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## UP FRONT

### Nobody asked...

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

I'M no different than any other person - I like to offer my take on things even if my opinions are not solicited. Here goes:

#### Nobody asked me but...

I'm glad they have installed red-light cameras here.

This is a topic on which I can speak from personal experience. I got pinched by a camera in Wilmington last summer. I was on my way to a Blue Rocks game and I-95 was a parking lot. I meandered my way into the city via Kirkwood Highway and got somewhat confused (read "lost") making my way over to the stadium. En route, I came upon a yellow light and decided to make a run for it. Weeks later, a ticket for \$75 arrived along with some nice pictures of me in my top-down Corvair convertible. There was no disputing the citation; I clearly had violated the law.



Streit

The quiet eyes-in-the-sky do lead to increased revenue from catching drivers that otherwise would not have been ticketed.

But, more important, the cameras save lives and reduce accidents.

In Wilmington and elsewhere, statistics show that the number of violations decreases after the red-light cameras are activated. That

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## HIGH ROLLERS

### RAISE \$13,000 FOR SENIOR CENTER

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

TO tell the dealer to "hit me" or stay on 15 was the big question on Saturday, March 19 at the Newark Senior Center. It was the group's 12th annual fund-raiser, this year a Casino Night.

The Evergreen Room at the center was transformed into a casino for the evening, fully equipped with blackjack and poker tables, a roulette wheel and slot machines.

"The slot machines kept ringing and ringing throughout the night," said the

NSC's representative, Karen Krauss.

High rollers who turned out for the event competed for chips, which were later turned in for raffle tickets. Those tickets earned their owners a chance at winning

several different prizes from car wash packages to hand-made quilts and scarves.

For those who wanted to play with some cash, there was the live auction. Hot items open for bidding ranged from

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## Dispute plan readied

Newark City Council considers election ordinance, rezoning

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

CONTESTED elections may no longer be a concept reserved for national politics.

At its meeting on Monday, March 28, Newark City Council members will consider an ordinance that would create a policy in the case of a disputed election result.

The ordinance, Bill 05-11, is a simplified version of the plan laid out by the Delaware General Assembly. City staff has suggested not using the already drafted legislation because it was written and targeted for the City of Wilmington.

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## Conflict in District 2?

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

PETER Shurr III said he can handle the job of councilman, even if he is suing the city he hopes to serve.

The contender for the Newark City Council District 2 seat, Shurr is running for office this April despite entering the third year of legal action against the City of Newark and nine Newark Police officers.

The series of lawsuits stem back to a 2002 incident where Shurr, who has worked for the DaimlerChrysler Newark Assembly Plant for 27 years, was accused of damaging a PT Cruiser at the plant during a labor dispute.

The incident would result in a series of court appearances for Shurr, two of

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## Passers-by come to aid of victim

**T**HE Delaware State Police Robbery Unit has arrested Thomas L. Osborne, 19 of Elkton, Md., for attempting to rob a man as he exited the PNC Bank in Pencader Plaza, on Wednesday, March 16.

State police said the 19-year-old victim entered the PNC Bank to utilize the ATM machine. As the man was leaving the vestibule where the ATM is located, a suspect approached, displayed a handgun and demanded the victim's money.

The man did not comply and attempted to grab the gun from the robber. The two struggled until two passers-by observed the incident and came to the aid of the victim. The two Good Samaritans were able to disarm the suspect and held him until police arrived.

During the struggle, the assailant punched the ATM customer in the head and bit his hand. The victim was transported to Christiana Hospital, where he was treated for contusions and abrasions and released.

State Police Detectives have charged Osborne with attempted robbery in the first degree, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, and wearing a disguise during the commission of a felony.

Osborne was video arraigned at Magistrate Court 11 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Facility in default of \$51,000 secured bond, police said.

## Shooting at Newark apartment complex

A shooting at Scotland Drive in Newark left no injuries on Thursday, March 17.

New Castle County Police are investigating the incident that occurred between two gunmen at the Greenfield Manor Apartments. When police arrived at the scene around 3 p.m., they discovered evidence of multiple shots fired from at least two guns, but no apparent victims.

Police said their investigation has revealed that a gold Nissan Maxima was seen in the area just prior to the shooting. Witnesses reported seeing the passenger from the Maxima engage in a verbal altercation with a group of male subjects near Building 100. After a few moments, the passenger and at least one man standing in the crowd began firing gun-

## Man charged with DUI vehicular assault

**N**EWARK police charged a 34-year-old Newark man with five counts of vehicular assault.

The charges were levied after police were called to Elkton Road near Casho Mill Road on Saturday, March 19, at 2:02 a.m. following a three-car collision.

Five people were injured and transported to Christiana Hospital for treatment of cuts, fractures and head, neck and back pain. Police said one vic-

tim, who had no sensation in lower extremities, was admitted for surgery.

Police said Leroy Deon Boyd, 34, of Newark, was charged with one count of vehicular assault - driving under the influence of alcohol - first degree, four counts of vehicular assault second degree and inattentive driving. He was released after posting \$2,500 bond.

shots toward each other.

Both parties were last seen running away from the area and driving off in the Maxima, police said.

Detectives are seeking additional witnesses who may be able to provide further information regarding this investigation. To offer a tip, call the New Castle County Police Department, 395-8171.

## Camera gone, returned

Newark police were able to return a digital camera to its owner, officers reported on Sunday, March 20, at 4:19 p.m.

The owner, a resident of the 1300 block Wharton drive, told police the camera disappeared from his home while visitors were present.

Subsequent investigation led police to a University of Delaware

residence hall, where the camera was turned over by a person who had been in the victim's home the night before.

Officers turned the camera over to the owner.

Charges are pending.

## Hallway assault

A 21-year-old woman told Newark police that she was struck in the face in a second-floor hallway at 123 E. Main St. on Sunday, March 20, at 3:52 a.m.

The involved parties were questioned and warrant procedures explained, police said.

## Alcohol overdose

An 18-year-old Sparks, Md., man was taken to Christiana Hospital by the Aetna ambulance early Sunday morning for treat-

ment of alcohol poisoning.

Newark police were summoned to 122 E. Park Pl. on Sunday, March 20, at 2:48 a.m. to investigate a report of an alcohol overdose.

There, officers found a man lying on his side and vomiting in a muddy driveway, officers reported. Ambulance personnel arrived and transported the victim for treatment.

Police charged Kenneth Victor Bowden, 18, with underage consumption of alcohol and released him to hospital personnel.

## Identity theft

A resident of the 700 block Swarthmore Drive told Newark Police on Saturday, March 19, at 5:01 p.m. that someone had fraudulently used a checking account to make online purchases including access to a pornography Web site.

The victim discovered the crime when inspecting his bank statement.

## Bad checks

A Michigan man told Newark police on Saturday, March 19, at 10:31 a.m. that someone had stolen personal checks and written about \$400 in fraudulent drafts.

## Window shattered

Vandals heaved a rock through the front window glass of the Dollar Tree store, 230 E. Main St., police were told on Saturday, March 19, at 6:48 a.m. Nothing was reported missing. Damage was estimated to be \$500.

## Assault at party

A 22-year-old told Newark police he was struck in the face while attending a party in the unit block Prospect Avenue on Saturday, March 19, at 3:03 a.m.

## Warrants expected

Newark police said warrants are expected soon in a case where an 82-year-old Newark woman had checks stolen and fraudulently cashed.

Police were told by family members on Friday, March 18, at 9:47 p.m. that checks were missing from stored, unused checkbooks.



## Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR MARCH 6-12, 2005 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PART I OFFENSES	INVESTIGATIONS			CRIMINAL CHARGES		
	2004 TO DATE	2005 TO DATE	THIS WEEK	2004 TO DATE	2005 TO DATE	THIS WEEK
Murder/manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	1	0	0	0	1	0
Rape	6	4	0	0	0	0
Unlawful sexual contact	0	2	0	0	2	0
Robbery	14	12	2	12	6	0
Aggravated assault	9	6	0	5	0	0
Burglary	35	44	4	13	9	0
Theft	181	164	23	37	56	3
Auto theft	21	20	2	2	2	0
Arson	3	1	0	2	0	0
<b>TOTAL PART I</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PART II OFFENSES</b>						
Other assaults	71	91	8	67	54	3
Receiving stolen property	0	0	0	1	4	0
Criminal mischief	146	141	13	37	12	0
Weapons	4	4	1	24	15	0
Other sex offenses	1	4	0	0	5	0
Alcohol	94	34	9	203	65	12
Drugs	20	24	2	56	58	2
Noise/disorderly premise	134	139	17	64	70	9
Disorderly conduct	184	128	13	47	27	0
Trespass	39	32	3	19	22	3
All other	143	102	12	74	32	1
<b>TOTAL PART II</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>						
Alarm	271	295	28	0	0	0
Animal control	116	66	7	2	0	0
Recovered property	49	41	3	0	0	0
Service	1785	1812	184	0	0	0
Suspicious person/vehicle	202	510	34	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>2423</b>	<b>2724</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>6016</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>5876</b>		

MORE ARRESTS EXPECTED SOON

# Main Street doctor hit with drug charges

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**M**AIN Street physician Keith Sokoloff was arrested March 17 for illegally peddling prescriptions for drugs such as OxyContin in exchange for cash from street drug dealers.

"He has expressed that he was in it for the money," said Ron Gouge, special investigator for the Department of Justice. "He was trying to alleviate some financial issues by providing prescriptions to drug dealers and splitting the profits."

Now, the doctor could face 156 mandatory minimum years in prison for it.

Sokoloff was charged with 60 felony counts that included eight counts of Health Care Fraud, 26 counts of Delivery of a Schedule II Narcotic and 26 counts of Conspiracy Second Degree.

Those charges translate into 26 illegal prescriptions of FDA-approved drugs such as OxyContin. The drug, a powerful painkiller, is easily abused and carries a long list of physical dangers that include death.

"The danger of this drug is not always recognized by those who abuse it," said Attn. Gen. Jane

Brady. "No one should take a prescription drug for which they have not received a proper prescription from their physician."

The demand for the painkiller as a recreational drug has grown over the years.

"The attraction is that it is an FDA-approved drug in a known increment," said Gouge. "It's not like a street drug where you don't know what you're getting."

Another appeal to the drug is that people looking for a high only need to buy one pill from a dealer at about \$20, as opposed to the \$341 prescription.

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# Teens arrested in shooting of Newark man March 19

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**T**WO 15-year-old boys have been arrested in the fatal shooting March 19 of Newark resident Steven L. Johnson Jr.

Officials said Johnson was seen having a conversation with two young black males from his car on Thorn Lane in Rosegate, New Castle. Witnesses reported hearing popping noises that sounded like gun shots. Then, witnesses said that the two individuals Johnson had been talking with were seen running away as Johnson's car drove off.

Minutes later, Johnson's car crossed the median of Route 9, crashing into an oncoming 2003 Dodge Ram. John C. Boscola

of Wilmington was the operator and sole occupant of the vehicle. After impact, Johnson's Chevrolet Cavalier continued moving until it eased to a stop in the parking lot.

Police do not know which boy pulled the trigger or why.

"The motive is still unclear at this time," said Delaware State Police Public Information Officer Lt. Joseph Aviola. "If the information that we received is correct, it is evident that there was some type of disagreement between Johnson and the boys. But right now, nobody particularly knows what that was."

There are still many unconfirmed variables in this early stage of the investigation. But what the police do know is that Johnson was sitting in his car and the bullet traveled through

Johnson's leg. The projectile and 9 mm casing were found inside the car.

"We don't know what he was doing or what they were talking about," Aviola said. "But we do know that he was sitting, talking with the defendants."

Johnson died from the gunshot, which hit his right leg, causing a perforated wound.

"He died from a wound that was bleeding and hemorrhaging," said Karryl McManus, spokeswoman for the Delaware Health and Social Services. "It was a wound that was large enough to create substantial damage."

Both of the boys were arrested and charged with one count of murder in the first degree and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

# Spring slides into Newark

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**M**ARCH 20 was not a warm, beautiful day. The sun did not shine. The birds were not chirping. In fact, it was cloudy, overcast and misty. But, it was the first day of spring, and the end of an entirely unpredictable winter.

While there were often mild temperatures - the thermostat jumped into the 60s on several occasions - there were some wild and windy days, too.

The winter wind packed a punch more than a dozen times between December, January and February, with gusts that zoomed past with speeds of at least 15 mph.

And at its chilliest, the January air dipped down to 1 degree Fahrenheit. Fortunately, the wind wasn't blowing much that Jan. 28 evening, so the bitter weather didn't feel any colder than it actually was.

However, much of the season was uncharacteristically warm. Jan. 14 felt like a day at the beach. Scolding mothers had to remind their children that, yes, it was January and they did have to wear their coats. That sunny afternoon, temperatures climbed up to 70 degrees.

While it may sound incredible, that was not the only day with spring-like weather. Temperatures popped into the 60s twice in both December and January, once in February and twice in the remaining winter days in March.

Despite the warmth, snow was no stranger. Flurries fell on 17 different days. At its worst, snow accumulated to approximately seven inches, and stayed on the ground for at least nine days.

Around Newark, that snow



Matthew Otto enjoys a warm afternoon at White Clay Creek. This spring, he has plans for spending lots of free time swimming and flying kites.

has long since melted. The city's snow and ice disappeared with March's warmth. So far, average temperatures linger just below 50 degrees.

Newark youngsters Matthew Otto and Olivia Duke have taken advantage of the warm weather, and both have big plans for the spring.

Matthew plans on flying kites. With a big toothy grin, the Independence School student will happily talk about his hobby. "I like playing with kites," he says.

Olivia, a Montessori School student, looks forward to more than just spending time at the playground. Spring will bring

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# Lions bridge gap between university, community

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**A**N unusual mix of local sorority, fraternity and Lions Club members met at the Newark Cinema on Wednesday, March 9 to have a little fun and raise some money.

The group, nearly 100 in all, watched *The Gladiator* and donated ticket sales to the Newark

Lions Club and the Newark Area Welfare Committee.

"It's a great way for university students to participate in the community and see that there are other organizations outside of the Greek organizations committed to the community," said Robert McAlpine, Lions Club representative for the event.

Sororities and fraternities battled amongst themselves to see

which group could bring the most supporters to the event. Alpha Phi, a sorority, won for the third year. Their efforts at bringing people together won a trophy and bragging rights.

Before the movie began, an auction got things started. University of Delaware outerwear and memorabilia brought the bids in. Proceeds will be split between the Lions Club and the Newark

Area Welfare Committee.

"Ironically, all of the UD merchandise, except for one item, was outbid by university students," McAlpine said.

The event raised \$420 to be split between the two charities. According to McAlpine, what was more exciting than the amount that was raised was the effort to bridge the gap between the university and Newark com-

munities.

"That we found so many university students interested in helping the community, that's what's important," he said.

The event was sponsored by the National 5 and 10, the University of Delaware Bookstore and the Newark Cinema Center.

# In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

## NOTE PAD

### Spring break begins

**S**TUDENTS in the Christina School District will be on Spring break for the next 10 days. Beginning Friday, March 25 through Sunday, April 3, all schools will be closed. Classes will resume on Monday, April 4.

District offices will be closed on Friday, March 25, and resume operations on Monday, March 28.

### Relationships important

Teens who feel their teachers are supportive, interested and have high hopes for their educational future are more likely to be motivated to succeed in school.

According to the Delaware School Survey conducted through the University of Delaware, nearly 96 percent of fifth graders said they get along well with their teachers at school most of the time. That number drops as the students get older. Only 50 percent of 11th graders felt the same way.

### Student of the Week

Theresa Vaneman, a fourth grader at McVey Elementary School, was selected by Principal Susan Zigler, as this week's Student of the week.



Vaneman

Theresa is a positive role model for other students. She is helpful, dependable and works well with other students. Her teacher says that Theresa's work is always completed on time and is accurate. She participates in a variety of activities in school and is one of the fourth grade peer leaders.



## Winning combination



By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**G**IVE 20 men at Newark High School uniforms and a basketball and you'd better step out of their way. The NHS Yellowjacket men's basketball team is always ready for a challenge on the court.

This year they were handed a challenge off the court that they didn't know how to handle at first, but after a few weeks, they knew they were in the right game.

The men became mentors to 18 boys at Downes Elementary School.

When Downes Assistant Principal Flo Reiman, formerly principal of NHS, recognized that the majority of discipline challenges at her school were connected to boys, she called on administrators for some help. But she didn't feel any of the suggestions were just right for their situation, until she and Principal Denise Schwartz thought of the right group, the perfect role models.

Since all of the boys they were dealing with said they wanted to be athletes when they grew up, the men's basketball team was a natural fit. She placed a call to Coach Greg Benjamin.

The basketball team would be glad to help out, the coach told Reiman. It was important for them to learn the importance of



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

**NHS basketball team members instilled in their buddies at Downes Elementary the same qualities it takes to be winners on the court: be positive, work hard, stay focused, be dedicated, stay out of trouble, and be a good role model.**

community service, he said

Since December, the men visited Downes every afternoon they had an away game, because there

was no practice scheduled those days.

For two hours the boys, big and small, had snacks together

and did homework before they had a chance to shoot baskets, dribble around the gym and

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## Super Stars in Newark

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**H**ISTORY can be boring or it can come alive - as it did in the third grade classes at Downes Elementary School, where the students learned to view American history from a very different perspective - their own lives.

By studying their family histories, as well as important dates, events and figures in American history, they have gained a better understanding of how they, and their families, have a place in history.

For their creative efforts, students in JoAnne Deshon's class will be honored as one of six Delaware schools named winners of the 2005 Superstars in

Education Awards, presented by the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce. They were selected from 58 entries.

Introduced in 1989, Superstars in Education is a statewide awards program that recognizes programs and best practices in education that show measurable results and raise student achievement. Funded by businesses, the program awards Delaware educators who have implemented and sustained a creative, unique program or teaching practice that works to capture students attention.

The winners will be honored at a dinner at the Bank One Center on the Riverfront, Monday, May 2.

Maybe Ben Franklin will show up. Or Charles Lindbergh, Or

Harriet Tubman. Or Amelia Earhart.

These famous Americans were among those studied by Deshon's class. But the students didn't just read about them. They played the part of their famous persons, profiling their lives, dressing up as the characters and presenting oral reports to their classmates.

They made timelines of their own lives and their family's,



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

**Many personalities from American history appeared at Downes Elementary School, helping the third grade class be named as one of six schools in Delaware to be the Superstars in Education. From left are Liam Monahan, as Davy Crockett, Joseph Krusko, as Charles Lindbergh, Zoe Coffing, as Ben Franklin, and Vanessa Marianello, as Florence Nightingale.**

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# Everyone an artist

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Following a tradition started eight years ago, Gallaher Elementary School held its annual art show, displaying not just the best, but works by every student in the school.

Every first to fourth grader had at least one creative piece on display in the hallways or cafeteria Wednesday, March 2, for families and friends to see.

There were colorful glass

beads reflecting against silver foil relief work. Watercolors of a dark and very stormy night, with lightening strikes throughout the sky, encouraged you to take cover from the impending rain. Folded paper creations looked like flying geese in a Delaware sky.

One could only guess what it would be like to be trampled by the giant sneaker drawings or feel the tropical breezes under water colored palm trees at sunset.

At the far end of the hallway was a white snowy owl, sponge

painted by Juwan Jarmon, with yellow eyes as large as two full moons staring at you through the dark night.

To celebrate National Youth Art Month, art teacher Kristen Walzl, organized work stations in the art room for students to make necklaces or Popsicle stick boxes while visiting the art show and book fair.

Supplies for the art show were paid for by donations from the PTA and Box Tops for Education.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

**Making bead necklaces at Gallaher's art night looks like child's play. But the students are also working on their fine motor skills, dexterity, patterning and creativity as well as following directions. Here the jewelry creators are, from left, Brittany Miller, Rania Bouceddi, Marissa Dimauro and Mackenzie Stayer.**

## Basketball team mentors elementary youngsters

► **BASKETBALL, from 4**

play some basketball together. Sometimes they watched game tapes for the opponents they were about to face that night.

"At Newark we put academics before basketball," said Coach Benjamin. His goal is to get 97 percent of those graduating to further their education. He wanted his team members to continue that same priority in their mentoring sessions.

At first there was some reluctance, the basketball team members admitted. None of them had ever done this before. It didn't take long for the two groups of boys to get to know each other and look forward to their sessions. If one team member was absent, the younger boys were asking for their partner. Nearly every one showed up each week.

Some of the little guys were from their own neighborhoods and soon the high school guys felt like big brothers, said Lee Warren, a tenth grader.

"My buddy was a real pistol," he said.

"I'd feel like I would let my kid down if I didn't go," said tenth grader Joseph Brown.

"I'd do it again. It was fun helping them with homework. And it made me feel good about myself."

"It was a good experience," said senior Emmanuel Kanu. "We could help the kids with

their homework because we had already been through it."

But even though they had learned those same reading, math or writing lessons as many as ten years earlier, the mentors also learned a thing or two during the homework sessions.

With newer teaching techniques, some of the math procedures were different, even though they arrived at the same answers.

"My partner didn't know how to do some of my math," said fourth grader Quinton Salandy. "They learned some from us."

What did they hope to instill in the little ones? The same skills they used on the court to be winners: display positive attitudes, be dedicated, keep good grades and show proper work ethics, all qualities that are also needed to be a good team player.

"I saw some kids being rude and set them straight," said Leon Tann, a tenth grader. "We had to talk positive about school work and stay focused."

Their presence at Downes also showed the younger boys the importance of having a role model to look up to. Athletes on TV can often appear bigger than life, with little regard for leadership and ethics.

Their team captains, Terrance Williams and Kimphus Daniels, are leaders on the court and in the classroom, inspiring their teammates to be leaders as well.

The efforts of the basketball team members were not wasted.

"This was a life changing experience for me," said fifth grader Lamont Jacobs. "I only saw them [basketball players] on TV. They made me want to work harder in school."

Some students and their families received free tickets to the Blue/Gold basketball game last weekend. For many it was the first time to see a basketball game in person.

Reiman said she was pleased with the results this year and hopes to have the basketball team members start tutoring earlier next year.

Now the girls at Downes are asking why they can't have mentors, too. Reiman hopes to expand the program next year to include the girl's basketball team from NHS.

"It was nice to see the relationships that were blooming," Reiman said.

Many of the men basketball players said they will return to Downes in the fall.

"I saw how positively influenced they were," said junior Matt Grygiel.

"It made me have a better day," said senior Alonzo Redden. "I felt like a man, an NBA star."

## Third graders turn history into award winning lesson

► **STARS, from 4**

read about famous Americans, events in American history and the cultural diversity of our country.

The third graders became familiar with more recent history by initiating conversations with family members and inviting grandparents into their classroom to talk about experiences in World War II.

The year-long project can be seen as a giant timeline growing in the corridor outside room 204, giving the students a better perspective of how their personal and national history are connected.

### Two local runners-up

Twelve runners-up were named to this year's Superstars in Education. Among them are two Christina schools.

Etta J. Wilson Elementary School: Quilts, an historical journey through time. As part of the second grade curriculum, the stu-

dents study the history of quilts and construct a quilt in each classroom. Each student works on the design of his or her own square, then the class quilts are assembled and donated to a needy organization. In 2001, they were sent to the New York City firehouses. Principal Helen Spacht said this year, through the Quilters Guild of Southern Maryland, seven quilts were given to wounded soldiers returning from Iraq.

William B. Keene Elementary School: Keene's Positive Behavior Support Program. In its third year, Keene's PBS has had a positive effect on the school climate. The students understand the expectations of behavior, appreciate the structure and really know the rules, according to Principal Beatrice Speir. This has resulted in fewer referrals and a routine that is followed schoolwide. For the third year in a row, Keene has been named a STAR school. Where an 80 percent score is needed to achieve that level, Keene scored 96 percent.

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# Opinion

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GUEST COLUMNISTS

## The wild, scenic White Clay Creek

*Editor's note: Martha Corrozi, Kevin Vonck and Gerald Kauffman, of the University of Delaware, Institute for Public Administration, Water Resources Agency provided this guest column.*

**L**AST summer researchers with the University of Delaware, Institute of Public Administration - Water Resources Agency conducted a field reconnaissance via kayaks along the Wild and Scenic White Clay Creek from Landenberg, Pa., to Newark.

The White Clay Creek is the only national wild and scenic river in Delaware. The watershed spans 107 square miles in Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Conditions for kayaking were perfect; the temperature was 80 degrees F, and the creek was flowing fast.

We started the journey by loading two kayaks and headed north on Route 896. Eventually, we found our way to a dirt trail that led us to our launching point on London Tract Road. And so we began our wet and wonderful Wednesday on the White Clay Creek.

As we reached the edge of the creek, we encountered a gentleman wading into the water for an afternoon of fly fishing. He could not have picked a more peaceful spot. The only sounds were the chatter of birds and the water lapping onto the

“*The only sounds were the chatter of birds and the water lapping onto the shoreline.*”

shoreline. The fisherman snagged a catch within the first few minutes of casting his line and after a few minutes waded further upstream looking for more rainbow trout.

It was just the first peaceful moment on our day-long trip.

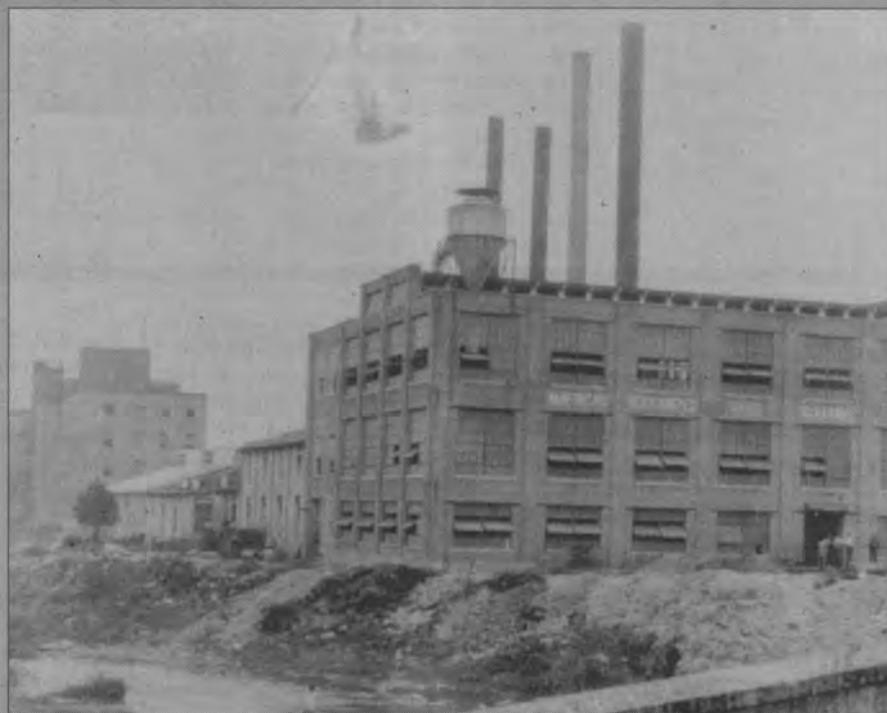
The White Clay Creek meandered south toward the southernmost edge of Pennsylvania with stable tree-lined and grassy banks. The bottom of the creek - less than a foot below the kayak at the launching point - was sandy, while the water was pristine and cool. It was as deep as six feet in some spots, while other areas provided just enough water for our kayaks to glide through the water. Small rapids dotted the initial stretch of our path, providing an exciting adventure. Shallow

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## OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, "Out of the Attic" features an undated photograph that shows the American Vulcanized Fiber building. The structure in the foreground today houses Timothy's restaurant. "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 or visit the *Newark Post*, Suite 206, 168 Elkton Road, Madeline Crossing, 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 27, 1930

### State honored for road safety

According to national figures comparing the number of fatal motor accidents on state highways during the past year, and made public this week by W.W. Mack, chief engineer of the State Highway Department, Delaware was one of five states out of 37 that showed the highest decrease in motor accident fatalities last year as compared with the year previous.

Figured from a national statistical standpoint in which the number of deaths due to collisions at railroad crossings are eliminated, the fatalities in Delaware last year show a decrease of 20 percent.

In commenting on

this condition, Mr. Mack believes that it was due largely to the efficiency of the State Highway police.

### Evans Hall to be dedicated

Dedication of Evans Hall, the new engineering building at the University of Delaware, will be one

of the features at commencement week at "Delaware" this year.

Dean R.L. Spencer and other members of the engineering faculty are already making plans for this occasion which is of great importance to the engineering school.

The 1927 Legislature made an appropriation for an engineering building but greatly reduced the amount that was asked for with the result that only a portion of the building could be erected with that money.

The last Legislature appropriated \$110,000 more to finish the building.

The building is now nearing completion and will be ready for dedication at commencement time.



"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.

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# Readers sound off on snow removal, column, Balloon project

Now that they are cooperating...

To: The editor

From: John S. Barratt

IT is encouraging to see CSX and the City of Newark cooperating to resolve the problem of illegal crossing of the railroad.

Maybe the Public Works Department could get the same cooperation with CSX to determine who has the responsibility of cleaning the snow in the winter and litter the rest of the year at the Rt. 2 and Cleveland Avenue sidewalk under the CSX bridge.

Numerous calls to both groups seemed to be a "pass the buck" attitude.

After the snowstorms, two concerned Newark merchants - McDonald's and the Porter Group - cleared the walkways up to the bridge on either side leaving about 30 feet to negotiate till melting occurs.

Thank you

To: The editor

From: The family of James B. Owen

THE family of James B. Owen would like to thank Jim Streit for his kind words about Jim in the column about his grandfather. We copied it to send to our family and friends.

We also would like to thank the many friends in the area who have sent cards and notes to us. It is heart warming to know that they regarded Jim so highly and are thinking and praying for us.

Jim especially enjoyed local history, always clipping the articles in the press about Delaware towns and Delaware history.

His desktop is still cluttered with some he had clipped and not filed.



refreshing compared to other recent Main Street designs. The broken pavement, the stone screen, the first floor setback, and the setback of the middle bay all seemed to be innovative and appropriate design elements. With some work, it could look both traditional and refreshing.

Unfortunately, the private parking proposal might be ignoring a vital ingredient for successful downtown parking. This concept (shared parking) implies: a) that many spaces not used during the day (because their owners are away at work) should be available for daytime shoppers, b) that some retail establishments mostly need parking during the day, while others mostly need it in the evening, c) people often park in one space while shopping at several stores and d) many spaces are available at night because shoppers have gone home. This, in part, is why parking waivers

make sense, and more important, the essence of a successful public parking program. By ignoring these precepts the developers have shown that they are not only unwilling to share their parking, but intend (via waivers) to place an extra burden on the public parking. This probably is not the type of precedent we should encourage.

Perhaps, more importantly, this project in terms of cubic feet, is almost four times as large as recent projects on comparable pieces of land. This could mean, that by more than tripling the allowable density, you are also tripling the land values for all of Main Street. And if the land values triple, then the current Main Street development pattern (two to three stories with less than 50% lot coverage) becomes obsolete. Which could mean that everyone on Main Street will "demo" their building and rebuild at the same level of density as the Balloon

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Too dense

To: The editor

From: Gunter Shaffer  
Chair, Downtown Newark Partnership's Design Committee

THOUGH the Main Street façade of the proposed redevelopment on the Stone Balloon site is possibly twice as large as it should be, it seems

# 2000: Eight Christina students arrested for making bomb threats

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March 26, 1980

## School closing committee says they've been used

The 30 members of the Citizens Committee on School Closings are now wondering why they were asked to recommend that any schools be closed.

The committee, originally created by the New Castle County board of education to nominate candidates for closing, met with the board Monday, almost one week after a well-attended public hearing on the recommendations.

Board members told the committee they were surprised it had come up with no alternatives to closing schools, and at the number it did choose.

"We've been used," said committee member Katie Lind.

## Electric rates going up again

City residents can expect to pay about \$4 more for electricity starting April 1, because of an increase in the fuel adjustment charge by Delmarva Power.

Delmarva is raising its fuel adjustment charge from 1.15 cents to 1.883 cents in response to increased costs of fuel used to generate electricity, according to Paul Garrison of the utility company. Garrison says the new figure represents an overall hike of 17 percent over the 12 month estimated fuel cost calculated by the utility at the close of 1979.

City Manager Peter Marshall said the increase would mean a typical residential customer (who uses the 750 kilowatt hours) will pay an additional \$3.76 on his monthly bill.

Customers who buy their electricity directly from Delmarva Power should expect a similar increase.

March 31, 2000

## Bomb threats result in arrests

Having had eight students arrested and expelled five students from school, the Christina School District has issued a call to parents to join in the effort to eliminate bomb threats and other school disruptions.

"We have mailed letters to the parents and guardians of

students in our schools strongly reinforcing the seriousness with which we will prosecute anyone who threatens the safety of our staff and students," said District Superintendent Nicholas A. Fischer.

Fischer stated each time a threat is made, the district has no choice but to treat it as an actual threat to the safety of students and staff.

## I-95 closing Monday

Despite months of warning, the Delaware Department of Transportation still expects some people will be surprised when they set out for work on Monday.

"People must know (the closure of Interstate 95) is coming by now," said DelDOT spokesperson Michele Ackles, "but we will be

here to answer questions."

Shortly after midnight on Sunday, DelDOT workers will begin placing barriers to close all southbound lanes in a 5.6 mile stretch on I-95 from the Pennsylvania line to Route 202 in Delaware.

"Those lanes will be completely closed by morning rush hour on Monday April 3," said Ackles. "They will remain that way for approximately 96 days and then we do the same thing on the northbound lanes."

The entire construction project is scheduled to be done by October.

## Participation urged in 2000 census

Calling the 2000 census absolutely vital to ensuring Delaware

receives all proper federal funding for community programs and services, Senator William V. Roth Jr., Senator Joseph R. Biden and Congressman Michael N. Castle urged all Delawareans to fill out their census 2000 forms accurately, completely and on time.

"The days when the census was just about history are history. The 2000 census is very much about the here and now. Just where the federal government spend nearly two trillion dollars over the next 10 years will be based on this census," said Roth in a letter.

As of this week, 49 percent of New Castle County residents had sent in their forms.

Approximately 74 percent are projected to do so without additional prompting.

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# Lifestyle

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## OUTLOOK

### Campers to solve 'murders'

By MARK MANNO

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

ACCORDING to my calendar, summer is just around the corner. That means that many Newark area parents will be looking for things for their kids to do this summer. For many people, one of those things will be camp.

If you haven't had a child in camp before, you will be more than pleasantly surprised. Gone are the days of camps being four hours of dodge ball, followed

by arts and crafts. Many of today's camps and camp programs are sophisticated and challenging. We know that

despite our best efforts, there can be a significant loss of learning among kids over the summer. Camps that are fun, intellectually challenging and experiential can help keep kids brains active over the summer. 4-H is offering a unique new entry into the camping field this summer with a day camp the week of August 8 at Townsend Hall called "The Murder of Professor Halftrack and the Case of the Missing Cloning Formula." This camp is actually two (or maybe three) camps in one. First, the campers will have to solve the "murder" of Professor Halftrack by deciphering clues given during the week. Secondly, the classes the campers take all week will be in forensics, fingerprinting, DNA, insect life cycles, genetically altered foods, bioethics and more. If this isn't enough fun, 4-H has invested in GPS (Global Positioning System) technology. Campers will have to learn and master GPS to find the clues left around campus for them. If all this sounds like

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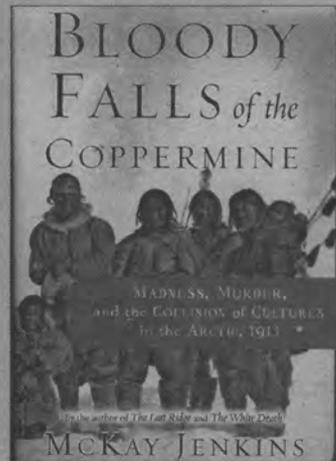
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THE murder of two priests by Eskimos, the hunt for the men who killed them by two Royal North West Mounted Police in the vast wilderness north of the Arctic Circle and the subsequent trials of the two Eskimos who confessed to the crime is the subject of McKay Jenkins' new book, "Bloody Falls of the Coppermine: Madness, Murder and the Collision of Cultures in the Arctic in 1913," published by Random House.

Jenkins, Cornelius A. Tilghman Professor of English at the University of Delaware, who said he has long been intrigued by the Arctic, began writing the saga four years ago when he encountered an old Reader's Digest article outlining the events that took place. He laid the project aside to write his book, "The Last Ridge: The Epic Story of the US Army's 10th Mountain Division and the Assault on Hitler's Europe," before picking it up again.

What emerges in his new book is a study of the Eskimos' way of life against the landscape of the unforgiving Arctic, where they had lived for centuries before Western civilization brought about change.

The book brings to



life the range of personalities whose lives intersected against the background of the Coppermine murders--itinerate guides, explorers, priests, police, Eskimo translators, the men involved in the murder trials and the Eskimos themselves. The narrative draws on the trail of diaries, reports, letters, court records and accounts of the trials, which Jenkins assembled and then wove into an intriguing story.

Jenkins said he felt he had to visit the region he wrote about. With his brother and a close friend he flew to Kuglutuk on the Coppermine River. Air travel made the trip possible in the summer in a few days, rather than months, although travel around the region itself was difficult because there were few roads, he said.

Even in the summer, Jenkins said the landscape felt unsettling and disorienting. "If you left the sea and retreated two hills back, the view of the sea was lost, and there was just a vast wilderness, mile upon mile, hill upon hill of rolling tundra, above the timberline and without vegetation," he said.

The epilogue to the book is depressing and sad, Jenkins said. With the Westernization of the Eskimos came alcoholism and unemployment, the loss of ancient skills and dependence on the government. It is similar to what happened to the Australian aborigines, he said.

Jenkins has been invited to give several talks on "Bloody Falls of the Coppermine" and will speak at 4



McKay Jenkins, center, on the banks of Bloody Falls on the Coppermine River in the summer of 2002. He is flanked by his brother, Brian, right, and a guide with a rifle as a precaution against Barren Ground grizzly bears.

p.m., Monday, April 11, in 123 Memorial Hall, The Green, on UD's Newark campus.

A graduate of Amherst College, with a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University and master's and doctoral degrees from Princeton University, Jenkins joined the UD faculty in 1996. In addition to The Last Ridge, Jenkins is the author of "The South in Black and White: Race, Sex and Literature in the 1940s" and "The White Death: Tragedy and Heroism in an Avalanche Zone," and is editor of The Peter Matthiessen Reader.

## Book revisits tragedy and murder in the Arctic

# New beginning for historic hangar

**T**O be present at the birth of a new museum is always exciting. The most obvious reason is that there are so few new museums! When the location of the new museum is the site of a complex of which I was a part in my younger years, it becomes even more exciting.

On a very cold and blustery day earlier this year local, county, state and national officials gathered in the last extant building of the once bustling Bellanca Aircraft Company to announce the new project. The final hangar on the site which once housed aircraft design, construction and maintenance facilities and occupied land from Rt. 273 to the Delaware River will be preserved and become a history and industrial museum with its primary focus on aviation.

A dedicated group of citizens with the appropriate name of Friends of Bellanca Airfield have been hard at work for several years trying to save the only hangar left on the property of the Bellanca Aircraft Company. They worked diligently to attract support and interest in the project and both have come. On behalf of our state, Delaware's Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Nathan Hayward, III, pledged \$300,000. Both of Delaware's United States Senators, Tom Carper and Joe Biden, were on hand to announce that the federal government had pledged another \$300,000 to make the dream a reality.

There is much work to be done before the 7,800 square foot hangar with 1,600 square feet of office space can function as anything. The building with its architecturally famous fan truss

## THE ARTS



By PHIL TOMAN

system roof will require a lot of work on the part of many people. More money will certainly be needed but the first steps have been taken.

I mentioned a personal involvement at Bellanca. A famous pilot and one who frequented Bellanca was Clarence Chamberlain. But, his REAL claim to fame is that at Bellanca Field he gave my writer his first airplane ride! Later in life, when I was a fledgling pilot, I used to practice take-offs and landings on the paved runway at Bellanca. I don't think any mention will be made of those things when the museum opens! Drat!

Maj. Gen. Francis A. Lanni, Ret., was master of ceremonies at the event and noted that "This will be more than an aviation museum. It will enshrine all forms of transportation in this vitally important hub area." He pointed out that this was the eastern end of the Indian trail connecting the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays, site of the New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad, an important stop on the old Delaware Railroad, later an important part of

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Taken in the 1930s, this photo shows the famous Bellanca "Skyrocket" with its fully enclosed passenger and pilot cabin. Safely and comfortably enclosing riders and crew was a Bellanca innovation.



President Harry Van Den Heuvel of the Air Force Association attended the first day ceremonies and was fascinated by the many "modern" features demonstrated by Bellanca's 1930s "Skyrocket" airplane. This hand-built, flying model was part of the exhibits at the Bellanca Hangar.



Guiseppe Mario Bellanca

## Unique camps encourage children's interest in sciences

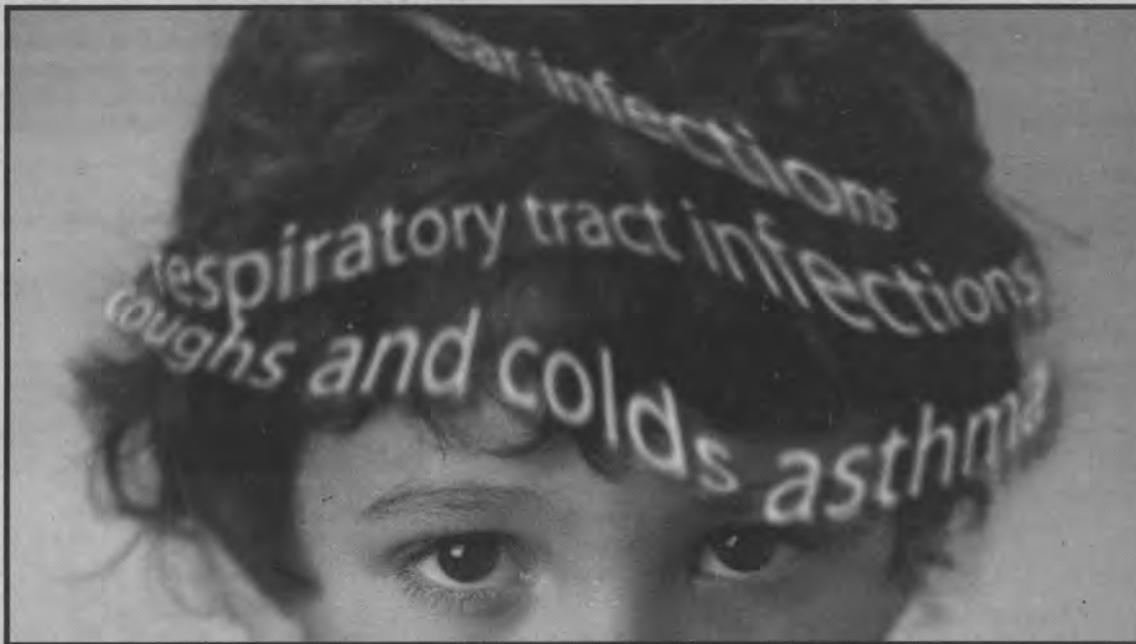
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a rip-off of the popular TV show CSI, then you're right. Teaching science, especially biotechnology, in a fun way is a great way to get kids interested in science. In case you haven't noticed, the U.S. is beginning to panic over the low numbers of our youth pursuing careers in these fields. Many of these important jobs in American industry and government are being filled by foreigners who have these skills. Of course, not every kid wants to spend a week in August solving murders. Perhaps the 4-H Environmental Camp the week before, or the 4 weeks of service learning are more interesting to them. Whatever your child's interest, there is a camp out there

for them. The University has plenty of offerings. You can find them at [www.udel.edu/camps](http://www.udel.edu/camps) To learn more about 4-H, contact us at 831-8965.

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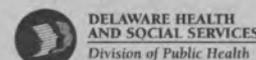
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**OVER AND UNDER: PAINTINGS BY N.C. WYETH** 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs till May 8. This exhibition explores the artist's practice of reworking and reusing canvases. \$8 adults.

\$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](http://www.brandywinemuseum.org) or [www.brandywineconservancy.org](http://www.brandywineconservancy.org).

## ■ SATURDAY, MARCH 26

**BARGAIN BAZAAR** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Crafts, new items, services, antiques and yard sale items will be sold. \$15 a space. Wrangle Hill Industrial Park, S. Chapel St. Info., 750-0930.

## ■ MONDAY, MARCH 28

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** 5 - 8 p.m. Salem Woods Independent League will host event. Friendly's, Route 40, Bear. Info., 286-0525.

## ■ TUESDAY, MARCH 29

**CREATING A BEAUTIFUL AND FUNCTIONAL WATER GARDEN** 6 - 9 p.m. Come learn the basic elements required for a closed re-circulating pond. Two sessions, Pre-registration required. \$119. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 ext. 507 or visit [www.longwoodlearning.org](http://www.longwoodlearning.org).

## ■ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

**BOOK SIGNING** 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. Stanley Weintraub will sign copies of "Iron Tears," his most recent book. Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Rd. Info., 366-8330.

**BRUCE ANTHONY AT HOME GROWN CAFÉ** 8 - 11 p.m. Bruce Anthony will perform jazz music which has made him a local phenom-



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enon. Home Grown Café and Gourmet to Go, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or visit [www.homegrowncafe.com](http://www.homegrowncafe.com).

**BOTANY III** 1 - 3 p.m. or 7 - 9 p.m. Runs till April 27. This botany

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**AIR QUALITY INFORMATION CLASS** 7 - 9 p.m. This class titled "How's the Air Quality in your Child Care Facility?," will help you know the ins and outs of air quality. NCCo Cooperative Extension Office, 910 S. Chapel St. Info., 831-2667.

## ■ THURSDAY, MARCH 31

**BINGO-BINGO!** 7:15 p.m. Two bingo nights rolled into one. 2 sessions, \$1000 prize for each. Free pizza and beverages. Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Rd., Newark. Info., 366-8330.

**EDIBLE BOOK FESTIVAL** 2 - 4 p.m. Bring entries to the Student Lounge between noon - 2 p.m. Student Lounge, Goldey Beacom College. Info., 225-6247 or visit [www.books2eat.com](http://www.books2eat.com).

**PRUNING BASICS** 9 - 11 a.m. Take the mystery out of pruning and learn the proper techniques to give your plants proper shaping and growing habits. Pre-registration required. \$39. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 ext. 507 or visit [www.longwoodlearning.org](http://www.longwoodlearning.org).

## REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**5K RUN/WALK** 9 a.m. April 2. Event is to benefit program Prevent Child Abuse Delaware. Preregister till March 31, \$16 adults, \$12 students. May also register day of race, \$20 adults, \$16 students. Wilmington Riverfront. Info., 655-5288.

**DO-IT-YOURSELF SEMINAR** 10 a.m. - noon. April 2. Offers a wealth of creative ideas for all who are interested in remodeling their kitchen. Brunch will be served. Registration required. Reico Wilmington, 4158 Stanton-Ogletown Rd. Info., 1-800-REICO-11 or visit [www.reico.com](http://www.reico.com).

**WINE AND ART SILENT AUCTION** 5:30 - 8 p.m. April 8. Newark Symphony Society will host event. Registration must be received by March 31. \$15 per person, \$27.50 per couple. Newark Country Club, 705 N. Country Club Dr. Info., 737-1925.

## MEETINGS

### ■ FRIDAY, MARCH 25

**STRENGTH TRAINING** 9 - 10 a.m. Mon.; 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 26

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

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

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

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

### ■ MONDAY, MARCH 28

**MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT**

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

**FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES** 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Classes for English Conversation. Registration required. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 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.

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

**NEWARK ROTARY CLUB** 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. 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. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Avenue. Info., 368-2318.

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

### ■ TUESDAY, MARCH 29

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

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

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

**SWEET ADELINES** 8 - 10 p.m. Singing group. Listeners and new members

welcome. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 731-5981.

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

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

### ■ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

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

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

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

### ■ THURSDAY, MARCH 31

**STORYTIME** 10:30 a.m. Animal stories

read by a lively storyteller. Near the Otter exhibit, Brandywine Zoo. Info., 571-7747.

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

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

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

**DIVORCECARE** 7 - 8:30 p.m. Separated/divorced persons meet. Southern Chester County YMCA, East Baltimore Pike, Jennersville, Pa. Info., 610-869-2140.

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



# On Campus

NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

## BRIEFLY

### Novelist to speak at UD Commencement

**H**ISTORICAL novelist Jeff Shaara, whose bestselling works have chronicled the American experience during the Revolutionary War, before and after the Civil War and during World War I, will speak at the University of Delaware's 156th Commencement, scheduled at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 28, in Delaware Stadium on the Newark campus, Sharon H. Dorr, director of alumni and University relations, announced.

Commencement, which is free and open to the public, is held outdoors, rain or shine.

"In his novels, Jeff Shaara has brought to life some of the most turbulent times and most dynamic figures in American history," Dorr said.



Shaara

"His ability to marry telling historic detail with characters who engage with the reader's emotions has made all of his novels national bestsellers. We look forward to the insights he will have to share with our graduates and their families at Commencement."

Shaara's novels have been praised for their attention to factual details of the historical events and eras described, as well as for the development of emotional ties between the reader and the characters.

He is the son of Michael Shaara, whose works included the Pulitzer Prize-winning Civil War novel about the battle of Gettysburg, *The Killer Angels*. After his father's death in 1988, Shaara took over the management of his father's estate.

While working on the production of the film

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## UD's emergency care unit takes top honors

**T**HE University of Delaware Emergency Care Unit (UDECU) took two first-place awards, including "Best Overall" in the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation Conference competition, held in Philadelphia.

The National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation is a nonprofit professional organization that promotes the development of campus-based emergency response groups.

Founded in 1976, the UDECU responds to medical emergencies on a 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week basis. Besides responding to emergencies that occur anywhere on campus, the unit also provides coverage at special events such as UD football games and concerts.

In taking top overall honors in a field that included more than 600 participants from 67 colleges and universities, UDECU finished first in rescue, second

in trauma and third in medical skills demonstrations as part of the overall skills competition. Joining UDECU were Georgetown University (second), State University of New York, Albany (third), Duke University (fourth) and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (fifth).

A pair of four-member squads from UD took part in the competition. The winning UDECU group included Megan Lieblein, a junior honors nursing major, Steve Snow, a medical technology sophomore, Ross Cohen, a senior history major, and Harlan Westgate, a senior criminal justice major.

Dr. Joseph Siebold, director of student health services, said the latest honors for UDECU are part of a tradition that includes becoming the first recipient of the Striving For Excellence Award in 2002.

"The Student Health Service



UD Emergency Care Unit named "Best Overall" in the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation Conference competition, held in Philadelphia.

has always had an excellent and highly valued relationship with UDECU members who give so many hours of volunteer first-

responder and ambulance transport services to the campus and the Newark community," Siebold said.

## UD alum discusses state of American news media

**T**HE news media is not providing Americans with the information they need to seriously question the decisions made by political and corporate leaders, and the situation may only be getting worse, according to Charles Lewis, a Newark High and University of Delaware graduate and former director of the Center for Public Integrity.

Lewis made his remarks during his talk, "The End of Truth: Power, the News Media and the People's Right to Know," on Wednesday, March 16, in Gore Hall, as part of the spring Du Pont Scholar Lecture Series.

The Newark High School alumnus, who graduated from UD in 1975 with honors and distinction, was introduced by James R. Soles, Alumni Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science and International Relations, who mentored Lewis during his undergraduate days at UD.

"Mr. Lewis left a fine job with 60 Minutes and took off on his own because he was dissatisfied with the American news media," Soles said. "I can remember when the Center for Public Integrity was something that Chuck carried in his briefcase."

A nonpartisan government watchdog organization based in Washington, D.C., the Center for Public Integrity was founded by Lewis in 1990, after an 11-year career as an investigative reporter

and producer for CBS-TV's 60 Minutes.

Drawing on his experience with the Center for Public Integrity, where he and his staff

able, the news media is doing an inadequate job of gathering, analyzing and presenting the facts to the American public.

Part of the problem, Lewis



In this 2003 file photo, Newark native Chuck Lewis, second from right, meets with the staff of the Center For Public Integrity in the group's Washington, D.C.'s headquarters. Lewis spoke at the University of Delaware last week.

completed 300 reports and published 14 books in the last 15 years, Lewis said he feels that for a variety of reasons, the news media is not providing the public with the information it needs to make responsible decisions and ask the right questions of government at all levels.

"The media have abdicated their truth-telling role in our society," Lewis said. "They also are facing a disconcerted, apathetic, disengaged public."

Lewis said that with more information than ever being avail-

able, networks have gradually decreased the amount of resources they devote to investigative reporting.

"When I was at 60 Minutes, one quarter of the news division was fired, and this has continued. The network news departments are just hollowed versions of what they used to be," Lewis said. "Most journalists have quit or abandoned their profession because they cannot do their jobs anymore."

Lewis also said that government has become increasingly

restrictive in giving reporters access to information about subjects that could seriously affect the lives of all its citizens.

There have been 300 rollbacks of Freedom of Information Act requests, and dozens of journalists have been arrested," Lewis said. "And, for the first time, the press has been restricted from access to all presidential papers."

The result of what appears to be a government-sanctioned policy of restricting access to reporters on several fronts, Lewis said, has resulted in lack of comprehensive information on subjects ranging from the awarding of government contracts in Iraq to the secretive attempts to pass a bill that many fear would further erode the civil liberties of most Americans.

"The Center for Public Integrity obtained a secret document that would have become the Patriot Act II of 2003," Lewis said. "I had the sense that what I was looking at was really something special."

Lewis said his suspicions were confirmed when the center called the U.S. Justice Department asking for comments about the story they were about to publish.

"The first response was 'We have no idea what you are talking about,'" Lewis said. "The second response, from someone higher up in the Justice Department, was

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## March of Dimes walk at UD

**T**HE 2005 March of Dimes' WalkAmerica fund-raising event at the University of Delaware is set for Sunday, May 1.

This year's walk will step off at 10 a.m. from the parking lot of the Delaware Field House on UD's south campus in Newark and will loop through the city in a four-and-a-half-mile course that winds up South College Avenue to Main Street before heading back toward the field house via Elkton Road and West Park Place.

Held to benefit March of Dimes' campaign to find a cause for premature births and birth defects, this year's fund-raiser aims to draw more than 2,000 walkers and raise thousands of

dollars to combat what has become the leading cause of infant mortalities around the world.

"There are a lot of good causes to support, but cutting down on premature births seems particularly important, especially in Delaware, where the need is big," Stacey Ricciardi, leader of the March of Dimes Collegiate Council at UD, said.

A senior from Ringwood, N.J., majoring in nutrition, Ricciardi said she was inspired to start the council last semester when her studies led her to recognize the rising incidence of premature births throughout the state.

In addition to marshalling troops for the walk on May 1, Ricciardi also

is spearheading education programs on campus designed to inform future parents about the long-term benefits of proper nutrition and prenatal health-care.

The family-oriented event will include a children's area with face-painting, balloon sculptures, a lollipop tree and a moonwalk tent. Baby Blue, YoUDEe and members of the UD cheerleading and dance teams also will be on hand to entertain participants.

For more information on March of Dimes' mission and success stories, visit [www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com).

## News media discussed at UD

### ► MEDIA, from 12

that "It would be a mistake to publish the report."

The Center for Public Integrity went ahead and published the report, and the Web site on which the story appeared had more than 15 million hits, Lewis said.

"They said it was a draft memo, when it really was a 130-page document," Lewis said. "The people who were the most angry were the Republicans [in Congress] who had worked on it.

This shows you what people will do to keep things like this from coming out."

Lewis, who resigned in January as executive director of the center, will continue to serve on the organization's board of directors and will teach a class on investigative reporting at Princeton University during the fall 2005 semester.

The Du Pont Scholars Lecture Series is cosponsored by the Unidel Foundation and the University Honors Program.

## Prof appointed to UNESCO commission

**D**EBRA Hess Norris, Henry Francis du Pont Chair in Fine Arts and chairperson of the Department of Art Conservation at the University of Delaware was recently appointed to the United States National Commission for UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).

Norris was appointed to the UNESCO commission as the representative of Heritage Preservation, a national organization of institutions and individuals whose goal is the preservation of cultural objects. Norris chairs its board of directors, and Heritage Preservation is one of the 50 nongovernmental organizations, appointed by the U.S. secretary of state, to be represented on the commission to UNESCO.

The commission will function as a federal advisory committee, to provide expert advice to the



Debra Hess Norris

of UNESCO. The United States withdrew from UNESCO in 1984 and rejoined in 2003.

Norris, of Wilmington, attended a UNESCO briefing in Washington and said her role will be as an adviser on preservation. "I am excited to have this opportunity to assist other countries in the preservation of their culture. There is work to be done, and I am pleased to be a part of it," she said.

Norris also has been appointed to the council of the Delaware Humanities Forum, whose goal is to promote the humanities in the state through a variety of resources, including lectures, visiting scholars programs, grants programs and presentations.

Norris received her bachelor's and master's degrees from UD and was inducted into UD's Alumni Hall of Fame.

government on matters relating to UNESCO and as a liaison with organizations, institutions and individuals interested in the work

## Shaara to speak at UD Commencement

### ► BRIEFLY, from 12

Gettysburg, based on The

Killer Angels, he became friends with film director Ron Maxwell, who had been close to Michael Shaara for the many years it took to bring the book to the screen. After the critical and commercial success of Gettysburg, Maxwell approached Shaara about the possibility of finding someone to continue the story, and Shaara decided to take on the project himself.

The result was Gods and Generals, a prequel to his father's work that went on to spend 15 weeks as a national bestseller. He followed that book in 1998 with The Last Full Measure, a sequel to The Killer Angels, and it, too, became a national bestseller.

In 2000, he published Gone for Soldiers, which described many of the Civil War characters' experiences in the Mexican-American War of the 1840s. The next year, he published, Rise to Rebellion, the first in a two-volume story of the American Revolution as seen through the eyes of key participants. The concluding volume, The Glorious Cause, was released in 2002, and both volumes became

national bestsellers.

Shaara's most recent book, To the Last Man, published last year, is a World War I novel that has received praise from Gen. Tommy Franks, Gen. Wesley Clark and Steve Forbes.

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▶ BLOTTER, from 2

Police said a suspect had taken \$693 from the elderly woman for phone repair but had not performed the work. The forged checks totalled \$800, police said. Investigation is continuing.

**Window shattered**

The front window of the Korean Martial Arts Studio, 269 Elkton Road, was broken between 2 and 7 a.m. on Friday, March 18.

At 7:57 a.m. the same day, owners of the Penny Hill Flower Shop, 401 Louviers Blvd., told police that two rocks were used to shatter glass at the Shoppes At Louviers business.

**Vehicles hit**

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

**Parking lot of 606 Lehigh Road**, on Sunday, March 20, at 8:02 p.m., tools valued at about \$1,000 stolen from parked van;

**64 Welsh Tract Road**, on Sunday, March 20, at 4:15 p.m., locks removed and tools valued at \$1,500 taken from the cap of a pick-up truck;

**129 E. Cleveland Ave.**, on Sunday, March 20, at 2:22 a.m., rock heaved at Newark Police Department cruiser that damaged windshield;

**Elks Lodge, 57 W. Cleveland Ave.**, on Saturday, March 19, at 1:43 a.m., 2005 Dodge Caravan driven away by an acquaintance while the owner was inside; the van later was involved in a DUI-related collision in Cecil

County, Md.; **Prospect Avenue and Ray Street**, on Friday, March 18, at 3:03 p.m., car door dented;

**Martin Pre-owned Vehicles**, 298 E. Cleveland Ave., on Friday, March 18, at 11:40 a.m., 1992 Honda Accord stolen from dealer lot;

**20 Center St. parking lot**, on Friday, March 18, at 10:33 a.m., unknown red liquid thrown on 2003 Pathfinder and the paint was scratched;

**298 Curtis Lane**, on Friday, March 18, at 7:14 a.m., rocks used to damage window and doors of 2000 Chevrolet Blazer;

**236 E. Delaware Ave.**, on Thursday, March 17, at 5:51 p.m., 1994 Acura stolen from parking lot of apartment complex; and

**303 E. Cleveland Ave.**, on Thursday, March 17, at 9:40 a.m., 2005 Chevrolet, valued at \$35,000, stolen from lot.

**Alcohol law, noise citations listed**

Officers of the Newark Police Department have continued stepped-up enforcement of alcohol-related and noise laws here as the spring semester continues at the University of Delaware.

Some of the recent arrests include:

**Jacob Schmalenberger**, 21, of Newark, noise violation, on Sunday, March 20, at 12:51 a.m., at 654 Lehigh Road;

**Michael Andrew Walton**, 22, of Wilmington, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Sunday, March 20, at 12:55 a.m., under the South College Avenue bridge;

Weekly traffic report				
STATISTICS FOR MARCH 6-12, 2005 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT				
<b>TRAFFIC SUMMONSES</b>				
	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005	This week 2004	This week 2005
Moving	748	367	83	56
Non-moving	470	291	37	31
Total	1218	658	120	87
<b>PARKING SUMMONSES</b>				
	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005	This week 2004	This week 2005
Meter tickets	9920	8861	1256	826
Parking summonses	1738	2194	317	179
Total	11658	11055	1573	1005
<b>TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS</b>				
	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005	This week 2004	This week 2005
Fatal	0	1	0	1
Personal injury	50	55	2	10
Property damage (reportable)	121	113	17	14
Property damage (non-reportable)	110	122	15	15
Total	281	291	34	40
Hit-and-run reports	108	44	2	4
DUI cases	41	34	5	3

**Elizabeth Marie Burris**, 22, of Silver Spring, Md., possession of an open container of alcohol, on Sunday, March 20, at 12:25 a.m., on South Chapel Street near Park Place;

**Rene Rodriguez**, 20, of Newark, underage consumption of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol-zero tolerance, littering from a motor vehicle, driving without a license and failure to show proof of insurance, on Sunday, March 20, at 12:15 a.m., on East Delaware Avenue near South College Avenue;

**Andrew Giles**, 19, of Wilmington, underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, March 19, at 11:45 p.m., at 94 E. Cleveland Ave.;

**Michael C. Stabile**, 21, of

Yardley, Pa., noise violation, on Saturday, March 19, at 2:02 a.m., at 236 E. Delaware Ave.;

**Scott William Dodds**, 21, of Lansdale, Pa., possession of an open container of alcohol, on Saturday, March 19, at 1:40 a.m., at 155 E. Cleveland Ave.;

**Megan Elizabeth Gross**, 20, possession of an open container of alcohol and underage possession of alcohol, on Saturday, March 19, at 12:15 a.m., at Wilbur Street and Prospect Avenue;

**Simon Lucas Mumford**, 21, of Milford, possession of an open container of alcohol and littering, on Friday, March 18, at 11:44 p.m., at Prospect Avenue near North College Avenue;

**Amanda Lee Piccola**, 20, of

Robbinsville, N.J., underage consumption of alcohol, on Friday, March 18, at 11:18 p.m., at 329 E. Main St.;

**Joshua Thomas Panchisin**, 19, of Bear, underage entry into a liquor store, on Friday, March 18, at 9:45 p.m., at Newark Liquors, 230 E. Main St.;

**Sohan S. Bhavasar**, 20, of Newark, underage entry into a liquor store, on Friday, March 18, at 9:41 p.m., at Newark Liquors, 230 E. Main St.;

**Gracin M. Dorsey**, 19, of Newark, underage consumption of alcohol, on Friday, March 18, at 12:45 a.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave.;

**Kyle R. Morgan**, 20, of Seaford, underage consumption of alcohol and disorderly conduct, on Thursday, March 17, at 11:36 p.m., at West Cleveland Avenue near North College;

**William Jacon Baughman Jr.**, 19, of Lewes, underage entry into a liquor store, on Thursday, March 17, at 10:45 p.m., at Newark Liquors, 230 E. Main St.; and

**Thomas R. Sumanski**, 19, of Long Valley, N.J., underage entry into a liquor store, on Thursday, March 17, at 9:50 p.m., at Newark Liquors.

Police said all were released pending court appearances.

■ *Police Blotter is compiled each week from the files of the Newark Police Department, New Castle County Police and the Delaware State Police by the newspaper staff.*

**Gambling for a good cause**

▶ CASINO, from 1

a 3-hour spa retreat to Delaware Theatre Company tickets and dinner at local restaurants.

"It was just fun to see everyone having a great time for a great cause," Krauss said. "We had fun and a really great crowd."

Despite all of the gambling, it was the NSC that was the big winner. The group raised a total of \$13,000 by the evening's end.

The group's next fundraiser will be a golf outing on May 25 at the Newark Country Club. Call 737-2336 for more information.

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## Balloon project on council agenda

### ► COUNCIL, from 1

City Solicitor Roger Akin has looked into the matter and has concluded that the state's code would be too difficult to enforce in Newark elections.

Akin has suggested that since the existing code focuses specifically on Wilmington, other cities are free to adopt their own policy in a city election.

He has suggested using a framework laid out after a disputed 1986 election. That year, then-City Solicitor Tom Hughes led the council through the procedure, without legislative guidance. Afterwards, he outlined a series of suggested steps that should be taken in similar situations in the future. That suggested code, combined with a few updates, is what Akin has suggested voting on.

"Hopefully the elections will go smooth and there won't be a need to use this," he said. "We don't anticipate any challenges, but people thought it was a good thing to have in place."

The Newark Board of Elections has reviewed and approved the bill.

Newark Mayor Vance Funk said having such a procedure on the books could be important in future elections.

"Any time you have a dispute, you want to have a system already in place," he said. "You don't want to create a system after the fact."

## Stone Balloon vote upcoming

The Council will also hear, but not yet vote on, the rezoning for what may be the future site of an 82-unit condominium building known as Waterstone. The controversial building would be erected on what is now the Stone Balloon site. The piece of property in question for rezoning is a small parcel of land behind the bar that is used as parking.

If council does vote in favor of this ordinance at its second reading on April 11, it would be the first approval in the process of building the condominiums. Builders would also have to receive a 22-space parking waiver and building approval.

### If you go...

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# City water mains to be flushed next week

**E**ACH year the City of Newark flushes the water main system to remove sediment from water mains, check water valve operations and test fire hydrants.

This year's water main flushing program is scheduled for Monday, March 28 through April 1 during the University of Delaware's spring break.

Water main flushing is performed at this time of low water usage to minimize its impact on water service.

As flushing of water mains is conducted in your neighborhood, you may experience fluctuations in water pressure or changes in water clarity. These changes are temporary.

Residents are advised, howev-

er, to minimize their water usage between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on their scheduled water flushing day and to postpone laundering to prevent possible staining by discolored water.

If your laundry becomes stained, keep the clothes wet and rewash with "Rover Rust" powder.

Free powder packets are available from the Water and Wastewater Department located on the second floor of the Municipal Building.

The planned water main flushing schedule is listed to the right. For more information, call the Water and Wastewater Department at 366-7055.

Please check the notice in your water bills and read local papers

for possible schedule changes.

The expected flushing schedule is as follows:

## MONDAY, MARCH 28

Area around Chestnut Hill Road. Includes Yorkshire, Silverbrook, Arbour Park, Yorkshire Woods and Cobblefield.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Area bounded by Main Street, S. Chapel Street, CSX tracks, Apple Road and Elkton Road.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Area west of Apple Road, south of Nottingham Green, and

west of Casho Mill Road. Includes Country Hills, Abbotsford, Madison Drive, Cherry Hill and Timbercreek.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Area of Paper Mill Road, Corbit Street and North Street. Includes Main Street, George Read Village, Lumbrook, Ridgewood Glen, Creek Bend, Jenney'ss Run, Nonantum Mills and The Hunt at Louviers.

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# Main Street physician hit with multiple drug charges

▶ DOCTOR, from 3

Investigators believe the doctor worked with a number of other people because the majority of prescriptions were for 100-plus pill counts.

"That's a lot of pills to sell," said Gouge. "There must be a

means or method in place to move that many. He wasn't the one that decided this person is going to [have to sell] that many pills. There is someone else who does that, and we think we are close to building a case against them."

Gouge hopes to make more arrests in the next two weeks.

The prescriptions in question were all written between January and February 2004. However, it is not clear how long Sokoloff supplied OxyContin to street dealers.

"There is evidence that he wrote other prescriptions more recently," Gouge said. "But 60 counts is a lot. If I took more

time, I could probably charge him with more."

Sokoloff opened his practice in the Kelway Professional Office Complex on Main Street in April of 2004.

Before that, he practiced for Total Care Physicians.

▶ SPRING, from 3

lots of new life - new flowers, baby ducks and tiny bunnies - and a new Duke baby. "I'm going to be a big sister in April," she shouts if you ask her what the most exciting part of spring is. Regardless of how Olivia and her playground pal spend the warm days ahead, there is no denying it. Spring has sprung.



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Friday, March 25 7:00pm - Good Friday "Tenebrae" Service  
Sat, March 26 Noon - Easter egg Hunt

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# Newark artist paints picture of perfection

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**S**EAN Crosby is not what you expect. In fact, he is a bundle of contradictions.

He has the blunt mouth of Archie Bunker on a refined face that could be confused for Willem Dafoe. He has never formally studied painting, but he scoffs at artists who don't understand geometry. His friendly personality exudes energy, but he instantly turns serious when he has a brush in hand.

While Crosby might be a bit too unorthodox to predict, the one thing he can be counted on for is his ability to turn the boring into the beautiful.

Everything he touches turns into a work of art, even an old metal door or a blank wall.

In his most recent creation, Crosby and a team of two artists, Pascal Amblard and Jean Dunphy, turn canvas-like wallpaper into a biblical mural.

The authors of the gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, are the subjects. Each is shrouded in a halo of 23-karat gold. The figures are robed in a flowing fabric that seems to wrap around their bodies and float off of the canvas. It's a trick achieved through a unique, hybrid painting style, one that was not easily decided upon by Crosby and Pascal.

"We fought like husband and wife trying to figure that out, wouldn't you say, Pascal?" Crosby asks.

"Yes. I would say that's right," Pascal agrees.

Crosby has developed his own style, one that hails from water-color paintings. But Pascal is a world-renowned artist - a master in his own right and he has his own painting tricks that he pre-



Sean Crosby, left, adds some of the finishing touches onto the mural of Mark. Pascal Amblard, right, perfects another mural, this one of the apostle Matthew. The murals will be hung, much like wallpaper, in a church in Macon, Ga.

fers.

It was through a series of trial and error efforts that the two figured out a balance between the unusual technique that Crosby has created with the detail that Pascal has perfected.

But the end result is stunning. Color seems translucent in some areas, like it's glowing from an inner light. Then in other areas, browns mix with blues to convey

a heavy fabric.

While the technique is unique to the duo, it is one that is based in art theory, a fact that is important for Crosby.

"All art has rules," he says. "There are rules you have to follow - geometry, color theory. When you follow those rules - that's what makes something great. To me, art is about conveying something with skill."

He lambastes art teachers who tell their students to "put their brush down and paint with their heart." Instead, he encourages artists to learn the tricks of the trade, and get intimate with the laws of perspective, shadowing and color. According to Crosby, if an artist doesn't master those concepts, then he can never create a masterpiece.

"Develop technique first," he says. "Then paint with your heart."

And that's exactly what the Catholic boy from the Bronx has done.

Crosby gladly admits that he has never formally studied art.

But in no way does that mean that he hasn't studied its laws. Instead, he has made the world his classroom. Art school was a painting apprenticeship in New York. There, he learned the secrets of Trompe L'oeil. Literally translated into English, the name of his favorite style means "fool the eye." Considered by many to be one of the most difficult artistic styles, Trompe L'oeil paints a mural, usually of inanimate objects, onto a wall to fool the eye. It convinces the audience that a metal door is actually made of oak, or that a brick wall actu-

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# Sports

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## Weather always the biggest spring story

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

It really doesn't matter what year it is, the story is always the same in mid to late March – the weather.

Spring sports in Delaware are a horrible thing. And it's not only the high school teams that face them. Trust me, there are a lot of other things going on in the local sports world besides the high schools.



Valania

Baseball, softball, track, lacrosse, tennis, golf. You pick the sport and you can be sure it's brutal for anybody that has any involvement in any of these things.

There are thousands of kids across the county trying to begin their seasons of baseball, softball and spring soccer. There are thousands of parents that have already had enough of it all and a lot of that has to do with the miserable weather.

The unfortunate thing is there are not a whole lot of options for any of us.

The calendar falls where it falls. Despite the trend toward kids specializing in one sport, there needs to be opportunities for young athletes to participate in all kinds of things. That means some of these sports need to be played at this time of the year.

Thankfully, warmer weather is right around the corner. At least it has been for as long as I can remember.

It's a true test for players, coaches, parents and administrators to get through the months of March and April.

# Blue Hens fall to St. John's



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

## Team can't get school's first post-season win

The University of Delaware women's basketball squad shot just 26.4 percent from the field for the game and St. John's forward Angela Clark scored 15 of her game-high 18 points after halftime as the Red Storm got past the Blue Hens for a 48-42 victory in the first round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament Thursday night at the Bob Carpenter Center.

Delaware, making its third appearance in the Women's NIT, finished one of its finest seasons in school history with a record of 25-6 as Colonial Athletic Association Player of the Year Tiara Malcom scored 10 points and pulled seven rebounds and Tiffany Young added eight points and seven rebounds in the final game of their careers. Alena Koshansky added nine points, including three three-pointers, and senior Julie Sailer scored her 1,000th career point on the final play of the game.

The Hens, who captured the CAA regular season title before falling to Old Dominion in the tournament championship game, posted the second highest win total in school history. Delaware advanced to the post-season for the fourth time in the last five seasons after previously falling to George Washington in the 2002 WNIT and to Saint Joseph's in the 2003 WNIT. The Hens advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 2001 before falling to North Carolina State in the opening round. St. John's, which lost in the Big East Tournament quarterfinals in

Delaware guard Liz Hayes chases down a loose ball during the Blue Hens' 48-42 NIT loss to St. John's.

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# St. Mark's baseball seeks another title

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The St. Mark's baseball team began defense of its 2003 and 2004 state championships this week with a young and inexperienced squad, but not without some talent. Right now, no one is talking three-peat around the

Pike Creek school. Leading the Spartans this year are experienced seniors John Dischert and Phil Aviola. Dischert is unquestionably one of the top pitchers in the state this year. The 6-foot-4 inch lefthander has a blazing fastball and an excellent breaking pitch. Last year he went 10-0, with 82 strikeouts and an earned-run

average just below one. Dischert's batterymate is Phil Aviola. The big, burly, catcher has been behind the plate for the past two seasons, and also played varsity football for the Spartans for three years. He'll be counted on to supply leadership on and off the field, especially for the team's inexperienced pitching corps.

The cold, rainy weather was a problem for all of the baseball teams this spring, but coach Matt Smith said that wasn't a major concern.

"We had some good workouts, and we have an indoor batting cage, but there's nothing like getting out on the diamond for prac-

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# Delaware baseball team swept by Penn State

The University of Delaware baseball team broke a three-game Sunday win streak as Penn State swept the weekend series with a 7-1 win in the third game at Bob Hannah Stadium.

Alan Stidfole (1-1) tied his career high of eight strikeouts in the win for the Nittany Lions (7-6) pitching in six innings and allowing five hits. Scott Rambo

(D o w n i n g t o w n , PA/Downingtown) took the loss for the Hens (7-11) allowing four runs on nine hits while striking out four.

Both teams left eight stranded on the base paths but the Nittany Lions pounded out 11 hits and received seven walks in the contest. Lance Thompson blasted a two run shot in the eighth inning

for his first home run of the season as Delaware couldn't put another run on the board after the first inning while reaching double digits in strikeouts with 10.

Adam Tsakonas (Pottstown, PA/Boyertown Area - right), Todd Davison (Somers Point, NJ/St. Augustine), and Brandon Menchaca (Wilmington, DE/Concord) all doubled while Menchaca and Tsakonas each singled and Tsakonas drove in a run.

Thompson and Matt Lewis combined for six hits with a double, a triple, and a home run

while each drove in two runs and crossed the plate twice. Clint Eury doubled and Aaron Greenfield tripled to round out the Nittany Lions hits for extra bases.

Both teams put a run on the board in the first inning as Penn State's Mike Milliron reached first after being hit by a pitch and scored when Lewis singled to right field. Delaware answered back in the bottom of the inning as Davison doubled to left field and scored when Tsakonas sent a double down the left field line.

The teams remained scoreless

until the sixth when the Nittany Lions put three on the board using four consecutive singles for a total of five hits. Brian Ernst led off the inning with a single to left but was caught stealing. Milliron followed with a single to right and stole second, Thompson singled on an infield hit, and Lewis singled to right scoring Milliron. Gummo sent a deep fly to right field that advanced Thompson to third and Lewis to second, who then scored when Eury sent a double up the middle.

## St. Mark's baseball team goes after third straight title

### ▶ SPARTANS, from 19

Smith said the pitching staff will lack experience this year. "If we get some good hitting early on, and our pitching holds up, we should have a good season, but our young pitchers will have to step it up early in the season," he said. "We're just hoping to get off to a good start, to give the young guys some confidence for the season." Smith said he anticipates having tough games against the likes of Newark and Salesianum, who traditionally have strong programs. He said McKean and Dickinson will also be teams to watch out for this year.

Senior Matt Romanczuk will

anchor an inexperienced outfield. He'll be joined by Cody Vantrease (sr), and T.J. O'Neill (sr).

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## UD women lose first round game

### ▶ HENS, from 19

its most recent outing, improved to 20-10 as Clark led the way with 18 points and eight rebounds, Greeba Barlow came off the bench to add 10 points, and Kia Wright scored eight points, pulled seven rebounds, and dished out a game-high seven assists. The Red Storm defeated Delaware for the first time in three tries all-time, including a 59-44 setback last season in New York. Delaware, which posted season-lows for points and shooting percentage for a game, hit just 14 of

53 shots from the field, including just 7 of 29 shots in the second half. The Hens, who shot 74 percent from the foul line for the season, also shot an uncharacteristic 10 of 20 from the charity stripe and could never make up a double-digit deficit in the second half. St. John's took the lead with 14 minutes left in the first half and moved out to a slim 26-22 half-time lead when Jenn Jones scored at the buzzer. The Red Storm took control early in the second half, scoring 8 of the first 10 points of the stanza to go up 34-24 with 16 minutes left to play.

The lead went as high as 11 points at 38-27 when Danielle Chambers scored a layup with 12:54 and the Red Storm still led 42-32 with 5:57 left before the Blue Hens made a late run. Koshansky hit a three-pointer with five minutes left to cut the lead to 42-38 and Tyresa Smith converted a layup with 2:48 left to cut the lead to 44-40 but the Hens could never get closer than four points. Barlow converted three free throws in the final 44 seconds to clinch the win for St. John's.

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# New history and industrial museum to focus on aviation

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the Pennsylvania Railroad, a vital link in our national highway system, our waterways, etc.

Harry Van Den Heuvel, President of the Air Force Association, noted, "Giuseppe Bellanca was in the first group inducted into our Aviation Hall of Fame and certainly one of Delaware's aviation pioneers. This museum will be a most fitting tribute to him and a reminder to following generations how important Delaware was in aviation history."

When U.S. Senator Tom Carper (D. Del.) spoke he explained that the federal government has a fund called Saving America's Treasures. "The Bellanca hangar was a sure bet to be selected for this support," he told the audience of 200 people packed into the hangar. "This is a treasure and we want to preserve it for Americans generations from now."

New Castle Mayor John Klingmeyer was "pleased at many levels" at the start of this project. "My family home was only a short distance from this spot and I watched the great company prosper, falter and then die. Saving this key part of the aviation complex will pay dividends for years to come," he said.

The Trustees of the New Castle Commons played a key role in the events leading up to the ceremony. "We saw the land of this pioneer aviation company being torn apart bit by bit for various other uses. We realized that if the trustees did not save this portion of the property with the hangar on it everything would be lost. We acted and now these

eight acres will be preserved as a fitting tribute to our city and our nation," said Henry Gambacorta, President of the Trustees.

The hangar, completed in 1936, is the oldest of its design in the country. Its unique laminated wooden beams and trusses come from a bygone era. Data is now being gathered to list this building on the National Historic Register.

Driving by the overgrown property today it is hard to realize what a vital place this once was. It all began in 1928 when, through the efforts of Henry B. du Pont and other aviation minded Delawareans, Giuseppe Mario Bellanca established the Bellanca Aircraft Company. There were some 30,000 people in attendance on Oct. 6, 1928 to witness the event. It was the largest and most modern airfield east of the Mississippi. Twenty Army, Navy and Marine airplanes took part in a flyover, in races, mock bombing raids and aerial combat. Over

one hundred airplanes packed the field that day.

Bellanca's airplane "Columbia" was Charles Lindbergh's first choice to fly across the Atlantic for his historic flight. Contractual obligations prevented that and Lindbergh had to settle for "The Spirit of St. Louis." Two weeks later "Columbia" set an even better record flying nonstop to Berlin.

The first Trans-Pacific flight from Japan to the United States was in Bellanca's "Miss Veedol." Over the ensuing years Bellanca aircraft established numerous records for firsts, altitude, endurance and speed. Several hundred aircraft were produced at the site. It is all that and more that the new museum will portray.

Bellanca drew more aviation business to our area. A look at a sectional aeronautical chart for the 1940s revealed 13 airports in New Castle and the adjacent Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey counties. Three of them were in sight of each other near Bellanca Field.

Photography and aviation developed together in our area. Bellanca's contributions to aviation are well documented. This newspaper is grateful to David A. Moffitt of Greenville, Delaware, for all the historic photographs that appear with this feature. Mr. Moffitt was the first president of the Aviation Hall of Fame.

I hope to be reporting much more about the development of this tract of land and the Bellanca Aircraft Company hangar. This is a new beginning for a historically important area. You may become a part of its development by becoming a member of Friends of Bellanca Airfield by calling Corky Viola at 302-322-2574.

## On dean's list

The following students from Newark were named to Delaware State University Dean's list by taking at least 14 credit hours or more and earning a grade point average of 3.25 or above: Randy L. Boyer, Lashea A. Briggs, Tommy G. Brooking, LaTanya C. Gaines, Frank A. Gatamah, Paul R. Jervey, Charles K. Karanja, Chloe C. Lynch, Kwabena M. Nuamah, Chanessa L. Stanley, Nicolas W. States, and Abongwa N. Zony.

# Newark artist

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ally does have a fireplace in it.

This art form relies heavily on the fundamentals to succeed. If any detail is off, it can ruin the entire visual effect. After 20 years of painting in Trompe L'oeil, Crosby knows a thing or two about making it work.

Ask him to explain the rules that govern his art and he will unfurl canvas after canvas for an example.

"You see here, how this line, if you extend it, it intersects with this one?" he asks, running his fingers over the imaginary extension of lines in one painting. "And here," he says, moving

over to another mural, this one a stunning portrait of a brunette woman. "You see how the corner of her eye lines up with the corner of her nostril?"

He flits around the room like a butterfly does from flower to flower until he has either exhausted his listener or converted a new student.

"That's what the masters did for years," he says, explaining how art became a science. "All of the masters studied each other and have taken from each other and made it their own."

And that's what Crosby is doing. Learning from the best, the Michelangeos and the Pascals, and making it his own.

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# Suit against city has January 2006 court date

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which found the Newark man guilty of placing harassing phone calls to two police officers. The calls landed Shurr in court, testifying before two juries.

On June 30, 2003, jurors found him guilty of harassment in both instances. He was fined and ordered to have "no unlawful contact with the Newark Police department."

What that means and how it could affect Shurr as a member of council is unclear.

But before the phone calls, things started getting difficult for Shurr when it was discovered that the PT Cruiser, which was leaving the plant for distribution, did in fact have a broken window. He was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. However, a Chrysler surveillance tape showed that it was unlikely that he could have broken the window - the damage was on the opposite side of the car from where he was standing.

What the video signifies is still a hotly disputed topic. Some of those involved say the tape shows he did in fact throw something. Shurr contends that it shows nothing of the sort. The argument will likely continue when the case resurfaces in court.

By October 2002, the case

wound up in court where the disorderly conduct charges were dropped to criminal mischief. Dan Griffith, the city's attorney in the case, said that the new charges reflected Shurr's actions on tape.

"The charge changed because the gesture of throwing a rock within those circumstances still falls under criminal mischief, whether he actually threw anything or not" he said.

While the charges were reduced, it wouldn't be until January - three months after the court's decision - that Shurr could return to work at the Chrysler plant. He had been banned from the property during the court's proceedings.

"I was unemployed for seven months," he said. "I lost \$17,000 in wages and years worth of compensation in my retirement fund, pension and benefits."

For that reason, Shurr is seeking financial restitution.

He filed a civil suit, alleging that the arresting police officer and his superiors were negligent in their actions and never should have arrested him in the first place. The case was eventually dismissed. The judge said that Shurr, who represented himself, was unable to make a clear argument.

After that, Shurr hired a lawyer and clarified his grievances.

The case will be reheard on Jan. 30, 2006.

**THE RACE ISN'T OVER YET**

Shurr admitted that the lawsuit could affect his chances at the District 2 seat.

"This is going to cost me the election," he said, while admitting that wasn't enough to stop him from running. "But if I'm elected, I could do some real good. I feel that I could make a difference."

He said he believes he's the one for the job because of his legal dispute. Shurr argued that he is now intimately familiar with the city's workings and where it needs improvement. He sees poor management across the board in the city, and said that it was reflected in how officials responded to his situation.

"They should have settled for pennies on the dollar," he said, criticizing the city for not offering a settlement, which may possibly have been a more cost effective solution. "But now, instead, it looks as if we're going to court."

Another criticism that Shurr posed focused on his City Council representative, Councilman Jerry Clifton, whose seat Shurr is now in vying for. Shurr said that he approached Clifton in 2002, asking him for advice on how to proceed after the initial 2002 inci-

dent. But after speaking with the councilman, he said he was left unsatisfied and not sure where to turn next.

"If I were the council member, I would have stepped in," Shurr said. "I would have tried to make things right."

However, Clifton, who is not running for reelection, said that there were several reasons why he kept his involvement limited.

"The one thing that stands out that in my mind is that when he contacted me, the case hadn't gone to trial," Clifton said. "I believe that an elected official shouldn't be involved in pending cases. That's just bad government."

"I kind of got the impression that he wanted me to jump in and say, 'Bad, policeman' but the ironic thing is that the system worked the way that it should," he said, commenting on the court finding Shurr guilty of lesser charges. "And I think that's a testament to the different branches of government."

**IT CAN BE DONE**

If Shurr is elected, he would not be the only council member involved in a lawsuit with the city.

Councilman Dave Athey was in the first year of his first term when he discovered that impor-

tant relationships around him were souring.

In addition to his responsibilities as a council member, Athey is also a full-time employee of URS, a subcontractor on the original reservoir contract. When it became clear that there would be legal trouble between the original builders, Donald M. Durkin Contracting Inc., and the City of Newark, Athey realized he was going to have to step aside.

"It was a clear conflict of interest for me," he said. "Even though I had nothing whatsoever to do with the design, there were people just down the hall from me [at work] that did. It presented a very awkward situation."

Athey's solution? Avoid the problem.

He has made it a point to excuse himself from any executive sessions or debates that might affect the lawsuit.

"After the first meeting where it became clear that Durkin was going to sue the city, I decided that was I was going to have to recuse myself from the meetings."

And that is what he has done.

While Athey has been able to make the situation work, there are those who doubt that Shurr may be able to have similar results.

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**Eichstadt-Waun**

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Waun of Newark are proud to announce the marriage of their son, Scott Douglas Waun to Amy Elizabeth Eichstadt, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Francis J. Eichstadt of Parkersburg, W. Va.

The couple was married on June 19, 2004 in West Virginia.

The bride is a graduate of Parkersburg Catholic High School, the University of Notre Dame and Virginia Technical University. She is employed by Procter and Gamble in Cincinnati. The groom is a graduate of Dickinson High School, Virginia Technical University and Ohio State University. He is employed by General Electric in Cincinnati.

After a honeymoon in Maui, the couple returned to their home in West Chester, Ohio.

**Major differences**

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lars of Shurr's suit, I would think it may be difficult to separate himself," Athey said, pointing out that some major differences exist in his situation and Shurr's.

First, Athey was already on the council when the reservoir lawsuit came about. Second, Shurr's lawsuit is a civil one, brought forth by Shurr himself.

Newark Mayor Vance Funk agreed that the suit could pose a problem for Shurr.

"Certainly anyone has the right to file a lawsuit," Funk said. "But the fact is, that this could impair his ability to represent the citizens in his district. He will constantly have to decide if there's a conflict of interest. I think it's a really big handicap to take on - but that's not to say that it's impossible."

Will Shurr be able to balance the delicate situation? That's a question that the voters of District 2 will have to decide.

**Ryder-Townsend**

Charles J. and Judi M.S. Townsend of Newark are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Eric J. S. Townsend to Suzanne Elizabeth Ryder, daughter of Mr. Jack W. Ryder of Bryn Mawr, Pa., and Mrs. Evelyn W. Ryder of Devon, Pa.

Townsend graduated from Glasgow High School in 1997, the University of Delaware in 2001 and received a Masters of Journalism from the University of Maryland in 2003.

He is currently employed as a journalist with the *News and Record* in Greensboro, N.C.

Ryder graduated from Conestoga High School in 1998 and the University of Delaware in 2002.

She will receive her Masters of Education in counseling from West Chester University in May.

**Engagement announced**

Sandra and Theodore Reynolds, of Frederica, and James Jensen and Silvia Jones, of Camden, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ginger Michelle Jensen, to Michael W. Calloway, Jr., son of Barbara Niblet and Robert McCabe of Ocean City, Md. and Mary and Michael Calloway, Sr. of Cambridge, Md.

Jensen graduated from Lake Forest High School in 1992 and Delaware Tehnical Community College in 1996. She works as a Project Planner-Program Assistant with Management Concepts.

Calloway graduated from Laurel Senior High School in 1987 and Delaware Technical Community College in 1990. He now works in sales with TriGas & Oil.

An April wedding is planned



Eric J. S. Townsend and Suzanne Elizabeth Ryder



Kristin S.M. Keller and Andrew C. Styer

**Keller-Styer**

Kristin S.M. Keller and Andrew C. Styer were married on Aug. 7, 2004 at Christiana United Methodist Church in Christiana.

The reception was held at the Ballroom at the Christiana Hilton Hotel in Newark.

The parents of the couple are E. Bruce and Patricia C. Keller of Bear and Steven and Nancy Styer of Catawissa, Pa.

Erin Ogden was maid of honor, Nikki Blackwell and Janelle Niznik were bridesmaids. Best man was Pete Lobianco, groomsmen were Scott Lewandowski and Brad Styer. Keegan France was the ring bearer.

The bride graduated from Middletown High School in 1999 and Lebanon Valley College in 2003.

She is an elementary special education teacher at the Cleona Elementary School.

The groom graduated from Bloomsburg Area High School in 1996 and Lebanon Valley College in 2000. He is an accounting manager for Manheim Keystone Auto Auction.

The couple went on a Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon and now live in Annville, Pa.

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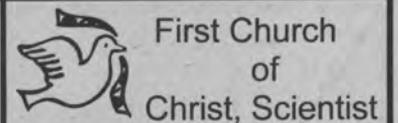
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### Joseph Brown

Joseph M. Brown, 74, died on March 19, 2005.

A Delaware native, Mr. Brown graduated from the University of Delaware and the University of Wisconsin. He was an army veteran and a chemical engineer for the DuPont Company for 38 years.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores; four children, R. Dennis Brown, Susan Ogle, Nancy Graham, and Doris Galloway; and his two grandsons, Joey Ogle and Daniel

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## Byron S. Schwartz, Sr., 85, World War II veteran

**B**YRON S. Schwartz, Sr., 85, of Newark, died Wednesday, March 16, 2005. Born in Perth Amboy, N.J. on May 13, 1919 to Herman and Anna Schwartz, Byron was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth, in April 2001.

Byron served in the U.S. Army in World War II and was discharged on Memorial Day 1946.

He worked for Sparrows Point Shipyard for several years in electrical engineering while attending the University of Baltimore at night.

He left the shipyard to take a position as terminal manager for Oriole Chemical Carriers in Baltimore and was transferred to a new plant in Delaware City in 1965. He was later employed by the Delaware Turnpike I-95 in 1971 as maintenance coordinator. He retired from the turnpike in 1986. Byron was a member of Waverly Lodge No. 152, AF&AM in Baltimore for 55 years and held dual membership in Solomon Lodge No. 36, AF&AM in Newark. He and Betty were members of Salem United Methodist Church for 15 years.

He is survived by his three children, Janet Gleasner and her husband, John, Byron S. Schwartz, Jr., and Douglas Schwartz and his wife, Karen, all of Newark. In addition he leaves five grandchildren, all of Newark. Also surviving are his three sisters, Lorraine, Virginia and Barbara.

A service was to be held on March 22 at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Salvation Army, 400 N. Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801; or to charity of choice.

and Mary Doyle Egnor. She attended Goldey Beacom Business College.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Stewart Jr., of Newark; son, Robert Stewart, of Lady Lake, Fla.; daughter, Kathi Zuber, of Naples, Fla.; sons, James and Ralph Stewart, both of Newark; daughters, Mary Barclay, of Southport, N.C.; Sandy Camacho, of Newark; and sister, Eleanor Schwind, of Wilmington.

A memorial service was to be held at R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home on Saturday March 19.

Burial was to be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Compassionate Care Hospice c/o the funeral home.

### Robert Carter

Robert D. Carter, 58, of Newark, died on Tuesday, March 15, 2005.

Mr. Carter was a 1965 graduate of Dickinson High School and was a bus driver for the Christiana School District. He had retired as a machinist from Southco, located in Pennsylvania. He was a lifelong member of Marshallton U. M. Church and a member of the Ocean Resorts Golf Club in Berlin, Md.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah A. Carter; his sisters, Carla Lynn Saltzman and her husband, Bob, of Clarksville; and Elizabeth Ann Panariello and her husband, Frank, of Marshallton; her niece, Kelly; her great-niece, Natalie; her great-nephew, Joseph; and her godchildren, Michelle and Jason. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Geneva Carter.

A service was to be on Saturday, March 19 at the McCrery Memorial Chapel.

Burial was to be in Gracelawn Memorial Park.

Graham.

The funeral service was to be held on Wednesday, March 23 in Ebenezer United Methodist Church, with burial to be in the adjoining cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, 2306 Kirkwood Hwy., Wilmington, DE 19805, or to the American Cancer Society, 92 Read's Way, New Castle, DE 19720.

### Edgar Howell

Edgar Howell, 76, died March 15, 2005 at the Christiana Hospital. Mr. Howell was preceded in death by his parents Eddie and Mattie Howell. He is survived by his wife, Bettie Howell; children Sheila, Thomas, Jeffrey and David; companion Cynthia Lee; siblings Charles Talbert Howell and Nellie Howell; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was to be on

Tuesday, March 22 at Congo Funeral Home.

Interment was to be private.

### Matthew Daggett

Matthew Ryan Daggett, 16, of Newark, died Saturday, March 19, 2005, in an automobile accident in Delaware City.

Mr. Daggett was born May 5, 1988, and was a junior at The Charter School of Wilmington.

He is survived by his parents, Mark L. and Jennifer L. Daggett, of Newark; and a sister, Kristen L. Daggett; his grandparents, James R. and Jean M. Daggett, of Bear; and Barbara Reynolds, of Wilmington. Aunts and uncles include William B. Daggett, of New Castle; Mary E. Lawson, of Georgetown; C. Douglas Sands, of Glen Mills, Pa.; Melissa J. Baker, of Macungie, Pa.; and Allyson F. Good, of Wilmington; along with

six cousins.

A gathering was scheduled for Wednesday, March 23 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

A service was to be held on Thursday, March 24 also at Aldersgate.

Burial was to be in Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Charter School of Wilmington, c/o Matthew Daggett Memorial Fund, 100 North DuPont Rd., Wilmington, DE 19807.

### Marie Stewart

Newark resident Marie E. Stewart, 85, died March 15, 2005 at Millcroft Nursing Home.

Mrs. Stewart, a lifelong resident of Newark, was born August 30, 1919, the daughter of the late Ralph



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# Contrary to predictions, shoes didn't stick to floor

## ▶ UP FRONT, from 1

means fewer people are stepping on the gas to run lights and intersections are safer.

It's hard to quantify saved lives and collisions that do not happen. But I'd theorize that few of us have not sat at the signal exiting Suburban Plaza and watched another driver whiz through a red light in their race to I-95.

Soon, if that is the case, those drivers will get a nice set of photos of their car, suitable for framing.

**Nobody asked me but...**but I had my first Stone Balloon experience recently. I went and watched Club Phred, a band of grown-ups, play a benefit for the

Christina Educational Enrichment Fund.

My shoes didn't stick to the floor, as predicted, but the place did have a unique aroma.

**Nobody asked me but...**there's a certain, actually a huge amount of personal responsibility when it comes to the train safety issue.

I do not mean to be cavalier or insensitive to family members of persons killed on the tracks here. Certainly, any parent who heard the tragic news of Rachel Payne's death last fall has empathized with the young woman's parents, and imagined the horrific call they received just two weeks after they dropped Rachel off for her freshman year at UD.

But from the early days of our development, we are taught

to be careful around large metal objects moving fast. Most emphasis is placed on traffic safety, but little common sense is needed to extrapolate "beware of cars" to also indicate "beware of trains."

Talk about rerouting CSX trains around Newark is not reasonable.

An education campaign about train safety certainly is in order, particularly one aimed at young adults who feel invincibility along with independence when they go off to college.

If certain death is not a deterrent, there's little society can do.

**Nobody asked me but...**one thing that separates Newark from

other suburban cities is its early morning downtown street sweeper.

By 9 a.m. each morning, every cigarette butt, pizza crust, empty cup and other debris has been sucked off Main Street.

**Nobody asked me but...**the loss of Christina School District headquarters has left a void.

Eventually, the building will be converted to other, good use, but the move of the school system's nerve center symbolizes the many changes in Christina and schools in general since the Main Street building was home to the Newark Special School District.

**Nobody asked me but...**

shouldn't society and its laws protect the lives of all citizens and not just ones that relatives indicate should be protected? To me, this point got missed in all the fast-developing press coverage this week of the Terri Schiavo case.

I hope you and your family enjoy a happy Easter. Let's all say a prayer for our servicemen and women who will not be home with their families this weekend.

■ *The author is publisher of this and three other newspapers headquartered in Newark. He has been a community journalist for more than three decades.*

## 'Don't need so much density on this site'

## ▶ LETTER, from 7

project.

I mention this not only because it has happened in Rehoboth and Ocean City, N.J., and other areas where property values have tripled, but also because any developer who did not do so would be somewhat foolish.

As for the essence of the zoning and subdivision code, it clearly states that new development should be compatible with its surroundings.

Yet, despite the architects' talented efforts, their building is several times larger in width, length and height than its neighbors (who are only a few feet away), and simply cannot be compatible.

Even more jarring is the perspective from the two-story houses along Delaware Avenue, where the Balloon project is nothing less than a behemoth.

If this means we should downsize the project, it does not mean

we should worry about its success.

For instance, the adjacent Farm and Home Project was built when interest rates were much less favorable. It also had to deal with costly preservation issues, as well as building far fewer units per acre than the Balloon project.

Also, though the Balloon suffers from decades of self imposed "demolition by neglect," it probably has tripled in value for its current owners, whereas the Farm and Home project had not.

The success of the Farm and Home project should show that the Balloon project can easily succeed at half of the proposed density.

And for those that would like to live in condos, this project will not be our only chance. The downtown condo idea is a great one, that has been a long time coming. There will probably be many more of them in the future — just one more reason why we don't need so much density on this site.

## Newark's Pomeroy Trail part of DelDOT workshop

**L**IKE to bike? Cycling enthusiasts are invited to the next DelDOT meeting and to discover how the area's proposed bike paths are progressing.

The next meeting, which will include information about Newark's Pomeroy Trail, will be held on Monday, March 28, from 4 to 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in Brandywine High School's front lobby at 1400 Foulk Road in Wilmington.

"It is an open workshop, so feel free to stop in and ask

questions as your schedule permits," a DelDOT spokesperson said.

DelDOT is currently examining all unused and abandoned rail corridors statewide for potential re-use as bicycle-pedestrian pathways, commonly known as Rail-Trails.

The study will prioritize recommendations for further development based upon various factors, including connectivity with other on- and off-road routes and destinations, as well as engineering considerations and public support.

The resulting report will help guide future DelDOT planning and investment in this type of facility.

Interested persons are invited to express their views in writing, giving reasons for support of or in opposition to, the proposed projects.

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# White Clay Creek is, in fact, wild and scenic

## ▶ CREEK, from 6

sandy patches in the middle of the creek divided the creek in two and forced us to make quick decisions about which way to steer.

The water flowed quickly, creating a rapid chute of water that we paddled through with enthusiasm. Although we considered ourselves able voyageurs, we often found ourselves collid-

ing with a rock or lodged on top of one.

Pushing with our hands, oars, or anything we could grab onto, as well as wiggling our bodies, we would dislodge the kayak from the obstacle and continue on our journey.

After becoming more acclimated to our boats and the surroundings, we snapped photographs and sampled the water parameters of, the Pennsylvania

portion of the White Clay Creek.

While paddling we enjoyed the sights and sounds of the wildlife inhabiting the creek and the surrounding area.

Several great blue herons with their six feet wingspan crossed our path.

A mother cormorant flew by us frantically looking for her young as it bobbed under the water.

Several families of ducks, startled by our presence, hurried



Judy Johnson,  
Branch Manager



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO

## A summertime scene along the White Clay Creek in Newark.

off with their wings beating the water in a display of annoyance.

As we continued to paddle down the stream into Delaware, we came upon several natural obstacles.

A number of trees crossed our path due to soil erosion and stream bank degradation. Their huge root structures, once buried deep in the stream banks, displayed their intricate structure for all to see.

Some of the trees, new to their horizontal stance across the creek, were victims of recent thunderstorms, evident by the fresh yellow-brown color of their wood.

More weathered trees from the aftermath of Tropical Storm Henri, Hurricane Isabel, and other past storms, are now a vital part of the ecosystem with debris collecting in the forks of their limbs and along the trunk, providing habitat for a variety of freshwater organisms.

Some of the trees blocking the creek forced us to make skilled navigational choices in order to paddle our kayaks through narrow gateways.

As we paddled further toward our final destination at Newark, the sights and sounds of the creek and its wildlife inhabitants were slowly replaced with city sights and sounds.

In this stretch of the creek, Creek Road runs immediately adjacent to the creek without a

stream bank buffer.

A stream bank buffer provides the creek with a means of dealing with potential watershed impacts from development.

The absence of a buffer, evident on this portion of the White Clay Creek, causes erosion along the stream bank. Sewer lines, serving the City of Newark, were sighted in the banks of the creek in places where the soil was slowly eroding.

The sounds of wildlife were replaced with the sound of cars motoring down Creek Road, the laughter of three teenagers enjoying a lazy afternoon on floating inner tubes near the University campus, and the patter of the feet of a group of University of Delaware faculty running along the adjacent Creek Road.

We portaged for the final time on the banks near the point where North College Avenue becomes Creek Road.

We dragged our kayaks out of the creek and headed up the hill, content to have had such a picture perfect and successful day on the Creek.

Our afternoon on the creek made it clearly evident how valuable this resource is to the City of Newark and the surrounding communities in Pennsylvania and Delaware. We concluded that the White Clay Creek is indeed wild and scenic, in more ways than one.

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