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UP FRONT

Up against the wall

Editor's note: The columnist is away. This week we reprint a previously published offering.

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

SOMETIME between my birth date and my first day on the job in the newspaper business, I missed the class on trade-

As the cub reporter I was ordered to a neighborhood bar one Thursday night.

Tired of reporting on council meetings and planning board sessions, I was eager to cover the tavern's first Jell-O® wrestling extravaganza. The gelatin-filled gallery featured scantily clad female wrestlers. There could be worse assignments, I thought.

Streit

When I picked my jaw up off the floor after witnessing a segment of life in Baltimore that I previously had been sheltered from, I authored a humorous, tongue-in-cheek piece that described the aura of the evening

ning.
In reality, I think it was
my photos of slimy (in the true
sense of the word) women, not
my brilliantly written prose, that
spurred my editor to do a fancy
layout on the front page of the
feature section. Nonetheless,
I was proud and the piece
sparked many interesting com-

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Keeping an annual tradition isn't easy

Kids, parents work hard to make the show go on

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Black magic marker in hand, Courtney Marchuk wore the focused frown of a concentrated artist. Crouched over the flattened remains of a cardboard box, she outlined a green blob of paint, which would eventually become the Wizard's giant head.

Around her, the chaos that accompanies the final practices of any theatrical production had





erupted. Actors and actress ran across stage to set up blocking for the next scene. Vocalists warmed their pipes. Cast members practiced lines. Despite the frenzy, she toiled away, almost as if her pediatrician had given her a distraction booster.

Marchuk was one of the set designers for this year's Stratford-Upon-Apple Players presentation of "Wicked." The group takes famous plays and movies and reproduces them right here in the heart of Newark. The 2005 presentation took place this past weekend.

It's an Apple Road tradition that's been going on since the early 1990s. Sylvie Smith, also known on stage as Goat Number One and Mother, is one of the few original Stratford-Upon-Apple players still around. She and her friend Kassie Hughes, who was seen on stage as Goat Number Two and Midwife, haven't missed a production yet. The teens have been part of the backyard-acting group for years. They were munchkins and flying monkeys in The Wizard of Oz in 1993, orphans in Annie in 1999 and even a few lead roles along the

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DNA links Cooke to rape, murder

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Wednesday morning preliminary hearing revealed DNA evidence linking James Cooke to the rape of University of Delaware student Lindsey Bonistall, in addition to details such as the suspected murder weapon and point of entry.

Det. Cpl. Andrew Rubin from the Newark Police Department was the only witness to take the stand on June 22, but his testimony provided enough evidence for Court of Common Pleas Commissioner Mary McDonough to decide to hold trial at Superior Court.

Rubin testified that Bonistall, 20, was found strangled to death in her torched Towne Court Apartment on May 1. The early morning blaze, which is believed to be the result of arson, was called in at

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FOIA foils council

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The Newark City Council violated the Freedom of Information Act, according to a recent Attorney General decision.

Newark resident Al Porach filed a FOIA complaint on April 14, arguing that the Newark City Council violated open meeting requirements while discussing the hiring of the city's lobbiest, Robert Maxwell.

Twice, on March 7, the council convened to discuss the qualifications of Maxwell and Joseph Fitzgerald, a second candidate for the job. The council first met on that evening for a special meeting, which listed "Executive Session re Personnel" on its agenda.

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Indecent exposure

Newark Police charged Oscar L. Pena, 33, of Newark with indecent exposure on Tuesday, June 14 at 2:52 p.m. after a woman reported he was masturbating next to the tree outside her office at 9 Innovation Way. Pena was taken to Gander Hill Prison in lieu of bail.

Bike taken

Newark Police investigated a report of a mountain bike stolen from the lawn of a residence on Kenilworth Avenue on Tuesday, June 14, at 10:15 a.m. The bike was recovered from a footpath behind Downes Elementary School.

Pressure washer stolen

Employees at Sears Hardware in College Square Shopping Center told police on Saturday, June 18, at 5:01 p.m. that without paying a man removed a pressure washer from the sidewalk in front of the store and placed it in a gold and tan Ford Taurus with a Delaware license plate. The suspect is described as a white male with a thin mustache and wearing a black hat and white t-shirt,

Man attacked

Newark Police charged Scott L. Moon, 47, of Newark with assault third degree on Tuesday, June 14, at 12:40 a.m. after a 49year-old man reported Moon and two other black males attacked and beat him in the parking lot behind Pathmark in the College Square Shopping Center.

Flasher at apartment complex

A cleaning woman vacuuming hallways in an apartment building on Scholar Drive told police on Monday, June 13, at 11 p.m. that a man walked passed her wearing nothing but pajama bottoms. The man, described as a white male in his 20s with a light complexion and curly blond hair, was exposing himself through the opening of the pajamas. The victim told police this is the second time this suspect exposed himself

Sign taken again

The owner of Café Gelato on Main Street told police that sometime overnight on Monday, June 13, an 8-foot-long restaurant sign on the awning was taken. This is the second such incident of its kind at this location.

Newark woman arrested stabbing

Heather M. Scarmozzi, 24, of Newark was arrested on Monday, June 20 for the stabbing of an acquaintance on the first block of O'Daniel Avenue. The Newark Police were dispatched to O'Daniel Avenue for a report of stabbing. Officers found a victim with multiple small stab wounds to his back. He was transported to Christiana ER for treatment. At the time of admission, he was in stable condition.

Investigation at the scene revealed that the defendant had gone to a friend of the victim's house and confronted the victim. An argument ensued and the defendant stabbed the victim with a small metal object, police said.

The defendant was taken into custody and charged with burglary in the first degree and assault in the second degree. She has been committed to Baylor Women's Correctional Institution in default of \$5,000 bail.

Woman threatened

Newark Police charged Jonathan E. Foster, 40, of Newark offensive touching, aggravated menacing, trespass and terroristic threatening on Thursday, June 9, at 2 a.m. after he entered the home of his estranged wife while she was out. The victim told police the suspect verbally abused her and threatened her with an un-sheathed sword.

Loitering at Burger King

Newark Police charged Albert J. Scales 2nd, 23, of Newark on Saturday, June 18, at 12:15 a.m. with trespass and loitering and

issued a warning for the same incident to a 17-year-old female of Middletown at the Burger King on South Chapel Street. Earlier police charged Danny J. Lewis, 23, of Townsend on Friday, June 17, at 11:20 p.m. with trespass and loitering at the Burger King.

Alcohol law, noise violations listed

Officers of the Newark Police Department have continued steppedup enforcement of alcohol-related and noise laws here as summer weather arrives. Some of the recent arrests include:

Newark Police charged Joshua

CRIMINAL CHARGES

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B. Macmurray, 21, of Rising Sun, Md., with disorderly conduct on Sunday, June 19, at 1:09 a.m. after police observed him urinating against a building at 287 Elkton

Newark Police charged Junior Euloge Kassi, 21, of Newark with disorderly premises after police observed a large group of people talking loudly in front of 722 Wharton Drive on Sunday, June 19, at 1:20 a.m.

Newark Police charged Patrick F. Dolan, 19, of Newark with underage consumption after police observed him standing in the bushes near 202 Elkton Road on Sunday, June 19, at 1:40 a.m.

Newark Police charged Stacie Dutton, 21, of Newark with a noise violation after police responded to a report of a loud party at 1304 Woolen Way on Sunday, June 19, at 2:05 a.m.

Newark Police charged Rachel E. Krysiak, 23, Christin Jones, 21, And David J. Heitur, 23, all of Newark, with disorderly premises on Sunday, June 19, at 2:30 a.m. after police responded to a report of screaming and cursing at 130 E. Madison Drive

Newark Police charged Kevin W. Boyd, 37, of Wilmington, and Ryan D. Wildey, 21, of Newark with an open container violation on Saturday, June 18, at approximately 12:45 a.m. after police observed with the pair with cups of beer on Main Street near the East End

Newark Police charged Jeffrey M. Fink, 27, of Newark with an open container violation on Saturday, June 18, at 1:02 a.m. after police observed Fink drinking from a Pabst beer can on Main Street near the Super 8 Motel driveway.

Newark Police charged Ian D. Stewart, 21, of Landenburg, Pa., with providing alcohol to a minor at Park N Stop Liquors on Elkton Road on Friday, June 17, at 7:31 p.m. At the same time and place police charged Brandon Connell, 20, of Landenburg, Pa., with possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

Newark Police charged Adolphus Cheatham, 31, of Wilmington, on Friday, June 17, at 11:03 p.m. with purchasing and providing a bottle of Bacardi rum to a minor outside Suburban Liquors in the Suburban Shopping Center on Elkton Road. At the same time and place, police charged the minor, a 17-year-old female of North East, Md., with underage possession, underage consumption and disorderly conduct after she cursed at the officers and attempted to conceal her identity.

Newark Police charged Jessica Lorraine Steelman, 19, of New Castle, with underage consump-

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Weekly crime report STATISTICS FOR JUNE 5-JUNE 11, 2005 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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INVESTIGATIONS

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PART I OFFENSES	TO DATE	TO DATE	WEEK		TO DATE	TO DATE	WEEK
Murder/manslaughter	1	1	0		1	0	0
Attempted murder	0	. 0	0		0	0	0
Kidnap	1	1	0		2	2	0
Rape	8	8	0		26	0	0
Unlawful sexual contact	5	4	0		4	3	0
Robbery	27	26	. 0	-	24	13	0
Aggravated assault	14	18	0		6	8	2
Burglary	86	87	2		31	37	0
Theft	453	413	20		132	136	2
Auto theft	43	52	0		5	7	0
Arson	6	2	0		2	0	0
All other	-	29	1		4	49	0
TOTAL PART I	644	641	23		233	255	4
PART II OFFENSES							
Other assaults	186	207	5		168	133	2
Receiving stolen property	0	0	0		7	11	0
Criminal mischief	328	*310	9		291	37	0
Weapons	7	9	0		45	45	0
Other sex offenses	8	5	0		4	7	0
Alcohol	202	159	3		390	284	6
Drugs	44	62	4		135	189	0
Noise/disorderly premise	325	365	11		149	161	1
Disorderly conduct	417	395	11		82	81	1
Trespass	77	97	4		26	47	4
All other	370	260	8		149	85	1
TOTAL PART II	1964	1869	55	3	1446	1080	15
MISCELLANEOUS							
Alarm	652	682	39		0	0	0
Animal control	369	217	15		21	0	0
Recovered property	145	112	4		0	0	0
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Alarm	652	682	39	0	0	0
Animal control	369	217	15	21	0	0
Recovered property	145	112	4	0	0	0
Service	4318	4121	206	0	0	0
Suspicious person/vehicle	481	844	27	0	0	0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	5965	5976	291	21	0	0

THIS WEEK 2004 2004 TO DATE THIS WEEK 2005 2005 TO DATE TOTAL CALLS

Revamped apartments get council review

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

he Newark City Council will consider a revised plan to build 15 two-story apartment homes on Main Street at its next meeting on Monday, June 27. The plan, which would turn the former CVS building into an apartment complex, was originally tabled by council back in March. Council told the developers, Richard Handloff and H. Gibbons Young, to reconsider several important design elements it considered flawed.

That list focused on reducing the number of units, eliminating a center courtyard, and forgoing a second story breezeway. While developers heeded the second suggestions, the same number of units remain on a total of three floors.

Council members feared that

the central courtyard could become a problem area for partying students. Critics of the design say that a similar layout at the Main Street Courtyard Apartments has

For Your Information:

Council meetings are every second and fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 220 Elkton Road.

funneled partiers into the shared area, encouraging more binge drinking and rowdiness. "We've had these problems

at the Courtyard before," Mayor Vance Funk said during the last meeting on the topic. "It becomes a congregating point. You have all of the residents invite about 500 of their closest friends to come out and try to see who can set the record for drinking the most

Council also worried that the second floor ledge would pose as

a serious safety hazard.

Another fear the council expressed in March was that there would be inadequate parking. The plans do not include any off street parking for residents. At the last meeting, the developers argued that this would not pose a problem as most of their target residents are students who would not need

"These apartments are going to be used by students," Richard Cross, the developers' legal counsel, explained at the last meeting. They won't have as many cards as other residents would. This is just like any other city. Residents can find parking at other places.'

In lieu of providing parking, the builders will pay the city

If approved, the apartment complex would be known as Olde Town Apartments.

New school board member for Christina District

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The Christina District School Board installed their newest member at their Regular Meeting on June 14. Katrine E.

Hutchison was elected to fill the seat in Nominating District B after Constance Merlet left the Board in April to take an administrative position with the District. Other candidates for the vacated seat were John Kowalko, David C. Resler and David Macaren.

Hutchison is a branch manager for Wilmington Trust Company. A 1978 graduate of Christiana graduate of Christiana High School, she earned an associates degree in business and banking from Delaware Technical and Community College. She is a longtime

PTA member at Christina District schools and served as a Site Council member at Elbert Palmer Elementary School and Shue/Medill Middle School. She and her husband live in Sycamore Gardens near Newark with

their two daughters currently attend Christiana High School.

Merlet had served as a member of the Board since July 2001. She is now Manager of Gifted Education and Talent Development, an expanded program that will replace the District's current

Excel program.

Nominating District B includes schools in parts of Pike Creek and an area southeast of Newark. Hutchison's tenure will not be long. Her district seat is up for re-election in May 2006.

Council to fix error this week

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The minutes of that session showed that council interviewed Maxwell and Fitzgerald separately and returned 50 minutes later. Council then voted to amend the agenda to go back into executive session, where minutes show that they discussed each candidate's qualifications. The second session lasted seven

Porach argued that by not voting in public or publicly discussing each candidate and their qualifications, the city violated FOIA guidelines.

The State of Delaware's Attorney General's office agreed with Porach, saying that the position of lobbiest is one of a contractual consultant, and that all consultants must go through the bidding process. Had the position been defined differently, a separate set of rules could have

For example, discussions on hiring city staff need not be made public, unless the applicant so chooses. This is designed to protect the privacy of the applicant in the event he or she is not chosen for the position.

However the AG office did not agree that this definition fit the position.

In the Attorney General's reply to Porach's application, a legal analysis explained that "a vendor or independent con-

tractor does not share the same personal privacy concerns as an individual public employee or prospective public employee. When a business bids for work from a public body, it is not applying for a 'job' in any common sense meaning of that term. A vendor or contractor has little, if any, expectation of privacy when marketing its goods or services for sale to a public body. . . To construe FOIA to deem them job applicants' would cloak the decision-making process for the expenditure of most tax monies from public scrutiny, a result clearly inconsistent with the purposes of FOIA.

City Solicitor Roger Akin said that even though the position is a contractual one, council members acted to protect the different candidates' privacy.

"Essentially the city argued FOIA permits a public body to go in executive session to discuss a citizen applicant for a job," he said. "And even though the A.G. decided that Mr. Maxwell is simply acting in a contractor role, the council thought that these were personal services that he was offering and that FOIA, in spirit and letter, allows a public body to conduct personnel interview in an executive session to protect his privacy rights."

As of publication, the city council had not released its intentions on how to rectify the situation, but a decision is expected

Christina revising code of conduct

BV MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

the information age has overtaken and passed the code of conduct rules in the Christina School District. "Electronic devices have become a chronic problem in the high schools," said David Sundstrom, assistant superinten-dent and chief of staff. "We need to clarify the rules and we are also adding substantive provi-

Sundstrom and Dr. Freeman Williams, director of school operations K-12, told the school board that the variety of prohibited electronic devices is growing every day. The current code needs to be updated to include the newer possibilities, such as laser pointers and IPODS. "My daughter brought home a pen that gives you an electric shock," commented boardmember Cecilia A. Scherer. "Would that be included under the new

Freeman assured Scherer that a pen of that type is a prohibited device but said he has not seen one, yet. "I have it now," said Scherer. "Someone at school handed it to my daughter. I'll give it to you.'

In addition to electronics, the

district is also clarifying the code of conduct for a range of other prohibited activities.

"If we're going to say certain devices cannot be used (or certain actions prohibited) in schools between 7:15 in the morning and 2:10 in the afternoon," explained Freeman, "the code must be clear on that."

These revisions include: academic cheating; disruptive behavior, gambling; threatening behavior to a student; breaking and entering; bullying; criminal mischief, fighting; forgery; inappropriate sexual behavior; offensive touching, reckless driving, sexual harassment; smoking and/or possession of tobacco or tobacco products; theft; possession or transfer of stolen goods; threatening behavior to staff; trespassing; use and/or possession of drugs and/or tobacco and or paraphernalia; arson, assault on staff, distribution of drugs and/or tobacco and or paraphernalia; false fire alarm or tampering with any fire safety device; offensive touching to staff; rape or attempted rape; robbery or extorting; terroristic threatening; possession, and concealment or sale of weapons.

School administrators are also spelling out the levels of punishment, such as suspensions and expulsions, and procedures to be followed. "I'm concerned about the current level of suspensions and expulsions in the district, said boardmember George E. Evans. "It seems high to me.

School superintendent Joseph Wise said the district is revising the code of conduct for that very reason. "Christina's rate of suspensions is not as high as some districts," Wise told the board. "Charlotte's (North Carolina) rate of one-time suspensions for students is two times the nation-

In the Christina District, 14 percent of students have been suspended one time while the national average is 8 percent, according to Wise. "We can't afford zero tolerance (of prohibited behaviors) without clear guidelines, so that is the reason for the revisions," Wise said.

The District's hope is that parents and students will take time to review the revised and updated Student Code of Conduct, thus reducing the number of suspensions and expulsions. "We can use the summer 'home visits' for another chance to tell parents about code changes," suggested Scherer.

The school board will vote on the revisions in August so that the new code provisions will be in effect when the new school

year begins.



In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

NOTE PAD

Summer reading

The sixth list of the Superintendent's Book Club for families in Christina School District promises cool fun on summer afternoons. It's "A Summer Full of Reading Fun" with a diverse group of authors and illustrators and something for every age group and reading level. Possibilities to fill lazy, hazy days include "38 Ways to Entertain Your Parents on Summer Vacations," "Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916," and "Postcards From No Man's Land." Many more entertaining and thought-provoking books are on the list at www. christina.k12.de.us/.

Very special opinions

The Christina District Special Education Review Panel is urging everyone in the community to contribute to their study of the district's programs for disabled students. You don't have to be a teacher or parent of a student with special needs to be involved in this study. Through Monday, June 27, anyone can give their opinon the panel's findings to date by calling toll-free at any time to 1-877-468-0585, ext. 2600, to answer a short questionnaire. The answers to the questionnaire and info collected at focus group activities this summer will be presented to the Christina District School Board at a regular meeting in August For more information, call 552-2610.

Parents and schools

The National PTA has dozens of ways to get involved in children's education. Not all of them mean you have to go to the school or talk to a teacher. Becoming active with groups such as YMCA and Boy and Girl Scouts is a fun way to contribute to the education of students throughout your neighborhood.

Gardening and reading in principal's future

Substitute teaching will keep his 'kid fix' going

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

hen Charles Haywood retires as principal at McClary Elementary School this month, he leaves an education career spanning four decades and two countries. Born in Niagara Falls, Canada, Haywood taught in Canadian schools for nine years before coming to the United States when he was 27. "Why Delaware?" said Haywood with a smile. "That's where my wife's family is."

Arriving in New Castle County, Haywood first taught at Central Middle School in the former Newark School District and then at the Mary C.I. Williams School in Wilmington. Those schools no longer exist,' Haywood said. "I also taught at Bancroft [Elementary School] for seven years.

During his time at Wilson Elementary School in Newark, he was named acting principal and later became assistant principal of McVey Elementary School. 'I was principal at Downes Elementary School for 16 years before coming to McClary about year-and-a-half ago,"

Haywood. While at Downes, Haywood received a Board of Education Honor Roll Certificate for his school achieving national recognition as an Exemplary HOSTSLink Language Program in 2002-2003.

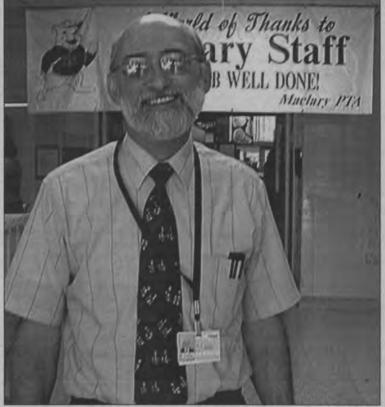
Haywood looked slightly incredulous when asked about his reasons for retirement. "I've been an educator for 42 years," he said. "I'm looking forward to doing something different. I want to spend more time with my family, get to know my wife again, and do gardening and reading. I haven't read a book [for personal reasons] since last summer."

Haywood adds. "My dad never

made it to retirement, so I want to do that.

McClary currently has 507 children in preschool to 5th grade with a staff of 60 teachers. "Besides the children, I have to say that I'll miss the people the most – all the way around," Haywood said. "I'll miss the enthusiasm you find in schools. I've met some great people, and that includes teachers, administrators and parents. This is a people business and you wouldn't get into it if you weren't a people

Haywood is proud that many



Charles Haywood is retiring on a high note after 17 years as principal of award-winning schools in the Christina School District.

teachers and parents come back to visit. "I had a former teacher who came back last week," he said. "I often meet teachers and

parents that I taught, I've had a long relationship with all those

The biggest change Haywood sees in education since he started out in 1963 is the focus on the needs of individual students. "Today we challenge the student no matter what needs they have,' he said. "If they're behind, we try to accelerate them and not just let them continue as they are. They are integrated into the curriculum and not off by themselves in special classes. The other students see them as part of the whole school and that's good because they will meet many different

they will meet many different kinds of people over a lifetime."

As a legacy, Haywood hopes he "made a difference" in the lives of the students he has met. "It sounds trite, but I've met thousands of children and I want to think I helped some of them."

While not planning to teach again anytime soon, Haywood admits that he's willing to come back to fill in for educators on leave or for other reasons as needed. "That way, I'll keep my "kid fix" going," he said. "I'll really miss the kids."

Haywood and his wife, a part-time hospice nurse, raised a daugh-ter and two sons in Delaware and now have three grandchildren. "I brought my grandson to preschool [at McClary] this morning," he said happily.

Taking Time for Herself

Brookside principal leaves teaching but not learning

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The determination that Marlene James used to succeed as an educator is immediately apparent as she talks about retiring. "I'm a profes sional nurturer," said the outgoing principal of Brookside Elementary School in Newark. "I've worked 41 years and loved every minute of it, but it's time to devote time to myself.

James moved to Delaware in the 1960's and was the first black teacher in the former Alexis Dupont School District in the Hockessin area. She came to the Christina School District in 1981 and has been at Brookside for 19 years.

James has seen many changes in her four decades of teaching. "When I first started, I taught at an inner-city school in Chicago," she explained. "I had 41 first-graders. Today, 22 in a class is typical and much more reasonable. You couldn't even begin to teach 41 students in a class today with all their different needs.



James believes that the majority of today's elementary students need a much more structured learning environment. "The lower teacherto-student ratio helps that," she said. "No matter what community the school is in, the needs are the same and have to be addressed with

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PTA honors Newark grandmother with 'highest award'

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Once upon a time, Marilyn Rosenberg noticed how many children were in her granddaughter's class at McVey Elementary School and offered to help. That was 13 years ago and Rosenberg has been volunteering at McVey ever since. The past 10 years were devoted to helping kindergartners learn to read and write on Tuesday afternoons.

At this year's graduating ceremony for the children, the McVey PTA honored Rosenberg with a National PTA Life Achievement Award, the highest award that a PTA can bestow. "This Award is an especially significant way to honor people who have given outstanding service demonstrating they

cared for young people," said McVey PTA president Lisa Reed. "'Mom-Mom' Rosenberg continues to provide our children with a safe and enriching environment in which to learn and grow.'

Unaware of the honor to come, Rosenberg was on hand before the event to help teachers and students. As the children lined up with glowing electric candles in the hallway, Rosenberg kindly agreed to a photo op for the local newspaper's coverage of the children's graduation. "Where do you want she said, gathering several children into the kindergarten room. Rosenberg and the teachers thanked the reporter - the teachers with looks of delight in their secret.

Reed said working with young children has been Rosenberg's passion, contrib-

uting to stints teaching at a Montessori school and in a Mother's Day Out program, among others. "When there was a need at Temple Beth El for a kindergarten Bible teacher, she stepped in and served there for more than 10 years," said Reed. "She also had a dance school in her home for over 10 years and taught young girls in her neighborhood how to move with confidence and grace,

The National award has been given since 1899, just two years after the founding of the National PTA. The McVey PTA in Newark currently has 233 members. A non-profit association of parents, educators, students mad other citizens, the National PTA is the largest child advocacy organization in the United States.



As she has for the past 10 years, school volunteer Marilyn "Mom-Mom" Rosenberg was on hand to help out at McVey Elementary School - this time with the end-of-the year kindergarten program.

'A lucky little school'

▶ JAMES, from 4

research-founded principles and strategies. Also, school counselors are needed, now, which we didn't have when I started out.

Brookside was a "post-World War II" community and James said the currently K-5 school has always had a large population of walking students. "We've been a lucky little school," she said. "Many of our students grew up and stayed in the immediate vicinity. We're teaching children of children of children who were students here when I first came. When I think about retiring, it's the children that I will miss.

James will also miss the challenges of teaching. "I was a teacher and then a teacher of teachers, which is just as excit-ing," she said. "We call this a community of learners ents, teachers and children. I

will really miss that."

James holds a masters degree from the University of Delaware but as a career administrator, she has spent countless more hours attending workshops and conferences in her field. "You have to keep yourself informed about current practices and research to bring your staff along," she said.

And a lifetime of learning is not so easily left behind. "I'm interested in the Academy of Lifelong Learning," James said. "They have many courses for older adults and even mix travel with education.

James first travel after leaving the district on June 30 will be a cruise to the Caribbean in November. "One of the stops is Barbados where my grandfather was born, so I'm very interested in seeing that," she

The daughter of a medical archives librarian, James' family history has been a major influence in her career and life. "My grandmother and two aunts were teachers," she said. "I decided I wanted to be a teacher when I was in the eighth grade.

She adds. "I have a great-uncle who graduated from Harvard University as a civil engineer and built "water cribs" in Chicago and Barbados." Another uncle grad-uated from Howard University and became a dentist, while an aunt is a well-regarded artist.

Her immediate family includes two sons, a daughter and grandchildren. "So, I'll still be surrounded by little

ones," James said.

Marilyn Gwaltney, her successor at Brookside, is a teacher James hired and worked with at Brookside for 15 years. "I've mentored I don't know how many teachers," James said.
"I've loved being able to help teachers and administrators develop.

Not surprisingly, James future plans also include tutoring and mentoring. "But, this will be on my terms," she said. "I'll do it when I want to do

And James also looks forward to more personal time to just recreate. She's installing a pool at the home she shares with a 13-year-old grandson in Hockessin. "I jokingly call it Club Teal because that's the name of my street and it will be my permanent getaway,'

BRIEFLY

Discover Card scholarships announced

iscover Card awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to high school juniors as part of the Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship program. This is the 14th year for the program.
This year's winners were

selected from a pool of more than 4,500 applicants. While students must maintain a minimum of 2.75 GPA to quality, they must also demonstrate accomplishments in three areas, including special talentes, leadership and community service, while successfully overcoming a roadblock or challenge

Two of the nine \$2,500 state scholarships received by Delaware students were presented to Newark residents Jordan Wescott (Caravel Academy) and Michael O'Day (Cab Michael Calloway).

NHS Alumni awards scholarships

The Newark School Alumni Association awarded two scholar-ships to seniors from the class of 2005. Jenna Leigh Morris won the NHS Alumni Scholarship and Christopher Clarke the Anne Richards Maclary Munyan Scholarship.





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EDITORIAL

Do Our Schools Suffer From an Excess of Excellence?

By SILVIO LACCETTI

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

The college year has drawn to a close

with high school right behind.

Tests are taken, papers submitted and final grades are reported. As has been the case for many years now, 40-50 percent of the grades will be in the A range. Excellent — or maybe not. So many A's are the result of grade inflation, and all is not well in the academic universe.

Just a few examples serve to define the problem. According to news reports, in one of my state's best high schools, 48 percent of final grades given last year to juniors were A's. At another top northern New Jersey high school, a straight B average resulted in a class ranking of 194 out of 225. According to a recent UCLA survey, 47.5 percent of all college freshmen had an A average while they were in high school. (In 1968, that percentage was just 17.6)

In contrast, SAT scores have bounced around in a very narrow range from 1976 to 2002. Verbal scores averaged 514 in 1976 and 506 in 2002; math scores came in at 507 and 516 for these years. As the frosh say, "What's up with that, anyway?"

Well, here's what's up. In determining excellence, our educational system has devolved from a holistic-organic view to a mechanistic one. In the ancient past before the early 1980's — excellence was special: it stood out and it stood apart. Its attributes included, among others, uncompromised high quality, clarity, power, efficiency and — especially — grace. Excellence is always pleasing to the mind's eye.

When students would ask me how to get an A, I would reply, "Submit — level A work."

Nowadays, excellence is broken down into various components. Each is given a weighted value and all are somehow combined into a finished piece. For example, many classes assign a percentage of the grade, perhaps 10-20 percent, for class participation. What this usually does is to impede learning because students are forced to make inane points just to get credit. In high school, because of different schemes and weights, excellence can turn out to be a grade point average of 5.2 on a scale of 4.0.

At the end of each semester, I am faced with the sometimes daunting task of determining final grades. I can remember very well the time I came face

to face with the issue of grade inflation. It was in 1992 when a bright student asked me to reconsider his final grade. He had received a B, but was hoping for an A.

Now in those dark days, my school issued only simple letter grades without a plus or a minus distinction. The student had an average of 88.86, close to an A-, but not an A. The student was one in a freshman class of 22. In studying the matter, I was uneasy at noting that only 1 student in 22 had obtained an A, but I wasn't moved — yet.

Then I looked at the grade postings of my colleagues. To my horror, I found that other instructors with classes ranging from 15 to 22 students were giving five, six, and even seven A grades in a class. Holy Cow! I quickly began formulating arguments in favor of changing the student's grade. Corporations considered GPA in their hiring; graduate schools and professional schools like law, medicine, and dentistry were very competitive and each grade counted toward admission. Our own awards for graduates were determined by GPA. By being such a hard grader I might be hurting my students' life opportunities.

The arguments were just, and compelling, but I knew they were irrelevant. I had suddenly and very belatedly come face to face with grade inflation. I changed the grade to an A.

Fortunately, my school has since instituted plus and minus grades, but we are still much behind other prestige colleges and universities whose average grade is about a 3.45 out of 4.0. Our average GPA is about 3.1.

This semester, I can report that in a group of 26 students, there were two A's and three A- grades. This is still not in line with current grade inflation, but I believe my assessment to be accurate and fair. But wait. There was this one student who had an 88.5. I have calculated his grade using lots of "methods" including class participation, which was brilliant for the first half and mediocre for the second. What grade should Eric get?

Do our schools suffer from an excess of excellence?

Make no mistake. America needs excellence; it doesn't need grade inflation.

Silvio Laccetti, a life-long area resident and professor at a nearby college, can be reached by email at slaccett@stevens. edu

OUT OF THE ATTIC



This photograph includes the 1926-27 Newark High School State Champion girls basketball team. Seated in the front center holding the championship ball is Miss Ann Chalmers, who donated it to the collection of the Newark Historical Society.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

June 26, 1930

Funds sought for campaign

The Anti-Saloon League of Delaware is in the midst of a campaign to raise funds for the support of that organization in the coming campaign. Letters soliciting funds have been sent to persons in all parts of the state.

The letters are signed by I. Elmer Perry, president of the organization and Rev. Roscoe W. Vining, the new executive secretary. The letters indicate that the need of funds immediately is very imperative.

Judge Morris retires

Judge Hugh M.
Morris, who is retiring as president of the United States District Court for Delaware, June 30, Monday night presided

over his last naturalization ceremony, and heard eulogies tendered him by an assemblage of men distinguished in the public eye.

The judge listened to praises tendered him in his usual genial manner which marked him as one of the outstanding jurists in government service. He responded by praising the people with whom he was closely associated during his term in office.



"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.

June 25, 1980

Ogletown odor studied

Spokesman Bill
Lawrence of the state
Environmental Control
office in Dover said
Tuesday that the "rotten
eggs" smell permeating
the Ogletown area has not
been identified.

But, he added, the office expects to be able to solve the puzzlement by today.

The pungent odor which drifted into Ogletown around 4 p.m. Monday afternoon has some residents up in arms.

School district to split

A plan to divide the New Castle County school district into several smaller, more manageable districts has been approved by both the Senate and the

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THE STATE STATE

Screenings start next week

Newark residents can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke next week. Life Line Screening will be at the White Clay Presbyterian Church on June 30. The site is located at 15 Polly Drummond Hill Road in Newark. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

A stroke is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced. Screenings are fast, painless and low cost.

They involved the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries.

There will also be a bone density screening for both men and women to assess their risk for osteoporosis.

Each screening requires ten minutes or less to complete. A full vascular screening package starts at \$109.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule and appointment, call 1-800-697-97212. Pre-registration is required.

Best Wishes Robin

To: The Editor From: Denise Schwartz

Broomall for all that she has done for us and the school district. Robin was just a phone call away and I could always depend on her to come over to cover a story or take a picture or two of something happening at the school. All of us at Downes will truly miss seeing her smiling face and positive attitude for the coming year. Best wishes to her and tell her not to forget her friends at Downes.

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.



Austin finishes apprentice school

Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. William H. Austin has graduated from the Aeromedical Apprentice Course at the School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks City-Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Graduates were trained in aerospace physiology, emergency treatment procedures, and medicine necessary for the care of airborne personnel.

He is the son of Elaine and Lindsey Saunders of S. Dillwyn Road, Newark.

His wife, Janet, is the daughter of Elizabeth Dann of Morganton, N.C.

The sergeant is a 1979 graduate of Delcastle Technical High School.

Martin finishes Basic

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Porshia M. Martin has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree



through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Mary and Calvin Mintz of Portside Court, Bear.

Martin is a 2004 graduate of William Penn High School, New Castle.

Glasgow grad finishes at Naval Academy

Navy Ensign Graig T. Diefenderfer, a 2001 graduate of Glasgow High School, Newark, recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and was commissioned to his current rank in the United States Navy.

Diefenderfer successfully completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional training, resulting in a bachelor of science degree with a major in Electrical Engineering. As a graduate of the Naval Academy, Diefenderfer completed a four-year, total-immersion program where a strong, balanced academic program focused on the educational needs of the Navy and Marine Corps, is superimposed on a strict, professional military training environment emphasizing the development of leadership skills.

Considered one of the top institutions in the country, the U.S. Naval Academy was founded in 1845. The Naval Academy has graduated more than 60,000 men and women. Its graduates have included 4, 000 admirals and generals, one president, 200 members of Congress, three governors, 73 Medal of Honor winners, one Nobel Prize winner and 40 astronauts.

The Naval Academy currently has more than 4,000 students who comprise the Brigade of Midshipmen, and who come from every state in the union.

Local woman reports to duty at naval hospital

Navy Hospitalman Laura J. Hernandez, daughter of Maria B. Rivera and Pascual Hernandez of New Castle, Del., recently reported for duty at Naval Hospital, Lemoore, Calif.

Hernandez is a 1999 graduate of William Penn High School of New Castle.

NCCO gets charged, Train station gets new tenant

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House of Representatives.
Still remaining is the bill's passage into law, which will occur if it is signed by Gov.
Pierre S. du Pont IV.

The bill doesn't specify the number of new districts that will be formed but it is likely that only four would be created, with those following the boundaries of the four present attendance areas.

Fiscal policies attacked

The New Castle County school administration has been charged with financial management by a citizen's advisory committee and malfeasance by at least one state legislator.

R. Wayne Ashbee and Ralph C. Schreyer of the citizen's committee told the Senate Education Committee last week that the district faces long-range financial problems despite its new budget cut of \$7 million.

June 23, 2000

History rests easy

The old Newark Train Station

will remain the storage site of Newark Historical Society holdings for another eight years.

Newark City Council approved a new agreement permitting the society to continue using space on the first and second floors of the station for storage, an office, or related activities.

According to Robert Thomas, president of the society, the group has been using this space since April 1989 when they first formed.

Transportation issues discussed

Delaware Department of Transportation Secretary Anne Canby attended a city council workshop to present an area update on traffic issues this week.

New as well as revisited issues included bike and pedestrian opportunities, Newarkarea transit, the Integrated Transportation Management System (ITMS) signals, the Deer Park intersection, and the freight and goods movement study.

"Our work is never done in the transportation area," Canby said.

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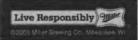
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OUTLOOK

Practice Sun Safety

By KATIE DALY

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Ahh, summertime ... schools out in Newark as families embark on long, sun-filled days together doing fun outdoor activities. Everyone is eager to get outside for a dip in the pool, to play ball, ride bicycles, or take the dog for a walk around the block. These activities get you out where you can bask in that nice, warm sunshine. But the question is: are you soaking up more sunbeams than are good for you?
UV-B

rays from the sun are more intense during the summer months, exposing you to damaging sun levels. If you're not sun smart, you could

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

end up with painful sunburn on unprotected skin-the last souvenir anyone needs as a reminder of an otherwise great day. Painful though it is, sunburn can lead to even worse problems; severe exposure to the sun can lead to a malignancy-including melanomaa very serious, aggressive form of skin cancer.

You can decrease your chances of getting skin cancers from sunburn. Start sun protection early. Studies have shown that you can decrease your risk of getting certain types of skin cancer by up to 78 percent if you take the precautions necessary to protect your skin during the first 18 years of life. These sun safety recommendations are:

* Wear sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. The SPF number means that it will take you 10x's that long before you will begin to

* Keep in mind that water reflects the sun's rays back onto you, so wear a stronger SPF when you are swimming, boating or playing ocean waves.

* Remember UV-B rays are

strongest when the sun is at its

resent Delaware.
"I found the contest in one

But with a little experimentation, that quickly changed. She reduced the original onehalf teaspoon of brown sugar, salt and pepper to one-quarter teaspoon. Then, she added just a dash of chicken broth. At least six attempts later, Collison had it down.

She also had a patient husband.

"I think he got tired of eating it after a while," she says. "He was so gracious about it. The tion, That ingenuity is a conspice combination just wasn't stant ingredient in Collison's



By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Newark's Sharon Collison, cooking is an art. Her stove is her wellloved brush and spices are her paints. Like Michaelangelo perfecting his color palette, Collison carefully blends ginger, balsalmic vinegar and scallions to color her canvas. It is there, in her kitchen, where her talent comes alive.

Collison has always loved cooking, especially when she has time to create the perfect recipe. That's why it's no surprise that she has, for the second time in a row, won the honor of representing Delaware cooks in The Chicken Cookbook. Every other year, the National Chicken Council and the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association hosts a nation-wide cook off. Chefs from each of the 50 states submit their favorite dish, and the best from each state is chosen. Each prized meal gets a page in The Chicken Cookbook. This year, it's Collison's Orange-Balsamic glazed chicken breasts that rep-

of my professional journals," Collison, a dietician, says. "I thought, 'Well, that looks neat.' And Delaware is small, so I thought I had a pretty good chance.

So she tinkered away. It began as a hodgepodge mix of spices, a bit too snappy for the tongue. "The first time it was just overwhelming," she said. 'It was just too intense."

would just say, 'OK.'"
The creative chef's children weren't big fans of the dish, either. Their tastes are for the simple - which is not to be confused for the mundane. But Collison has an answer for that, too. Instead of trying to force her kids to eat their veggies, she just disguises them. A banana becomes a catepillar

one of his favorites, but every

time I told him that we were

having it for dinner again, he

with a little peanut butter, some

raisins and artistic imagina-

recipes. It's the one thing that she recommends to all cooks, from the novices to the wellseasoned. "Don't be afraid to try things

if you have an idea," she says. "Don't be afraid to try putting things together. You're not going to get the perfect recipe first time, but you don't have anything to lose."

The Chicken Cookbook can be ordered for \$2.95 by sending a check with name and complete mailing address to:

Chicken Cookbook Department NCC, Box 307, Coventry CT 06238 215 38



Newark's Sharon Collison is no chicken, but she does love to cook it. Her recipes using the bird have won her two different awards. Her now-famous chicken recipes are available in The Chicken Cookbook.

Orange-Balsamic Glazed Chicken Breasts

4 boneless, skinless chieck breast halves 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar 1/4 cup orange juice 1/4 cup chicken broth 1/4 cup dark brown sugar, packed 1 teaspoon chopped garlic 3/4 teaspoon minced fresh ginger 1/4 teaspoon pepper 1/4 teaspoon salt 2 teaspoons cornstarch 1 tablespoon water 2 cans (11 oz. each) mandarin oranges, drained 2 bags boil-in-bag rice 1/2 bunch scallions, green parts only, chopped

Pound chicken into even thickness and cut into 1-inch strips. In saute pan sprayed with cooking spray, place chicken over medium heat and cook until no longer pink inside, about 8 minutes. In medium bowl, whisk transfer vinegar organge. together vinegar, orange juice, chicken broth, brown sugar, garlic, gin-ger, pepper and salt. Add mixture to chicken and bring to a simmer. In small bowl, mix together corn-starch and water and add to pan, stirring until glaze thickens. Add mandarin oranges and stir gently. Prepare rice according to package directions and place on serving platter. Top with chicken, oranges and sauce. Garnish with scallions. Makes four servings

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DNP packs a punch

Volunteers surprised by awards

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Andy Haines wasn't expecting anything special at the annual Downtown Newark Partnership dinner. Neither was Wendy Mitchell. Or Ann Munion. Or Eric Nelson. Boy, were they surprised. The annual DNP fundraising

The annual DNP fundraising event is a chance for the group to take a minute and review their progress. It's also an opportunity to thank the group's four most dedicated volunteers - each from a different area of Newark

- for their hard work. Haines, Mitchell, Munion and Nelson were the lucky four.

The four volunteers represented the four major areas that the DNP works with - the business sector, the community, the university and the city.

university and the city.

Mitchell, the former store manager at Main Street's You've Been Framed was the honoree from the business community.

"Wendy has been a very active member," Carl Luft, city manager, explained. "She has been chosen for this award not

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The summer sun means skin care for everyone

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highest point in the sky, which is typically between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

* Don't let down your guard on overcast days. Eighty percent of the sun's rays can penetrate through the clouds.

* Wear a hat and sunglasses in addition to sunscreen, and take cover under an umbrella or a shade tree when taking a break on a sunny day

With kids spending 3 times as much time in the sun as adults, educate your children about sun safety. Insist they use sunscreen and protective covering. While you can prevent the chances of skin cancer early in life, it takes only one severe sunburn by the age of 15 to double the risk of getting skin cancer.

So slather on the sunscreen, and enjoy the summertime sun-the smart way-with sun safety in mind.

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FRIDAY

CONCERT 7 p.m. Peter Ford and the New Horizons Band will perform. Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Loudis Recital Hall, Amstel Avenue and

BINGO 5 p.m. doors open. 6:55 p.m. games begin. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Mill Creek Fire Company sponsoring event. \$20 for 20 games. Mill Creek Fire Company, 3900 Kirkwood Hwy. Info., 998-9685.

LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. Lunchbox, a acoustic

blues band, will perform. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or visit www.homegrowncafe.

SQUARE DANCE 8 - 10:30 p.m. 2x4 Square Dance Club will hold a mainstream level dance. \$6, free to new students. St. Marks United Methodist Church, 1700 Limestone Rd. Info., 738-5382.

ART GALLERY 5 - 7 p.m. Runs through June 30. Frances Hart's water color paintings will be on display. Caffe Gelato, 90 E. Main St. Info., 738-5811.

ANIMAL SCULPTURE IN THE FOLK TRADITION 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. An exhibit of folk art and sculptures. \$8 adults. \$5 seniors, students, children 6-12. Free for members and children under 6. Brandywine River Museum, Route 1, Chadds Ford. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTION 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs through Sept. 5. An exhibit that celebrates a collection of American literature. \$8 adults. \$5 seniors, students, children 6-12. Free for members and children under 6. Brandywine River Museum, Route 1, Chadds Ford. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org.

■ SATURDAY, JUNE 25

LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. Bruce Anthony, a local jazz favorite, will perform. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or visit www.homegrowncafe.com.



SOULFUL

Flutar, a duo combining classical flute and guitar, will take the **Longwood Gardens** stage on Saturday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m. After the show, enjoy the sparkling fountain illumination displays that Longwood is famous for, which begin at 9:15 p.m. For more information, call 610-388-1000.

LOIS YOUNG SHOW 10:30 a.m. The theme for this show is "Zoo Parade!" Children should dress up as a favorite zoo animal, or wear stripes, polka dots or a favorite color. Bring a stuffed animal as well. \$6. The New Century Club of Newark, Delaware Avenue and Haines Street. Info., 456-9227 or

BIRDS & BREAKFAST Birding at 8 a.m. Breakfast 10 a.m. Special Family Birding from 8 - 9 a.m. Join us for an early morning hike through the park in search of some of the spring arrivals. Breakfast will be served after the hike. Pre-registration is required. \$6 for adults. \$3 for children under 12. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

■ SUNDAY, JUNE 26

MUSEUM REOPENING 12 - 4 p.m. The Delaware Art Museum will unveil its renovation and expansion. Free. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Info., 571-9590 or visit www.delart.org.

BIRDING THE BRANDYWINE 8 a.m. Journey down the creek spotting Ospreys, Kingfishers, and Great Blue Herons. Bring your binoculars. \$16. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

■ MONDAY, JUNE 27

CINDERELLA CAMP 9 a.m. - noon. Available through July 1. The Mid-Atlantic Ballet will offer half-day camps for children, ages 4-5. Activities include two pre-ballet classes per day, plus costuming, crafts, music and. No previous experience is necessary, \$100. Info., 266-6362.

■ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 6:30 - 8 p.m. Series runs through August 31. Heavenly Hash will perform rock and roll. Carpenter Recreation Center, White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info., 368-

INCREDIBLE INSECTS Discover the wonderful insects that live in our meadows. \$2. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

■ THURSDAY, JUNE 30

MUSIC ON MAIN IN ELKTON 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Runs till September 15. The Witchdoctors, a blues group. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a evening of great entertainment. Food available. Elkton Chamber and Alliance, Main and North Streets, Elkton. Info., 410-398-5076.

MEETINGS

■ FRIDAY, JUNE 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. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

■ SATURDAY, JUNE 25

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. \$5 donation goes to missions. Greater Grace Church, 750 Otts Chapel Rd.

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

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

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

■ MONDAY, JUNE 27

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members,

meeting locations provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740.

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

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

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

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

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, S. College Avenue. Info., 368-2318.

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

SWEET ADELINES 8 - 10 p.m. Singing group. Listeners and new members welcome. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 731-5981.

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

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

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

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

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

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p.m. Parents meet. Group also holds activities for homeschool families. Kirkwood Library. Info., 322-5950.

■ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ THURSDAY, JUNE 30

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

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

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

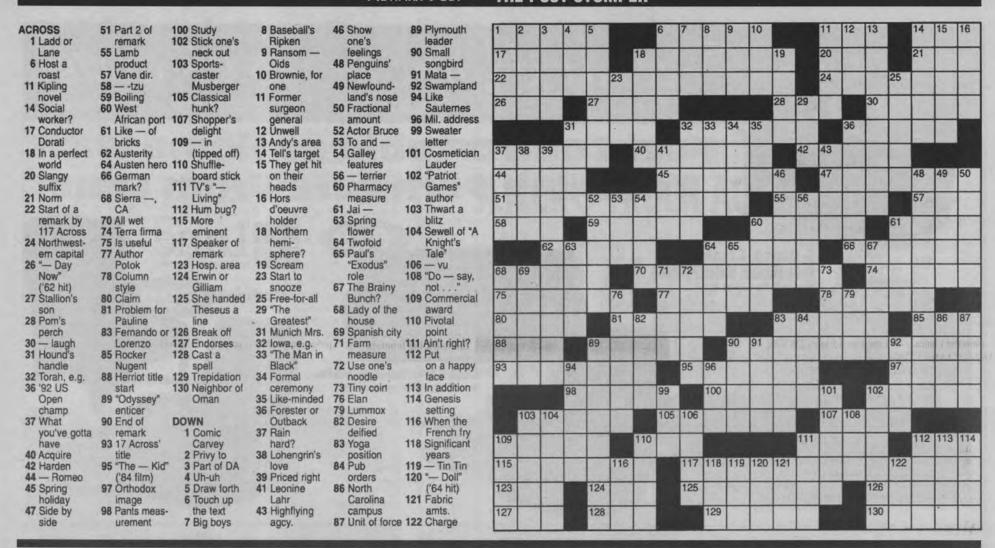
BLUEGRASS/OLDTIME JAM 7:30 - 10 p.m. Any skill level welcome. Bring your own instrument. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Avenue.

737-2336.

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

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

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Newark campers get a boost from Rotary

The Christiana Rotary will sponsor campers from the area to attend Summer Camp at Camp Holiday Trails this summer. Camp Holiday Trails offers active3 year-round programming for children with chronic illnesses and special medical needs that prevent them from attending other camps. Under supervision of CHT's medical staff, campers engage in a variety of traditional camp activities such as archery, crafts, drama, swimming, canoeing and games that

build self confidence.

Former Christiana Rotary President Steve Dwberry said, "Through participation in these activities, campers are reminded that at the heart of it all, their arthritis, asthma, IV chemotherapy, cystic fibrosis or visual impairment does not define them.

Applications are being accepted for session one, June 26 - July 8 and session two, July 10 - July 22. For more information, call 995-9550.

Newark resident honored

who recently retired as Salem Community Colleges evening coordinator, received honorary membership in the College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges. The Newark resident was honored during the society's induction ceremony last month.

"For years, Chisholm assisted the chapter in setting up for activities and events," said Katherine Scottollio, the chapters vice president of fellowship for fall 2004, in announcing the honor. "Besides his regular duties on campus, he always instinctively knew what needed to be done and jumped in to assist without even being asked."

During an event, he was wonderful college ambassador greeting and directing people at the door, and assisting with parking. Scottollio also pointed



Chisholm came to Salem

Community College in 1992 after a career as a police officer with the Philadelphia Police Department and with the University of Delaware Public Safety unit. As SCCs evening coordinator, he was the eyes and ears of the college during night classes and special events to help ensure a safe and welcoming college environment. In spring 1996, Chisholm was recognized as Employee of the Semester for going the extra mile to make Salem Community College a better place.

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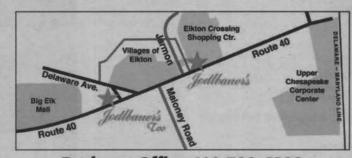
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4-H Legislative Day

By R. BRECK WIEDENMANN

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Tuesday, June 14, 2005 more than 150 4-H'ers, parents and teachers participated in the first ever Delaware 4-H Legislative Day at Legislative Hall in Dover, Delaware. The 4-H'ers got a chance to see first hand Delaware's government in action as the controversial issue of stem cell research was put before the legislature. The Stem Cell bill was rejected after more than three hours of debate.

Throughout the course of the day, participants toured Legislative Hall, listened to Senator Gary Simpson speak and meet with their respective representatives and senators from their districts. Fighting the heat

side of Legislative Hall in which Governor Ruth Ann Minner spoke before the crowd. The day concluded with 4-H'ers peeking in at the House and Senate's chambers. 4-H'ers Jennifer Crouse and Justin Pink spoke before the House and Senate respectively, shedding new light on 4-H in a positive attempt to bring awareness to 4-H.

The first ever Delaware 4-H Legislative Day was created from the ideas of 4-H'ers Justin Pink, Angie Tinsman, Wendee Killmon and Dustin Borntreger after they represented Delaware at the 2004 National 4-H Congress. The day was meant for 4-H'ers to witness their government in action, to speak with their representatives and to spread and promote 4-H throughout the state of Delaware.



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Newark-area students named to the Dean's List for the spring 2005

Several Newark-area students were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2005 semester. They are:

·Amanda Bell, Millersville University in Pennsylvania.

•William Nelson and Kevin Wargo, both at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

•Jamie Dispenziere, The Savannah College of Art and

·Alison W. Hoover, Morgan A. Johnson and Jamison B. Wolf, all at Bucknell University.

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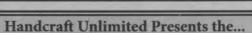
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Sports

Blue-Gold dream becomes reality

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A dream that became a reality, has reached a milestone anniversary. The Blue-Gold All*Star football game is now fifty years old. The first game was played in 1956 thanks to the vision of Bob Carpenter and Jim Williams. Carpenter is the former owner of the Philadelphia Phillies. His son Ruly, played in the first game. Williams son, Pat, also participated, and has been involved in professional basketball for many

Both families have made significant contributions to professional and amateur sports in the area for many decades.

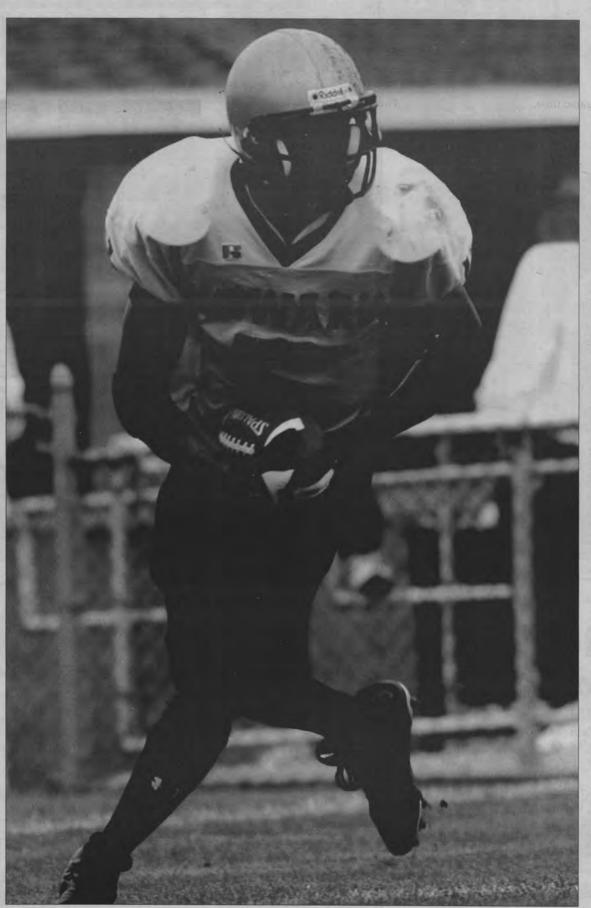
This year's game will be played Saturday evening at the University of Delaware Stadium. Gates will open at 4 p.m., with pre-game activities taking place until the 7 pm kickoff.
The game itself, features

about seventy of the state's top senior football players, with the Blue team having members primarily from Wilmington and northern New Castle County Schools.

The Gold squad features teams from the Christina School District and from Kent and Sussex Counties. A number of participants from the first game are expected to attend this year's game. Proceeds from Saturday's game will benefit the DFRC. The Foundation's mission is to enrich the lives of Delawareans with cognitive disabilities. The DFRC's Vision Statement states the Foundation is dedicated to "raising funds and consciousness, through quality events to support enrichment programs so that all Delawareans with cognitive disabilities maximize their potential, independ-

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Blue-Gold stars to shine



Newark's Sam Cotton will help lead the Gold team in Saturday night's Blue-Gold Alf-Star football game.

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

All-Star game Saturday night at Delaware Stadium

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Newark will be well represented in Saturday's 50th Annual Blue-Gold All-Star Football Game at the University of Delaware.

Pregame activities begin at 6 p.m., and kickoff is set for 7 p.m. The Yellowjackets will have five players on the Gold squad including All-Staters Sam Cotton and Jon Senkus, as well as Austin Becker, Lewis Carter and Glasgow will be represented by Bryan Taylor, and Jayson Powell was selected from Christiana. The Gold is coached this year by Ed Manlove from Laurel. His Clarence Giles (Laurel), Mike Tkach, (Milford) and Sean Brennan from Cape Henlopen. Cotton said he looks forward to playing with a load of talented players from New Castle County. "I thank God for giving me some talent to play this game, and I'm thankful for my coaches and career at Newark High." Senkus said he's very excited to play with athletes he's been banging heads with over the last few years. "There's a lot of talent on this team, so it should be a lot of fun out there for our last game on the high school level," said Senkus, who's heading to Wesley College in Dover in September.

The other three Jackets expressed their excitement about playing in this prestigious game, as well as playing with an entire squad of very skilled players. "It's an honor just to be selected for the team, and I hope I can do a good job for my team on Saturday," said Over the years, the All-Star game has raised thousands of dollars for Delawareans with cognitive disabilities, and this year's contest is no exception.
DFRC executive Director Tony Glenn said steps have been taken to correct last year's post-game incident. "This year everyone involved in the game has been

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Bedford resigns as Newark High baseball coach

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Newark's baseball program will be looking for a new leader next season, and that person will have a tough act to follow. Coach Curt Bedford announced his resignation from the position at the end of the just-concluded high school baseball season. Bedford is leaving the coaching ranks, but is not leaving education. He will become a vice-principle in the Christina school district, effective in September. Bedford's last game with Newark was May 27th, a 4-0 loss to Salesianum in the state quarterfinals. The Jackets finished the season with a 14-8 record. Recent Newark graduate Austin Becker said Bedford told the entire team the news after the Jackets were knocked out of the state tournament.

"We were very surprised when he told us, but we were all happy to hear about his promotion to his new school," said Becker, who was the closer for this year's

Bedford won a state title with the Jackets in 1996. His teams also won a number of Blue Hen Conference Flight A titles, and made it to the state championship games in 2003 and 2004, losing both times to St. Mark's. Bedford said he was very proud of this year's team, which had a successful campaign despite a lot

"We had a number of players injured, including out top pitcher Jordan Keith," said Bedford. Keith was 2-2 when he was injured, and was considered one of the top left-handers in the state. Keith has accepted an athletic scholarship to attend University Delaware State the fall. Bedford said he was proud of the way his younger players stepped

forward when pressed into duty.
"Andrew Young did a great job behind the plate when Rob Porrini basically changed from catcher to pitcher," said Bedford.

And Dave Eissner pitch a number of solid innings for us this he vear.' Even without Bedford, the Jackets should be very competitive next season.

The team should compete for the Flight A title since they will have a number of starters coming back including All-State first baseman Scott Gardner, Matt Bodding, Jason Przytulski and Colin Gilmore," said Bedford, "and I wish them all well next

Carpenters helped build tradition

▶ DREAM, from 14

ence and enjoyment of life." The Blue-Gold All*Star game has certainly progressed over the years. Game chair Lynne Sklar said the first game was basically just a football game, but now it's a year-long process leading up to

Players enjoy all-star experience

► ALL-STARS, from 14

taking about respect. Respect for the players, respect for each other, and respect for the game," he said, "We expect a great ball game again this year. Glenn said no one will be allowed down on the field during or after the game, unless they are players, coaches, or they are properly tagged by the DFRC. "We will have a wonderful fireworks display that I'm sure everyone will have a chance to enjoy this year," he added. There's a new alignment for the game this year, as St. Mark's will play for the Blue Squad. Game officials said the switch was necessary because of the addition of several downstate schools in recent years, and due to the rapid increase in population in southern New Castle County and other areas below the & Canal. The Blue squad will be coached by Archmere's Jerry Ambrogi.
He'll be helped by Omar
Richardson (Archmere), Larry
Cylc (A.I. DuPont), and Bill
DiNardo (Salasinum) DiNardo (Salesianum). Ironically, all four coaches are products of Archmere Academy. Salesianum quarterback and Delaware "Offensive Player of the Year" Gene DelleDonne said he looked forward to playing in the big game before heading to Duke University in the fall. "There's a tremendous amount of talent on both teams," said Delle Donne. "And it's neat having a chance to play with guys from the other schools, especially those who were our arch-rivals just a few months ago," said DelleDonne.

game time. The game now has a band, cheerleaders, and the Hand-in-Hand program which matches game participants including players, cheerleaders, etc., with young adults with cognitive dis-

"The DFRC has a number of activities during the year to help raise funds," said Sklar. "The activities include the Blue-Gold All*Star Golf Classic, the 5K/1Mile Walk,

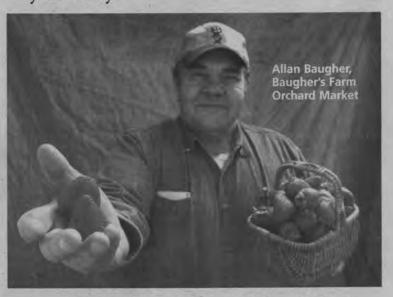
Holidazzle, the Ambassadors Program, and more," she said. Sklar said all of the high schools make great contributions to the program throughout the year. DFRC Executive Director Tony

Glenn said there would only be one change during game day due to a disruption after last year's post-game problems. "No one, with the exception of players, coaches, trainers, and those with proper documentation will be allowed on the field," said Glenn. "We will have the fireworks display this year, and we want everyone to enjoy the game and the show. And we want the players to have respect for themselves and each other to keep the game in its proper perspective," said Glenn.

Tickets are available at any Happy Harry's location, at Tickettown (656-9797 or the DFRC office at 454-2730.

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Christina seeks input on special education

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The number of special education students meeting state testing standards is increasing but the programs that serve these children in the Christina District need a tune-up. "We were very happy about all the great things we saw," said Andrew Hegedus, executive director for organizational development. His remarks came while presenting a report from the District's Special Education Review Panel at the regular school board meeting on June 14.

Hegedus said the scores for the District's special education students were up according to the results of the Delaware Student Testing Program [DSTP]. "We're starting to see closure of the special education achievement gap in the elementary and intermediate schools," said Hegedus. "In fact, there has been consistent closure for the past five years.'

Despite his positive remarks, Hegedus said the panel found inconsistency in the quality of education and inclusion for students with disabilities, especially in the District's secondary schools. "The district's inclusion percentage is higher than the state as a whole," he noted. "But the panel found some classrooms are not accurately following the primary grade inclusion

model, called TAM, [and] there is inconsistent implementation of inclusion in secondary schools."

Some special education students have very little interaction with students in the regular school environ-ment. "We found classrooms for students with moderate to severe disabilities in isolated locations in some school buildings," said Hegedus. "We did not see interactions with regular students, and when described, these interactions were very limited.'

The panel also recommended restructuring of the central office support for students with disabilities. "We found LREs [Least Restrictive Environments] overpopulated with minority students," said Hegedus, "Some IEPs [Individual Education Plans] are not aligned with the students' weaknesses and not rigorous enough to accelerate student progress.'

The panel was convened in April by School Superintendent Joseph Wise and the School Board to review the services and support provided to students with disabilities. The five-member review panel includes two consultants, one each from Orange County, Fla., and Baltimore County, Md., and three Christina District staff members.

The panel urges the the entire community to provide input on changes to Christina District's special education programs. Members of the public can express opin-

ions and provide feedback in a short questionaire by calling toll-free to 1-877-468-0585, ext. 2600, through Monday, June 27. Copies

of the questionnaire also are available at the District Office and at school board meetings. This data will feed into focus groups over the

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Sylvia Burnham

Sylvia Mae Folmer Burnham, 88, of Newark, died on Tuesday, June 7, 2005.

Mrs. Burnham was born in Broadhead, Wisc., on April 4, 1917, daughter of the late William Folmer and Emma B. Ross Folmer. With her late husband, she was a charter member of Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church in Bear. For many years, she worked in the ladies department of the Sears Department Store in Prices Corner.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin A. Burnham Sr., two sisters, Marge Burnham and Shirley Smith; and a grand-daughter. She is survived by four children, Benjamin A. Burnham, Jr., Linda I. Hill and her husband. Arland, Sally J. Culler and her husband, Clarence, all of Newark, and Marilyn E. Mays and her husband, Loren, of Dover; brother, Richard Folmer and his wife, Mildred, of Horsehead, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one greatgreat grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was to be held on Saturday, June 18, in the chapel of Gracelawn Memorial Park

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children, c/o Nur Temple, PO Box 10085, Wilmington, Del. 19850.

Joyce B. Reed **McFarland**

Newark resident Joyce B. Reed McFarland, 76, died on Monday, June 13, 2005.

Mrs. McFarland was born in Elkton on Nov. 23, 1928, daughter of the late Benjamin L. Bollinger and R. Joyce Melvin Bollinger. A registered nurse, she was employed with the former Memorial and Wilmington General hospitals and later the Delaware State Hospital, where she retired in 1976. She was a member of the VFW post in Rehoboth Beach.

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

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Sylvia Burnham Joyce B. Reed McFarland Estelle Monulty Wanda Scherer Lieselotte Laudorn Florence Phillips Thomas E. Simpson

Thomas E. Simpson: DuPont Engineer

Newark, died on Saturday, June

Mr. Simpson was born in Bronxville, N.Y. and grew up in Smyrna. He graduated from the University of Delaware and was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was employed by the DuPont Company in the engineering department, retiring in 1991. He lived in Newark for the past

In addition to her parents, she

was preceded in death by her first

husband, William N. Reed II; her

second husband, John J. McFarland;

a daughter, Greta K. Reed; and

brother, Benjamin L. Bollinger.

Thomas E. Simpson, 69, of 27 years. He participated in the Delaware Nature Society's weekly

> He is survived by his wife, Jean Simpson; son and daughter-inlaw, Jeffrey and Brianne Simpson; daughter and son-in-law, Tracy and Thomas Olson; daughter, Jill Simpson and Butch Lefebvre; six grandchildren; and brother and sister-in-law, John and Bette Simpson.

A Celebration of Life service

She was predeceased by her father, Wilbur N. Dolbow; mother

and stepfather, Mary A. and Fred

W. Robinson; brother, Wilbur

Dolbow; sisters, Cynthia Dolbow,

Dorothy M. Dolbow-Davis and

Mary Ann Spatola. Her husband,

She is survived by her sons, Michael P. and Cindy, Gregory J.

and his wife, Bernadette; daughter-

in-law, Mary Lou; seven grandchil-

dren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were to be private.

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was to be held on Friday, June 24 at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home. Interment was to follow in Head of Christiana Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 100 W. 10th St., Ste. 1103, Wilmington, Del. 19801; or to the Nature Conservancy, 4245 N. Fairfax Drive, Ste. 100, Arlington, Va.

be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Vitas Foundation for End of Life Care, 100 Commerce Dr., Ste. 302, Newark, Del. 19713.

Lieselotte Laudorn

Lieselotte Laudorn, 77, of Newark, died on Saturday, June 18, 2005.

Mrs. Laudorn was born in Kuschten, Germany on Aug. 23, 1927 and came to the United States in 1957. After raising her family, she enjoyed a successful career with Abraham & Strauss in New Jersey, receiving several awards through her years of service.

She is survived by her husband, Norbert Laudorn; son, Bernd Laudorn and his wife, Chris, of Newark; daughter, Jutta Laudorn-Kelly, of Reisterstown, Md.; daughter, Birgit Canning and her husband, Ed, of Newark; and eight grandchildren.

The service and interment was to be held privately.

For those wishing to make a contribution in her memory, please consider the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center, c/o Christiana Care Foundation, PO Box 1668, Wilmington, Del. 19899.

Florence Phillips

Newark reisdent Florence L. Phillips, died on Saturday, June 18, 2005.

Mrs. Phillips was a resident of Meetinghouse Hill for over 35 years. She worked as a secretary at Churchmen's Machine Company. She was a longtime member of Ebenezer Methodist Church. She was a speaker for the Christian Women's Club of Wilmington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fletcher Phillips.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Beno and her husband, Steve; her granddaughter, Tracey Pritchard and her husband, Dan; grandson, Rick Beno and his wife, Jeana; three great-grandsons and a great-granddaughter, Kelsey.

A memorial service was to at Ebenezer United Methodist Church on Thursday, June 23. Burial was to be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to Ebenezer United Methodist Church; or to the dedicated team at Heartland Hospice, 261 Chapman Rd., Newark, Del. 19702.

She is survived by six children, Rhonda McKinney, of North East, Donna L. Kellagher, of Newark, David M. Reed, of Newark, Kevin W. Reed, of Bear, William N. Reed III, of Middletown, and Douglas J. Reed, of Newark; five sisters, Betty Mutschler, of Townsend, Mary Joan Holtel, of San Diego, Ruth Stern, of Severna Park, Md., Nancy Cecchini, of Warwick, Md., and Katherine Hoehne, of Lakeland, Fla.; 17 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was to be held on Friday, June 17, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home. Interment was to be private.

Estelle Mcnulty

Estelle McNulty, 80, of Newark, died on Wednesday June 15, 2005.

Born in Connerton, Pa., Mrs. McNulty worked for many years as a hostess/cook for Perkins and then for Getty Oil until she retired.

Wanda Scherer

Del. 19711.

Paul M. McNulty.

Newark resident Wanda Scherer, 83, formerly of Folcroft, Pa., died on Tuesday, June 7, 2005.

Wife of the late Donald. Mother of Kathy and her husband, John R. Hansken. Also survived by three stepchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was to be on Wednesday, June 22 at Holy Family Church. Interment was to

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Lutheran Church on 896 in Newark. Only a small percentage of scouts make it to the top rank of Eagle. Chris has served in numerous leadership positions in the troop including Senior patrol leader and Junior Assistant

Scout Master. His service project involved restriping and removing unwanted growth in both of the church parking lots. Chris has been a part of scouting for 13 years and plans on continuing this affiliation as an Assistant

Scout Master. Chris will soon graduate from Christiana High School were he lettered in three varsity sports and will attend the College of Engineering at the University of Delaware in



Newark student awarded scholarship

Kristin Ross, of Newark, a junior majoring in biological systems engineering in the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech, was recently awarded the Jim & Elizabeth Lilliard Scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year. This award is presented to students studying biological systems engineering and is awarded for academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities



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Preliminary hearing reveals details

▶ DNA, from 1

2:49 a.m. However, it was almost nine hours later that her body was found in a pile of charred debris in her bathroom. Another fire just down the street pulled investigators away from the apartment for

about 11:30 a.m. that investigators began considering the idea

It was then that Rubin was called in from the NPD. He testified that while searching and photographing the bathroom with the Newark Fire Marshall Henry Baynard, a human leg was first identified in the debris. Then came the discovery of a human Minutes later the team found Bonistall's body.

The following day, an autopsy revealed that Bonistall had in fact been strangled to death. But it turned up more information than

Rubin testified that a swab taken from Bonistall's genitalia during the autopsy tested positive for the presence of sperm from a single source. That swab was sent to the medical examiner's office, where a DNA profile was created of the suspect.

On June 8, a day after Cooke was taken into custody for an April 30 home invasion, NPD officers obtained a search warrant for Cooke's DNA. A test kit that collected blood, hair and saliva developed Cooke's DNA profile.

'The result was a match

between Mr. Cooke and the swab holding the shirt in question as of the victim," Rubin said from evidence. the stand. The match was so

exact, that there is only a one in 676-sextillion chance that the DNA came from another member of the African American community. That's the number 676 followed by 18 zeros," he said.

Rubin testified that the suspect was to have believed

entered through the sliding glass door on Bonistall's second floor balcony. The apartment, while not on ground level, could be reached as it hangs no more than 10 feet off of the ground. The glass door remained in tact, although the lock was damaged.

James Cooke

Rubin also testified that the murder weapon is believed to be a white woman's t-shirt. NPD is

As Rubin was turned over to

the defense, run by Brendan O'Neill, more details came out. For the first time, an NPD officer admitted that a canine search for an accelerant turned up no hit. As the name implies, accelerants are often used in arson to increase the size of the blaze. However,

Rubin said, that does not rule out the possibility of an accelerant. Further test results are pending.

McDonough decided after hearing the detective's testimony that there was enough evidence for the case to proceed to Superior Court. Cooke has been charged with murder, rape, arson, burglary and reckless endangerment, all in the first degree.

Awards honor volunteers and Newark resident

▶ DNP, from 9

only for her innovative ideas, but for her willingness to implement them.'

Luft also thanked Mitchell for perfecting the one-page summa-ry and her years' worth of donations of water color paintings to DNP auctions.

Munion, a volunteer on the parking committee, was chosen for the honor from the commu-

"She was always the voice of reason, and was never shy of telling you what she thought," Ron Walker, a DNP board member, said. "The result of her efforts is a much improved offstreet parking system that has the potential of getting much better.'

University of Delaware President Dr. David P. Roselle thanked Nelson, the university volunteer, for his involvement in planning different events such as the Taste of Newark and Wine

and Dine evenings. Newark Post Publisher Jim Streit thanked Andy Haines, the city's parking administrator, for his diligence. "He is always full of energy," Streit pointed out.
"And he has been known to ask, 'Whaddya need, boss?

To that, Haines only had nice things to say. "You are only as good as your leadership," he said. "And Maureen [Feeney Roser, DNP director] has been

The awards were given out in the name of life-long Newark volunteer and business owner, Selena Bing. Bing, the namesake of Main Street's Bing's Bakery, has dedicated much of her life thus far to the community through her shop and volunteerism. Her selfless spirit lingered in the hearts and minds of the award winners

'It's a double honor for me to receive this award in the name of Selena Bing," Nelson said.

Kids work really hard at "Wicked"

► PLAY, from 1

way. But this year, the teens, some of the oldest in the group, had smaller roles.

"I have a bunch of miscel-laneous parts," Smith said. "I've had some of the roles, this time it's my turn to play the smaller parts.

Big and small, every one of the kids found a role in the production and made it their own. From their ad-libbed dance moves to

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their funky home-made costumes, everything the kids touched bore the creator's fingerprints.

'You know, we never finished the choreography for this scene,' Anna Henzy, who played Glinda pointed out to neighborhood mom and director Karen Barker the day before the production. "We just made it up as we went

Not everything in the show was created on the fly. In fact, Barker spent months rewinding and watching tapes of Wicked to make sure she had the script just right. And the kids spent every waking moment of the past week and a half preparing for the

"This year some of the music

is really hard," said Amelia Wisniewsi-Barker, who played Elphaba, which elicited a chorus of "yea's" from the rest of the

"There are weird chords, and a couple of times you have to go from major to minor," she said with musical wisdom far beyond

But all work and no play makes for a dull young starlet. Some of the youngest youngsters took advantage of the yard's swing set, while the older kids passed downtime with some laughter and Pop Ices.

"It's just a recreational thing," Devon Beekler, who played Boq, said with a shrug of her shoul-

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NEWARK POST * POLICE BLOTTER

▶ BLOTTER, from 2

tion on Wednesday, June 15, at 2:05 a.m. after AAA responded to a call at 235 E. Delaware Avenue reporting a person could not change a tire because the person was drunk.

Police said all defendants were released pending court appear-

Vehicles hit

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

Duke Street, Friday, Friday, June 17, Nextel telephone taken from business vehicle.

Country Club Drive, Thursday, June 16 to Friday, June 17, unknown person entered and

poured sugar inside a maroon Ford Tempo and also left an obscene note addressed to "Jen." The 63-year-old car owner told police neither he nor his family know anyone named Jen.

Sue Lane, Thursday, June 16 through Sunday, June 19, pickup truck entered and a table saw a Dewalt mitre box, a Hitachi compressor and three nailing guns, total value of approximately \$1,800, taken. Also taken, a 1997 Car Mate trailer with "Colonial Home Improvement" in black and silver writing on the side and containing a Red Mac upper and lower toolbox filled with tools, two rigid cordless drills and four DeWalt cordless drills, total value of approximately \$100,000.

Marrows Road on Monday, June 13, side window broken and various electronic equipment taken from customer vehicle parked overnight at Toyota World.

College Square Shopping Center, on Monday, June 13, side window broken and stereo taken from customer vehicle parked overnight at Pep Boys.

Farmers Automotive, East Main Street, on Monday, June 13, side window broken and a TV and VCR removed from customer vehicle.

Velcro-USA sticks it to small town paper

▶ UP FRONT, from 1

ments for months after it was published.

Then my first lesson in trademarks took place. I received a letter from Kraft Foods (I think) indicating that I and the paper had misused their registered trademark by terming the sporting event Jell-O®

wrestling.
Frankly, gelatin wrestling had never entered my mind.

I was not so politely ordered to halt this scurrilous use of their trademark or face a law suit. Trust me, that was my first and only professional association with this type of activity - I've stuck with mud

wrestling ever since.

Jell-O®, like Kleenex®, is a trademarked product that has come to be known in general usage as the generic description of all similar products. Have you ever heard someone ask you to pass them a "facial tissue" at a funeral?

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This group is proactive in touting the distinction and through the years frequently has sent information to editors explaining the difference between a Realtor® and a real estate salesperson (not that the public cares).

The editor of The Business Ledger, Doug Rainey, who works in our office, tells me he had his editorial hands slapped by the W. L. Gore trademark police when he failed to include the required hyphen in a story that mentioned Gore-Tex®.

Large companies hire press clipping services that read every word in nationally important publications like the Newark Post. These services alert their corporate clients of the gross indiscretions of journalists.

Forgive me, Velcro USA, for I have sinned.

The crack Burrelle's Information Services combed our pages and caught not one, but two misuses of the company's trademark by refer-ring to a "Velcro wall." Buried deep in a caption describing a photo of a student having a blast hanging from a wall in strange garb at Keene Elementary School's Fun Fair, we

revealed the student was hanging by

Velcro® strips.

Well, this didn't make the people happy at Velcro Group Corporation in Manchester, N.H. (I spent a week in Manchester one night, if you know what I mean.)

In fact, they ordered us to "cease and desist any and all use of any of the Velcro® trademarks in connection with such activities" in a letter.

Legal assistant Joyce M. Belanger wrote Velcro USA "cannot confirm or deny whether a particular sponsor (in our case, the devious officials at Keene Elementary that helped many kids have fun this spring) actually uses genuine Velcro® brand hook-and-

loop fasteners for its wall jumping activities." She goes on to declare that it did not sell its product with the "foreknowledge (a word you don't get to use often enough) that it would be used in this manner.'

Then she offers this news flash: "Velcro USA cannot control the ultimate use of its products. Clearly," she writes, consumers are free to use their hook-and-loop products as they see fit, but warns "persons who are using hook-and-loop materials for wall jumping or similar activities that such use is dangerous and inappropriate and may result in serious injury or death to persons engaged

Eee-gads, what were those

school officials thinking?

We will, as requested, "cease and desist." But this presents a terrible dilemma.

The next time we're thrust into such a sticky situation (sorry), I suppose we'll have to describe this Fun Fair event as a "David Letterman Wall." Maybe he doesn't subscribe to a clipping service.

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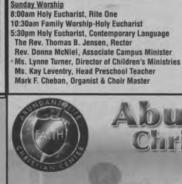


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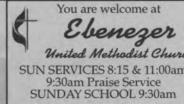
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