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UP FRONT

Being stupid

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ALL of us have moments of stupidity. In my usual pre-deadline rush, earlier this week I dashed into the 7-Eleven that is located midway between our office and city hall. I bolted out of the car leaving the keys in the ignition, a cell phone in full view and my laptop visible on the front seat.

Luckily, I was the only one buying hot coffee in 80-degrees-plus temperatures and I was in and out in a flash. I poured myself back into my car and realized how stupidly vulnerable I had allowed my belongings to be.

Sometimes, criminals are portrayed as masterminds, particularly on TV. There are some clever and intelligent wrong-doers but, in reality, the vast majority of law-breakers are not the persons - how do I say this gently - who are going to find the cure for AIDS.

Some of the blunders receive national attention. Morning DJs offer up "stupid crooks" comedy bits. Letterman and Leno detail the shenanigans in monologues.

Probably the most well-known of these stories are the outstanding warrant stings. Until knowledge of these



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PHOTOS BY DARREL W. COLE

Pictured are: top left, Charles Scott, 5, chatting with Newark Police Chief Gerald Conway; top right, the Mini-Moto races at Newark Shopping Center; above, the official blacksmith at Newark Heritage Festival at Main and Academy; left, The Dachshund Lady, Patr Baldwin of Newark, shows her Miniature Dachshunds; and, below, Aiden Kelly, 5, of Newark tosses a bean bag at the Irish Potato Toss.



RECOVERING from overcast and rainy weather, more than 20,000 people turned out at Newark's 33rd annual Community Day last Sunday, Sept. 19.

The largest numbers of people strolled around UD's Green, viewing the hundreds of booths showcasing everything from tie-dyed T-shirts to election materials. There were also plenty of observers near the demonstration area next to Wolf Hall watching UD's Cheerleaders, the Wu-Shu & Tai Ji Institute and others while large groups also made their way to Main Street. There, folks smiled as they watched the Dover English Country Dancers at the Newark Harvest Festival near Academy Street while others went even further down to the Newark Shopping Center where people watched the mini-motorcycles whiz by during all day racing.

"It turned out to be a great day," said Joe Spadafino, recreation supervisor for Newark Parks and Recreation. "I think everyone had cabin fever from the past days of rain and wanted to get out. I think it was as good as it's ever been for us."

Leading up to the event was a challenge for city workers organizing the event, as two key city employees were out for surgery and maternity, respectively. Spadafino said their absence was felt

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Better security eyed

Web-based camera monitoring begins at Newark High in October

By DARREL W. COLE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

LOCKDOWNS, hot lines and camera monitoring are just three new safety initiatives being implemented in the Christina School District by Manager of School Safety and Security Richard Strickland.

The district is the first in the state to create the Office of School Safety and Security. Strickland, on the job just six months, told Board of Education members recently that much progress is being made toward making schools safer.

At the board's Tuesday, Sept. 14 meeting, he unveiled the Save-A-Friend Hotline and AlertNow, and a pilot initiative.

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Seniors at the Balloon?

No definite plans yet, but housing-retail project expected here

By DARREL W. COLE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE Stone Balloon's stone could soon be a thing of the past. Owner Jim Baeurle is expected to submit plans soon to the city of Newark to convert the legendary night club at 115 Main Street into a condominium and retail building.

While Baeurle through his attorney Mark Sisk would not comment on specifics, several city officials have already met with the owner to discuss possibilities, including a wine store on the first floor and senior housing on the second.

The Stone Balloon has been rated by Playboy Magazine as one of the top 100

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Security chief details new systems

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tive, a Web-Based Camera Monitoring System. All could be fully implemented and operational by October.

■ The Save-A-Friend Hotline educates and empowers students, staff and parents to "Break the Code of Silence" by allowing

anyone to anonymously report tips to a toll-free number (1-866-776-4494) dedicated exclusively to the district.

When a call is placed, the caller speaks to a trained counselor and reports possible malicious or criminal activity. This information is then provided to appropriate school and district

administrative officials.

"We must teach students, staff and parents that it is okay to 'tell,'" Strickland said. "We want to break the code of silence and so we're putting this tool in the hands of people to do that."

In addition to the toll free number, a link ([www.christina.k12.de.us/school-](http://www.christina.k12.de.us/school-safety)

[safety](http://www.christina.k12.de.us/school-safety)) on the district's Web site, called RiskWatch, allows people to anonymously make similar reports.

■ AlertNow is an emergency broadcast system that enables the district to contact and notify all parents and staff within minutes of an emergency or school closing, through phone, e-mail or other means.

"In five minutes I can notify every parent about anything including lockdowns or other closings," Strickland said.

■ A Web-Based Camera Monitoring System will ensure the continued safety of students, staff, parents, visitors and the surrounding community, school officials said. The program will be piloted at Newark High School. The cameras have the capability of providing around-the-clock observation of a school facility by authorized personnel from within their office, home or wherever they may have Web access.

Also, the district unveiled its new safety and security office Web site at www.christina.k12.de.us/school-safety.

The site will include more detailed information about the district's safety and security programs, along with links to additional resources for parents, students and staff.

Strickland said other initiatives he's working on include developing a safety assessment program for each school.

The primary purpose of the department is to serve as a resource to all schools and the district on matters related to safety and security by monitoring school climate, ensuring that all schools are in compliance with the state's Safety and Security Standards, providing direction and feedback to schools in the areas of emergency management, assisting with School Resource and Security Officer assignments, and working closely with other agencies.



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The West Chestnut Hills Residents Association, the *Newark Post* and Embassy Suites Hotel will sponsor a Meet the Candidates Night next Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at Embassy Suites, 654 S. College Ave. in Newark. The public is invited to the free event.

Invited candidates are for U.S. Congress, Delaware governor, Lt. governor, state insurance commissioner, state senate District 10, state representative district 25, New Castle County executive, and county council president.

Each candidate will be given

five minutes for opening statements, then there will be five minutes of questions.

Co-sponsors are Arbour Park Civic Association, Brookside Community Inc., Cannonshire Maintenance Association, Robscott Manor Civic Association, Windy Hills Civic Association, Silverbrook Civic Association, Southridge Condominium Council, Thornwood Civic Association and Villa Belmont Condominium Association.

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Candidates offer few specifics

By JIA DIN

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

At a debate Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Embassy Suites in Newark, the state gubernatorial candidates gave few specifics on how to best deal with Newark issues relating to state liquor law enforcement and the future of Alderman's Courts.

The debate, co-sponsored by the *Newark Post*, League of Women Voters and the Delaware Hotel and Lodging Association, included Democratic Gov. Ruth Ann Minner, Republican nominee William Swain Lee and Independent/Libertarian party

candidate Frank Infante.

Main party candidates Minner and Lee disagreed on several general topics, including the state of the environment and education. Being in Newark, however, the two were also asked by a panelist about the recent passage of a law that took away the city's power to tax alcohol-serving businesses, and the effort by some legislators to do away with Newark's Aldermans Court.

On the second question, Minner said she does not support the abandonment of Alderman's courts because they offer local police a convenient location

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1ST ANNUAL Taste of Newark SOLD OUT!

THE first-ever Taste of Newark set for Sunday, Sept. 26 has been sold out.

An estimated 454 tickets have been issued, including 54 for sponsors of the event. The other tickets were sold at \$25 a piece.

Organizer and Newark Mayor Vance Funk III said no other tickets are available unless some purchasers return them to organizers.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Funk said. "I can't wait."

A variety of sponsorships have been purchased, with proceeds going to benefit the Downtown Newark Partnership and culinary programs at the University of Delaware.

The event is to take place outside from noon to 3 p.m. at

Old College lawn, or inside Clayton Hall if the weather's bad.

It will join more than 27 Newark area restaurants offering culinary delights, and a variety of wine and beer suppliers who will offer small tastings.

The price of the ticket entitles the attendee to a commemorative wine glass, and a program with local restaurant menus.

Local art will be displayed, Taste of Newark T-shirts will be for sale and the Royal Palm Steel Band will perform. A silent auction will include such items as a Coach K.C. Keeler signed UD football helmet.

Sponsors of the event are Funk and his wife as private citizens and the University of Delaware.

Making its mark(er) in history

Historic placard marker commemorates history of Glasgow landmark Aiken's Tavern

By JOE OLIVIERI

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

THE Delaware Public Archives placed a marker commemorating historic Glasgow near Pencader Presbyterian Church Monday, Sept. 20, a significant, formal recognition for a community trying to preserve its past.

Residents and representatives of various civil and service organizations attended the ceremony, where the governor and a state senator gave comments.

Earl Jaques of the Glasgow Lions Club, who was master of ceremonies for the event, tried to define how Glasgow views itself.

"We're not a town and we're not a city," he said. "What we are is a proud community rich in history."

Glasgow, an unincorporated village measuring almost 10 square miles, is part of an larger area called the Pencader Hundred. Evidence of Glasgow's past exists in the form of old houses and properties that residents and advocates are trying to get recognized as historic or preserved properties. The most publicized effort so far is the preservation of the 200-plus-acre farm property at

Rts 896 and 40. The county council wouldn't pay the asking price of \$12 million so negotiations will continue.

The marker commemorates the village's history under one of its previous names, Aiken's Tavern after local landowner Matthew Aiken, and was placed in front of the tavern's former location. Some remnants of the past are easy to find, according to Russ McCabe, Administrator for the Delaware Historic Marker Program. He said that he had become excited when debris from the old tavern had been found during the digging for the marker's place.

He was told by a neighbor that they find similar pieces "all the time," which impressed him.

After the ceremony, Victoria Owen with the Pencader Heritage Area Association reiterated the dedication of those who petitioned the state government to have the placard placed.

"We aren't going to stop until each of these properties has a marker," she said.

Aside from the significance for the community, the placard is part of a trend in state government of recognizing historical sites after a long period of inactivity. McCabe said his department dedicated approxi-

mately 30 sites last year and, by his estimate, will exceed that this year. His explanation of the trend echoed Governor Ruth Ann Minner's comments at the ceremony.

"I do believe, as the governor said, that the renewed interest in markers for historic sites is a byproduct of the change going on in the state," he said. "I mean the landscape is literally changing."

McCabe said that population growth makes preserving history more important than ever. Fortunately, he said, some of

the state's most recent residents are among the preservation effort's most enthusiastic supporters.

After Minner expressed pride in Delaware history and commended those involved with placing the marker, she presented the Glasgow Lions Club with a pronouncement congratulating the Lions on their 25th anniversary celebration. The pronouncement, signed by her and the lieutenant governor, was received by this year's recipient of the Lion of the Year.



From left, Glasgow Lions Club leader Keith Thompson, Pencader Heritage Area Association member Victoria Owen, State Senator Steve Amick, and residents C. Melvin and Audrey Brooks all had a part in the ongoing story of preserving local history.

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On Campus

NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

BRIEFLY

Bachata group set to perform at UD

AVENTURA, one of the best-known bachata groups, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 24, in Mitchell Hall.

The concert is presented by HOLA, UD's Hispanic Organization for Latino Americans.

Bachata is popular guitar music from the Dominican Republic.

Aventura has revolutionized Latin music by fusing R&B, hip-hop and bachata. The popular band performs in English, Spanish and "Spanglish."

The group's album "We Broke the Rules," features a chart-topping single, "Obsession," which sold more than over 60,000 copies in the first week and has exceeded 100,000 copies to date.

Tickets for the concert, which are on sale at UD box offices and through Ticketmaster (where a convenience charge may apply), are \$22 for UD students and \$25 after Sept. 23.

Tickets for the general public are \$30 and \$35 after until Sept. 23. Doors open at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 831-0710 or 831-0091.

Free family ice skating party

The coolest party in town is the Gala Ice Skating Party for families, sponsored by Arby's Roast Beef restaurants, UD and WSTW-FM from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 3, in the Fred Rust Ice Arena.

For entertainment, UD mascot YoUDee and WSTW's mascot Toookie Tookie will join forces with WSTW radio personality Mike Rossi, a former Newark resident, and there will be special games, prizes and giveaways.

Admission is free, but by ticket only.

Tickets are available, while they last, at Arby's restaurants or by listening to WSTW-FM.

Packets promote neighborliness

By MARTIN MBUGUA

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

NEWARK Mayor Vance Funk, UD President David P. Roselle and John Bishop, UD associate vice president for counseling and student development, have launched the distribution of 1,000 outreach packets to Newark residents and students living off-campus to promote dialog and good neighborliness.

The "UDo Live Here" packets, which were assembled by a team of UD staff, students and community members for the Building Responsibility Coalition (BRC), will be distributed door-to-door by dozens of volunteers.

Another 1,000 packets were handed out during Newark Community Day on Sunday, Sept. 19, Tracy Downs, BRC program director, said.

Funk, Roselle and Bishop visited several homes on South College Avenue and handed out packets to residents and students.

"We really have to come together to make it work," Funk said. "The mayor has to be involved in the community and that includes the university and residents."

Roselle said the outreach packets are designed to encourage dialog and cooperation between students and their neighbors.

"It's important for the neighbors to know what we are telling the students about being respect-

ful and to know that we welcome their input on what we can do to ensure that their lives are not disrupted by students," Roselle said.

"It is the hope of the Building Responsibility Coalition that both student renters and Newark residents will work together to improve the quality of life of those who live in the vicinity of the campus," Bishop said. "Newark

Newark residents, the outreach packets contain contact information for volunteer opportunities, a guide to safe and responsible parties, a Newark Police Department flier about home security and giveaways that include a jar opener, a chip clip and UDaily key ring.

The packets include a variety



is a wonderful place to live, with the town and the University complementing each other very nicely. Establishing and maintaining mutually respectful relationships among students and residents will be beneficial for everyone."

Besides a letter to students and

of brightly colored posters with the theme "Let's build better neighborhoods!" for both residents and students.

Among them is one titled "Make yourself useful," with a message for students: "Living off campus is your opportunity to learn civic responsibility and social skills that will last a life-

time. Your neighbors may need assistance and offering to help them is a step toward positive interaction and communication."

One poster asks residents to celebrate the success and impressive accomplishments of the thousands of the best and brightest students from all over the world, who become good neighbors in Newark.

Another poster, titled "Don't just sit there and complain," invites residents to greet newcomers to their neighborhood as a way to build friendship and open the door for positive communication and interaction.

"We want students to understand that they are part of the community and that other people live in Newark besides them," Downs said. "We also want residents to be more welcoming to students.

If we open up that communication, hopefully there will be ongoing dialog. This program is trying to get students and residents to communicate and get to know one another. If you know your neighbor, you are more likely to respect her or him."

BRC is a campus/community partnership advocating policies for the responsible and legal use of alcohol in order to promote a healthy environment for students, residents and businesses by reducing the harm to people and property caused by high-risk

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UD's Vita Nova to serve up fund-raiser Sunday

VITA Nova, the University of Delaware's award-winning student-run restaurant, will serve jambalaya and other Cajun specialties at the Ministry of Caring's International Night fund-raiser in Wilmington on Sunday, Sept. 26.

HRIM students will begin preparing corn chowder and other dishes days before the dinner for 160, making everything from scratch. The restaurant supplies all the food so that all proceeds can support the Ministry of Caring's Emmanuel Dining Rooms. The three dining rooms provide 500 to 800 free meals to Wilmington's poorest residents on an average day.

Chef instructor Debbie

Ellingsworth said about 25 students will prepare, cook and serve the dinner. Although some do it to fulfill a graduation requirement of 100 hours of community service, she said most are eager to help the Ministry of Caring and other outreaches to poor residents.

"The hospitality industry is a very giving type of occupation. Our students really enjoy it, and they thank me for the opportunity to go," she said. "We have a really good core of students who like to be involved. There's a lot of satisfaction in helping people who aren't as fortunate as we happen to be, and I always think, there but for the grace of God, go I."

Last year, a surprise guest

put in an appearance when Vita Nova hosted an International Night. YoUDee helped in the kitchen and schmoozed with the dining crowd, which included many UD alumni.

"The University of Delaware's International Night helps us raise close to \$3,000 to feed the hungry, and, proportionately, every dollar raised covers the food costs to put a meal in front of a person," Pat Gaffney, director of the three Emmanuel Dining Rooms, said.

For reservations to attend the 5 p.m. dinner at Il Cappuccino, 221 North Jackson St., Wilmington, call 652-3228.

The cost is \$20.

Business publisher first in UD series

WILLIAM Kupper Jr., publisher of Business Week magazine, will be the first speaker in the fall Chaplin Tyler Executive Leadership Lecture Series, at 3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15, in the Chaplin Tyler Atrium in Alfred Lerner Hall.

The lecture series is presented by the University of Delaware's Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics.

Kupper's talk is titled "Leadership & Teamwork in Today's Marketplace."

Elizabeth A. Browning, founder and CEO of Luminari, a health education company headquartered in Wilmington, will deliver the next lecture in the series at 3 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19, in the Chaplin Tyler Atrium in Alfred Lerner Hall. Browning's talk is titled "Learning to Lead: Perspective from Elizabeth Browning."

Kupper spent 24 years at Time Inc., where he held a number of senior sales management positions, including advertising sales manager for Sports Illustrated,

advertising director for Life magazine and international advertising director for Time. He also was publisher of Health magazine, part of Time Inc.'s Publishing Venture Group.

Kupper joined Business Week in 1995 as the U.S. sales director and was promoted to associate publisher and worldwide sales director in 1998. He was named publisher of Business Week Group in 1999 and president in 2000. He is responsible for leading the continued expansion of the Business Week franchise including Business Week Online and Business Week Television.

Luminari develops original content, research and programming for leading corporations and consumers. The company's mission is to advance knowledge and discussion on health from an evidence-based medicine perspective.

The Chaplin Tyler Executive Leadership Lecture Series brings leaders from the business, not-for-profit and government sectors to the University of Delaware campus.

The lecture free and open to the public. Those who would like to attend should call 831-2221 by Friday, Oct. 8.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST • UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE PHOTO BY KATHY F. ATKINSON

Newark resident Jane Steele receives a BRC bag from Newark Mayor Vance Funk and UD President David Roselle.

Being good neighbors

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drinking.

The partnership brings together more than 130 individuals representing a wide range of constituencies, including residents of Newark, UD students, faculty and staff, elected officials, city

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After 8:00 pm Tues., Sept 28 decisions will be made on classes that will meet and classes that will be cancelled for too low enrollment. If you have not already registered and want a class, it is **IMPERATIVE** that you come in person TUESDAY, Sept 28 to register.

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AMUSED, CONFUSED, BEMUSED

The hawser of bad luck

By MARVIN HUMMEL

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

A "string" of bad luck doesn't cover it — a string is too easily snapped. "Rope" doesn't do it, either — you can cut a rope. And wire is snippable. "Noose" doesn't do it either — a noose begins and ends things. No, if the experiences are of any importance individually and there are enough of them, connected by time, the strands become a hawser!

My hawser started with dozens and dozens of winged varmints coming out of the large crack in Daisy's and my front stoop. I called an exterminator. The terms were clear: an 8-hour job and a fat check later, they would be gone. Nasty but necessary. OK.

Not OK. He stayed four hours, left the insulation where he dropped it, my paid-in-full check on his clipboard, and was generally non-communicative about his work. Before I could figure out where to put back the insulation-and how-a bill for the entire amount I had already paid was in my mailbox.

I called. Yeah, he should have put back the insulation. Yeah, I had paid. Why four hours instead of eight? He wanted to go home and see his "lovely" wife and children! Would he come back? Pause. Question repeated. A quiet "yes." When? Pause. Question repeated. "Somewheres" between one o'clock and five o'clock on Friday. This Friday? Pause. Yeah. He didn't show. Why? Computer foul up! A conference in my living room later, the job did get done and I was vouchsafed a "Paid-in-full" statement. It was also made clear that this very reputable firm never had had displeased customers before. Never! I did not apologize.

Next Daisy took me out for our evening walk, and she terrorized enough squirrels and cats to satisfy her. She allowed me to give her a dog treat. (She's good that way.) In the morning, she was as sick as a...dog! A rush visit to the vets, then a frantic transfer to an animal hospital where surgeons assured me her guts had burst and she probably wouldn't "make it." I was tempt-

“... Do not tell me about strings of bad luck. Or ropes of bad luck. Or nooses or wires of bad luck.”

ed to say I would gladly be an organ donor but said instead, "Does she have a chance Yes. "Do it!" I paid my bill. Wow. She lived. The gum-chewer at the front desk wanted to know if I would pay by check or credit card. I had paid! "It isn't in the computer!" I showed her my receipt. Oh, yes. Darn computer.

With many staples in her undercarriage, Daisy let me take her for a short walk. The next day, she was sending squirrels up trees and cats down sewers. After the three-day vigil, success! (I had not prayed for her, but I had wished most mightily!)

To celebrate, I went to High's Hardware Hangar and bought-and-paid-for a screen door. Sorry. They're coming in tomorrow. Keep your receipt. In subsequent days, I was variously told: they'll be in tomorrow; we've quit doing business with that company; we have thirty-nine at our Concord store; 71 of them are back-ordered and will be in on that day that never comes - tomorrow! They did come in, and while I was waiting, I bought some primer paint and asked to have it stirred by their fancy machine. He wouldn't do it-said primer doesn't need stirred. But he gave me two stir-it-yourself paddlelike pieces of wood. Neither one of us thanked the other. He seemed surprised.

The screen door installed, I took my Uranus into Loser Motors to have it serviced. This was my fourth Uranus, and since I am always a devout observer of maintenance recommendations and requirements, they knew me, my cars, and checkbook very well. But at the service desk, I encountered a certain unwillingness to acknowledge my presence. Now, I had made no fuss when my trunk frequently popped open while I was driving or when they repaired it and sealed it shut like a pharaoh tomb, so I had given them little or no reason to avoid me. Then, what was up?

The rookie at the service desk finally came up, and while looking down at the appointment pad he told me that they couldn't service it because it was not my

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OUT OF THE ATTIC



THIS week's "Out of the Attic" features a previously published old photograph borrowed from the files of the R. T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home. George Leak, who operated this service station at the intersection of Rt. 273 and Main Street, may not have done a booming business when the automobile was a plaything in the early 1900's, witness the lack of traffic and activity in this photo. His station was demolished in order to build an A&P food store and the Aetna fire hall. The food store building now houses a car dealership across from the Newark post office. "Out of the Attic" features historic photographs from Newark's past. For information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post throughout the years

■ Sept. 26, 1929

Welding shop given to U.D.

Dr. Walter Hullihen, president of the University of Delaware, announced at the convocation exercises, Monday, that the Engineering Department, was the recipient of a valuable and useful gift from the Oxweld Company.

The gift is a complete equipment for a gas welding department to be installed in the new Engineering building, and is valued at about \$5000.

The equipment, which will be installed in a laboratory 20 by 40 feet, consists of torches, tables, manifolds, welding rods and metals, including the special alloys for gas welding in airplane construction.

The gift came through

R.W. Boggs, head of the technical publicity department of the Oxweld Company, in New York.

Mr. Boggs, recommended the gift after a trip here in which he was impressed by the progressive spirit of the Engineering

Department of the University.

The Oxweld Company has, of course, no commercial connection with the University.

Red-Pacifist menace flayed

Communism and its relation to national defense was the topic of discussion at the monthly meeting of du Pont Chapter No. 78, National Sojourners, which was held in the State Armory in Wilmington last week.

The speaker was Lieutenant Daniel D. Coons, who pointed out the menace of communism to American ideals and the result should it succeed in disarming the nation.

Lieutenant Victor E. Devereaux, of Fort du Pont, secretary of the organiza-

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

■ A retired clergyman and a teacher since 1972, Hummel has contributed to the Newark Post for more than two decades. He has lived in Delaware since 1959.

Eliminate opportunity, eliminate being a victim of crime

► UP FRONT, from 1

clever tricks became widespread, officials contrived not-so-elaborate schemes to lure evaders into their nets. In Chicago, police sent tickets to a Cubs game to persons wanted on multiple warrants. Several jurisdictions mailed letters to dodgers telling them they had won a contest or free week at Disney World. One by one, the wanted persons unsuspectingly walked into rooms only to find they were being fitted for handcuffs.

My parents lived in a small town outside Fort Myers, Fla., that had one business. One night, thieves smashed the front glass of the convenience store. The intruder wrapped a chain around the ATM and hooked it to the bumper of his truck. Instead of pulling the cash machine, the force ripped the bumper off the truck. With burglar alarms

sounding, the driver raced away. Police arrived and did a quick registration check of the license tag on the bumper. Within minutes, they had their man.

Newark's had some similar capers.

Not too many years ago, a man robbed the bank at Main Street and Tyre Avenue. Bank employees watched as the thief fled and noted the getaway vehicle's tag. Police ran a trace, went to the address of the car's registration, and nabbed the suspect within minutes of the hold-up.

This summer, after passing a fictitious check at a Newark bank, the forger returned a few days later to the same facility. An alert teller recognized the name on the bogus document and asked for identification. The check casher offered up a driver's license - a real one. Getting nervous, the suspect quietly headed out the door and went home, only to find police waiting.

On Labor Day weekend, a 19-year-old University of Delaware coed went up to a man loitering outside Peddlers Liquors at the College Square shopping center. She asked him to buy her some alcohol. The problem was that she asked a plainclothes Newark police officer who was working an undercover Cops In Shops detail at the store.

I recall a story an official at the University of Delaware once told me. After being suspended on the school's "three strikes and you're out" policy, the offender protested that providing alcohol, three times, to underage students in a residence hall was not sufficient grounds to toss him out. After a prolonged dialogue, the frustrated official wanted to but didn't end the hearing by declaring, "You're not being kicked out for alcohol violations. You're being kicked out for being stupid."

If you're a fan of our Police

Blotter - and many are - you may have noticed a marked increase in irritating, but minor crimes like thefts of and from cars here.

Last week, Corp. Tracy Simpson, of the Newark Police Department, issued a crime alert. Recently, she noted that 18 vehicles had been entered by thieves through unlocked doors, most on vehicles parked in apartment complex lots. Many of the valuables taken - purses, wallets and computers - were in clear view. Property damage and loss in these cases, totaled nearly \$10,000.

Simpson reminded Newarkers that a locked door is a deterrent. Valuables in plain sight are an invitation.

Most thefts are crimes of opportunity. Take away that opportunity and you protect yourself. If a thief can see booty inside, that vehicle is significantly more likely to be victimized than one with an empty interior.

Park in a dark area of a lot and you invite trouble. As demonstrated in the 18 cases, thieves seek out the easiest targets.

In addition to using this common sense, Simpson also urges citizens to report suspicious activity to police. Note details and call the cops.

Some residents hesitate to do so for fear of bothering the police in the event the tip is a dud. The reality is that police want citizens to be their eyes and ears and assist them in the protection of their community. To do otherwise would be stupid.

■ When not checking to determine if his AAA membership offers "locked out" service, the writer is publisher of this and two other Delaware newspapers that are headquartered in Newark. He and his family live in the Cherry Hill neighborhood of Newark.

1999: Floyd not as nasty in Newark as nearby areas

► PAGES, from 6

tion, presented a paper giving a brief resume of the Communist Pacifist situation in the United States.

Lieutenant Devereaux disclosed the connecting link between communism and pacifism and explained the insidious influence exercised by communism in carrying out its purpose through the medium of pacifism.

In this paper, U.S. Senator Borah was rapped in connection with his proposal for the recognition of Soviet Russia by the United States.

■ Sept. 29, 1979

Police report sex assaults

Newark police are looking for two suspects in a series of sexual

assaults that occurred near West Park Elementary School, Park Place Apts. and Victoria mews Apts. in the past week and a half.

Police said that four women, between the ages of 19 and 21, were sexually assaulted, but not raped. The assaults took place between 9:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m., while the victims were walking along the sidewalks adjacent to the areas, police said.

Police are looking for two white males in their twenties or early thirties, five feet seven or eight inches in height, with thin build and brown hair, wearing blue clothing.

Mayor attacks media, police fund drive

Two segments of the Newark community received a strong rebuke from Mayor William Redd at this week's City Council

meeting: Newark's Fraternal Order of Police and the *News Journal* papers.

The FOP was criticized for its current fundraising efforts, and the *News Journal* papers for recent articles on the use of after-hours city cars by city employees and a tree house that they had removed from its parkland.

Redd echoed the earlier concerns of Councilmen Ted Nutter and William Coverdale that the FOP's current fund drive, conducted by a professional solicitation agency, is damaging the department's reputation with members of the business community.

Nutter said he received several complaints from downtown merchants who had been contacted by solicitors asking for donations of "up to \$3,000, in some cases," for advertisements in an FOP yearbook.

Nutter said some of the businessmen he talked to felt "belittled" by the solicitors.

■ Sept. 24, 1999

Don't say the "F" words in Newark: Floyd, flooding visit local residents

"Compared to some other areas hit by Floyd, we really made out well," said Newark city manager Carl Luft the day after the hurricane dumped almost 10 inches of rain in the area.

Luft said Newark's most severe flooding was on Welsh Tract, Paper Mill, and West Chestnut Hill roads, and Timberline Drive. "Rahway Drive and Bellevue Road were also under a lot of water," Luft said.

One Pennsylvania resident said she had to drive all the way to the intersection of Capital Trail and Route 72 to make her way home on Route 896 because none of the bridges along Paper Mill Road were passable on Thursday afternoon.

Around 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 16, as the storm was still

approaching Delaware, emergency personnel went through the neighborhood of Cherry Hill along the Christina River and advised residents to evacuate. "They had a lot of water coming up there," said Newark Police Officer Mark Farrell. Farrell said every available city officer was out on the street all day Thursday.

Popular excursion line devastated by hurricane

The Wilmington & Western Railroad has stopped operating at the height of its season due to the floods which accompanied Hurricane Floyd.

"The damage costs will exceed \$2.5 million dollars," said David S. Ludlow, director of the volunteer railroad. Two of the steam railroad's bridges are completely gone and several others are damaged. In many places along the right-of-way laid out in 1867, the tracks are just hanging in air because the ground under them has been washed away.

'Don't tell me'

► HUMMEL, from 6

car. It belonged to a Mrs. Mary Anne Carrion of Dearborn, Michigan! I had brought in a "hot" car!

After I wheedled and coaxed the little man into looking at my license, registration, and insurance documents in the glove box, he came back and told me he "guessed" it was mine after all and that I had looked "familiar" to him. (Later, he grudgingly admitted that it was a computer foul-up and that Mrs. Mary Anne Carrion had never been to the Uranus franchise on Googletown Road.) He did not, of course,

apologize. Would you-unless you were the maker of such a defective computer? (My trunk is still sealed shut - it might, for all I know, contain a Carrion or a carrion or a pharaoh.)

Then I took a dear friend for a "routine" visit to a physician and then drove her immediately to the hospital for immediate, emergency surgery. (This time, I did pray. Termites or Daisy or a screen door or a "hot" Uranus? Never! But a lovely human? Yess-hh) All went well in surgery.

Do not tell me about strings of bad luck. Or ropes of bad luck. Or nooses or wires of bad luck! That six weeks was a hawser.

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OUTLOOK

Help diffuse anxiety

By SORCHA WOOL

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

THE first week of school has its own set of worries for kids — getting back into a routine, overcoming fear of the unknown, riding the bus, and getting to know new teachers and classmates.

Even though Newark schools have been in session for more than three weeks, now is not the time for parents to let down their guard. School can be an anxiety-ridden experience for some children, so look for signs that your child may not be adjusting.

The indications are there. Some youngsters have so much mental apprehension that they become physically ill, often complaining of headaches or stomach aches. Other children may become withdrawn or act out at home. If the child seems reluctant to go to school or to ride the bus, something is wrong.

Reasons for avoiding school also include a bully situation, the feeling that the teacher doesn't like the him or her, or the class work is boring because it's too easy.

The reverse is also cause for stress: the child finds school work difficult, which is frustrating, and classmates are calling her a dummy. Another source for school anxiety may be the child's basic makeup: shyness or fear of leaving a parent can cause apprehension. She may feel nervous about being called on in class and not having the answer, or anxious about an upcoming test or band tryout.

Talk to the child. Find out what is stressing them. With this knowledge you can help them overcome anxiety by

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PARABOLAS & PARABLES

Retired professor tutors high schoolers

By JOE OLIVIERI

POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DR. Willard Baxter preaches about the path to math grade salvation, a sermon largely shaped by his father's example.

"My father said, 'We all come to this earth, some learn something and it is our responsibility to pass it on to the next generation,'" he said.

The 75-year-old retired mathematics professor volunteers four days a week at Newark High School tutoring any subject of math his pupils can produce, arriving before school starts and staying well after the final bell rings.

Whether in the cafeteria or the conference room in the library, Baxter sits nearby a plain sign-up sheet quietly sipping a beverage as students scramble to fit his assistance into their busy class schedules. Students are referred to him by teachers, advisors, or by word of mouth from their friends.

He has even volunteered during his treatment for prostate cancer, a fact he downplays by saying the

treatment does not bother him. "I just hope they're working on it," he said.

His father did not attend college, Baxter said, but his hard work and dedication to lifelong scholarship allowed him to succeed inside and outside of his profession as a journalist. He helped found the United Nations Post Office and became an expert on the printing and engraving of stamps.

As the year begins, Baxter is recovering from surgery but will be back soon.

Baxter studied algebra at Ohio University at Athens, although he described it as "more of an art form than applied mathematics." He transferred from his first teaching job to the University of Delaware in 1958, achieving the title of full professor before his retirement in 1994. He was not sure what to expect from retirement, taking jobs unrelated to teaching, but decided the best use of his time would be to volunteer tutoring the subject he knew so well.

"I knew one of the advisors and the principal gave me permission," he said.

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Baxter, left, uses personal experience in his tireless tutelage of high school math students.



Philadelphia company's opera 'never misses a trick'

I always knew that the Opera Company of Philadelphia's (OCP) Producing Artistic Director Robert Driver "never missed a trick" when it comes to offering us the best in opera, but Robert has outdone himself on this one.

During the Halloween "season" near the end of October and on the day itself Robert is offering us a delightful opera whose very plot hinges on disguises and multiple costumes for the female love interest, Norina. No, there are no ghosts, but there is plenty of mischief! The opera is Gaetano Donizetti's hilarious "Don Pasquale."

THE ARTS



By PHIL TOMAN

This is the second offering of the OCP's 2004-05 season and will alternate during the month of October with "Faust." Production

dates for "Don Pasquale" are Oct. 15, 17, 20, 23, 29 and 31. Oct. 17 and 31 are matinees. As with all OCP operas, it will be staged at the Academy of Music, Broad and Locust Streets. The opera will be performed in its original language, Italian, with English subtitles projected over the proscenium.

A superb cast has been assembled to bring this comedy to life. In the title role is one of my favorite basso buffi currently performing, Kevin Glavin. His picture appears with my column today.

Earlier this year he appeared in the company's delightful performances of another comedy, "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein." He just closed a series of performances as Dr. Bartolo in Rossini's "Il Barbiere di Siviglia" with the San Francisco Opera after which one critic noted, "Glavin remains a contemporary champion in buffo parts, always musical as well as droll." Amen to that!

At the center of the love triangle is the lovely Norina. Robert has selected for this key role a soprano who is enjoying a meteoric ride to stardom in the operatic firmament, Anna Netrebko. In 2002 she was at the Academy in seven performances of Bellini's "I Capuletti ed I Montecchi." Her recent engagements included the title role in Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor" with the Los Angeles Opera and Violetta in Verdi's "La Traviata" with the Munich State Opera.

The performance of Norina's lover and Pasquale's nephew, Ernesto, is in the very capable



Basso buffo Kevin Glavin will bring to all its comedic life the title role of "Don Pasquale" in Donizetti's hilarious opera when he performs with the Opera Company of Philadelphia next month at the Academy of Music.

hands of Jesus Garcia who was here last in 2001 in Mozart's "Die Zauberflöte." Earlier this year he performed Don Ramiro in Rossini's "La Cenerentola" and Alfred in Strauss' "Die Fledermaus," both with the Washington Opera.

Making his OCP debut after successful seasons at the Metropolitan Opera and the Houston Grand Opera is baritone Earle Patriarco. He will offer us his Dr. Malatesta, Ernesto's scheming friend.

Maestro Corrado Rovaris will conduct this, his first opera, as the new OCP Music Director.

Much is expected of Mr. Rovaris in his new role as music director. We wish him well. He is an outstanding conductor and proved that here last year as he guided performances of Verdi's "La Traviata" for the company.

If you have seen "Don Pasquale" there is little need to mention the plot. If you have never seen it, suffice it to say that the whole comedy revolves around an old man lusting for a young girl and her uproarious method of curing his lust. Some of the best comedic scenes in opera are in this opus.

"Don Pasquale" is not a long opera. The Eaton tome lists the music as lasting 109 minutes. But those are 109 fun minutes to be sure. If there is a youngster in your family who has yet to experience the wonderful world of opera, this would be an ideal opera with which to begin his or her journey through that world. And at the prices the OCP asks for tickets, it won't send you into bankruptcy.

The Grand Old Lady of Locust Street is only about an hour from Newark. For more information you may call 215-893-1999 or go on line at www.operaphilly.com.

Remember, if you are interested in seeing two operas in October, Gounod's "Faust" is alternating with "Don Pasquale." "Faust" will be staged October 8, 10, 13, 16, 22 and 24. One tragedy, one comedy - a nice mix to begin the new opera season.

Enjoy.

■ The writer has authored this column for more than four decades.

Practice makes perfect

► BAXTER, from 8

He developed the teaching strategy he extols to his students out of necessity.

"I never studied the night before," he said. "I was always too nervous."

He came to realize that through dedicated practice he was able to achieve success.

"I think I can help students," he says enthusiastically. "I give them a philosophy on how to study."

"What does an athlete do? Practice," Baxter said. "Do

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.



enough of the assignment with book and notes until you think you understand the new idea. Stop your homework for 10-15 minutes. Review some problems and then begin without notes."

"Nothing there is deep," he said. "But it works."

Baxter's own yearning to learn is not limited to the realm of pluses and minuses. Newark High School Librarian Donna Reed recalled Baxter's students handing him sunglasses and "teaching him to dance cool," and his attempts to master the slang used by students.

"He loves the kids," Reed said. "He loves seeing them grasp mathematics."

Although Baxter is proud of his accomplishments, which like his father included achievements in and out of his profession, he maintains a humble worldview and a determination towards self improvement.

"I never considered myself gifted but I went out and got a Ph.D.," Baxter said. "It was union papers to do whatever I wanted to do. There isn't enough talent to go around without effort. You have to concentrate."

Don't underestimate role

► OUTLOOK, from 8

solving the problem together.

With your support the child will know he is not alone. Instead of telling a child he has to go to school, talk with him. Explain how going to school is fun, offering opportunities to do new things and make new friends. To help a shy child make friends, encourage her to join a club or sports activity.

To reduce a child's stress encourage him to talk with you about what could be wrong. If the work in class or homework seems

difficult or too much for her, arrange to meet with the teacher. Work out a solution that both teacher and student can live with. Some things can be changed; others cannot. Talk to her about which things she has the power to change.

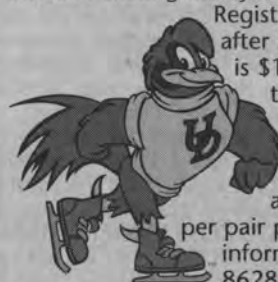
Finally, don't underestimate the role a regular routine, proper diet, enough sleep and exercise play in reducing a children's stress. As a parent you can make a difference in these areas. You also can encourage your children to talk about their feelings, thus diffusing the stress before it escalates to anxiety.

Chill out on the ice

Sign up for these UD programs starting next month!

Learn to Skate

Polish your skating skills on the same ice used by some of the world's best skaters, including Olympians Tiffany Scott and Philip Dulebohn. Our 8-week program begins Oct. 5, with classes meeting either on Saturday mornings or on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. Classes are designed for all ages and all levels of skating ability.



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For a program guide, call 302-831-2868, or visit us on the web at www.udel.edu/icearena

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FRIDAY

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DELAWARE RAG 7 - 10 p.m. A bluegrass musical performance. Free and open to the public. Home Grown Cafe & Gourmet to Go, 126 East Main St., Newark. Info., 302-266-6993.

"HANDS-ON-ASTRONOMY" 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. The Newark Library invites you to join amateur astronomer James T. Morgan for an evening of using telescopes and binoculars to view the sky. Learn how to identify planets and stars in your own backyard. Rain date is Oct. 1. Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave., Newark. Info., 302-731-7550.

FALL CONCERT 8 p.m. Musical performance by DeSoto (bluegrass). Sponsored by the Brandywine Friends of Old Time Music. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 420 Willa Road, Newark.

GREENBANK MILL 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Visit Greenbank Mill, a Living History Museum. Step into the past and learn about the men, women, and children who lived and worked at Greenbank Mill during the Early Republic (1790-1830). Tour the gristmill, the textile mill, and the farm with heritage sheep. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 4-12 and seniors, \$1 for Greenbank members. Located on Greenbank Road off Newport Gap Pike (Rt. 41), 1/2 mile north of Kirkwood Highway. Info., 302-999-9001.

"AWARD WINNERS III" 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. The Biggs Museum is proud to host gallery talks by John McGiff and John-Mark Gleadow, two of the featured artists in current exhibition. Featuring representative works by five contemporary Delaware artists who were awarded Individual Artist Fellowships by the Delaware Division of the Arts (DDOA) in 2003. Admission is free. The Biggs Museum of American Art, 406 Federal Street, Dover. Info., 302-674-2111.

VISIONS & REVISIONS: ARTISTS & POETS IN DIALOGUE Opening reception Sept. 10, 7 - 9 p.m. Exhibit through Oct. 9. Artists Doris Crowley, Debbie Hegedus, and Wynette Sims, and poets Larry Kelts, Rich Boucher, and Jeffrey Little each shared three works through this unique project. Each poet chose artwork to respond to, and the artists did the same with the poems. Newark Arts Alliance, 100 Elkton Road, Newark. Info., 302-266-7266.

ANTJE DUVEKOT 7 - 9 p.m. A Folk/pop musical performance. Tickets are \$12 at the gate and includes wine-tasting before the show outdoors on the deck. Smithbridge Cellars, 18th century barn on Beaver Valley Rd., 1/2 mile west of Rt. 202, just north of the Pennsylvania-Delaware border. Info., 610-558-4703.

SATURDAY

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KRISPY KREME KIDS' DAY 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. This event is a celebration of the grand opening of their second Delaware factory store. There will be entertainment and fun for the entire family including Krispy Kreme's doughnut dipping station, where kids of all ages can dip and decorate their very own doughnut. Featuring face painting, clowns, and much more. This event is free and open to the public. Krispy Kreme, Governor's Square II Shopping



ety of subject matter is represented including still life, landscape and figurative pieces. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For info., 302-366-1403.

Center, Rt. 40, Bear.

FORREST GLENN 7 - 10 p.m. A Folk/rock/urban/ethereal musical performance. Free and open to the public. Home Grown Cafe & Gourmet to Go, 126 East Main St., Newark. Info., 302-266-6993.

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat. and Sun. The Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife will sponsor a special event to celebrate this 33rd anniversary. Featured attractions will include The Delaware State Taxidermy Show & Competition and the Delaware State Turkey Calling Championship. Displays and activities will also be provided by Delaware Mobile Surf-Fishermen, Brandywine Hundred Rod & Gun Club, Delaware's Landowner Incentive Program, poison ivy displays, wetlands education and more. Ommelanden Hunter Education Training Center, Rt. 9 between Old New Castle and Delaware City. Info., contact Dawn W. Failing at 302-323-5336.

FOXTROT BALL AT FAIR HILL 6 - 11 p.m. Put on your dancing shoes, bring your friends, and come to the Ed Walls Activity Building at the Fair Hill Fairgrounds in Cecil County to benefit Fair Hill Nature Center. The Ed Walls building will be transformed into a natural wonderland with landscaping and floral displays. Complimentary beer, wine, and soft drinks will be provided along with a buffet of hors d'oeuvres, entrees, and desserts, catered by some of the area's finest restaurants. Enjoy specialties from the Bayard

NEW EXHIBIT DOWNTOWN

Georgann Runkle and Michele Madeksza, both students of renowned Delaware artist Ed Loper, show their latest paintings through Sept. 30 at You've Been Framed, 172 E. Main St. in Newark. Both utilize vivid segmented patches of color indicative of the Loper style. A variety

House, Bentley's, Buck's, the Blue Crab Grill, and many other fine eateries, all in the same place. Sit and enjoy the music as the Newark band, "The Juveniles" (formerly Jerry and the Juveniles) with their new vocalist, Vessa, entertain with classic rock 'n' oldies, and popular music from all eras. The cost for the Foxtrot Ball is \$50 a plate with tables of ten for \$450. Conectiv will once again be one of the sponsors for the ball. Reservations, call 410-398-4909.

5TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK & KIDS' FUN RUN 9:15 a.m. and the 5k starts at 9:30 a.m. in the Pencader Corporate Center. Post race refreshments, t-shirt to all pre-registrants, awards to first and second place finishers in 5 year age categories for run and top two male and female walkers overall. St. Margaret of Scotland, 230 Executive Dr., Newark. Info., contact Sandy Cooper at 302-266-0881 or sandyclope@yahoo.com. Register online @ www.active.com <http://www.active.com>.

"CARE FAIR" 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Free food, clothing and school supplies for the needy. Health, safety, education, employment information. Clowns, puppet shows and face painting for the kids. Win door prizes. All for free. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info., 302-737-2336.

THE LOIS YOUNG SHOW Last Saturday of each month. 10:30 a.m. One hour children's production which features puppets, songs, interactive stories, live music, and audience participation. Each month children learn a different style of music. Each month there is a different theme which invites the children to wear a special color and bring a stuffed animal to join in the fun. September's Theme: "Autumn Zoo Parade" featuring live Ragtime music with pianist and drums. Kids wear autumn leaf colors or zoo animal costumes and bring a zoo animal. Tickets are \$6 and are purchased at the door. The New Century Club of Newark, Delaware Ave. and Haines St. No reservations. Info., 302-456-9227 or www.loisyoung.com.

COMEDY PERFORMANCE 9:30 p.m. Comedy show featuring Jimmy Graham, John Kensil, Theresa Krallinger, Jim Thomas and Joanne Sygonakis. Tickets are \$15 each. Comedy Cabaret, Air Transport Command, 143 N. DuPont Hwy., New Castle. Info., 302-652-6873.

GARDENFEST 2:30 p.m. The Midiri Brothers Sextet brings September Songs to Longwood in a spirited, jazzy performance that revives the heyday of swing and spans styles from jazz to dixieland. A dance floor will be available and dancing is encouraged. The concert is included in the regular Gardens admission of \$14 for adults, \$6 for ages 16-20, \$2 for ages 6-15 and free for children under age 6. Longwood Gardens, Rt. 1, Kennett Square, Pa. Info., 610-388-1000.

CASINO NIGHT 6 p.m. to midnight second Saturdays. Poker and wheel at Newark Elks #2281, 42 Elks Trail, New Castle. Free admission for players. Info., 302-328-2281.

MAESTROS DE PLATA 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tues. - Sun. Through Sept. 26. An exhibition that traces the changes in Mexican silver design from the 1920s to the present. Winterthur, Rt. 52 (five miles south of Rt. 1). Tickets \$20 for adults; \$18 for students and seniors; \$10 for ages 2-11. Info., 302-888-4600.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

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. at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2336.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

DELAWARE DOC JOB FAIR 8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. Exams will be administered at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Testing time is two hours. The Delaware Department of Correction will be holding a job fair. Recruiting for positions that include correctional officer, correctional officer/food service specialists and correctional officer/maintenance. Current correctional staff will be available to speak with prospective applicants. Delaware Tech-Stanton Campus, 400 Stanton-Christiana Rd., Newark. Info., visit www.state.de.us/correction.

POST-POLIO SUPPORT 10 a.m. to noon fourth Saturday of month. Meeting at the Easter Seal Independent Living Center, Reads Way, New Castle. Info., call Paula Hentz at 302-369-3905 or 302-764-1714.

WOMAN'S MINISTRY Fourth Saturday of the month. Meeting to unite and share fellowship at Dale United Methodist

Church, 143 E. Lake St., Middletown. Info., 302-378-9744.

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. every Saturday at Greater Grace Church, 30 Blue Hen Dr. \$5 donation goes to missions. Info., 302-738-1530.

KARAOKE 8 p.m. - midnight every Saturday at the American Legion of Elkton. No cover, all welcome. Info., 410-398-9720.

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

MONDAY, SEPT. 27

UNIVERSITY WOMEN Fourth Monday. Newark AAUW meets at First Presbyterian Church, West Main St., Newark. Info., 302-731-4724.

WOMEN OF THUNDER MEETING 6 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Meeting begins. There will be a meeting of the Women of Thunder Motorcycle Group and all riders are invited. The Trap, Newark-Elkton Road, Newark The Trap, on Newark-Elkton Rd. in Newark. Info., call Nancy Smallwood at 239-6205.

NEWARK AAUW MEETING 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Terry Schooley, Democratic candidate running for 23rd

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Representative District seat. Public welcome. Aletha P. Scarangelo, Ed.D First Presbyterian Church, Memorial Hall, 292 West Main St. Info., 302-731-4724, Alsca@aol.com.

"THE LIFE TRANSITIONS" 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Learn how to use you're your imagination to get the most from your newly found free time. Workshop activities will focus on leading participants into a path of self discovery and rejuvenation. Find out how to make the most of your life by discovering the hidden value of your experience and learn how you might share your gifts and wisdom with others. Workshop is free of charge. Donations to Creative Grandparenting, Inc. are encouraged. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., (off of Marrows Road) Newark. Register by calling the Newark Senior Center at (302) 737-2336. Info., call CGI at (302) 656-2122 or e-mail at mainoffice@creativegrandparenting.org.

FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES Mondays at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Newark United Methodist Church, 69 East Main Street, Newark. Classes begin

on September 20 for beginners and intermediate level. Info., 302-368-4942 or 302-368-8774.

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 9 p.m. Mondays. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration at 302-765-9740.

SIMPLY JAZZERCIZE 10:15 a.m. Mondays, 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 a.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info., 302-737-2336.

CHORUS OF BRANDYWINE 7:30 p.m. Men's barbershop rehearsals at MBNA Bowman Conference Center, Ogletown. All welcome. Info., 302-655-SING.

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

GUARDIANS' SUPPORT 6 - 8 p.m. Meeting for grandparents and all those raising others' children at Children & Families First, 62 N. Chapel St., Newark. Information and registration, 302-658-5177, ext. 260.

NCCo STROKE CLUB Noon at the Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., call Nancy Traub at 302-324-4444.

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S.

College Ave., Newark. Info., 302-368-2318.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

ADULTS WITH AD/HD 7:30 p.m. Fourth Tuesdays. Support group meets at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info., 302-737-5063.

UNSCHOOLERS & OTHERS 7 p.m. fourth Tuesdays. Parents meet at Kirkwood Library. Group also holds activities for homeschool families. Info., 302-322-5950.

EATING DISORDER 7-8:30 p.m. last Tuesdays. Support group for people with disorder, and family and friends meets at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Naaman's & Darley Rds., North Wilmington. Free & open to public. Info., 302-475-1880.

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30 p.m. fourth Tuesdays of each month at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Naaman's and Darley Rds., Wilmington. Free and open to the public. Info., 302-475-1880.

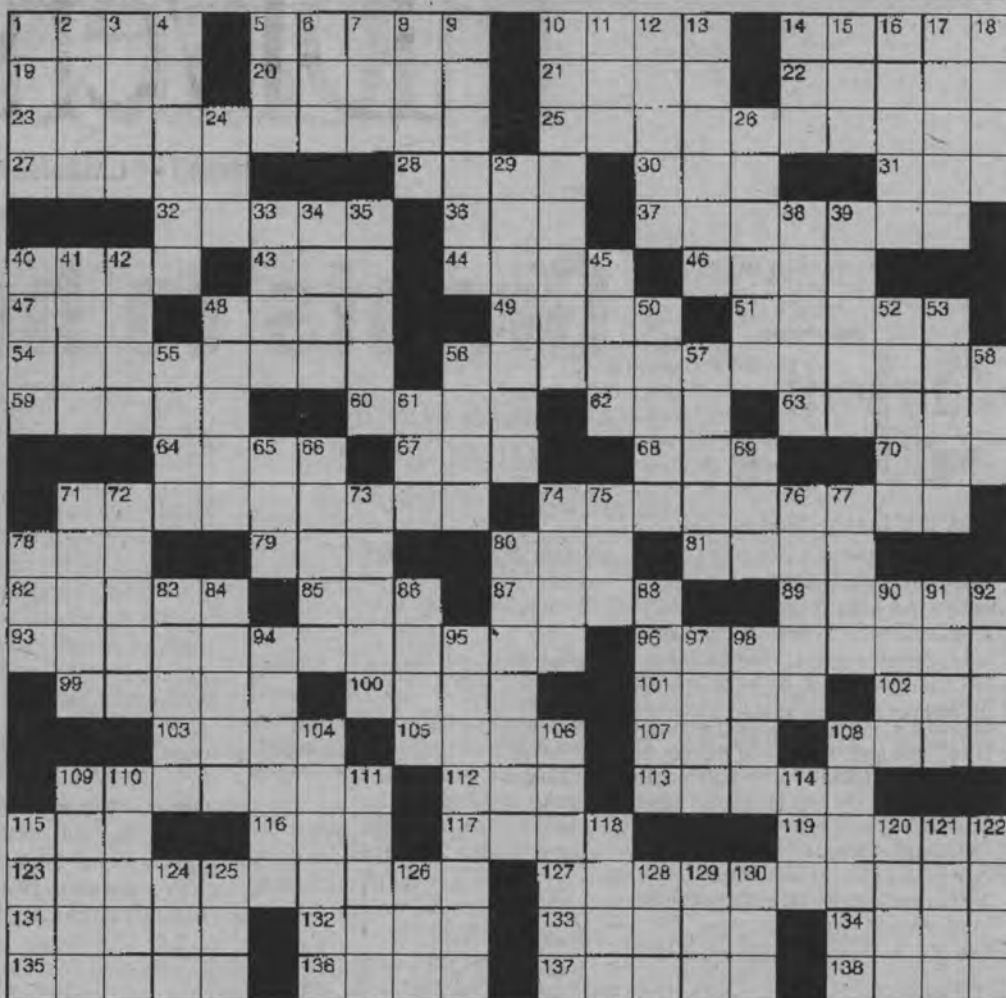
CANCER SUPPORT 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Silverside/Carr Executive Center, Bldg. 405, Wilmington. Info., 302-733-3900.

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. every

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Tuesday. For men who like to sing at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., call Will at 302-368-3052.

DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support group meeting at Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd., Newark. Info., 302-737-7239.

SWEET ADELINES 7:30 - 10 p.m. every Tuesday. Singing group meets at MBNA Bowman Center, Route 4, Newark. Listeners and new members welcome. Info., 302-999-8310.

SCRAPBOOKING 7 - 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow. Nursery, \$2/child. Info., 302-834-GRPC.

MS SUPPORT 4 - 6 p.m. Tuesdays at MS Society Headquarters, 2 Mill Road, Wilmington. Info., 302-655-5610.

■ WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

ANXIETY DISORDER 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware To maintain the privacy of members, support group locations not published. To register, call 302-765-9740.

BINGO 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Lunch available for \$2.25/platter at 11:45 a.m. Info., call 302-737-2336.

DIVORCECARE 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Separated/divorced persons meet at Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark. All welcome. Info., 302-737-5040.

GRIEF SHARE 7 p.m. Seminar and support group every week for those who have lost someone close to them. At Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info., 302-737-5040.

NEWARK DELTONES 7 - 10 p.m. at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main

St. Info., 302-737-4544.

TAI CHI 2:30 p.m. Wednesday or Monday; 11:15 a.m. Friday, at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., \$20/month. Info., 302-737-2336.

FAMILY CIRCLES 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-658-5177.

■ THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

NCC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP 6 p.m. This annual meeting will focus on fighting substance abuse relating to children. A.J. English, former Washington Bullets basketball player, will be in attendance. NCCCP has a successful history of presenting innovative programs to thousands of children and their families by giving them a solid awareness about the dangers of substance abuse. They also have a past history of reinforcing children's resiliency skills and offering them healthy, alternative activities. Connectiv Conference Center, 4100 S. Wakefield Dr., Newark.

Info., 302-395-5386 or visit www.ncccp.org.

COLONIAL STATES KNITTERS 7 p.m. fourth Thursday in the Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Rd. Info., call Betty at 302-994-2869.

DSI THUMBS UP 7 - 8 p.m. 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Stroke support group meeting offering educational topics, peer support and guests who are experts in rehabilitative services at the New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Sponsored by Delaware Stroke Initiative. Free. Info., 302-633-9313.

TOASTMASTERS 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursday. Greater Elkton chapter meets at Cecil County Department of Aging to develop potential and overcome fear of public speaking. Public welcome. Info., 443-553-5358.

EVENING YOGA 6:15 p.m. Class to encourage relaxation and improve strength, balance, and peace of mind. \$15 per month at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2336.

STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. every Thursday. Animal stories read by a lively storyteller near the Otter exhibit at Brandywine Zoo. Info., 302-571-7747.

WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7 - 9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration at 302-765-9740.

DIVORCECARE 7 - 8:30 p.m. Separated/divorced persons meet at Southern Chester County YMCA, East Baltimore Pike, Jenersville, Pa. Childcare available; ages 7 and up get to swim. Info., 610-869-2140.

NEWARK MORNING ROTARY 7 - 8:15 a.m. at the Blue & Gold Club, Newark. Info., 302-737-1711 or 302-737-0724.

BLUEGRASS/OLDTIME JAM 7:30 - 10 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave. Any skill level welcome. Bring your own instrument.

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CHORAL EVEN-SONG 4:30 p.m. The Adult Choir of The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew will present a service under the direction of music director

David Christopher Price. This is the first in the church's Choral Evensong series. Reception follows the program. The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, 719 North Shipley St., Wilmington. Info., 302-656-6628.

BOB NEWHART 7 p.m. Comedian Bob Newhart will appear to start off The Grand's Laugh Out Series. Tickets are \$45.50, \$43.50 and \$41.50. The Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Info., and reservations, call 800-37-GRAND or visit www.grand-opera.org.

COLLECTIBLE SHOW 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Show features Sports Card, NASCAR, and comic books. \$2 admission (children 12 and under are free). Over 50 tables of the area's finest dealers. 4142 Ogletown-Stanton Road #136, Newark. Info., 302-438-0967 or harper@gbc.edu.

FREE SUNDAY MORNINGS Month of September. 9:30 a.m. - Noon. Free admission includes the special exhibition The Kuerner Farm, museum guides offering information about artwork, free children's Discovery Game, and new annual family memberships at 25 percent off. Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-2700.

■ MONDAY, SEPT. 27

LINE DANCING 1 p.m. beginner class; and 2 p.m. advanced class every Monday at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info., 302-737-2336.

■ WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

MEET THE CANDIDATES 7 p.m. sponsored by West Chestnut Hills Residents Association, Newark Post and Embassy

Suites Hotel, at Embassy Suites, 654 South College Ave. in Newark. Invited candidates are for U.S. Congress, Delaware governor, Lt. governor, state insurance commissioner, state senate District 10, state representative district 25, New Castle County executive, and county council president. Info., 302-293-6871.

RICK GWINN 7 - 10 p.m. A classic hits musical performance. Free and open to the public. Home Grown Café & Gourmet to Go, 126 East Main St., Newark. Info., 302-266-6993.

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a cover. Always a good time. Come experience sophisticated night life at The Red Room, 550 Madison St., Wilmington. Info.,

BEGINNER LINE DANCE 6 p.m. Beginner classes at the Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2336.

LATINO MAGAZINE NIGHT 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Never

302-571-8440.

LET'S DANCE CLUB 4 - 6 p.m. Thursdays. Bring partner and dance to DJ and Big Band Music at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info., 302-737-2336.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MARINE CORPS RESERVES - 1ST ANNUAL VETERAN REMEMBRANCE 5K RUN Oct. 2, 7 - 8 a.m.

Registrations & 8:30 a.m. Race Start. Hosted by Marine Corps Reserves and Thomas Holcomb Det. Marine Corp League. Proceeds supporting Delaware's Hospitalized and Disabled Veterans. \$15 fee for individuals and \$60 for teams before Sept. 25 and after Sept. 25 it is \$20 for individuals and \$80 for teams. Lums Pond Area 3, 1068 Howell School Road, Bear. Info., 302-998-6695.

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The Web site www.highlightskids.com, for six to 13 year olds, is available free with a paid subscription to the magazine. Visit www.highlights.com for more information.

Best foot forward

Kids look for fashion before comfort when buying new shoes, says the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Follow these tips when shoe shopping:

- Buy soft pliable shoes with wiggle room in the toes.
- Choose shoes that bend at the ball, not in the middle of the foot.
- Measure both feet every time before buying shoes. Choose the size that fits the larger foot.
- Make sure the shoe fits the heel well.
- For teens who insist on heels, choose one to two-inch chunky heels with padded insoles and plenty of room for toes.

Visit www.aaos.org for more safety tips and injury prevention.



WOW bus

Visit the World of Wonders bus, Christina's mobile learning lab, at Glasgow High School on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. as part of the Pencader Heritage Day. Students from kindergarten to sixth grade can read, do computer work or play educational games on the WOW bus after parents register them.

Grants to help Shue-Medill

District's nonprofit has raised more than \$2 million

By **DARREL W. COLE**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE Christina School District's newly-created nonprofit garnered another \$180,000 in grants last week, bringing the total raised so far to more than \$2 million.

In just six months since its existence, the Christina Partners for Excellence is well on its way to raising its goal of \$5 million within three years.

The recent donations, presented to the Board of Education at its Tuesday, Sept. 14 meeting, included \$90,000 each from State Farm Insurance Company and Johnson & Johnson.

Richard Kapolka, senior administrator for grant development for the district, said the grants support programs that might not get funding otherwise.

For instance, the Johnson & Johnson "Bridge to Employment" grant will provide money for 25-30 Shue/Medill Middle School students from the East Side/Southbridge section of Wilmington to participate in a three-year program providing intensive after-school support, summer programs, service learning, mentoring and exposure to health care careers.

Kapolka said the grant targets a specific community whose children are experiencing "unacceptable graduation rates." He said the grant will allow these children to get the support they need early on, then follow and help them through graduation. Then, as the students get older, they will be required to tutor and mentor younger children, too.

Johnson & Johnson subsidiary Noramco (whose facility is in the East Side/Southbridge area) first met with community leaders in 2003 to help the area come up with solutions to some problems. The subsidiary — which makes pharmaceutical ingredients for pain relief medication —

approached its parent company about a possible grant and worked with the community to get it done.

"When we first met with community leaders we did not know the extent of the positive impact we could have in the community," said Vince Kranz of Noramco. "I am thankful to say that because of the overwhelming support and dedication of members we have been successful in this endeavor."

Kapolka was hired a year ago by Superintendent Dr. Joseph Wise first to be a grants writer.

Then an outside consultant firm advised that Kapolka's duties also include building relationships with foundations and others. The goal of the fundraising is to find ways to directly improve student achievement which falls under Wise's eight recommendations to transform the district.

School district officials are pleased with the results so far, and following the guidelines of Kapolka's performance-based contract, last month increased his salary \$20,000 for raising more than \$1.5 million in grants in year one of the program.



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY DARREL W. COLE

Top, local State Farm Insurance officials present a \$90,000 grant to Christina officials to enhance student achievement. Below, CSD officials receive another \$90,000 from a Johnson and Johnson official, raising the total received by the district's non-profit to more than \$2 million in six months.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOHN LLERA

CHARTER SCHOOL OPENS NEW LIBRARY

Gregory Meece, director of the Newark Charter School, cuts the ribbon signifying the opening of the school's new library as students look on. The school, on Patriot Way, received a \$500 donation from Captain Blue Hen Comics in Newark and many award-winning books from Newark-based International Reading Association.

How Delaware's students stack up

ACCORDING to statistics released by the College Board, the average mathematics and verbal scores of Delaware's public and non-public college-bound seniors who took the Scholastic Assessment Test I (SAT I) at least once during

their secondary careers decreased slightly in comparison to last year's test score.

The SAT I average verbal score decreased by one point while the SAT I average math score decreased two points.

On the verbal portion of the

SAT I, Delaware's students, public and non-public, scored an average of 500, a one point decrease from last year, placing Delaware third in the region. Nationally, students averaged a 508 on the verbal portion of the SAT I, a one point increase from last year.

The College Board reported that average mathematics score of Delaware's college-bound seniors attending the state's public and nonpublic schools was 499 which places Delaware fifth in the region. This year's national average math score is 518, a one point decrease from 2003.

Public school scores in Delaware changed slightly from last year's results. On the verbal portion of the SAT I, 4,205 Delaware students averaged 484, showing no change from last year's results. Nationally, public school students averaged 504 on the verbal exam, a one point gain from last year. On the math portion of the SAT I, Delaware's

public school students averaged 484, a two point decrease from last year. Nationally, public school students averaged 513, showing no gain from last year.

Delaware's SAT I participation rate of 73 percent remained steady and well above the nation's participation rate of 48 percent which also remained steady this year. As a result, Delaware's participation rate is ranked ninth in the nation and fifth in the region.

Delaware's public school participation in Advanced Placement (AP) opportunities showed dramatic increases from 2003 to 2004. The number of public school students participating in AP examinations increased 16.1 percent, while the total number of examinations increased by 19 percent.

Of the 3,624 AP examinations given to Delaware public school students, 2,014 students received a score of 3 or higher, a significant increase of 18.2 percent over

last year's results. Generally, a score of 3 or higher is needed at most colleges and universities in order to receive course credit.

Open house Monday for Explorer post here

On Monday, Sept. 27, from 6-8 p.m. Explorer Post 993 will have an Orientation/Open House meeting at the Newark Police Department, 220 Elkton Road, Newark.

The Newark Police Department is sponsoring Explorer Post 993 for the 2004-2005 school year.

Post 993 is for youth and young adults ages 14-18. Meetings will be held once a month from September to June.

The Explorer program is an opportunity to learn about and experience various aspects of law

enforcement, according to police officials

The orientation meeting will consist of an overview of Explorer Post 993, an interest survey, and tours of the Newark Police Department.

The evening will conclude with light refreshments. Interested youth and young adults are encouraged to bring a friend or their parents to the orientation meeting.

For more information, contact Newark police Greg Micolucci, 366-7110, ext. 130, or 454-2151, ext. 126.

Teachers earn fellowships

Five Christina School District teachers were recently honored by the governor and the Delaware Department of Education as being among the state's first group of 27 to be named Teachers Network Leadership Institute (TNLI) Fellows.

Those from CSD earning the prestigious fellowships include: **Sherlynn Aurelio**, reading specialist and state testing coordinator at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School; **Tamara Grimes-Stewart**, special education teacher at Gauger-Cobbs Middle School; **Christina James**, fifth grade teacher at Bayard Elementary School; **Dawn Martinez**, kindergarten teacher at

Keene Elementary School; and **Juanita Pritchett**, reading and English teacher to special needs students in grades 9-12.

Teachers in the fellowship program, underwritten by the local Rodel Charitable Foundation of Delaware, will meet throughout the next academic year, conduct research and meet with key policy makers in the state.

The goal is to bridge the gap between policy and practice and to bolster the leadership skills of those selected, thus improving student achievement by including the teacher's perspective.

Each will receive a \$1,000 fellowship.

Students can apply for new teacher program

Applications are now available for the new Delaware Teacher Corps Program, new to the state this year.

This program will provide financial assistance to Delaware residents who want to become teachers in critical need areas.

The program provides a service repayment loan, or "loan forgiveness," of up to \$5,000 annually to full-time students at a Delaware college or university who are enrolled in an academic program leading to teacher certification in a critical need area.

Applicants who are high school seniors must rank in the

upper half of their graduating class and have a combined score of 1050 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or a score of 25 or higher on the ACT examination. Current undergraduates are eligible to apply. They must have at least a 2.75 GPA to qualify.

The deadline to apply is Thursday, Sept. 30. Applications can be downloaded from the Delaware Higher Education Commission's website at www.doe.state.de.us/high-ed or call 302-577-3240, 800-292-7935 (outside New Castle County).

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Governor

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10th Senate District

25th District Rep

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County Council President

Insurance Commissioner

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\$1 million Emmaus House expansion done

Year-long community effort results in expanded services



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Landscaping for the Emmaus House project was done by the Newark Morning Rotary Club. Once plants, mulch and sod were laid, one neighbor said, "Emmaus House was transformed." More than 100 businesses and organizations contributed to the entire project.

DEDICATION of the newly renovated and expanded Emmaus House in Newark will take place Thursday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. House tours will be offered from 4 to 7 p.m.

The year-long project, at a cost of nearly \$1 million, more than doubled the space available for homeless families in the area to avail themselves of the services of Homeward Bound Inc. to get their feet back on the ground and become self supporting once again.

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Previously only five families could be housed for a maximum of 60 days. With the expansion, four families can live there for the 30- or 60-day programs and four more families can live in the transitional shelter for up to eight months.

A cook was hired to help with the expanded number of residents. Five full-time and 10-part-time staff members, along with numerous volunteers, counsel and instruct the residents and provide childcare when parents go to work.

The expansion project was a community affair, according to co-director Mary Ellen Green. Besides money, there were donations of furniture, physical labor, landscaping and building materials from more than 100 local businesses and organizations.

"This was a real community effort," Green said. "We met and exceeded our goal thanks to the generosity of the community and organizations we approached."

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Owen pointed to the Deer Park Inn and the Camera Shop as downtown renovations that stayed true to the original historic architecture. "They are good examples and show it can be done."

Some members of the Newark City Council and other city officials have already weighed in with their hopes for the project, which holds great weight since the recent passage of an ordi-

nance that requires any downtown apartment proposal to get a special use permit.

Under previous regulations, apartments were rarely subject to council review and allowed as part of a subdivision plan "by right." The change was a way for the council to get more of a handle on the residential component downtown.

City zoning downtown already prohibits residential uses on the first floor of buildings. Plan submissions first are reviewed by the Planning Department, then the Planning Commission and then City Council.

City Councilman Jerry Clifton, whose District 2 includes the Stone Balloon property, said he told Baeurle that he'd like to see a 55-and-over residential project on the second floor.

"We have student homes and student apartments but in the downtown area we need senior residences," Clifton said.

Clifton said marketing the apartments or condominiums as upscale would not deter students whose parents will pay more. "We see homes being sold for over \$200,000 that people are buying so their children can attend the university, so I have no reason to think that this would not be the same."

Clifton, often a critic of poorly managed alcohol-serving busi-

nesses, said Baeurle and his staff have run a good business and "have been a good neighbor."

He also said that because of Baeurle's 30-year history of owning the property, he is confident the proposed project will meet the city's expectations.

On the ground floor, Clifton said a wine store could be an option because there's already a liquor license for the property. As

far as other retail options, he challenged Baeurle to "think out of the box."

Councilman Karl Kalbacher also met with Baeurle.

He said he was under the impression that if a condominium plan were pursued the units would be upscale and aimed at "non-college" tenants. If otherwise, Kalbacher would request added security measures and less

units.

He also said the idea about a 55-and-over project would be a good idea.

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Hens hit road for big game against UMass

By **MARTY VALANIA**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Delaware's Atlantic-10 schedule is full of potential problems. The first of those comes this week as the fourth-ranked Blue Hens travel to the University of Massachusetts.

UMass gave Delaware all it could handle last year in a memorable 51-45 triple overtime classic won by the Hens. The game turned out to be pivotal as it provided Delaware with the A-10's automatic berth and home field advantage through the first three rounds of the playoffs.

UMass, no doubt, knows the significance of the game. In fact, its urgency has increased after being upset 24-14 by Richmond last week.

The Minutemen fell to No. 16 in the nation this week after the loss, but is clearly more concerned with Delaware than anything else.

"They lost a tough one to Richmond last week," said Delaware coach K.C. Keeler. "I'm sure they're not where they want to be either."

Keeler would've rather seen UMass come into this weekend undefeated. Now, he knows that UMass feels its back is to the wall.

The Minutemen lost a host of good players from last year's defense. Six of their front seven

are new this season. They do, however, have a strong defensive backfield.

"Their secondary is tremendous," Keeler said. "They have some people back and they have great speed."

Offensively, UMass does not throw the ball as much under first-year coach Don Brown, formerly of Northeastern, as it did under Mark Whipple.

When the Minutemen do throw it, though, they have one of the best targets in the nation in senior wide receiver Jason Peebler.

"Peebler is the best receiver in the league," Keeler said. "You don't want to get locked up one-on-one with him."

That is exactly the offensive game plan that UMass has employed this season. Brown has his team pounding the ball on the ground to force the defense to bring more players up to stop it. When that happens it leaves the secondary matched up one-on-one with the UMass receivers.

"That's definitely how they want to play," Keeler said. "Now they winged the ball around last week when they got behind. They're not afraid to wing it around. They'd just prefer to run the ball first."

Brown also will be coaching his first game from the sidelines this week. He had to sit out the first three games of the season as part of the deal worked out by

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Northeastern and Massachusetts when he switched schools.

"Yeah, I'm excited to get back on the sidelines," said Brown, who was clearly weary of talking about the suspension subject. "Our biggest problem is that we've been derailed by penalties and we have to get used to the system. Right now, even the seniors are new to the system and that makes it harder."

Keeler thinks it will be different with Brown on the sidelines.

"They've had a lot of penalties in their first three games," he said. "(Brown) is a presence on the sidelines. I don't think they'll get a lot of those with him there. He's also the defensive coordinator, so I think that they missed him."

Brown knows the importance of playing Delaware.

"They have a lot of key players back," the UMass coach said. "They're talented at a lot of places and have good, solid football players."

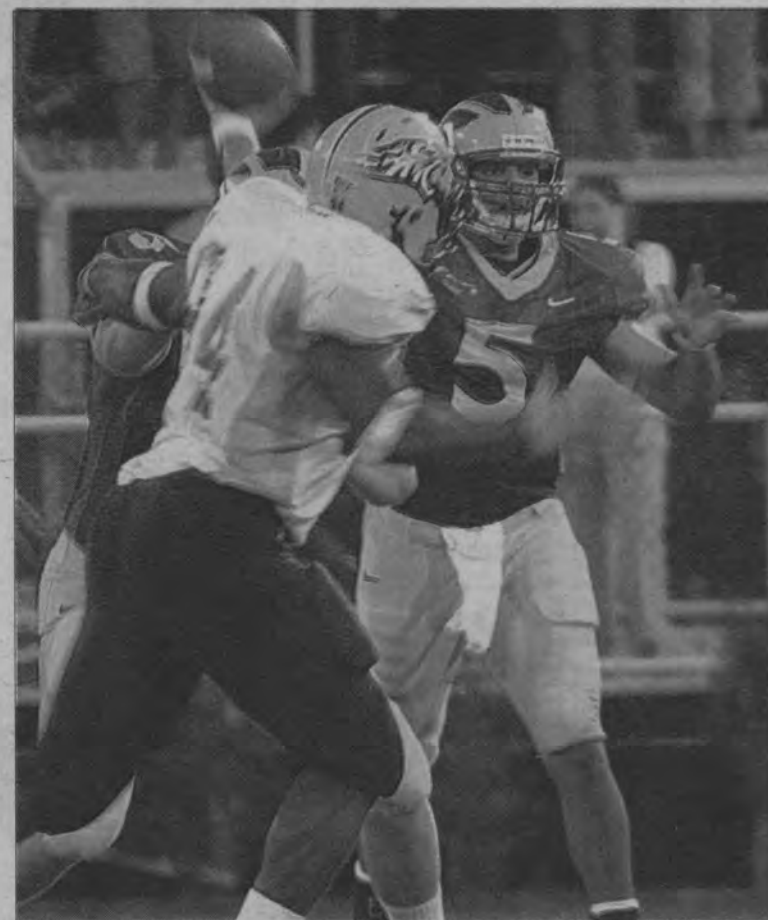


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Quarterback Sonny Riccio keeps improving as the season goes on.



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Sophomore Niquan Lee has been a major contributor to the Blue Hens' offense.

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Newark in the mix once again

By **MARTY VALANIA**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Hold on to your hats. I know this news might come as a shocker but, once again, Newark High's football team appears to be one of the better ones in the state.

Yes, I know it's early, but the Jackets, who have won six of the last seven state championships, are 2-0 with two convincing wins. Caesar Rodney has looked every bit of awesome in its two games and Valania Salesianum also has been impressive in notching two victories.

After that, you're hard-pressed to find Division I teams that have gotten off to good starts.

Middletown was expected to be very good this season. In fact, some thought the Cavaliers would be the best team in the state. The Cavs, though, have lost their first two games. Those games, however, were against Sallies and CR. Look for Middletown to still be a force in Flight A.

Big game for UD

Saturday's Delaware-Massachusetts football game is about as big a game as there can be this early in the season.

Last year the two teams put on a triple overtime classic at Delaware Stadium. This year, both have stumbled in the early going. Delaware lost to New Hampshire in the opener and UMass was beaten by Richmond last week.

The biggest difference is that the UMass-Richmond game counted in the Atlantic-10.

Saturday's loser will not only have another loss, but will still be staring at numerous difficult games.



Valania

Newark High runs past Dover

Big second half lifts Jackets

Senior running back Lewis Carter ran for 125 yards and three touchdowns to lead 2-0 Newark to a 34-7 non-conference victory over Dover Friday night in the state capitol.

The Yellowjackets scored on their first possession, on a one-yard sneak by junior quarterback Steve Williams. It appeared Newark was headed for a route of their hosts, however, Dover's

defense responded to the quick strike with strong play the rest of the first half.

Newark coach Butch Simpson said a lot of credit goes to Dover for holding down the Jackets in the first 24 minutes.

"It's early in the season, and they've made some major changes offensively and defensively, so we were kind of winging it in the first half, trying to find our way," he said.

In the second quarter, the Senators managed to move the ball against the stingy Jacket defense. Dover struck pay dirt on

a nifty 21-yard run by senior tailback Johnson Udezulu to tie the score 7-7.

A pivotal series of plays took place late in the quarter.

With Newark on the move, Williams threw a well-covered pass that slipped through the fingers of Dover safety Jason Spellman.

Had Spellman intercepted, the Senators may have gone into the locker room with a one-touchdown lead.

Newark retained possession, and on the next play, Williams found Carter wide open down the

right sideline on 4th and eight.

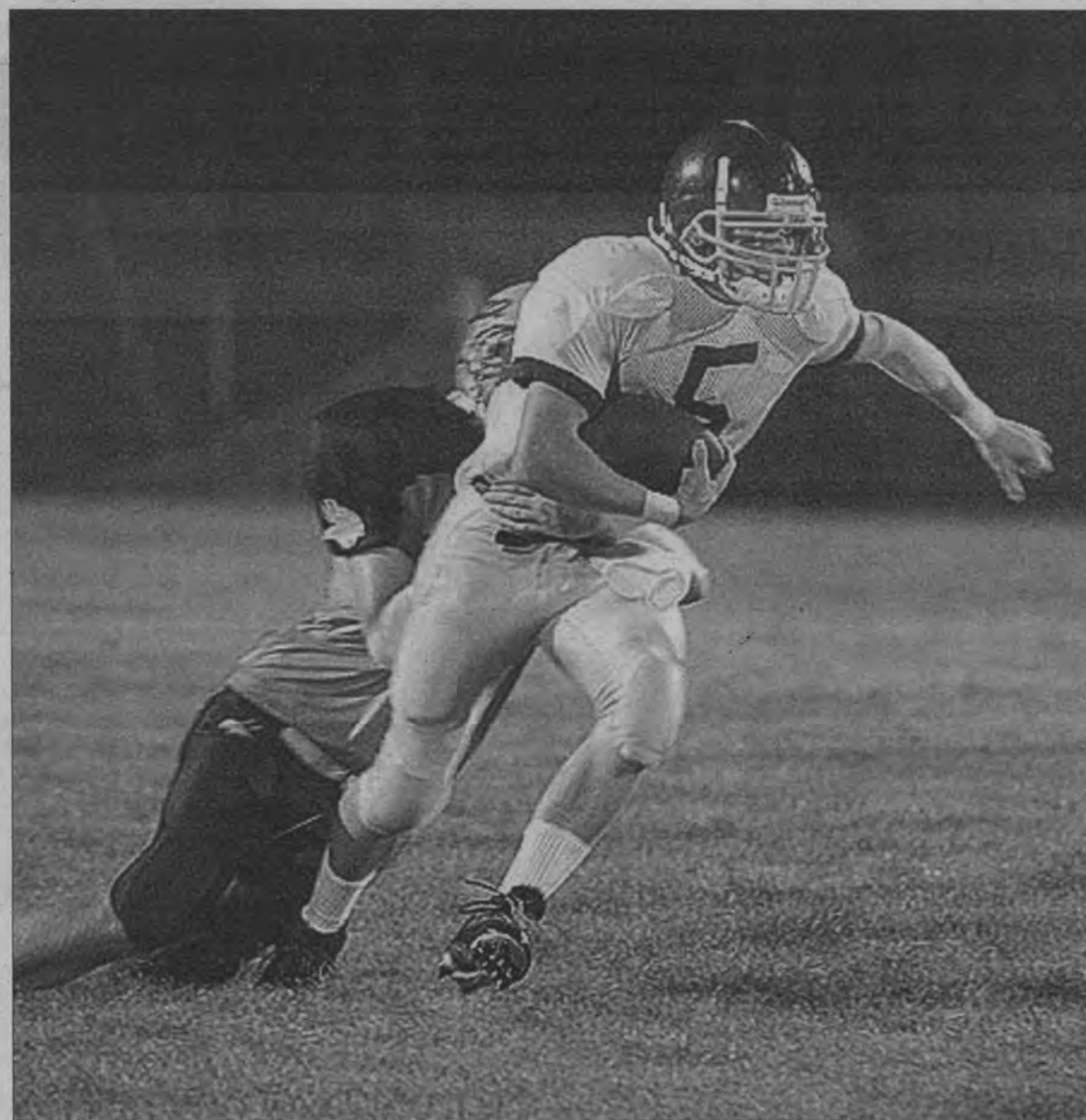
The play covered 31-yards, and gave the Jackets a 14-7 lead with only 39 seconds left until halftime.

Dover coach Darwin Manges said it might have been a different ball game if his team made the play.

"That play was huge. My guy was in position to make the pick and possibly 'go to the house', but it doesn't happen for us tonight, and then they get the six on the next play," he said.

See **NEWARK, 20** ▶

St. Mark's falls to Concord in rain



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ERNIE TURPIN

Weather hampers both teams' efforts

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Concord avenged its only loss of the 2003 season with a dramatic 20-2 home victory over St. Mark's Saturday morning in a torrential downpour from the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan.

The defending Division II state champion Raiders are now 2-0, while the Spartans dropped to 1-1, the team's first regular season loss in 16 games, dating back to 2002.

Neither team was able to generate much offense, as playing conditions deteriorated throughout the non-conference matchup.

They combined for 13 turnovers, including 10 fumbles and three interceptions.

Concord scored both second-quarter touchdowns following Spartan fumbles. The Raiders got on the board early in the quarter, when Marcus Napier sloshed his way to a 21-yard touchdown run. When St. Mark's mishandled the ensuing kickoff, Concord was in business again, deep in Spartan territory.

Two plays later, Raider quarterback Todd Menchaca hit receiver Braheim Haywood with a 26-yard touchdown pass, giving Concord a 14-0 lead with plenty of time before the half.

It was Concord's only completion of the day.

St. Mark's scored its only points on a safety in the third

See **SPARTANS, 20** ▶

St. Mark's quarterback Cody Vantrease tries to break a tackle during the Spartans' opener at Cape Henlopen. The Spartans were beaten by Concord last week.

Christiana romps past C. Henlopen

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Christiana scored early and often in a 39-0 home victory over Cape Henlopen Monday afternoon. The non-conference contest was postponed from Saturday, due to monsoon-like conditions resulting from the tail-end of Hurricane Ivan.

Junior quarterback Lamont Jackson threw three touchdown passes, including two in a productive first quarter. Senior running backs Osita Ofuani and Darrel Brown, and junior Dave Rodriguez provided plenty of ground support throughout the afternoon.

Jackson, who's showing marked improvement over the Vikings' first two games of the season, tossed a 38-yard TD pass to Derek Foxmoor to open the scoring with just over four minutes left in the first quarter. About two minutes later, Jackson found Ofuani wide open down the right sideline for a 37-yard score.

Christiana coach Marvin Spence said the offensive output was a sight to behold, but knows there's plenty of room for improvement.

"Our kids are working real hard in practice," said Spence. "We put 39 points on the board today, but we're still making a lot of mistakes, and once we gradually eliminate those mistakes, we'll be fine, we'll be a good ball

club," he said.

The Vikings continued to move the ball well in the second quarter, as Brown pounded in from the four-yard line, and Foxmoor added his second touchdown on a one-yard plunge up the middle. Brown's score was set up by an interception by the Vikings' Josh Krahn.

In between the two six-pointers, Christiana's Peter Tarabicos sacked Cape quarterback Zac Roach for a safety, helping the Vikings build a 29-0 lead at the half.

Christiana then put the game away in the third quarter.

Jackson hit senior Jayson Powell with a 40-yard strike, at the 7:18 mark, and sophomore Troy Drummond nailed a 27-yard field goal late in the quarter.

Spence said his young quarterback Jackson is a work in progress.

"But as you can see, Lamont has the tools, and now he has a couple of kids who can catch the ball. He and his teammates are young, and learning all the time," said Spence.

Most of the second half was played with a running clock, due to the high school "mercy rule" which begins when a team has a 35-point lead after halftime.

The 1-1 Vikings begin Flight A Conference play with a road game Saturday morning against Delcastle. Cape Henlopen, now 0-2, has noon-time showdown with Mount Pleasant on the road.

Offense gets better in Hens' win over West Chester

Junior quarterback Sonny Riccio threw for 217 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score and the University of Delaware defense forced three turnovers as the No. 6 ranked Blue Hens handled local rival West Chester 24-6 in a non-league football game Saturday night at Delaware Stadium.

Riccio, a first-year transfer from the University of Missouri, had by far his best game in three starts as he hit on 20 of 31 passes for a career-high 217 yards and threw touchdown passes to tight end Justin LaForgia and wide receiver Justin Long. He also ran for a one-yard score to spark the Blue Hens (2-1) to their second straight win and their 18th win in their last 20 home games. A third straight sellout crowd of 22,

036 witnessed the game, marking the first time in Delaware Stadium history that three straight home games drew 22,000 or more fans.

The Hens, the defending NCAA I-AA national champions, have now defeated

NCAA Division II West Chester (2-2) 11 straight times and 14 times in the last 15 meetings. The win also gave the Delaware football program its 600th win all-time as the Hens became just the eighth

current NCAA I-AA program to reach that victory total.

West Chester, which was coming off a 62-3 win over Glenville State last week, played tough defensively but could not overcome three turnovers and just 222 total yards of offense. Quarterback Bob Findora hit on 16 of 29 passes for 153 yards but was intercepted twice. Brent Steinmetz, who transferred to West Chester from Delaware last spring, led the Ram running attack with 43 yards.

Delaware enjoyed a balanced effort as the Hens managed 431 total yards, including 214 on the ground and 217 through the air. Delaware's running back trio of redshirt freshman Lonnie Starks (81 yards), sophomore

Niquan Lee (68 yards), and senior Sean Bleiler (52 yards) led the way.

Long caught six passes for 81 yards and notched his 100th career reception.

The Blue Hen defense, led by Mondoe Davis, four tackles, one interception, two pass breakups, and once forced fumble, came up with its second big defensive effort in a row, holding West Chester to 222 yards and 15 first downs and holding a 13-minute advantage in possession time.

Neither team could get any-

thing going offensively until midway through the second half when the Hens got on the board first, driving 75 yards on 10 plays and capping the drive when Riccio hit a diving LaForgia in the end zone for a 7-0 lead. Delaware took a 10-0 advantage into halftime when senior kicker Brad Shushman nailed a career-long 48-yard field goal with 3:30 left before intermission.

The Hens went up 17-0 with 9:40 left in the third quarter when Riccio dove in from one-yard out to cap an 80-yard drive. West Chester scored its lone points midway through the fourth quarter when Findora scored on a one-yard leap to cap a 74-yard drive. Riccio capped the night's scoring when he hit Long on a four-yard scoring toss with 4:59 left.

"We were frustrated in the first half but in the second half we had some semblance of an offense," said Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler. "Sonny did a good job of playing within the offense, more so than in the first two games of the season. He made a jump today and showed us some good things. And as long as we play defense like we did today, we have a chance to win in this league (Atlantic 10)."

Delaware-Navy trip scheduled

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The game is also Navy's homecoming. For more information, please call 368-3698 or email fantasysportstours@hotmail.com

Carter leads Jackets past Dover

► NEWARK, from 19

Newark hit the ground running in the third quarter, as senior Sam Cotton scored on a 9-yard run, and Carter scored on a 29-yard burst. Carter tallied his third touchdown of the contest early in the fourth quarter. "Basically, our coaches told us not to worry at halftime, they just said to go out there and hustle and play harder", said Carter.

Simpson said he's pleased with the team's start, but cautioned more needs to be done.

"The coach in me always wants it to be perfect, so here we go, back to work, because we still need some improvement, but it is great to be 2-0 now," he said.

Manges said he was disappointed in the outcome, but not with the effort by his team.

"It's a matter of us putting things together, we had our opportunities, but we didn't take advantage of them tonight," he said.

Next up, the Jackets host Charter Friday night at Hoffman Stadium, while Dover (0-2), travels to Delmar.

Concord tops St. Mark's

► SPARTANS from 19

quarter, when Menchaca intentionally ran the ball out of the endzone, on a designed fourth-down play near the Spartans' own goal line.

Concord capped the scoring with just over eight minutes left in the game, when Ryan Costa intercepted a pass by the Spartans' Cody Vantrease, and raced 95 yards for the touchdown.

St. Mark's will try to get back on the winning track when they host Sun Valley, Pa. Friday night at Baynard Stadium. Concord will play Division II rival St. Elizabeth Saturday night, also at Baynard Stadium in Wilmington.

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■ Taxpayers can mail their payment using the postage paid envelopes provided with bills, or pay in person at the New Castle County Government Center, 87 Reads Way, New Castle.

■ Regular business hours for window payments are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Through Sept. 29, payments

will be accepted weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

■ On Wednesday, Sept. 29 and Thursday, Sept. 30, payments will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■ To pay with a Discover Card, call 302-323-2600. Card fees will be based on bill total.

■ Other major credit card payments are accepted through Office Payments Corp., a third-party provider that also charges users a transaction fee based on the amount of the bill. Reach them by going to www.official-payments.com or call 1-800-2-PAY-TAX, and enter jurisdiction code 1801.

By paying on time, taxpayers avoid late fees.

"These bills are mailed separately in June and July. Sometimes they are put on the

backburner because they're not immediately due," said Chief Financial Officer Ron Morris. "We want to give taxpayers who may have forgotten about them every opportunity to avoid penalty charges. We don't want our residents to pay a penny more

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Any balance that remains on a customer's account as of Oct. 1 is subject to a 6 percent, and 1 percent penalty each month thereafter.

For more information call 302-323-2600.

Free 'transitions' seminar

A free "Life Transitions" Workshop will be held Monday, Sept. 27 at the Newark Senior Center.

The workshop, which takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., will tackle the series of transitions that older people face when they retire from full-time employment. Participants will learn how to use their imagination to get the most out of their new free time, and how to make use of sharing your gifts and wisdom.

Sponsors are AstraZeneca and Creative Grandparenting Inc.

The facilitators of the day's activities are: Bob George, a member of the Creative Grandparenting board and co-author of the National Safety Council's book, "Safety Through Design"; Jane Maroney, a former

member of the Delaware General Assembly and co-vice chair of CGI. She is well known for her advocacy for children and older adults in public policy forums; and, Jim Patton, a business consultant and author who advises senior management about achieving greater creativity and productivity. He is a co-vice chair of CGI and has served as chairman and executive director.

The workshop is free of charge but donations to Creative Grandparenting are encouraged.

Register by calling the Newark Senior Center at 302-737-2336. For more information, call CGI at 302-656-2122 or e-mail at mainoffice@creativegrandparenting.org.

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Woman arrested for area robberies

MEMBERS of the Delaware State Police Robbery Squad and the U.S. Marshals Office arrested a Wilmington woman in connection with bank robberies in New Castle County.

One of the robberies occurred on Thursday, March 18. A female entered the Commerce Bank, 101 Hygeia Dr., Newark, approached the teller and presented a demand note for money.

Another robbery occurred on Friday, Aug. 27. A woman entered the Commerce Bank, 1001 Songsmith Dr., Bear, and again presented a demand note for money.

Through investigation, detectives identified and linked Lashawnda D. Jones, 24, of Wilmington, to the robberies.

State police reported that on Thursday, Sept. 16 at approximately 9 a.m. Jones, of the first block of Jensen Drive, Wilmington, was apprehended without incident at a hotel in Wilmington.

She was charged with two counts of robbery first degree, one count of robbery second degree, one count of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, and three counts of wearing a disguise during the commission of a felony, police said.

Crash leaves Newark man critical

The Delaware State Police Fatal Accident and Reconstruction Team is investigating an incident in which a passenger car and a motorcycle collided leaving a 28-year-old Newark man in critical condition.

On Sunday, Sept. 19, at approximately 10:50 p.m., a 2000 Yamaha motorcycle was traveling northbound on Salem Church Road just north of Chapman Road.

According to police, Kariem Howell, 28, of Newark, was the operator and lone occupant of the motorcycle. A 2000 Honda Accord was attempting to exit the parking lot of the Wawa Store, at Salem Village Square and travel southbound on Salem Church Road.

Troopers reported that when the Honda exited the shopping center, it crossed the path of the motorcycle. This caused the motorcycle to hit the Honda in the left front side. The motorcyclist was thrown over the car and landed in the southbound lanes of Salem Church Road.

Police said Howell was transported to the Christiana Emergency Room, where he was admitted in serious condition. Howell was wearing a helmet and full leather riding gear at the time of the crash, however, he suffered head injuries and mul-

tiples fractures to his body.

The crash remains under investigation.

Salem Church Road was closed for approximately 90 minutes.

Man stabbed in car

A 44-year-old man was stabbed while sitting in his vehicle at a traffic light at Christina Parkway and Elkton Road in Newark.

The Wednesday, Sept. 22, incident occurred at 9:54 p.m., according to Newark police.

The victim told police he was approached by a tall black male wearing a white T-shirt and the man stabbed him several times in chest, arm and leg. The victim was able to drive away and stopped at a nearby gas station where bystanders called 9-1-1, police said.

The victim was transported to Christiana Hospital where he was treated and admitted in stable condition.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Newark police Det. Andrew Rubin at 302-366-7110, ext. 135, or Crimestoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

Sun National robbed

The Delaware State Police Robbery Squad is investigating a bank robbery in which an unidentified man made off with an undisclosed amount of money from the Sun National Bank on Capital Trail in Newark.

On Monday, Sept. 20, troopers responded to a report of a bank robbery. Troopers were informed that a man entered the bank and approached one of the bank tellers. The assailant displayed a demand note for money and the teller complied.

No one was injured during the incident.

The unidentified assailant is described as a black male in his mid 20's to early 30's. He was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt over his head and sunglasses. At the time of the release investigators were still conducting interviews and examining evidence.

Teen escapes home

New Castle County Police arrested Johnnie Barron, 37, of Teal Circle in Newark. He is accused of housing and raping a 17-year-old female.

Police reported that on Friday, Sept. 17, at 9 a.m., county officers responded to the suspect's residence for a report of a domestic dispute involving a 17-year-old victim. An investigation revealed the victim had engaged in a verbal dispute at the home.

Police said the victim told them that a man refused to allow her to leave as he pushed her onto the bed. He then choked the victim and attempted to stab her with a knife as he threatened to kill her, police said.

The victim was able to escape the home and call 9-1-1.

Police said the victim had been living with Barron for approximately one month.

Barron has been charged with two counts of rape in the fourth degree, possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony, assault in the second degree, endangering the welfare of a child, unlawful imprisonment, and terroristic threatening, police said.

Barron has been arraigned and committed to the Young Prison after failing to post \$46,500 secured bail.

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Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR AUG. 29-SEPT. 4, 2004 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

	INVESTIGATIONS			CRIMINAL CHARGES		
	2003 TO DATE	2004 TO DATE	THIS WEEK	2003 TO DATE	2004 TO DATE	THIS WEEK
PART I OFFENSES						
Murder/manslaughter	0	1	0	1	1	0
Attempted murder	3	0	0	1	0	0
Kidnap	3	1	0	2	4	0
Rape	4	11	0	2	27	0
Unlawful sexual contact	7	7	0	9	4	0
Robbery	46	36	1	28	27	1
Aggravated assault	16	14	0	16	6	0
Burglary	123	136	5	10	50	2
Theft	698	704	22	172	243	56
Auto theft	97	58	5	9	6	0
Arson	3	7	0	2	2	0
TOTAL PART I	1000	975	33	252	370	59

PART II OFFENSES						
Other assaults	216	247	10	174	191	0
Receiving stolen property	3	0	0	27	20	1
Criminal mischief	499	459	7	66	323	2
Weapons	11	7	0	62	56	0
Other sex offenses	10	11	0	3	10	0
Alcohol	361	264	24	552	512	48
Drugs	105	68	3	195	214	7
Noise/disorderly premise	384	434	23	186	190	29
Disorderly conduct	838	680	61	102	109	5
Trespass	103	110	3	19	36	0
All other	574	520	24	288	195	7
TOTAL PART II	3104	2800	155	1674	1856	99

MISCELLANEOUS						
Alarm	1078	1002	32	0	0	0
Animal control	546	531	17	30	28	1
Recovered property	178	209	8	0	0	0
Service	6723	6383	180	0	0	0
Suspicious person/vehicle	677	712	21	0	0	0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	9202	8837	258	30	28	1

	THIS WEEK 2003	2003 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2004	2004 TO DATE
TOTAL CALLS	743	21478	664	20499

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Cash gone from Kate's

NEWARK police detectives are investigating the theft of an undisclosed amount of cash from an office safe at Klondike Kate's, 158 E. Main St.

Restaurant officials told police on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 4:05 p.m. that the theft took place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. from an office at the busy eatery.

Police said an investigation of the theft is continuing.

In an unrelated incident, police were told on Sunday, Sept. 19, at

1:32 p.m. by the operator of CR Wings in Newark Shopping Center that an undisclosed amount of cash was removed from the restaurant register sometime during the night.

The money had been counted when the restaurant closed about 2 a.m. but was missing later when the shop reopened.

There were no signs of forced entry. Investigation is continuing, police said.

► BLOTTER, from 22

Motorcyclist dies in crash on Rt. 40

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred last week on Rt. 40 at the intersection of Salem Church Road.

Police reported a 2004 Harley Davidson motorcycle operated by Bernard C. Hypes III, 32, of Bear, was traveling southbound on Salem Church Road approaching the intersection of U.S. 40.

A 2001 Jeep Cherokee operated by Frederick G. Wise III, 42, of Bear, was traveling northbound on Porter Road preparing to make a left turn onto westbound Rt. 40. As the motorcycle was entering the intersection to proceed southbound on Porter Road, the Jeep attempted to make a left turn onto westbound Rt. 40. The Jeep collided with the motorcycle in the intersection. Hypes, who was not wearing a helmet, was thrown off of the motorcycle, police said.

Hypes was transported by ambulance to Christiana Hospital, where he later died of his injuries.

Wise was not injured in the crash. The crash remains under investigation, however State Police have determined that alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

Salem Church Road and Porter Road were closed at the intersection of Rt. 40 and both left lanes of eastbound and westbound Rt. 40 were closed for approximately two hours.

Newark man wanted

New Castle County Police have arrest warrants on file for Benton Stiltner, 44, of an unknown residence in Newark, for repeatedly contacting his ex-wife, stalking and allegedly threatening to kill her.

Stiltner should be considered dangerous, police said.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, County Police responded to a residence in the 700 block of Ellen Drive for a report of a domestic related terroristic threatening complaint.

The 35-year-old female victim reported her ex-husband has been repeatedly contacting her at home and work ignoring several court orders. Most recently, as the threats have become more violent, she had been intentionally staying at different homes to avoid him, police said.

A computer inquiry revealed Benton is presently wanted for several counts of violating a court order, stalking, terroristic threatening, burglary, and criminal mischief. Benton is described as a white male standing 6'6" and weighing 230 pounds.

Police are seeking information relevant to the suspect's whereabouts. To offer information, contact the New Castle County Police Department at 302-395-8171.

Teen arrested for handgun possession

New Castle County Police arrested a 15-year-old Newark male who fled from officers and discarded a .45 caliber handgun.

The officers discovered the "hammer" portion of the gun had dislodged from the weapon and was later found in the teen's front pocket.

On Thursday, Sept. 16, at 3:30 a.m., Officer Andrew Ransome and Cpl. Bernie Alimenti conducted a foot patrol assignment in the Kimberton apartment complex. While walking near the apartments, the officers observed a teenage male acting in a suspicious manner near a row of parked cars.

The officers moved closer to investigate when the youth suddenly ran off.

The suspect was apprehended after a short foot pursuit and found to have discarded the handgun.

The youth has been charged with possession of a firearm by a person prohibited, possession of ammunition by a person prohibited, possession of a handgun by a juvenile and resisting arrest.

His arraignment disposition is pending, police said.

Warning sign gone

A sign warning that there is video surveillance of the entrance to a municipal parking lot was stolen, police were told on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 11:50 a.m.

The placard was located on the wall of the former Goodwill store on Main Street near the entrance gate. The barrier often has been vandalized and surveillance cameras have been in use for many months.

Investigation is continuing.

Extinguishers gone

Newark police were told on Thursday, Sept. 16, at 6:20 p.m. that 15 fire extinguishers had been stolen from three apartment buildings in the 200 block of Murray Road.

Vending machine gone

Officials of the Korner Diner, 137 E. Main St., told police on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 5:56 a.m. that someone had removed a vending machine from the restaurant's foyer.

The machine, which dispensed rubber balls, was believed to have been taken between 4:30 and 5 a.m. when the 24-hour restaurant was described as "very busy."

Park Place incident

A 20-year-old man told Newark police he was punched in the face repeatedly during an altercation outside 302 E. Park Place on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 1:53 a.m.

The victims' cell phone, valued at \$300, was damaged during the assault.

Uninvited guests

Residents of a unit at the University Courtyard apartments summoned Newark police on Saturday, Sept. 18, at 1:01 a.m. when a group of 15 to 20 persons began banging and kicking the apartment door.

Residents told police they were hosting a small party when the uninvited group was turned away. The suspects fled before police arrived.

Assault on Delaware

On Saturday, Sept. 18, at 12:16 a.m., a man bleeding from his face told a Newark officer he and a companion had been assaulted in the lot behind the New Centruy Club, 201 E. Delaware Ave., by a group of six men.

Police discovered a 19-year-old Newark man lying unconscious on the pavement, bleeding from the mouth and head.

Witnesses said the attack was unprovoked and attackers laughed as they beat the men.

Both victims were transported to the Christiana Hospital emergency room for treatment.

Investigation is continuing.

Shoplifting arrests

Numerous pairs of shoes and clothing were retrieved from vehicle belonging to two women arrested for shoplifting, police said.

Newark police reported the two women were taken into custody on the parking lot at College Square shopping center on Thursday, Sept. 16, at 5:16 p.m.

Later, through investigation, police learned the items had been stolen from Dots and Payless shoes in College Square and Rugged Wearhouse in Glasgow.

Police said Julie Taylor, 31, and Kia Barnes, 38, both of Newark, were each charged with two counts of shoplifting and two counts of conspiracy. Taylor was released pending court appearances; Barnes was transferred to the Womens Correctional Institute in lieu of posting \$486 in bond, police reported.

High-level arrest

A 25-year-old Chesapeake City, Md., man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 11:41 p.m.

Newark police working plainclothes alcohol details made the apprehension after a man was seen urinating off the second-floor balcony of the Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St.

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▶ BLOTTER, from 23

Michael F. O'Connor was released after receiving a criminal summons, police said.

Vehicles targeted

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

McDonald's restaurant lot, 374 E. Main St., on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 11:05 p.m., mirror broken and headlight of 2001 Dodge Neon smashed;

Unit block of Prospect Avenue, on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 1:39 a.m., police were told that the driver-side mirrors of four vehicles parked on the street had been ripped off by vandals during the evening;

300 Scholar Dr., on Friday, Sept. 17, at 9:11 p.m., compact disc player stolen from Toyota Camry;

236 E. Delaware Ave., Main Street Court apartments, on Friday, Sept. 17, at 12:12 p.m., windows shattered and car stereos stolen from three vehicles on apartment complex lot;

1104 Blair Ct., on Thursday, Sept. 16, at 6:45 p.m., plastic window of Jeep Wrangler sliced and items valued at \$220 removed;

325 Markus Ct., on Thursday, Sept. 16, at 4:11 p.m., 20-foot utility trailer reported missing;

9 Fairfield Dr., on Thursday, Sept. 16, at 3:44 p.m., wallet containing credit, debit and ID cards removed from console of unlocked vehicle; and

Sleep Inn, 630 S. College Ave., on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 10:21 a.m., cell phone and radar detector removed from Lincoln Navigator parked on hotel lot.

Alcohol, noise law violations listed

Officers of the Newark Police Department have continued stepped-up enforcement of alcohol-related and noise laws during the early weeks of the University of Delaware fall semester.

Marked units and special plainclothes details operated here during what police describe as "peak party periods." Officers in street clothes

also conducted "Cops In Shops" operations inside local liquor outlets, where it is illegal for any person under age 21 to enter a package store.

Some of the recent arrests include:

Shawn C. Lutz, 21, of Thorton, Pa., and **Michael Wakeman**, 23, of Newark, noise violation, on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 12:55 a.m., at 92 E. Main St.;

Jason P. Begany, 24, of Middletown, and **David M. Matushik**, 22, of Newark, noise violation, on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 12:57 a.m., at 3 Prospect Ave., where police reported 100 persons were partying in the rear yard;

Edward C. Molnar, 22, of Newark, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 1:26 a.m., at 3 Prospect Ave.;

Justin M. Moses, 19, of Newark, noise violation, on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 12:09 a.m., at 121 Thom Lane;

Steven E. Grindling, 19, of Summerdale, N.J., underage consumption of alcohol and possession of an open container of alcohol, on Saturday, Sept. 18, at 2:36 a.m.;

Brandon Paul Menchaca, 19, driving under the influence of alcohol and underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, Sept. 18, at 2 a.m., on East Main Street;

Kendra Jean Hastings, 21, of Dover, noise violation, on Saturday, Sept. 18, at 1:40 a.m., at 5203 Scholar Dr., University Courtyard apartments;

Jonathan D. Knox, 19, of Woodbury, N.J., underage possession of alcohol, on Saturday, Sept. 18, at 1:52 a.m., at 201 E. Delaware Ave.;

Matthew H. Fernandez, 19, of Newark, underage possession of alcohol and possession of an open container of alcohol, and **Ryan R. Pugh**, 18, of New Castle, underage possession of alcohol and possession of an ID card not his own, on Saturday, Sept. 18, at 1:01 a.m., at 201 S. Chapel St.;

Caitlin T. Murphy, 20, of Rochester, N.Y., underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, Sept. 18, at 12:43 a.m., at Wilbur and North streets;

Robert J. Arthur Jr., 21, of Newark, maintaining a disorderly premise and resisting arrest, on Friday, Sept. 17, at 11:01 p.m., in the unit block Madison Drive;

Brian Thomas Jones, 20, of Manhasset, N.Y., noise violation, on Friday, Sept. 17, at 3:43 a.m., at 329 E. Main St., Main Street Courtyard apartments;

Jeffrey M. Koczan, 22, of Newark, noise violation, on Friday, Sept. 17, at 1:43 a.m., at 7214 Scholar Dr.;

Brett A. Fisher, 20, of Newark, underage possession of alcohol, on Friday, Sept. 17, at 12:40 a.m., at 236 E. Delaware

Ave., Main Street Court lot;

Eric S. Carey, 19, of Oxford, Pa., underage entry into a liquor store, on Thursday, Sept. 16, at 8:59 p.m., at Newark Liquors, 230 E. Main St.; and

Bernard C. Hallett, 55, of Port Penn, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 12:46 p.m., at DART bus stop, 317 E. Main St.

Police said all were released pending court appearances.

Recent DUI arrests

The Newark Police Department has released the names of persons arrested and charged recently with driving under the influence of alcohol here. They include:

Isiah Ziegenhorn, 19, on Sept. 10, at 1:33 a.m., at West Main Street and New London Road;

Elizabeth Gillies, 19, on Sept. 10, at 1:21 a.m., at East Delaware Avenue and Haines Street;

Michelle Razo, 42, on Sept. 18, at 11:47 p.m., at South College Avenue and Rt. 4;

William Alexander Presco Jr., 43, on Sept. 16, at 12:30 a.m., at 45 E. Main St.;

Andrew J. Duncan, 20, on Sept. 18, at 12:41 a.m., at South Chapel Street and Amstel Avenue; and

Erica K. Herd, 22, on Sept. 17, at 1:59 a.m., at Elkton Road and Madeline Drive.

Police said all were released pending court appearances.

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BRIDAL SECTION

Wedding perfection: It's all in the details

By Francine Parnes

You've found the guy, you've found the gown. Now it's time to plan the rest of your wedding.

Decisions, decisions. If you thought invitations were a chore, organizing your most special day also means picking not only bouquets, bridal chairs and table settings but details such as wedding cake tables, place cards and more.

That is one reason why Maria McBride-Mellinger decided to put her expertise as a wedding stylist to good use by writing *The Perfect Wedding Details: More than 100 Ideas for Personalizing Your Wedding* (Harper Collins, \$29.95 hardcover, Dec. 23, 2003).

Once you've settled on the overall style of your wedding,

be it formal, casual, or somewhere in between, start thinking about location.

"Choosing the location first is such a critical component of celebration planning," says McBride-Mellinger. "If you're having your wedding at home, you design it very differently from a wedding in a vineyard or any other remarkable location. If it's a gold ballroom with lots of gold accents, then your floral theme will need to take on some gilded aspects, as opposed to trying to force a pink and rosy wedding idea. Then you can start to dress it with the details that make a difference."

Early on, think about how to dress your tables, focussing on centerpieces, says McBride-Mellinger, wedding style editor for *Bride's* magazine and author of four earlier books about wed-

dings. On a practical note, "Centerpieces should not be so high that guests can't see each other. You want to encourage eye contact," she says.

"It's important that centerpieces fit the location and the mood of the event. Sometimes I want to express a sophisticated, urbane style, other times a charming, countrified presence and still other times I prefer tailored, chic details."

With all the choices, what is her favorite look? Well, she can at least narrow it down to her look of the moment. "It's extremely versatile: flowers under water," McBride-Mellinger says. She creates it with a clear glass ice bucket and a narrow cylinder vase that nests inside it. After filling both with water, she lines the channel between the bucket and the vase with colorful flower heads and fills the inner vase with long stems of the same flowers. "The finished centerpiece is an exuberant floral expression," says McBride-Mellinger, who also suggests centerpieces fashioned from colorful blooms paired with favorite objects including gilded nuts, a pile of pearls, polished fruits and even antique birdcages. There is so much beyond tried-and-true flowers in a glass vase, she says.

With so many decisions, prioritize. Tables, for example, are key. "The tables are really important because typically wedding celebrations are a dining experience," she says. "You are breaking bread together, and your guests are anchored to the



Choosing the location for your wedding first is a critical component of celebration planning, because the location will influence other aspects of the planning. If you're having your wedding in a gold ballroom with lots of gold accents, as above, then your floral theme will need to take on some gilded aspects.

tables. That is their little home away from home for the celebration. It becomes a little oasis for them. They will get up, dance, come back, rest their feet, mingle and come back again. It's their port of call."

If you decorate your table

creatively, you are helping your guests to have an instant conversation builder. "The more welcoming you can make it, the more appreciative your guests will be," McBride-Mellinger says. "You want to create easy ice-breaking opportunities. I find that when the brides take the time to set the table in an interesting way, it starts chatter among the guests. It's a subliminal way of being a really great hostess."

Her own favorite table setting is an all-white table with chocolate-brown accents. "I love the graphic results of marrying the rich brown tones with crisp whites," she says. "Starched white linen dressed with chocolate linen napkins,



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vases of chocolate cosmos or calla lilies and dark wood ballroom chairs with white cushions is altogether modern, elegant and classic."

And don't forget the chairs. "Dressing chairs is a nice punctuation point," she says. "I find dressing all the chairs is a little like gilding the lily because having 200 chairs with decorations is definitely over the top and in most cases perhaps an unnecessary luxury. But what is great is to do the bride and groom's chairs or the bridal party's chairs as the center of attention."

McBride-Mellinger suggests making a large poufy bow, sewn with the fabric used for the tablecloth, which ties around the back of the chair. And if you don't want to take the time to sew, a five-inch-wide satin ribbon can make an equally luxurious accent when tied into a bow, she says.

Whatever you choose, make your own individual mark, says McBride-Mellinger. "I find in talking to brides all the time that they typically have been to a number of weddings already, and they choose to marry in some of the same locations where their friends have married, but they want to find a way to make it personal," she says. "They're asking 'What can I do to make my table, my flowers, my event special, but also mine?'"

If planning a wedding feels like a formidable task, take heart. "A lot of people don't come from a background of having planned a lot of events of this magnitude," she says.

"We plan holiday dinners or barbecues or potlucks or dinner for six on some occasions, but we get a little stuck trying to think about a bigger picture. We are trying to make an event for 200 feel as special as an event for six or eight. It's a tall order. Even doing it for 10 people is a tall order."

How to make a large party intimate is the big trick, she says.

Changing your name after marriage

To change your name or not — that is the question. Tradition holds that the bride takes her husband's name after marriage, but in today's world, there are a wealth of options for those who choose not to follow this route. You might want to keep your name or incorporate it into a new name. There are any number of options, and your decision might be based on your professional status, the ease of spelling and pronunciation of your fiancé's name, a wish to preserve your family name, social ease, for the sake of children you might have, or simply commitment and tradition.

A number of agencies will need to be notified of your name change. You may want to get a head start before your wedding, and some places will change to the new name without requiring a copy of your marriage license. Following is a checklist of places or items that will require a name change:

voter registration	club memberships
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Dr. Tanya R. Woods, 38, NHS graduate, local podiatrist

FORMER Newark resident Dr. Tanya R. Woods, DPM died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004 in the Christiana Hospital.

Dr. Woods, 38, was an active homemaker, battled breast cancer for almost two years.

She was born Tanya Renee Nichols in Dover, attended grade school in Morgantown, W.Va. and Newark High School in Newark, where she was active in sports and in the National Honor Society.

Tanya was an honors graduate

from the Pennsylvania State University, with a degree in biochemistry, and from the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, in Philadelphia, Pa.

She completed her surgical residency at Springfield Hospital in Pa. and practiced podiatric medicine in the Newark and Wilmington area for seven years. Dr. Woods had attained Board Certification in Podiatric Surgery.

She was a dedicated member of St. Mary Magdalen Parish. She served on several committees including, Children's Liturgy and the Girl Scouts of America. She also worked as a pre-school teacher for Brandywine.

She is survived by her husband of 11 years, James M. Woods, and by her three children, Kerry Patricia, Kathleen Ann, and James Daniel. She is also survived by her parents, Louise Connell of Newark and



Woods

Duane & Sue Miles Nichols of Morgantown, W.Va., as well as by her sister, Tracy Connell Hancock and stepsister, Jane Cecil Brengman, both of Richmond, Va. Also surviving is her grandmother, June Nichols Howard of Paden City, W.Va., and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A service was scheduled for Friday, September 24 at the St. Mary Magdalen Church, Wilmington.

Burial is in the St. Joseph on the Brandywine Cemetery in Greenville.

Contributions can be made to the children's educational fund. Checks may be made payable to Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc. Mail to: Tanya Woods Educational Fund, 1206 Evergreen Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

Donna Coveleskie, 38, Realtor in Pike Creek

Newark resident Donna Raye (Wilburn) Coveleskie died on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Coveleskie, 38, was a graduate of William Penn High School.

She was a realtor and worked for Century 21 Towne Centre in Pike Creek for nine years.

She is survived by her husband,

Roger D. Coveleskie; two children, Brad "Bradco" Coveleskie and Heavenly Coveleskie, both of Newark; parents, Henrietta "Etta" (Hunt) and Dennis Ray Wilburn of Newark; and many special friends she considered as part of her family.

A service was scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, Newark.

Burial is in Delaware City Cemetery.

Lewis R. Jamison, 58, worked at Pathmark

Newark resident Lewis R. Jamison died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004.

Mr. Jamison, 58, worked for Pathmark for 33 years.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma (Woepple) Jamison; a son, Randy Jamison and his wife, Susan, of Middletown; a daughter, Kandi Petrillo and her husband, Mark, of Boothwyn, Pa.; stepdaughters, June Stewart and her companion, Bob Vernon, of Milton, Dot Tiffany of Bear and Kathy Barczykowski, and her husband, Steve, of Middletown; 11 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

A service was scheduled for Friday, Sept. 17 at the Gebhart Funeral Home, Wilmington.

Burial is in Lombardy Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to the American Heart Association, 1096 Old Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19713.

Ronald J. Willoughby

Newark resident Ronald J. Willoughby died Monday, Sept. 13, 2004.

Mr. Willoughby, 47, was a carpenter, a member of the Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his children, Amanda, Douglas and Ryan; his mother, Doris; and his grandmother, Pearl Warrington; brothers, Thomas, Henry, Michael and Gary; a sister, Linda Haller; and several nieces and nephews.

A service was scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 16 at the Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, Newark.

Burial is in Hickory Grove Cemetery, Middletown.

Linda Patricia Ann Wright, 52,

Newark resident Linda Patricia Ann Wright died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004.

Mrs. Wright, 52, is survived by her husband Sammie Wright; mother Hilda Garnett; son Cranston Raison Jr., Gregory Wright Sr., and Morita Wright; brothers Stanley, Griffin and Michael Garnett; and four grandchildren.

A service was scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18 at Union Bethel AME Church, Cecilton, Md.

Burial is in Bohemia Manor Cemetery, Chesapeake City, Md.

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Donna Raye Coveleskie
Lewis R. Jamison
Ronald J. Willoughby
Leon L. Zabenko

Leon L. Zabenko, 86, veteran of WWII, owned piano business

Newark resident Leon L. Zabenko died from complications associated with Alzheimer's disease on August 26, 2004.

Mr. Zabenko, 86, grew up in Wilmington. He was a member of the first graduating class of Conrad High School outside Wilmington.

He served in the army in the Pacific theater during WWII, earning the Purple Heart for combat on Biak Island.

For 20 years, he owned the Zabenko Piano House in Tallahassee, Fla. He then earned a RN degree, and enjoyed a second career, in nursing at the Veterans' Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Cornelia Mathis Zabenko; his sister, Elizabeth Moore and her husband Harold Moore, several sisters-in-law, and numerous nephews and nieces Great nephews and great nieces.

A service was scheduled for Monday, August 30 at Briarcliff United Methodist Church, assistant pastor Jeremy M. Lawson, presiding.

Gifts may be directed to Briarcliff United Methodist Church, 4105 Briarcliff Road, Atlanta, GA 30345.

Berniece J. Horney, 78, mentor at McVey

Newark resident Berniece J. Horney Miss "B" died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004 at Arbors of New Castle.

Mrs. Horney, 78, was a Conrad High School graduate and received her Bachelors degree in Food and Nutrition from the University of Delaware.

She retired from the State of Delaware after working in the Christina School District for 23 years. After retiring, she especially enjoyed mentoring at McVey Elementary School, helping first and second graders learn to read.

She is survived her children, Michael, of Newark, John, of Charlestown, Md., Lynn, of Annapolis, Md., and Karen, of Newark; her grandchildren, Lauren, Nathan, Kevin, Bryn, and Chance.

A service was scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 8 at the McCrery Memorial Chapel, Wilmington.

Burial is in Gracelawn Memorial Park.

Emily M. Freeman, 89, political activist

Newark resident Emily M. Freeman, 89, of Newark, died Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at Christiana Hospital.

Mrs. Freeman, 89, volunteered making lap robes for the elderly that were distributed to many area nursing homes. She was involved in campaigning for both Joe Biden and Tom Carper. She had been a page for the House of Representatives in Dover.

She is survived by a son, Leo A. Freeman of Ga.; a daughter, Elizabeth A. Hall of Newark; a brother, John A. Jaskewich of Wilmington; a sister, Philamena Lehr of Md.; four grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

A service was scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 9 at 11 am at Holy Family Church, Newark.

Burial is in All Saints Cemetery. The family suggests contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry, c/o Holy Family Church, 15 Gender Rd., Newark, DE 19713.

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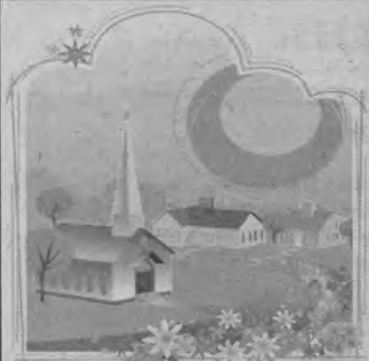
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Gubernatorial candidates square off in Newark debate

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where cases may be heard.

"Our local police and municipalities have a place right in town where they can go," she said. "Other courts are not in town."

Lee, a former Superior Court judge, said Alderman's courts are subject to criticism as many municipalities use them as a device to increase revenue. "If they are run well, they can do a good job," he said. "The state needs to support them to the level that they are excellent."

Concerning the recent bill that eliminates the city's alcohol tax, none of the candidates proposed alternatives, although some state legislators said the state could fund more state officers to help the city enforce alcohol laws.

As a result of that bill, the city will have to come up with \$100,000 more to fund its Alcohol Task Force of police officers. At the time the bill passed, city officials said the state has no right to tell it how to best handle the problems of alcohol it faces.

Other issues debated included:

■ Education

Minner recalled the improvement seen in education during her four years as governor, while Lee maintained that schools are not performing up to par and must be revamped.

"We need to apply accountability to everyone in the school system, not just the students," he said.

Minner said state test scores have risen yet there is a need for more improvement in math and science scores.

"Our schools are improving, no question about that," she said. "Now we need to take it to the next level of math and science because we are having problems there."

Infante said the introduction of more casinos and similar businesses would raise state revenue and a portion of this money could be used for education reform.

■ Business

Lee said he is concerned about business in Delaware.

Because of mediocre schools, poor workman's compensation policies, and the gross receipt tax, businesses will not be attracted to

Delaware unless a change is made, he said.

Minner maintained that Delaware's image as a good place to keep business is strong as businesses such as JP Morgan have chosen to stay and are bringing with them a multitude of new jobs.

Infante said he plans to offer tax breaks to businesses who show an 85 percent Delaware

employment record to ensure that Delaware residents secure jobs.

■ Environment

Lee said the the emission of fossil fuels are polluting both the air and water and are not being monitored as well enough as Minner promised.

Minner said her administration has ensured that developers are aware of certain environmen-

tal standards they must meet before building.

"In the last year, we've passed some of the toughest environmental laws, and have been making sure the public is notified," she said.

Infante said there should be a system of penalizing and rewarding businesses in regards to how they follow environmental laws.

Applicants sought to fill Christina board seat being vacated

THE Christina School District Board of Education is accepting applications for the District D vacancy created with the resignation of current board member Christopher Reed.

Reed announced Sept. 14 that he will resign his position after the board's Oct. 12 meeting. He said he wants to focus solely on his run for New Castle County Council District 11.

By law the board must appoint someone on an interim basis to fill Reed's seat until the next election, which is May 10, 2005. The winner of that election would serve until June 2009.

Residents living in District D are being asked to submit a letter of application and resume of the applicant's educational and professional background to the

school board by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Applications can be sent to Mrs. Brenda C. Phillips, President, Christina Board of Education, 83 East Main St., Newark, DE 19711.

To view the geographic boundaries of District D, go to http://www.state.de.us/doe_ncc/S DNom/CH/CH_D.pdf.

Reed will have served less than five months into his second five-year term, after running unopposed in May. He announced his intention to run for County Council in July, and at that time was undecided if he would continue serving on the school board although state elections officials ruled that he could hold both offices simultaneously.

Reed, a Republican, faces Democrat David Tackett on Nov. 2.

33rd Community Day a big success

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but "everyone came together."

"It was a good team effort by everyone, from the volunteers, to city help to the organizations that were part of this," Spadafino said.

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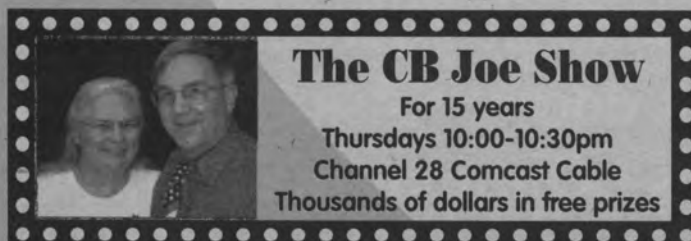


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conservatories

(AP) Conservatories are a common sight in Europe, where they've been around since the 19th century, but they've gotten more popular recently in the United States.

It's easy to see why: a conservatory offers a homeowner a chance to see the beauty of outdoors while sitting in a comfortable "glass house."

Back in the 1800s, wealthy European families who traveled the world would use the conservatories to hold the rare spices or lemon and orange trees they brought back from warmer climates. A century later, these glass enclosures started popping up in the United States, but then fell out of favor. They made a comeback in the '70s when insulated glass became available.

Conservatories are similar to sunrooms, but with a flair aimed at capturing a home's architectural details. Many conservatories are used as breakfast rooms or kitchen additions, while others function as a music room or office.

"Our clients initially create their conservatories for a specific purpose, but it quickly becomes the room in the house where they spend most of their time," says Alan Stein, founder of Tanglewood Conservatories Ltd., a Denton, Md.-based custom designer and builder of conservatories.

A custom Tanglewood conservatory generally takes nine months and \$150,000 to \$250,000 to build.

On the pre-fabricated side, Four Seasons Sunrooms recently added two English-style conservatories to its catalog: the Victorian and the Georgian. Both feature etched glass and French doors, along with traditional embellishments like finials, ridge cresting and molding.

Although all products are modular, each installation requires some customization, said James Ruppel, Four Seasons' communications director. The two models are available in wood or aluminum, and can be built in different sizes and configurations. They take about two weeks to build, with a price starting at \$20,000. ■



Decorating large spaces

(AP) When it comes to today's home, more is definitely more. The size of homes in the United States has grown 50 percent in the past 30 years. In 2000, the average American home contained more than 2,200 square feet of living space, compared to 1,500 square feet in 1970, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

The trend is expected to continue as homeowners gravitate toward extra specialty rooms like home theaters and family computer centers.

Doug Krieger is not surprised. Krieger, design director for Sauder Woodworking, which manufactures ready-to-assemble furniture, says Americans always have valued wide open spaces. "These spacious settings provide families with ample room for varied hobbies and interests, generous space for home-based businesses and gracious backdrops for family and business entertaining," Krieger said.

A huge home presents a huge decorating challenge, however. How to create intimacy in a cavernous room? Krieger and his staff offer several tips:

First, select furniture that is big enough to hold its own. Items like bookcases and computer desks can add heft without being bulky. An entertainment wall unit can expand to hold a 50-inch TV screen.

The accessories you choose should have substance, too, Krieger says. For example, hang a hand-woven rug on the wall; its texture helps command attention. To make a dramatic statement on a wall, line up similar objects, like retro ashtrays or black-and-white photos.

Another way to cut a large room down to size is to divide it. Group furniture into settings within settings, such a conversation area, or a home theater, or a place to do homework. An easy chair and a couple of bookcases can produce a reading nook.



Take advantage of color and lighting. Neutral colors enhance a room's open feeling, while warmer colors can mark smaller social and private areas. Specialized lighting — track lighting, for example, or hidden spotlights — can also be used to define special areas.

Indoor air pollution can breed ailments

By Royce Logan
Special to the Whig

Polluted indoor air causes illness daily in our homes, office, and schools. The Environmental Protection agency has reported that indoor air pollution can be 4 to 5 times worse than outdoor air pollution and most people spend 90% of their time indoors.

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problem of indoor air quality has been neglected and under funded. Most outdoor air pollution has been identified from obvious sources.

Indoor air pollution is being identified from thousands of sources in our buildings, most of which is not normally visible, and attempts to regulate indoor air pollution sources will be a regulatory nightmare. Presently, no federal agency has the broad authori-

ty necessary to address indoor air quality as the EPA does for outdoor air pollution.

How can we protect ourselves? Awareness is the first issue. We can't continue to ignore the problem if we're ever going to improve indoor air quality.

Funding is critical. As much as we may despise government regulatory action, we need an agency like the EPA to study, monitor, and at least make recommendations for improving indoor air quality.

Less polluting building materials are already being tested and produced and should be used when available.

Finally, every home, school, and business can implement air purification systems to dramatically reduce the particulates in our air.

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TeenEdge Style: 'tweens, teens, & cool room trends

HIGH POINT, N.C. – Today's budding teenagers represent one of our nation's fastest growing consumer segments. Estimated at 31 million, this group is not only growing, it's growing up. Although they are commonly regarded as Generation Y, when it comes to decorating their rooms, tweens and young teenagers (ages 8 to 14) can be described as Generation "I" – for individuality, according to the American Furniture Manufacturers Association.

"Imagination, independence and individuality are the words that describe the style of children ages 8 to 14," said AFMA Vice President Jackie Hirschhaut. "Ready and anxious to branch out from their parents, these budding adults love to creatively express themselves within the walls of their bedrooms."

According to AFMA's survey of 500 children ranging from the 4th through 9th grades, America's tweens and teens are eager to express their personality.

■ Tweens and teens in transition

Of the children surveyed, the youngest, ages 8 to 10, expressed the greatest desire for more grown-up furniture, as well as a change in the colors and accessories in their bedrooms. Older children, ages 11 to 14, declared their need for additional pieces to add to their rooms.

"Furniture manufacturers have addressed both of these childhood concerns," said Hirschhaut. "Not only is there a tremendous selection for kids, but some of the most popular collections are those that offer additional pieces as the child grows older,

such as versatile storage pieces and armoires for housing televisions and electronics.

"Perhaps the biggest benefit for parents is that their child's furniture will be practical and sophisticated enough to shift into a guest room or move to a dorm room or first apartment," said Hirschhaut.

According to the AFMA survey, when asked what piece of new furniture they would most like to add to their bedrooms, the most frequent answer among all ages was a place to sit, such as a sofa or chair, followed by a new bed, a computer workstation or desk, and a dresser.

■ The difference 'tween boys and girls

The differences between boys and girls may first become evident when it comes to decorating their rooms. According to the survey, girls get their decorating ideas from magazines and at the mall, while boys get ideas from themselves and from friends. Other influences young people listed include parents and television. And when it comes to spending time in their rooms, the contrasts continue. Girls study, read and listen to music, while boys watch television, play video games and hang out with friends.

"When it comes to buying furniture for your children, be sure to consider their hobbies and interests," said Hirschhaut. "It's important to reflect each

child's unique personal style in both the furniture and decorating scheme of their bedroom."

■ Cool room trends

When shopping for furniture with their tween or young teenager, parents will be surprised by the wide array of choices designed to meet the diverse needs of today's families and youth. Some of the current trends include:

- * Use of varied woods, veneers and decorative finishes resulting in more style choices than ever for youth bedrooms

- * Creative storage solutions to house computers, televisions, game stations and the multitude of accessories tweens and teens love

- * Upholstery scaled for youth rooms and available in a variety of colors and fabrics, from bright, trendy suedes to soft, subtle toiles.

"It's a great time to be young," said Hirschhaut. "Today's furniture styles will allow kids to grow up and feel independent, and please their parents at the same time."

The American Furniture Manufacturers Association is headquartered in High Point, N.C. – the furniture capital of the world – and represents more than 200 leading U.S. furniture manufacturers and 250 suppliers to the industry.

Help your teens discover their style

HIGH POINT, N.C. – Before their eyes, mom and dad's baby girl or boy grows into an opinionated young person. Their school changes, their friends are new, and their childhood furniture no longer fits their young teen's lifestyle.

Just how should parents marry the ideas of what they want for their child's room with their sons' and daughters' desire for pop star posters and video game systems?

Decorating doesn't have to be a family feud. In fact, bringing out the designer in your child can be a fun, quality-time experience. Use the following tips from the American Furniture Manufacturers Association to develop a furniture style that pleases both.

➤ Team spirit –

Don't leave your child out of the furniture selection and decorating process. Make their opinion count on the fun stuff, such as color and accessories.

➤ Do your homework –

Spend a rainy day flipping through home, teen trend and decorating magazines – encourage your child to show you what he or she likes. Tear out the pages, and keep a folder of the ideas that appeal to him or her.

➤ Don't forget the eraser –

Begin by editing your child's room – moving out things that no longer fit into his or her lifestyle, making room for the new furnishings, and determining top priorities.

➤ Write a wish list –

Decide what is most important – do you need a bed or computer workstation, or want an upholstered chair or nightstand?

➤ Accessories express –

Lamps, artwork, area rugs, throw pillows and picture frames are a wonderful way for a child to make a statement about himself or herself.



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The kitchen has a pantry, refrigerator and range and over on the front wall. Between the counter with the sink and the dishwasher is a large window. The dining room is in the rear with door opening onto a patio.

Unit 1 has a master suite that is large and open. It has a huge walk-in closet as well as a master bath with an oversized shower and single sink. A second bedroom is in the front of the unit and has a half bath just outside its door.

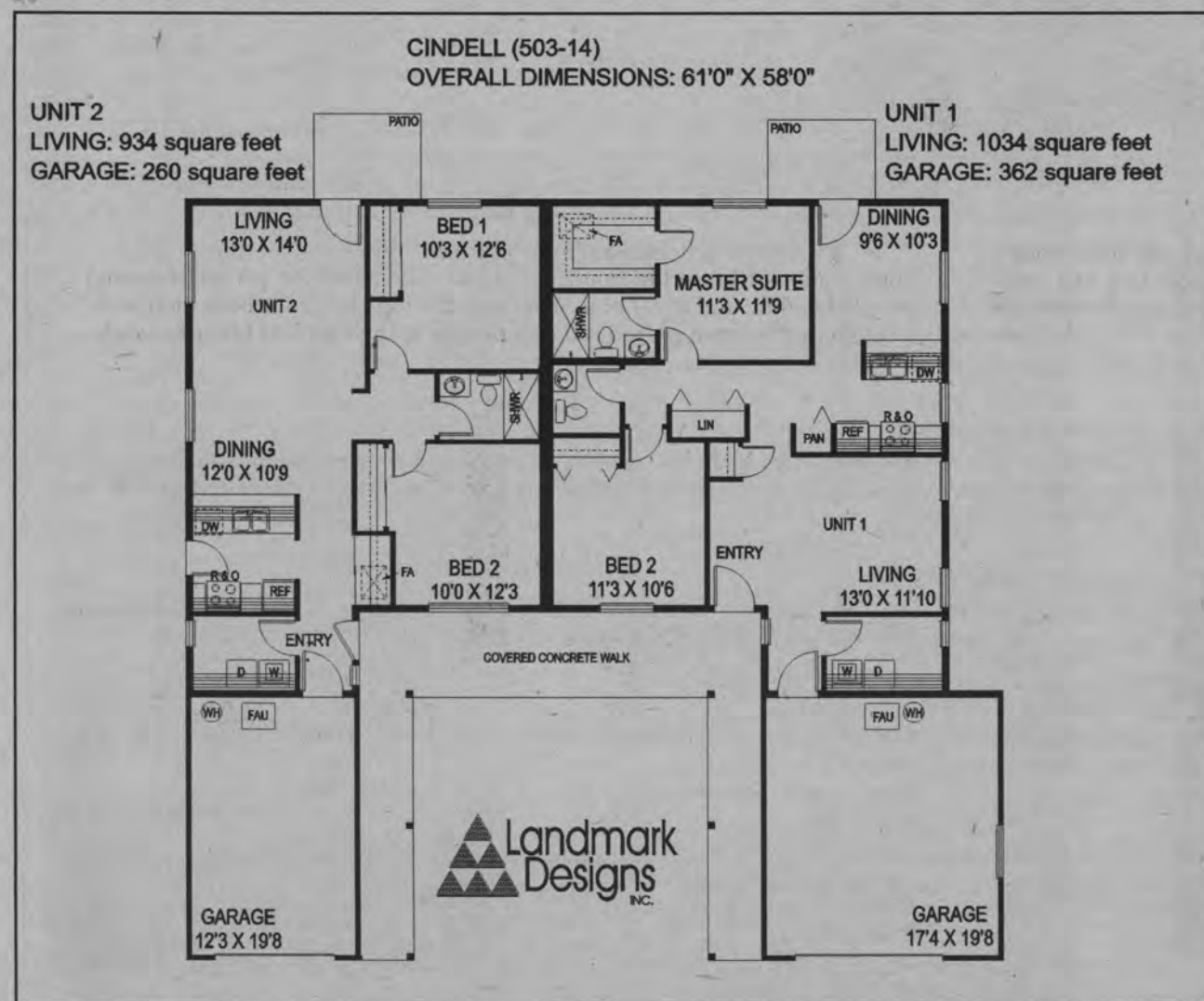
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The kitchen consists of two rows of counters with a door in-between. Refrigerator and range and oven are on the front wall and dishwasher and sinks are on the other with an eating bar facing the dining/living room. This area is elongated and has two windows down the side for light in the rooms. A door opens onto the patio in the rear.

Bedrooms 1 and 2 are nearly the same size, each having a long wall closet and windows. A full bath with a large shower is located between the two rooms.

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Paint color trends



(AP) Purple is passe. Colors inspired by nature are the new trend, according to Debbie Zimmer, color and decorating expert for The Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute.

"Colors will be fresh and clean, and reflect elements of stone, water and plants," Zimmer says. Examples include soft beiges and clear blue-based greens that bring to mind sand and forests.

Adding a sparkling accent to these softer shades are metallic paints such as silver and steel-gray. Used in decorative painting, they can add a weathered, antique feel.

Other trends noted by Zimmer:

- Blue remains popular, in all hues, partly because it's considered a relaxing color, and partly because its wide-ranging palette offers tremendous flexibility.

"Blue's popularity began a few years ago when it was used to evoke a spa theme in bathrooms," Zimmer said. "But now we are seeing it migrate into other rooms of the house."

- Children may still be drawn to purple, but among adults, its popularity has passed.

- Not everyone is enamored by nature. Hot pink is a hot designer choice, particularly as an accent for other bright colors, such as red, yellow and orange. Blue-based reds go best with pink, as well as with teal and green. And because red stimulates appetite, it's a popular choice for dining rooms.

- Orange helps make a home feel inviting because it is warm and welcoming. Richer shades are the trend this year, and work well with reds and coppers.

- Don't ignore brown. It's neutral enough to accompany furniture, carpeting and draperies of all color, but punchier than white. You can add to its depth by using a small bit of metallic paint or a shade of green.

- For a starker, more daring look, black-and-white combinations are growing in popularity. They can turn any room into a mod-inspired

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The power of color

(AP) Blue is and always has been America's favorite color when it comes to home decoration. That's according to a color study sponsored by *House & Garden* magazine and Pantone Inc.

According to the study, 32 percent said they will decorate more with blue than any other color. The second-most popular color was green.

Here are some other results from the survey:

- An overwhelming 73 percent said they would repaint in a month or less if they were unhappy with a fresh paint job. Immediate repainting was more popular with women (45 percent) than men (37 percent).

- Bold colors are becoming more popular, with fiery red, orange, and bright yellow the top three gutsy picks. "Bold color started in fashion, and now it's becoming mainstream," explains Lisa Herbert, Pantone executive vice president.

- Interestingly, orange also was one of the most disliked colors, along with chartreuse, yellow and indigo. Pale apricot, soft yellow and royal blue were colors that no one said they hated.

- Pale apricot was also one of the top choices for the bathroom, along with sky blue and royal blue. (Blue was also the preferred shade for the toothbrush.) The top choice for the kitchen was white, followed by yellow.

- The living room was chosen by 44 percent as the place where color is most important. "The living room is where we present ourselves to friends and family," said Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of Pantone Color Institute.

- What color schemes are most popular? When shown four popular combinations featured in *House & Garden*, almost half the people surveyed favored yellow and royal blue. That was the top choice for both men and women, but women picked red and purple as their second favorite, while men went for brown and blue. The least popular: pink and chartreuse.

- About a fifth of the respondents said they've bought black sheets for the bedroom. For some reason, Democrats were twice as likely as Republicans to have done so.

- Forget about roses. According to the survey, red is the color least desired in the garden, followed by orange and purple.

- Most people (79 percent) said that color was important in picking furniture, but not for picking computers or cell phones. About half said color didn't matter on small appliances, but two-thirds said it did for large appliances.

Outside of the home, the favorite color for cars was hot-blooded red.



Paint color trends —

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creation.

- Paint isn't just for painting. More people are using a little bit of paint and some stencils to write on their walls — words, phrases, quotes.

"The nice thing about this trend is that it can be adapted in many ways," Zimmer says. "Someone who wants to start small may choose to write just a few words as a border or smaller decorative accent, while someone who is a bit more bold may cover an entire wall with words. There is something here that works for every-

one."

What lies ahead for 2005? Zimmer predicts gray will be a hot color, and yellow will graduate from an accent color to something that can hold its own.

One good thing about painting is that, unlike other home improvement projects, you don't need much experience. Or any. Here are some tips to help even first-time painters get good results:

- Whatever color you pick, always pick a top-quality interior latex paint.

which tends to go on more evenly and resists dirt better. "High gloss" paints are the shiniest; they can make a room look brighter, but they can also reveal imperfections. "Flat" paints have virtually no shine, and are a good choice with walls in poor condition.

- Remember that a color card is different than an entire wall. Don't pick your color in a store; take the cards home to look at them in the room you're painting. Check them out in daylight and under artificial light at night — the colors can look quite different.

- Colors appear more intense in large areas, so if you're not sure which shade to pick, opt for the lighter one.

- Don't skimp on brushes and other tools. Quality tools apply paint more smoothly, more evenly and more heavily, meaning your paint job will be more durable and better able to survive cleaning and scrubbing. And when you're done painting, clean and store your brushes and rollers properly. Plain soap or detergent can clean water-based paints,

and turpentine or paint thinner can be used for oil-based paints.

- Even if you can't wait to get started, remember the importance of prep work. Clean walls and woodwork to help the paint adhere. A simple solution of water and detergent is often enough. Rinse the surface after you clean it and let it dry. You can plug nail holes with filling compound and fix cracks with caulk.

- "Frame" your walls: paint the outside edges with a brush, and fill in the rest with a roller. Use a "W" or "M" pattern with your roller.

- Of course, safety is as important as a good look. Lock all your step-stools in place, never climb higher on a ladder than the third rung from the top, and wear eye and skin protection.

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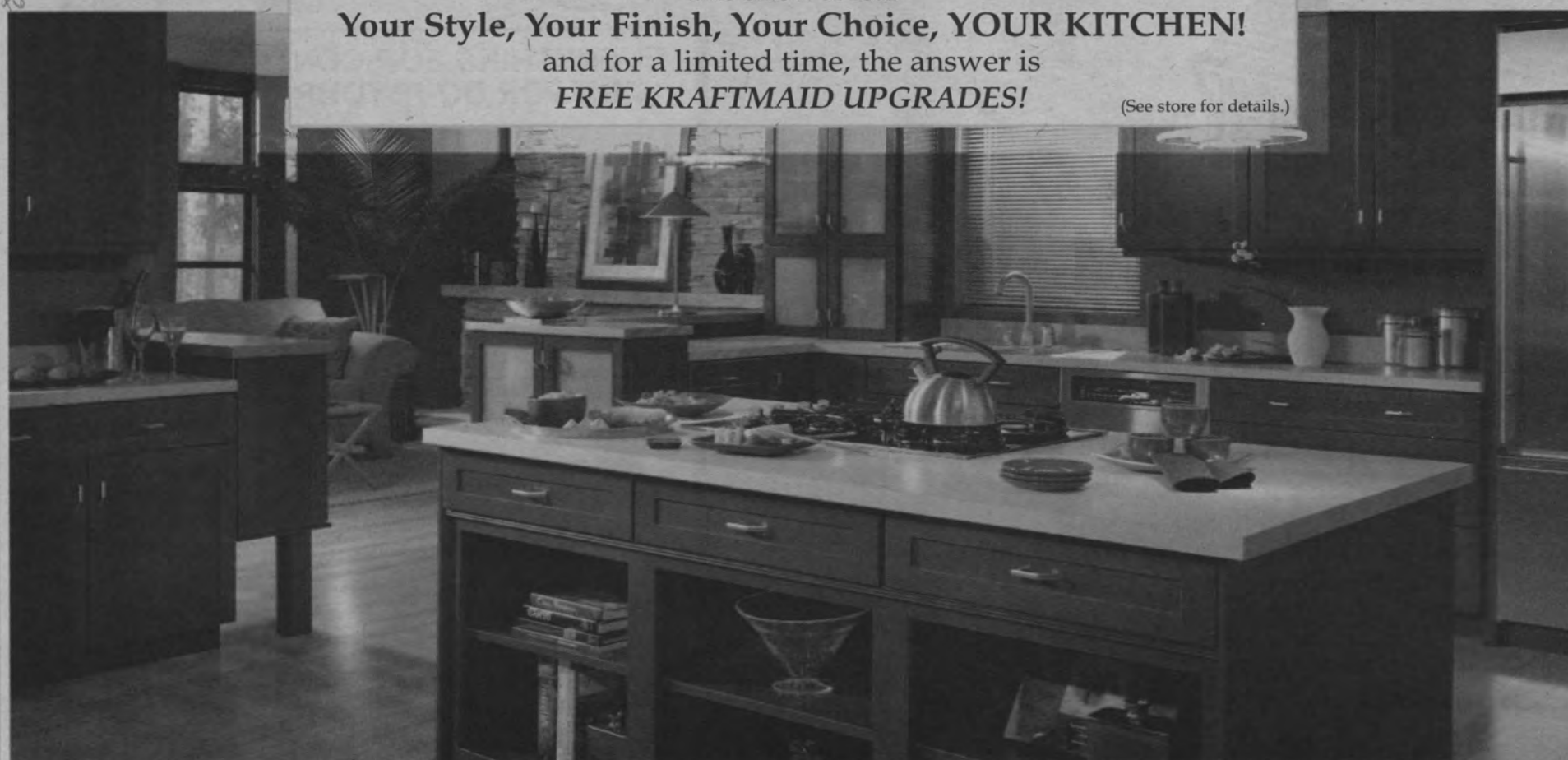


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Designing kitchens

For The Associated Press

The kitchen is the busiest room in the home. From food preparation and dining to balancing the family checkbook and socializing, the kitchen is the center of activity.

For that reason, the dream kitchen is beautiful, functional and accessible. To achieve that dream, what's important isn't how much money you spend — it's how carefully you plan the renovation.

"One evening, I was catering a party at a home where the host kept asking me what I thought of his kitchen," said Chris Lauderdale, a chef with The Art Institute of California-Orange County. "He had just spent \$30,000 on a complete remodel. Everything looked great, very high design, but we were having a terrible time cooking because it had been designed for style, not functionality."

Balancing design with practicality means keeping in mind how your kitchen is used in real life, said Gerald Brennan of The Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago.

Kitchen must-haves

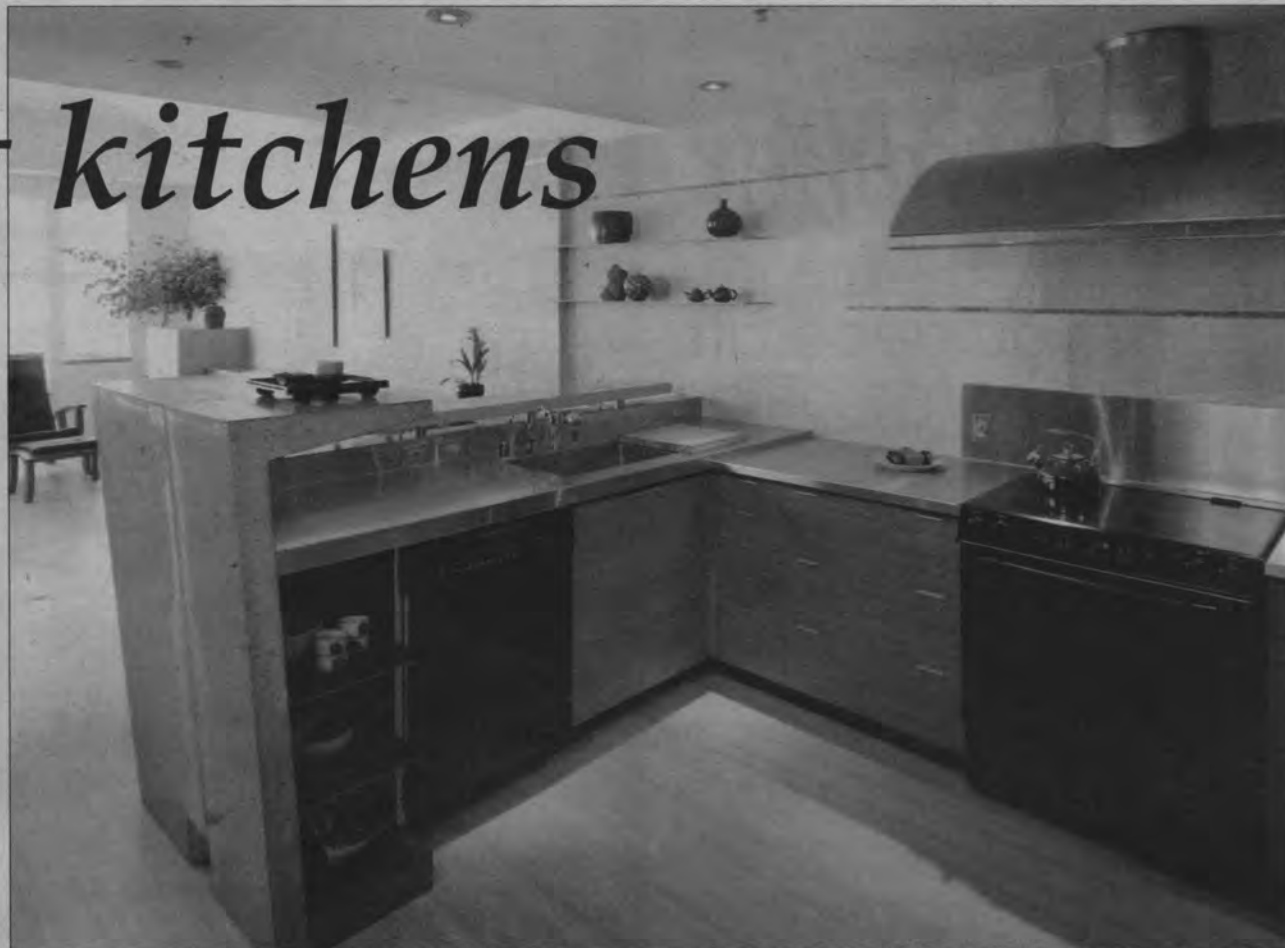
Here are 10 tips from chefs and interior designers for a new or renovated kitchen:

From the Interior Design faculty of The Art Institute:

1. Triangulation of work area (cook surface to refrigerator to sink)
2. Quality countertop material
3. Task light
4. Indirect light
5. Natural light
6. Configuration of room
7. Proper circuit isolation for electrical
8. Quality plumbing
9. Quality & craft of floor finish
10. Walls and ceiling finish

From The Art Institutes Culinary Arts Program faculty:

1. Triangulation of stove, refrigerator and sink
2. Work surface lighting
3. Waste container placement
4. Ventilation
5. Quality cabinetry
6. Countertop material
7. Amount of counter space
8. Height of counters
9. Adequate number of electrical outlets
10. Adequate storage for cooking equipment



"Everybody these days loves stainless steel, but it's hard to clean and really high maintenance," Brennan said. "If you have kids, you'll see every fingerprint."

Instead, Brennan recommends black appliances. Similarly, professional ranges may look impressive, but they aren't worth the price unless you can use them to their potential. A commercial-grade stove is often the better choice, said Scott Swartz, chef instructor at The Art Institute of New York City.

One of the most expensive items in a new or renovated kitchen is the cabinets.

"Quality cabinetry and countertops will last longer, and make your kitchen function better over the long haul, not to mention be more pleasing to work in," said William Niemer, a chef with The Art

Institutes International Minnesota.

Again, functionality is the key. Sofeeka Hasiuk, interior design instructor with The Art Institute of Philadelphia, discourages homeowners from using too many gimmicks. For example, a wine storage cabinet is a poor idea because the kitchen is too warm for proper wine storage.

Good lighting, counter space and placement of waste containers are also important. But by far the most important attribute of a new kitchen is "work triangulation" — the flow among the sink, refrigerator and stove.

The Small Homes Council of the University of Illinois created the work triangle concept in the 1940s. Over the years, the planning standards have been modified to include appliances such as microwaves and accommodate more than one cook in the kitchen.

"It used to be that the distance of the triangle between the three was to be a certain distance apart," said Dan Noyes, department director for interior design at The Art Institutes International Minnesota. "Now we use more flexibility but cater to the individual needs of the user and the space left to work with."

For example: a left-handed cook might want the refrigerator to the right of the sink, Noyes said.

Finally, chefs and designers recommend consulting a professional; you can usually find one at a home improvement center. Friends and neighbors who've recently been through the process also can make helpful recommendations.

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It's easy enough to change that. Sometimes, it takes nothing more than a new coat of paint.

Designer and TV personality Christopher Lowell, who recently introduced his own line of office furnishings at Office Depot, says a rich wall color will help disguise the dimensions of your office, drawing attention away from the size of the room and focusing it instead on the furnishings.

Lowell also offers these other tips:

- ◆ Add molding or other architectural embellishments to the room. If you can't, over-scaled picture frames can at least create the illusion of architecture. A few over-scaled pieces will make the room seem bigger.
- ◆ Coordinated floor and desk lamps can give a home office a more intimate feel, and sure beat cold overhead fluorescents.
- ◆ To give yourself more space and flexibility, put your desk in the middle of the room, rather than against the wall. This leaves the walls free for storage and artwork.
- ◆ Don't skimp on desk accessories. Unsightly blotters and in-out boxes can ruin the designer look you're trying to achieve.
- ◆ Don't be afraid to add a little luxury to your home office: an aromatherapy candle, a sound machine, soft background music. And a single drapery panel on either side of your windows can soften the look of industrial window blinds.

◆ If you want to appear organized, look to add some uniform elements, such as matching binders neatly arranged in your bookcases. Don't skimp on organizational tools: a good filing system will eliminate messy piles on your desk.

Of course, looking good is only half the goal. You want to feel good, too. Don't neglect ergonomics, Lowell said. Invest in a comfortable chair (you'll be spending a lot of hours sitting there) and accessories like wrist pads for your computer keyboard.



Above: Designer Christopher Lowell says decorating need not be a challenge if you look for coordinated office furniture and mix-and-match accessories such as those in his new line at Office Depot (shown left).

Outdoor Maintenance

(AP) It's easy to focus on the interior of a home, but maintaining the outside is just as essential. It doesn't take a fire or an earthquake to significantly damage a home. Even something as simple as weather can take its toll. Heavy snows, for example, can change the slope of a front lawn. An air conditioner can cause water damage.

Many of the 870,000 claims filed last year by Allstate policyholders were for home damage not related to catastrophes: broken water pipes, cracked washing machine hoses, leaky roofs.

Here are tips from Allstate for keeping the outside of your home in shape:

- ☐ Check your roofs, windows, chimneys, skylights, and vent flashings.
- ☐ Changes in temperature can cause roof cement and window caulking to crack, which could lead to water leaks. Fixing exterior caulk should be part of your spring cleaning checklist.
- ☐ Look over your yard. Make sure it's graded to drain away from the foundation. If it doesn't, refill depressed areas. Also check the plant and flower beds next to your house. Rain and snow can cause soil to settle next to the foundation, causing water build-up.
- ☐ Clean the basement window wells to prevent rainwater from building up.
- ☐ Repair cracked driveway and walkways.
- ☐ Remove dead limbs from trees, and trim healthy trees and bushes away from utility wires. If a tree limb is stuck on a power line, ask the proper utility to help remove it.
- ☐ Inspect and clean gutters. Make sure the downspouts carry water far enough away from the foundation.
- ☐ Clean the drainage pan and drain line of your air conditioners. Debris can block both, leading to water damage. If the manufacturer recommends it, have the air conditioning system inspected by a professional.
- ☐ Test sump pumps. Check that water is draining from the chamber. If you live in an area with groundwater problems, you should consider buying a back-up pump.
- ☐ Store oil and gas in a vented area, and make sure that all outdoor light bulbs are the proper wattage.

Some work, particularly on roofs, may require professionals. Check references with a Better Business Bureau, homebuilders association or contractors association.

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Plant doctor

Keep indoor plants healthy and outdoor plants happy with these tips from the experts

(AP) Although plants have been grown in homes for thousands of years, it's still not easy to keep them healthy.

"Plants didn't evolve in our homes which means they don't naturally adapt to the environmental conditions that occur there, especially during the winter heating season," says A. R. Chase, professor emeritus, Mid-Florida Research and Education Center, University of Florida.

Plant diseases are caused by living organisms (called pathogens) such as fungi and bacteria, and by nonliving factors such as air pollutants and nutrient imbalances. New diseases and changes in

existing pathogens remain a constant threat to garden and indoor plants.

The American Phytopathological Society, a non-profit organization of about 5,000 professional "plant doctors," offers these suggestions for keeping house plants healthy.

- Select healthy plants to begin with. They should show good color, with no dead or yellowed areas; the roots should be white and vigorous. Avoid plants that are stunted, sickly, moldy or have damaged trunks and limbs. Also avoid anything that requires heavy pruning. Don't buy plants with dried, brittle leaves or spots. Look carefully for

mites, mealybugs, scales, and aphids, which can hide underneath leaves.

- If you're using seeds, make sure they were properly stored in a cool place.
- Put a new plant in a separate room for a while. If it's diseased, it won't infect your other plants. You can move it after about three weeks, if it still looks healthy.
- Pick pots with good drainage. Too much water drowns the roots and promotes rot.
- Periodically clean dust and dirt from the plants by wiping with a damp cloth or rinsing them with lukewarm water. Don't mist your plants, however. If you need humidity, use a humidifier or place pots on a bed of wet gravel.
- Place your plants away from extreme temperatures. Large windows, radiators or furnace vents are bad spots. If you move a plant, move it somewhere similar to its previous location. For example, if a plant has been growing in a dark room, do not move it near a sunny window.

Of course, garden plants need care to stay healthy, too. Here are some tips for your outdoor plants:

- Look for plants with built-in disease resistance. You can usually find this information on the plant label but, if you can't, check with a county extension office or garden reference book.
- Choose plants that will thrive in your environment. Consider such factors as soil type, soil drainage, and exposure to sun and wind.
- Water plants infrequently but deeply. If possible, water early in the day and only at the base of the plant. Under-watering and over-watering can encourage diseases. The appropriate interval between waterings will vary with soil and climate.
- As with watering, avoid using too much fertilizer; it can produce growth that is more vulnerable to disease.
- Good air circulation is essential. Give your plants adequate space, remove dead flowers promptly, and prune when needed.
- Use mulch for your soil (if you're in a cold climate, make sure you let it warm up first). Mulching will reduce the time needed for weeding and watering. Keep the mulch away from the stem, however, or else it could lead to fungal infections.
- Keep the garden clean. Check regularly for disease or insect infestations, and remove dead or diseased plants as soon as possible. Clean your gardening tools after you use them.
- Use fungicides correctly. Most of them can prevent disease, but are not "cures," and cannot save plants suffering from improper care, poor site conditions or damage from bacteria, viruses or insects. Apply fungicides before disease strikes, or as soon as possible after you notice symptoms. You may have to reapply the fungicide, as well, because it provides only temporary protection. Whatever you do, always follow the directions on the label.
- Rotate plants to avoid build up of diseases.

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Ask the Builder

By Tim Carter

Should you modify a model home plan to lower cost?

Dear Tim: My wife and I are working with a builder to modify a model home plan in an effort to lower the price as much as possible. The first thing we did was eliminate unnecessary upgrades. Our thought is to upgrade the house after we move in trying to do the upgrades ourselves.

However, we don't want to be penny wise and pound foolish. What is the best strategy? Where can you save money on a new home?

How much can we expect to save overall by downgrading the interior and exterior finishes?

— Tim Ortiz, Pinehurst, NC

Dear Tim: Before you spend too much time trying to figure out where to pinch pennies, you need to do one simple math problem. Based upon my experience in both building and bidding substitute products, I have found that the most you can lower the price of a home is five to seven percent. Multiply the current base price of the model home by six percent. Subtract this amount from the base price. If the calculation shows that you still are over budget, you simply need to shrink the size of the project to lower the price significantly.

I have no problem with people who want to do things themselves. When I work on my own home I actually don't think of it as work. It tends to be creative energy that flows through my hands and arms. Like most people, I find it to be a very gratifying feeling to see a completed job well done. But don't fall into the trap of thinking you can do all things well. Many tasks that craftspeople do while building homes look easy but they are not. What's

more, to get professional results you often need some fancy tools that you may not possess.

Time also becomes a factor. Try to keep in mind that you will not be as productive at interior carpentry as a craftsman who does it on a daily basis. A project that you think will take one day might take a weekend. A weekend project may take two when you suddenly realize you need to go to a soccer game or the weather doesn't co-operate. Large projects can easily stretch over several months.

Try to save money on things that can be changed easily. If you have plumbing skills, consider entry level faucets at each sink. As long as the plumber installs ball type shut off valves below each sink, you can count on being able to easily cut off the water supply to these fixtures in the future. Interior doors can be switched out at a future date if you



possess moderate carpentry skills. These two jobs requires few specialized tools.

You can possibly save quite a bit of money in your flooring. Vinyl tile flooring is very affordable and some new styles are very attractive. Interior door knobs might be another cost savings item. Some very affordable ones are available. Asphalt shingles with the least amount of warranty will often perform well. You may be able to save some money here. If your local zoning or association laws permit it, consider an asphalt driveway instead of poured concrete.

It is important to know where not to cut corners. Do not eliminate air infiltration and water barriers on the exterior of your home. These can not be added easily in the future. Never downgrade your heating and air conditioning system. If you do, you will seriously compromise your comfort. Do not install low quality windows or doors. These items are the weakest link in your defenses against extreme outdoor temperatures and wind. Always try to buy windows and doors that are certified by independent testing associations.

Be careful about cutting corners with inferior substitute products. For example, do not use low-quality paints. You or your painter may actually have to apply more paint to get adequate coverage. This means you might spend more on materials and labor. This same thing is true with built-in appliances. The front end savings may seem attractive but if you have to replace a poor performing dishwasher or oven in three to five years, you might not think you saved much at all. ■

Good reasons why your contractor doesn't want your help

Dear Tim: I'm quite resourceful and handy. I have the ability to install the electric and plumbing in my room addition project. I feel that this will help me save money and allow me to invest some "sweat equity" into my project. However, the contractors who I have contacted are not interested in working with me. Why am I encountering so much resistance? V. N.

Dear V. N.: If you put yourself in the shoes of the contractor, you will quickly realize why. The contractors are afraid that you possibly will not complete your work on schedule, and/or will not pass the required inspections. Either of these situations will cause delays in the project.

Professional contractors tightly schedule their projects. Projects that run smoothly allow the contractor to maximize his profit. Projects without delays allow the contractor to show up on time for the next job. Remember, you are probably only interested in *your* job. I doubt that you have much interest in the contractors' other commitments.

The business of contracting is very difficult. There are many, many variables that are beyond the direct control of the contractor. Delays can be catastrophic. They have a ripple effect, much like throwing a rock in a pond. A delay that you cause by not meeting a deadline will not cost you a thing, but it will have a dramatic effect on the pocketbook of a contractor. Most contractors and homeowners fail to realize this.

Contractors basically have only one commodity that they can sell: time. Contracting is a service industry based upon time. Employees are paid by the hour, even sub-contractors calculate their payroll by the hour. Because of this axiom, a contractor can realistically only work so many hours in his life-

time. Delays cause future work to be pushed farther into the future. This means less income over a lifetime.

Also, delays often hurt the credibility of a contractor. Try to realize that builders and contractors are constantly negotiating for the job that starts after the current one is complete. The next customer is anxious to know when his or her job will start. Everyone is generally excited about the beginning of a remodeling or building project.

Surely you have heard stories of builders or remodelers who did not start a job on time. Few homeowners are sympathetic. They don't care to hear about someone else's problems. Any delay that you cause will make the next customer upset with your contractor. Obviously no contractor wants to start a job with an unhappy customer.

There might be a compromise to this problem. Consider investing your "sweat equity" at the beginning or end of the project. This allows the contractor to control his destiny. In fact, most contractors will negotiate for you to perform tasks at the end of the project. That way they can start the job, run it as smoothly as possible, and then turn it over to you to complete. The contractor can then go on to the next job, while you finish the job at your own pace.

However, keep in mind several things before you attempt this. Be sure to allow enough time to adequately complete tasks. Homeowners often vastly underestimate the amount of time it takes to perform finishing tasks. Also, be sure that you have accurately estimated the cost of what you need to purchase. Frequently, homeowners run out of money at the end of a project. Beware, those last few weeks of work can often stretch into months or years.

Bordeaux mix arrests diseases

By Lee Reich
For AP Weekly Features

By this time of year, some plants are looking downright ragged, showing the effects of age, wind, insects, and disease.

Don't begrudge fungi for the few yellowed leaves and black specks they cause, but there is a certain point where such damage gets out of hand. When that point is reached, spraying is an option, and one useful spray is an old-fashioned fungicide called Bordeaux mixture.

Bordeaux mixture's origin goes back to the 1870s, to a vineyard in Bordeaux, France, where grape farmers were having trouble with people stealing fruit from vines along roads. One farmer decided to discourage theft by making his vines look poisonous. He poured some powdered bluestone and lime into a bucket, added water, then swirled the mixture around and splattered it over the vines with a broom.

One day that season, a man named Millardet happened to be walking along the road bordered by those evil looking vines. Millardet was in Bordeaux studying downy mildew, a grape disease that had recently entered France by accident, and was now threatening the whole French wine industry.

Serendipity struck when Millardet noticed that the vines dowsed with that eerie, pale blue mixture had less disease than did other vines. Back in the laboratory, he fine-tuned the ratio of bluestone, lime, and water to the most effective proportions, and Bordeaux mixture was born.

Bluestone is copper sulfate, a naturally occurring mineral. The copper is what makes Bordeaux mix toxic to fungi (and some bacteria), but watch out: copper can also be toxic to plants. Bordeaux mixture has been known to delay fruit set of tomatoes, even to cause rose leaves to yellow and drop — injury that could be mistaken for blackspot disease, for which the spray is sometimes used.

Bordeaux mixture is prepared in different proportions for different situations. These days, you do not have to mix up your own bluestone and lime, then splatter it on your plants with a broom. Just buy prepared Bordeaux mixture, mix it with water, then apply it with a sprayer.



Never use Bordeaux mixture — or any pesticide — with abandon. If you use Bordeaux, realize that it will not cure already damaged leaves, that copper can accumulate in soil, and that it can injure plants. Bordeaux mixture also can injure you, being moderately toxic.

Before using Bordeaux mixture, read the label to make sure it is effective against your particular plant disease problem, and then decide whether the amount of disease damage warrants spraying.

Fall garden chores

By Michelle Warren

As the colors of your landscape change to gorgeous gold and orange, it's time to think about putting your garden to bed and other necessary fall landscaping chores.

You can find tips on ways to make these chores easier and more effective on the *Better Homes and Gardens* web site (www.bhg.com). One thing to keep in mind is that getting your garden ready for winter mostly involves cleaning up and covering up.

As the fall days pass and the temperature starts to drop, a lot of the plants will be killed by the frost; those that aren't will need to be prepared for dormancy. The next step is to clear out the blackened stems and foliage of annual flowers and vegetables. This prevents the chances of the plants harboring disease and insect eggs over the winter.

Better Homes and Gardens offers a regional fall checklist for landscaping.

Here are some suggestions for cool climates:

Perennials

- divide spring- and summer-blooming plants
- plant new perennials, especially those that bloom in the spring
- set up a compost bin for fallen leaves and garden debris
- after the ground freezes, spread a winter mulch over any bare soil
- after the ground freezes, spread evergreen boughs over bulb beds
- dig up tender bulbs such as dahlia and gladiolus; wrap or cover them with a moist material and store in a cool, dark place

Trees and shrubs

- transplant shrubs or young trees to new locations in early fall
- fertilize young trees and shrubs that have been in the ground for at least a year
- winterize roses by mounding mulch over the lower parts of their canes
- take down and clean out birdhouses

Annual flowers

- keep polypun garden fabric handy to cover annuals when light frost is possible
- pull up dead annuals after a killing frost and place in compost pile
- mulch annual beds with a three- to four-inch layer of chopped leaves

Vegetables

- harvest crops such as pumpkins, potatoes, sweet potatoes and onions
- clean up plant debris in harvested beds; mulch empty beds
- harvest green tomatoes and store them indoors

Cool Pools

(AP) More and more people are looking to their backyards as an escape from a hectic world — and the centerpiece of many backyards is the pool.

From traditional in-ground vinyl models to those with waterfalls and without walls, pools offer a variety of designs and functions that can go as far as your imagination.

"People are looking at pools differently," says Marc Campbell, senior vice president at San Juan Pools in Lakeland, Fla. "They are not just places to splash and play anymore."

Aboveground pools, which can be as large as 28 feet, are the most flexible choice: They can be drained and moved if desired.

Traditional in-ground pools, by comparison, have reinforced walls with vinyl liners. They usually come in a rectangular shape, although others are available, and the liners are now available in many new patterns and colors. Fiberglass pools are a one-piece fiberglass shell — sometimes mixed with concrete or other materials — installed directly into the ground.

In-ground granite pools are more elaborate, with concrete and plaster walls, allowing for such options as waterfalls, custom entries and different plaster finishes or pebble applications.

Whatever style you select, says Lew Akins, a member of the National Spa and Pool Institute Builders Council, you've got many options for outfitting it.

One idea that's growing in popularity is the pool without walls — for example, a pool with a sloping entrance that mimics a beach. Wet decks also are



popular, Campbell says. "You can lie in about four inches of water and read your magazine and stay cool."

Fountains and waterfalls are creating a splash, as well. They can block sounds from outside and help keep your pool clean. They're also fun.

On the traditional side, fountains can shoot from a statue or Greek urn. A more modern twist is a laminar-flow fountain, which shoots a stream of water about a half-inch thick. Foaming fountains mix air and water for a frothier look. Many fountains have nozzles that allow you to control how high and far they shoot.

Waterfalls also are a frequently requested addition to a pool. They can drop over a granite platform or rocks — either real or manmade. Some let you control how quickly they fall.

For those pool owners who want less control, just about everything can be done automatically. There's equipment that can turn on your waterfall, adjust your lighting, or anything else. All you have to do is program it. Many of these products can be operated remotely by telephone.

"The automatic systems are computers in their own right," says Akins. "They are incredibly simple to operate. On-screen programming walks you right through it."

Don't overlook lighting when designing your pool. Good lighting improves not only the way a pool looks, but also how safe it is. Incandescent lighting can highlight fountains, waterfalls, or other garden and architectural elements. Illuminate walkways and steps with small

lights set in stone. Or use fiber optic lighting to set a mood — and to change it easily.

Of course, owning a pool means maintaining it, and that's generally been less fun than splashing around in it. But pool work is a lot less work these days with modern chemicals, new equipment and advanced cleaning techniques.

Some systems are so automated that all you have to do is flip a switch to uncover the pool, clean it, adjust the temperature and dispense the chemicals.

Other high-tech innovations include magnetic water conditioners, which turn oil and other pollutants into large enough particles to be trapped by the filters.

Campbell also recommends energy-efficient filters and pumps, which pay for themselves in the long run. Heat pumps and smaller pools (another trend) also increase energy efficiency. So do thermal pool blankets or solar covers, which are lightweight, inexpensive and can increase a pool's temperature by as much as 10 degrees. A new liquid solar blanket can even be thrown into the pool to form a heat-attracting layer.

Whatever type of equipment or accessories you buy, don't neglect safety.

"The way to protect your children 365 days a year," says Campbell, "is to teach them to swim well."

State and local codes have specific requirements for barriers around your pool, but don't stop there. Surround your pool with self-closing and self-latching gates and doors. Pool safety covers provide an extra layer of protection; buy one that meets the standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials. In addition, in-pool motion detectors and alarms will let you know if anyone is in the water. Or you can strap a wireless alert onto your child or pet, to warn you if they get wet.

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