Raphael Madera and Ocavious Flowers spent unwanted hours in hospitals and the training room recovering from injuries and illnesses.

Despite these setbacks, the team played hard and managed several upsets and near misses.

But the bottom line is that many fans had viewed the 2004-05 season as a poten-

tial breakthrough year for the Blue Hens in the Colonial Athletic Association, and that did not come to pass.

After four seasons in the CAA, Delaware has yet to pose a serious challenge to its more talented rivals.

In some respects, the **Chance** current team parallels the memorable Suicide Six squad of 1970-71, whose story is one of the darkest in UD sports history.

That team, coming off a 16-9 record under the guidance of former coach Dan Peterson, seemed poised to claim the Middle Atlantic Conference championship.

Its first setback occurred early in December when sophmore guard Rich Hickman encountered academic difficulties and had to withdraw from the team.

A few days later, Co-Captains Dave Hottenstein and Dan Carnevale and a promising freshman recruit left the team following a dispute with the coach.

In late January, starting center Bernie Lane and two other players also quit, cit-

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

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Any time six kids quit, there must be something wrong."

ing "communication problems."

Fortunately, a football letterwinner, Bob Young, had joined the squad at the close of the football season, so six players remained.

This stalwart group included Captain John McMillen, Dave Spencer, Paul Selig and the team's top performers, Lee Swayze and Ken Helfand, both of whom had been local high school stars.

In a remarkable display of dedication and ability, the Suicide Six, as they quickly became known, played the final eight games of the season, winning four of them and losing to Rider in overtime.

In a 73-66 loss at Lehigh, Selig suffered a leg injury in the first quarter and was unable to return to action. Four of his five teamates on the court had four fouls when the game ended.

Coach Peterson told a *News-Journal* reporter that his six players "are dedicated to me and to the University of Delaware", but athletic Director David M. Nelson also noted, "Any time six kids quit, there must be something wrong." He added that the situation would be evaluated at the end of the season

Meanwhile, the Suicide Six received national press coverage lauding their grit and Delaware fans turned out in greater numbers to cheer them on.

"Our fans supported the team," Swayze said, "because they know every one of us hustle until we drop out there."

A former Christiana High School and Brandywine College star, Swayze had been named All-Tournament Team at the Motor City Classic in Detroit earlier in the season, and he led his team in both scoring and rebounding.

Our story has a happy ending. Swayze and Helfand were chosen co-captains of the 1971-72 team under new coach Don Harnum, who posted an 18-7 record in the first of is five seasons.

Rich Hickman regained his academic eligiblity, was a member of the 1971-72 team, and captained the 1972-73 squad in his senior year.

OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, "Out of the Attic" features a view of the Aetna Hose, Hook, and Ladder Company firehouse in circa 1906, looking northwest. The fire "engine" in the foreground of this photograph was pulled either by horses or the firemen themselves, according to lan Janssen of the University of Delaware Archives, which provided the picture. Also, note the bugle that the fireman on the left is holding. The Newark Opera House is visible on the right side of this photograph, as is part of Academy Street, which was unpaved at that time. "Out of the Attic" features historic photographs from Newark's history, recent and long ago. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

# PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

### March 5, 1980

### School changes anger mother

By the time 13-yearold "Bobby" finishes his secondary public school experience he will have attended five different schools in the New Castle County district.

Bobby's varied experience began after he completed the fifth grade at Downes Elementary. To attend sixth grade, he was bused to Williams Elementary in Wilmington.

Bobby's seventh grade class is at Newark Central. That school is one chosen by the Citizen's Committee For School Closings. If Newark Central is closed he will be forced to attend eighth grade at Wilmer Shue Middle, and will return to Newark for grades 9-12 at Newark High.

### Plans for upgrading Route 4 draw fire

Residents of Brookside,



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

Robscott Manor and Todd Estates got a look last week at plans to widen of Chestnut Hill Road to a four lane, divided highway- and some of them did not like what they saw.

Residents complained that the 40-foot wide grass median along the 2.5 miles of roadway between the Robscott Turn and Augusta Dove in Chestnut Hill Estates will prevent residents and emergency vehicles from gaining quick access to the developments along the road.

The concerns surfaced during a design public hearing held Feb. 27 on an \$11.5 million improvement to Chestnut Hill Road (Delaware Route 4). The plans represent the second phase of the "Newark Connector," a

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# More police officers good idea, but expensive to fund

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Hill home, she remarked how the neighborhood streets had already been plowed. Seconds later, as we pulled her overnight bag out of the trunk, yet another plow travelled down Rahway Drive. Mackenzie, who lives in

Mackenzie, who lives in Manayunk where narrow streets and City of Philadelphia services combine to make street plowing a rarity, was impressed. So was I.

**Burglaries:** There are several eery feelings that one gets from time to time but none stranger than when you have been the victim of a crime.

In the case of the repeat Silverbrook burglary last week, surely a fear for your safety takes over.

But more often it's that horrible sense that you get when someone strange, someone you did not invite in, has violated your space. The feeling is hard to articulate, but if your home or car has ever been broken into, you know what I mean.

I know that the Newark police and their task-force partners are working 24/7 to catch this menace to our otherwise fairly quiet community

Residents may think otherwise. While wanting to assure residents they're on the case, it is unwise for police to publicly offer many details of what they've learned or what they're doing. To do so would jeopardize catching this scoundrel. After all, crooks read newspapers, too.

Speaking of police: Whether the city council or manager like it or not, this stream of burglaries is going to bring increased focus on the Newark police department. It will be a talking point in the council election this spring.

It's already a frequent topic of discussion for Newark citizens. The burglary and robbery spree has them remembering the claims of Newark officers and FOP leaders.

Residents recall complaints of understaffing and question maintaining the status quo when it comes to the problem of retention.

Some question whether the authorized strength of the NPD should be modeled after cities of comparable size, given the university presence and recent crime trends.

Maybe Newark needs more

officers, a cry heard more frequently when residents worry about burglaries yet know three officers were hired primarily to battle alcohol issues (alcohol and other specialized officers have been temporarily deployed to support the work of the task force).

It costs the city many dollars to put a new officer through the police academy and subsequent on-the-street training. When "new" officers leave after a few years to go to higher paying law enforcement agencies (like the state police), the city loses more than the financial investment, many claim. They lose the institutional knowledge that is critical to successful police work.

It's easy for arm chair pundents to say hire more police and pay them better. But councilmembers and city manager Carl Luft know that takes money, lots of it. The question remains whether city voters, scared by the burglar today, are willing to accept a tax hike for an improved sense of security tomorrow.

We'll see. But the climate's never been more conducive for such discussion.

■ The writer is publisher of this and three other niche publications headquartered in Newark. He chairs the Downtown Newark Partnership and is a member of the Newark Morning Rotary Club.

### NCC Executive Office 8x10

# To the Citizens of New Castle County YOU ARE INVITED

County Executive Chris Coons and the new members of County Council invite you to participate in a "Listening Campaign" taking place in these Council districts. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet and speak with the County Executive, the Council President, and your new Councilperson. Please consult the schedule below for the date and location of the meeting in your district. Take an active role in county government by planning to attend the session in your area.

### **Listening Campaign Schedule**

All meetings begin at 5:30 PM

Join County Executive Chris Coons and Council President Paul Clark on:

February 14th with 7th District Councilman George Smiley

at the Bear Library

February 24<sup>th</sup> with 10<sup>th</sup> District Councilman **Jea P. Street** at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center

February 28th with 12th District Councilman Bill Bell

March 7th with 9th District Councilman **Timothy Sheldon** 

at the Delaware City Fire Hall

at Shue Middle School

March 14<sup>th</sup> with 11<sup>th</sup> District Councilman **David L. Tackett** at the Glasgow High School.

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March 23<sup>rd</sup> with 1<sup>st</sup> District Councilman **Joseph Reda** at the Cranston Heights Fire Hall

Watch for future **Listening Sessions**cheduled in your district.

### 1980: Charter welcomed

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\$34 million project designed to ease traffic congestion between Elkton Road and Route 7 in Stanton.

### March 3, 2000

### Charter School widely welcome

A Charter School proposed for the Newark area is off to a flying start with more possible students than any likely facility could hold.

According to Joan Pierson, a Christiana District parent and former teacher, more than 600 applications have been received on the school's website already. "We are seeking final approval from the State Board of Education in April," Pierson told Newark city council members this week.

City councilmember Karl Kalbacher said he and his wife have signed up their 8-year old daugther. "I'm pleased with the amount of interest shown in this proposal," Kalbacher commented.

### 'Work done' for RR committee

SUE PAGES. T.M.

According to State Representative Joseph Miro, his House Committee has completed its investigation of the fatal railroad accident at the Deer Park intersection in Newark last July.

"We did not discover any new evidence to bring forward tonight over the last meeting's facts," said Miro on Tuesday. "Our work has come to an end."

The Railroad Crossing
Accident Committee established
by the Delaware House of
Representatives includes Miro as
chair and State Representatives
Timothy Boulden and Richard
DiLiberto, Jeffrey Taschner of
the State Department of Public
Safety and Deputy Attorney
General Ferris Wharton.

### Crosswalk still OK after 20 years

As a result of months of review by residents, city staff and transportation officials, Newark city council told DelDOT to leave well-enough alone at a Main Street crosswalk.

Up until late 1999, the pedestrian crossing downtown near the Galleria and Rainbow Records had been operating in the same manner for almost 20 years: whenever a pedestrian stepped out to cross, motorists were expected to stop. Flashing yellow lights indicated the possibility of a traffic event to drivers as they approached the crossing.

As part of the Monarch integrated signal system for downtown Newark, the Delaware Department of Transportation replaced the flashing light with a traffic signal and a pedestrianactivated push button.

# Lifestyle RELIGION • PEOPLE • DIVERSIONS • THE ARTS

### OUTLOOK

### Choose 4-H summer camps now

By DORIS BEHNKE

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

OUNGSTERS need a place where they feel comfortable and in which they can grow in an environment of tolerance, acceptance and friendship. According to the American Camping Association, for generations the camp community has been such a place-providing a nurturing, fun and creatively active atmosphere for children, teens and families.

Today, with the challenges children face daily, the camp experience is more important then ever. Is there any better way for a

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

child or teen to spend the summer that being in a place filled with community connectivity, compassion, cooperation and leadership? All of the 4-H camps New Castle County during the summer provide these opportunities and many

Sponsored through Cooperative Extension through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 4-H is a nationwide non-profit youth development organization for boys and girls ages 5 to 19. The New Castle County 4-H office is located at 910 South Chapel Street in Newark.

New Castle 4-H uses University of Delaware facilities to hold day camps. Children are grouped by age with other kids, and activities include animal science, computer class, archery, scrap booking, and photography just to name a few. Classes are limited to 12 campers, two counselors and one instructor. This smaller class size has proven to provide better one-on-one instruction, which provides for better experiential learning.

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# Film helps Newark family cope with death

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

AYING in your bed, you can barely keep your eyes open. You try hard. You want to see your family - your wife, your son, your daughter. You know that you're in a hospital and they're here to see you. But your eyelids are too heavy to keep open. In fact, everything is difficult. It's hard to breathe. It's a struggle to swallow. Eventually, your tired eyes win and you're back in the darkness.

Before you, your children argue over Last Rites. Your wife crumbles bit by bit from the sheer stress of your health. Your family bickers over whether you can even understand them. Your world falls apart.

This is the journey that Newarkborn filmmaker Jane Clark takes you on in her short movie, "A Host of Daffodils," which played at the Hearts and Minds Film Festival on Wednesday in Wilmington.

The story is a true one, based around her own father's death in 2003, seen through his eyes. It tells the tale of how her estranged family fell apart and eventually grew stronger in the face of tragedy. The breakdown starts almost immediately. Brother and sister war over whether their Jewish father should have a Catholic priest read his Last Rites. It would ease the pain for their mother. But the idea of ignoring their father's heritage was one that Jane could not bear.

"It just blew my mind that he would want this for our father," Jane said. "But he has this deep spirituality, and he didn't fathom

any other option."

The two battle over the issue, more out of fear for their father than anything else. But as they nurse their war wounds, they realize that this isn't what being a family is about.

"It really could have gone either way," she said. "It could have gotten really ugly and we could have spent the rest of our time together battle. But we both backed down and went the other way. We each took a deep breath and a step back."

Clark's film brings the agony of losing not just a father but possibly losing an entire family onto the screen. She spares no emotion for the viewer. Anger, grief and relief are all fair game. And just like in the face of a very real tragedy, every relationship is questioned. And in the end, every relationship is strengthened.

Long after the filming for "A Host of Daffodils" was over, Jane and her brother were still feeling out the terms of their newfound relationship. When Jane brought the finished product to him to see, there were a few jittery nerves. But after he saw the film, it was all worth it.

"He loved it," Jane said. "I didn't tell him the story line before I had the finished product because I wasn't sure what he'd think. But when he saw it, he was completely supportive. He absolutely loved it.

For the two of them, who grew up on Lenape Lane, the movie was cathartic. It helped heal their deep wounds, especially so for Jane. While editing the film, she was subjected to hours of watching the same scenes over and



'A Host of Daffodils" was based on a Newark family's experience with death, but was shot in California.

over again. It was then that the depth of what had happened sunk

"There were times that I had to stop and have a good cry," she said. "After my father died, I never really stopped to go through the emotions of it. When we were shooting, none of that took me there. But when we were editing I couldn't hide from it.'

And neither can the viewer. The movie makes every audience member confront the complex issues before them. It even makes them consider thing from their

### **Music inundates Newark**

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

EWARK may be better known for its bars and college-town atmosphere than for its music scene, but every once in a while, that changes. Occasionally, the musical talent in the area seems fated to align like the stars in Orion's Belt. This week is one of those weeks.

The town will be inundated with performances from Newarkbased musicians such as Vic Sadot and Club Phred and out-oftowners like Eric Himan and the Greater Wilmington String Band, starting this weekend.

First up on the musical cal-endar is Vic Sadot, a Newarkborn guitarist. He'll celebrate the release of his newest CD "Broadsides and Retrospectives," and 25 years of music at his CD release party at the Blue Crab Grill on Saturday, March 5. He is gathering some of his favoris gathering some of his favor-ite musicians to play with him, including the southern, zydeco flavor of Crazy Planet.

His newly released CD includes both old favorites like "Good Time Delaware," a trib-

ute to the state's seaside; and new, political pieces like "Mad Cowboy Disease." The later song tells the comic tale of how President George W. Bush might



Club Phred is just one of the bands that will be performing this week. Their fundraiser show will be held at the Stone Balloon on March 12 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

have contracted the disease at the Inauguration Dinner. The 1969 Newark High School graduate found a muse for the song at a 2003 protest. "There was a lady

carrying a sign that said, 'There is a cure for Mad Cowboy Disease." And when my brother and I saw

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# Two on tap at

BY CHRISTINE E. SERIO

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

THREE Little Bakers Dinner Theatre is doubling up on hits for the rest of this month and next month. The dining and entertainment venue is bringing top notch talent to the table with "Ain't Misbehavin"

and "My Alma Murder."
"Ain't Misbehavin'," a tribute to Fats Waller music, is being performed on the main stage from now to March 12. Usually the shows at TLB have a huge cast of talented, energetic performers, but this one is different. The show has only five performers, but their charisma, powerful voices and talent are big enough to fill the stage.

Dawn Christopher, Andre Dion Wills, Jillian Pirtle, Lavon Bratten-Miller and Michael Brooks transport the audience back to the days when the everyday attire for men was derby hat, shirts and ties and ladies wore fancy dresses, hats and furs.

Wills uses his deep, gravelly vocals and animated presence on stage to sing "Your Feets Too The tune is about a man who just can't love the woman because her feet are too big. Brooks uses his effortless tone to accompany Wills on the song "Fat and Greasy," which got lots of laughs from the audience. Wills and Brooks also got the

crowd involved on the chorus of this one and had the tables sing-

ing along.
Brooks also shows a comical side, as well as a bit of a sensual side, in "The Viper's Drag." Since Brooks was singing about puffing on marijuana, it was appropriate that the stage filled with smoke that enveloped him as his hips cut through the mist in some sexy moves. He had to tell the ladies they could "look, but don't touch."

With upswept, pinned back hairdos and flowers behind their ears, the ladies in the show got into the swing of things with some comedy as well. Bratten-Miller showed her versatility by reigning in her powerful vocals for a cutesy version of "Squeeze Me," complete with well-timed giggling and eyelash fluttering. Christopher showed her funny bone when she traded in her soulful tone for a ditzy, overdone rendition of "Yacht Club Swing." Of course the song wouldn't have been the same without the sailor hat she wore while singing.

Pirtle got her digs in during the song "Loungin' at the Waldorf." The ladies came on stage dressed to the nines with hats, flashy jewelry and furs. When she wasn't using her effortless voice, Pirtle, and the other ladies, would make a comical catty comment about the attire of her "friends."

Comedy is sprinkled through-out, and the show kept things hop-

ping and full of feeling the entire time. The audience can't help but bob their heads, tap their toes and snap their fingers to tunes like "Spreadin' Rhythm Around," "I Can't Give You Anything but Love," and "Ain't Misbehavin'."

The five performers proved that you don't need a big cast, just a talented one when they team up on the upbeat "Handful of Keys." Their unique voices blended perfectly when the playful mood of the show turned serious with "Black and Blue." The performers could give anyone the chills with their heartfelt, meaningful rendition of the song.

On Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, the doors will open for dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. On Thursday, the doors will open for the matinee at 11 a.m. and the show will



From left to right, Dawn Christopher, Andre Dion Wills, Jillian Pirtle, Michael Brooks and Lavon Bratten-Miller star in "Ain't Misbehavin" at Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre.

begin at 1:30 p.m. For Sunday matinees, the doors will open at noon and the show will begin at

2:30 p.m. Tickets prices for dinner and show range from \$33.95

## Many bands to play Newark this week

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that, we just started laughing," he said. "I knew I had to write a song about Mad Cowboy Disease.

Reservations are recommended for a table at Saturday's performance. Call 737-1100.

Then, on Sunday, March 6, Eric Himan will play a two-hour set at the Newark Arts Alliance on Elkton Road. Himan is in the middle of a national tour, presenting his solo rock style to audiences across the country.

His music career began in 2000, with the release of his first CD, "Eric Himan." Since then, his style and fame have grown. He has since released "I Go On" and "Dark Horse," both of which have brought him some national acclaim in magazines such as OUT, The Advocate, Instinct and Genre.

Himan takes on the Newark Arts Alliance at 1 p.m. for a two-hour set. The show is \$5 for students and NAA members, and \$10 for the general public. He will perform at The Grainery Station,

100 Elkton Road, Newark. On Monday, March 7, the Greater Wilmington String Band will perform at the Newark Senior Center, starting at 6:30 p.m. The show will feature classics from country, big band an contemporary genres. Tickets are \$4 and will include dancing and light refreshments.

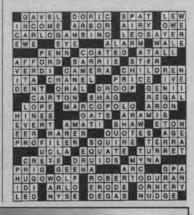
Then, Club Phred steals the spotlight on March 12 at the Stone Balloon. The Newarkbased cover band is hoping to raise money for the Christina Education Enrichment Fund, a group dedicated to honoring local students.

While each band member has about a decade of experience with their own instrument, the collective effort is still new. They've only begun playing together for an audience in the past two years. But their relative youth certainly hasn't held them back. They will

be playing on the same stage that many of their musical idols have. Guitar player and local lawyer Mark Sisk keeps it in perspective.
"On the one hand, I think, 'I'm not worthy,' then on the other hand, I'll take it," he said.

The show starts at 6 p.m. and runs until 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

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grades in the Fall of 2005

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August 1st - 5th

4-H Environmental Location: Townsend Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware. Ages 8 -13

August 8th - 12th

4-H Biotechnology Day Camp Location: Townsend Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware. Ages 8 -13

For more information about these camps, call 302-831-8965 and ask for Bonnie, or go online: www.ag.udel.edu/4h . Just click on the New Castle County link, then the summer camps link. New Castle County 4-H camps are very popular, so don't wait to schedule your child for the

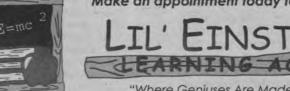
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WINE AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA 4:30 p.m. Wilmington Music School will present event. \$20 pre-purchased, \$25 at the door. The Wilmington Music School, 4101 Washington St. Info., 762-1132 x18. LECTURE 10 a.m. Umit Ozkan, of Ohio State University, will speak on a topic to be announced. 102/103 Colbourn Laboratory, Academy Street. Info., 831-8415.

COMEDY 8 - 10 p.m. Improv Comedy Show. Bacchus Theatre, Perkins Student Center, Academy Street. Info.,

355-0458.

JOHN REDA AT HOMEGROWN 7 - 10 p.m. John Reda will perform his renditions of Sinatra and more live. Home Grown Café and Gourmet to Go, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or visit www.homegrowncafe.com.

LOOKING EAST 5 - 8 p.m. Runs till March 24. This abstract art exhibit by Linda Ford was inspired by a recent trip to China. Free. The Station Gallery, 3922 Kennett Pike, Greenville. Info., 654-8638.

OVER AND UNDER: PAINTINGS BY N.C. WYETH 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Runs till May 8. This exhibition explores the artist's practice of reworking and reusing canvases. \$8 adults. \$5 seniors, students with ID, children 6-12. Free to children under 6. Brandywine River Museum and Environmental Management Center, Route 1, 141 Chadds Ford. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www. brandywinemuseum.org or www.brandywineconservancy.org.

OKLAHOMA! 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday March 4-5. Christiana High's Viking Players present this play. \$6 adults. \$4 students, senior citizens. Christiana High School Auditorium, 190 Salem Church Rd. Info., 454-2123 ext. 222 or visit www.christiana.k12.de.us/christiana/VikingPlayers.

SATURDAY



DEFENSIVE DRIVING ONE-DAY COURSE 9 a.m. -4 p.m. Class will earn 10 percent reduction on car insurance. \$30. Delaware Safety Council, 3 Old Barley Mill Rd. Info., 654-7786.

WORLD WAR II STORYTELLING 1 - 4 p.m. Experience this inspiring, entertaining and educational afternoon. \$8. Must be prepaid to reserve spot. Judge Morris Estate, Polly Drummond Hill Road. Info., 368-6900.

MEXICAN CULTURAL DAY 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Celebrate Mexican heritage with Mexican folk music,

Mexican dance, Mexican cuisine and more. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 ext. 512.

PAW PACK RAFFLE Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Drawings begin at 7 p.m. More than 200 baskets filled with valuable goods will be raffled. Adults Only. \$5. Springs Elementary School, 2916 Duncan Rd. Info., 638-5681.

DELAWARE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Includes breakfast, keynote speaker luncheon, three workshops, exhibit access, and book and craft



# SINGER & SONGWRITER TO PERFORM

Eric Himan will make an appearance at the Newark Arts Alliance on Sunday, March 6. The singer and songwriter will play his original music off of his most recent album, "Dark Horse." The show will run from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students, NAA members

and seniors and \$10 for everyone else. Newark Arts Alliance, The Grainery Station, 100 Elkton Road.

sales. Clayton Hall, UD campus. Info., 761-8005 or visit www.delawarewomen. org.

EARTH SCIENCE GEM AND MINERAL SHOW 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 5-6. This 42<sup>nd</sup> annual event features exhibits of minerals, fossils, university museum displays and dealers of fine goods. \$4. \$3 for seniors. \$2.50 for children 12-16. Free for children under 12. Del Tech Community College, Churchmans Road, Newark. Info., 234-4488 or visit www.delminsociety.com.

MARVELOUS MAPLES 1 p.m. The story of maple sugaring. Boil up a taste of maple syrup from Fair Hill's own trees. Members free, nonmembers \$5. Memberships available at the door. Reservations required. Fair Hill Nature Center. Info., 410-398-4909.

BLUEBIRDS Class will teach you how to attract these birds to your backyard.

Build your own bluebird nesting box. Fee is \$8 per nesting box. Program free to members, \$5 for nonmembers. Memberships available at the door. Reservations required. Fair Hill Nature Center. Info., 410-398-4909.

HORTICULTURE WORKSHOP: BEGINNING BONSAI 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This day-long course is designed for beginners interested in bonsai, the centuries old Asiatic art of dwarfing trees and shrubs grown in pots or small spaces. Preregistration required. \$149. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info.,

610-388-1000 ext. 507 or visit www.longwoodgardens.org.

GARDENING BASICS: CHAINSAW OPERATION AND SAFETY 9 a.m.
- noon. Learn to prune or take down a tree, learn to do basic maintenance for a chainsaw. Bring your chainsaw and learn to take it apart, clean it, and sharpen the blades. Pre-registration required. \$49. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 ext. 507 or visit www.longwoodlearning.org.

#### ■ SUNDAY, MARCH 6

CRITICAL REVIEW 7 p.m. A discussion will take place over conservative Christian literature. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 731-2622.

DELAWARE DANCE FESTIVAL 1 and 5 p.m. 20 dance companies will perform in this program. \$15 adults. \$10 children 12-under. Mitchell Hall, UD campus. Info., 266-6362.

CONCERT 2 p.m. The Wilmington Community Orchestra will present this event. \$5. The Wilmington Music School, 4101 Washington St. Info., 762-1132 x18.

1 HATE MY LAWN 6:30 - 9 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday, March 6 and 9. Class part of Master Gardeners workshops. \$30 (for two sessions). Fischer Greenhouse, 910 S. Chapel St. Info., 831-2667.

NORTHERN LIGHTS 7:30 p.m. Newark Symphony Orchestra will hold this concert. Loudis Recital Hall, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info., 369-3466.

BASKETFEST 1:30 p.m. 6th annual event, where more than 50 baskets will be given away. Adults only. \$15 (or \$17 at the door) entitles you to refreshments and 20 chances to win. Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Rd. Info., 366-8330.

PUSS 'N BOOTS 2 p.m. The Wilmington Drama League's Chrysalis Players presents this play. Free. Suitable for children of all ages. Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave. Info., 731-7550.

WINTER BIRDS 8 a.m. Follow the quiet sound of the winter songbirds through the hush of the Flint Woods Trails. Flint Woods is home to many species of native birds and a perfect place for a quiet winter hike through this protected wilderness. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

ORGAN FACULTY RECITAL 3 p.m. David Herman will give performance, performing organ concertos by Bach, Handel and Louis Couperin, Buxtehude and Dubois. \$10 for adults. \$7 for seniors. \$3 for students. Loudis Recitation Hall, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road. Info., 831-2557.

### ■ MONDAY, MARCH 7

CRAFT SAMPLER MONDAY 6:30 p.m. Learn a new craft without the hassle of confusing directions or diagrams. \$25, must be prepaid. Judge Morris Estate, Polly Drummond Hill Road. Info., 368-6900.

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#### FRIDAY, MARCH 4

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

#### ■ SATURDAY, MARCH 5

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

KARAOKE 8 p.m. - midnight. Saturdays. The American Legion of Elkton. Info., 410-398-9720.

CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION 8:30 a.m. First Saturday. Denny's on Route 13. Info., 838-6458.

### ■ MONDAY, MARCH 7

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

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FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL
CLASSES 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays.
Classes for English Conversation.
Registration required. Newark United

Methodist Church, 69 East Main St. Info., 368-4942 or 368-8774.

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

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

GUARDIANS' SUPPORT 6 - 8 p.m. Mondays. Meeting for grandparents and all those raising others' children. Children & Families First, 62 N. Chapel St. Info., 658-5177, ext. 260. NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15 - 7:30

p.m. Mondays, The Holiday Inn, Rt. 273. Info., 453-8853.

NCCO STROKE CLUB Noon. Mondays. The Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., 324-4444.

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m.

Mondays. St. Thomas Episcopal Church,
South College Avenue. Info., 368-2318.

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

#### ■ TUESDAY, MARCH 8

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays. For men who like to sing. New

### MEETINGS

Ark United Church of Christ, 300 East Main St. Info., 368-3052.

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

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

SCRAPBOOKING 7 - 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Nursery, \$2 per child. Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow. Info., 834-GRPC.

Road, Glasgow. Info., 834-GRPC.

MS SUPPORT 4 - 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

MS Society Headquarters, 2 Mill Rd.,
Wilmington. Info., 655-5610.

CHRISTINA SCHOOL BOARD 7:30 p.m. Second Tuesday. Info., 552-2600 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT 7 p.m. Second Tuesday. The Easter Seal Center Conference Room, Corporate Cir., New Castle. Info., 324-4455. CANCER SUPPORT 6:30 p.m. Second

and fourth Tuesday. 405 Silverside/Carr Executive Center, Wilmington. Info., 733-3900.

THYCA DELAWARE 6:30 p.m., Second

Wednesday. Offers survivors, families, friends and caregivers a chance to share experiences. Helen F. Graham Cancer Center. Info., 454-1987 or visit www. thyca.org.

#### **■** WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

CAREGIVER SUPPORT Noon. Second Wednesday. Free & open to public. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD 7 p.m. Third Wednesday. Meetings alternate between Bayard and Keene schools. Info., 454-2500 or visit www.christina. k12.de.us.

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

ANXIETY DISORDER 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
Second & fourth Wednesday. Support
group sponsored by Mental Health
Association in Delaware. To maintain the
privacy of members, support group locations not published. Info., 765-9740.
NEWARK DELTONES 7 - 10 p.m.

NEWARK DELTONES 7 - 10 p.m.
Wednesdays. New Ark United Church of
Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 737-4544.
FAMILY CIRCLES 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays. Newark Senior Center, 200
White Chapel Dr. Info., 658-5177.
SCHOOL MENTORING 6 - 7 p.m.

Second Wednesday. Big Brothers-Big Sisters Wilmington Office, 102 Middleboro Rd. Info., 998-3577. SKI CLUB 7 p.m. Second Wednesday.

Week-long & day ski trips, sailing, biking, rafting and more planned. All ages welcome. Hockessin Fire Hall. Info., 792-7070.

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

### **■ THURSDAY, MARCH 10**

STORYCRAFTS 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Program runs until May 13. For children 3-6. The New Castle Public Library, 424 Delaware St. Info., 328-1995.

STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Thursdays.

Animal stories read by a lively storyteller.

Near the Otter exhibit, Brandywine Zoo.

Info., 571-7747.

WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7 - 9 p.m.
Thursdays. Support group sponsored by
Mental Health Association in Delaware.
Free. To protect privacy of members,
meeting locations provided only with
registration. Info., 765-9740.

NAMI-DE 7:30 p.m. Second Thursday. Support group meeting for family members of persons living with mental illness. St. James Episcopal Church, Kirkwood

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#### ► EVENTS, from 10

CONCERT 6:30 p.m. The Greater Wilmington String Band will present this concert. Dancing, light refreshments available, \$4. The Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

CELLO FACULTY RECITAL 7 p.m. Lawrence Stomberg will give performance, performing complete sonatas for piano and violoncello by Beethoven, with Jonathan Faiman, a guest pianist. \$10 for adults. \$7 for seniors. \$3 for students. Loudis Recitation Hall, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road. Info.,

THE PLANETS 8 p.m. The general public is invited to visit the observatory to check out the planets, moon and other sky objects through binoculars and telescopes. Admission by reservation only. Mt. Cuba Astronomical Observatory, 1610 Hillside Mill Rd., Greenville. Info., 654-6407.

#### ■ TUESDAY, MARCH 8

831-2557

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS 7 p.m. Come see this legendary team play. Bob Carpenter Center, S. College Avenue, Info., UD1-HENS, HORTICULTURE COURSE: MATURE

TREE CARE 1 - 2:30 p.m. Learn how to care for your trees during their golden years with tree expert Ed Gilman from the University of Florida. Pre-registration required. \$39. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 ext. 507

STORMS & HURRICANES: HOW TREES SURVIVE 7 p.m. Professor of Environmental Horticulture at the University of Florida, Ed Gilman, will lecture on the effects of storms on trees and how they can survive. Pre-registration required, \$29. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square, Info., 610-388-1000 ext. 507 or visit www. longwoodlearning.org.

### ■ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

MOVIE PRESENTATION 7 p.m. Newark

Lions Club will present the movie Gladiator. \$3. Newark Cinema Center, Newark Shopping Center, Main Street. Info., 737-

BARITONE FACULTY RECITAL 8 p.m. Jean-Ronald LaFond will give performance, performing works by Vaugn Williams, Mahler and Cordero. \$10 for adults. \$7 for seniors. \$3 for students. Loudis Recitation Hall, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road. Info., 831-2557.

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW TRIP Bus leaves 10 a.m. Arrives 6 p.m. Trip to the show sponsored by Newark Parks & Rec. Come enjoy the nation's premier flower show \$35 adult Newark residents; \$38 non-residents \$28 12-under Newark residents; \$31 nonresidents. Bus departs from Suburban Plaza, Elkton Road. Info., 366-7060 or 366-7033

BRUCE ANTHONY AT HOME GROWN CAFÉ 8 - 11 p.m. Bruce Anthony will perform jazz music which has made him a local phenomenon. Home Grown Café and Gourmei to Go, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or visit www.homegrowncafe.com

#### **■ THURSDAY, MARCH 10**

2005 DELAWARE INVESTMENT

EDUCATION CONFERENCES 6 - 9 p.m. Hear from top professionals in investment and personal finance. Free, Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 577-8930.

PUZZLED BY PRUNING Part of Master Gardeners workshops. Also offered in Wilmington on March 17, \$18, Fischer Greenhouse, 910 S. Chapel St. Info., 831-

CERTIFICATE COURSE: BROAD-LEAVED EVERGREENS 7 - 9 p.m. Runs till April 21/22. Learn the identification, culture and landscape use of over 50 broadleaved evergreens suitable for your garden in this 6-session course. Program also available Friday mornings, 9 - 11 a.m. Preregistration required. \$139. Includes lunch. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 ext. 507 or visit www. longwoodgardens.org

INTRO TO FLY FISHING 7 p.m. This course will teach some fly fishing basics. The

park has rods and reels available for use, but bring your own equipment if you have it! \$5. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info...

#### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY Program runs from June 20-24. The Newark Police Department will host a program that will give young people insight into the duties of a officer or emergency worker. Pre-registration required. Cost pending. Registration runs

Elkton Rd. Info., 366-7110 ext. 125 or visit http://newark.de.us/docs/departments/youth academy.html.

### FAMILY EGGSTRAVAGANZA 6:30 - 8:30

p.m. Friday, March 18. Crafts, activities and games for all ages. \$5 (\$3 non-Newark resident fee for first family member). Registration required. George Wilson Center. Info. 366-7033

till April 30. Newark Police Dept., 220

TEACHER RECRUITER CONFERENCE 2 8 p.m. March 21 and 22. First day features

recruiters from Delaware schools, second day features recruiters from several states. Teachers interested should bring plenty of resume copies. Must pre-register. Bob Carpenter Center, S. College Avenue. Info., 831-8570.

A QUILTER'S DAY OUT 8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, March 12. Includes demonstrations. catered lunch and hands-on workshops. \$50 full day, \$23 half day. Must pre-register. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 366-7060.



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### **OBITUARY**

### Herbert Dayton, 77, Yale grad, community leader

EWARK resident Herbert Spencer Dayton, Jr., 77, died on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005.

Born in New York, N.Y. on Jan. 2, 1928, Mr. Dayton was the only son of the late Herbert S. Dayton and Helene Masi Dayton.

He was a 1947 graduate of Yale University, served in the New York National Guard 7th Regiment, and worked for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States in Philadelphia.

He was a past president of the Fairfield Civic Association, Fairfield/Fairfield Crest Swim Club, past treasurer of the Newark American Little League and lay reader at St. John's/Holy Angels Church.

He is survived by his former wife, Margaret C. Dayton; son, H. Spencer Dayton, III and his wife, Carroll, of Newark; son, Robert Dayton II, of Newark; son, Richard T. Dayton and his wife, Carroll, of Newark; daughter, Elizabeth Dayton Bowman, of Newark; son, Jeffrey A. Dayton and his wife, Patricia, of Baltimore; daughter, Carol Dayton Byerly and her husband, Alan, of Crumpton, Md.; daughter, Margaret E. Dayton and her husband, Everett Jones, of Newark; his aunt, Helen D. Loper of Rockville, Md.; 16 grandchildren and one great grandson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was scheduled for Monday, Feb. 28, at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church.

Burial was scheduled to be private.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center, 4701 Ogletown-Stanton Road, Newark, DE 19713.

■ Additional local obituaries are posted each week on the Newark Post web site. The web address appears at the top of every right-hand page. Obituaries of the following persons will be posted. this week on the web:

Jesse Colpo John Pelachick William E. Mccool Herbert Spencer Dayton Brian T. Vansant Olive May Wilbur Clark

### Military family?

The news staff of the *Newark Post* is interested in talking with local military families about their experiences during the past two years.

Family members willing to share their stories, challenges and experiences are asked to contact Kaytie Dowling at 737-0724.

# After-school academy expected to be model for nation

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

program to combine afterschool care and improve students' reading – the first of its kind in the nation, has been delayed from March 2 to mid-month due to recent snow closings.

Due to a growing number of children needing after-school care and the need to support their academic development, structured after-school learning academies were opened in the Christina School District, the first district in the nation to offer such a program, said Richard Kapolka, executive director of the Christina Partners for Excellence (CPE) that oversees the program.

Christina's academies will be closely watched by many school districts, he said, and could become the model of a national program.

The major goal of the academies is to provide a safe, secure and academically challenging and fun environment for elementary students between grades one and six. At the same time the program will accelerate the student's achievement in reading, which in turn will improve the school's ratings under No Child

Left Behind.

Many school districts and nonprofit organizations around the country offer childcare programs for the hours after school dismissal and the time parents can pick them up after work hours, with scheduled time for snacks, homework, recreation and socializing.

The Christina academies align the services of community-based organizations with the specific academic needs of each child who attends. The key to the success of the academies is the 40 minutes of tutoring for every child at least three days a week on reading skills that are directly related to their classroom activities. The individual attention will come from trained tutors with the HOSTS program.

Many schools in the district currently utilize volunteers from local businesses, community

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members, grandparents, and high school students through HOSTS.

The HOSTS program -Helping One Student To Succeed develops a specific academic program for individual needs, directly aligned with their classroom studies.

Under the direction of CPE and funded by Options For Education, an Oregon-based company, the first academies are serving Title I students from Bancroft, Pulaski, Stubbs and Wilson schools. Two schools in the Red Clay District, Warner and Marbrook, will join the project next fall.

Title I students are those who receive free or reduced lunch. Research shows a direct link between poverty and low academic achievement.

Christina District students who do not qualify for Title I or Purchase of Care services can attend the academies at \$95 per week.

The academies are held Monday through Friday, between 3 and 6 p.m. Students are bused from their school at dismissal time to one of six academy locations closest to where they live. The academy sites are Bancroft, Jones, Keene, Pulaski, Shue/ Medill, and Stubbs schools. For approximately three hours, students have a snack time, enrichment and recreation activities, homework help and individualized tutoring. Other community organizations such as Junior Achievement of Delaware, the Delaware Nature Society, 4H, the YMCA, Pegasus Art Program and local independent music instructors will help provide enrichment activities.

At 6 p.m., the students are picked up by parents or guardians.

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

More than 30 volunteers were being trained at the Peoples Settlement in Wilmington to be After-School Academy tutors. Above, Madeline Johnson, left, and Elaine Wallace designed tee-shirts that would be used to introduce themselves to their mentees the first time they met. Nearly 1,000 tutors are needed to make the academy program successful.



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### Winter state tournaments provide the most thrills

### By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Intensity. Emotion.

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High school state tournaments have always been events that I've enjoyed going to. And more than any of the other two seasons, the winter state tournaments have been the ones I look forward to most.

Maybe it's because they're inside relatively cozy venues that just ratchet up the noise and atmosphere or maybe because the end of the winter season means warm weather is just around

the corner (although you'd be hard pressed to say that this year). Whatever it is, the winter tournaments are great.



Valania This past weekend's swimming and wrestling tournaments did nothing to dispel these thoughts on the winter season. Now, we still have the boys and girls basketball tournaments still to go.

### Not a good start

As good as the past week was for the end of the winter sports, it was miserable for the beginning of the spring season.

The spring season always seems to take a beating from the weather. March 1 – the traditional start of the spring practice season - saw most schools closed due to snow that had fallen the previous day.

That means there will be baseball, softball, girls soccer, tennis and track teams vying for limited gym space. And even if teams can get gym time, it's not a substitute for being out on the practice fields.

Indoor sports in gyms are great. Outdoor sports in gyms are brutal.

# Newark boys win swim title

### Jackets dethrone Sallies for state championship

**By JOE BACKER** 

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The Newark boys team won its historic, first-ever, state swim title Sunday evening at the University of Delaware, after claiming victory in the final event of the night, the 400-Yard Freestyle Relay.

Newark replaces defending state champion Salesianum as the top swimmers in Delaware. The Sals had won six consecutive titles, and eight of the last nine

The final standings revealed how close the meet was throughout the evening, as Newark finished with 263.5 points, just ahead of the Sals at 234. The Charter School of Wilmington came in third with 230.5 points, and McKean completed the day

with 218.

The Yellowjacket team of Sean Fagan, Scott Shinton,

Garrett Arant and Grady Carter won the 400-Relay in 3:18.34, narrowly edging Charter and St. Andrew's. Salesianum's relay team won the consolation heat, but that was only good enough

for ninth place in that event.

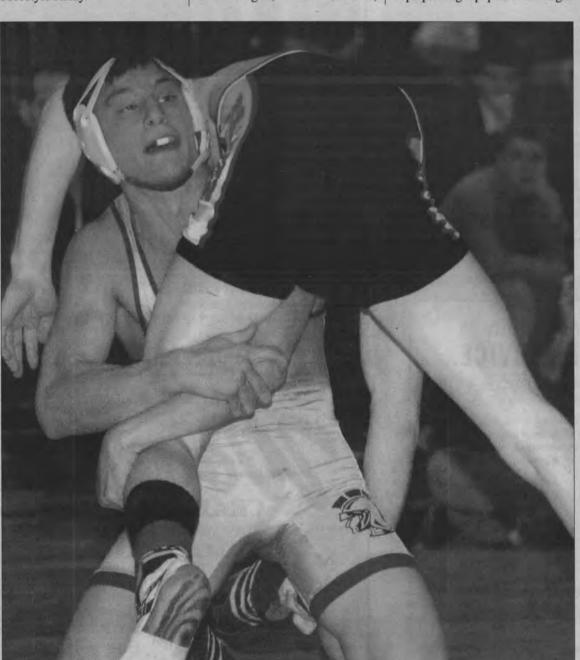
"This is great, this is awesome," said Newark coach Clint
Orem. "There's so much more to
watch out for during a state meet when you're swimming against the best in the state. All during the meet, we were keeping track of Sallies and Charter, falling back and moving up, but we just kept picking up points all night

long," he said.

Orem said his team's depth helped turn a good day at the UD pool, into a championship performance. "It's hard to single out any one swimmer tonight, because everyone gave his best effort, and without everyone coneffort, and without everyone contributing, we couldn't come out of here tonight the way we did," he said.

Incidentally, Orem was a swimmer on the 1998 McKean Highlander swim team, the last squad to defeat Sallies seven

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

# Bradley, Shaw crowned champs

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Andrew Bradley and Jeremy Shaw each captured crowns at the 49th annual Delaware High Individual School Championship Tournament at Delaware State University Sunday night.
The two St. Mark's High

wrestlers won four matches without a loss over the weekend to win titles. Shaw, a junior, won the 125-pound weight class with a 5-4 decision over Milford's Nate Fleming while Bradley won the 145-pound title with an 11-2 major decision over William Penn's Ryan Gibbons. It was Bradley's second state champi-

"Shaw and Bradley's dedication and determination to win paid off with great dividends," said St. Mark's coach Jay Bastianelli. "For both to win state championships as under-classmen shows how hard work can get you what you deserve in our sport. Both wrestled well throughout the tournament and defeated tough opponents for the second time on the year.'

addition, five other

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Andrew Bradley, of St. Mark's, defeated William Penn's Ryan Gibbons 11-2 in the 140-pound final.

# St. Mark's girls regain state swim championship

### Newark High girls finish third

**By JOE BACKER** 

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The St. Mark's girls team reclaimed the state title with an overwhelming performance in the 2005 Delaware State Diving Swimming and Championships held Sunday at the University of Delaware.

The championships, originally scheduled for Saturday, were pushed back a day because of a snowstorm earlier in the week.

The Lady Spartans easily defeated their closest competitors Charter School of Wilmington and Newark by scoring 360 points, compared to 300 for the Force and 270 for the Lady Yellowjackets.

St. Mark's first year coach Chris Collier said the girls gave their all throughout the season.

"The entire team swam great today. We had some tough decisions to make today because of our depth, but the girls reacted extremely well to that, it was a great day," he said.

Newark was the defending state champion, and wore the crown for two consecutive years. The Spartans had won nine years in a row before Newark earned an

upset victory in 2003.
"I'm very proud of what my girls accomplished today," said Newark coach Mary Jean Newark coach Mary Jean Polaski. "We have a young team, because we graduated a lot of excellent swimmers last spring,

but these girls showed a lot of heart and character. Every girl recorded their best times of the year here this weekend, and you can't ask for much more than that, because they worked really hard to get that third place finish," said Polaski.

St. Mark's scored a number of high finishes during the second half of the meet, scoring a first and third in the 100-freestyle; a second and third in the 500freestyle; first place in the 200freestyle Relay; first place in the 100-backstroke; and first in the 400-freestyle relay.

"Our championship wasn't won just today, but in December and January, when you decide to either stay home, or stick your face in the people for a stay." face in the pool for practice sessions, and our girls made the right decisions this year, "said Collier.

The Yellowjackets top finishers included a second in the 100freestyle; second in the 200freestyle relay; second and sixth in the 100-breaststroke; and third in the 400-freestyle Relay.

Glasgow's Mallory Onisk was a multiple winner, grabbing a first place finish in the 200-Individual Medley, (2:09.08); and a second in the 100-butterfly (58:62).

The meet began as a close duel between Charter, St. Mark's and Newark, but as the day progressed, the Spartans pulled away from the pack with incredible team depth.

The Spartans score major points in early events of the day, including Christina Ruggiero's first in the 200-freestyle, (1:54.24) a second in the 200-



Newark's Stephanie Harper finished second in the 100-breastroke at the state championship meet.

Medley Relay; second and 6th place in the 200-Individual Medley; and two-top eight finishers in the 50-freestyle.

A. I. DuPont's Sarah

Horstmann won the 1-Meter Diving with a score of 367.10. Middletown's Kelly Crawford was second with 315.10, and Lake Forest's Angela Welch fin-

ished third with a 303.75. Newark's Colleen Poynton came in eighth place.

# Yellowjackets win state meet

### NEWARK, from 14

Early in the meet, Tatnall held a surprising lead over the pack, with Charter, Newark, Sallies and McKean remaining within striking distance.

Salesianum senior Kuderka won the 1-Meter Diving competition for the fourth year in a row. His 465.75 points are the second highest in state history behind Christiana's Eric Robson in 1997. Kuderka, who's probably heading to Penn State next year, joins Robson as only the second boy to ever win four consecutive state diving champi-

Newark divers, senior Greg Richards and sophomore Jake Zingaro also made a major contribution to the team victory, picking up 29 valuable points for their fourth and fifth place finish-

After the diving event, the Newark team gradually pulled away from the pack until the exciting final event.

Arant, a senior, who swam in the 200-freestyle and final event, said it was a great day for the Jackets. "I knew I had to help set the tone, and I was fortunate to place second in the 200, but winning the meet was just big for my

school, especially since we've never done it before," he said.

Grady Carter echoed Arant's sentiments; "We worked hard all year, with two hour practices every day. It just feels great to finally win it all."

Salesianum coach Hanning said he was delighted to grab a second in the states. "We are happy with the finish. After graduating two All-American's last year, we knew it would be difficult to keep the winning streak going, so we're very pleased, and we're already looking forward to next year," said



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# Blue Hens set to open CAA Tournament play

The University of Delaware men's basketball squad has earned the No. 7 seed and will take on No. 10 seed Towson in the opening round of the Colonial Athletic Association Men's Basketball Tournament this Friday, March 4 at the Richmond Coliseum.

No. 8 seed James Madison (6-21, 3-15 CAA) and No. 9 William & Mary (7-20, 3-15 CAA) will open the tournament with the first play-in game Friday at 5:30 p.m. followed by Delaware (10-19, 7-11 CAA) taking on Towson (5-23, 2-16 CAA) at 8 p.m.

The quarterfinals will be held Saturday, March 5 with No. 1 seed Old Dominion (25-5, 15-3 CAA) taking on the winner of the JMU-William & Mary game at 12 noon; No. 4 Drexel (17-10, 12-6 CAA) will take on No. 5 Hofstra (20-7, 12-6 CAA) at 2:30 p.m.; No. 2 seed and defending c h a m p i o n V i r g i n i a Commonwealth (17-11, 13-5 CAA) will take on the Delaware-Towson winner at 6 p.m.; and No. 3 UNC Wilmington (18-9, 13-5 CAA) will take on No. 6 George

Mason (16-12, 10-8) at 8:30 p.m. Semifinal games will be held Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. with Monday's final set for 7 p.m. Both semifinal games will be televised live on Comcast SportsNet while the championship game will be televised live on ESPN. The winner earns an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament.

### Phoenix women's hockey team triumphs

Delaware Phoenix Women's defeated the Saturday at the University of Delaware's Fred Rust Arena. Jen Smith took charge and scored two goals, one assisted by Ally Bettinger and the other assisted by Nancy Nonne. Lauren Fuchs extended the lead with an unas-sisted goal, and BC Biesinger rounded out the scoring assisted by Lauren Fuchs and Carolyn Palo. Team Phoenix is looking forward to the M.A.W.H.L. playoffs, in Aston, PA and U.S.A. Hockey District, in Northern New Jersey in the upcoming weeks.

Later that evening the Delaware Phoenix (U.W.H.L.) played the Pennsylvania Hawks tying 3-3. What an exciting game! The Phoenix took the lead with the first goal scored by Andy Nonne. The Hawks answered and it was tied 1-1 going into the second period. Andy Nonne came back and

scored the second goal and P.J. Johnson crashed the net to extend the lead 3-1 in the third period. The Hawks came back, scored, and then tied with 17 seconds left on the clock.

The Delaware Phoenix Women's Ice Hockey (U.W.H.L.) team completed this weekend with a game on Sunday at the University of Delaware's Fred Rust Ice Arena against the Pennsylvania Thrashers. The Thrashers won with a single goal scored in the third period. The Phoenix U.W.H.L. team is looking forward to the playoffs the third week of March in Aston, PA.

The Delaware Phoenix Women's Ice Hockey teams skate out of the University of Delaware's Fred Rust Ice Arena. Girls and women of all ages and abilities are welcome to join this exciting sport. For more information, please call 302-368-0040.

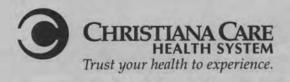
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Wednesday, March 16, 2005, 7 – 8 p.m. Wilmington Hospital Conference Center 501 W. 14th Street Wilmington, Delaware

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# Two Caravel freshmen reach state finals

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Spartans placed in the top six including 215-pounder Kenny Zell, who finished second. Vinnie Shaw finished fourth at 112 while Andrew Riley (130) and Zack Fredrick (140) finished fifth. Tom Abbott, who won the Independent Conference tournament a week earlier, dislocated his shoulder in his quarterfinal victory and defaulted to sixth place.

place.
"Obviously, we felt Abbott would have had a strong possibility of winning the whole thing," Bastianelli said. "But Vinnie Shaw had an awesome tournament and Riley and Fredrick getting on the medal stand was a positive experience.

"Zell had a great tournament and just ran into a stud in the finals. Every kid he wrestled ended up placing."

Bastianelli was happy with how much the team improved throughout the season.

"In the end, this team was light years away from where they started the year," he said. "You go up and down the lineup and each wrestler improved tremendously. That's a credit to their work ethic and perseverance. To return 11 of 14 wrestlers next year, the coaching staff can't wait

to get until next season."

### Caravel has two finalists

Caravel Academy placed two wrestlers in the state final for the first time in school history.

Freshmen Jarrod Garnett (103) and Vinnie Ranauto (152) both made it to the finals before losing to the state's top-ranked wrestler in their respective weight classes.

Garnett fell to Sussex Central's Connor McDonald while Ranauto lost a tough 3-2 decision to Salesianum's Nick Dominelli.

"I'm happy with what they did," said Caravel coach Matt Zambanini. "Jarrod tried to take it to Connor, but he's just so good, he just opened it up in the third period."

Ranauto won his first two matches in overtime and 3-2 in the semifinals on his way to the final

"Vinnie was the aggressor in the final three matches," Zambanini said, "He's only a freshman. Can you imagine how good he'll be in a couple of years? I'm happy with what he did."

# Planners want Stone Balloon condo project cut to 54

#### ► CONDOS, from 1

This decision, which is identical to the suggestion that commissioners made two months ago when they tabled the discussion, comes after several months of debate between commissioners and the project's builders.

Builders originally planned for a four-and-a-half story building with 85 units, two floors of parking, and 5,000 square feet of retail space. However, city staff and several commissioners felt that the building's high density and looming size was out of character for the downtown. City Planning Director Roy Lopata originally recommended cutting the number of units down to 27 to stay in character with nearby

But at the Jan. 4 meeting, commissioners decided that number was too low and doubled it, recommending that the builders return with a design that limited units to 54.

Then, at Tuesday's meeting, the applicants, The Graceland Group LLC, returned with designs that moved apartments further back from Main Street and tried to keep a minimalist façade. However, only three units were cut from the plans.

"They got the same approval for the same plans," Lopata said after the meeting, referring to how few changes were made to the size and density of the proj-

The same problems mentioned

density - hung over the heads of commissioners.

"This building is way too tall and way too big," Commissioner Joseph Wald said during the meeting.

However, the turning point for the building's future came when Commissioner James Soles spoke out in favor of the plans.

"This does not loom as the large tower that I keep hearing about," he said. "It's not overwhelming from Main Street. It will look huge from the parking lot. It's a big building. But my concern was how it would look from Main Street, and those fears nearly evaporate with these pho-

Designers came equipped with

computer generated photos of the new façade and how it would appear on Main Street. While some of the meeting's attendees thought the photos were deceiving at the angle they were taken from, they worked well at quelling fears of becoming a behemoth building.

The public had mixed feelings about the building. Newark resident and business owner Angela DeGuillian spoke in favor of Waterstone. "I strongly support this plan," she said. "It will bring a lot economically to the downtown, and I personally look forward to living there.

Resident Steve Coverdale also supported the plans. "This is a great opportunity to buy a piece of Newark," he said. "I am also looking to purchase one of these condos."

However, the crowd had its naysayers, too.

Resident Jean White was opposed to the size. "We have to look at the context of the building," she said. "We shouldn't let the demand dictate the size of the building. If we had 200 people interested in living here, would we build a 200-unit building?"

While the plans have earned a tentative go-ahead, the decision is not a binding one. The Newark City Council makes the final determination. The Graceland Group could bring the plans completely unaltered before the city council next month and still receive approval.

# Newark post office stays open later

Part of trial run. evaluation due after 90 days

HE business trend to stay open later doesn't just apply to fast food restaurants and chain stores

Patrons of the Newark Post Office can send off packages until 8 p.m. on weekdays.

It's part of the office's pilot program to determine if the local post office needs later hours.

The extended hours trial run began on Feb. 14 and will last a total of

"We know our customers are busy," said Newark Postmaster Christopher "King, "so we're open later to serve them better. For many of our customers, the typical business day doesn't end at 5 or even

6 p.m., and many others don't always have the chance to get the post office during the day."

"Providing extended service hours to our customers makes it easier and more convenient than ever for them to take care of their shipping and mailing needs," King said.

Early, late, or anytime in between, the Newark Post Office offers a full range of postal products and services, beginning at 7:30 each weekday morning, King said. Retail service is avail-

able on Saturdays, as well, from 8 a.m. to 1

Local postal officials will evaluate data generated over the next 90 days to gauge the success of the extended

### Exhibit of Iraqi photographs coming to Newark

Take a moment and look into the eyes staring back at you from behind the veil. Think about what they see every day in their war-torn country. That's what photographers Benjamin Busch, David Bacon, Jane McBee and James Longley are hoping you'll do.

Their compilations of portraits from Iraq will tour the state of Delaware, stopping in Newark at the Newark United Methodist Church from March 11 through

The exhibit, which is sponsored by Pacem in Terris, is composed of 50 black and white prints. The images invite the viewer to consider the lives of ordinary Iraqis, who by accident of geography, are coping with unimaginable hardships.

"I think [the show] is very important because it lets us have a chance to connect on a human level," said Sally Milbury-Steen

of Pacem in Terris. "We don't see the counterparts of ourselves in the daily news coverage. That's what this provides.

The show will be open to viewers on Friday, March 11 from 5 until 8 p.m., on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 3 to 9 p.m. The church is located at 69 E. Main

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# Mentor at all levels

Carper encourages Rotarians to share spirit of volunteerism

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

F U.S. senators were more like governors, they would get more accomplished. At least that's the opinion of Sen. Thomas

At a centennial celebration dinner held Saturday, Feb. 26 at Schaefers Canal House, Carper told approximately 200 local Rotarians how his days as governor of Delaware taught him a lot about leadership and the ability to get things done by cooperating with others.

As a native of West Virginia,

Carper came to Delaware in 1973, after serving in the Navy. From 1976 to 1983 he was State Treasurer. In 1983 he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and served five terms. In 1993 he returned to Delaware to serve two terms as governor before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 2001.

As a new governor in 1993, he had attended a three-day school presented by the National Governor's Association. In the program, incumbent governors from around the country told stories of the mistakes they had made in establishing their cabinets, choosing leaders, creating agendas as well as some very personal issues.

"The governors work well together," Carper said. "We bonded well."

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But that was not the case when he went to Washington as a junior senator. The Senate is very different, Carper said, with less emphasis on getting things accomplished and more on making good speeches or getting into the news

In the Capital, the Republicans sit on one side, the Democrats on the other. No one is introduced to each other. They have separate dining rooms and lounges, not what Carper expected or liked.

In his first year there, Carper said, he spoke up about how governors get along so well because they bond and learn how to cooperate. Sen. Robert Byrd told him 'you still think too much like a governor." Carper took that as a compliment.

Today, Carper leads an orientation session for new senators and their spouses, modeled on the national governor's school he attended.

For three days, the new senators live together in the same wing, on the same floor, of the same hotel, riding the same bus back and forth to the capital so they can get to know each other. Carper said he is working to "obliterate the divide between the parties in the Senate.

Carper also told the Rotarians he recognized there is only so much the federal and state governments can do. Even though the surrounding states are doing better financially than many around the country, there is still a gap in reaching those who need help.

It's the volunteers in nursing homes, at kids' swim meets, in the schools reading books that "help everything come together,"

"If you could clone Rotary's spirit of volunteerism, there would be a greater impact on the community.

Carper also encouraged the Rotarians to become mentors, something he has done since being a governor. For more than 10 years he has mentored a young boy in a local school.



Sen. Tom Carper's secret to happiness is the same for Rotarians: serve others. From left, Robert Powell, president of Elkton Club; Jeffrey Seidel, chairman of the dinner committee; Carper; Donna Friswell, assistant governor for district 7630; and George Anderson, district governor for Rotary district 7630.

He related a story of receiving a Xerox letter one year as governor, written by a young girl named Melissa. She had written to all 50 governors asking for their secret to happiness.

Carper said he sent a handwritten note back to Melissa with only two words.

"Serve others."

### Service above self

As a tribute to Sen. Carper, the local Rotarians presented him with a plaque of the Four Way Test, a series of questions they use to measure what they think, say and do.

Six clubs, including Newark, Newark Morning, Christiana and Hockessin-Greenville in Delaware and North East and Elkton in Maryland, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International.

Carper's secret to happiness, serve others, is no secret for Rotarians.

For 100 years, businessmen and women have been dedicated to the organization's motto: Service Above Self, in performing service projects in their local communities and around the

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established in 1917, known as the Rotary Foundation. Today, contributions to the Foundation total more than \$80 million annually, and support a wide range of humanitarian and educational programs. In 1984, Rotary made a historic commitment to eradicate polio from the entire world. That commitment is on track for

Today, there are more than 1.2 million active Rotarians in the world, belonging to 31,000 Rotary clubs in 166 countries. This included 185,000 women, first admitted in 1989, and thousands of citizens of the former Soviet Union and its allies in Europe.

### Local Rotary Clubs

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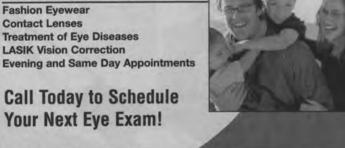
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# Redistricting pits allies against each other

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has been president six years and vice president four years.

Phillips, currently the Christina Board president, is serving her second term, which is not scheduled to expire until June 30, 2006.

However, according to the Department of Elections, if Evans wants to run again, he must file in the new district he is closest to, that being District A. Because someone has filed to run in Phillips' district, she must also run in May.

Here is where the plot thick-

If Evans wins the election for District A, his new term would expire in June 2010. However, Phillips can still stay on the Board until her current term expires in 2006. That would retain seven members on Christina's Board.

If Phillips wins, then Evans is off the Board and her term will expire in 2010. That scenario would leave a vacancy on the board. The statute provides that the Christina Board then would appoint someone to fill that gap until the next general school board election is held in May 2006.

Evans was unaware that he would be running against Phillips who has considered him "her mentor."

"The way we currently operate, we are elected at-large," Evans said. "We serve the entire district."

As school board members, they cannot hide in a nominating district, Evans said. No other elected positions are like that in councilmanic district.

"As we are presently constituted, the Christina School District Board is operating as a team," Evans said. "I enjoy working for our youngsters and hope to continue to do so."

If that isn't confusing enough, a third candidate threw his hat into the ring only three days before the filing deadline. At press time, the Board of Elections announced Paul J.Falkowski has also filed to run in District A.

### Attorney General rules

Candidates who have filed for District D are incumbent Beverly Howell and Lorraine Thomas. This term would expire in June 2009.

Howell was appointed to the Christina Board in January to fill the vacancy created when Christopher Reed resigned in October.

Howell was one of only two applicants who applied for the Board position within the announced time limit. At that time it was unclear how long her term would be, five months or six years.

When the position was vacated by Reed, legal counsel to the school district said the person nominated by the board would serve out the remainder of Reed's term, until June 2009. He had run opposed and just been re-elected in May of last year, leaving five and one half years to be served.

However, the Board of Elections said the code states the board appointment would only serve until the next general school board election.

A request for a ruling went to the Attorney General, who just recently upheld the Board of Elections' interpretation.

Howell had said in January she would file to run if necessary to keep her position.

As of press time, Thomas was the only other candidate opposing Howell. Thomas was not one of the two applicants for the Board vacancy in January.

The other members of Christina's Board include Constance Merlet (term expires June 30, 2006), James Durr (term expires June 30, 2008), Dr. John Mackenzie (term expires June 30, 2008), and Cecilia Scherer (term expires June 30, 2007). Superintendent Dr. Joseph Wise is the Board's secretary.

For more information on each of the current board members, visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

### File by Friday

The last date to file with the New Castle County Board of Elections to run in the school board election is Friday, March 4, at 4:30 p.m. Candidates must be a citizen of the U.S. and Delaware and resident of the school district in which elected. They must be 18 years or older and reside in the nominating district for the seat he or she seeks election.

The election will be held Tuesday, May 10, with new members taking office in July.

The president and vice president of the Board are elected by board members at that meeting.

The Christina board is comprised of seven unsalaried members, each elected for five-year terms, with one from each of the seven electoral areas. Electing the board members, however, is done at-large.

When an election is held to fill any board seat, all eligible voters, who live in the Christina School District, can vote during the election, regardless of which electoral district they reside in.

# Calling all quilters

EWARK Parks and Recreation is teaming up with "Quilts for Comfort" to provide a great day of quilting fun at the Newark Senior Center on Saturday, March 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Come expand your quilting knowledge and join us for a relaxing day of quilting and sharing ideas with other quilters of all ages," a

spokesman said.

Geared for both beginner and experienced quilters, a variety of workshops and demonstrations will be offered during the morning hours to add to your quilting expertise.

Then, after lunch, a selection of hands-on classes will be offered to learn and do a new technique of choice.

"There will be something

for everyone and this will be an enjoyable day spent with others who enjoy your same interests," the spokesman said.

Proceeds from the day will be shared with "Quilts for Comfort" a local organization that provides quilts made at quilting bees to local hospitals for at-risk babies and young children with serious medical conditions. Info: 366-7060.

### New county executive, councilmembers ready to listen

N March 7 and March 14, Newark area residents will let New Castle County representatives know what's on their mind.

There will be two meetings around the area that will be part of the county's "Listening Campaign."

County officials hope the campaign will be an opportunity to listen to and address the concerns of the citizens of New Castle County, All the meetings will include County Executive Chris Coons, the area's Council District member, Council President Paul Clark, as well as representatives from county departments. The meetings will start with an overview of the district, including any county projects that may be relevant to the area, and follow with a question-and-answer session where the public is encouraged to give input on county services and on the direction they

would like to see the county moving towards.

On March 7, Councilman Timothy Sheldon of District 9 will listen to constituents' concerns at Shue Middle School. And on March 14, Councilman David L. Tackett from District 11 will represent the county at Glasgow High School.

All meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m.

# Volunteers sought for new Christina academy

### ► ACADEMIES, from 13

A maximum of 75 students will be enrolled in each academy.

Lead agencies to oversee the day-to-day operations include the Boys & Girls Club, Latin American Community Center, 4H, Peoples Settlement and Neighborhood House.

Each academy has a site manager to oversee the daily operations, three teachers, four instructional paraprofessionals, one receptionist/billing clerk and three additional staff members.

Currently 1,000 students in Christina District qualify for federal supplemental education dollars but fewer than 50 had been involved, Kapolka said. Letters were mailed to qualifying families and phone calls were made by the Parents Forum to explain the program.

### Volunteers are key

Carolyn Bowman is a retired school teacher. After 33 years in the classroom, she could be sitting in her rocking chair taking it easy. Instead she was sitting in the Peoples Settlement in Wilmington learning how to be a volunteer for the After-School Academies.

"I'm really looking forward to the experience," Bowman said. "We're here to support the child, what they are learning in the public schools. It's like an extra leg, that's our role."

Mark Taylor, a community

advocate, likes the idea of being able to provide one-on-one attention to students who need help developing their self-esteem.

"So many feel isolated, like no one cares for them. When we utilize our resources, the students and the population can thrive," Taylor said.

Bowman and Taylor, along with more than 30 other volunteers, were being trained by education specialists from the Seattle-based HOSTS organization.

Volunteers come from many businesses in the area, community members, grandparents, retired teachers, and even high school students. Churches are recruiting their members to be volunteer tutors. The After-School Academies will be encouraging students in grades eight through 12 to act as tutors and mentors.

The volunteers will be screened and trained by HOSTS before they begin working with the students.

HOSTS develops a specific academic program for individual student needs. A folder or packet with the daily activity is prepared by the HOSTS coordinator and ready for the tutor when they arrive. Included are lesson plans for reading skills and activity boards that are used to make any lesson more activity oriented.

Volunteer tutors are asked to commit to one hour a day, one or more days a week with a constant

Nearly 1,000 mentor/tutors are needed to make the program work.

"We're looking for people who have a passion for kids," Kapolka said. "The program will work because of the quality of mentors we are bringing in."

"Our primary goal is to improve the kids' reading achievement. After attending our academy, if the kids can't read, we have failed them," said Kapolka.

### To volunteer

Anyone interested in volunteering as a tutor, one hour a week, in the after-School Academies, call Andrewetta Shaw at 454-2400 ext. 262 or shawa@christina.k12. de.us.

Individuals interested in becoming an Enrichment Provider can call Candace Crosse at 454-2400 ext 271 or crossec@christina.

# Un Campus NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

### TAKE NOTE

### Middle East expert offers prescription for peace

ONFLICTS in the Middle East can only be solved through sophisticated analysis, consideration of historical, social and cultural factors, international consensus and

less aggressive tactics by the U.S., Rami Khouri, executive editor of the Beirut-Daily Star newspaper, said at the University



Khouri at UD.

Delaware on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Khouri, a Palestinian-Jordanian and U.S. citizen, was the first speaker in UD's "Prescription for the President: Policy Medicine for Global Challenges," a series of Global Agenda lectures, which is free and open to the public, being held 7:30 p.m., every other Wednesday, in Mitchell Hall, until May

"The relationship between the U.S. and the Arab world, particularly since 9/11, and partly because of 9/11, has been very worrying, very violent, very problematic, and I suspect it's going to get worse before it gets any better," Khouri, who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in political science and mass communications, respectively, from Syracuse University in New York, said in a lecture titled "Making Sense of the Middle East.

"The consequences are serious, and it demands a higher level of honesty and critical and accurate assessment and analysis," he said.
"What we need to understand is that while the world changed for the U.S. on 9/11, a lot of the problems that we are dealing with today predate 9/11.

### Hollowell earns top AIA honor

Hollowell, University of Delaware's executive vice president and treasurer, has been named an honorary member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for his role in campus renewal and expansion at UD and Boston University.

The award, the highest honor bestowed by AIA to a person who is not an architect, will be officially conferred during the AIA national convention and design expo in Las Vegas on Thursday,

May 19.

"It's a nice recognition,"
Hollowell, of Newark, said. His
work at UD includes directing a comprehensive, \$700 million campus renewal and expansion program comprising more than 3.3 million square feet. Before coming to UD in 1988, he directed the completion of dozens of major construction and renovation projects at Boston University.

Working with notable architects, including Robert Venturi and Allan Greenberg, Hollowell oversaw construction of the Trabant University Center, Gore Hall, P.S. du Pont Hall, Lerner Hall, the Lammot du Pont Laboratory and completed the historic main Green on the Newark campus. He currently is supervising construc-



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David Hollowell, a Newark resident and UD's executive vice president and treasurer, on the UD cam-

tion of a \$42 million Center for the Arts.

UD and its architects have earned design awards from the Newark Historical Society, the New Castle County Historic Review Board, the Delaware | Landscape and Nurser Association and AIA Maryland. Nursery

UD President David P. Roselle described Hollowell as a first-rate administrator with "seemingly infinite capacity to add additional responsibilities to his already busy schedule."

Hollowell said the architec-

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# Choir concert here also recording session

joint concert and live recording session by the University of Delaware's Gospel Choir is set for 5 p.m., Saturday, March 12, in Mitchell Hall, The Green, on UD's Newark

Featuring 15 original upbeat and traditional-style gospel num-bers, the concert will showcase the talents of the 60-member Gospel Choir – a multicultural group that includes both UD students and alumni - as well as a drum, keyboard, electric bass and trumpet ensemble.

The performance will be emceed by Pastor Albert Morgan of the Union Baptist Temple in Bridgeton, N.J., and will be recorded to CD for national airplay and distribution.

Tickets available at the door or in advance at box offices in the Trabant University Center and The Bob Carpenter Center.



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UD's Gospel Choir in rehearsal. For more information about the concert and recording session, call 837-1765.

### NEWARK POST \* POLICE BLOTTER

#### ▶ BLOTTER, from 2

Xiaohang Xu was arrested, charged and released pending a court appearance, police said.

#### **Graffiti vandalism**

Newark police reported that vandals struck on Wednesday night, Feb. 23, when paint was sprayed on the tennis wall at the City of Newark's Handloff Park, 1000 Barksdale Road. Other recent graffiti targets in the area include the pedestrian underpass on Casho Mill Road and the bridge over the railroad on Christina Parkway near Elkton Road.

### **Vehicles hit**

Newark police reported that thieves and vandals targeted a number of vehicles here recently. Some of the reports include: 232 Suburban Drive, on Monday, Feb. 28,

at 12:34 a.m., license tag stolen from 1995 Mazda parked behind the Joy Garden Chinese Restaurant at Suburban

Plaza; 307 Ashley Place, on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 2:16 a.m., a 21-year-old woman told

police she gave the keys to a 2003 Toyota Highlander to a male acquaintance when the man asked to go retrieve a coat from the vehicle. The woman told police that man left and did not return. When the victim investigated, she realized that her vehicle was missing;

54 Church St., on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 2:26 a.m., two side mirrors on 1994 Land Royer smashed:

Rover smashed:

Park and Ride lot, Chestnut Hill Road, on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 1:36 p.m., various items removed from an unlocked

vehicle parked on the lot;

129 King William St., on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 11:43 a.m., 1983 Buick stolen;

Rear of 58 E. Main St., on Friday, Feb. 25, at 7:43 a.m., windows of two vehicles

80 Welsh Tract Road, on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 11:43 a.m., tools valued at \$350 stolen from parked truck.

### Violations listed

Officers of the Newark Police Department have continued steppedup enforcement of alcohol-related and noise laws here as the spring semester at the University of Delaware enters its second month.

Some of the recent arrests include

Richard C. Washington, 19, of Sunrise, Fla., noise violation, on Sunday, Feb.

27, at 2:37 a.m., at 11 Patrick Henry

Charles Denton Holmes, 20, of Severna Park, Md., underage consumption of alcohol and disorderly conduct, on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 2 a.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave.;

James Peterman, 22, of Newark, noise violation, on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 12:21 a.m., at 120 Wharton Dr., Pinebrook

Benjamin Lowell Jr., 20, of Glen Cove, N.Y., noise violation, on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 3:31 p.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave.; Krystke K. Schrumpf, 20, of Moorestown, N.J., maintaining a disorderly premise, on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 1:44 a.m., at

on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 1:44 a.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave.;

Samantha Rubel, 18, of Lake Hopatcong, N.J., and a 17-year-old New Jersey girl, each charged with underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 12:18 a.m., at 109 Kershaw St., after residents discovered two intoxicated women walking on Cleveland Avenue. women walking on Cleveland Avenue. The citizens told police they called 9-1-1 because they feared the two women had alcohol poisoning. The two were taken to Christiana Hospital emergency room for treatment by the Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company ambulance. Police said, after treatment, the two women would be released to the cus-

women would be released to the custody of parents;

Megan E. Kelly, 20, of Lansdale, Pa., noise violation, on Friday, Feb. 25, at 11:47 p.m., at 38 Propsect Ave., after 100 persons, some of them uninvited police were told, were cleared from a loud party, and

David A. Caglia, 19, of Norristown, Pa., noise violation, on Friday, Feb. 25, at 11:22 p.m., at 658 Lehigh Road.
Police said all were released pend-

ing court appearances.

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### **Auditions slated for March 12 here**

holding auditions for its 2005 Summer Intensive at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 12. The auditions will be held at Mid-Atlantic's facility, located at 108 A E. Main St. Intermediate and advanced ballet students between the ages of 11

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as study many forms of dance. The 2005 program will feature guest faculty from throughout the United States, as well as Mid-Atlantic Ballet faculty.

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266-6362.

### Wine-and-dine fest downtown April 2

### ► FEST, from 3

Roser said.

Parking will be free, and a trolley will offer free rides among the venues.

Downtown merchants will remain open that night with special sidewalk events, Roser added. Strolling musicians will

add to the festive atmosphere on Main Street.

"An event like this helps to legitimize Newark beyond the college-town stereotypes," Aber said. "Wine and Dine should attract people who might not normally come to Newark. Once they give it a chance, they will find some places they really like and they'll be back."

### Police advise 'protect yourself'

### ► TWICE, from 3

the police when I've seen suspicious people. But now I'll be more attentive and expect more from the police.'

According to Newark Police,

what Owens has done so far is a good way to protect yourself and neighbors.

Other suggestions include keeping the house well lit, keepshrubbery trimmed back and keeping doors and windows locked at all times.

### UD official honored with archtiects' award

### ► AWARD, from 20

tural transformation of the UD campus was made possible by good architects, selected based on their work and how it fits into

the specific location of the new project.

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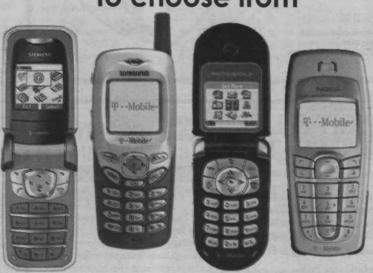
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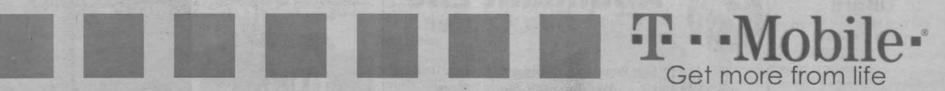


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