

UP FRONT

Breaking down the barriers

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

AMID his enthusiasm for the positive things going on in Newark, Mayor Vance A. Funk III sometimes sounds as if nothing good happened here before he was elected to the top city post.

For example, at the January reception for Downtown Newark Partnership volunteers, in his exuberance for thanking the volunteers that made the two newest events —

A Taste Of Newark and Wine and Dine Downtown — huge successes, Vance referenced only the two years he's been our mayor. Comments to me later indicated that some interpreted his remarks to imply that nothing good had been happening on Main Street before he became mayor, which clearly is not the case, witness Newark Nite, Trick Or Treat Main Street, etc.

Another entity that has been doing good work long before Vance began publishing the *Funkytown Gazette* is the city's Town and Gown Committee. That said, the mayor's success in breathing new life into this important city panel cannot be denied.

Newark's city fathers and university leaders long ago

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3 hats in District 6 ring

Kalbacher, Osborne file unopposed

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

One seat on the Newark City Council will be contested in elections to be held on Tuesday,

April 11. Two incumbents are not opposed.

Three candidates have filed for the District 6 seat currently held by Councilman Kevin Vonck who announced last month he would not seek election to a second term. Councilmen Karl Kalbacher and Frank Osborne have filed, unopposed, to continue representing Districts 3 and

5 respectively.

The Hunt at Louviers in the northern part of District 6 has yielded two candidates, Charles Barba and Stuart Markham. A third candidate, Stan Tucker, lives along Capitol Trail.

Charles Barba, a 43-year-resident of Newark, cited a desire to give back to the community as reason for running for

the District 6 council seat. "It's time to give back to the community that's been so good to me," he said.

Barba said he has deep city roots. His mother was born here in 1921 and her family operated several businesses in town, he said. Barba moved to Newark in 1963, graduating from Newark

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Kids of all ages enjoyed a family fun night on Friday, March 10, sponsored by the city of Newark's parks and recreation department. Joseph Kinsolving, as the Marvelous Magic Music Man, performed folk songs and children's songs to an eager crowd of youngsters at the George Wilson Community Center. A game of limbo followed the show.

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FAMILY FUN

Back to the voters?

Committee formed to examine timing, scope of new referendum

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

WHAT now, the question that pervaded the Christina School District after January's failed referendum, may be one step closer to being answered.

A referendum review committee has formed to "try to figure out where we are as a district, what we need to do going forward and how best this can be accomplished," Jeffrey Edmison,

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Home Grown gets its hour

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

By a 6 to 1 vote Monday, the Newark City Council put a successful end to a months-long bid by Home Grown Café to extend its alcohol sales until 1 a.m.

The vote came two months after the Newark City Council approved a zoning code change to allow businesses like Home Grown that sit within 300 feet of a protected use to apply for a special use

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Papa Ray's restaurant owner stabbed Monday

A 37-year-old restaurant owner was stabbed at his Marrows Road business on Monday, March 13, said the New Castle County Police.

Police said, around 12:06 a.m., the owner of Papa Ray's was found bleeding heavily after he was stabbed in the abdomen by an unidentified man. He was taken to Christiana Hospital where he underwent emergency surgery.

Police said a private party was being held at the restaurant when several men started fighting.

The owner moved the customers outside when an unknown man threw a chair through the restaurant's front window. The owner chased the man on foot and tackled him near the road, when a second man approached and stabbed the owner with a switchblade knife, said police.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 395-8171.

Beer pong tourney on Ritter Lane busted

On Friday, March 3, officers assigned to the Newark Police Department's alcohol enforcement unit infiltrated an event advertised as a "beer pong tournament" at 55 Ritter Lane.

Officers report that they witnessed the unlicensed sale of alcohol to an undercover police officer and several minors. Officers obtained warrants for the arrest of four residents who organized the tournament.

The four defendants turned themselves into police on Friday, March 10, said police. Jeffery C. Tuzzolino, 22, of Newark, Brian P. Daniell, 23, of Haskell, N.J., Michael B. Cooksey, 22, of Newark and Daniel A. Cooper, 23, of Harrington each were charged with providing alcohol to minors, sale of liquor without a license and third degree conspiracy, said police.

Ogletown Road blaze causes damage

A building fire in the 2000 block of Ogletown Road on Friday, March 10, caused more than \$100,000 in damages, said the Delaware State Fire Marshal.

Around 3:18 p.m., the Aetna Hook Hose and Ladder Company, along with Brandywine Hundred Fire Company, Elsmere and Mill Creek, responded to Nowland Associations on Ogletown Road after receiving a report of a fire. The blaze was under control in about 50 minutes, said the fire marshal.

The fire was found to be accidental. The fire marshal said discarded smoking material caused the blaze. A tractor trailer nearby caught fire, too. No injuries were reported.

Newark man killed in crash

A 71-year-old Newark man was killed Saturday, March 11, in a single-vehicle crash on I-95 southbound just before the Brandywine River Bridge, reported the Delaware State Police.

Police said, around 11:35 p.m.,

Troopers talk Bear man out of suicide

A 25-year-old Bear man was talked out of killing himself after he barricaded himself in a hotel bathroom and threatened suicide with a knife, reported the Delaware State Police.

Police said the incident occurred around 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, at the Residence Inn on Chapman Road in Newark.

Police said the man called 9-1-1 and reported he was locked in his hotel bathroom with a knife and was contemplating suicide. Troopers responded to the scene and attempted to talk the man out of the room.

The Delaware State Police

Conflict Management Team (CMT) and Special Operations Response Team (SORT) were called to the scene. Around 6:05 a.m., SORT entered the hotel room and CMT members communicated with the man through a locked bathroom door, said police.

Within 10 minutes, the man voluntarily exited the bathroom and was taken into custody, said police. The man was taken to an area hospital for an evaluation and later admitted to a mental health facility for further treatment.

Herman Richey of Newark, was heading south on I-95 in a 1990 Chevy S-10 pickup when he failed to negotiate a curve. The pickup drove off the west edge of the road and up an embankment, striking two trees before coming to a stop, said police.

Richey was taken to Christiana Hospital where he later died, troopers said. The crash remains under investigation.

State police search for robbery suspect

Delaware State Police are searching for a 36-year-old male suspect who is wanted in connection with three robberies, including on at the Texaco Station on Capitol Trail in Newark on March 6.

Police said Tony P. Aguilar, who is currently homeless, is wanted on two counts of first degree robbery, one count of second degree robbery, possession of a deadly weapon dur-

ing a felony, aggravated menacing and wearing a disguised while committing a felony.

Anyone with information regarding Aguilar's whereabouts is asked to call Troop 2 Robbery Detectives at 834-2620, ext. 4.

Newark man injured in 3-car crash

A 42-year-old Newark man was seriously injured in a three-vehicle crash that closed both directions of U.S. Rt. 301 on Friday, March 10, said the Delaware State Police.

Around 8:20 a.m., police responded to the collision on Rt. 301 at Strawberry Lane.

Police said a Honda Accord, driven by Vincent Chigbu of Newark, was heading south when it slowed suddenly and tried to make a left turn into the parking lot of a gas station. When it did, a tractor trailer behind the Honda struck it from

behind, forcing Chigbu's vehicle into the northbound lanes of Rt. 301. The Honda then struck the passenger side of a 2004 Chevy Tahoe heading north.

Police said the tractor trailer continued to roll onto its left side, coming to a rest across both lanes of Rt. 301. The driver, Edward Murrow, 29, of Virginia, was treated and released from Christiana Emergency Center.

Police said Chigbu was flown by helicopter to Christiana Emergency Center. He was admitted with a broken clavicle and bleeding on the brain, said police.

Pedestrian struck on Cleveland Avenue

A 21-year-old student was struck by a car as she crossed Cleveland Avenue on Saturday, March 11, around 1:30 a.m., said the Newark Police Department.

Police said Megan Barker, of Drexel Hill, Pa., who attends college in the Washington, D.C. area, was struck by a 1991 Volkswagen Jetta heading east on Cleveland Avenue. The driver, Grant Jeppe, 23, of Hockessin, was not injured, said police.

Police said Barker was taken by ambulance to Christiana Hospital where she was admitted.

A portion of East Cleveland Avenue was closed for an hour due to the crash.

At press time, no charges have been filed. Investigation is continuing, said police.

Man assaulted

A 21-year-old New Jersey man was assaulted when a fight broke out on the Newark Shopping Center lot on Sunday, March 12, at 1:58 a.m.

Police said the victim suffered bruises from being struck repeatedly during the melee. The assailants and others dispersed before police arrived.

17-year-old stabbed

A 17-year-old Newark teenager suffered cuts to neck and chest and a punctured lung during an attack that took place on Sunday, March 12, at 4:15 p.m. in the 100 block of Madison Drive.

Newark police are looking for a black male, age 17 to 20, with an average build and full beard who was last seen fleeing over the CSX railroad tracks in the direction of Cherry Hill Manor.

Police said the youth was stabbed with an unknown weapon during an altercation. He was transported to Christiana Hospital after being treated at the scene by paramedics and the Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder



Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR FEB. 26-MARCH 4, 2006, COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

| PART I OFFENSES | INVESTIGATIONS | | | CRIMINAL CHARGES | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|
| | 2005 TO DATE | 2006 TO DATE | THIS WEEK | 2005 TO DATE | 2006 TO DATE | THIS WEEK |
| Murder/manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Attempted murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kidnap | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Rape | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Unlawful sexual contact | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 10 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 0 |
| Aggravated assault | 6 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Burglary | 40 | 19 | 0 | 9 | 16 | 0 |
| Theft | 141 | 150 | 17 | 53 | 59 | 4 |
| Auto theft | 18 | 25 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Arson | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| All other | 8 | 11 | 1 | 30 | 15 | 0 |
| TOTAL PART I | 230 | 233 | 26 | 103 | 128 | 6 |
| PART II OFFENSES | | | | | | |
| Other assaults | 83 | 58 | 6 | 51 | 31 | 1 |
| Receiving stolen property | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| Criminal mischief | 128 | 144 | 5 | 12 | 109 | 11 |
| Weapons | 3 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 21 | 5 |
| Other sex offenses | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Alcohol | 25 | 41 | 4 | 53 | 109 | 20 |
| Drugs | 22 | 25 | 2 | 56 | 80 | 1 |
| Noise/disorderly premise | 122 | 135 | 14 | 61 | 100 | 12 |
| Disorderly conduct | 115 | 182 | 2 | 27 | 30 | 3 |
| Trespass | 29 | 26 | 1 | 19 | 14 | 2 |
| All other | 90 | 97 | 7 | 31 | 30 | 1 |
| TOTAL PART II | 621 | 710 | 42 | 334 | 531 | 56 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | | |
| Alarm | 267 | 236 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Animal control | 59 | 74 | 12 | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| Recovered property | 38 | 48 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Service | 1628 | 1490 | 175 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suspicious person/vehicle | 476 | 158 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS | 2468 | 2006 | 247 | 0 | 7 | 7 |

| | THIS WEEK 2005 | 2005 TO DATE | THIS WEEK 2006 | 2006 TO DATE |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| TOTAL CALLS | 562 | 5322 | 540 | 4713 |

Council incumbents ready for new terms

Osborne, Kalbacher draw no challengers

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Councilmen Frank Osborne and Karl Kalbacher will be returned to their seats on the city council to represent District 5 and District 3 respectively since no candidates have filed to run against them in the upcoming election.

The deadline to file for the April 11 election was on Monday, March 13, at 5 p.m. At the city council meeting Monday night, both Osborne and Kalbacher thanked their constituents for the continued support, saying they looked forward to two more years



Kalbacher

Osborne

in office.

In January, Osborne announced he would seek re-election amidst rumors he would not run again. Osborne said he wanted to serve another term to see the completion of the city's reservoir and the street and sidewalk improvements planned for Main Street.

Also, said Osborne, he would like to see a better variety of

businesses recruited to the downtown.

Osborne said constituents have supported his decision to continue serving on the city council. "I've enjoyed being on council so far. I served four terms. This will be my fifth," he said. Most people I've spoken with are very happy I decided to run again."

An issue of ongoing interest to District 5 residents, said Osborne, is what will happen with the Newark County Club. A proposed "swap" may move the golf course into Maryland.

"There's not a whole lot we can do about that until we have more definite information. A lot of it depends on what happens in Maryland, rather than Delaware," said Osborne.

Osborne, a former Newark

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Landlord defends Madison Drive

Bruce Harvey, of the Newark Landlord Association, spoke in defense of properties on Madison Drive in light of a Sunday, March 12, stabbing in the 100 block and the recent robbery charges against three UD football players who lived there.

News reports about the football players, he said, portrayed Madison Drive as being run down with broken windows and lots of graffiti. "That's simply not the case," said Harvey.

He said the street is not "the party animal atmosphere it was a few years ago," and he found the students living there to be more serious and quiet.

Though there has been finger pointing for these crimes, said Harvey, "the people responsible

are the criminals themselves." University football players are still welcome on Madison Drive. "We just don't want criminals," he said.

Contract awarded for parking study

The city council has selected a firm to perform a needs assessment for a parking garage in downtown Newark.

A study by Desman Associates will take counts of available off-street and on-street parking, including illegal parking, and survey downtown merchants to determine whether a garage is needed. Carol Houck, assistant to the city manager, said the firm will make recommendations for

parking solutions. The study may find the city has enough parking now but needs to better utilize it, she said.

Sports complex approved near Pond

By a 6 to 1 vote, the city council approved a minor subdivision and special use permit for a commercial indoor recreational facility to be built on two acres of land adjacent to The Pond indoor skating and hockey facilities.

The sports park, known as the Marrow Road Sports Complex, calls for a one-story, 17,400-square foot building with most of the space dedicated to karate and gymnastic classes, fitness centers and related recreational uses.

New chief, 34-year Aetna veteran, sets his goals



Townley

Jon Townley wants to strengthen connection to city

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ONE of the goals of Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company's newest fire chief is to strengthen the connection between the city of Newark and the volunteer fire department that serves it.

Jon Townley of Middletown was elected to the position of chief in December 2005. In his 34 years with the department, he has held numerous positions in administration and operations, including an earlier stint as chief in 1992.

"Last time I focused on the operations side. This time I consider myself to be more of an administrative chief," said Townley. "I'll still be going on calls, but I'll also be attending meetings and representing the department in the community."

Townley started attending city council meetings in February. The relationship between the fire department and the city, he said, needs to be strong because, in a serious emergency, the two groups will need to work together, he said.

The fire department and city have had a close relationship in the past though

no formal ties exist between the organizations. Several former

councilmen, including Olan Thomas and John Farrell, were longtime members of the fire department.

"We've always had a good relationship (with the city), but we don't have that close connection now," said Townley. "I need to attend meetings and offer advice when questions come up."

At Monday's meeting, the council discussed safety at the city's reservoir. Councilman Jerry Clifton said Aetna would have to provide emergency service in case of a drowning at the reservoir, but the department has no boats or diving equipment.

The closest boats, said Townley, would come from Newport or New Castle.

Clifton asked the city to help Aetna find funding streams to purchase the needed equipment.

The fire department Townley heads is a busy one. In 2005, Aetna responded to just under 9,000 calls. Eighty-four percent of those were for motor vehicle accidents and EMS calls; the balance was for fires and investigations, he said.

For Townley, the department motto, "service for others," defines what he enjoys about the job. That's what

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School finances presented in 'more transparent' report

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

IN an effort to make budget information for the Christina School District more transparent, Thresa Giles, chief financial officer, presented the board with a new format for financial reports at Tuesday's school board meeting.

The reports, which will be available on the district Web site, provide more detailed information about where district money

is spent.

One chart breaks down the amount by schools; another lists the amount of money spent per student at each school. One section of the report provides an 18-page itemized list of salaries, other employment costs, contracted services, supplies and materials, capital outlay and other expenses.

"We're more transparent than we've ever been," said Giles.

It's important, she said, to demonstrate a return on investment to community members

and stakeholders. "Not just here recently, but all the time they ask, 'where does our money go?'"

Giles said the new financial reports answer that question. "This packet tells you every penny that has come into this district and where it has been spent," she said.

One reason for limited reports in the past, said Giles, was the reporting system used by the district. The state's Delaware Financial Management System did not provide user-friendly information, she said. In 2005,

the district did more "ad hoc reporting," pulling numbers from the state reports and putting them into more user-friendly formats, she said.

The goal, said Giles, is to tie all resources to student achievement and academic progress. "It sounds like a difficult task, but we're taking one dollar at a time to make sure we tie all dollars back to student achievement," she said.

One chart shows this connection. It lists the average reading and math scores for each school

next to the money spent per student.

"In order to eliminate the achievement gap and reach our reading, math, writing and language arts targets for 2008, we have to ensure that our financial resources, technology, staffing and data is strong and responsible," she said.

Giles admitted that the data may be difficult to understand. She encouraged parents with questions to contact her office for an explanation.

In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

NOTE PAD

DSTP in area schools

STUDENTS in grades 2-10 are in the midst of four days of assessment through the Delaware State Testing Program.

According to information supplied by Christina School District, students were tested in math yesterday and today.

On Monday and Tuesday, March 20 and 21, they will be tested in reading. Grades 3-10 will also take the DSTP in writing on March 22 and 23.

Some students are also retesting for a better score.

Delaware PTA convention April 1

The Delaware PTA is holding its annual convention on Saturday, April 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Christiana High School on Salem Church Road in Newark.

In addition to representatives from the state and National PTAs, local professionals and educators will make presentations pertaining to public education during the day. Childcare, and a show by Mad Science, is available for kids age 5 and up.

For more info, visit www.delawarepta.org.

Cameron White Student of the Week from Kirk Elementary

The staff at Kirk Elementary School selected Cameron White, a 7th grade student.

"Cameron does exceptionally well and receives little recognition here at Kirk," said assistant principal Harold Ingram.

White received straight A's the first marking period and all A's and one B the second.

"And he is always willing to help others — students and staff," Ingram added.



There's a prize for the 'Titanic'

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ROWING cardboard boats the length of the swimming pool and back at Glasgow High School last week was even harder than it sounds. Some two-person crews sank in the midst of their first stroke.

Mark Feil and Dane Holland teach physics at Glasgow and use annual boat races to teach the principles of buoyancy.

"Buoyancy is a calculation of length by width by height," explained Feil. "The first two boats in each heat to row the length of the pool and back, get to race the winners of the other heats."

Feil pointed to four boats getting ready for a heat and noted that the craft's shape also determined the weight it would support. Greater width on one meant that boat could float at more than 250 pounds.

But some rowers pushed the envelope on weight. "Right!" said Holland with a laugh. "But, basically, the rowers on each team are whoever's not afraid to do it."

The choice of designs was more varied than novices might think and all were decorated and signed by members of the individual team. "Ms. New Boatie" and "I Pitty Da Fool" went down in the midst of much cheering and catcalls from the audience that enjoyed the disasters the most.

The crews launched their entries with much laughter and advice from the team members remaining on dry land. The students are not permitted to test their boats before the day of the trials, but some rowers appeared more familiar than others in the rudiments of navigating boats and distributing weight.

Ahmed Johnson and Kendall Jones, both seniors, were on a team whose boat went to the bottom. But they beamed and laughed as they

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Clockwise, from right: One team was on its way to success as rowers from a capsized boat bobbed in the pool; The weight of the crews contributed to sinkings; Teacher Steve Feil dressed appropriately in shorts and a summer shirt for the event; and Teacher Dane Holland signaled for launching.

PHOTOS BY MARY E. PETZAK



'Prize Patrol' visits Brader

ON March 2, the 102nd birthday of Dr. Seuss and Read Across America Day, two brightly costumed members of Delaware's Department of Education loaded up a van with balloons, book baskets and oversized congratulatory certificates to travel throughout the state.

According to DOE spokesperson Ron Gough, their "vitally important" mission was to reward three elementary, three middle and three high schools for their efforts in the "Delaware Reads About..." literacy program.

The DOE "Prize Patrol" brought congratulations to Brader Elementary School in the Christina School District. Other New Castle County schools visited were Springer Middle School and Mount Pleasant High School in the

Brandywine District.

In Kent County, the winning schools were Hartley Elementary, W.T. Chipman Middle School and Polytech High School. In Sussex County, Lulu B. Ross Elementary School, Milford Middle School and Seaford High School were honored.

The "Delaware Reads about..." literacy program began as a statewide partnership between the Delaware Division of Libraries and DOE. One elementary, middle, and high school in each county with the greatest number of points earned by participating in higher level reading activities will receive a visit from a guest author during the week of May 15.

Learn about 'Chocolate Bar Fractions'

Children's author Jerry Palotta is coming to Pulaski Intermediate School in Wilmington to share his ideas and stories of mathematics with students and their families. The author is widely known for his "delicious and engaging" reading and math books for children of all ages.

Titles of Palotta's books include: "The Jet Alphabet Book," "Icky Bug Numbers," "The Hershey's Milk Chocolate Bar Fractions Book," "Underwater Counting, Even Numbers," "The Skull Alphabet Book." A children's picture book about life in his native state, "Dory Story," won a Massachusetts Book Award in 2001.

Administrators, teachers, parents and students are invit-



Palotta

ed to join in this fun event at Pulaski on Monday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. To reserve seats, call David Distler or Francine Passerini at 429-4136, or Marcie Berbeza at 429-4135.

Artist explains how life affects art

THE students at Brookside Elementary School in Newark participated in a lesson on folk art that also included some important lessons on life.

Theresa Gloster, artist-in-residence at Brookside, shared her art and answered the children's questions about motivation and using life experiences to produce art. The artist, who lives in North Carolina, stressed the importance of family in her life



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE POST

and related what it was like to grow up during segregation.

Gloster's residency at Brookside coincided with the death of civil rights leader, Coretta Scott King. Gloster talked about ways to honor King's efforts to ensure that all Americans live better lives.

She also assisted the children with their art projects and told them to view each of their works "as a potential masterpiece."

Ametek grant for science at McVey

THANKS to a \$41,680 grant from the Ametek Foundation, McVey Elementary School in Newark is offering a five-week science program, Ametek Sparks Interest in Science Explorers, to all K-3 students at the school.

The five, 50-minute series fea-

tures classroom visits and hands-on science where every student participates in an individual experiment. Science Explorers representatives will meet with McVey teachers on March 7 to explain

the program. The official kick-off assembly is April 4 at 9 a.m.

The Ametek Foundation is the charitable arm of Ametek Inc., a global manufacturer of electronic instruments based in Paoli, Pa.

Sophomore wins national essay contest

THE National Society of the Colonial Dames of America selected David Stein, a sophomore at St. Mark's High School,

as a winner in the group's annual essay contest. Stein will join an elite group of students for an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 17 through June 23. The trip provides the students with a unique experience in the study of American national government, with emphasis on the concerns and activities of the United States Congress.

The essay contest is a major project of The Colonial Dames held under the auspices of

the Washington Workshops Foundation, a private, non-profit educational program in American government for high school students. The contest is open to all 10th, 11th and 12th grade students in the United States.

The topic for the 2006 essay contest was: "Which of The Amendments to The Constitution is Most Important and Why?" Stein chose to write about the First Amendment.

They never stopped smiling

► BOATS, from 4

talked about their adventure. "We all use cardboard and tape but we have to do the calculations to figure out how to design our boat," Johnson said. "We tried to use weight to pick people to go in the boat, but those were the guys who would do it."

Jones dripped as he explained that three days was the average time to build a boat. "That red line on the side," he said, pointing to a boat making headway in the pool, "is where the water should be if it's the right buoyancy."

Feil said they added canoes to the boat designs this year. "I can't wait to see how they do," he said.

The first canoe to make the distance was carried outside to drip-dry while waiting for its next run. Crewmembers Ben Briscoe, Joe Loy, Steve Mutter and Bill Carrow, all seniors, stood by proudly to accept congratulations. Their winning entry was named the S.S. Suzi. "That's [senior] Suzi Duong, another member of the team," explained Briscoe.

Holland said the students do not receive a grade for their efforts. "This is just for fun," he said. "We give prizes for the fastest and the best design."

And a prize called the Titanic is given for the most spectacular sinking.

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POST COLUMNIST

Stubborn packages

By ALFRED GRUBER

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

I am easily entertained. I've been toying with a toothpaste tube for two weeks. That old device is now ribbon flat. It's challenging to see how many brushings might yet be compressed out. The head end has an amazing, but difficult capacity to extract, challenging us to see how long the supply lasts.

First this was merely a mental and physical exercise, a source of amusement, but who would have thought tooth brushing could become philosophical?

Certainly dentists will approve of the fun to be had out of the rocket shaped end of a tube of Crest. They must appreciate any sort of humor after looking into oral cavities 50/4/6.

There's more than just squeezing—it's a kind of recycling. Unlike collecting cans and paper where we hope the use of resources to save resources is advantageous for the globe, forcing out the last paste is a visible saving on our personal terms. It's not new money in the bank, but it is a kind of money exempt from the long reach of the IRS.

The challenge to reap the last drop seems to be thwarted by the manufacturers. How many mustard or relish users are able to empty those squeeze bottles? It's almost an American religious experience to decorate a hot dog on your terms. What happens with a half-full squeeze bottle? A vile oily liquid trickles out of the plastic onto your prize. Solution?

■ Retired after 32 years with Dupont, the writer also was a Christmas tree farmer for 25 years. He is a member of the Scribblers group at Newark Senior Center and has lived in Newark for four decades.



Gruber

“...It's almost an American religious experience to decorate a hot dog on your terms.”

Decapitate the damn invention; scoop out the contents with a knife.

It's been almost a century since someone (perhaps Ogden Nash), recognizing the same problem with ketchup wrote the lines about ...first comes a little; then comes a lottle. It took that hundred years for some genius in the ketchup department to design an inverted bottle. Do you suppose that was patentable? Remember the earlier red plastic ketchup bottle? Was it also patented and some designer won a prize?

It's not only the edibles, but things like shampoo flagons also refusing to empty. There was one design by a local company that permitted inverted storage, but it must have affected the bottom line. It's gone. We can thank the world of plastics however—those things used to be glass.

Then in restaurants there are the undersized tabs on those tiny coffee cream tubs you can't get your nervous fingers to grip before the first morning cup. Do you suppose making the tabs a bit longer would bankrupt the dairy?

Worse is the plastic wrap encasing restaurant crackers against terrorists. You only resort to ask for help after you sawed with the knife, stabbed with the fork, ripped with your teeth or tried squeezing it like bursting a balloon maybe accelerating a stream of salted crumbs onto your hairy mustard covered legs.

Oh, the joys of boardwalk dining. If you asked for help, the waitress mockingly opens the package with ease. Thankfully the Atlantic Ocean is handy to soak and hide in.

OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, “Out of the Attic” continues a months-long series of photographs taken in the early 1950s of all buildings on Main Street in the downtown area. The building shown in this photograph housed Trivits Appliances at 173 E. Main St. and Inden's children's wear store. According to O. Eugene Trivits in a presentation one year ago before the Newark Historical Society, his father opened Trivits Appliances selling what were then new-fangled ice boxes manufactured by Philco and Kelvinator. Trivits bragged that his father was the first dealer

in Delaware to buy railroad box carloads of refrigerators, a practice not employed by larger appliance stores in Wilmington. Why? “Dad figured he could make \$30 more profit on each unit,” Trivits explained. When the store began selling televisions, Trivits' father put one in the storefront and connected an outside speaker. “People would gather out front in large groups and watch TV for a long time,” he said. The Trivits family also operated Diamond Ice & Coal and Trivits Pontiac, the forerunner of NuCar Pontiac-Buick-GMC.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

March 19, 1931 Menace of Scarlet Fever epidemic is over in Newark

Only one mild case of Scarlet Fever has been reported in this community this week, Dr. F. G. Grace, Deputy State Health Commissioner announced yesterday, and it is believed that the danger of a bad epidemic of the disease is now past two weeks.

A number of cases have been reported, but as they have all been of a mild nature and have been completely quarantined and isolated, it is believed that the prompt and efficient measures taken have resulted in the prevention of the spread of the disease.

That Newark has been spared any bad epidemics in recent years is taken as proof of the good work of local physicians and health officials in preventing

the spread of any communicable diseases, and the good results obtained in the treatment of any cases that have been reported.

Speech on prohibition

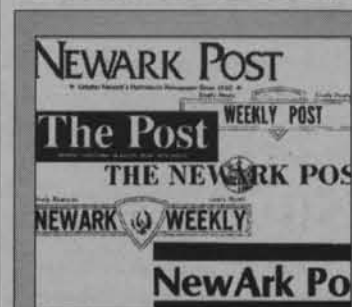
A mass meeting of all residents of Newark who are inter-

ested in the Wet and Dry situation in Delaware will be held in the Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Harold “Three Gun” Wilson, deputy prohibition administrator of Delaware, will address the group on the subject of prohibition enforcement and the wet and dry situation in Delaware.

Mr. Wilson has been making addresses before groups in many of the cities and towns of Delaware during the past few months.

His policy has been to inform his audiences of the true condition of prohibition enforcement in the state and particularly in the community in which they reside, and it is expected that his address before the Newark audience will be of great interest to all who hear him.



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

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'Special lady gone but not forgotten,' says former public works chief

To: The editor

From: Arthur W. Fridl
Silver Spring, Md.

MY wife and I left Newark this past summer, after more than 31 years, to take up residence in a retirement community in Maryland.

I continued our subscription to the *Newark Post* as a means of keeping up to date with the "goings on" in Newark.

It was a shock to learn that Mrs. Bing was no longer with us.

When I retired from the position of Director of Public Works and City Engineer for the city of Newark in 1990, I received a



Bing, 2004



"thank you" note from Mrs. Bing. She thanked me for the 18-and-a-half years I served the city.

In response, I wrote her a letter, thanking her for her generous remarks.

A day or so later, Mrs. Bing called my secretary to say that it was the first time anyone had thanked her for having written a thank you to them.

A special lady is gone but not forgotten.

Intercepted letter

Editor's note: The president of the University of Delaware released

this letter on the campus Web site in response to the recent controversy surrounding Robert Huber, a UD graduate student who taught on the Newark campus during the recent winter session.

To: The university community

From: David P. Roselle
President, University of Delaware

THE great majority of the members of our University community are aware that a graduate student in the Department of Physics, Robert Thomas Huber, has been identified as a skinhead.

As all of us probably also are aware, Mr. Huber has been investigated by the *Wilmington News-Journal* and also by persons commissioned by the University. Those investigations reveal that Mr. Huber has verbalized opinions while away from campus that are offensive to the point of being repugnant. But, the investigations have not suggested any criminal activity by Mr. Huber nor have they provided credible evidence of him being a threat to those at the university or in the community.

That being the case, the Huber situation reduces to whether the university has the authority to punish him for what he has said or what he apparently thinks.

The First Amendment to the Constitution says that we do not have that power.

The attorneys we have consulted have offered predictions as to what would happen if we nonetheless took actions against Mr. Huber. They have predicted that the University would be sued. They have also been unanimous in the opinion that we would lose the case. Finally, they have opined that, in addition to payment of lawyers' fees, there could be a judgment of money damages specified by the court and a requirement that Mr. Huber be reinstated as a student.

If we later learn that Mr. Huber's ugly thoughts have led to criminal acts or threats, the University will have grounds for taking action. We would then do so.

Mr. Huber is not currently teaching a class. Moreover, I am not aware of any plan on the part of the Department of Physics to make such an assignment.

Although we are advised that the University does not have the right to take action against Mr. Huber, we do have the right to take actions on behalf of any other members of the University community. Accordingly, we have engaged our students in a dialogue about steps the University might take to enhance their feelings of security. We will continue to seek ways to enable our stu-

dents to feel secure.

Although we are limited in this instance by the First Amendment, we should not lose sight of the fact that the protections of that amendment have been particularly important to our institutions of higher education and more generally to our nation. It was genius on the part of the founders of our country to recognize that the only way to avoid arbitrary suppression of speech was to allow no suppression of speech. No individual, group of individuals, government officials, etc. may decide that certain speech is unacceptable.

I am in all ways sorry that Mr. Huber thinks and speaks as he does. I take some comfort, though, in the words of Woodrow Wilson who, when speaking about freedom of speech, said, "If a man is a fool, the best thing to do is to encourage him to advertise that fact by speaking." Perhaps you will agree that, so long as the Hubers of the world restrict themselves to mere words, we are better off letting them make fools of themselves.

Readers are encouraged to use the Opinion Page to speak their minds on matters of local interest. Letters should be thought provoking and concise; letters deemed libelous will not be printed; we reserve the right to edit for clarity; and writers must include a telephone number so that letters can be verified.

2001: Two-way mayoral race

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■ March 19, 1986

Spring fashion

Does the never-ending ebb and flow of the fashion world leave your head spinning in confusion, wondering whether to go with pastels or bolder, prints or stripes?

Take heart, says Audrey Boys of Bamberger's in Christina Mall, because this spring's fashion lineup is as simple as black and white.

"Black and white bold is not just going to be big in the spring and summer, but is going to continue to be big the whole year," Boys predicts.

Black and white will be especially dominant in women's suits, and suits will be very popular this spring. "Suits have made a return, and with the suits come lady-like hats and gloves and the oversized clutch handbag," she says.

The suits will have a '60s look, with cinched-in-waists and slim-fitted Marilyn Monroe-style skirts.

Darby leaves school board

Phillip W. Darby, of Rutherford, a member of the Christina Board of Education since its inception in 1981, announced Tuesday that he will resign effective immediately.

Darby cited increased demands on his time since being promoted by the Delaware State Police to head its statewide check fraud investigation unit.

"With my recent career advancement, I have a bigger

challenge and additional time is needed in that area," Darby, a sergeant stationed at Troop 2 on State Road, wrote in his letter of resignation addressed to the Board.

■ March 16, 2001

Mayor's contest a two-way race

Newark's city council election will only feature one race this year on April 10.

Long time community activist Bruce Diehl filed last week to challenge incumbent Hal Godwin for the Mayor's seat on the council.

Diehl, presently a resident of Fairfield, has lived in the Newark area for 28 years.

"I was going to run for mayor at the last election," said Diehl this week, "but I didn't want it to make it a three-way race."

Diehl is a familiar face at the city council meetings where he often comments on transportation issues.

City of Newark can take it to the bank

A Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting sounds nice to have, but the real question is, can you take it to the bank? Apparently, yes.

"The city's Financial Report is given to the auditors, and is available to whoever wants to look at it," explained Newark's city manager Carl Luft.

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OUTLOOK

Fruits front and center

By JO MERCER

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

PLANTS that produce food for the family are often relegated to the back of the back yard—out of sight because they are not “proper” landscape plants. I have seen some lovely vegetable gardens-as-landscapes, but I have to admit that with a few exceptions, keeping vegetable and fruit plants presentable to the public can be a chore. Still, there are a number of plants that would make handsome contributions to the front yard and delicious meals for the dinner table.

Consider that our modern landscape plants and the fruit producers often have a common

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wild ancestor. The difference in breeding resulted from human selection for specific characteristics. Fruiting plants need to produce lots of high quality fruit. If that plant also happens to look pretty, that’s nice.

On the other hand, looks are everything with landscape plants. Granted, in both cases, selections are also based on plant shape and size, disease, cold and heat resistance and many other factors. That right combination of looks and bountiful harvest is more common than you may think.

Now that you’re wondering what would be attractive and productive, here are some annuals and perennial vines and shrubs to try.

Annuals: Pepper plants and their fruits come in all colors, shapes, and sizes. For the most part, the plants are neat bushes that range from 10” to 16” tall, depending upon the cultivar. The flowers are small, but the fruit that follows offers quite a palette of color. Many of the peppers will start out with green fruit that progresses through shades of yellow,

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Baking for big bucks

NEWARK RESIDENT
WILL COMPETE IN
PILLSBURY BAKEOFF
MARCH 21



By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER



WHEN Anita Hunter, left, received news that she was selected as one of 100 finalists for this year’s Pillsbury Bakeoff, the first person she wanted to tell was her mom.

Not surprising, since Hunter, a Newark resident, said she learned to cook “growing up at her mother’s elbow” in the kitchen.

But getting in touch proved to be a challenge in itself. “I called Mom immediately,” said Hunter. “Phone’s busy. I called back. Still busy.”

An anxious Hunter said she called another phone line in the house, only to have the answering machine pick up. “I started screaming in the machine for somebody to pick up the phone,” said Hunter, laughing. “Nobody did.”

Finally, she said, her mother called back wondering about the commotion. “I’ve got news,” Hunter told her. “I’m going to Orlando!”

The response on the other end was dead silence, said Hunter.

Her mother was speechless. An hour later, said Hunter, mom showed up at the

door with a bouquet of congratulatory flowers.

Hunter will leave for Orlando, Fla., on Saturday, March 18, armed with an original recipe and bound for a bakeoff that could make her \$1 million richer. On March 21, she will compete against 99 finalists from around the country.

The grand prize winner will receive \$1 million and new kitchen appliances. Winners in each of six categories — dinner, breakfast foods, snacks, weekend meals, meals for two and healthy meals — will receive \$10,000.

Excited? “I am,” said Hunter. “It’s kind of overwhelming. I’m trying not to think about it.”

Hunter’s recipe, Ham and Spinach Melts, plays on the traditional grilled cheese. It calls for spinach, sun-dried tomatoes, cooked ham and provolone cheese to be melted together between tortilla shells. “I love grilled cheese and wanted to come up with something a little different,” she said.

This recipe, one of several she entered in the contest, is one of the easiest to make, she said. During the competition, she will get enough ingredients to make the recipe three times — one for judges, one for display and “one just in case.”

According to the Pillsbury Web site, a panel of food experts will work “in jury-room secrecy to taste the recipe entries.” Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on March 22. The finalists’ recipes are available now on the contest Web site, www.pillsbury.com.

Hunter said she honed her baking skills by preparing meals for and with family. She helped her mother win a crab cake cook-off competition a few years ago, she said, and gets frequent requests from family to prepare her chocolate praline cake.

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Look for plants with texture, height to fit landscape

▶ OUTLOOK, from 8

orange and red.

Some are purple--almost black, even--at maturity. It is possible to find tiny round or pointed fruit, or larger long or stubby fruit. There are the milder varieties of peppers you can grow as both decorative and edible plants, but I think the prettiest ones are also the hottest.

The foliage can have a fine texture, or larger, coarser leaves. The foliage is often a medium to deep green. Some cultivars have mottled green and white or purple leaves. Few pests bother pepper plant foliage. I have seen pepper plants used very effectively as edging in flowerbeds.

There are dozens and dozens

of cultivars you could try. Get a good seed catalog and pore over the descriptions. Look for plants with the texture and ultimate height that best suits your landscape needs. You will have to start from seed if you want to grow some of the specialty peppers and, fortunately, peppers are one of the easiest. This is the time of year to plant seeds indoors for transplanting out in Mid to late May.

Vines that produce edible fruit include exotic and everyday species. *Actinidia arguta* (Tara or Bower Vine) and *Actinidia kolomikta* (Kolomikta) are cousins to kiwifruit you can find in the grocery store. Each produces 1" oblong fruits on vigorous twining vines, Tara vine being a bit larger. Sweetly fragrant exotic-looking

flowers appear May to June. The fruit flavor is sweet, and reminiscent of strawberry, banana, gooseberry, or kiwi, depending upon the plant and your taste buds. The fruits pack in a lot of vitamin (10 times the vitamin C of oranges) and minerals (as much potassium as a banana). You'll need to plant one male pollinator for up to eight female (fruit-bearing) plants. These vines prefer full sun but can tolerate partial shade. Tara vine has dark lustrous green and remarkably pest and disease-free foliage. Kolomikta has lovely purplish, pink- or white-variegated foliage. Provide a sturdy support structure such as an arbor or espalier framework against a wall. Prune the plant back in the winter to 8 to 10 buds per stem to control

excessive vegetative growth and promote higher quality fruit.

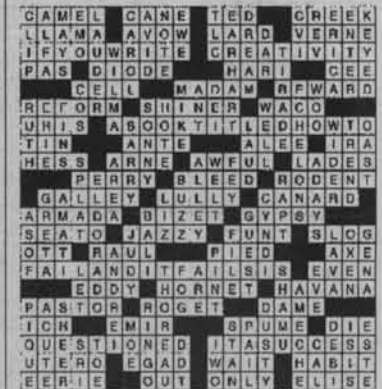
Blueberries are my personal favorite shrub fruit; four of them are in residence in my own front yard. If you can provide an acidic, moist soil high organic matter and a deeply mulched planting site, it's hard to go wrong. In full sun, blueberry leaves offer fine texture and scarlet fall foliage. Other than ravenous birds, pest and disease problems are minimal. Blueberries set the most fruit when at least three different cultivars are planted close to each other. Try Bluecrop, Bluetta, Blueberry, Herbert, Berkeley, Patriot or Eliot.

Prinsepia sinensis (Cherry Prinsepia) is a pest and disease resistant alternative to conventional cherry trees. This native of Manchuria grows in a rounded mound 6 to 10 feet high and wide--a good candidate for screening or hedges. The bright green leaves are borne on spiny branches and contrast nicely with the orange-red 1/2-inch cherry-

like fruits. This plant requires little more than a sunny, open location and fertile, well-drained soil. Overgrown plants respond well to renewal pruning.

For more information on these and other plants for the home lawn and garden, contact The Garden Line at 302-831-8862 or email garden-line@udel.edu.

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.



Alma Tolomeo turns 100

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ALMA Tolomeo isn't Irish, but this St. Patrick's Day will be her day to celebrate. On Friday, March 17, the lifelong Newark resident turns 100 years old.

Her son Frank Tolomeo, whom she lives with on Tyre Avenue, said his mother was born and raised at 256 E. Main St., next to the shopping center. She raised her family at 264 E. Main St. and lived at 224 E. Delaware Ave before moving to

Tyre Avenue.

"She's lived in Newark her whole life, within five to six blocks," said Tolomeo.

His mother, he said, is a member of the ladies auxiliary of Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company and the Eastern Star.

She worked many different jobs in town, including being a store clerk and a rural mail carrier. During WWII, said Tolomeo, his mother worked at a factory on South Chapel Street that produced tube socks and radios.

On Wednesday, March 8,

the East End Civic Association held a surprise birthday party in Alma Tolomeo's honor.

Councilman Jerry Clifton, Mayor Vance Funk III and St. Rep. Stephanie Ulbrich, R-25, attended, along with about 30 people from the neighborhood.

"She was quite surprised at the party," said her son. "I had to tell her the Mayor was going to be there to get her there."

In addition, Tolomeo has received birthday wishes from President George W. Bush and Governor Ruth Ann Minner. She will celebrate with her family on Saturday.



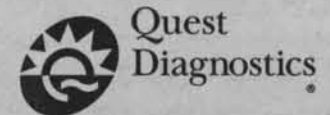
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Councilman Jerry Clifton, left, and Mayor Vance Funk III present Alma Tolomeo with a plaque at a birthday party in her honor. Tolomeo, a lifelong Newark resident, turns 100 on Friday, March 17.

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DJ DANCE PARTY 9:30/10 p.m. - 1 a.m. No cover charge. DJ Dance Party Tom Travers. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.
LIVE MUSIC 8 - 11 p.m. Performance by Chris Gordon. Free. Home Grown Café & Gourmet to Go, 126 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 266-6993.

IN SEARCH OF WOODCOCKS 5:30 p.m. "Woodcock briefing" followed by a walk at dusk in search of this elusive bird. \$4. Call to book date. White Clay Creek State Park, Rt. 896, Newark. Info, 368-6900.

PLAY 8 p.m. "Arcadia" at the Players Club of Swarthmore Theater. Through April 1. \$15, students \$8. Info, 610-328-4271.

EXHIBIT Through July 9. Lithographic works by painter, printmaker and collector Charles Hazelwood Shannon. Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington. Info, 351-8511.

CELTIC HARVEST 7 p.m. The Schwartz Center for the Arts will present "Celtic Harvest, an Irish Experience." \$17, \$14. The Schwartz Center, 226 S. State St., Dover. Info, 678-5152.

CONCERT 8 p.m. Daryl Hall and John Oates will showcase their smooth rock, R&B/Soul infused sound. \$75, \$55. The DuPont Theatre, Hotel DuPont, Tenth & Market Streets, Wilmington. Info, 656-4401 or 800-338-0881.

PAINTING & DRAWINGS 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. through June 16. Katherine Kuharic, "The Low Road," paintings and drawings commenting on American consumer culture. \$5, \$3. Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts, 200 S. Madison St., Wilmington. Info, 656-6466

■ SATURDAY, MAR. 18

DE QUILT SHOW 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 3rd annual Quilter's Day Out. Includes quilting demos with several area quilting businesses. \$50 for the entire day, \$33 for morning demos, \$23 for afternoon workshops. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 366-7060.

NJ QUILT SHOW 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. A judged show featuring more than 250 antique and contemporary quilts. Adults \$9, seniors \$8, students \$6. Wheaton Village, 1501 Glasstown Rd., Millville NJ. Info, 800-998-4552 or 856-825-6800.

BARGAIN BAZAAR 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Rain date Sunday, March 19. A bazaar of crafts, services, antiques, and yard sale items. \$15 for a 30' by 15' space. Sponsored by The Way Inc., a non-profit raising money for young teen girls. Kirk Middle School, Chestnut Hill Road (Rt. 4), Newark. Info, 750-0930.

IRISH RESEARCH 10:30 a.m. Irish genealogy workshop sponsored by the Delaware Public Archives. Free. 121 Duke of York Street in Dover. Info, 744-5047.

AUCTION GALA 6 - 11 p.m. 20th annual gala to benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Delaware. QVC star Bob Bowersox will host an evening of music by the band, Heavenly Hash, plus dining, dancing and silent and live auctions. \$75. Wilmington Country Club. Info, 999-9313.



ARCADIA

Septimus Hodge, played by Chris Salazar, has an intriguing idea for Lady Croom, played by Michelle Lynn Owens, in Tom Stoppard's "Arcadia" at the Players Club of Swarthmore Theater, now through April 1. Admission is \$15, students \$8. For more information, call 610-328-4271 or visit www.PcsTheater.org.

LIVE MUSIC 9:30/10 p.m. - 1 a.m. Performance by Shadow Puppets. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

LIVE MUSIC 8 - 11 p.m. Performance by What's Eating Annie. No cover charge. Home Grown Café & Gourmet to Go, 126 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 266-6993.

■ SUNDAY, MAR. 19

BOOK SIGNING 2 - 5 p.m. JoAnn S. Dawson, stable owner, innkeeper, actress and wrangler will sign books from her "Lucky Foot Stable" series. Barnes & Noble, 4801 Concord Pike, Wilmington. Info, 339-0674.

BRUNCH Brunch with Bruce Anthony, Chorduroy. No cover charge. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

WIND ENSEMBLE 8 p.m. Concert featuring Mark Camphouse's "A Movement for Rosa Parks," Michael Hennagin's "Jubilee" and Morton Gould's "American Salute." Directed by Robert J. Streckfuss. Adults \$10, seniors \$7, students \$3. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info, 831-2577.

PARK HISTORY PROGRAMS 2 p.m. A program held as an opportunity for the public to discover the history surrounding White Clay Creek. Call to book date. White Clay Creek State Park, Rt. 896, Newark. Info, 368-6900.

BACH MARATHON 2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Music for the organ and instrumental works played by Melomanie. First and Central Presbyterian Church, 1101 N. Market St., Rodney Square, Wilmington. Info, 654-5371.

■ MONDAY, MAR. 20

LIVE MUSIC 9:30/10 p.m. - 1 a.m. No cover charge. Performing Jefe. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

NATURE NUGGETS 10:30 a.m. Planned for ages 3 to 5, includes special crafts, storybook readings and other activities. Call to book date. White Clay Creek State Park, Rt. 896, Newark. Info, 368-6900.

■ TUESDAY, MAR. 21

LIVE MUSIC 9:30/10 p.m. - 1 a.m. No cover charge. Performing is Liquid A. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

JAZZ ENSEMBLES 8 p.m. Jazz Ensembles I and II directed by Tom Palmer. Adults \$10, seniors \$7, students \$3. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info, 831-2577.

MUSIC MASTERS 7:30 p.m. Ensemble and solo singing by members of the vocal/choral department. Wilmington Music School, 4101 Washington St., Wilmington. Info, 762-1132.

■ WEDNESDAY, MAR. 22

KARAOKE 9:30/10 p.m. - 1 a.m. No cover charge. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

ART TALK 5:30 p.m. Scholar Mark Samuels Lasner will discuss his collection of works by Charles Hazelwood Shannon. Free with admission to the Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington. Info, 351-8511.

LIVE MUSIC 8 - 11 p.m. Performance by Bill Belcher. Home Grown Café & Gourmet to Go, 126 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 266-6993.

GLOBAL AGENDA 7:30 p.m. Talk by Lisa Meadowcroft, executive director of African Medical and Research Foundation. Free. Mitchell Hall, University of Delaware. Info, 831-8041.

PIANO 6 - 7:30 p.m. Jazz pianist Michael Hunter. Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington. Info, 351-8511.

■ THURSDAY, MAR. 23

SPRING CAREER FAIR 1 - 4:30 p.m. Prospective employers from Comcast-CN8, Delaware Army National Guard, ING Direct, MBNA, Union Hospital, New Castle County Police and others. Free. Pratt Student Center gymnasium, Wilmington College New Castle campus, New Castle. Info, 328-9401 ext. 323.

MUG NIGHT 9:30/10 p.m. - 1 a.m. No cover charge. Performing is Kristen & The Noise. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

ART TALK Noon. Focus on Putney Winter Heart #8 (Skier) by Jim Dine. Participants get to know the museum's permanent collections and special exhibitions with an informal discussion over lunch. Free with admission to the Delaware Art Museum. 2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington. Info, 351-8511.

CONCERT 7 p.m. Christian rock band Hyper Static Union will present a youth-oriented concert. Free. Faith City Family Church, 179 Stanton Christiana Rd., Newark. Info, 800-461-4485.

■ FRIDAY MAR. 17

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 MAR. 18

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

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

■ SUNDAY MAR. 19

DELAWARE ACCORDION CLUB 2 - 5 p.m. Third Sunday. Meeting for an open mic session. Open to the public. Bear Diner & Restaurant, Rt. 40 and School Bell Road. Info, 738-7378.

■ MONDAY MAR. 20

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 9 p.m. Mondays. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association

in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info, 765-9740.

FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays. Classes for English Conversation. Registration required. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 East Main St. Info, 368-4942 or 368-8774.

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

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

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

NCCO STROKE CLUB 12 p.m. Mondays. The Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info, 324-4444.

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

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

MEETINGS

■ TUESDAY MAR. 21

CONSTITUENT COFFEE 7 - 8 a.m. Tuesdays. State Representative Stephanie Ulbrich will be on hand to discuss issues and concerns in the community. Friendly's, S. College Avenue. Info, 368-5122.

GRIEFSHARE 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Seminar and support group for those who have lost someone close to them. Union United Methodist Church, 345 School Bell Rd., Bear. Info, 737-5040.

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

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

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

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

STAMP GROUP 1 p.m. First and third Tuesday. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info, 737-2336.

NEWARK LIONS 6:30 p.m. First and third Tuesday. Lions meeting with program. Holiday Inn, Route 273 and I-95. Info, 731-1972. NO MEETINGS JULY OR AUG.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 7 p.m. First and third Tuesdays. Liberty Baptist Church, Red Lion Road, Bear. Info, 838-2060.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT 7 - 9 p.m. Third Tuesday. Free & open to public. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info, 737-2336.

■ WEDNESDAY MAR. 22

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

ANXIETY DISORDER 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Second & fourth Wednesday. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. To maintain the privacy of members, support group loca-

tions not published. Info., 765-9740.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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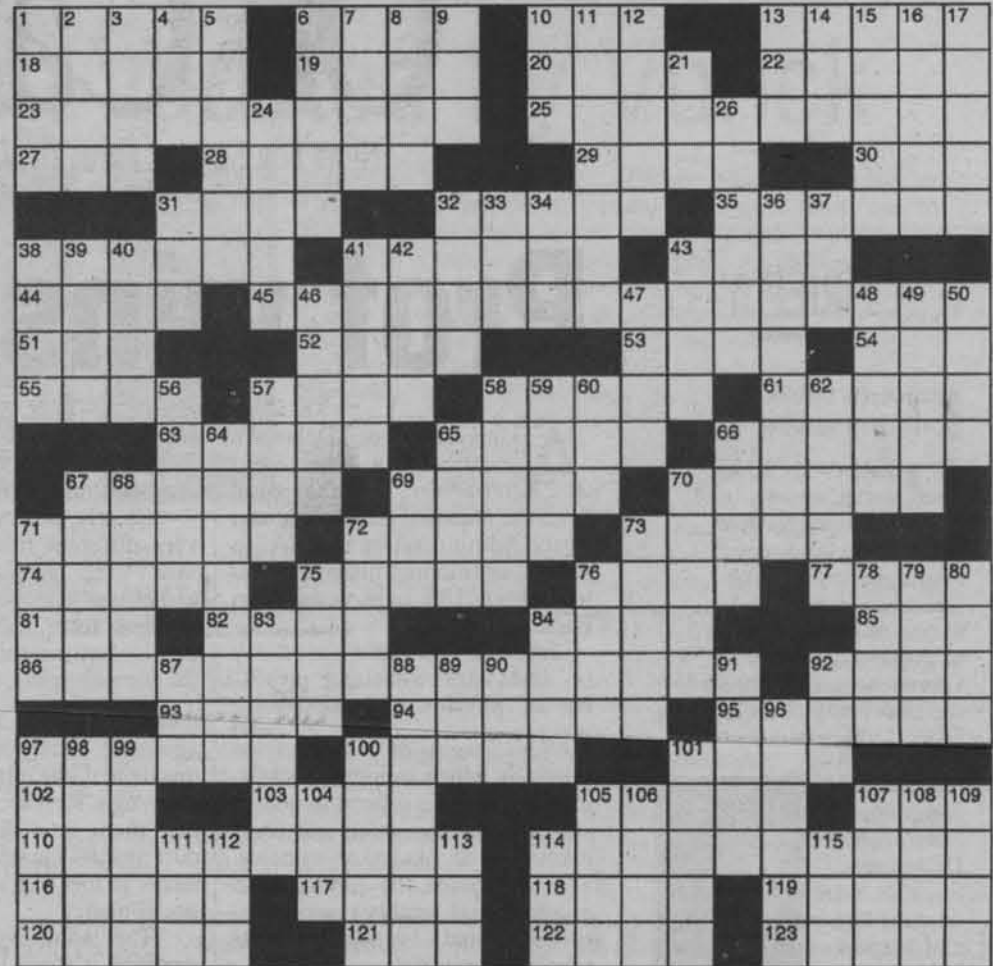
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■ THURSDAY MAR. 23

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

WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7 - 9 p.m.

Thursdays. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info, 765-9740.

EVENING YOGA 6:15 p.m. Thursdays.

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

DIVORCECARE 7 - 8:30 p.m. Thursdays. 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. Thursdays. Meeting and breakfast. The Blue & Gold Club, Newark. Info., 737-1711 or 737-0724.

DSI THUMBS UP 7 - 8 p.m. Second & fourth Thursday. Stroke support group meeting offering educational topics, peer support and experts in rehabilitative services. Sponsored by Delaware Stroke Initiative. Free. New Ark United Church of

Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 633-9313.

TOASTMASTERS 7 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday. Develop potential, overcome fear of public speaking. Public welcome. Check info desk for room location. Union Hospital, 106 Bow St. Info., 443-553-5358.

BRIGHT FUTURES 1 p.m. Second and

fourth Thursday. Breast cancer support group. Medical Arts Pavilion 2, Christiana Hospital. Info., 733-3900.

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Newark Marine ends career in Air National Guard

MASTER Sgt. Ralph McVey is perhaps a classic example of a "traditional" Guardsman, those known inside the National Guard as a drill-status Guardsman, and to the outside world as a part-time member of the guard or reserve forces of the United States military.

For the last decade and a half Sgt. McVey, a resident of Newark for the last 37 years, maintained his full-time employment in the civilian sector while serving once-a-month weekend duty plus several weeks and various additional duty days.

A Delaware native, McVey was born in Wilmington and graduated in 1965 from H. Fletcher Brown Technical High School. Like a significant percentage of Guard members, McVey had prior active duty military service before he joined the Delaware Air National Guard.

Asked why he re-joined a branch of the military service, McVey said, "I got bored," speaking in the plain spoken and concise manner that is one of his character traits.

McVey joined the Marines in 1965. "I volunteered just before I got my draft notice," he said. He started as a private (grade of E-1) in the Marine Corps and ended that portion of his career as Sergeant (grade of E-5). He served four years in active duty until leaving the Marines in 1969, when he moved to Newark.

He married in 1967, in the middle of his four-year tour of duty, and is still married to the same woman, his wife Linda.

His first stop in the Marines was to Parris Island S.C., Marine Boot Camp, and the experience created vivid memories for the teenager.

When recruits arrived at Parris, Island, McVey recalls the moment when recruits pulled up on a bus to the base and the drill instructor jumped on the bus and started issuing loud commands. "You'd look at your buddy and think, 'Wow, we've got a long way to go,'" said McVey. "It was rigid training. We were better persons for it. It gave us a different outlook on life."

His Marine service took him to Marine Embassy School, Headquarters Marines Corps, at Henderson Hall, Va. from October to December 1966. He served for about two years at Marine Barracks, Subic Bay, in the Philippines, as part of a guard detachment that guarded a naval magazine at a NAS (Naval Air Station) at a place called Cubi Point.

McVey switched from the Marines to the Air Force when he joined the Delaware Air Guard Dec. 7, 1989. He summed up the change in one sentence. "The biggest change came from carrying half a room on your back, with your buddy carrying the other half," said McVey, describing his physical Marine experience, to then having dorms, air conditioning and other 'luxuries' of the Air Force.

"Man, if I knew they (Air Force members) lived like this, I'd have joined them a long time ago," said Sgt. McVey with a chuckle.

He recalls deploying to Ramstein Air Base, Germany for Operation Desert Storm around February or



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Recently, Master Sgt. Ralph McVey, a 37-year resident of Newark, retired from the Delaware Air National Guard. McVey maintained his full-time employment in the civilian sector while serving once-a-month weekend duty plus several weeks and various additional duty days for 15 years.

March 1991 for a period of about a month or a month and a half.

In 1995 or 1996 he recalls deploying to Prince Sultan Air-Base, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for 19 days in the period after the base Airman dorms, called Khobar Towers, were destroyed by truck bomb attacks.

A month after the Saudi deployment he joined the Plans office

working under Sgt. Emerson Wells. Chief Master Sgt. Emerson Wells, who directly supervised McVey, said, "Sgt. McVey has always been a team player, and I was lucky to steal him away from Supply. He added his superb military bearing and strong work ethic to the logistics plans office. Anytime you needed anything he was there to help. I'll really miss Ralph and there aren't too many people that have his qualities and who can fill the void he left in our shop."

McVey turned 60 in mid-January 2006. While he did not want to leave the unit, he faced the organizational age barrier.

Like numerous National Guard members, McVey contributed his time to the local community. He worked with Special Olympics Delaware Plane Pull and Summer Games for more than 10 years, and for the last five years he has stood outside next to various stores as a Salvation Army Kettle Drive bell ringer, soliciting donations from the public.

In what were probably the shortest spoken remarks ever given in the Delaware Air National Guard Headquarters building, McVey said, "This should be short. I am a man of few words. I want to thank Senior Master Sgt. Gordon Riggs, Master Sgt. Paul Booton and Chief Master Sgt. Emerson Wells, who took me under his wing and tried to get it done. I appreciate it. Thank you all. Thank you all very much."

He also made note of the lady who has stood by his side for the last 39 years. "My wife Linda put up with all of my deployments and such throughout all those years. She was great to hang in there."

Cunningham promoted to major in Guard

Jacqueline R. Cunningham has been promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Air National Guard.

Cunningham, a public affairs deputy chief with 18 years of military service, is assigned to Buckley Air Force Base, Denver, Colo.

She is the daughter of Dr. Franklin D. Jones of Patriot Drive, and Ms. Caryle Jones of High St., both of Lancaster, Pa. Her husband, Timothy, is the son of Earl and Sarah Cunningham of Rudloff Court, Newark, Del.

The major graduated in 1983 from J.P. McCaskey High School, Lancaster.

Local residents complete basic

Navy Seaman Recruit Matthew T. Englehardt, of Newark, recently graduated from U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. Englehardt is the son of Patricia Englehardt, of Newark, and Matthew Englehardt, of Rising Sun, Md.

Navy Seaman Recruit Michelle Cordero, of Newark, recently

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graduated from U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. Cordero is the daughter of Adia Hernandez and step-daughter of Jose A. Rivera.

Resident graduates

Army Pfc. Wesley T. Harrington has graduated from basic training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. He is the son of Diane Harrington, of Bear. He is a 2004 graduate of William Penn High School in New Castle.

Dosa earns rank of cadet fourth class

Air Force Cadet Brian L. Dosa has completed Basic Cadet Training and earned the rank of cadet fourth class at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Carl Rehrig, 75

Carl L. Rehrig, 75, of Newark died on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006.

Mr. Rehrig, born June 9, 1930 in Bowmans-town, Pa., graduated from the Army School of Language as a German translator. He earned his undergraduate degree in music from Penn State University, and earned his master degree from West Chester University. He retired in 1990 after 34 years of service as a music teacher for the Red Clay School District.

He volunteered as a music instructor for the University of Delaware's Academy of Lifelong Learning. He served in the United States Army. He was a member of Limestone Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder and a choir member. He was a member of the Delaware Retired School Personnel Association, the American Federation of Musicians Local 21, the New Castle County Community Band, the White Clay Flyfishers and the Wellness Community.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ada Ditterline Rehrig

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

Carl Rehrig
Charlotte Cherico
Laurie Hanulik
William Orth
Regina Ferrari
Terry Glover
John Kelley
Jacqueline Seeman
Russell Brown
Enrico D'Ambro
Florence Owens
Delphine Rakofski
Fannie Boyer

Jacqueline Seeman, 20, St. Mark's grad, accomplished athlete

JACQUELINE Rose Seeman, 20, of Newark died on March 4, 2006.

Ms. Seeman was born Feb. 7, 1986 in Newark. She was the daughter of Glenn Edward and Terri A. Seeman.

She was a full-time student at the University of Delaware, pursuing a sports management degree.

She was a 2004 graduate of St. Mark's High School and earned The Cross Award, The Silver Award and the 10-year Girl Scout Service Award.

She was an accomplished athlete, swimming for Team Delaware, Maple Valley Swim Club, and St. Mark's High School.

She was a member of the St. Mark's Marching Band.

She played for the Wilmington Colts Rugby Team and played lacrosse for Hockessin PAL. She also played baseball for Newark National Little League. Her passion and knowledge of all sports was unsurpassed, but nothing was more important to her than Notre Dame having a successful football or basketball season.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her siblings, William Alexander, Timothy Edward, Nicholas Glenn and Ashley Marie, all at home. She is survived by her paternal grandparents, Daniel and Wilma Seeman, of Hawaii, and Richard and Noreen Bourassa of Dover. She

was predeceased by her maternal grandparents, George and Rosemary Larson; and her maternal aunt, Sally Andrews.

Visitation was to be held on March 9 in the Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, in Newark. Relatives and friends were invited to attend the Mass of Christian Burial on March 10 at Holy Angels Church in Newark. Entombment was to be held privately.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jackie Seeman Memorial Fund, c/o Wilmington Trust Co., 15 Lantana Square, Hockessin, DE 19707, to benefit her siblings' education.

8 at St. Catherine of Siena Church. Interment was to be in All Saints Cemetery in Wilmington.

Terry Glover, 49

Terry N. Glover, 49, of Newark, died on Saturday, March 4, 2006.

Mr. Glover was an avid fisherman, who built his own fishing rods. He was a talented artist, and was a fanatical New York Giants football fan. He was devoted to his nieces and nephew.

He was preceded in death by his father, Julian T. Glover, in 2004 and his sister, Carol Taylor, in 2005. He is survived by his mother, Liv Glover of Newark; two brothers, John-Erick Glover and his wife, Carolyn, of Newark and William K. Glover and his wife, Connie, of Allentown, N.J.; his sister, Diane Kifer and her husband, Frank, of Landenberg, Pa., and several nieces and nephew.

A funeral service was to be held on March 9 at Our Redeemer-Lutheran Church in Newark. Interment was to be at All Saints Cemetery, Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington.

John Kelley, 75

John Kelley, 75, of Newark died Saturday, March 4, 2006.

Kelley was a retired self-employed salesman. He was a Marine Corps veteran and a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Kelly is survived by his wife of 55 years, Alice Kelley; his daughters, Debra Trovinger and her husband, Robert, Kathy Kelley and her husband, Robert, Richard Foley, Barb Slater and her companion John Kaczmarezyk, and Sherry Williams, and her husband, Harry; his grandchildren, Jessica Pennington and her husband, Jason, Jenna Trovinger, Kelley Bryant, and her husband, Gregg, Nichole and John Slater, Krista Brady and her husband, Brad, Jake, Jill, Amy and Alicia Williams; and his two great grandchildren.

A celebration of his life was to be held on March 11 at Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Rehoboth.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Lutheran Church of Our Savior; or to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 10 Johnson Rd, Newark, DE 19713.

Laurie Hanulik, 40

Laurie G. Hanulik, 40, of Newark died Monday, Feb. 27, 2006.

Ms. Hanulik had been employed with W.L. Gore & Associates as an inspector. In her leisure time, she enjoyed boating. She was also a member of the American Legion Post 47 Auxiliary in Havre de Grace, Md.

She was preceded in death by her father, Paul H. Hanulik, in 1992. Survivors include her daughter, Tabitha A. Hanulik of Newark; her companion and father to Tabitha, Thomas A. Golden of Landenberg, Pa.; mother, Gail F. Hanulik of Newark; siblings, Nancy A. Stacy of Elkton, Paul A. Hanulik of North East, Md., Robert L. Hanulik of Indiana, and Ronald N. Hanulik of Newark; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was to be held on Tuesday, March 7, at the Gebhart Funeral Home, in New Castle. Burial was to be held privately.

William Orth, 76

Newark resident William J. Orth, III, 76, died on Monday, Jan. 30, 2006.

Mr. Orth, born in Wilmington, was the son of the late Helen and William J. Orth, II; and brother of the late James Orth. He lived in Charlotte,

N.C. for 21 years, and retired in 1985 as a textile service representative from the Dupont Company.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Irene Orth; his daughter, Annemarie O. Perkins and her husband, Charles of Newark; his son, William J. Orth IV and his wife, Nancy, of Mechanicsville, Md.; his five grandchildren; and his great grandson.

Funeral services were to be held privately.

Regina Ferrari, 84

Regina P. Ferrari, 84, of Newark died on Friday, March 3, 2006.

Mrs. Ferrari was born February 22, 1922 in Philadelphia, Pa. She was a homemaker and member of St. Catherine of Siena Church.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dominic F. Ferrari, in 1998; and her sister, Bernadine Gluck, in 2005. She is survived by three sons, Dominic and his wife, Maryann, of Rising Sun, Md., Francis and his wife, Sharon, of Elkton, and John and his wife, Patricia, of Newark; her daughter, Maraline of Wilmington; 17 grandchildren; and many great grandchildren.

A visitation was to take place on March 7 at the Mealey Funeral Home in Wilmington. A Mass of Christian Burial was to be celebrated on March

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It wasn't that tough for the fans to decide

By **MARTY VALANIA**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Edgar Johnson called it the most difficult decision he's ever had to make. If that's true, it's only personal feelings that made it that way because the numbers and results make it look like one of the easiest decisions possible for the University of Delaware athletic director.



Valania

Clearly, Blue Hen fans wouldn't have had any trouble making the decision. They've made their statement in and out of the Carpenter Center. Many have stayed away in droves. The ones that still show up booed David Henderson repeatedly. They've sent emails to the university and the local media. Their position was not difficult to figure out at all.

Boos and emails may not have any significant meaning to Johnson or other UD officials. Dwindling crowds, however, grab their attention.

Before Henderson's tenure, the Carpenter Center was routinely sold out for men's basketball games. A switch in conferences and six mediocre to poor seasons later and the building is now routinely half empty for games. In an area that offers a good deal of college basketball choices, the lack of support is a telltale sign that interest has either shifted or been lost. Either way, it's money that's not coming in to the university anymore.

Henderson's teams compiled an 85-93 record in his six years as coach of the Blue Hens. The disturbing sign was that his record was just 20-41 in the last two

Delaware fires Henderson

Two straight 20-loss seasons seal hoop coach's fate

The University of Delaware announced Monday that David Henderson (right) will not be retained as head coach of the Blue Hen men's basketball program.

Henderson, 41, who took over as head coach of the program in July, 2000, led Blue Hen teams to a six-year record of 85-93 but the team suffered through three los-

ing seasons, including consecutive 20-loss campaigns for the first time school history the last two years. Delaware posted a record of 9-21 this past season and placed ninth in the Colonial Athletic Association standings with a mark of 4-14.

A national search for Henderson's replacement will begin immediately. Henderson had recently concluded the third year of a five-year contract signed prior to the 2003-2004 season.

"This is always a difficult

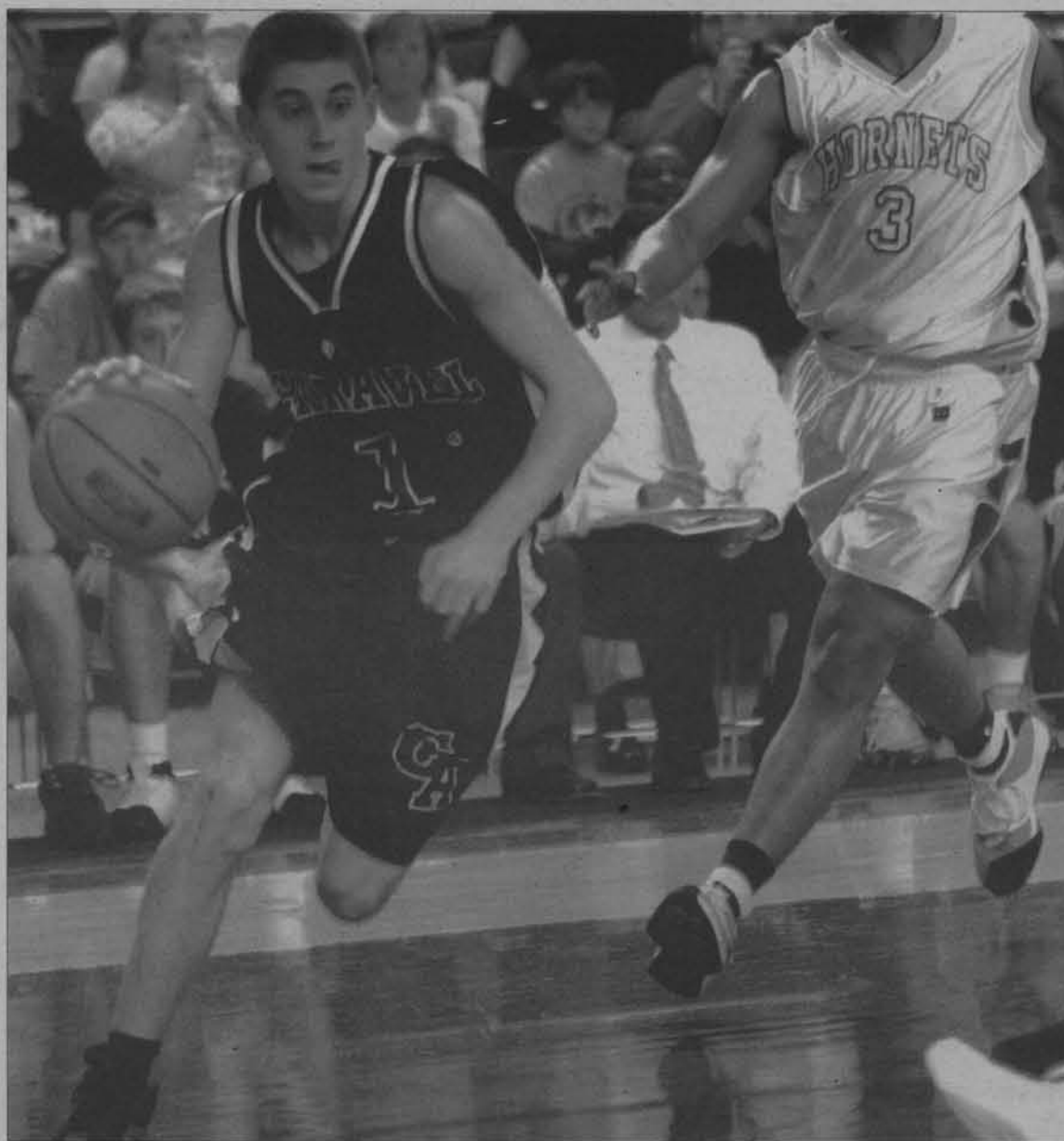
decision to make," said University of Delaware Director of Athletics Edgar N. Johnson in making the announcement. "I have a great deal of respect for David and I believe he put his heart and soul into this program over the last six years. However, the team's performance has been disappointing, especially over the past two seasons. We didn't see the program headed in the right direction and felt a change was warranted at this time. David is a bright, talented coach and we wish him well in the future."

Henderson, the 22nd head coach in UD men's basketball history, replaced Mike Brey prior to the 2000-2001 season after Brey left to take the head coaching position at Notre Dame. Henderson led his first team to a record of 20-10 and a second place finish in the America East conference with a 14-4 mark. The Blue Hens advanced to the league tournament championship game before falling to Hofstra.

Delaware moved to the Colonial Athletic Association

See **HENS, 16** ▶

Caravel falls to Tatnall in double OT



Hornets win first ever boys basketball state championship

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Senior Jawan Carter scored 31 points and junior D. J. Boney added 19, to lead Tatnall (22-4) to a 73-71 double-overtime victory over Caravel Academy Saturday afternoon in the championship game of the 2006 Delaware High School Boys Basketball Tournament. This was Tatnall's first boys basketball title in school history. It was the third championship game to go into overtime, and the first to hit a double session. Caravel (23-3) has yet to win a boys basketball title after coming very close for two straight years. Last year the Bucaneers lost a hard-fought game to Middletown 77-58 as the Cavaliers won a second straight title. Carter, who's finished his scholastic career as Delaware's all-time leading scorer, tied the contest at 54-54, and sent the game into overtime by draining a long three with just 14 seconds remaining in regulation. After that, Carter and Boney combined for the Hornet's 19 overtime points to pull out the amazing and exciting victory. "I've never felt anything like this before in my life," said Carter moments after the final buzzer. "It's such a wonderful feeling. Once I hit that shot at the end of regulation, I just knew we

See **ENDERSON, 16**

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

Caravel's Tyler Niggebrugge drives to the basket during Saturday's boys state championship game.

See **CARAVEL, 16** ▶

STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

CAA could pose conflict

Arena may not be available for tourney

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The Colonial Athletic Association's decision to hold the Women's Basketball championship at the University of Delaware's Bob Carpenter Center in 2007 and 2008 is great news for the UD and the Newark community. The 5,000-seat Bob will likely be packed to the rafters during the four-day, 11-game tournament next March.

It's the first time the University will have the chance to showcase the facility to the CAA and regional basketball fans. The CAA winner gets an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament.

However, this great opportunity may cause some headaches

for the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) when the state high school tournaments roll around next March and in 2008. "Right now, we're looking to revise the high school schedule next season," said DIAA Director Kevin Charles. "One way to do that is to compress the schedule by about a week to keep the semifinals and the championship games at the University. But a lot of that depends on the flexibility of the conferences, the Blue Hen, Catholic and Henlopen Conferences, etc., to make some changes," he said. Charles said one of the ways to make it all fit is to have the schools play a few games before the Winter/Christmas break.

"That would also give us a chance for some makeup games in case of bad weather during the season or at the conclusion," said Charles.

Under DIAA rules, teams can begin play on the first Friday in

December.

Another possible solution would be to play back-to-back games in the first two rounds. Charles said the top priority is to keep some of the tournament at the Carpenter Center.

"The staff and crew at the University has always treated us very well, and conducted outstanding tournaments," he said. "There's no other place in the state for size, comfort and enjoyment, to watch basketball, especially a championship game," said Charles. "Bringing the CAA Tournament to Newark is tremendous for the state and the UD, and I'm happy for the University for this well-deserved honor," he said. For now, Charles and the DIAA committee will be examining all possibilities to ensure the state's high school basketball players will continue to have a first-rate tournament at the best possible venues next March and into the future.

Tatnall wins title

► CARAVEL, from 15

were going to win this game," he said.

Tatnall's defensive leader Sam Leyland scored 10 points before fouling out late in the fourth quarter.

Both teams had a chance to win in the first OT as the lead changed several times down the stretch. Boney hit a pair of free throws to give Tatnall a 67-65 edge with 12 seconds remaining. But Caravel's Rich Owusu shook free for a short jumper to knot the score at 67-67 with one tick of the clock remaining. Caravel never led in the second overtime.

Brett Friedberg and Eric Buckland each scored for the Bucs, but the Hornets got a basket from Carter and a foul shot from Boney in the closing seconds for the slim margin of victory.

Owusu led Caravel with 15 points, while teammates Tyler Niggebrugge and C. J. Brown each added 14 points. Marek Koltun chipped in with 9 points and 5 rebounds before fouling out of the game. Tatnall coach Anthony Wright said his squad beat a great team Saturday afternoon.

"We were the two best teams all season long, and I knew this would be a terrific game. Both teams showed what they had, and fortunately we were able to come out on top this time." Wright also credited seniors Jason Perillo and Scott Von Duyke for their defensive play throughout the tournament.

"Our two big guys played solid every night, and they seldom get any credit. They both have a lot of heart, played great tonight, and now they have a state championship to show for all their hard work," said Wright.

Henderson out after six seasons

► HENDERSON, from 15

years.

In addition, former America East compatriots Drexel and Hofstra have made the move to the Colonial Athletic Association with far greater success. Hofstra, arguably, should've been in this year's NCAA Tournament as an at-large team. Drexel, too, has met the challenge of the new league in a much better way than the Hens have. Neither of those schools, though, has what Delaware has to offer as far as facilities, academics or collegiate environment.

Yes, Henderson had to follow Mike Brey. Brey, who is now the head coach at Notre Dame, led the Hens to the NCAA Tournament on two different occasions. Even more importantly, made a ticket to a Delaware basketball game a hot commodity. The atmosphere in the building for games was unmatched in the conference.

Is it unfair that Henderson had to follow Brey?

It's always tough to be compared to somebody that had more success than anybody else in school history. But Henderson also inherited an already suc-

cessful program. He didn't have to rebuild anything. It was all in place.

It certainly didn't help that Henderson wasn't as public relations savvy as Brey. Knowing that's the case, though, it's not really smart to blow off a few of your own radio shows. It's probably not a good idea to be confrontational with the Blue Hen Hoop Club either.

Not being media or fan friendly isn't something that's going to get a coach fired on its own. However, lose 20 games in back-to-back seasons as attendance continually erodes and everything you do wrong comes into play.

Look at the record, look at the attendance figures, and look at the lack of support. The decision to fire David Henderson wasn't really that difficult at all.

Delaware fires Henderson, begins search for new coach

► HENS, from 15

prior to the 2001-02 season, but Henderson could never match that first-year success. The Hens went 14-16 in 2001-02 and followed with records of 15-14 in 2002-03, 16-12 in 2003-04, 11-20 during an injury-plagued 2004-05 season, and 9-21 this past season. Delaware suffered just the third 20-loss season in school history this past winter and lost 20 or more in consecutive seasons for the first time in school history. This past season the Hens failed to reach the 10-win mark for the first time since 1981-82.

During his tenure, Blue Hen teams posted a combined conference regular season record of 53-55 but never finished higher than

fifth in the league standings while members of the CAA. Delaware also posted a combined post-season record of 6-6 under Henderson but failed to make the league tournament championship game in five seasons in the CAA.

A standout collegiate player at Duke from 1982-86, Henderson went on to play professionally for 10 seasons, including one year with the National Basketball Association's Philadelphia 76ers and eight seasons overseas in France, Israel, and Turkey. He joined Mike Krzyzewski's staff at Duke and served for three seasons from 1997-2000 before being hired at Delaware. He joined the Delaware staff in July, 2000, replacing Mike Brey, who left to take the coaching job at Notre Dame.

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Three vie for seat being vacated by Vonck

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High School. He went to the University of Delaware and, for the past 16 years, has owned Barba & Reynolds Insurance Agency on Tyre Avenue.

If elected, Barba said he has an interest in continuing to improve the city's relationship with the University of Delaware through "open honest dialogue," supporting the city's recreation programs and controlling new growth.

As one of the city's largest employers, he said, the university is a driving economic force here. "The university is not going away, as it exists," he said. Noting that disagreements do occur between residents and students, he said the two groups need on-going dialogue to improve relations.

Barba said he has an interest in the city's recreation facilities and its "outstanding" parks and recreation programs. He will support continued growth in the parks and recreation department, he said.

New development is of great interest to District 6 residents, said Barba. "When I look at the 6th district, I see more growth... Unfettered growth is not in the community's best interest, or in our district's best interest," he said.

Calling growth inevitable, Barba noted the importance of keeping constituents informed of projects in or near the district. New development, he said, needs to fit in with the existing community, and constituents need to be involved in the review process.

A councilman, said Barba, should have open communication with his constituents and help residents with matters of importance to them.

Barba lives with his wife,

Connie, and two daughters, Alexandra and Christina, in the Hunt at Louviers. He is a member of St. John Holy Angels Church, a softball coach for the parks and recreation program and is serving as a member of the Autofest committee.

Stu Markham, a 15-year-resident of Newark, said his experience as a computer consultant has taught him how to communicate with all types of people and work to solve their problems. If elected, he will bring these skills to the job of councilman.

Markham said with his computer background comes an interest in efficiency. Several areas of government, including access to resources, electric usage and budgeting, need to be efficient, he said.

Markham said, if elected, he will work towards updating the city's electronic resources in order to provide more information on the city's Web site and better communicate with residents.

Given the current climate of electric rate increases around the region, Markham said, "At some point in time we will have to tackle electrical rates as a city." The city should look at how efficiently it functions in terms of



Barba



Markham



Tucker

energy use, he said.

As for the city budget, Markham said, "Certainly with efficiency we want to work to keep taxes as low as we can."

Markham said residents in the northern part of the District 6 sometimes feel disconnected from city activities. "I need to have a voice that reflects them, as well as the rest of the city," he said.

Growth and development are major talking points among District 6 residents, said Markham. "The city's going to continue to grow, which is a good thing, but we need smart, managed growth," he said.

Of his decision to run for the District 6 seat, Markham said, "This seemed like a great opportunity to serve the city of Newark." He has a longtime interest in public administration and studied

political science at the University of Delaware. He holds a master's degree in computer science.

He lives with his wife, Kathy, and children, Alan and Kimberly, in the Hunt at Louviers. He works as a lead technologist for a local consulting organization, Diamond Technologies.

Stan Tucker, an 18-year-resident of Newark, noted three concerns for District 6: traffic safety, land use and recreation.

Living along Kirkwood Highway, said Tucker, he sees how difficult it can be for people to enter and leave their homes safely because of heavy traffic. The city, he said, needs to enforce existing traffic laws and consider the impact of future development projects on area roads.

"Traffic safety is something that hits home to everyone in this community, and all of Newark," he said.

As for land use, Tucker said he would like to see developers set aside more accessible parkland for use by city residents. Also, the rules for building near wetlands should be stricter, he said, in terms of allowable housing density.

Tucker said, if elected, he would encourage more citizens to attend council meetings and voice their opinions on issues such as development designs. "I don't want them to feel intimidated," he said. "It's important for them to be involved if they have concerns about land use, concerns about traffic."

Noting the diverse district he would represent — District 6 includes older sections of the city and the newer Woods of Louviers — Tucker said he would represent all parts of the district equally, "promoting diversity and enrichment."

He said he would like to continue work by current Councilman Kevin Vonck to improve relations between the city residents and college students.

Tucker is married to Celeste Kelly, a planning commissioner. Tucker has been in public accounting for more than 30 years. These skills, he said, would add diversity to the council's membership. ■ District 6 is bordered at points by Paper Mill Road, Possum Park Road, Capitol Trail, East Main Street, South College Avenue, Elkton Road and New London Road. To see what district you live in, visit http://newark.de.us/docs/council/district_street_list.html



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Timing affects school construction

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assistant superintendent, told the board Tuesday.

Edmison said the review committee formed out of a March 8 meeting attended by more than 60 people. Parents Pat Watkins-Talib of Wilmington and Karen Kaler of Newark will chair the committee. Three subcommittees formed to review construction and communication.

Edmison said the committee will determine the timing, scope and strategy appropriate for a new referendum by gathering feedback from the public. The committee will report its findings back to the school board on Tuesday, April 4.

In terms of timing for a new referendum, said Edmison, the district has three choices: a combined capital/operating referendum before June 2006, a capital referendum before June 2006 and operating one after, or a combined referendum after June 2006.

"Each of those decisions going forward has a different impact on outcome, and that's exactly what the committee is looking at," he said.

Boardmember Cecilia Scherer asked how the timing of a new referendum would affect the construction of two new schools — an elementary and middle school — planned in the district.

"If we're able to pass a referendum that includes additional funding for two new buildings prior to this fiscal year...we would be able to open schools for the 2007 school year," said Edmison. But, if the district waits until after June 2006, "the next opportunity would be August 2008," he said.

In addition to timing, the referendum committee will consider whether or not the projects included in the referendum need to be scaled back. Also, the committee will work on engaging the public and increasing voter support.

"We sent a lot of information out, but I'm not sure we made great contact, to be honest," said Edmison of the failed referendum.

New Superintendent Lillian Lowery agreed. She said she wanted the public to know, "We hear you. We acknowledge we probably didn't do the best job communicating the first time around."

Lowery said she appreciated the work of the staff and community members moving forward on the referendum issue. She asked the public to contact the district with any ideas for ways to get out information.



The RoboRockers, a team of 6th and 7th grade students at Mount Aviat Academy, won the Delaware State Championship in the FIRST Lego League robotics tournament held Jan. 21 at the Bob Carpenter Center. The team will compete in the World Championships in Atlanta in late April. On Monday, March 13, the Newark City Council congratulated the team with a proclamation. Pictured from left, Cliff Hegedus, Councilman Paul Pomeroy, Modesto Steiner Robles, Jimmy Grimes, Joseph Hendron, Mayor Vance Funk and Jacob Hyde.

Parks and Recreation Department sponsors trips

NEWARK'S Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring several trips for this spring. For more information, or to register, call 302-366-7060.

On Saturday, May 6, residents can take a trip to New York City. The bus will leave from the city building at 7 a.m. and return at 10

a.m. Cost is \$33 for residents and \$36 for non-residents.

On Saturday, June 10, residents can travel to Harper's Ferry, W.Va. to visit the Mt. Heritage Arts and Crafts Festival and Harper's Ferry National Park. Bus leaves from the city building at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 for residents and

\$43 for non-residents.

On Wednesday, June 21, residents can travel to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. Bus leaves from Suburban Plaza on Elkton Road at 7:30 a.m. and returns around 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$43 for residents and \$46 for non-residents and includes round trip ferry service from Jersey City, N.J. to both islands.

On Saturday, June 24, residents can set sail from Tilghman Island, Md. on a skipjack. Join Captain Wade Murphy, a third generation waterman, as he steers to an oyster bar and dredges for oysters. Bus departs at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 9 p.m. Cost is \$50 for residents and \$53 for non-residents.

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How to keep big day from going mad

They are supposed to be blushing, glowing, ecstatic.

But for many brides-to-be, the stress of planning a wedding - let alone a married life - is enough to turn a slight blush into a red-faced meltdown.

"They go into it quite innocently thinking this is going to be wonderful, this is going to be fun," said the Rev. Laurie Sue Brockway, who helps run a Bridal Survival Club in New York. "It doesn't really take long for them to get stressed out. They get into this mode of people-pleasing and creating this 'perfect' wedding."

The details alone can be overwhelming: There's the guest list, the save-the-date cards, the invitations, the registry, the flowers, the dress, the cake, the centerpieces, the music, the bridesmaids' gifts, the favors. There's picking the location, finding an officiant, planning the honeymoon.

Add to that budget worries (the average American wedding costs \$26,327, according to the Fairchild Bridal Group). Family arguments. Relationship growing pains. The bride and groom may disagree about how to spend money or deal with the in-laws.

"We sort of think of engagement as boot camp for marriage because so many things come up during the engagement that you'll have to deal with in your marriage," said Millie Martini Bratten, editor-in-chief of *Bride's* magazine.

So how to keep the happy occasion from turning into a nightmare?

Brides, wedding experts and therapists who specialize in pre-wedding jitters have a few tips to keep anxiety in check.

The most important: Delegate, especially to your fiancé. Men are getting more involved in wedding planning - there is even isolated talk of metrosexual "groomzillas" - but for most couples, weddings are still women's work. Note there is no *Groom's* magazine.

"Women are conditioned in this culture to dream and plan and think about our wedding. It's not unusual for us to start thinking about it on the third date," says Brockway, author of "Wedding Goddess: A Divine Guide to Transforming Wedding Stress into Wedding Bliss."

But giving some control to your fiancé - who is going to be your life partner, after all - can be liberating.

"When you tap into other people's strengths and let them help you with your direction, you'll end up with something even better than you hoped for," said Liza Elkind, a television writer and producer in New York who got married in October.

Another smart way to delegate is to hire a wedding planner

or coordinator. But be sure to find a reliable one. When Brenda Moody had a rehearsal for her 250-guest wedding, the coordinator was a no-show, and Moody was besieged with questions she didn't know how to answer.

"I understand why people become bridezilla," said Moody, 40, of Fontana, Calif. She excused herself to take a moment to calm down.

"My godson asked if I was OK because he heard me screaming in the bathroom," she said. "He said he heard some really bad words."

Another way to keep anxiety in check is to keep the wedding small and accept that you will never be Charles and Di. When Brockway heard about runaway bride Jennifer Wilbanks, she wasn't a bit surprised.

"The stress related to that kind of wedding is just phenomenal," she said.

"How could you ever please 600 people and 28 members of the bridal party?"

Her advice: Focus on what you want, not what you think your future mother-in-law might think.

Allison Moir-Smith, who specializes in counseling brides, said anxieties about wedding details often mask something deeper.

"It's a lot easier to stress out about favors and flowers and seating arrangements and to focus on that than to do this really pretty heavy lifting of dealing with a change in your sense of who you are," said Moir-Smith, who is publishing a book next year, "Emotionally Engaged: A Bride's Guide To Surviving the 'Happiest' Time of Her Life."

New brides are losing their identities as single women, their sense of being daddy's little girl,

even their dating life with their husbands-to-be. Understanding the reasons for that stress can help deal with it.

"For most brides, this deeper stuff is going on within them, privately, alone. They don't share it with anybody. It can be a very painful and very lonely time of life," Moir-Smith said.

Sometimes obsessing over the details masks fears about whether to get married at all.

"The e-mail I get most frequently says, 'I'm engaged and I don't want to marry him, but I have the hall,'" said Rachel Safier, who wrote "There Goes the Bride: Making Up Your Mind, Calling It Off & Moving On."

"It's not a flip concern. Few people feel 100 percent sure that this isn't cold feet - and my God, do I really want to stick my parents with a five or 10,000-dollar bill if I just have cold feet?"

Several people interviewed for this story agreed that the wedding industry profits handsomely from pre-wedding jitters and the perfectionism it inspires. But most agreed that those they knew in the industry simply wanted to help couples fulfill their dreams.

"It's easy to be bitter at the wedding industry when you're 10K in the hole, but to me that's like blaming McDonald's for obesity. Honey, you don't have to eat there. No one is forcing you into Vera Wang," Safier said.

Martini Bratten said the stress of wedding planning typically disappears as the day approaches - and most brides say they would do it all over again.

"There aren't many times in life when we get together to celebrate something really happy,"

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Yes, you can cut costs and still have a fabulous wedding

If you have a trust fund, read no further. Otherwise, face the facts.

Post-wedding financial hangovers can last longer than the champagne buzz. They can put home-buying plans on hold, strain relations with in-laws and even torpedo new marriages.

"People come to their wedding thinking they have to present their station in life to the world, even if they cannot afford it," says Lauren Rutten, a wedding photographer in South Orange, N.J. "Big cars, big presents - such extravagance is in our mentality now. That makes it hard to put things into perspective."

The cost of the average

American wedding and honeymoon is now pegged at \$23,000 to \$26,000, according to various surveys. Even industry experts are saying "Basta!"

"It really is pretty exorbitant when you see how much all the different elements of a wedding can cost," says Diane Forden, editor in chief of Bridal Guide. "You have to realize less is more. Who needs the limo with the fully stocked bar and the TV?"

Three rules help with the hard work of keeping costs in check: Hold down the size of the wedding. Rein in its extravagance. And rethink traditional expectations.

That could mean excluding some cousins, saying no to the

five-course meal and ditching extras such as favors. You might consider marrying on a day other than Saturday, limiting liquor options, and calling upon the skills of friends and relatives.

To start, focus on the biggest bills: the ones for the party.

"Seriously, the cost of the reception site was just overwhelming," says Megan Fitzpatrick, a 24-year-old bride-to-be from Jersey City, N.J. "I really had no idea."

Many places she checked had a 100-person minimum to book a Saturday reception. To compensate, she and her fiancé kept their bridal party to six people and are having an informal family barbecue for their rehearsal dinner.

"The rehearsal tends to get blown out of proportion and can end up becoming a mini-wedding," Fitzpatrick says.

Even with all the rented silverware and linen, tent weddings are still usually less expensive than restaurants or banquet halls, especially if you can plunk those poles down in a park, on a beach or on a relative's well-manicured lawn.

Whether the walls are fabric or sheetrock, you will need to decorate. And many couples end up shocked by their flower bill.

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Keeping things under control

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she said. "There's this rush of love in the room that puts it all in perspective and you don't know that until you're there."

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rate centerpieces on every table," says Forden.

She suggests buying local flowers in season, using hand-tied bouquets and substituting candles for some centerpieces. Brides can also reuse church flowers at the reception (but someone has to move them!) or check out fruit and dried flower arrangements.

If your guests are artists or gardeners, put their talents to use. As their gift, they could design decorations, grow flowers for centerpieces, or create banners or invitations. Such personal touches make a wedding unique - and can deepen your friendship in a way that just receiving a toaster can't.

As for food, look into buffets with servers - they reduce the amount of food wasted. Offer a wide variety of breads and salads.

Or ditch the heavy meal altogether. If hors d'oeuvres reportedly were good enough for Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher, they could be good enough for you.

"You can have a wonderful cocktail party, great music and dancing, serve hors d'oeuvres and cake," says Forden.

Keep the cake to two layers and garnish it with real flowers, she adds. The higher the cake, the more expensive, and elaborate sugar flowers involve a lot of labor.

Eileen Monaghan, vice president of the nearly 4,000-member Association of Bridal Consultants, says liquor bills can run hundreds of dollars past expectations unless couples are careful. Instead of an open bar, she suggests a select menu of wine, beer and one signature drink. Try to avoid those half-opened bottles - you will pay for every one.

Brides agonize over their

clothes, but it's never been easier to save on wedding gowns, thanks to the Internet. That doesn't mean you have to buy a dress online, even though eBay does have a bridal section. It means brides today can find out more about prices, choices and designers than their mothers ever could.

So read the bridal magazines, check out the Web sites, then go to a store. After you have tried on gowns and settled on a look, you can hunt down and compare discounts from manufacturers, stores and Web sites.

"Bridal gowns don't have a season and don't go out of fashion, so they don't get marked down on a set schedule," says Samantha Critchell, fashion

writer for The Associated Press.

Those who want a high-end dress should seek out designer trunk sales, she says. To find them, contact a designer for a schedule, or call large regional bridal shops.

"We host up to 15 trunk shows a year," said Jean Rosamilia, manager of Park Ave Bridal in Verona, N.J. "Prices range from \$900 to \$5,000, and a manufacturer's discount really helps."

Retailers like J. Crew and Ann Taylor also have begun offering "summer dresses" in the \$300 range that are perfect for less formal weddings.

For elaborate nuptials, many brides hire wedding consultants, but are they worth their 10 per-

cent to 15 percent fee?

"A bride goes to a florist once - a consultant goes to them 10 to 15 times a year. Who is going to get the best price?" asks Monaghan, a consultant for over 25 years. "Our main job is to be rational and stay on budget."

Brides with less involved weddings could designate a friend instead to be their wedding-day problem solver.

Monaghan's favorite money-saving tip: "Get married at off-beat times: Sunday afternoons, Friday nights. ... The Friday after Thanksgiving is a great day, or anytime Christmas week people are usually off."

When budgeting, don't overestimate the cash gifts you are likely to receive. Wedding

invoices are actual bills that need to be paid, while gifts may or may not arrive. And while you get some consumer protection by using credit cards for specific bills, interest charges for a whole wedding could eat you alive long after the cake is gone.

Finally, ditch the stretch limo. Be a rebel bride: Arrive in a taxi, pull up in a jeep with the top down, pour out of an SUV with all your attendants, create a stir on the subway. Those are memories you won't forget!

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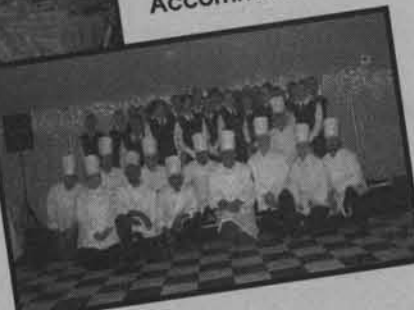
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Townley lives in Middletown with his wife, Peggy. Serving the fire department has been a family affair. Four of his brothers and his two sons, aged 21 and 24, are

Council incumbents list issues, set goals

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High School teacher, has lived in Newark since 1962.

Kalbacher said he was excited by the opportunity to serve District 3 citizens for another two years.

In his new term, he said, he would like the city to maintain strong fiscal discipline and secure a long term electric contract that will "secure pricing and keep us

in competition with the rest of the county and region." Kalbacher named the "escalating costs of electricity" as "one very serious concern."

Other goals include supporting home ownership and reducing the number of rental properties through a market-based process. Earlier this year, Kalbacher led the way in pursuing loan opportunities for small businesses and first-time homebuyers through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh.

Home owners, said Kalbacher, stabilize communities. "It's not to say it's bad to have renters, but I think community ties are strengthened when you have folks who are invested," he said.

Another goal is to continue enhancing public participation in government activities and decisions. "I want us to have a more open government," he said, adding that he supported putting more information on the Web site and televising city council meetings.



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Council okays extra-hour of alcohol

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permit to sell alcohol an additional hour.

Owner Sasha Aber said the extra hour would allow Home Grown the same opportunity for sales given to other downtown restaurants. "Being able to be competitive in this very competitive world is imperative as a small business," she said.

Aber told the council the restaurant complies with all state laws regarding alcohol sales. At least 60 percent of all sales are food; servers are trained in how to check patrons' IDs to make sure they are over 21 years old, she said.

The Newark Police Department reported no complaints at the location for 2004 and 2005. In the past 18 months, the restaurant passed four compliance checks made by the department's alcohol unit.

John Cordrey, state commissioner of alcohol, reported his office of Alcoholic Beverage Control received no complaints about Home Grown Café since the restaurant was issued an alco-

hol license in April 2001.

Aber asked the council to judge Home Grown on its merits and not to hold the restaurant responsible "for any other establishment's faults." "We will always remain a respected establishment," she said.

Councilman Kevin Vonck, who voted against the zoning code change that allowed Home Grown to apply for the special use permit, said he would vote in favor of the request because of the restaurant's reputation.

But in terms of policy, he said, the city needs to be more consistent on alcohol issues.

Councilman Karl Kalbacher voted against allowing the extra hour of alcohol sales. He, too, voted against the initial zoning code change, saying, the city would send mixed messages about alcohol use.

"Backsliding is not the way to go," he said Monday. "I can't support any increase (in alcohol sales) based on what I believe to be a climate not conducive to healthy drinking."

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Police seek robber of convenience store

Newark police are searching for a black male, age 30 to 35, with a slim build in connection with the strong-arm robbery of a Newark convenience store.

Police said the suspect entered Horton's Mobil Mart, 1106 S. College Ave., on Sunday, March 12, at 1:34 p.m., and pushed a 64-year-old clerk aside before he grabbed cash from the register and fled.

Police said the robber fled on foot, running to the rear of the business. Delaware State Police canine units searched the area but failed to locate a suspect.

Asleep at the wheel

Newark police arrested a 17-year-old Newark youth on alcohol charges after witnesses told police a driver was asleep while waiting for a traffic signal on Tyre Avenue near East Delaware Avenue.

A passerby told police that the car, with its engine running, had been stopped at the signal for 10 to 15 minutes, going through several cycles, before officers arrived on Sunday, March 12, at 2:41 a.m.

Police said the driver appeared slumped over and asleep. An officer opened the passenger door, shifted the car into park, and turned off the engine before awakening the youthful driver.

Police said the teen was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol-zero tolerance and underage consumption of alcohol. The youth was released to the custody of his mother pending court appearances.

DUI arrest here

After a fire truck, with lights and sirens operating, narrowly missed colliding with a vehicle at Library Avenue and Ogletown Road on Friday, March 10, at 12:18 a.m., police stopped a 1998 Kia.

Police reported that the driver, Ray James Jr., 45, of Wilmington, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and while license is revoked.

Other incidents

Eric Ryan Brooks, 33, of Newark, was charged with trespassing after police discovered a man sleeping inside a laundry room at the Park Place apartments in the 600 block Lehigh Road, police said. He was released pending a court appearance.

A college textbook, stolen from a car parked in the unit block of East Main Street on Saturday, March 11, at 4:37 p.m., was retrieved a short time later at Delaware Book Exchange. It had been sold to the store for \$20.

A liquor bottle shattered the glass of a window of an apartment in the 200 block East Delaware Avenue, police were told on Saturday, March 11, at 1:30 a.m.

Paint was thrown on the siding, lattice and screen of a home in the unit block North Chapel Street, police were told on Saturday, March 11, at 12:42 a.m.

Larry Frank King Jr., 39, of Newark, was charged with offensive touching and criminal mischief on Friday, March 10, at 5:53 p.m., after police were called to the 900 block Church Road. King was released pending court appearances, police said.

Even though he had been told by dealer personnel not to do so, a man drove his car through the car wash at Toyota World, 1344 Marrows Road, on Friday, March 10, at 8:49 a.m. The suspect drove away without paying for the service.

City employees discovered graffiti at the George Reed Village Park on Thursday, March 9, at 3:29 p.m.

Employees at the Embassy Suites, 654 S. College Ave., told Newark police on Thursday, March 9, at 2:58 p.m., that vandals had damaged four vending and two ice machines inside the hotel.

Newark police said that Michael R. Reynolds, 32, of Newark, was charged with third-degree assault and endangering the welfare of a child, during an altercation on Thursday, March 9, at 12:54 a.m., in the 600 block Brook Drive. Police said he was released on \$750 unsecured bond.

Newark officers reported that Brandon M. Webb, 27, of Newark, was charged with third-degree assault and released following an incident in the unit block Fremont Road on Monday, March 6, at 9:30 p.m.

Playground equipment was stolen from Stafford Park, 420 Stafford Ave., police were told on Monday, March 6, at 12:47 p.m.

Vehicles targeted

Vandals and thieves targeted a number of vehicles in the Newark area. Some of the recent reports to the Newark Police Department include: Unit block Mopar Drive, on Sunday, March 12, at 8:50 p.m., windshield of Honda Accord shattered. Damage estimated at \$300;

100 block Cullen Way, on Sunday, March 12, at 5:37 p.m., rear window of Ford Taurus broken by BB or pellet;

7200 block Scholar Drive, on Sunday, March 12, at 5:24 p.m., rear window of Honda Civic shattered;

200 block Vassar Drive, on Sunday, March 12, at 5 p.m., window of utility truck smashed;

Unit block West Hawthorne Avenue, on Sunday, March 12, at 2:44 a.m.,

rear window of 2003 Nissan Altima shattered;

Newark High School, 401 E. Delaware Ave., on Saturday, March 11, at 9:08 p.m., vandals punctured four tires of Chevrolet pick-up parked on the school lot during a play performance;

400 block Wollaston Avenue, on Friday, March 10, at 10:46 a.m., a large hole was broken in the glass of a Volkswagen Jetta;

Unit block Fremont Road, on Friday, March 10, at 4:19 p.m., side window of 2000 Honda Civic broken;

900 block Rahway Drive, on Friday, March 10, at 5:19 a.m., car window and glass of a residence damaged, possibly by a BB or pellet gun;

100 block Odessa Way, on Friday, March 10, at 4:05 a.m., rear window of Jeep Cherokee shattered;

200 block East Main Street, on Thursday, March 9, at 8:26 p.m., items valued at \$1,014 - including gold tooth - were reported stolen from a parked car;

400 block Wollaston Avenue, on Wednesday, March 8, at 11:23 a.m., rear window of 2001 Volkswagen Jetta shattered;

600 block Lehigh Road, on Wednesday, March 8, at 10:19 a.m., rear window of 2005 Toyota damaged;

Unit block Mopar Drive, on Wednesday, March 8, at 5 p.m., window of 1992 Mazda shattered;

Unit block Mopar Drive, on Tuesday, March 7, at 5:30 p.m., windshield of 1997 Pontiac broken;

200 block Beverly Road, on Tuesday, March 7, at 4:55 p.m., car window broken and speakers valued at \$400 stolen, at 5:54 a.m. a CD player was removed from another car;

800 block Scholar Drive, on Tuesday, March 7, at 4:14 p.m., car window smashed and stereo and radar detec-

tor taken;

400 block Wollaston Avenue, on Tuesday, March 7, police received several reports of car windows broken and items stolen;

Unit block Country Hills Drive, on Monday, March 6, at 8:03 p.m., driver-side window of 1994 Pontiac smashed; and

400 block Stafford Avenue, on Monday, March 6, at 7:12 p.m., tire of 2005 Toyota slashed.

Alcohol, noise law violations detailed

Warm weekend weather kept the Newark Police Department's Alcohol Enforcement Unit and other officers busy. Some of the recent arrests include:

Shawn C. Hollingsworth, 19, of Chester, Pa., driving under the influence of alcohol-zero tolerance, failure to stay in lane, and underage consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, March 12, at 1:28 a.m., on East Delaware Avenue near South Chapel Street, after police conducted a traffic stop;

Matthew W. Rhine, 21, of Newark, noise law violation, on Saturday, March 11, at 11:43 p.m., in the unit block East Cleveland Avenue;

Jaclyn Kramer, 20, of Langhorne, Pa., underage consumption, on Sunday, March 12, at 12:18 a.m., in the 600 block Scholar Drive;

Laura Anne Tymon, 20, of Downingtown, Pa., and Ashley Ellen Woods, 21, of Columbia, Mo., each charged with a noise violation, on Saturday, March 11, at 11:22 p.m., in the 2300 block Scholar Drive;

Carroll F. Hopkins III, 21, of Belair, Md., noise violation, on Saturday, March 11, at 11:06 p.m., in the 200 block East Park Place;

Benjamin Rudnitsky, 20, of Harrington Park, N.J., noise violation, on Saturday, March 11, at 1:16 a.m., in the 400 block Wollaston Avenue, after 100 people were dispersed;

Hugh James McGregor Jr., 20, of Potomac, Md., and Michael Zoellner, 19, of Newark, each charged with maintaining a disorderly premises, on Saturday, March 11, at 12:03 a.m., in the unit block Continental Drive, after about 100 persons had gathered in the yard and on the deck of a home;

Richard A. Galgano, 20, of Paramus, N.J., maintaining a disorderly premises, on Saturday, March 11, at 12:02 a.m., in the unit block East Cleveland Avenue, after a fight broke out inside the home where 50 to 75 people had gathered;

Jonathan K. Schwartz, 19, of Roslyn Heights, N.Y., and Michael Scarinci, 20, of White Plains, N.Y., each charged with underage consumption, on Friday, March 10, at 1:10 a.m., in the 100 block Kells Avenue. Schwartz also was charged with possession of a fictitious driver license;

John K. Githu, 26, of Newark, and Martin K. Nzioka, 29, of New Castle, each charged with possession of an open container of alcohol, on Thursday, March 9, at 11:22 p.m., outside Timothy's restaurant, 100 Creek View Road; and

Brian Derosssett, 20, of Newark, possession of open container and underage possession of alcohol, on Thursday, March 9, at 11:12 p.m., at Kershaw Commons on Kershaw Street;

Paul Bonacquisti, 23, of Newark, noise violation, on Thursday, March 9, at 4:33 a.m., in the 600 block Lehigh Road.

Police said all were processed and released pending court appearances.

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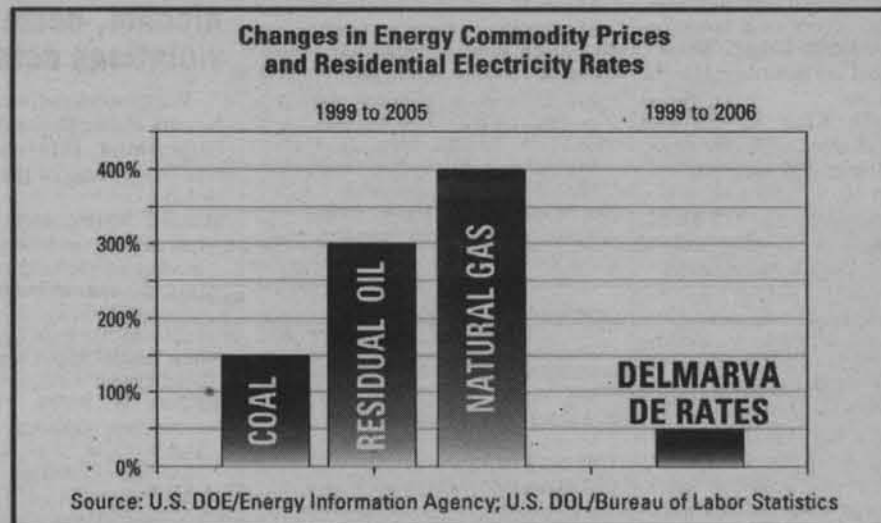


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Current ACM member-states are Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Florida, North Carolina and Texas offer graduate-level programs only, and professional-degree programs, such as pharmacy, law, dentistry, and medicine, are not included in the ACM.

The Delaware Higher Education Commission administers the ACM program in this state. Cynthia Kirkpatrick, ACM state coordinator, has worked with the program since Delaware joined SREB in 1998. "We have

certified nearly 400 students at 50 participating colleges in 15 states [to date]," Kirkpatrick said. "I've had the pleasure of talking with many happy students and parents over the years."

According to the DOE, Mary Geneva is one of those happy parents. Her daughter graduated from Cab Calloway School of the Arts in 2004 and enrolled at the University of Memphis in the music business industry program that fall. As an ACM student, Ariana Geneva has saved over \$18,000 in tuition costs so far. Without the savings, her mother doubts that her daughter's dream of being a tour and artist promoter would be realized.

"As a single parent who will have two children in college at the same time, out-of-state tuition was simply not possible," she said. Geneva's son Ted, who wants to major in aerospace engineering when he starts college next fall, may also be eligible for the ACM.

Founded in 1948, SREB was the nation's first interstate compact for education. More than 2,000 students in the 16 member states are certified for the ACM each year.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

When Rotary Club President Doug Warren read in the Newark Post of the efforts of the Town and Gown Committee to organize a work crew for adopted city Pascagoula, Miss., he immediately called upon the Board of Directors of the Newark Morning Rotary Club. Even though no club member was able to travel to Mississippi to help other volunteers with clean-up activities, the Rotary Club did appropriate funds to help with the expenses involved. Recently Warren presented a check for \$1,000 to Greg Chute, pastor of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark, who is organizing the trip. Chute said more than 25 residents and students have signed up to assist with clean-up and rebuilding efforts. The 50-member service club meets every Thursday morning at the Blue & Gold Club.

Town and gown expedition heads south to Pascagoula, Miss.

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realized that city residents and UD students must live side by side and that it's in the best interests of both constituencies to have a forum to promote — simply put — getting along.

Through the years, the town and gown committee has had varying degrees of energy and effectiveness. Its role increased about a decade ago when Robert Wood Johnson funding arrived, and a coordinated, city-campus anti-binge drinking campaign began.

From Day One in office, Funk sought to ramp up the scope, initiatives and successes of the town and gown committee.

With council backing, he expanded representation on the panel, bringing a wider spectrum of landlords, students and key university leaders to the table. Funk's critics worry he's too quick to bring UD people into city government but, in this instance, it clearly makes good sense.

This new committee, under the leadership of Ron Smith, has reborn itself into a proactive group doing more than sitting around discussing the problems.

Their awkwardly named town-gown "conversations" have been insightful forums for hearing what students, UD officials, long-time residents, businesspeople and landlords have to say. What we've heard hasn't always

been pretty.

The "new" town and gown group provided the perfect forum for the parents of Lindsey Bonistall, the UD coed murdered here last spring, to launch their campaign for improved off-campus housing safety.

One of this panel's primary goals is to bring students and city residents together in nonconfrontational situations.

One notable example of this is about to happen. The Town and Gown Committee is sponsoring a week-long service project in the city of Pascagoula, Miss., the Katrina-gutted town that has been adopted by the City of Newark. Last fall, we sent our money, supplies and retired police cars. Soon, we're sending our people.

To date, 13 adults have signed up to exchange a week of vacation for seven days of hard labor from March 24 to April 1.

The trip was planned to coincide with the University of Delaware's

spring break. In lieu of wasting away in Margaritaville, a dozen University of Delaware students are heading to Pascagoula. (Not related to the Town and Gown venture, another 18 UD students are heading to Louisiana on a similar service trip sponsored by the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry.)

As we hear from persons who have already spent time working along the ravaged Gulf Coast, witness our Lifestyle story in last week's edition, we are reminded how hurricane victims are enduring unimaginable losses in their lives.

Each do-gooder that I have spoken with mentions the oft-vocalized appreciativeness of the people who have little, if any semblance of the normalcy we enjoy here in Newark. As the months go by, the victims are boosted by the sacrifices of compassionate Americans like those on the town and gown expedition.

Residents and students working side by side in Pascagoula are the latest example of how the town-gown barriers in Newark can be breached if we work together.

■ The writer is publisher of this and three other newspapers headquartered in Newark. He has been a community journalist for more than three decades and moved to Newark in 1992.



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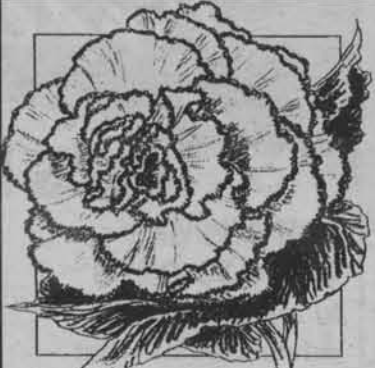
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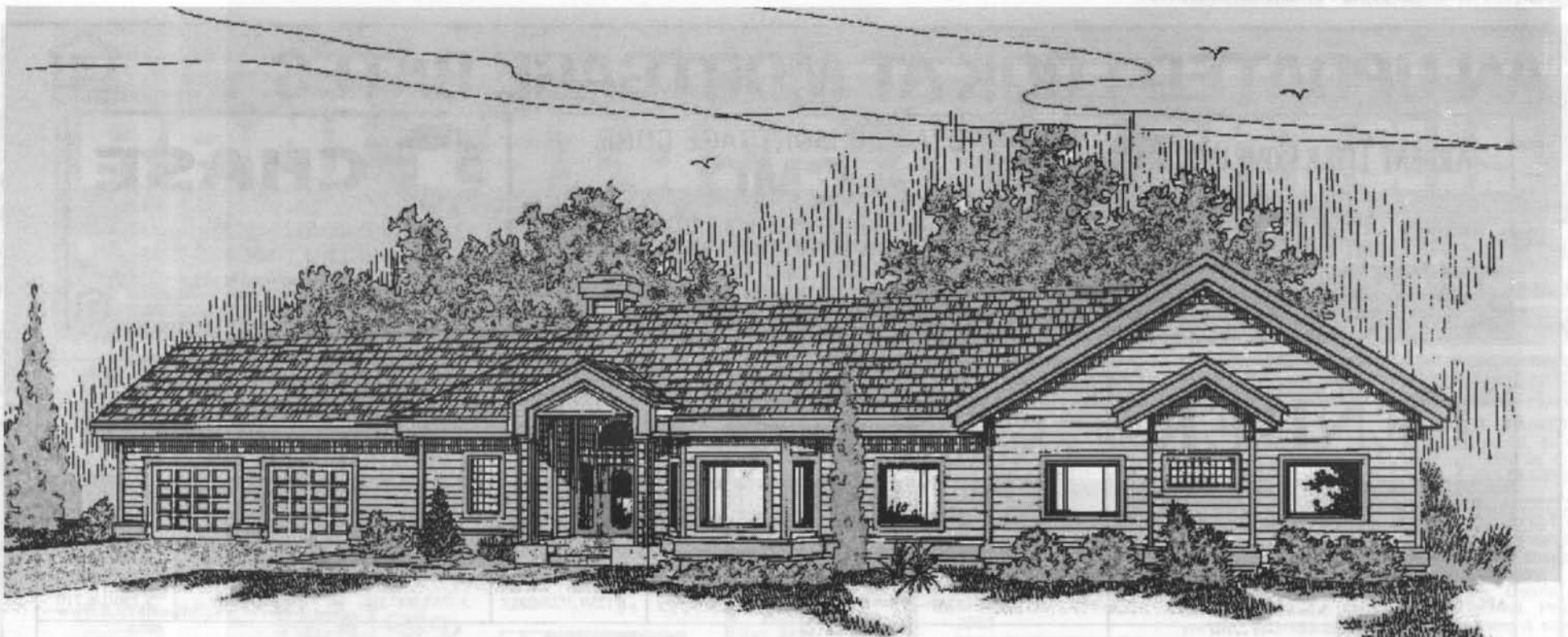


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of the many notable assets of this plan is the 780 square foot, two-car garage that includes a shop/storage area with a built-in workbench and cabinets to hold tools and materials. Adjacent to the garage is a full-length RV pad to hold your vacation vehicle when not in use.

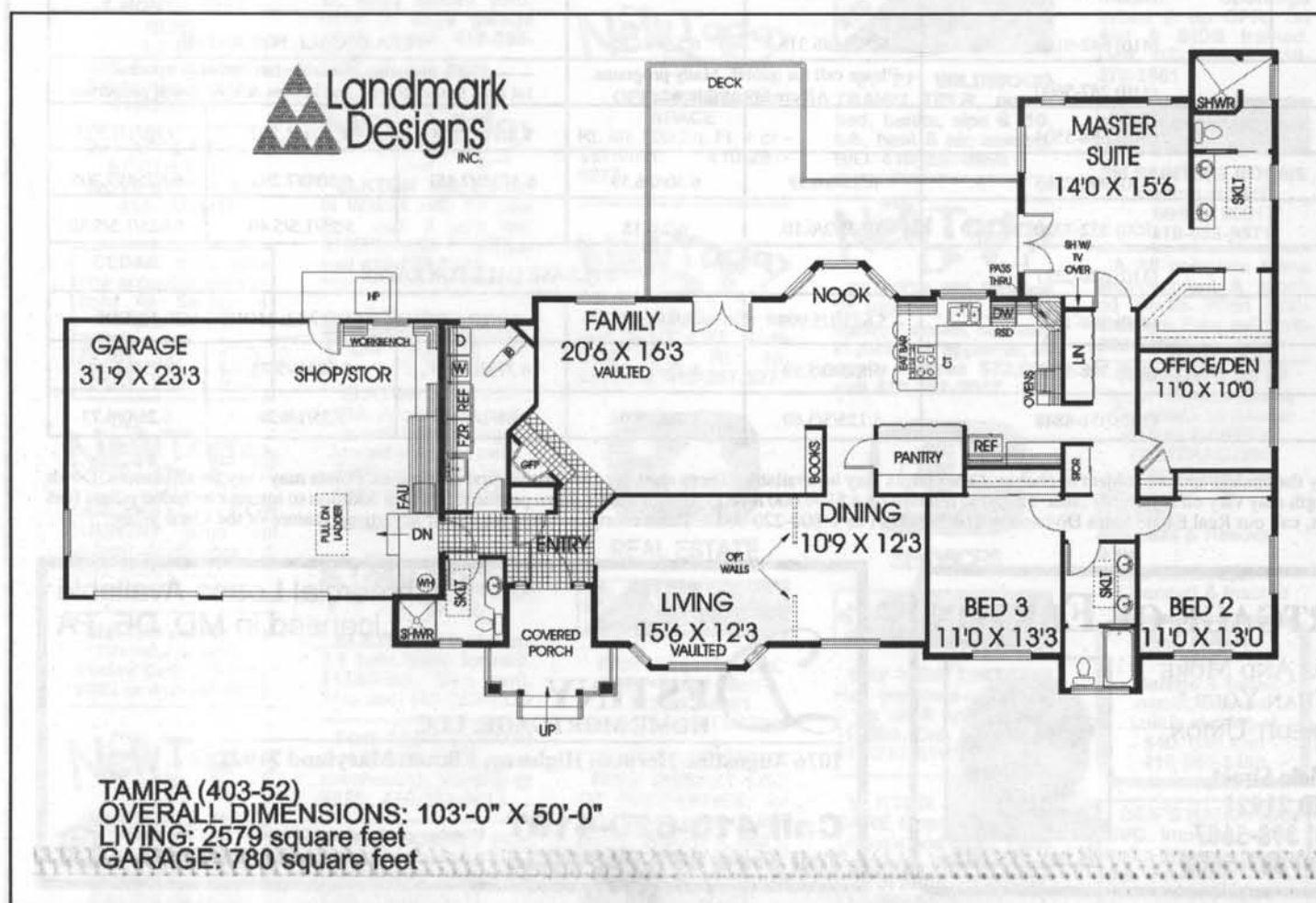
Step inside from the garage and deposit your soiled clothing in the large utility room. In addition to room for a washer and dryer, there is a deep sink, built-in ironing board and room for double freezers. Conveniently located across the hall is a full bathroom with a skylight.

To the front of the Tamra are the living and dining rooms. They can be left open to each other, or optional walls may be constructed. The vaulted living room is good-sized and has a nice bay window. After a meal in the formal dining room, you can entertain your guests here in elegant style.

The main gathering spot in the home, the vaulted family room, is quite generous and features built-in bookshelf and combination gas/wood fireplace on a raised hearth. French doors open onto a substantial back deck where summertime will find you at the barbecue. A bright breakfast nook separates the kitchen from the family room. The easily managed kitchen has an informal eating bar, cook top range, separate ovens, appliance center and walk-in pantry.

The master suite, isolated for privacy, has among its amenities a huge walk-in closet, raised TV shelf, access to the deck and a private bathroom with skylight and twin basins. The two identical secondary bedrooms, divided by a skylit bathroom, have plentiful closet space and a view to the front. Completing the floor design of the Tamra is a small home office/den, and hallway linen storage.

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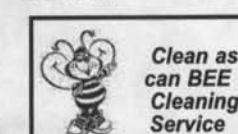
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2006 Lexus GS430: The "L" in Lexus stands for Luxury

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The GS430 is Lexus's first all-new addition since 2001, and after five years of planning, the 430 comes out swinging with new opulent styling and lots of new technology. The car's architecture includes a rear spoiler and the sweeping lines we come to expect of luxury sedans. Its 18-inch alloy wheels and Michelin z-rated tires make for a nice meet-and-greet with the road, utilizing

Lexus's first all-wheel-drive system. And the high-tech aspect of Lexus is first-rate.

By Mike Blake

Cars at Carlisle



You literally start with the keyless ignition, a key fob you keep in your pocket as you engage the brake and push the start button.

Bluetooth hands-free telephone technology, rain-sensing wipers, smog sensor, and 7-inch multi-information touch screen put this Lexus in the ballpark with its luxury competitors that rely on van-

guard electronics to appeal to the upper-tier audience. Its GPS navigation system is not the best operation out there, but it is in the upper-half of those tested this year for user-friendliness and accuracy, and its inclusion seems mandatory these days as a part of any package designed to compete with other top-of-the-line vehicles.

A rather cool high-tech item is the backup camera that engages whenever you move into reverse. The LCD becomes a rearview video that captures the scene through a small camera mounted on the trunk lid. While I don't know of anyone who looks forward at the dash screen while backing up, it is very useful to determine if small children, pets or obstacles are below license plate level.

Inside the cabin, you get a real luxury feel with perforated leather trim and

memory system features (seats and mirrors). Wood and leather steering wheel and shift knob and genuine wood interior trim call back to posh cars of the past. A 10-speaker premium audio system, cassette in-dash, six-CD changer and dual-zone climate controls begin the comfort package.

Power tilt and telescopic steering wheel, power door locks and trunk closer, electronic chromatic device instrumentation, compass and a one-touch open/close moonroof fulfill interior expectations of Lexus luxury. The hide-away instrument panel that holds mirror adjustment controls, trunk-latch button, instrument dimmer and trunk opener is a cool touch that adds to the one-step-beyond feel of the vehicle.

For the sticker price of \$58,234, including \$7,000 in options, the Lexus GS 430 presents a full compliment of luxury, performance and safety features

that one would expect from the Oval-L.

But a car is more than its interior and styling, it is also about the power and handling. Lexus has chosen a 4.3-liter 4-cam, 32-valve V-8 to provide its thrust. The six-speed automatic unit thunders out 300-hp and 325 lb.-ft. of torque, enough to propel the 3,700-pound car quickly in and out of traffic and down a quarter mile in about 14.5 seconds. I was able to zoom from zero-to-60mph in a hair under 6 seconds. A wide, flat torque curve provides crisp acceleration at all shift points and speeds.

While autocrossing with my test Lexus, I found the rack-and-pinion steering, front independent double-wishbone and independent multi-link rear suspension to be stable and confident. Gas pressurized shock absorbers with front rebound springs gave me a smooth ride and the electronic-controlled braking gave me enough stopping power to make a high-speed test drive come to a safe conclusion.

Safety is also a Toyota/Lexus strongpoint, and that aspect was attended to well with the GS430. Dual front airbags, front seat and side impact bags, as well as front and rear side curtain airbags begin the safety check. Supplemental restraint systems, three-point safety belts, and front seat belt pretensioners with force limiters are solid and sure. For safe driving and sure handling, Lexus has opted for energy-managing crumple zones, tire-pressure monitor system, and an Adaptive Variable Suspension that automatically selects appropriate suspension damping for driving conditions while allowing the driver to select a sport mode for a tighter, more precise feel.

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The price is very Lexus-like, and the competition in the segment is rich, indeed, but the Lexus GS430 is certainly one to consider if the luxury niche is your next buy.

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THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF

Alina Salvat Wright
PETITIONER(S)
TO
Alina Salvat
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Alina Salvat Wright intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to Alina Salvat.

Alina Salvat Wright
Petitioner

Dated: 2/27/06
np 3/10,17,24

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF

Joseph Evers Holtzman Jr.
PETITIONER(S)
TO
Joseph Evers Brown
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joseph Evers Holtzman Jr. intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to Joseph Evers Brown.

Joseph E. Holtzman Jr.
Petitioner

Dated: 2/24/6
np 3/3,10,17

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF

Lisa Haines
PETITIONER(S)
TO
Lisa Cluett
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lisa Haines

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public auction on 4/18/06 at **PUBLIC STORAGE, 201 Bellevue Rd., Newark, DE 19713 at 12:30 p.m.**, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

E053 - Paul Marvel - bags, bed frame, boxes, clothing, hamper, ladder, tires
E116 - William Thomas - bags, bed frame, boxes, portable TV
E095 - John Voytilla - axes & blades, 3 trunks, 12 boxes, tools

H040 - Edward Fields II - 10+ bags, box spring, mattress, clothing, dresser, suitcase, tool box, big screen TV, portable TV
np 3/17,24

LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at a lien sale on April 18, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at:

**PUBLIC STORAGE
425 NEW CHURCHMANS ROAD
NEW CASTLE, DE 19720**

The personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

F045 - Rodney Coleman - 3 air conditioners, 2 bicycles, 10+ boxes, 7+ totes
B053 - Kelly Hefner - bags, mattress, box spring, boxes, filing cabinet, suitcase, totes
D061 - April Atchley - folding bed, 5+ boxes, table lamp, stereo, 10+ totes
C032 - George Lutz Jr. - bags, boxes, kitchen chair, floor lamp, suitcase, kitchen table, vacuum

F002 - Doug Lovette - bags, mattress, boxes, clothing, tires, tool box, car hood
F085 - Attiladine Gray - misc. household goods
C050 - Leroy Sayers - box spring, mattress, bookcase, ladder, pictures, radio, end table, tool box, toys, portable TV
np 3/17,24

LEGAL NOTICE

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Delaware Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner**

The Commissioner will hold a Public Protest Hearing on **March 28, 2006** at the Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Wilmington, DE 19801. This hearing is being held for the purpose of reviewing the protested application of:

#1 Basqual, Inc., T/A Adria Cafe, located at 99 Newark Shopping Center, Newark, DE. This licensee is seeking a 506 square foot 18-seat outdoor patio extension of the currently licensed premise. This extension includes no variances. **Time: 5:00 p.m. AND**

#2 EWREX, Inc., T/A 1717 Bistro, located at 1717 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, DE. This licensee is seeking a 226 square foot outdoor patio extension of the currently licensed premise. This extension includes no variances. **Time: 6:00 p.m.**
np 3/10,17

PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, at public auction, on 4/18/06 at **3801 Dupont Parkway, New Castle, DE 19720 at 4:00 p.m.** The personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

B328 - Sharon Fitzgerald - boxes, totes, toys, 1 Power Wheel trike, 1 car jack
C533 - Moussa Cone - bed frame, bed mattress, computer, dresser, shelving, tool box
C527 - Robert Lopez - baby chair, air purifier, 3 chairs, 1 table, pictures
D705 - Monique Babes - bed box-spring, bed mattress, bicycle, clothing, refrigerator, tote
E1010 - Melissa Riley - TV, totes, boxes, desk, speakers, bedding, sofa, bakers rack
D703 - Damon Pearson - bags 10+, boxes 5+, misc. household goods
D724 - Edward Stansbury - boxes, filing cabinet, ladder, toolbox, vacuum, TV
A254 - Mitchell Baynard - 2 baby strollers, 4 boxes, TV, trash can
A204 - Gloria Ashe - 8 boxes, 2 folding chairs
B451 - Raylyn Douglas - bags, boxes, microwave, portable TV
A211 - Tiffany Victoria - bags, boxes, dresser, suitcase, kitchen table
np 3/17,24

NOTIFICATION TO THE PUBLIC

GMRI, INC. t/a Red Lobster has on February 24, 2006 applied with the Alcoholic Beverage Control ("Commissioner") for a Restaurant Liquor License with Sunday sales for premises located at 1249 New Churchmans Road, Christiana, DE 19702. Persons who are against this application should provide written notice of their objections to the Commissioner. For the Commissioner to be required to hold a hearing to consider additional input from persons against this application, the Commissioner must receive one or more documents containing a total of at least 10 signatures of residents or property owners located within one mile of the premises or in any incorporated areas located within one mile of the premises. The protest(s) must be filed with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner at the 3rd Floor, Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The protest(s) must be received by the Commissioner's office on or before March 27, 2006. Failure to file such a protest may result in the Commissioner considering the application without further notice, input, or hearing. If you have questions regarding this matter please contact the Commissioner's Office.
np 3/3,10,17

NOTIFICATION TO THE PUBLIC

GMRI, Inc. t/a Olive Garden has on February 24, 2006 applied with the Alcoholic Beverage Control ("Commissioner") for a Restaurant Liquor License with Sunday sales for premises located at 1279 New Churchmans Road, Christiana, DE 19702. Persons who are against this application should provide written notice of their objections to the Commissioner. For the Commissioner to be required to hold a hearing to consider additional input from persons against this application, the Commissioner must receive one or more documents containing a total of at least 10 signatures of residents or property owners located within one mile of the premises or in any incorporated areas located within one mile of the premises. The protest(s) must be filed with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner at the 3rd Floor, Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The protest(s) must be received by the Commissioner's office on or before March 27, 2006. Failure to file such a protest may result in the Commissioner considering the application without further notice, input, or hearing. If you have questions regarding this matter please contact the Commissioner's Office.
np 3/3,10,17

LEGAL NOTICE

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF

Dominique Fuentes
PETITIONER(S)
TO
Dominique Piuanti
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dominique Fuentes intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to Dominique Piuanti.

Migdalia Haslam
Petitioner
Anthony Piuanti
Petitioner

DATED: 3/10/06
np 3/17,24,31

LEGAL NOTICE RE: DEADLY WEAPON

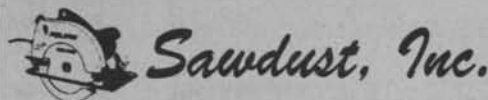
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TO
Lisa Cluett
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intends to present a Peti-
tion to the Court of
Common Pleas for the
State of Delaware in and
for New Castle County,
to change his/her name
to Lisa Cluett.

Lisa Haines
Lisa Cluett
Petitioner

Dated: 2/23/06
np 3/3,10,17

THE COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE STATE
OF DELAWARE
IN AND FOR

NEW CASTLE COUNTY
IN RE: CHANGE OF
NAME OF
Kimberly Ann
Esposito Block
PETITIONER(S)
TO

Kimberly Ann Esposito
NOTICE IS HEREBY
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Ann Esposito Block in-
tends to present a Peti-
tion to the Court of Com-
mon Pleas for the State
of Delaware in and for
New Castle County, to
change his/her name to
Kimberly Ann Esposito.
Kimberly Ann
Esposito Block
Petitioner

Dated: 2/21/06
np 3/3,10,17

LEGAL NOTICE

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Steven J. Barczewski
and Joanne B. Lewis
Executors

David J. Ferry, Jr., Esq.
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