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UP FRONT

Merry Christmas!

By **MARTY VALANIA**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Ahh, Christmas. It's a wonderful time of the year for being with family and friends and helping others.

Once you get past the age of 18 or so, it's probably more fun to give out gifts than it is to receive them (well, most of the time anyway). And in that spirit of giving, I'd like to help out.

I may not be Santa, but I want to do my best for this group.



Valania

For the City of Newark:

How about a \$35 million reduction in the award assessed in the reservoir suit against the city? That would be a nice gift to city officials and residents alike.

And a better relationship with the judge.

For the Christina School District:

Thirty million dollars. A passed referendum.

Okay, so I may not be able to come up with those things. How about a better understanding from district residents on the effort the district is making in trying to fix its problems given the resources it currently has?

For UD president David Roselle:

Heartfelt thanks for a wonderful tenure as president.

For incoming president Patrick Harker:

A big welcome and the best of luck in running one of the region's top universities.

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It takes a community

Volunteers, resources come together to help Newark's needy

By **CHRISTINE NEFF**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Resources and volunteers from the Newark community came together last week as part of an annual service project organized by the Newark Area Welfare Committee.

Cardboard boxes — more than 400 of them — were donated by a local moving company, Office Movers. Area churches, community groups and individuals donated frozen turkeys, which were stored by Delaware Freezers.

Canned and dry goods — enough to line the walls of the activity room at the First Presbyterian Church of Newark — came from all sorts of places. Private and public schools in the Christina School District held collections; the Downtown Newark Partnership did its part. And, Val Nardo of Val's Needy Families donated 564 cases of canned goods to the cause.

And then, there were the volunteers. Employees of AstraZeneca

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Top: Volunteers sort canned goods donated to the Welfare Committee by area schools. Above: Val Nardo, left, has been collecting food for Val's Needy Families for 38 years. A large part of his collection goes to the Newark Area Welfare Committee's Christmas baskets, a project organized by Beverly Stoudt, middle, and Kathleen Davis, right.

NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE NEFF



Volunteers must sort canned goods before they can be put into baskets.

District pays for recovery

State's Financial Recovery Team, state auditor's office paid for services in Christina District

By **MARY E. PETZAK**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Members of the Financial Recovery Team hired by the Delaware Office of Management and Budget in May to oversee financial matters in the Christina District are charging thousands of dollars for their services. State auditors, who bill school districts for their work, have also earned more than \$500,000 in Christina District since 2003.

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Gains made on homeless shelter

Drop-in-center may open within a month

By **PATRICIA E. LANG**

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

At an all-day forum held earlier this year at the Newark United Methodist Church, Michael Stoops, executive director of the National Coalition for the Homeless, made the comment that "Newarkers ought to start taking care of their own."

A few weeks after that forum, which was intended to raise community awareness about homelessness, the Newark Coalition for the Homeless met with a group of people affiliated with local churches and synagogues to discuss what was learned and take the initiative to do what Stoops suggested.

They made a decision to form a tempo-

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POLICE BLOTTER

Men steal pain meds from patient

New Castle County Police have arrests warrants on file for two men who committed a home invasion robbery Friday, Dec. 8, at a home in Collins Park. Police said the subjects robbed a family and stole pain medicine from a terminally ill cancer patient.

The incident occurred at 3:45 p.m. in the 100 block of Riverview Drive. Police said they found four victims who were robbed at gunpoint by two

men brandishing handguns. The suspects targeted a 38-year-old male in the final stages of advanced brain cancer, said police, stealing his oxycotin and morphine.

County detectives were able to identify the suspects through interviews and photo lineups as David Brainard, 27, whose last known address was in the 100 block of Britain Court off Route 896, and Marshall Brown, 23, of the 2500 block of N. Harrison

Street in Wilmington.

Police have been working with investigators from Elkton, Md., who have arrest warrants on file for two similar home-invasion-style robberies that occurred in Elkton. Both men should be considered armed and dangerous.

Anyone with information is asked to call the New Castle County Police at 395-8171, or visit the Web site, www.nccpd.com.

■ *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.*

Apartment robbed

Unknown suspects broke into an apartment in the unit block of North Street, stealing more than \$2,000 worth of items from inside while the owners were away, police were told on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 12:53 a.m. Police said the suspects entered the home by prying open the front door. Stolen items include computer and camera equipment, police were told.

Bear man charged with trafficking cocaine

New Castle County Police arrested Erick Graves, 23, after an officer stopped his vehicle in the vicinity of Taylortown Shopping Center on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 1:55 p.m. for a traffic violation

and discovered he was wearing an ankle bracelet that indicated he was on house arrest.

Graves, who resides in the 2200 block of Dickens Terrace in Bear, was also found to be in possession of over 27 grams of crack cocaine (packaged in 30 individual bags), drug paraphernalia, and \$350 in suspected drug

proceeds.

Graves was charged with trafficking cocaine, possession with the intent to deliver cocaine, maintaining a vehicle for keeping a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while suspended, no proof of insurance, and displaying a fictitious license plate. He was

arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Prison after failing to post \$62,140 secured bail.

Drug arrest of Newark man

New Castle County Police arrested Dmitrii Y. Shainsky, 23, of the unit block of Annabelle Street in Newark for maintaining a vehicle for keeping a controlled substance and traffic violations. Police also seized \$17,088 in suspected drug proceeds.

Police stopped Shainsky in a vehicle on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 4 p.m. for an equipment violation on Darley Road near Peachtree Road. After the officer approached the vehicle, he observed a "switch blade" style knife in the center armrest as Shainsky was searching for his documents. The officer also found a small amount of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a large amount of cash.

Shainsky was arraigned and released after receiving an unsecured bail.

Other incidents

A 16-year-old boy tried to steal a video game from the K-Mart in the College Square Shopping Center, police were told on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 4:17 p.m. The boy was stopped before he could leave the store by an employee who recovered the merchandise. The boy was released to a relative pending appearance in New Castle County Family Court.

A cell phone was taken from a purse while its owner browsed in the Newark Library in the 700 block of Library Avenue, police were told on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 1:53 p.m.

An employee of a pizza shop in the 200 block of E. Cleveland Avenue told police on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 10:09 p.m., someone had stolen his wallet from the pants he changed out of when he put on his work clothes.

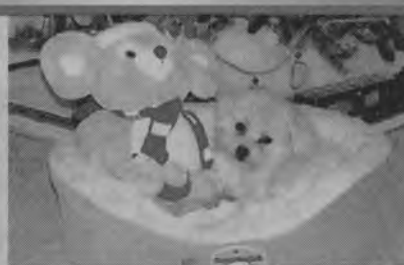
A 45-year-old man was caught trying to steal more than \$250 worth of items from the K-Mart in the College Square Shopping Center, police were told on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 2:38 p.m. The man was stopped by

RETS on parade

"LEXIE"
Lhasa Apsa
Merry Christmas
to our favorite
little one!
Owners:
Debbie Roberts
and
Jim Herman



"JULIET" - Bichon
Thanks for giving us such a
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Christmas
to all.
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Owners:
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Bob



IN THE NEWS

Keeping cozy this winter

Some tips for saving energy and enjoying the outdoors

By **PATRICIA E. LANG**

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"Keep Cozy this Winter" was the name of the crash course offered at the White Clay Creek State Park, Saturday, Dec. 9.

Adira Ruben, an Americorps volunteer, provided handouts and conversation on how to save energy and still enjoy the outdoors during the bleak winter months.

"What makes wintertime difficult," Ruben said, "is that we don't find enjoyment outside. It gets dark too early. We don't get enough sunlight. Having birds to wake up to, having a garden that still looks attractive this time of year is important."

For example, she said, native grasses are attractive and last all year. An Evergreen tree provides shelter. Holly trees and native grasses provide food.

If you have a birdhouse in your yard, nesting birds will have a better chance to survive and you can see them up close. A birdhouse is also a good place for birds to keep warm in winter.

The Chambers House, White Clay Creek State Park's Nature Center, is a perfect example of



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY PATRICIA E. LANG

Adira Ruben, Americorps volunteer and White Clay Creek employee, shows an example of the type of Native Grass which can be grown in a backyard.

a passive solar energy system. It has a large surface area with big windows facing south, which heats up well during the day.

Though we can't all have passive solar homes, we can check for drafts in our houses using a lit candle or lit incense. Run it along the perimeter of the walls and the windows. If the flame moves, you have a draft.

Other energy-saving tips include setting your thermostat at 68 degrees during the day and 60 degrees at night. You can save 3 percent on your heating costs for every degree you reduce the temperature below 70 degrees.

Try dressing warmly to retain natural body heat, instead of turning up the thermostat.

If you turn off your electric stove several minutes before the allotted cooking time, the heating elements will stay hot long enough to finish the cooking without wasting electricity.

To find detailed notes on how to reduce your energy costs, such as ideas on how to cut down on your personal electric bill, go to www.delmarva.com.

For information on additional White Clay Creek State Park events, go to www.destateparks.com.

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY PATRICIA E. LANG

Adira Ruben, standing front of the Chambers House, White Clay Creek State Park's Nature Center. The Chambers House is a perfect example of passive solar heating.



City grants decided for next year

More than \$400,000 will go to programs that benefit Newarkers

By **CHRISTINE NEFF**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Last month, the Newark City Council approved the allocation of grant money to projects that serve residents in the city of Newark.

Two types of grants were awarded: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) from money given to the city by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Revenue Sharing grants taken from city funds.

In all, more than \$400,000 will go to help fund projects that range in nature from a homebuyer's incentive program to a special performance by the Newark Symphony Orchestra.

Planner Mike Fortner said

the process of deciding grants for the 2007 budget year began in June. Applications were accepted in July, and a special committee of Newark residents appointed by the Mayor and council began meeting in early August to discuss requests and their merits.

The committee allocated \$344,053 in CDBG funds to 13 projects. Allocations include \$7,400 for a youth employment program run by the city of Newark's Parks and Rec Department; \$41,707 in scholarships for the Newark Day Nursery and University of Delaware's Early Learning Center; and \$30,000 for a micro-enterprise cooperative run by the YWCA in the College Square Shopping Center. (For the full list of projects, see page 21.)

The city authorized \$56,330 for the 2007 Revenue Sharing Program. The committee awarded money to Hope Dining Room, which serves free meals

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DelDOT secretary meets with city council

Calls Elkton Road a priority fix

By **CHRISTINE NEFF**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

At a workshop held last week with the Newark City Council, Delaware's Transportation Secretary Carolann Wicks called the reconstruction of Elkton Road a priority project.

"We've recognized it as a priority from a very basic, structural, the road-is-falling-apart perspective," she said.

The proposed fix, which involves roadway widening, intersection improvements and pedestrian and bicycle facilities, has a hefty price tag attached to it. Perhaps too hefty for DelDOT's current "bare bones budget."

Even so, said Wicks, the department is refining plans and hopes to include the Elkton Road reconstruction in its next six-year capital program. "We've recognized it's very important," she said.

The deteriorated Elkton Road was just one of several concerns Wicks addressed at a meeting with city council last week. Other items presented by council on its transportation "wish list" included the resurfacing of the Christina Parkway, updating traffic signals at several city intersections and reducing truck and out-of-state traffic through Newark.

The rehab of the concrete Christina Parkway will cost

about \$6 million, said Wicks. Construction is scheduled for 2009/2010, and work on acquiring right-of-ways is to begin in 2008.

Wicks agreed, at council's request, to have her staff look into the traffic signaling systems at several major city intersections — W. Park Place and Orchard Road, S. College and Amstel Avenues and Cleveland Avenue and N. Chapel Street — to see if they could be improved.

As for truck and out-of-state traffic, Wicks attributed most of it to drivers getting around the I-95 toll at the Maryland state line. For this problem, she had "no quick answers," but, she said, DelDOT contracts with state police to enforce toll dodgers.

She mentioned a Newark bypass and possibly reconsidering the extension of the Christina Parkway to Route 273 in Maryland, but, she said, the feasibility of such a major project remains to be seen.

The ball is rolling on several DelDOT projects in Newark. A site has been purchased for a new rail train station in the city. Funds have been secured to purchase rail cars and make necessary rail improvements. The design phase is to begin in early 2007.

Another development under way is a transit hub planned for Delaware Avenue, which will include bus and trolley shuttle service. All property has been purchased for the \$1.7 million project, and construction may begin in July 2007.

City refutes contractor's comments

Resident who worked on reservoir project called design unsafe

By **CHRISTINE NEFF**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A subcontractor who worked on the reservoir project under Donald M. Durkin Contracting, made several strong statements questioning the safety of the reservoir at the Monday, Dec. 11 meeting of the Newark City Council. The city of Newark refuted his allegations in a statement released the next day.

Richard Menton of MPI Mechanical spoke in the public comment portion of the meeting. "There's some serious issues with this reservoir, and I thought it was my duty to come here and present them to council tonight," he said.

That the reservoir design had been changed to reduce costs and that construction was not done "per the plans and specifications" were among Menton's allegations. The result, he claimed, was a reservoir subject to leaks.

Menton said he recently found a wet spot, "roughly two feet by two feet" at the

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In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

NOTE PAD

Winter Break for schools

Schools in Christina District will be closed Dec. 25 to Jan. 1 for the Winter Holiday. Christina offices are closed Monday, Dec. 25, Tuesday, Dec. 26, and Friday, Dec. 29. Schools in Red Clay Consolidated School District are closed Friday, Dec. 22, to Monday, Jan. 1, while Red Clay offices are closed Dec. 22, 25 and 29.

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Educator email rules

According to eSchool News, new federal rules that went into effect on Dec. 1 oblige schools, businesses, and other organizations to keep tabs on all email, instant messages (IM), and other digital communications produced by their employees.

Resources for parents online

The Parents Information Center of Delaware (PIC/DE) has an extensive lending library of materials on a variety of disabilities and related issues at www.picofdel.org. Parents can review PIC/DE's lending policy and search by topic. Each item has a brief description, but for more in-depth information on many materials you can go to www.amazon.com.

PIC/DE is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to providing information, support, and learning opportunities to students with disabilities or special needs and their families. We strive to promote partnerships among families, educators, policy makers and the community.

Plenty of 'Positives' at Gallaher

Nearly 300 students, families and teachers enjoyed a Holiday Family Fun Night on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Gallaher Elementary School. Activities included Dinner for a Dollar; face painting; story time celebrating all the holiday's celebrated this month, including Christmas,

Hanukkah and Kwanza; a visit from Santa Claus; and a Holiday Shop where students and their families could buy gifts for each other.

The bustle of the holiday season was set into motion as everyone enjoyed the evening. The Holiday Shop was also open during school hours on Wednesday and Thursday for students who were unable to shop at the evening event.

Gallaher PTA gave every student in the school the gift of a new book on Monday, Dec. 11, as part of the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program. The PTA gives four new books to each student during the school year.

As part of its Positive Behavior Support (PBS) program, the school is having a Craft Party on Friday, Dec. 22. Spokesperson Paula Sims stated that Gallaher has a different PBS activity each month that students pay for with their Panther Bucks earned by demonstrating various positive behaviors.



MBNA grant to Wilson teacher

Stephanie Saggione of Wilson Elementary School received approval for her MBNA Grant proposal in the amount of \$4,873 for her Big Books project for grades one and two. Wilson's staff already has more than \$45,000 in grant awards in the 2006-07 school year.

Pulaski gets 10,200 grant

Pulaski Intermediate School received an MBNA grant in the amount of \$10,212. Reading specialist Bonnie Miller and library media specialist Marcia Berbeza completed the successful application for this grant.

Gallaher has 'Patriotic Teacher'

Julie Kopay of Gallaher School was named Patriotic Teacher of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign War Citizenship Education Department. Kopay received a \$100 prize to purchase social studies materials for her class. In addition, she has been invited to submit an application for consideration at the national level.

Elbert-Palmer hosts reading event

Elbert-Palmer School hosted an event in November for its K-3 Reading First families. The parents learned vocabulary-building techniques to use while reading aloud to their children from a presenter made available through a joint project of the Delaware Department of Education and the Parent Information Center of Delaware.

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Students were encouraged to come in pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal for a special story time. The families concluded the evening with social time and a dinner provided by the Christina District.

Award for Gallaher website

Gallaher Elementary School received the Teacher's Corner Honor Roll Award for School and Classroom websites. The award honors sites that are informative and contain great resources for students and parents. The technology coordinator at Gallaher is Laura Brace.

Christina Partners program recognized

Wilmington City Council recognized the Christina Partners for Excellence Bridge To-Employment program with a resolution presented by the Honorable Hanifa Shabazz in November. Student participants and their families attended the presentation for this program coordinated by Joanne Parker-Henry with funding assistance provided by the Noramco Neighbors project of Wilmington-based Noramco Inc., a pharmaceutical manufacturing subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson.

Law firm mentors at Bancroft

The law firm of Richard, Layton and Finger is contributing many hours of service to the students of Bancroft Intermediate School. There are presently 54 mentors from the firm who have continued in the school's mentoring program despite financial challenges



facing the school and district. According to Christina District administrators, the program has been very successful in helping Bancroft students, and the school welcomes the participation and dedication of these community members.

Grant for Gallaher parenting workshops

Gallaher Elementary School's kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Arban and Mrs. Ray, received a grant from MBNA to present workshops on Active Parenting and Building Academic Success Through Parent Involvement. The first session was held the evening of Nov. 20.

IN OUR SCHOOLS

Student suspension for medicine misuse

Parents warned to watch their children

According to Christina District administrators, four Shue-Medill Middle School eighth-graders became ill at school after apparently taking Coricidin HBP pills on the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Their symptoms ranged from nausea to dizziness and increased heart rates and high blood pressure. Parents were called to the school to pickup two students. Two others were taken by ambulance to Christiana Hospital. All four children recovered.

A fifth middle schooler was aware of the students' abuse of the medicine and also faced discipline.

According to KidsHealth.org, cold and cough medicines containing dextromethorphan (DXM) are easy to find at the local drug-store or in the family medicine cabinet. And because it's in over-the-counter medicines, many teens are naively assuming that DXM can't be that dangerous.

Although DXM can be safely taken in 15- to 30-milligram doses, abusers tend to consume as much as 360 milligrams or more that can cause hallucina-

tions, loss of motor control, and "out-of-body" (disassociative) sensations. Other possible side effects of DXM abuse include: confusion, impaired judgment, blurred vision, dizziness, paranoia, excessive sweating, slurred speech, nausea, vomiting, abdom-

inal pain, irregular heartbeat, high blood pressure, headache, lethargy, numbness of fingers and toes, redness of face, dry and itchy skin, loss of consciousness, seizures, brain damage, and even death.

Parents are advised to keep an

eye out for not only traditional-looking cough and cold remedies in your child's room, but also strange-looking tablets (DXM is often sold on the Internet and at "raves" in its pure form in various shapes and colors).

Shue student wins in Aetna Fire contest

Shue-Medill Middle School student Bethanne Morris was a first place winner in Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company's 2006 Fire Prevention Poster and Essay Contest. The Contest is sponsored by the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association for public and private schools throughout Aetna's fire district during Fire Prevention Week.

The Contest challenges K-8 students to draw a poster or write an essay on a topic related to fire prevention. The entries are then judged by members of Aetna and the local winners are entered in judging against entries from across New Castle County.

For 2006, Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company announced the following winners and their schools:

•Kindergarten Poster contest: 3rd Place, Alex Giansanti, Holy Angels School; 2nd Place, Brian Cole, Holy Angels School; 1st Place, Elaina Neri, Holy Angels School.

•1st Grade Poster Contest: 3rd Place Camryn Scully, Holy Angels School; 2nd Place, Elizabeth Barrish, Holy Angels School; 1st Place, Carrie Fitzgerald; Christ the Teacher School.

•2nd Grade Poster Contest: 3rd Place, Natalie Bennett, Christ the Teacher School; 2nd Place, Amanda Baker, Christ the Teacher School; 1st Place, Nicole Quimby, Holy Angels School.

•3rd Grade Poster Contest: 3rd Place, Lauren Stasio, Christ the Teacher School; 2nd Place, Mark Obuchowski, Christ the Teacher School; 1st Place, Audrey Ostrowski, Christ the Teacher School.

•4th Grade Essay Contest: 3rd Place, Ryan Nolan, Christ the Teacher School; 2nd Place, Pierce Lamberton, Christ the Teacher School; 1st Place, Kyle Sidwell, Christ the Teacher School.

•5th Grade Essay Contest: 3rd Place, Tyler Robinson, Maclary School; 2nd Place, Benjamin Kuykendall, Newark Charter School; 1st Place, Emily Fisher, Newark charter School.

•6th Grade Essay Contest: 3rd Place, Mark Lizza, Christ the Teacher School; 2nd Place, Brenden Powers, Christ the Teacher School; 1st Place,



Courtney Gross, Christ the Teacher School.

•7th Grade Essay Contest: 3rd Place, Allison short, Christ the Teacher School; 2nd Place, Briana Beneati, Christ the Teacher School; 1st Place, Megan Sullivan, Holy Angels School.

•8th Grade Essay Contest: 3rd Place, Lincoln Lamberton, Christ the Teacher School; 2nd Place, Olivia Massa, Holy Angels School, 1st Place, Bethanne Morris, Shue-Medill Middle School.

Aetna's president, Larry Thompson, presented each winner with a certificate and a check. First place winners received \$35, second place winners, \$25, and third place winners \$15. The winners then had the opportunity to have their pictures taken with Aetna's Fire Chief, Jon Townley, and Firefighter Erin Welch.

The officers and members of Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company wish to congratulate the winners, their parents and teachers on their participation in the 2006 Fire Prevention Contest.

NHS senior in Young Critic program

Newark High School student Ned Redmond is one of seven local students invited to participate in the 2006-07 Young Critics program.

This is the fifth season of this program offered at Delaware Theatre Company. The Young Critics reviews of DTC's mainstage and Young Playwrights Festival productions are posted

on the theatre's Website. The students are encouraged to explore a critical response to theatre that goes beyond the typical "thumbs up, thumbs down" reaction.

Currently in the advanced theatre class and a member of NHS' Rude Mechanicals improv troupe, Redmond's high school roles have included the judge in "Harvey," and Dromio of Ephesus

in Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors." He also appeared in "Bang, Bang You're Dead" in 2005.

To become a Young Critic, students submit an application and writing sample to DTC artistic associate David Stradley who also serves as editor and mentor to the students during the season.

Keene student wins Poster Contest



Irene Luo, a fourth grade student at Keene Elementary School on Route 40, was chosen as the winner of the 2006 Delaware State School Bus Safety Poster Contest in the Grades 3-5 Division. The theme for the contest is "Be Aware! Cross with Care." Her art teachers are Kelly Walzl and Amelia Hutchison.

Luo's poster was sent to the National School Bus Safety Week Committee for judging for the National winning poster in Kansas City. The winner of the national contest will have his/her poster used for national distribution in 2007 and will receive a savings bond. The contest is sponsored by the National Association for Pupil Transportation.



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MARK MY WORDS

When a failure isn't a failure at all

By MARK SISK

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

There was some tension in Newark in the late 'Sixties between students and police. While it wasn't exactly Berkeley or Morningside Heights, the tone of the times spilled over. For young people like me — high school townies — the tension was leavened to some extent by the fact that the police officers were people whom one knew or whose children one knew. For instance, a friendly Newark police officer warned me away from the infamous spring 1974 Deer Park "riot" as I disembarked from a DART bus and walked toward it with two guitars and a duffel bag of laundry, returning home for spring break. Nevertheless, unkind things were thought, and sometimes said, by both sides.



Sisk

Fast forward to 1980, when the kid last seen by Bill Brierley running around the streets of Newark in rock bands (that would be me) is appointed City Prosecutor. My next 15 years as a prosecutor provided many opportunities for penance for any unkind thoughts I had ever had about police as a young person. The most searing personal lesson came back to me recently by way of the News-Journal "where are they now" on the Peterson-Grossberg case.

In case you were not here at the time, here is the short version. Amy Grossberg, a student at the University of Delaware, and Brian Peterson, a student at Gettysburg College, had been high school sweethearts in northern New Jersey. They kept visiting each other after each enrolled in college. Grossberg became pregnant. The baby was either stillborn or killed (interestingly, according to the recent story, the protagonists in the larger case still do not apparently agree on the cause of death). The baby's body was found in a dumpster outside of a Newark motel, and, naturally, the case was investigated by Newark Police.

The story is probably still online if you want all the details, but one bit of local color I will mention was the national television interview in which Jane Brady, then Delaware Attorney General, now a Superior Court Judge, but also formerly a young person running the streets of Newark, was perceived to have stated she would seek the death penalty in the case. My memory is that wasn't precisely what she said but that's how it was reported (Judge, if you're reading, I really look forward to your memoirs at some point). What brought this case back to my mind from the story was the encounter that I

had roughly a year after the case was over (Peterson and Grossberg pleaded guilty to certain charges and did prison time). I encountered a retired Newark police officer at his new place of employment. He had been one of the investigating officers in the case. In talking about it, he clearly had felt that somehow the system had not protected this small child and that he, as part of the system, bore some personal responsibility (he never said those words, but his eyes said it loud and clear).

He was haunted by the case. But, with the benefit of hindsight, some good came from it. The University of Delaware intensified its undergraduate counseling program, and publicized more widely its availability. Peterson-Grossberg happened in the same era as the O.J. Simpson case. I do not refer to Simpson, by all the evidence apparently a stone cold killer, by the cuddly sobriquet "O.J.," which recalls his former celebrity. When Simpson recently tried to publish a book about the case, the police, prosecutors and defense attorneys from that case all did turns as talking heads commenting on the project. I saw the same look in the eyes of one of the LAPD detectives as he spoke of Nicole Brown Simpson.

The LAPD motto, "To Protect and Serve," is at the heart of all police work. Solving and helping to prosecute crime comes under the "serve" part, preventing it under "protect." If the LAPD officer was seared by his "failure" to prevent the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson, I can assure him that, with the perspective of the passage of time, she did not die in vain.

The police weren't the only ones seared by her death. Whether from good intentions, raised consciousness, or covering themselves, the death of Nicole Brown Simpson was a five-alarm wake up call to police, prosecutors, social workers, and judges. Not less than weekly, I hear in my office of situations that would have been taken lightly by "the system" pre-Simpson that are treated seriously now.

Police aren't perfect, individually or as a group. I'm a defense attorney, and I'll be doing my job today as you read this, without apology. A frequent cliché about police work is that police put their lives on the line for us. They do, and that is no joke. But thankfully, very few police officers are called up to give their lives. I learned as a prosecutor that it is harder for a conscientious officer to live with a perceived failure than die a hero. I also learned that the failure often isn't a failure at all.

The author, a Newark native, is an attorney with offices in Newark and Wilmington. He sits on the board of the Newark Senior Center and is a member of the Newark Morning Rotary Club.

OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, "Out of the Attic" continues a months-long series of photographs taken in the early 1950s of all buildings on Main Street in the downtown area. This treasure trove of nostalgia is borrowed from archives in the city of Newark municipal building. Few details were discovered with the slides, but they are believed to have been made by Leo Laskaris in 1954. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For information, call the Newark Post weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

This week features a special excerpt that was originally printed in 1897 in the New York Sun, and was reprinted in the Newark Post in 1931.

Dec. 24, 1931

Is There A Santa Claus?

Thirty-four years ago, or to be exact, on Sept. 21, 1897, there appeared in the New York Sun an editorial from the pen of Francis P. Church, which was a reply to a letter received from a little eight-year old girl, Virginia O'Hanlon. "Is There A Santa Claus" is a newspaper classic, and not only has it been reprinted in the New York Sun every year for the past thirty-three years, but it has been reprinted repeatedly in thousands of other newspapers throughout the United States in that time. It is doubtful if there is

any other single Christmas piece with the possible exception of "The Night Before Christmas," which is so widely known.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:



"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.

"Dear Editor:

"I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends were wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a

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COMMENTARY

Congressman Castle teams up with March of Dimes on prematurity

Announce a new law to increase research for prematurity

Delaware Congressman Mike Castle last week joined the Delaware March of Dimes in touring Christiana Care's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and announcing the upcoming signing of the PREEMIE Act into law.

"The Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers Who Deliver Infants Early Act" — of which Castle is an original cosponsor — is designed to expand research into the causes and prevention of prematurity and to increase education and support services related to premature birth. Both the House and Senate gave their final stamp of approval to this legislation Friday, Dec. 8.

"Prematurity is a silent health crisis. Preterm delivery can happen to any pregnant woman, and in nearly one-half of the cases, no one knows why. But one thing we do know is that prematurity is the number one cause of infant mortality. And Delaware's infant mortality rate is the 6th highest in the nation — with an average of 9 deaths per 1,000 live births. And over the years it has been increasing, not decreasing," Castle said.

"This bill — which will be signed into law shortly — will take important steps to reduce the rates of preterm labor and delivery and promote the use of evidence based care for pregnant women at risk of preterm labor and for infants born preterm with the ultimate goal of reducing infant mortality and disabilities caused by prematurity."

The preemie act provisions include the following:

Expands federal research related to preterm labor and deliv-

ery and increasing public and provider education and support services.

Creates demonstration projects through HHS to educate health professionals and the public on the signs of preterm labor, good nutrition, smoking cessation, stress management, as well as programs to improve treatment and outcomes for premature babies.

Authorizes grants for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Family Support programs for family counseling needs.

Calls for a Surgeon General's Conference to bring scientific and clinical experts from the public and private sector to formulate a national agenda on preterm labor and delivery.

As Governor, Castle initiated targeted and community based programs to reduce the state's high number of infant deaths by one-third from 1985 levels.

A Christmas list for Newark

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For all area drivers:

Less construction, less traffic and better roads (Hey, it's Christmas. These requests don't need to be logical)

A 30-second drive down Main Street — at least once this year.

For UD football coach K.C. Keeler:

Less injuries.

A return trip to the playoffs.

For UD basketball coach Monte Ross:

A win.

Over anybody.

For UD women's basketball coach Tina Martin:

A Top-25 ranking.

A CAA title.

A berth in the NCAA Tournament.

A sold-out arena that a team with the above qualifications deserves.

For Main Street:

Already the most vibrant and best Main Street in the state, it can probably only use a couple of tenants to fill its few vacancies.

For the Glasgow High football players:

An understanding that what they accomplished on the field is far more important than administrative screw-ups off the field.

For Mayor Vance Funk:

Another outstanding Taste of Newark. This event just keeps getting better and better.

For all our readers and Newark area residents:

A very Happy Holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Is there a Santa Claus?

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Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia. There would be no childish faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and light. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen in the world.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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OUTLOOK

Holidays can be happy and sad

By CINDY GENAU

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

The special songs of the season have been playing non-stop on the radio since Thanksgiving. They are filled with reminders that home is for the holidays and conjure up dreams of the perfect family gathering together complete with a blanket of fresh fallen snow.

This is a season of celebration but it is also a time of remembrance. For some this time of year is a reminder of those who are no longer with us. Many people are mourning the loss of a loved one. Although the television, magazines and cards depict joyful complete families, it is not that way for everyone.

There are also many kinds of losses. For me this is the 3rd anniversary of my mother's death and her birthday was on Dec. 5. For others the loss could be a pet, a divorce, losing a job, a family member with a long term illness or the loss of someone injured or killed in a car crash. I volunteer with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and they have taught me that this can be a tough time of year for some people. So they have a good way of helping their victims and others grieving a loss with tools to cope during this busy holiday season.

MADD plans a vigil for their members and family members. At the vigil each person lights a candle for their loved one and gets a chance to share a poem, a prayer or a moment of silence to honor their loved one. Another tradition that I have seen is lighting four candles that symbolize grief, courage, memories and love.

It is healthy to remember

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A winter wonderland

NURSE'S DECORATIONS BRING HOLIDAY CHEER TO NEWARK MANOR

Paulette Dolbow, a nurse at Newark Manor on W. Main Street, doesn't know exactly when she took on the challenge of turning the nursing home into a winter wonderland,

Newark Manor in 2001. Then, she said, several men handled the holiday decorating with more precision than creativity. The ornaments were numbered as they were put away at the end of each season, and, come the next Christmas, they were hung in the same spot.

Dolbow decided to do things a bit differently. She started with the first floor dining room, embellishing it with items she found at the home and ones she made herself. Little-by-little, and floor-by-floor, the project grew. Now, she decorates the home's three hallways and three dining rooms, putting at least four Christmas trees on display.

A career nurse, Dolbow has a natural eye for tasteful decorating and great crafting skills to match. She designs and makes all of the flower arrangements, wreaths and bows that brighten up the hallways each year.

This year, a rotating Christmas tree dressed to the nines greets residents and visitors at the entrance to Newark Manor. Turn the corner to a hallway sparkling with pink and gold wreaths that leads to a tree with matching décor.

For the second floor, the color theme is red and purple. A tree at the end of the hallway — trimmed with miniature cardinals and ruby red shoes — is topped by a red and purple hat. Dolbow called a fourth tree in the third floor social area the "Bible tree." It's adorned with religious-themed ornaments and miniature Bibles.

Decorating each year begins in December, said Dolbow. She gets help from volunteers with the University of Delaware and residents' families who hang ornaments on their relatives' doors.

The decorations bring a bit of Christmas cheer to the manor and make the facility, which serves 52 residents, feel more like home. It fits in with Newark Manor's mission statement, said Dolbow: "Our residents don't live in a facility. We work in their home."



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE NEFF

Dolbow designs all of the floral arrangements that decorate the halls. She made a pink and gold wreath for every residents' door on the first floor hallway.

but she knows why.

"Seeing the residents' faces light up when they see all the decorations — it makes it all worth it," she said.

Dolbow started working at



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY CHRISTINE NEFF

Paulette Dolbow, an employee of Newark Manor, decorates the home's three floors. She is standing next to the tree on the first floor, which is decorated in gold, cream and pink ornaments.

LIFESTYLE

Letters to Santa

The Newark Post's office manager and editorial assistant, Sondra McKeever, each week compiles the historical headline review that appears on the Opinion Page as "Pages From The Past." This week, she shares with readers letters from Newark youngsters to Santa as they were printed 75 years ago in the Dec. 24, 1931, issue of the Newark Post.

Dear Santa

I am a little boy in the first grade of school and I thought I would tell you what I would like for Christmas.

Please bring me an Austin with plenty of gas to make it go and a couple of spare tires so that I may drive myself to school and save Mother. I would also like a flash light, erector set, box of paints with coloring books, set of Krazy Ikes, set of Lincoln logs, tool chest and a bird book, also some games for my sister Lois.

Please be good to the poor.

Your little friend,

Edson R. Detjen, Grade 1

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 7 years old and go to school. My mother says I am good some time. Please bring me a doll and skates, a baby carriage and lot of doll dresses, and don't for get Mamma and Daddy to bring them some thing real nice.

Ida M. Porter

Dear Santa,

You would be surprised at what I want. I want a doll with long curls, books, games, 24 inch bike, a doll in a trunk, and don't for get the girl that lives next door.

Your friend,
Marjorie

Dear Santa,

I am very glad you came and saw me last year, treated me very good, thank you.

This year I would like you to come to my house again, bring me, bicycle, baby coach with a doll in it that will walk, sissors, sled, candy, nuts. Fix my Christmas tree very pretty put some snow under it.

Be good to the poor children. Don't come down in a parachute any more because you are liable to get killed. I will put something good on the table for you.

Your friend,
Dean Wilson

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a few things for Christmas. I have been a very good boy. I never do anything very bad. I want a big paint set, set of airplanes, some kind of a toy to ride, a pair of high top shoes with a pen-knife, size 12, a cop set, and a recter set.

Don't forget Patsy - she is a good little girl.

Goodbye - I go to school.
Raymond David Chalmers.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 8 yrs. old and in the 3rd Grade in Newark School and I would like for you to bring me a dolly in a trunk one that has 10 pieces of clothes, also a pair of roller skates and a game of Lotto & some candy and nuts. Please don't forget my little sister Helen who is four years old, she wants a dolly & outfit just the same as mine, also a game of old maid cards & a set of aluminium dishes and some candy. I hope you wont forget where I live.

I am your little friend.
Grace L. Grant

Dear Santa,

Please give Eleanor Dean a black doll baby. Give me a white doll baby. Please give my brother a gun. Santa please give me a bottle for my doll baby. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Marie

Dear Santa,

I would like to have some bedroom slippers, a pair of roller skates and two wheel bike. I do not thik I have asked for too much.

Much love.
From your little friend,
Mary Louise Lewis

Dear Santa,

I was afraid you might not get my letter. I left it on the table in the dining room with my brothers, Alfred and George and my little sister Charlotte's, so I seen



the letters in the Post and know you will get this one. I would like awful bad to have a doll, a table and chairs, a story book, games and a sled, a pair of galashes, my old doll fixed, a coat and hat and shoes and stockings, a new dress and a pair of gloves. I will be an awful good girl if you will bring these to me, and mother and daddy wants a lot of things to and Charlotte is 4 years old, she wants a doll and everything on her list. Please Santa bring us all our things and help the poor boys and girls. I thank you.

Betty Mahan, 9 years old.

Our house is the only one on Woodland Ave.

Dear Santa Claus,

You have to go to see so many

boys and girls that I am asking for only two toys: a doll with long curls named "Barbara" - and a drum.

"Mom Mom" says that you needn't bring a big drum.

Please put some fruit in your pack for me. You may save the candy for the older boys and girls.

Your little friend,
Wilberta Stradley

Grief does not end; it's a journey

► OUTLOOK, from 8

those who are no longer with us and to include their memory in our celebrations. We do not need to pretend that we don't miss them. It is ok to say that you wish they were here. My family — my dad and five sisters — gather at my mom's gravesite near her birthday, hang a wreath, say a prayer and then have lunch together. We can share memories about my mom and talk to my dad about family history. Everyone will find their own way to create rituals that will help them cope with their grief.

MADD offers some suggestions that may be helpful for people trying to balance the emotions of celebration and sadness.

Know that grief does not end but it is a journey; recognize the holidays will be different; change traditions if it feels right to you; plan ahead and don't over commit; try to mix social

time and time for solitude; pick several special memories to focus on and to celebrate; and remember it is ok to talk about your loved one.

Finally, give yourself permission to enjoy life. It is ok to join in the celebration of the season. Take time to be thankful for those who are with you today. Most of all know that it is ok

to have a season that celebrates what is merry and bright but also includes what is somber and reflective. May this season bring peace to you and your families. For more information or assistance, you can call MADD at 1-877-6232-3435 or at their Web site www.madd.org.

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DJ DANCE PARTY 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Featuring Tom Travers. No Cover Charge. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-9414.

LIVE MUSIC 9 p.m. Featuring Josh Olmstead. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main, Newark. Info, 266-6993.

■ SATURDAY, DEC. 23

LIVE MUSIC 9:30 p.m. - 1 a.m. Featuring Fat Daddy Has Been. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 36-9414.

LIVE MUSIC 9 p.m. Featuring Bruce Anthony playing ambient Jazz and Blues. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main, Newark. Info, 266-6993.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 6:30 p.m. Celebrating the Birth of Jesus. First Baptist Church, 4210 Limestone Rd., Wilmington. Info, 998-4105.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 6:30 p.m. Christmas Band, followed by Family Service at 7 p.m. Pre-Service Christmas Music again at 9:30 p.m., followed by a candlelight and communion service at 10 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 292 W. Main St., Newark. Info.

MONDAY, DEC. 25

ORGAN SING-ALONGS 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7 & 8 p.m. Guest organist Marc Cheban of Middletown performs your favorite Christmas carols on digital organ provided by the Allen Organ Company of Macungie, Pa. Included in general admission. Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square, Pa. Info, 610-388-1000.

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

ICE SKATING PERFORMANCE 5:45, 6:45 & 7:45 p.m. Amateur and professional ice skaters from the Mid-Atlantic region present skating vignettes, including Olympians Tiffany Scott and Philip Dulebohn. Included in general admission. Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square, Pa. Info, 610-388-1000.



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE POST BY L. ALBEE

ICE SKATERS AT LONGWOOD GARDENS

Amateur and professional ice skaters from the Mid-Atlantic region, including Olympians Tiffany Scott and Phillip Dulebohn, pictured, present skating vignettes at Longwood Gardens. Performances are on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at 5:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. For more information, call 610-388-1000.

■ WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

LIVE MUSIC 9 p.m. Featuring flamenco guitarist Bill Belcher. Home Grown Café, 16 E. Main, Newark. Info, 266-6993.

DJ DANCE PARTY 9:30 p.m. Featuring Tom Travers. No cover charge. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-9414.

■ THURSDAY, DEC. 28

JR TRACKER CAMP 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Through Friday, Dec. 29. Join the park naturalists for a two-day camp of animal tracking and survival. For ages 7 - 11. \$35 per day. Pre-registration required. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info, 368-6900.

■ FRIDAY, DEC. 22

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

■ SATURDAY, DEC. 23

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. Saturday. \$5 donation goes to missions. Life Community Church, 750 Otts Chapel Rd. Info, 738-1530.

KARAOKE 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Saturday. The American Legion of Elkton, 129 W. Main St. Info, 410-398-9720.

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

■ TUESDAY, DEC. 26

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

DIAMOND STATE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES 7:30 - 10 p.m. Tuesdays. Women's acapella singing group. Curious and enthusiastic singers welcome. Life Community Church, 750 Otts Chapel Rd., Newark. Info, 731-5981.

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

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

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT

GROUP 7 - 8:30 p.m. Fourth Tuesday. Free and open to the public. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Naaman's and Darley Roads, Wilmington. Info, 475-1880.

■ WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

TAI CHI 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Integrate mind, body, and spirit using techniques developed by the ancient Chinese. Free for people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.

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

DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Support group meeting. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd. Info, 737-2300.

DISCUSSION GROUP 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Current events and religious issues discussions led by Rev. Bruce Gillette. Limestone Presbyterian Church, 2301 Limestone Rd., Wilmington. Info, 994-5646.

DIVORCECARE 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Separated/divorced people meet. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info, 737-5040.

MEETINGS

FAMILY CIRCLES 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info, 658-5177.

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

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

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT

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

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

PARENT/EDUCATOR SUPPORT

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

ADULTS WITH ADHD SUPPORT

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LET'S DANCE CLUB 4 - 6 p.m.

Thursdays. Features ballroom and line dancing. Free. Meets at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 737-2336.

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

DIVORCECARE 7 - 8:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Separated/divorced persons meet. Southern Chester County YMCA, East Baltimore Pike, Jennersville, Pa. Info, 610-869-2140.

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BRIGHT FUTURES 1 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday. Breast cancer support group. Medical Arts Pavilion 2, Christiana Hospital. Info, 733-3900.

G.O.A.L. 7:30 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday. Meeting for widows and widowers sponsored by Going On After Loss. Aldersgate United Methodist church, Concord Pike, Wilmington. Info, 368-8980.

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26 Loser's locale
27 Prepare to fly
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30 Daily of "Judging Amy"
31 '81 Albert Finney film
35 Decorate
36 Tennis legend
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47 Baseball's "Master Melvin"
48 "The Raven" monogram

51 Part 2 of remark
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15 Hymn of praise
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18 Hockey's Mikita
19 — Lanka
23 Part of CEO
24 "Carmen" character
25 Horse's gait
30 TV host
31 Pianist
32 King of Israel
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38 Biblical book
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NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

UD students win game-show money, show class

Dina DiEleuterio, a senior from Wilmington who will graduate in January with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and Rob Greathouse, a sophomore from Newark majoring in food science and technology, both recently competed in televised game shows that tested more than their academic skills.



DiEleuterio, who appeared on a 12:30 p.m. WPVI-TV6 broadcast of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" on Tuesday, Nov.

21, put her grace and poise on display as unusual questions left even her phone-a-friends scratching their heads. And Greathouse, who appeared on a 7:30 p.m. WPVI-TV6 broadcast of Wheel of Fortune on Thanksgiving Day, kept his sportsmanship skills in the spotlight as the wheel went its own unpredictable way and the threat of getting hauled offstage loomed at the back of his mind.

"At one point, I was asked twice on a puzzle," Greathouse said, recalling a particularly tense moment, "But I just tried to concentrate and clap and smile while manipulating the wheel. They tell you that if you freeze, they'll have to replace you with a stand-in, so you have to keep your energy high."

Sophomore Rob Greathouse won \$8,550 on Wheel of Fortune.

His equanimity and stage presence held, however, and paid off handsomely as he walked away with \$8,550 in winnings-money he said he plans to divide among school expenses, IRA and mutual

fund investments, contributions to his mom and a spring break vacation.

"None of the money is mine yet," he said, explaining that he won't see the check until sometime in March. "I didn't get into the second round, but I did finish second (against two other contestants) and I had a great experience. It's not something that a lot of people have the opportunity to do." Of the \$8,550 that

he earned, \$1,000 is in gift certificates to the Hawaiian-themed online store HiloHattie.com, in keeping with the Hawaiian theme Greathouse said was featured on the Thanksgiving Day show.

DiEleuterio, who left the set of Millionaire with a none-too-shabby \$1,000 in winnings, dealt similarly with chance when the question "What animals does Stephen Colbert on 'The Colbert Report' call 'godless killing machines?'"

left her making the unfortunate choice of sharks instead of bears.

The stumble, though sending DiEleuterio back from her \$8,000 status, nonetheless did little to dampen her spirit. A part-time waitress at a popular sports bar near campus, the 22-year-old celebrated her appearance by treating her friends to a round of refreshments when she returned to campus.

UD's Performing Arts Series runs through May 18

The University of Delaware's 2006-07 Performing Arts Series includes a wide variety of concerts, performances and guests, from the internationally acclaimed Philadelphia Dance Company (Philadanco) to Baltimore Consort classical ensemble.

Baltimore Consort, set to perform on Friday, Jan. 26, specializes in the courtly and popular music of the 16th to 18th centuries, as well as traditional music rooted in earlier times. The variety of instruments on which they

perform—including a lute, a viol, a cittern, a rebec, a crumhorn and a bandora—have delighted and educated audiences on both sides of the Atlantic, and they were recently named by Billboard Magazine as Top Classical Crossover Artist. Together since 1980, the ensemble has performed widely in the United States and abroad, as well as on syndicated radio broadcasts.

The acclaimed Philadelphia Dance Company (Philadanco) will perform Friday, Feb. 16. Held in high esteem both nationally

and internationally, Philadanco is a nonprofit professional dance organization with a 35-year history rich in contemporary dance, choreography and training. The current troupe includes dancers who have traveled the world performing sold-out shows at venues as diverse as Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center and the American Dance Festival.

Amadeus Trio, set to perform Friday, March 9, occupies a position among the foremost piano trios in the world. The three artists, pianist Marian Hahn, violinist Timothy Baker and cellist Jeffrey Solow, are recognized for their musicianship and virtuosity. The trio has appeared at chamber music festivals throughout the United States and Europe and has given world premieres of three commissioned works. In recent seasons, Amadeus Trio has championed the music of Hispanic composers.

World-class violinist Xiang Gao will perform on a Stradivarius violin in collaborative performance with pianist Howard Watkins of the Metropolitan Opera, set for Friday, May 18. As a member of the acclaimed China Magpie ensemble under Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Project, Gao also will be joined by classical musicians Wu Tong, Lui Lin and Hui Li, who performed a sold-out event two years ago for UD's Master Players Chamber Series.

All performances are in Mitchell Hall on the University of Delaware's Newark campus. Performing Arts Series programs begin at 8 p.m. For tickets, call or visit the Hartshorn Hall box office at 831-2204, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Tickets also are available for purchase at all UD box office locations or by calling Ticketmaster at 984-2000. If still available, tickets also may be purchased at the Mitchell Hall box office beginning two hours before the start of a performance.

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NPD delivers Toys For Tots

By **SONDRA MCKEEVER**

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Newark Police Department has been collecting Toys For Tots since the beginning of December. The NPD coordinated their delivery of these toys to Newark-area children on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

About 30 volunteers delivered gifts to children in College Park, Cherry Hill Manor, Williamsburg Village, Cleveland Heights, George Reed Village and the

White Chapel area.

About 250 to 300 toys were given out. With quite a few toys left over, the NPD will be delivering the extra to the Dover Police Department for distribution in their area, said Cpl. Scott Simpson.

Several area groups and organizations were involved in the project. The Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company, Station 7, loaned a fire truck and support vehicle to the effort. Also assisting were the Marine Corp

Reserve on Kirkwood Highway and many kids from Explorer Post #993, headed by the NPD's school resource officer.

Parents of Post #993 and civilian volunteers with NPD and the New Castle County probation and parole board assisted in gift wrapping.

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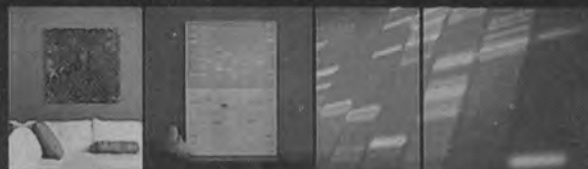
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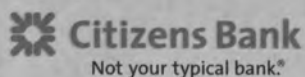
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IN THE NEWS

State auditor billed Christina District over \$500,000

► RECOVERY, from 1

While directing the budget cuts of Christina resources and personnel to recoup a projected multi-million-dollar deficit, three members of the Recovery Team were paid more than \$185,000 collectively between June 21 and Oct. 16.

According to a response dated Nov. 28 from the office of Tom Wagner, Auditor of Accounts (AOA), to a Freedom of Information request from a Delaware resident, Team member Frank Rishel, a former Deputy Superintendent for Christina District, received payments of \$82,260.61 over a 17-week period starting on June 21. During a nine-week period beginning on Aug. 9, Kenneth Brown, a former Financial Officer for the District later added to the original Recovery Team, was paid \$41,688.48.

Rishel and Brown resigned

from their Christina District positions in 1999 to take jobs with former Christina District superintendent Iris Metts who was then School Superintendent in Prince George's County, Va., but returned to Delaware after Metts retired.

Karen Cannon, retired from her former job as a human resources director for Caesar Rodney and Cape Henlopen school districts, collected \$61,180.60 as a Team member during an 11.5-week period beginning on July 21.

Coding on the appropriation documentation provided by the Auditor's office indicates that these Team members are not being paid through the District payroll as employees. "It appears that their checks are run through the Christina School District's business office," explained David Sundstrom, a former Christina administrator who is familiar with the data. "[That office is] wholly controlled now by Frank

Rishel and Ken Brown or...the persons who appointed them."

The FOIA response did not note how original Financial Recovery Team leader Jerry Gallagher, director of finance for the state Department of Education, nor Team member John Trochimowicz, fiscal and policy analyst for the state Office of Management and Budget, were paid for their work in the District.

The Team was appointed by the state Department of Education and authorized by the General Assembly to exercise control over Christina District expenditures, approve the FY 2007 budget, and report monthly to the Governor, state legislature, state budget office, and Controller General.

Efforts by the District's Financial Review Committee, also mandated by the General Assembly, to obtain copies of the above monthly reports have

so far been rebuffed by the office of Valerie Woodruff, the state Education Secretary.

The Financial Recovery Team began working with District staff and financial consultants from Alvarez & Marsal in May to "implement procedures and organizational structure to ensure financial stability of the district" and, according to School Superintendent Lillian Lowery, still has total control over District expenditures.


Sundstrom said the accounts detailing amounts paid through the District funds should include invoices and itemization of services if the Team members are independent contractors, or be included on the payroll if they are District employees. "How is the money being engineered to flow to them?" Sundstrom asked. "Why wasn't this information included with the FOIA response?"

Other amounts draining

Christina District funds, between FY 2003 when former School Superintendent Joseph Wise arrived in the District to FY 2006 when the deficit was announced, were payments for audit work performed or contracted by the AOA's office.


During four years, a total of \$520,129.40 was paid out for an average of almost six audits or assessments in the District each year.

The actual number of audits or investigations was probably higher — possibly as high as the "30 audits" alleged by current Christina school board member John Mackenzie in June. According to the FOIA response letter, the half-million in payments was only for audits that uncovered discrepancies in Christina accounts. "[T]he Office of the Auditor of Accounts did not bill the School District for any investigations," noted Wagner in the letter.




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Sports

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Local wrestlers shine at Beast

By **MARTY VALANIA**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Tommy Abbott and Luke Rebertus each battled their way to the finals of the country's most prestigious high school wrestling tournament over the weekend.

Abbott, a senior at St. Mark's, was beaten 3-1 in overtime by

Blair Academy's Mario Mason in the 140 pound final of the Beast of the East Wrestling Tournament Sunday afternoon at the Carpenter Center.

Rebertus, a senior from Caravel Academy, was edged 4-3 in the 160-pound final.

Other local wrestlers to place in the tournament included St.

Mark's freshman 103-pounder Sean Dolan, who took sixth place and Caravel junior Vinnie Ranauto, who took fifth at 171 pounds.

In addition, Hodgson's Orlando Colon placed sixth at 140 pounds.

There were two champions from Delaware as well.

Alex Meade, of Caesar Rodney, won the 145-pound weight class with a dominating 10-3 final win over Frankie Molinaro of New Jersey.

Dover's Jamelle Jones defended his title at 189 pounds.

It was the best showing for Delaware wrestlers since 1996 when the tournament wasn't

nearly as prestigious and competitive as it currently is.

Blair Academy won the team championship while Caesar Rodney, who finished 10th overall, was the highest finishing Delaware team. Caravel, who finished, 23rd, was second among in-state teams while St. Mark's (28th) was third.

Glasgow wins Kappa

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

It wasn't easy, and it took a few seconds after the final game buzzer sounded, but Glasgow was crowned champions of the 2006 Kappa Klassic Basketball Tournament by defeating Sanford 55-54 Saturday night on the Dragons home court.

Glasgow's Justin Kirkland scored 16 points to lead his team in scoring. Travon O'Brien knocked down 12 points, including ten in the fourth period.

O'Brien was named MVP for his outstanding offensive effort during the five-day tournament.

Sanford's Azeez Ellegood led all scorers Saturday night with 21 points. His Warrior teammate Edwin Santiago tallied 18 points.

It was Santiago's last shot of the game that caused some controversy. He let loose a shot that appeared to beat the buzzer, and give Sanford a 56-55 victory, but officials ruled it all happened after the clock had expired.

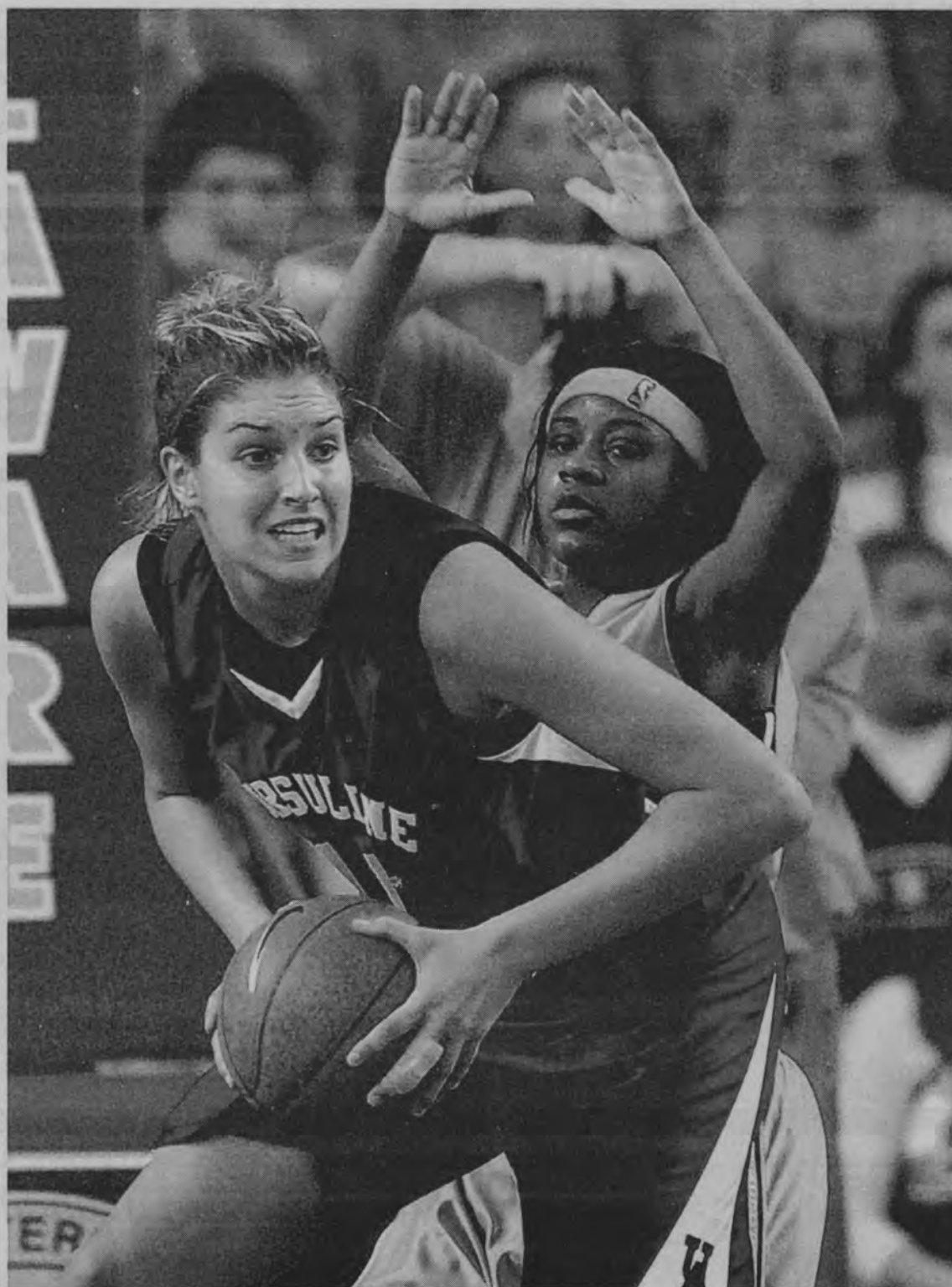
Many in the crowd thought Santiago was also fouled on the play.

"I'm not one to complain about the officials," said Sanford coach Stan Waterman, "but that was horrendous at the end of the game."

Glasgow led by six after one period, but Sanford found the range in taking a 28-24 lead into the halftime locker.

The Warriors extended their lead to 46-34 after three, but the Dragons went on the attack at the outset of the final quarter.

See **GLASGOW, 19** ►



Ursuline's Elena DelleDonne scored 40 points in the Raiders opening round victory in the prestigious Nike Tournament of Champions in Chandler, Ariz. on Monday. As of Wednesday, Ursuline was still in position to finish as high as fifth in the tournament.

St. Mark's tops Padua

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

St. Mark's threw a shutout in the first quarter against Catholic Conference rival Padua, and continued to play strong defense throughout the game in a 33-21 home victory over the Pandas Monday night.

The Lady Spartans spread the ball around effectively in building an 11-0 lead in the first period with five different players accounting for the points.

St. Mark's airtight defense limited Padua to a small amount of shots, and kept the Pandas from getting rebounds and easy follow shots.

The Spartans kept things rolling in the second quarter in building a 19-5 lead before halftime.

"Right now it's just a mental game with these kids, they play hard, I'm always proud of that," said Padua coach Maureen Faulkner. "We work hard in practice, and I'm thinking with time and experience, we'll catch on."

The Pandas (3-1) finally shook loose in the third period behind the shooting of Katie and Kieran Young and Emily Pitcher. But Padua was only able to outscore St. Mark's by a single point in cutting the deficit to 26-13.

Kim Dwyer scored all seven points for St. Mark's in the third as the Pandas defense began to flex its collective muscles.

Play got a little more physical in the fourth quarter. Again, Padua outscored the Spartans 8-7, but that wasn't nearly enough to prevent the Pandas from suffering their first loss of the season.

See **SPARTANS, 19** ►

IN THE NEWS

Newark's Harden named to UD baseball staff

Former University of Delaware baseball standout Steve Harden will join the Blue Hen coaching staff as a volunteer assistant coach for the 2007 season, head coach Jim Sherman has announced.

"We feel fortunate to have an individual like Steve as our volunteer assistant," Sherman said of Harden. "He brings a great knowledge of college baseball to our program. Steve was one of the best first basemen in Delaware history and he is an asset that will be helpful in the development of

our younger players."

Harden excelled as a first baseman and a pitcher for the Blue Hens from 2000-2003. A .282 career hitter, Harden compiled 33 home runs and 159 RBI in his four years. He ranks in the top 10 in Delaware history in games played, at-bats, home runs and RBI. He held the record for career games played until the 2006 season when he was passed by Todd Davison.

Harden also excelled on the pitcher's mound, posting a record

of 2-0 with seven saves and a 2.47 ERA while striking out 44 in 29.1 innings. He is tied for fourth on Delaware's career saves list. For his accomplishments, Harden was named a Louisville Slugger Honorable Mention Freshman All-American in 2000, and was named to the America East All-Tournament team as the Hens' captured the conference championship in 2001. As a senior in 2003, Harden was named Delaware's most outstanding offensive player and most out-

standing defensive player, as well as earning the Papp Lukk Team MVP award.

Harden spent the last three seasons as an assistant baseball coach at St. Mark's High School, helping to win the Delaware state championship in both 2004 and 2005.

Harden's younger brother Dave was a member of the Delaware baseball team from 2002-05 and his youngest brother Matt is currently a senior at St. Mark's and is a member of the Hens' 2008

recruiting class.

After graduating from Delaware in 2003, Harden earned a master's degree in education from Wilmington College. He is currently working at Brandywine High School teaching Driver's Education and Safety. In November 2005 he married Jennifer Lobley, a three-year member of the women's soccer team at Delaware who is now a math teacher at A.I. DuPont High School. The couple resides in Newark.

Blue Hen women continue their winning ways

Chrissy Fisher knocked down a foul line jumper with just 14 seconds left to play as the University of Delaware women's basketball squad continued its win streak with a 63-62 win over host University of Massachusetts Sunday at the Mullins Center.

Fisher, who finished with 10 points, helped Delaware (9-1) post its eighth straight victory overall and sixth straight road win and hand the Minutewomen their first home loss of the season. Massachusetts (9-3) had a streak of 10 straight home wins snapped. The streak was the 11th longest current win streak in NCAA Division I. Delaware has now defeated UMass in all three meetings.

Tyresa Smith led the Blue Hens with 20 points - her sixth 20-point effort of the season - to go with nine rebounds while

Courtney Irving added 12 points and Kyle DeHaven contributed six assists and 10 points, including a big three-pointer with 1:13 left that gave the Hens a 61-59 advantage. Alena Koshansky added eight points and six assists. Smith, who also recorded six steals, moved into 10th place on the all-time UD scoring list with 1,192 points, passing Christina Rible (1998-2002) and Lisa Cano (1984-88).

Delaware native Kate Mills led four Massachusetts scorers in double figures with 14 points while Kim Benton added 14 points, including four second half three-pointers. Stefanie Gerardot contributed 12 points, and Pam Rosanio chipped in with 11 points.

"We are very happy with the win," said Delaware head coach Tina Martin. "We lacked a spark

defensively today but we executed at the end of the game which was most important."

Massachusetts had taken a 62-61 lead with 25.4 seconds left when Benton nailed a three-pointer from the top of the key, but the Hens came right back and took the lead for good on Fisher's clutch shot.

UMass got the ball back, but Irving forced a turnover by Benton and Fisher came up with the ball and was fouled with 4.4 seconds. Fisher missed the front end of the one and one opportunity and UMass rebounded, but Benton's halfcourt shot bounced off the glass, giving the Hens the hard-fought victory.

Delaware used a 15-4 run to take the biggest lead of the day for either team at 25-15 with 7:25 left, but Massachusetts rallied with an 8-1 run of its own to

get back in the game and took a 32-30 lead at halftime. Delaware went into halftime trailing for the first time since the Kentucky game back on Nov. 24.

The Minutewomen took a 53-48 lead with 8:58 left to play in the second half, but Koshansky nailed a three-pointers and Smith added a layup to tie things up at 53-53. Massachusetts responded with a 6-0 run to go back up 59-53, but Koshansky answered again with a three-pointers and Smith followed with another basket to narrow the lead down to

59-58.

DeHaven hit a three-pointer from the corner to give Delaware the lead at 61-59 with 1:13 remaining. The Hens stopped UMass on the next possession but gave the ball back on a botched inbounds play. The Minutewomen took advantage, going back up 62-61 on Benton's wide-open three-pointers from the top of the key. But the lead was short-lived as the Hens came down and got the game-winner from Fisher.

Patrick to play in Shrine game

Ben Patrick, a senior tight end and a consensus All-American for the University of Delaware football team this fall, has been selected to play in the 82nd annual East-White Shrine Football All-Star Game Jan. 20 at the Houston Texans' Reliant Stadium.

The game, which is sponsored by Dell and benefits Shriner's

Hospital, matches some of the top seniors in college football in an East-West format. The game previously was played in Palo Alto, CA. Patrick becomes just the second Blue Hen to play in the game and the first since defensive back Sidney Haugabrook appeared in the 2005 game.

Patrick, a first-year transfer

Glasgow tops Sanford

► GLASGOW, from 18

Glasgow outscored Sanford 21-8 in the final period, but the Warriors could have won the game and the tourney, had there been one more tick on the big scoreboard clock.

Glasgow made it the championship game by defeating

Christiana 77-73 Friday night in the semifinal round. Sanford routed Concord 66-38 in the other semifinal.

Christiana, meanwhile, took home the third place trophy with a 62-56 triumph over Concord Saturday afternoon.

Newark won the fifth place contest by defeating Howard 48-32.

Spartans knock off Padua

► SPARTANS, from 18

The Spartans' Dwyer lead all scorers with 11 points.

Her teammates Stephanie Nichols and Jeanie Knowles each chipped in with 6 points apiece. Padua's Katie Szupa led her team with eight points. Two Panda starters Carli Sabol and Julianne Szczerba were held scoreless on the night.

St. Mark's coach John Fiorelli,

who returned to the Spartan bench after several years absence, said he wanted his team to set the tone early against a tough opponent. "We played pretty good man-to-man defense, but it's rare that you pitch a shutout like that in the first quarter," he said.

"After that we had some difficulty scoring too, as they played pretty good defense too, which is a typical Catholic Conference game," said Fiorelli.

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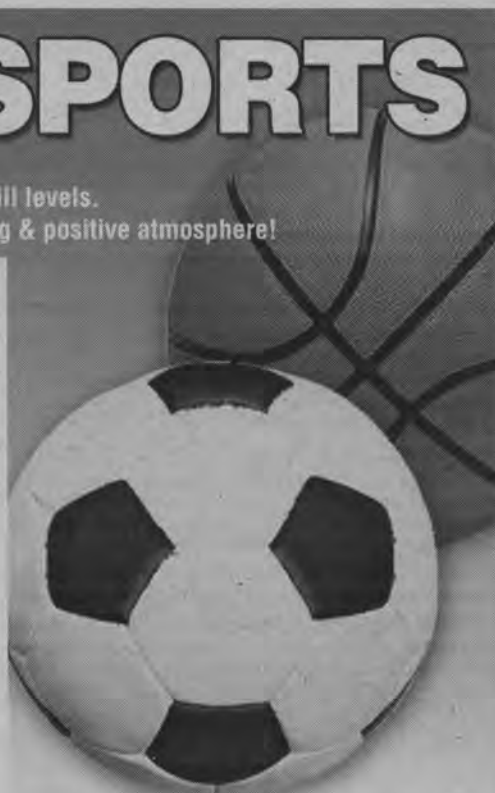
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IN THE NEWS

Friendship House asked to oversee trial program

► SHELTER, from 1

rary drop-in center at the Newark United Methodist Church, which

will be monitored by Friendship House in Wilmington. A non-profit Christian corporation, Friendship House operates eight shelters in Wilmington churches,

housing up to 60 individuals and families on any given night.

If the Friendship House board of directors approves the project, the Newark center will func-

tion three afternoons a week as a six-month trial program. Bill Perkins, director of Friendship House, will likely be involved, at least initially, in interviewing people who need assistance and then determining a course of action for them.

Already, the Newark community, especially its churches, dedicates resources to area homeless. "Our community is spending \$20,000 to \$30,000 to just provide a night shelter," said Richard Waibel of the Newark Coalition for the Homeless. "All that does is move the problem the homeless person has one day forward. We're putting out a lot of money towards this cause, and we're not getting to the bottom of it."

Organizers hope the proposed drop-in center, which would cost about \$10,000 to run, will strengthen this helping network in Newark and reduce duplicate efforts by different organizations. "The homeless population is increasing in Newark," said Waibel. "Their problems are getting worse. Many of them sit in the local fast-food restaurants all day to stay warm. There are no facilities for them to wash up. Some sleep in the back of the library, in the reading section, during the day because they will

be on the streets all night."

In the future, when a homeless person approaches a local church or community group, he or she will be referred to the drop-in-center for help. The center's staff, paid and volunteer, would guide each referral through the system in order to get the help he or she needs.

Waibel said one advantage to working with the Friendship House is that the established organization already has ties to different social services, and an applicant in Newark may be referred to the Friendship House for some services.

If the Friendship House board of directors approves the plan, and Waibel is confident that they will, the Newark center should be up and running within a month. After the six-month trial period, if the drop-in-center is determined to meet a viable need in Newark, the next step will be to find a permanent home for the center. "The first component though," said Waibel, "is to build trust."

People in the community interested in contributing to the project should contact Richard Waibel, through the Newark United Methodist Church, 368-8774.

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Exploratory plans under review

Council District 6

*N side of Bohemia Mill Rd at Maryland State line. Site plan to establish institutional residential type II dwelling, add parking and addition. Sunny Dell Lot 3. (App.#2006-1225-S)

Council District 8

*N side of Route 13, 200 ft E of Seminole Av. Site Plan to convert the existing building to a restaurant. 3511 Philadelphia Pike. (App.#2006-1224-S)

Planning Board

Tues. Jan 2nd/City-Cty Building 7 PM

Council District 1

* S side Old Capital Trail, N side Washington St & W of Newport Rd. Major Land Development Exploratory Plan Review. Exploratory plan for David and Nancy Leager proposes to enlarge an existing commercially zoned parcel to incorporate an existing contracting business and to provide legal access to a public street. A rezoning from NC5 (Neighborhood Conservation - 5,000 sf. residential lot) to CN (Commercial Neighborhood) is proposed. App.#2006-0894-S.

* N of Churchmans Rd, S side Interstate 95 and opposite Gooding Dr. Ord. 06-139 will rezone 2.38 acres from SR (Suburban Reserve) to I (Industrial); and will amend the Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of this proactive rezoning is to change the zoning of a small portion of tax parcel #09-019.00-032 to permit its development as a parking lot associated with a proposed minor land development plan by Artesian Water Company. App.#2006-1141-Z.

Council District 2

* N side Naamans Rd, E of Brandywine Parkway and opposite Shipley Rd. Major Land Development Rezoning, Preliminary Plan, and TAC Review. Preliminary plan for Brown Properties proposes to join three tax parcels and to construct a 23,000 sq ft two-story medical office building. Ord. 06-133 will rezone 1.17 acres of S (Suburban) and 1.26 acres of NC6.5 (Neighborhood Conservation) to ON (Office Neighborhood); and will amend the Comprehensive Plan. App.#2006-0875-S/Z.

Council District 6

* N side Bohemia Mill Rd, W of Dungarvan Dr. Major Land Development Plan Exploratory Plan Review. Exploratory plan for The Highlands proposes a residential open space subdivision option 1 conservation design development with 50 single-family detached dwellings on 100.13 acres. S (Suburban) zoning district. App.#2006-0161-S.

Text Amendments

* To Revise Chapter 28 of the New Castle County Code (Planning) and Chapter 40 of the New Castle County Code (also known as the Unified Development Code - UDC) Regarding Article 33 (Definitions) Concerning Comprehensive Planning. Ord. 06-140 is a text amendment to incorporate the adoption of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan Update. County Council sponsor David Tackett. App. 2006-1197-T.

Planning Board

Mon. Jan 8th/City-Cty Building 7 PM

The public parking garage underneath the City/Cty building will not be open past 7 PM. The public garage adjacent to the Double Tree Hotel at 8th and King St is available all evening.

Discussion of the 2007 Comprehensive Development plan update

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Thurs. Dec. 28th/NCC Gov Ctr 6 PM

Council District 1

* 307 S Maryland Ave, Wilm: Area variances from the minimum lot area requirement of 20,000 sq ft to develop a lot with 7,500 sq ft of lot area; from the 20 foot side yard setback to maintain a dwelling 7.4 ft from the NE property line and 17.3 ft from the SW property line; from the 10 ft paving setback to allow paving 0 ft from the SW property line; from the minimum landscape surface ratio of 0.50 to allow 0.29; from the req'd 0.2 opacity to provide 0 adjacent to the NE property line and 0 feet from the SW property line. John & Tammy Kerrigan. (App.#2006-0861-A) TP# 07-043.10-163.

Council District 3

* 847 & 851 Mount Cuba Rd, Wilm: Area variance from the 2 acre minimum lot area requirement, exclusive of any areas attributed to protected resources to create two lots with 0.66 acres for Lot 1 and 0.79 acres for Lot 2. DDS Investments, L.P. (App.#2006-0862-A) TP# 07-022.00-060.

* 400 Haystack Dr, Newark: Area variance from req'd 10 foot side yard setback to maintain a deck with steps 3.5 feet from the E property line. Gary Cotton. (App.# 2006-1097-A), TP# 08-036.30-170.

Council District 8

* 503 Marsh Rd, Wilm: Area variances from req'd 3 ft rear yard setback to maintain a shed 2.2 ft from the E property line; from the 6 ft side yard setback to maintain a deck 0 ft from the N property line. Patrick & Jill Davis. (App.#2006-1096-A) TP# 06-131.00-214.

* 3001 Chelmsford Ln, Wilm: Area variances from req'd 25 ft rear yard setback to maintain an enclosed porch 24.5 ft from the W property line; from req'd 6 foot side yard setback to maintain a carport addition 0 ft from the N property line. Catherine C. Dombroski. (App.#2006-1098-A) TP# 06-025.00-023.

* 10 Mount Vernon Dr, Claymont: Area variance from req'd 25 ft street yard setback to maintain a porch 23.9 ft from the Mount Vernon Dr right-of-way. Ciriaco Pulgese. (App.#2006-1066-A) TP# 06-106.00-315.

Council District 9

* 9 Brookmead Rd, Newark: Area variances from req'd 25 ft street yard setback to maintain a covered porch with steps 18.2 ft from the Brookmead Dr right-of-way; from req'd 6 ft side yard setback to maintain a dwelling 5.7 ft from the W property line. Berton & Jennifer Parker. (App.#2006-1105-A) TP# 09-010.30-137.

* 2401 Tapley Ln, Wilm: Area variance from req'd 30 ft street yard setback to construct a garage addition 20 ft from the Pickwick Dr right-of-way. George Williamson. (App.#2006-1086-A) TP# 08-044.10-080.

Council District 10

* 316 Wilder Av, New Castle: Area variance from req'd 25 ft street setback to maintain an enclosed porch 20 ft from the Wilder Avenue right-of-way. Maxine Baldwin. (App.#2006-1088-A) TP# 10-010.10-039.

Council District 11

* 437 Stanley Plaza Blvd, Newark: Area variance from req'd 40 ft rear yard setback to maintain a deck 23.89 ft from the NW property line. Michael K. Riley. (App.#2006-1095-A) TP# 09-028.20-104.

* 0 Sunset Lake Rd, Newark: Area variances from req'd 40 ft street yard setback to construct a building 25 ft from the De Route 72 right-of-way; from req'd 25 ft paving setback to provide paving 10 ft from the DE Route 72 right-of-way; from req'd 0.5 opacity to provide 0 opacity adjacent to the DE Route 72 right-of-way. Reybold Associates, LLC. (App. 2006-0957-A) TP# 11-018.00-063.

* 0 Gender Rd, Newark: Area variances from the 100% protection level of the riparian buffer area to construct a 10,935 sq ft building for a light industrial use which will disturb 100% of the protected area; from req'd minimum opacity of 0.6 to allow an opacity of 0.5 adjacent to the N property line. 200, LLC. (App.#2006-0960-A) TP# 09-033.00-037.

Council District 12

* 2470-2486 S DuPont Highway, Middletown: Special Use to permit the erection of a 120 foot tele-communications tower on property zoned CR. Bayview Crossing, LLC. (App.# 2006-0673-A) TP# 13-013.40-107.

* 555 Hyetts Corner Rd, Middletown: Area variance from max of (1) one wall sign limited to 20 sq ft, to allow two wall signs, one with 78 sq ft of sign area and a second sign with 30 sq ft of sign area. New Castle County Vocational Technical School District. S zoning. (App. 2006-1084-A) TP# 13-008.00-026.

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IN THE NEWS

City funds Martin Luther King Day NSO concert

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to Newark residents; several Newark Senior Center projects,

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by the Newark Symphony Orchestra; among other projects.

Several requests were not funded, including \$5,000 for an "Arts to Go" workshop by the Newark Arts Alliance, \$875 for a class on financial literacy

at Downes Elementary after-school, and \$3,500 requested by the Downtown Newark Partnership to paint a mural on the s-turn on Delaware Avenue.

Fortner said the committee was pleased with the allocations. "We've been doing more and

more to do outreach in an attempt to get new applicants," said Fortner. "We're seeing a lot of the same applicants again, but there are some new ones this year."

Community Development Block Grant allocations

Public service projects	Amount allocated
Day care scholarships for the Newark Day Nursery	\$30,000
Operational support for Homeward Bound	\$1,500
Youth Beautification Corps for Parks Department	\$7,400
Fee assistance for Parks Department	\$1,000
UD Early Learning Center scholarships	\$11,707
Non-public service projects	
YWCA "Gallery of Goods"	\$30,000
Senior home repair through Newark Senior Center	\$45,000
Energy watch program at NSC	\$15,000
Planning dept. program administrator	\$52,446
City's home improvement program	\$50,000
City's homebuyer's incentive program	\$20,000
Rehab at Independence Circle apartments	\$20,000
Rehab of Wilson Center roof	\$60,000
Revenue Sharing program allocations projects	
Hope Dining Room	\$3,500
Convection steamer for Newark Senior Center	\$5,000
Scholarship program for NSC pool	\$3,120
Newark Arts Alliance summer art camp	\$9,000
NSC Meals on Wheels	\$11,926
Emergency cash and food assistance	\$10,000
Main Towers' groceries for seniors	\$1,800
'Multi-sensory room' for Chimes of Delaware	\$3,500
Family Workplace Connection scholarship	\$2,500
Performance by Newark Symphony Orchestra	\$3,000
Homeward Bound operational support	\$1,000
Quilts for Comfort	\$1,984

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NCC Adult Basketball Program

The sports and athletics section of New Castle County Department of Community Services is currently accepting registrations for the adult "three on three" half-court basketball program.

Sessions begin on Jan. 8 and continue through mid-March. Game times vary from 7 - 10 p.m. on Monday at the Police Athletic Center in Hockessin.

Fee is \$195 per team. Registration will remain open until Dec. 29. For more information call 395-5890.

DART First State Holiday Schedule

DART First State statewide services, both fixed route and paratransit, will not operate on Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25, or on New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1, 2007. SEPTA R2 train service will not operate within Delaware, but will operate on a special Holiday schedule from Marcus Hook on Christmas and a

Sunday schedule on New Year's Day.

American College accepting applications

The American College, Delaware is now accepting applications for admission to their diploma program slated to begin January 2007. The college employs a rolling admissions policy, which allows students to begin study throughout the academic year.

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OBITUARIES

■ *Obituaries are printed free of charge as space permits. Information usually is supplied to the newspaper by the funeral director. Additional local obituaries are posted each week on the Newark Post web site. The web address appears at the top of every right-hand page.*

Earl Wayne Gregg

Earl Wayne Gregg, 85, of Newark, died on Dec. 14, 2006, at Christiana Hospital.

Gregg was born in Landenberg, Pa., on Nov. 22, 1921, the son of the late Ralph and Edna Palmer Gregg. A life-long resident of Newark, Gregg served in the U.S. Army during the Second World War. He was a gunnery sergeant in the artillery and received commendation for his duty in construction of gun positions and leadership during enemy raids. Gregg worked for 35 years at Chrysler until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Gertrude E. Gregg, of Newark; a daughter, Janet Runyon, of Newark; two sons

David John Hughes, 54, former rural mail carrier

David John Hughes, 54, of Newark, died at home on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006.

Hughes was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., the son of Eleanor Reilly and the late Thomas Hughes. Hughes graduated from Christiana High School, in 1971, and attended the University of Delaware. A talented performer and musician he was selected to sing in the prestigious 7th Army Chorus and toured throughout Europe. Hughes, like his father, was a devoted Rural Mail Carrier

for the United States Postal Service; he faithfully served the Bear area for over 20 years.

In addition to his mother, Hughes is survived by his wife, Gayle Hughes of Newark; three children, Arianna Sterling Banks, Myles Leonard Banks, and Christina Elizabeth Found; four brothers, Thomas, Richard and Russell Hughes and Kenneth Murphy; and a sister, Mary Ellen Barratt. He also leaves behind his sisters-in-law, Kim Era, Sarah Hughes, and Starlene Murphy;

his mother and father-in-law, Lora Lee and Harold Harget; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A service was held on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, 122 West Main St., Newark. Burial followed at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to a college fund set up for his young children Arianna and Myles, in care of Gayle Hughes, 21 Carole Rd., Newark, DE 19713.

Wayne Edward Gregg, of Yorklyn and Rodney E. Gregg, of Newark; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kimberly Ann Loper; son, E. Alan Gregg; his brother, Ralph Alexander Gregg Jr.; and grandson, Shawn Gregg.

A funeral service was held at R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral

Home, 122 West Main St., Newark, on Tuesday, Dec. 19. Burial followed in Gracelawn Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc. c/o the funeral home.

Wilbur Leroy Majors

Wilbur Leroy Majors, age

77, of Newark, died on Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at Heartland Hospice House.

Majors was born in Endicott, N.Y., on Dec. 20, 1928, and proudly served his country in the National Guard. A career member of the Teamsters Union, he was employed as a professional driver with M & G Convoy for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rita M. Hurlburt Majors; their four children, David L. Majors (Nancy), of Newark, Ricky C. Majors (Cathy), of Smyrna, Kevin B. Majors (Peggy), of Bear, and Kimberly A. Ferrara (Stephen), of Middletown; his sister, Rena Gray, of Elmira, N.Y.; two brothers, Gene Mase, of New Port Richey, Fla., and Ronald Mase, of Waverly, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren, Kristie Williams, Jeanie Poppiti, Denise Thielemann, Kenneth Majors, Kevin King, James King, Christopher King, Aaron Majors, Angela Ferrara and Teresa Ferrara; and six great-grandchildren, Julie King, Samantha Romera, Miguel Romera, Sean Williams, Kyle King and Amanda Thielemann. He was preceded in death by his mother, Harpie Dane Majors Rozelle; his stepfather, Floyd Rozelle; a granddaughter, Tammy L. Majors; and a great-grandson, David L. Majors.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 19, in the chapel of Gracelawn Memorial Park, 2220 N. DuPont Parkway, New Castle. Interment followed in the adjoining memorial park.

Contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice House, 261 Chapman Rd., Stockton Bldg., Ste. 100, Newark, DE 19702.

Arun S. Patel

Arun S. Patel, 63, died at home on Dec. 14, 2006, after a long courageous battle against cancer.

He was born in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, on May 1, 1943. Patel was the son of the late Shrikrishnabhai and Champaben Patel. He graduated from Pune University, with a bachelors in commerce.

Patel is survived by his beloved wife, Devindra Patel;

his daughter, Priti Myers and her husband, Deacon, of Newark; and his son Anant Patel, of Newark.

Service and Cremation were held on Dec. 17, at the Chandler Funeral Home, 7230 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin.

Contributions may be made to the Compassionate Care Hospice, 5610 Kirkwood Hwy, Wilmington, DE 19808.

Donna Marie Szarlan

Donna Marie Szarlan, 46, of Newark, died suddenly at her residence on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006.

Born in Malden, Mass., Szarlan was the daughter of Olive (LaRoche) Izzo and the late Dominic P. Izzo. She worked as a radiologic technologist at various clinics in the Delaware area. She was a long-standing member of the ARRT.

Szarlan will be dearly missed by her husband of 23 years, Mike; her sons, Adam and Ryan; and two sisters, Nancy Poole, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., Janet Cronan, of Wilmington, Mass.; five nieces and nephews; and three great-nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Mealey Funeral Home, Limestone & Milltown Rds, Wilmington. Interment was to be private.

Contributions may be made to A Gift of Life Donor Program, 401 N. 3rd St., Philadelphia, PA 19123 (1-800-DONORS-1); or LifeSharers, 6509 Cornwall Dr., Nashville, TN 37205

John Charles Trapp

John Charles Trapp, 82, of Newark, died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, at Churchmans Village.

Trapp was a broker on the New York Cotton Exchange and a proud patriot who served his nation at the Battle of the Bulge in World War II.

Trapp is survived by his wife, Jean; along with daughters, Jean Sanchez and husband, José and Barbara Begleiter and husband, Ralph; and sons, John Trapp and wife, Debbie and Jack Trapp; grandfather of five; and great-grandfather of four.

Services were to be private. Memorial donations may be made to the USO c/o R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, 122 West Main St., Newark, DE 19711.

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IN THE NEWS

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Master gardener training to start

Delaware Cooperative Extension in New Castle County is now accepting applications for Master Gardener volunteer educator training. Training will run Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting March 6, 2007, and continuing through May 24, 2007.

"This training program is designed to make good educators out of good gardeners," said extension educator Carrie Murphy.

Training will consist of horticultural and educational topics, with emphasis on hands-on experience and active learning techniques. The training fee is \$100. The application deadline is Feb. 1, 2007. For more information call 831-2506 or email ncc-ext@udel.edu.

Recycling Public Advisory Council to Meet Dec. 20

The Recycling Public Advisory Council will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20 at the Brandywine Hundred Library, 1300 Foulk Road, Wilmington.

Topics on the agenda include:

- Yard Waste Ban update
- Legislative initiatives for 2007
- Measurement Sub-committee
- Outreach and education
- Discussion of Conference Line
- Discussion of Recycling Grant
- Public comments

For further information, or directions to the meeting location, please contact Bill Miller at 739-9403.

Newark officials call subcontractor's allegations 'unjustified'**► RESERVOIR, from 3**

base of the reservoir. A ruler he stuck in the soil sunk two and a half feet, he said.

This was one of few personal observations Menton offered to support his claims. Much of his information came from watching the testimony of an expert witness who testified against the city on behalf of Durkin during the lawsuit trial earlier this year.

Menton's comments caused a stir outside council chambers where reporters for several news organizations interviewed him. At the time, Carol Houck, assistant to the city manager, said the city would be releasing a statement to refute Menton's claims.

The next day, the city released

a two-page statement, calling Menton's allegations "unjustified." The statement read, in part, "The reservoir was designed, peer reviewed and has been subsequently reviewed for safety and construction according to the contract by many qualified engineers."

In response to the wet-spot Menton identified, the city said, "(T)his indeed is a seep that is monitored and associated with one of many springs that were present at the site prior to the reservoir construction. 'Wet spots' and seepage have always been anticipated and do not equate to stability concerns."

"The seep rate has been confirmed to react to weather patterns and, as anticipated, remains dry during periods of little rain. This matter was identified by

Donald M. Durkin Contracting at an earlier time and has already been addressed in detail by our Water Director Roy Simonson who is responsible for the operation of our now working and award-winning reservoir."

In addition, the city's statement points out that Menton had filed suit against Donald M. Durkin Contracting for money Durkin withheld from his company. Though not required, the city of Newark paid MPI \$58,986 for work and materials that had not been paid when Durkin was terminated.

"This was not a requirement," said the city, "however it benefited MPI and seven other local area contractors and ultimately our project as the purchase cost of many materials had increased."

► BLOTTER, from 2

a store employee, and released pending a court appearance. A male customer told a Main Street lot attendant that a man pulled a knife on him as he walked in an alley in the 100 block of E. Main Street, police were told on Monday, Dec. 11, at 11:34 p.m.

Graffiti was found on a building in the 100 block of E. Main Street, police were told on Monday, Dec. 11, at 10:03 p.m. Damage was estimated at \$200.

Two unknown suspects broke four, 8-foot sections of a wooden picket fence into pieces in the 100 block of E. Main Street, police were told on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 3:50 p.m.

Vehicles targeted

An unknown suspect broke the window of a Jeep Commander parked in a lot in the 400 block of Stamford Drive an stole various hand and power tools from inside, police were told on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6:33 a.m.

The driver's side window of a car parked in the 800 block of Wharton Drive was busted out by an unknown suspect who also damaged the power door lock, police were told on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 1:38 p.m.

The owner of a Hyundai Accent parked in the 200 block of E. Main Street found the rear window of his car broken and a dent in the passenger rear corner panel, police were told on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 2:27 a.m. Damages were estimated at \$350.

Unknown suspects threw eggs and mustard on the body of a work truck parked in the 200 block of Elkton Road and spilled a large amount of white paint on the pavement, police were told on

Monday, Dec. 11, at 1:38 p.m.

The passenger door windows of a Nissan Pathfinder and a Chevrolet Tahoe parked in the 800 block of Library Avenue were smashed out by unknown suspects, police were told on Monday, Dec. 11, at 1:16 p.m.

Alcohol, noise law violations detailed

The Alcohol Enforcement Unit and other officers of the Newark Police Department continued their stepped-up, strict enforce-

ment of alcohol and noise related laws last week.

Some of the recent violations include:

Kyle Woudstra, 20, of Newark, underage consumption of alcohol, on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 3:32 a.m., on Farm Lane at Library Avenue;

Kaelly K. Sanchez, 29, of Newark, noise law violation, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 2:14 a.m., in the 600 block of Lehigh Road;

Police said all were released pending court appearances.

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Holiday baskets help 365 families

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"That's what makes it great," said Beverly Stoudt of the NAWC. "So many different aspects of the community coming together."

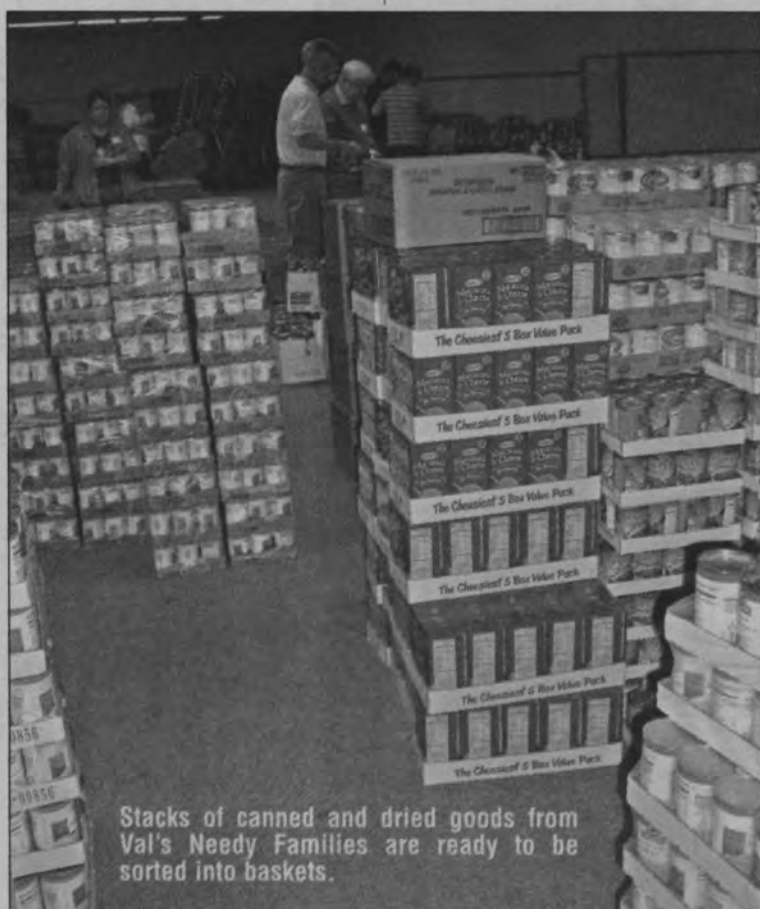
The NAWC had 461 requests

for food this year, about 100 more than last year, said Kathleen Davis, one of the event's organizers. Referrals were made by Hudson Social Services, the Newark Senior Center, area schools, the Hispanic ministry at St. John's Holy Angels Church, the VFW and individuals.

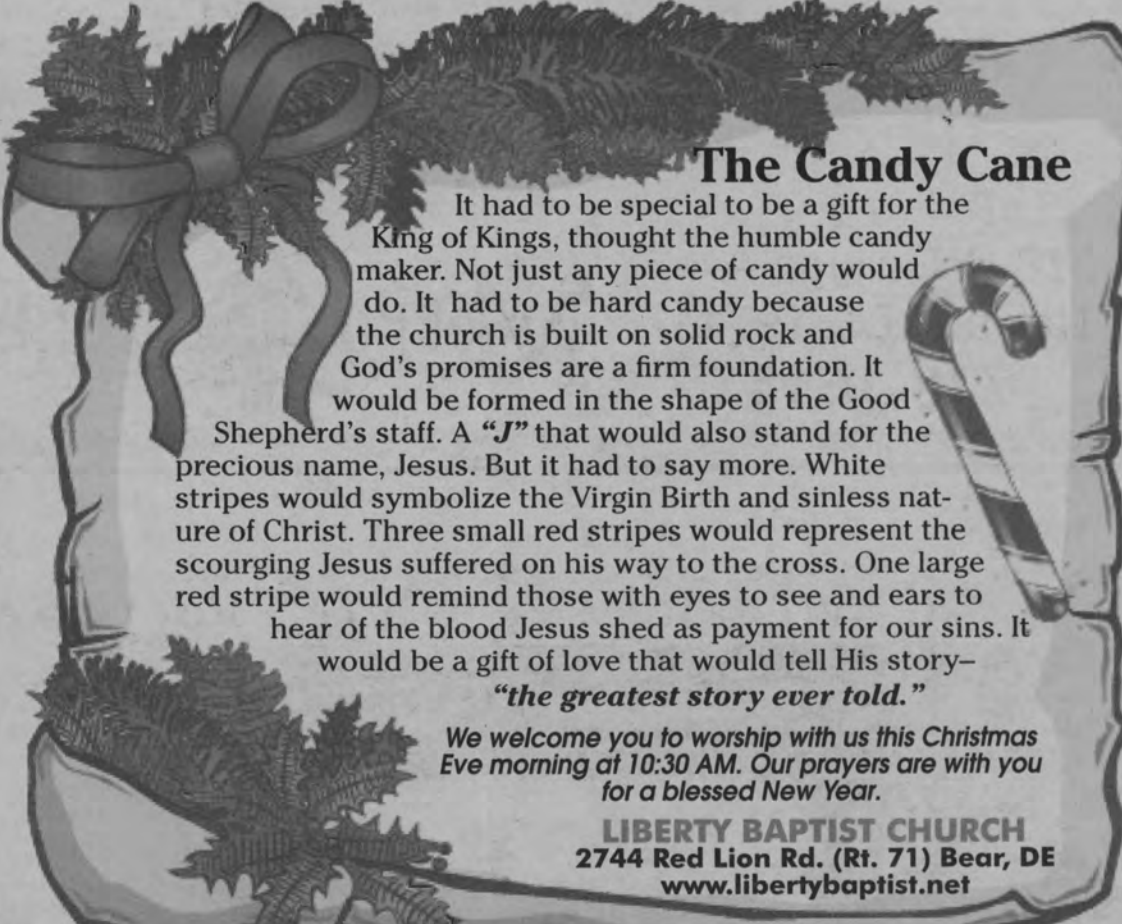
Volunteers made up 365 boxes of food on Friday, Dec. 15, to be picked up the next day by families. "It's beautiful," said Nardo, as he watched the action unfold. "The volunteers have been tremendous."



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Tyler Leo Anthony Barry
Petitioner

Dated: 11/28/06
np 12/8.15.22

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PETITIONER(S)
TO

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Petitioner

Dated: 12/11/06
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TO

Nisha M. Modh
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JANUARY 8, 2007 - 7:30 PM

Pursuant to Section 402.2 of the City Charter and Section 32-79 of the Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, notice is hereby given of a public hearing at a regular meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Road, Newark, Delaware, on **Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.**, at which time the Council will consider for Final Action and Passage the following proposed Ordinance:

Bill No. 06-38 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 32, Zoning, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Revising the Notification Requirements for Special Use Permits

Susan A. Lamblack, MMC
City Secretary

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