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UP FRONT

\$2 for a pretzel?

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE first weekend that the Streits were in Newark, we went exploring. It was July 1992 and we checked out the town via foot, bike and car. We decided to end our travels with a special treat.

with a special treat.

The vote was 2-2, the kids desiring Scott's

ice cream (located pre-Fatty
Patty's on Main
Street where the
new Italian
restaurant may
someday open),
my wife and I
wanting to
check out an



Streit

Square shopping center called Auntie's Anne's Hand-Rolled Pretzels. Linda and I won.

As somewhat of a pretzel aficionado, I was glad we outranked the kids. And that was before I tasted one of the cinnamon pretzels. Unbelievably delicious they were, though I had trouble believing that I paid so much for one pretzel. Auntie Anne's became a frequent treat trip for our family. We were disappointed when the College Square outlet closed. Whenever we go to the Christiana Mall (which for me is as seldom as possible), somehow our path mysteriously takes us past the Auntie Anne's stand. You know what happens.

Last week, I attended the

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Council delays budget OK

Loss of alcohol fees fuels council's concerns

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

EWARK City Council tabled the approval of the 2005 budget at its Oct. 5 meeting because of mixed reviews over an increase in business fees, a property tax increase and the addition of a lobbyist to the city payroll.

While the overall budget only increased 4.6 percent, concerns over lost revenue and a skyrocketing capital budget weighed heavily on council members.

For many council members the real concern was over the loss of \$100,000 in revenue from alcohol taxation. The state approved new legislation that prevents the city from basing business license fee

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Stepping up to the plate

Board accepts two-year training for members

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

OW that the teachers, staff and community of the Christina School District are holding themselves to higher standards for academic excellence, the school board members are doing the same.

At Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, the members voted unanimously to accept an invitation by the Broad Foundation and the Center for Reform of School Systems to participate in a nearly two-year training-consulting partner-

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Liquor store robbed

TEWARK police searching for a man who robbed a South College Avenue liquor store at 10 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4.

Officers reported a black man, 18-20 years old, 5' 4" to 5'6" tall entered the store, walked behind the counter and ordered the clerk to open the cash register.

The robber grabbed an undisclosed amount of currency and walked out of the store, heading south on South College.

Police said the robber was wearing a bandana across his face and wore a hooded sweatshirt with a distinctive pattern on the back.

Anyone with information about the crime is asked to contact Newark police, 366-7111.

Burglars steal laptop computer

A resident of a home in the 100 block Dallam Road told Newark police on Monday, Nov. 8, at 2:03 a.m. that intruders made off with a Macintosh laptop computer valued at \$3,000.

Thieves apparently entered the home by prying open a bedroom window.

Other items in the home were disturbed but nothing else appeared to be missing at the time of the original report, police said.

Investigation is continuing.

Corbitt Street home hit

Newark police said thieves forced open a bathroom window to gain entry to a home in the first block Corbitt Street, it was reported at 12:28 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 8.

Various areas of the home were ransacked. Coins and jewelry were taken, police said.

Investigation is continuing.

Cash, wallet gone

A 76-year-old Newark woman told police that someone removed her wallet from her purse while she was shopping at two stores in the Newark Shopping Center on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 6:35 p.m.

The woman told police she had withdrawn several hundreds

Missing camera shows up on Ebay

TEWARK police reported that a camera stolen in mid-October has been returned to its owner after the digital equipment appeared for sale on the Ebay auction web

The owner of the camera, a 21-year-old Virginia woman who is a University of Delaware stu-dent, went to Newark Police Department headquarters on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 7:02 p.m.

She told police that the camera, which was valued at \$350, disappeared while she was attending a party in the unit block East Cleveland Avenue between 11 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21 and 1 a.m. the following morning.

The victim told police she did

not see who took her camera but one similar to it had appeared on the Ebay trading site.

Within an hour of the report, a subsequent NPD investigation led to two UD students, one of whom produced the missing camera. Both men denied stealing the camera.

The camera was returned to its owner, who did not want to press charges against the two suspects, police said.

Residents told police that a

After shopping for about a half-hour, the victim discovered the wallet and cash missing from her purse, which had been placed in a cart while she shopped. A cell phone and some credit cards also were reported missing.

Weekly traffic report

NEWARK
DELAWARD
STATISTICS FOR OCT.17-23, 2004 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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5319

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30898

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38483

2003

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Wallet, phone missing

of dollars of cash to be used on an

upcoming trip and placed the cur-

rency in her wallet.

A 19-year-old University of Delaware student told Newark police on Sunday, Nov, 7, at 4:43 p.m. that someone stole her cellular phone, wallet, UD identification card, residence hall passkey, \$5 cash and a credit card from her

The theft occurred while the woman slept at a friend's home between 2 and 4 a.m.

Ejected man arrested

A man, who had been forcibly removed from a home in the 600 block Lehigh Road on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 5:12 a.m., was arrested by Newark police after he was found laying on his back in the parking lot of an abandoned building at Elkton Road and West Park Place.

TRAFFIC

Moving

Total

SUMMONSES

Non-moving

PARKING

TRAFFIC

Total

DUI cases

ACCIDENTS

Personal injury

Hit-and-run reports

Property damage (reportable)

Property damage (non-reportable) 420

SUMMONSES

Meter tickets

Parking summonses

man became abusive and disorderly while a small group was drinking and playing cards. The man was told to leave but refused and began to push and shove people in the home. After a short struggle, the residents were able to force the man out of the home and close the door, police said.

The residents said the man then began screaming in a nearby parking lot and kicked and damaged the door and trunk of a vehicle that was owned by someone in the home. The man then fled.

Police broadcast a description and a few minutes later officers discovered the man, apparently intoxicated, laying on the ground.

After being identified by the victims, the man was arrested and taken to NPD headquarters. Police said that a camera concealed in the ceiling of a cell in the police station was damaged by the man.

Robert Keith Jordan, 24, of Bear, was charged with trespassing, offensive touching and criminal mischief.

Police said he was arraigned and released on \$1,500 unsecured bond, pending a Nov. 29 court appearance.

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Truck found in Pa.

The operator of a 1987 Ford utility truck told Newark police that an intoxicated friend had driven away from the lot of the Ground Floor restaurant, 60 N. College Ave., on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 1:58 a.m.

The victim told police he gave his friend the truck keys. The friend locked the owner out of his truck and then drove away eastbound on Cleveland Avenue. Police were called and an immediate search of the area failed to locate the truck.

Later, the truck was discovered by the Pennsylvania State Police on Rt. 76 near King Of Prussia, Pa., where it had been in single-vehicle accident. Newark police said Pennsylvania officers charged Andrew Richard Matz, 22, of Phoenixville, Pa., with driving under the influence of alcohol and receiving stolen property. Newark police charged Matz with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Attempted theft

A 22-year-old Frankford man was charged with attempted theft and trespassing following an early morning attempted theft in the 200 block East Park Place.

A resident told Newark police that he was awakened on Friday, Nov. 7, at 1:14 a.m. by the sounds of his 1929 Mercedes-Benz roadster being started and the engine revving. The antique car was parked on the side of the house under a canopy.

The resident yelled at the man, who jumped out of the car and ran into an adjacent yard, police said. The neighbor grabbed the suspect and held him until until police arrived.

Brent A. Cropper, 22, was released on \$1,800 unsecured bond pending a court appearance, police said.

Lawn ornament gone

A resident of the unit block North Chapel Street said a decorative rock with flowers and a hummingbird carved into the

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Nardo seeks support to continue mission

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

OMETIMES, inspiration comes from the most unex-pected places. For Val Nardo, the muse for his life's greatest achievement came after a

The year was 1968. Nardo's wife had been battling colon cancer. The news had just come back that her tumor was nonmalignant. Overjoyed, Nardo said a prayer of thanks and asked for a way to repay God for his wife's clean bill of health. That night, he got an answer.

He woke up from a deep sleep to a voice that he believes belongs to God. "He told me to take care of the needy people," he said. "So that's what I did."

He and his wife spent the rest of the night figuring out how to best do that. That was when they created Val's Needy Family

The non-profit organization works to put food on the tables of families that might not otherwise have any. Baskets are donated to charities such as Newark Senior Center, St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, Hope Dining Room, Newark Area Welfare Committee and Murray Manor, among oth-



Nardo visited the Newark Post office last week to ask for donations to his non-profit Val's Needy Family Fund, which is expected to deliver food baskets this holiday season to 1,200 local families.

That night in 1968, the Nardos spent hours figuring out the logistics of how much food they would need, where to get the baskets, and just who needed the food the most. That year, they put together baskets for 10 families. By the following year, that num-

ber had tripled.

Things started slow for Val's Needy Family Fund, but word traveled quickly. And once Nardo began turning heads in the Newark community, volunteers crept out of the woodwork. He started getting calls from police

officers and the fire department about families that needed a little help after a tragedy. Then, local clubs like the Kiwanis Club, the Rotary Club and Lions' Club starting making donations. Now, baskets go out to as many as 1,200 families per year.

"They picked up on what I was doing," he said, "and they helped me out." Walking around the basement of Fairfield Apartments, which doubles as Nardo's headquarters, it's hard not to feel crowded among the 1,000 cases of food and the rows of volunteers. There are 150 area residents who put in their time throughout the year, and most of them enlist during the holidays.

But that's what Nardo loves the best about his program. "It's a great thing to see," he says. With much of the help coming from the university community, many volunteers are only a quarter of the founder's age. "It's so rewarding to see them volunteering. It's much better than us oldsters doing the work," he says with a grin. "Seeing them working makes me happier than making the baskets.

At this point in the year, Nardo and his army of volunteers are gearing up for their busy season. While they make food baskets throughout the year, it's the holiday season that is the most taxing.

But Nardo says he can't take

any more volunteers on this year. "If we took everyone who was interested, we'd have people walking all over each other," said. Instead, Nardo is asking for

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Newark families celebrate National Adoption Month

Editor's note: Parenting is never an easy job. And being an adoptive parent is no different. So during National Adoption Month, the Newark Post would like to celebrate this great institution with the story of two Newark moms who have opened their hearts and homes - despite all of its difficulties - and have never looked back.

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

look nothing alike," Nancy Gestwicki says of her bi-racial family. "But it's not a problem. The boys know I'm their mother." Only a handful of times has the issue ever come up. And the last time it did, Anthony, Gestwicki's youngest son, was the one who handled the situation.

"The first time it came up, Anthony was in preschool, A girl came up to him and said, 'She can't be your mommy 'cus she's white.' So I sat down and explained to her that what we look like on the outside doesn't matter because Jesus looks at you from the inside. So the next time it happened, Anthony put his hands on hips and said, "She can too, 'cus my mommy is inside out.' Right idea, wrong words," she says with a chuckle.

For the Gestwicki, it's the little things, like seeing Anthony defend her as his mom, that mean the most. "It's just being part of their lives, seeing the funny things they do that are so important," she says. But for the two boys she has taken into her home, it's not the little things at all. It's the big stuff that's important. It's having a mom around to make sure the physical therapy is going well. It's having someone around to ease the frustration after speech therapy. Both of her boys have special needs, and for them, having a mom has made everything that much easier.

Anthony has grown and developed drastically since he moved into Gestwicki's home. He was born with cerebral dysgenesis. In the family's earliest days, he "walked like a little drunken sailor." But now, there's nothing that can keep Anthony from moving, climbing, crawling, and playing. And that's the way it should be for a little boy.

Just the other day Gestwicki caught Anthony trying to climb up a tricycle to reach something on a shelf out of his reach. "I thought to myself, there is nothing wrong with this boy's cerebral process," Gestwicki said.

Even though both of Gestwicki's boys have grown immeasurably since the day they moved in with her, things haven't always been easy. The counseling and therapy sessions aren't cheap. And on a

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More than 150 runners lined up to raise money for Meals on Wheels on Sunday,

OAD warriors laced up their sneakers and headed to the Deer Park Tavern on Sunday, Nov. 7 by the dozens. But they weren't coming out for a bite to eat or a cool beer. Instead, the group of 150 runners gathered to raise money for at the second annual Meals on Wheels 5K.

In all, the group turned a profit just shy of \$1,000. Erin Horn spearhead the group out of the Newark Senior Center. She said that the funds will cover the costs for more than 100 meals. "The money we earned is going towards meals for MOW recipients," she said. The money will help defray the cost of the meal and its delivery. And at an average of \$7.60 per meal, the money from the race will feed a lot of Newark

While the funds raised from the race will help out this holiday season, this year's total was eclipsed by last year's numbers. In 2003, racers gathered more than \$3,300 for the cause.

"We're going to try to get more peo-ple interested in it for next year," Horn said. "But we're not sure how to do

But the racers who showed up on Sunday were more than glad just to be at the event. Ken Barbee drove from Philadelphia to compete. "I just enjoy running," he said. "I love competing. I love how it feels." Ron Niblett, a Newark native agreed that it was the lure of competition that pulled him out on the fall morning.

On Campus News For Newark From The University Of Delaware

BRIEFLY

Gospel choir concert Nov. 20

THE University of Delaware Gospel Choir will present its annual fall concert, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m., and the performance beginning at 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, in Mitchell Hall.

Part of the UD community for more than 20 years, the Gospel Choir has performed throughout the region.

The concert is free and open to the public, with a free will offering.

Tickets on sale for Dec. 11 ice show

Tickets are on sale for the U.S. National Figure Skating Send-Off Exhibition, scheduled at 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Fred Rust ice Arena.

Tickets, which are on sale at UD box offices and through Ticketmaster, are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under;

Tickets also will be on sale at the arena the day of the show, starting at 4 p.m.

All seats are general admission.

Free designated driver program

Students in the department of University of Delaware's Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management (HRIM) "Meeting & Conference Management" class are planning events to raise awareness and invite volunteers for a new program called Delaware Designated Driver (DDD).

The program consists of two-person volunteer teams that drive persons who unexpectedly drink too much to their homes in their own cars, free of charge.

Student wins scholarship to Taiwan

Anonymous Rotarian funds study grant

By SUE MONCURE

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

THANKS to a series of serendipitous happenings and her own outstanding qualifications, University of Delaware junior Megan Strumbeck, majoring in East Asia studies, has won a \$25,000 Rotary International scholarship and will spend next year studying Mandarin Chinese at the Language Institute of the Normal University of Taipei in Taiwan.

An anonymous Rotarian in Taiwan donated three one-time scholarships, stipulating that two students come from Japan and one from the Rotary Eastern Shore district in the United States to study Mandarin Chinese in Taiwan.

Jim Kent, associate professor of health and exercise sciences and an active Rotarian, learned of the scholarship and called Jianguo Chen, assistant professor of foreign languages and literatures, to ask for his assistance in finding a suitable candidate who was studying Mandarin Chinese at UD.

Chen suggested Strumbeck, and he and David Pong, professor of history and director of the East



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Megan Strumbeck

Asian Studies Program, were supportive and helpful in assisting Strumbeck in getting material together and filling out all the necessary forms to apply.

necessary forms to apply.

"This scholarship is a unique opportunity and is similar to the Rotary International Ambassador Scholarships, except they take several months to process, and we did this in a month," Kent said.

The Newark Morning Rotary Club honored Strumbeck at its breakfast meeting at the Blue & Gold Club in September, with Pong, Chen and Richard Zipser, chairperson of foreign languages and literatures, all invited guests.

The daughter of missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in America, whose home base is Smyrna, Strumbeck has spent much of her life in South America, where she was born, and speaks several languages—English, Portuguese, Spanish, Japanese, Korean and Chinese.

She has lived in Peru, Colombia and Ecuador and participated in a UD Study Abroad Program to mainland China during Winter Session 2003.

Last summer, she taught Bible lessons in Japan at a college near Tokyo, and then went to visit friends in Korea. Her goal is to be a missionary in the future.

As for now, Strumbeck is looking forward to her year in Taiwan. "I love to travel and have the opportunity to experience other cultures and meet other people," she said.

Newarker wins national teaching award

RIC Jacobson, University of Delaware assistant professor of urban affairs and public policy, was presented the Leslie A. Whittington Excellence in Teaching Award from the National Association of Public Affairs and Administration (NAPSAA) Oct. 21 at the group's annual conference in Indianapolis.

group's annual conference in Indianapolis.

"This is really a credit to the wonderful students in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy," Jacobson, of Newark, said.

"Being successful as a teacher depends upon having students who are interested in the subject and have strong skills and motivation. Watching bright people begin to do important work in a field I think is so important, then going on to become leaders in the field—it's enormously satisfying."

NAPSAA is the accrediting organization

of graduate programs in public affairs, public policy, public administration and non-profit management. It exists to ensure excellence in education and training for

public service and to promote the ideal of public service.

The group's Whittington award is presented for demonstrated excellence in teaching and sustained contributions to education for public services

Leslie Whittington was an economist and professor at Georgetown University who was leaving with her husband and two small daughters for several months as a visiting fellow at Australian National University in Canberra on Sept. 11, 2001, on the plane that crashed into the Pentagon. The impact of taxation policy on family life was a central interest for Prof. Whittington, who had worked on a book on women, work and family with Saul Hoffman, chairperson of the Department of Economics in the Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics at UD.

"Eric's course evaluations are uniformly excellent," Jeffrey Raffel, School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy director, who nominated Jacobson for the Whittington Award, said. "That's particularly impressive considering that many of his courses are required, quantitative ones. He is one of our more demanding faculty and toughest grader, yet students flock to, and greatly enjoy, his courses."

"Eric's interest in preparing his students for a career in public service does not stop at the borders of the university," Amy Droskoski Hall, one of several graduates mentored by Jacobson and later selected as U. S. Presidential Management Fellow, said. "He is always searching for new opportunities for his students. It's his constant effort to be an involved partner with students—in learning and expanding horizons—that attracts top students to work with him." Hall now works on health care issues for the Energy and Commerce Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives.

Jacobson received an excellence-inteaching award from UD in 2001.

Online high school partnership honored

THE University of Delaware's Online High School Partnership Program has won an Award of Excellence from the Mid-Atlantic Region of the University Continuing Education Association (UCEA) for its innovations in the field of continuing education.

The Partnership Program is being recognized for the unique opportunity it offers high school students to get an early start on college coursework by enrolling in UD Online distance learning courses.

From the beginning, the aim of the High School Partnership was to find new ways to extend the university's resources and opportunities to high school students, especially high-achieving students looking for more challenging coursework and the opportunity to start earning college credit.

Some high school students already were enrolling in college courses, but for many, taking a traditional on-campus course presented various difficulties: conflicts with existing high school academic schedules, sports activities, after-school or work schedules and transportation issues.

UD Online courses provided a flexible new option allowing high school students to take college classes without leaving their high schools. Students receive transferable college credit, and most high schools award concurrent high school credit.

The online courses do not compete with AP classes, thereby allowing motivated students to earn a significant number of college credits before arriving on

The program benefits high schools, too, by allowing them to supplement their advanced course offerings without having to hire additional teachers.

The original program began more than 10 years ago with one University of Delaware videotape-based course, "Child Development," taught by Dene Klinzing, professor of individual and family studies. Since then, Klinzing's college course has enrolled many high school students each year, along with the other full- and part-time University students.

For more information about UD Online and the High School Partnership Program, e-mail melanier@udel.edu, call 831-1079 or visit www.continuingstudies.udel.edu/udonline/regi stration/highschool/.

'Three Sisters' opens PTTP season

UD's Professional Theatre Training Program (PTTP) opens its 2004-05 season at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 30, in Hartshorn Hall with Anton Chekhov's "The Three Sisters." William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night or What You Will" premieres Saurday, Dec. 4.

The plays will mark the inaugural performance by 24 actors, 11 technical directors and six stage managers, who are enrolled at the PTTP for three years of concentrated training.

"The Three Sisters" tells of the excruciating monotony of daily existence in a fading military town, the attraction of an intriguing stranger, the lure of big city excitement and glamour. Three sisters of a once prominent family find themselves trapped in lives of shattered dreams and suffocating disappointment in a rural Russian backwater while yearning to escape to their childhood home in Moscow.

"Twelfth Night or What You

Will" is a funny and touching merry-go-round of romantic missteps, mistaken identities, gender-bending disguise and unrequited love. Narrowly escaping a shipwreck, young Viola is cast ashore on the coast of Illyria. Disguised as a man, she finds

herself in a tangled love-triangle between a lovesick count and the object of his affection.

Eight performances of "The Three Sisters" are slated:

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m. and

7:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2 p.m.

and 7:30 p.m.
Seven performances of

"Twelfth Night" are scheduled for December:

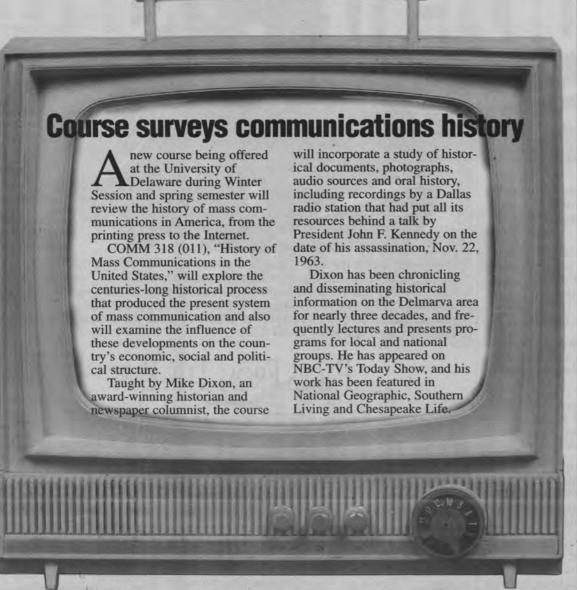
Saturday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m.

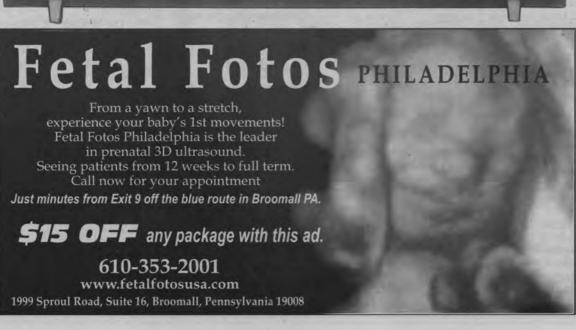
and 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.; and

Thursday, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. PTTP students are selected once every four years to pursue master's degrees in fine arts. The group is chosen through an extensive search throughout the United States in the year between the graduation of one class and the beginning of the next class.

For more information and to order tickets, visit www.udel.edu/theatre, call 831-2204, or stop by the Hartshorn Box Office







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PER CHANCE

Maybe it's just a rumor

By ELBERT CHANCE

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

N June of this year, my high school graduating class held its 60th reunion. What makes our reunions a bit different from others is that our alma mater, Henry Conrad, was transformed from a high school to a middle school several decades

Within the last month, another Conrad graduate told me he had heard that plans are afoot in the Red Clay School District to restore the school to high school status to meet changing enrollment patterns.

I thought this rumor was worthy of investigation, so I visited the district office and asked the question.

I was cordially welcomed, but those on

duty seemed reluctant to respond.

Instead, they promised to have the information officer call me and, shortly thereafter, she did.

Once again our conversation was friendly, but the possibility of a change was neither con- Chance firmed nor denied.



I explained that I was merely seeking a reason to tell Delaware readers about the man for whom the school is named, for after I spoke about Henry Clay Conrad at our reunion luncheon, a number of classmates said they had known little about his long and successful career.

The Conrad family moved from Pennsylvania to Delaware when he was four years old. He attended schools in Wilmington and graduated from Harvard Law School.

He was admitted to the Delaware Bar and, in 1876, was appointed actuary for the African American Society.

This organization, formed soon after the end of the Civil War, originally was known as the Delaware Association for the

■ The author, who for five decades was the familiar voice announcing University of Delaware home football games, now is retired and has authored a number of books. Chance is a long-time Newark resident and has written this column for more than a decade.

... Conrad was a great man of the law and an inspiration for us all."

Moral Improvement and Education of the Colored People. It established 15 schools, seven in New Castle County and four each in Kent and Sussex.

For 16 years, Conrad was responsible for distributing state and private funds to these special schools, and when Delaware State College was incorporated by the General Assembly in 1891, he was appointed one of its seven trustees.

He became increasingly active in public life, serving three years as a member of the Wilmington Board of Education, two of them as its president.

In 1882 he became president of the Wilmington City Council and from 1880 to 1890 he was U.S. Chief Supervisor of Elections for the District of Delaware.

From 1897 to 1901 he was Wilmington's City Solicitor and its Postmaster from 1906 to 1909. In the latter year he moved to Georgetown after being appointed Associate Judge for Sussex County.

During his long career, Judge Conrad was a member of the Historical Society of Delaware and served as its librarian. With partner John H. Emerson, a pioneering newspaperman, he published a daily newspaper that eventually evolved into The Wilmington Morning News. He published a multi-volume History of the State of Delaware in 1908, and was elected State Archivist in 1924.

Given his long involvement in education, it is not surprising that the commission appointed by Gov. C. Douglass Buck to select a site and a name for the new school designated it Henry C. Conrad High School. It welcomed its first students in 1936.

Whether the school will be restored to its high school status or not, one thing will not change; that its namesake was a great man of the law and an inspiration for us

OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, "Out of the Attic" features a photograph of an unidentified Newark Police Department officer on a police motorcycle, circa 1942-43. "Out of the Attic" features historic photographs from Newark's past. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos. Special care will be taken. For information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post throughout the years

■ Nov. 14, 1929

Burglars break in six houses

Early Monday morning, robbers entered six houses on Cleveland avenue and Chapel street and pillaged them of clothes and money.

In one house they roused the tenants and fled; in five of the houses they confined their efforts to the first floor; in the sixth they went upstairs. The local police believe the burglaries to be the work of amateurs, and are following clues. Three youthful suspects have been arrested and held for questioning, but all were later released.

In each house entrance was made through an unlocked window, and egress made through the back door.

In one house they removed a screen to enter through the window.

■ Nov. 14, 1979

Toman heads awards committee

New Castle County Chamber of Commerce President Frederic Rohm announced the appointment of Dr. Philip A. Toman as Chairperson of

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

the Wallace M. Johnson Community Service Award Committee.

Dr. Toman is Director of Communications for the New Castle County School District and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors for the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce

The Wallace M. Johnson Community Service Award was established in 1969 by the Chamber of Commerce to honor an area resident for outstanding community

The award is named for Dr. Wallace M. Johnson, a New Castle County physi-

A large trophy is presented to the recipient each year at the Chamber banquet which is held in January.

Problems continue

Newark city officials and representatives of the

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1999: 50 years later, war memorial rededicated here

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state Division of Consumer Affairs were scheduled to meet with residents of Victoria Mews Apartments last evening to discuss the periodic lack of heat and water that have plagued tenants for the past month.

Half the residents of the 108unit complex on Elkton Road were without water from about 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., last Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, when the city turned off the complex's water supply because the management failed to pay its water bill, according to Finance Director Albert Martin.

Martin ordered the water be turned off after a \$3,000 check to the city was returned for uncollected funds. Martin said he has to turn off the water in Victoria Mews "practically every month for the past six months" to get the apartment's management to make

payment on their water bill of \$17,000.

■ Nov. 12, 1999

Park comes with Gore deal

Newark-based W.L. Gore & Associates has struck a deal with the state of Delaware and New Castle County which will preserve a piece of the shrinking open space in the Bear-Glasgow

In what all involved describe as a "win-win situation," Gore has purchased 150 acres for future development, while the state of Delaware purchased an additional 300 acres of a parcel of land off Route 72 south of Newark.

The scenic site includes 100 acres to be leased to the county for use in a regional park that has been in the works for the past couple of years.

The proposed park area

includes Sunset Lake, which currently has no public access.

War Memorial rededication tomorrow

Exactly 50 years to the day after it was erected to honor local military veterans, the Newark War Memorial will be rededicated tomorrow.

The Memorial is located in front of the Academy Building on Main Street.

Charity as important as revenue, salaries

▶ UP FRONT, from 1

New Castle County Chamber of Commerce's 14th annual Entrepreneurial Women's Expo. It was held at the Dupont Country Club. Tough duty - me and 600 women...but somebody had to be there. Actually, my role was to present the 2004 award to the Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year at the luncheon.

The keynote speaker was Auntie Anne, Anne Beiler of Gap. Pa. Her remarks to women aspiring to either run their own businesses or advance their corporate careers were, simply put, awe-inspiring.

Beiler was one of eight children in a Lancaster County Amish farm family. As the culture demanded, she dropped out of school at age 15 and was married by 19. Beiler made no secret, actually emphasized that she never planned to build a pretzel empire that now includes 800 franchises, 100 of them interna-

After the tragic loss of her young daughter, Angela, Beiler suffered from years of depression. In 1988, after her husband, Jonas, decided he wanted to offer free family and marriage counseling services, Anne decided she ought to go to work. She began twisting pretzels at a Pennsylvania farmers market. In spite of having limited education and no business sense, she applied the approach she urged the women in Wilmington last week to use. She told herself "I

can do that" and did, opening the Auntie Anne's Downington, Pa. The rest, as they say, is history.

Most impressive about Beiler

is not that she believes that she needed to set a good example for employees and went back to earn her high school diploma at age 50. Rather, it is her sense that giving back to her community is the driving force behind Auntie Anne's. She followed some advice from accountants, bankers and business professionals as she grew her company. But she made charitable giving as important an item on her P&L as revenue and salaries, all a tribute to Angela.

In 2003, her company grossed \$234 million in sales and gave more than \$1 million away, some to continue the support she began years ago of her husband's free counseling service. She also is a major sponsor of the Children's Miracle Network.

As I listened to her story - and you are just getting a sampling here - my eyes clouded at the sincerity of her devotion to her beliefs, particularly the giving, the high importance that she put on integrity, and the priority that Beiler makes "taking care" of Auntie Anne employees in ways more than monetarily.

Now, I no longer mind paying two bucks for a pretzel.

■ When not substituting Cinniminis for Auntie Anne's, the writer is publisher of this and three other newspapers head-quartered in Newark. The Streits live in Newark.

Good thru 12/11/04

Dukart remembered far from home

To: The editor

From: Blake A. Wilson Brandon, Miss.

HAT a terrific article by Robin Broomall on Leonard Dukart - and what a sad loss for the Newark community.

Leonard was leader...who pulled on the oar of progress, quietly and effectively whenever he was needed.

And in a time of his need, almost 30 years ago, he also stepped up to help others.

Some may remember the that Leonard's McDonald's restaurant at the Newark Traffic Circle was

severely damaged by a gas explo-

As editor of the Newark Post at the time, I was covering the explosion - and I remember taking a picture of Leonard surveying the wreckage.

A large freezer filled with food had fallen through the floor and into the basement, but the contents were undamaged.

Minutes after arriving at the scene and assessing the damage, Leonard was instructing his staff to get the freezer open and quickly get the contents over to the Sisters at Our Lady of Grace home.

This is an example of Leonard's ability to look to the future...to the opportunity...and not dwell on the past.

It also is reflective of a common trait shared by some of the great Newark entrepreneurs I known have including nave known — including Leonard, "Happy" Harry Levin, Selena Bing, Jolly Handloff, Gene Danneman and Sam Handloff.

A commitment to community service set them apart...because they operated with the common belief that if they could "Pay It Forward," as in the movie by the same name, they would reap the benefits through an improved community in the future.

Leonard paid it forward...big

time. And we have all reaped the benefit of his contributions over a lifetime of service.



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OUTLOOK

Checkpoints curb DUI

By CINDY GENAU

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

have been volunteering at the sobriety checkpoints held in the city of Newark and throughout New Castle County. These late night weekend checkpoints are part of the statewide Checkpoint Strikeforce initiative in Delaware. Just what is Checkpoint Strikeforce? Checkpoint Strikeforce is a six-month, intense mobilization solely aimed at getting impaired drivers off our roadways. The checkpoints are held every weekend at different locations, such as Newark, Newport, Middletown,

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and Wilmington and run from 10pm till 2am on a Friday or Saturday

night. What I know about the checkpoints is that

their success in the community is due to the dedication of police officers involved in the task force. The northern Delaware task force is comprised of officers from the local police municipalities who work together to form a collaborative group large enough to staff and conduct these late night weekend checkpoints. It takes about 15 officers and several volunteers to properly run a safe check-point. The roads must be well lit, so construction traffic lights and marked patrol cars with flashing lights are on non-stop and the area is marked off with traffic cones for the safety of the vehicles going through the checkpoint, those conducting the checkpoint, and to avoid traffic

During checkpoints in Newark, my job is to show up in a reflective vest and carry a flashlight. I direct traffic and count the number of cars that go through the checkpoint as a

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VETERAN DISCUSSES HIS STORY

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ICOLAS Pappas's kitchen table was covered with photocopies, historic maps, 50-year-old- newspaper clippings and handwritten pages; documentation collected during

his 91 years. The Newark resident's history is like a maze, snaking through memories of living and growing up in 20th century history. At the helm of these stacks of papers sits the decorated military veteran in slacks and dark blue sneakers, trying to condense years of expe-

In the present, Pappas is in demand. Two book publishers have been inquiring about print-

ing his life story.

Though his birth records place him in New York, Pappas was born in Greece in 1913. The Second Balkan War prevented his mother from returning to the United States before his birth. After she died five years later, his early childhood was characterized by vivid memories of moving around.

His father, a confectioner and tobacconist, took his four children to Cleveland. After some time there, the family moved to Germany where Pappas's uncle made millions selling cigarettes. Pappas began picking up English from their maid and became the spokesman for his siblings. They went to France en route to Greece where his father sold ice cream and pastries in a suburb of Athens.

The Pappas children moved back to New York, where they grew up, but they were placed in an orphanage when their father developed an illness in his leg. From the orphanage, he went to



school, discovering a lifelong passion for languages.

Today he speaks nine lan-guages fluently, able to effort-lessly shift from explaining Greek magazine articles to casually chatting with a pizza deliver



Pappas stands proudly in his dress uniform. Even years after his retirement, Pappas is still in demand because of the skills he picked up while in service.

Pappas joined the U.S. armed forces after seeing the threat Nazi Germany posed and havalways admired New York's 69th divi-"the sion, Fighting Irish." 'I idolized that division,"

said. He is hesitant to talk about his contribution to World War II, but he may receive recognition for it soon.

Not long after being sent home, he was called back to active duty. He went to a military

intelligence school to learn additional languages, the first of many trips for such training. Pappas was a liasion during the Korean War. He worked for military intelligence, serving in noncombattant roles such as introgating prisoners of war and communicating between different language speaking groups.

was reassigned to Germany to help the former Allied Forces move their heavy equipment to fortified locations. He worked for security operations, giving clearance to local workers and doing background checks.

Pappas said his experience in

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Veterans' new ID cards help battle identity theft

ith identity theft as the major fraud reported by Americans in 2003, the Department of Veterans Affairs has designed a new identity card for veterans that will safeguard confidential informa-

"The new identification card ensures veterans' personal information is protected," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. "It also helps prevent the theft of important benefits and services from veterans that they earned by their service to our country.

The card, formally known as the Veterans Identity Card (VIC), will have veterans' photos on the front and identify them as enrollees in the VA's health care system.

Encrypted on a magnetic tape on the back of the card will be the veteran's Social Security number, date of birth and a control number. The magnetic strip also records whether the veteran has a service-connected disabili-

ty. Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation. The Federal Trade Commission listed identity theft as the number one fraud reported by consumers in 2003. Requests from veterans and their congressional representatives instrumental in bringing about

these latest changes.

"The new VIC ensures the security of veterans' personal information as well as ensuring that only eligible veterans receive the benefits and services they've earned," said Kristin Cunningham of the business office for VA's health care sys-

Veterans should request the new card at their local medical center. Processing will take five to seven days once eligibility is verified. VA hopes to com-plete the conversion to the new, safer card by mid-November. The existing cards will remain valid until veterans receive their new cards.

Special Olympics Festival

The annual Special Olympics Delaware Fall Sports Festival, which brings more than 500 athletes from across the state to the University of Delaware campus, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Opening Ceremonies will

begin at 8:30 a.m. in the University of Delaware Field House, followed by competition in four sports - volleyball, bocce, soccer and a 5k run. An Olympic Village, which will feature a Healthy Athletes program, will run the course of the day.

Newark resident appointed to Arts Council

ov. Ruth Ann Minner has appointed six new members to the Delaware State Arts Council, including Timothy Clinch of Newark.

The Delaware State Arts Council is the advisory body to the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency that administers grants and programs that support artists and arts organizations, educates the public, increases awareness of the arts and integrates the arts into all facets of Delaware life. Council members advise DDO^ 1 matters of arts policy, fun 2 for the arts and other relevant issues.

Clinch is an oboist who holds music degrees from Lawrence University, Northwestern University and the Chamber Music Institute of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He is the recipient of a 1993 Individual Artist Fellowship and the 2003 Masters Artist Fellowship from the Delaware Division of the

Clinch currently performs with Trio Arundel, the Harrisburg Symphony and the OperaDelaware Orchestra, and as a substitute with the Milwaukee Symphony and the Vancouver Symphony.

The governor also appointed Dr. Allen L. Sessoms of Dover, Deborah Wicks of Smyrna, and Steve Boyden, Lise Monty and Rhonda Graham, all from Wilmington.

The council is comprised of 16 members, appointed by the governor, who represent the state geographically and politically and are appointed on the basis of their interest and experience in the arts. Council members serve a renewable three-year term.

UD professor to lecture about obesity

BESITY has become an epidemic in American populations. The numbers of overweight and obese people have soared since the mid-80s. How do we address this issue? How do we prevent the epidemic from continuing?

Dr. Sue Snider, Food and Nutrition Specialist with Delaware Cooperative extension will tackle this complex issue on Nov. 19 at the Friends of Agriculture Breakfast at the Modern Maturity Center located at 1121 Forrest Ave., Dover.

"One of the things showing is the increase in overweight populations," Snider said. "It's just staggering."

She will discuss ways to prevent obesity in children, and healthy options for adults. "There is no magic bullet for this," she said. "But we're focusing on healthy eating and healthy activities."

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Checkpoints

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reporting tool. I usually am not looking forward to going out late at night, but I know in a small way I am contributing to the safety of my community. My kids will tease me - there she goes again – safety lady! But what knocks me over is that I get to see first hand how hard these officers work without complaint to get the job done right. I see many of the same officers at the checkpoints, who have already worked a full week at their regular job and other extra assignments. The officers' commitment to giving up their time without question to assist every weekend is what makes these checkpoints successful. The officers are very professional in their questioning of the drivers who go through the checkpoint. Once an area is designated as a checkpoint, all cars going through the checkpoint are counted and stopped for routine questioning - no preference is given to anyone. The officers work steady during the entire time of the checkpoints. Not your usual cops television show. Let me tell you it is not easy standing there for hours at a time, in the humid or cold weather, without a break. I am not sure I could be so unselfish with my time on a continual basis. It does make a difference when drivers take a moment to offer a word of thanks for being out there and some even come back with coffee and snacks.

Although not as exciting as you might think, bur rather routine, the checkpoints work. How do I know they work? I know that they are having an impact in Newark because many young people are aware that they exist and that underage drinkers are arrested. With the recent death of an intoxicated UD female freshman, we need students to think about the consequences of breaking alcohol laws and drinking excessively. Each checkpoint has thousands of cars go through the checkpoints and the result is arrest figures that total in the double digits. These checkpoints also help with reducing speeding and increasing seatbelt use.

and increasing seatbelt use.

We recently had a local high school teen partially ejected from his vehicle due to speeding and not wearing a seatbelt. We cannot be reminded enough that speed kills and wearing a seatbelt will save your life in a crash. Besides driving while intoxicated arrests, other types of arrests include, wanted persons, stolen vehicles, drug charges, and other traffic violations. These checkpoints are catching criminals and have helped reduce the toll of death rates due to motor vehicle crashes. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the nation's highway fatality rate for 2003 is the lowest since 1975, which includes the first decline in alcohol-related crashes since 1999. Seatbelt usage is also at an all time high of 79 percent. Much of this success in due to increased mobilizations as the seatbelt and sobriety enforcement check-points. These checkpoints not only protect adults, but children

The Center for Disease Control reports that one in every four deaths in crashes of children under age 15 is related to alcohol use. Most of the children were in the car with the drinking driver and only 32 percent were restrained while in the car.

So the next time you see an officer taking a break with a cup of coffee – it is probably because he deserves the break. This may not be exciting stuff to you, but the officers who are dedicated to these routine checkpoints are getting criminals and impaired drivers off the road, so you and your families, can travel safely on our roadways — and they deserve our thanks!

Veteran shares his story

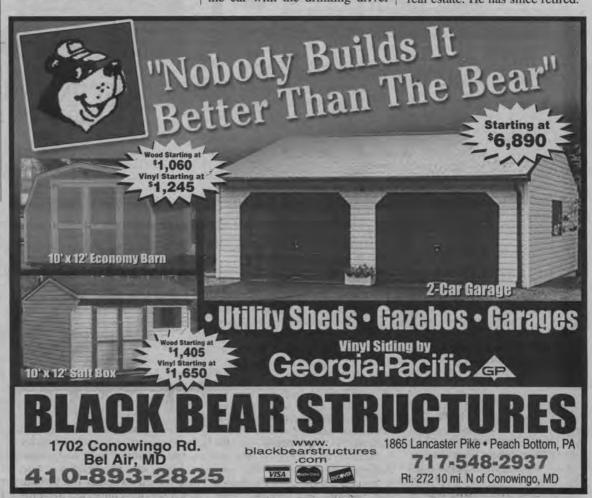
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security and his language background got him assigned to a 21-man detail to protect President Eisenhower during a conference with world leaders and Nikita Khrushchev. "I was his right hand man," he said.

He had the president's compound in Geneva completely gutted and rewired to make sure the area was safe. Afterwards, he returned to the general staff college to learn more languages and then he taught security at Governor's Island.

In between years of active duty, Pappas would pursue his fascination with discovering the origins of the Greek language. His work studying Greek tablets led him to believe the language came from the city of Pylos.

After retiring from the military, Pappas settled in Delaware where he became involved in real estate. He has since retired.



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FRIDAY

ANNUAL COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW Nov. 12 & 13. This 27th annual craft show and auction will feature a Ham dinner, craft booths, kids' craft corner, silent and live auctions, homemade crafts, outside vendors and live entertainment. All profits and donations benefit the students of Red Lion Christian Academy, 1390 Red Lion Road (Route 71), Bear. Info., call Suzanne Hornbeck at 302-325-9615.

BARBARA GOODMAN ORIGINAL OIL

PAINTING SALE Nov. 12, 4 - 8 p.m. & Nov. 13, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Barbara Goodman Designs of Greenville will be hosting a two-day White Glove Affair featuring a new collection of original oil paintings on unframed canvases. Refreshments will be served. Staff will be available both days for free consultations on framing your works of art and accessorizing a room by using accent colors from your favorite painting. Barbara Goodman Designs, 4007 B Kennett Pike, One Greenville Grossing in Greenville, Del. Info. 302-655-0339, email inquiries@barbaragoodman-

designs.com or visit www.barbaragoodmandesigns.com.

DELAWARE SWING DANCE PARTY 8 pm to Midnight. \$5 Hoppin' & Swingin' Party includes: A Swing 101 Lesson (8 - 9 p.m.), A Lindy Jam Circle and Charleston Styles Demo in the Classic Savoy Tradition, Mix of Groovin' Jazz and Swingin' Blues. No partner needed. Dressing creatively encouraged. Wear comfy shoes, low heels. Lindy hoppin' & high heels don't mix! Newark New Century Club, Corner of East Delaware Ave. and Haines,

Newark. Info., www.newarklindyproject.org

"FAMILIAR PLACES" 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon - Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Through Nov. 24. This show includes paintings or rural landscapes of the surrounding area, where Michele Green captures everyday scenes with a sense of grace and simplicity. Admission is free. The Station Gallery, 3922 Kennett Pike (Rt. 52), Greenville. Info., 302-654-8638. "HALFSTEPS" Weekends through Nov. 20, 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat.; 2 p.m. Sun.

The Chapel Street Players community theatre will present this dramatic com-The Chapel Street Players community theatre will present this dramatic comedy by local playwright, director and actor Scott F. Mason. This comedy concerns a playwright who uses his family and friends for inspiration and turns to these same sources for his own recovery. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for students. Chapel Street Players, Chapel St., Newark. To reserve a seat, call 302-368-2248.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fri.and Sat., Nov. 12 & 13.

The large fellowship room will be filled with candles, handmade crafts and wood items as well as homemade baked goods for sale. The Bargain Room will once again be onen with holiday and other items at great prices. The

will once again be open with holiday and other items at great prices. The kitchen will be serving homemade soups, sandwiches and more for dine in or take out. Truth & Life Center, 1924 W. Pulaski Hwy. (Route 40, east of Mechanics Valley Road), North East, Md. Info., 410-287-0450.

ANDREW WYETH TOUR 2 p.m. weekdays through Nov. 12. Victoria Browning Wyeth, granddaughter of artist Andrew Wyeth, will guide public tours of the Brandowine River Museum's Andrew Wyeth Callery. The tours

tours of the Brandywine River Museum's Andrew Wyeth Gallery. The tours will include a discussion of the artist's media, techniques, subject matter, and use of models. (Ms. Wyeth's tour schedule is subject to change. Visitors may



MACK THE KNIFE & MORE AT UD

The University of Delaware Department of Music Opera Workshop presents Berlin to Broadway with Kurt Weill: A Musical Voyage, Saturday, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 14, 3 p.m. in Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du

Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. The performance features the songs and life story of the remarkable German-born composer. The cast of this revue includes students Kelly Curtin, Susanne Kobb, Charlie Hannagan, Noah Mallitz, and Clayton Okaly. More than three dozen songs will be heard, including such classics as "Mack the Knife," "Bilbao Song," "My Ship," "September Song," and "Speak Low." Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at the Trabant or Bob Carpenter box offices on the LID campus. Admission is \$10. adults: \$7. on the UD campus. Admission is \$10, adults; \$7, seniors; \$3, students. For info., 302-831-2577.

wish to call in advance to confirm the tour.) Brandywine River Museum, U.S. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford, Pa, Free with museum admission (\$8 for adults; \$5 for senior citizens, students, and children ages 6-12; free for children under 6 and Brandywine Conservancy members). Info., Brandywine River Museum, 610-388-2700 or www.brandywinemuseum.org.

SATURDAY

FLOWER MARKET CLOTHES HORSE 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. This second Saturday Sale will feature fall and winter clothing and accessories for the entire family are available including a large collection of snow suits and winter coats and jackets for boys and girls. New formals and party dresses for women and girls and suits and jackets for men are also on display. This is a totally volunteer project whose proceeds go with other Flower Market Funds toward grants for children's agencies in Delaware. Clothes Horse, 2945 Newport Gap Pike

(route 41) opposite the Recycle Delaware sign. Info., 302-239-5670.

CARTOONS AND CARICATURES Open daily, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30

p.m. Through February 13, 2005. Exhibition features illustrations that examine and illuminate a variety of social, political and cultural issues from the 19th and 20th centuries. Included are approximately 45 watercolors and pen and ink drawings by 33 well-known humorists. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors ages 65 and over, students with L.D., and children ages 6 to 12; and free for children under six and Brandywine Conservancy members. Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-2700 or

visit www.brandywinemuseum.org.

COMEDY PERFORMANCE 9:30 p.m. Comedy show featuring Pat O'Donnell, Mary Frances Connelly and Steve Golasa. Tickets are \$17.50 each. Comedy Cabaret, Air Transport Command, 143 N. DuPont Hwy., New

Castle. Info., 302-652-6873.

MONDAY

JEWELRY AS ART 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri. through Nov. 23. The exhibit features the jewelry designs of Alphonsus (AI) Moolenschot, Joyce Bowlsbey, Brenda deGarbolewski and Yvette

Jianniney. An opening reception will feature an artists talk. The Gallery, One Seahawk Dr., North East, Md. Info., 410-287-1023.

STITCHES OF ART AND COMFORT:

DELAWARE QUILTS, 1740-2002. Through May 31. Celebrate the American tradition of quilting by viewing a comprehensive display of 100 unique

Delaware-made quilts featured at the Delaware State Museums Visitor Center and Galleries in Dover and in three other state museums. See an array of colors and quilt patterns reflected in this textile art form that visually provide clues to the history and culture of the state, the region and the nation from the 18th century to the present. The Delaware State Museums Visitor Center, 406 Federal Street, Dover. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. Hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Info., 302-739-4266 or visit www.delaware.gov.

LINE DANCING 1 p.m. beginner class; and 2 p.m. advanced class every

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

■ THURSDAY, NOV. 18

"TT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" Curtain 7:30 p.m. and Sun. matinee 3:00 p.m. Nov. 18, 19, 20, & 21. God's Power and Light Co. presents this musical. Join George Bailey, Clarence the Angel and other cast members for this version of the famous movie classic. Ticket prices are: Advanced adult \$6, all children 12 and under \$3 and at the door \$7. The Everett Theatre, 47 W. Main St., Middletown. For advanced tickets, call 302-378-7994 or at Radio Shack, 727 N. Broad St., Middletown.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 12

STRENGTH TRAINING 9 - 10 a.m. Mondays; 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Tues, and Thurs.; 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Wed, and Fri. at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2336.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY 1 p.m. second Fridays. Continuing education to promote better way of life at County Extension Office, South Chapel St., Newark. New members welcome. Info., 302-738-4419 or 302-831-1239.

■ SATURDAY, NOV. 13

LYME SUPPORT GROUP 10:30 a.m. second Saturday of each month at the Kirkwood Highway Library. Info., 302-996-9065 or e-mail TLizzy@snip.net. RECYCLE ALUMINUM 9 a.m. to noon

second Saturday each month at Center for Creative Arts, off Rt. 82, Yorklyn. Anything except foil. Remove non-metal portions like glass or chair webbing. Call for house siding and large pickups at 302-239-2690 or 302-239-2434.

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

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

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

■ SUNDAY, NOV. 14

BEAR DANCERS Second Sunday. Square dancing from 2-5 p.m. No partner or experience needed. Dress comfortably and bring clean, soft-soled shoes. No smoking or alcohol. 208 Mariner's Way, Bear. \$6 Info., 302-838-0493, ext. 5.

■ MONDAY, NOV. 15

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

MEETINGS

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

NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. every Monday at the Holiday Inn, Route 273. Info., 453-8853. GUARDIANS' SUPPORT 6 - 8 p.m.

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

NCCo STROKE CLUB Noon at the Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., call Nancy Traub at 302-324-4444. SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. at St.

Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info., 302-368-

■ TUESDAY, NOV. 16

CAREGIVER SUPPORT 7 - 9 p.m. third Tuesdays at Newark Senior Center, White Chapel Dr., Newark. Free & open to public. Info., 302-737-2336. CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 7 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Liberty Baptist Church, Red Lion Rd., Bear, Info., 302-838-2060

STAMP GROUP 1 p.m. first and third Tuesday of month at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2336

NEWARK LIONS 6:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of month. Lions meeting with program at the Holiday Inn, Newark Rt.273/I-95. Call Marvin Quinn at 302-731-1972.

NARFE 11 a.m. third Tuesday of November. Newark Chapter of National Association of Retired Federal Employees meets at the Glass Kitchen Restaurant, Rt. 40, Glasgow. Info., 302-731-1628

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. every Tuesday. For men who like to sing at

New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E.

Main St. Info., call Will at 302-368-3052.

DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support

group meeting at Evangelical
Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park
Rd., Newark. Info., 302-737-7239.
SWEET ADELINES 7:30 - 10 p.m. every

Tuesday. Singing group meets at MBNA Bowman Center, Route 4, Newark. Listeners and new members welcome. Info., 302-999-8310.

MS SUPPORT 4 - 6 p.m. Tuesdays at MS Society Headquarters, 2 Mill Road,

Wilmington. Info., 302-655-5610.

■ WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17

CROHN'S AND COLITIS FOUNDA-TION 7:30 p.m. third Wednesdays. Wilmington Satellite Group meets at Christiana Hospital, Room 1100. Info.,

BGCCCO MEETING 7 p.m. third Wednesdays. Bear Glasgow Council of Civic Organizations meets at Pencader Grange Hall, Glasgow Avenue/Old Rt. 896. Info., 302-832-0793. DIAMOND STATE CROCHETERS 6

p.m. third Wednesdays in the Linnestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Rd. Info., call Ann at 302-324-8585. AT HOME MOTHERS CONNECTION

7:30 p.m. First and third Wednesdays. Meeting for moms only at St. Barnabas Church, Duncan Rd. Info., call Darlene Regan at 610-274-2165.

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD 7 p.m. third Wednesday of each month alternating between Bayard and Keene schools. Info., 302-454-2500, or visit www.christi-

na.k12.de.us.
CONSTITUENT MEETING 7 a.m. first and third Wednesdays of the month. Rep. Melanie George of the 5th District and Rep. John Viola of the 26th District will

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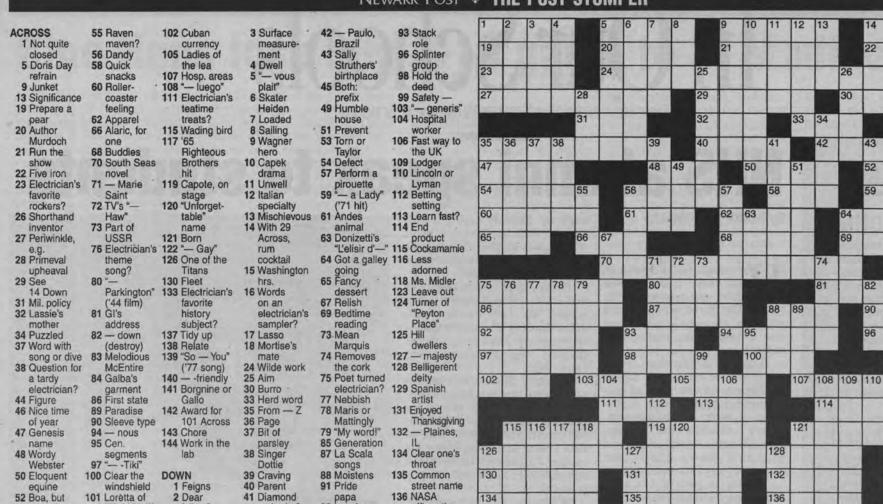
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C.H.A.D.D. 7:30 p.m. third Wednesday. Parent/Educator Support Group meeting to support the lives of people with attention disorders through education, advocacy, and support the at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 302-737-

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

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

NEWARK DELTONES 7 - 10 p.m. at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 302-737-4544.

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HOLISTIC HEALTH 7 p.m.: third Thursdays, Workshop by certified natural health professional at Rainbow Books, Main St., Newark. Free, preregistration fired 302-368-7738

ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP 6:30 p.m. third Thursdays at the Newark Senior Center. Info., 302-737-2336.

MEDAL OF HONOR ASSN 7 p.m. third Thursdays. Delaware Medal of Honor Historical Association meets at Veterans Administration Hospital, Elsmere. Open to

AARP 1:30 p.m. third Thursdays. New
Castle Chapter No. 4265 of AARP meets at
the Weston Community and Senior Center, New Castle. Info., 302-328-2830.

■ THURSDAY, NOV. 18

encourage relaxation and improve strength, balance, and peace of mind. \$15 per month at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2336.

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

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EVENING YOGA 6:15 p.m. Class to

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

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

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FORGOTTEN, BUT NOT GONE: UPDATE ON TERRORISM AND THE HUNT FOR BIN LADEN 7 p.m. Despite the intense military and intelligence effort to corner Osama bin Laden after the Sept. 11 attacks, the leader of al-Oaeda remains at large, perhaps continuing to coordinate attacks against U.S. interests around the world. Journalist Peter Bergen, one of the few who has met bin Laden, is back and will speak about the al-Qaeda leader.

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

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In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Helping others

School students, families and staff contributed \$300 to the Juvenile Diabetes Association through the sale of T-shirts for their Walk To School Day in early October, Coordinated by Physical Education teacher Deb Wilson, the walk was the kick-off to the school's fitness program, Trek Across

Schools closed

Schools and offices in the Christina School District will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Classes will not be held on Friday, Nov. 12 to allow for staff development.

It's the law

State law requires traffic on a two-lane road to stop in both directions when a school bus activates its lights and signs. On a four-lane road, only traffic traveling in the same direction as the bus must stop when it does.

Penalties for passing a stopped school bus in Delaware are serious. They include a \$115 to \$230 fine or one to two months jail for the first offense, and a \$115 to \$575 fine or two to six months in jail for the second offense. A conviction will result in a 1-12 month drivers license suspension, and six points on a driver's record.

Student of Week

Danny Zebley, a fifth grader at Pulaski Elementary School, was selected by Principal George Steinhoff

and staff as this week's Student of the Week. Danny is a good role model for other students. When his work is done, he



Zebley

offers to help other students in his class. He is hard working and gets good grades. He stays focused on what is important, but has fun while learning. He is an example of the school motto: Be productive, be persistent, be positive. He is Pulaski.

NHS alumni speak to students

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

e couldn't stay sitting in his chair. Falling down stairs was a natural thing to do. The Three Stooges were his idles. How do you turn that into a productive, professional

Being a professional clown might not be on a high school guidance counselor's list of recommended careers, but it is possible to wear clown make-up, floppy costumes and colorful wigs to earn a decent salary and support a family. Christopher Shelton is proof it can be done.

Shelton is part of a Career Mentoring Seminar series, sponsored by the Newark High School Alumni Association and the NHS library, to introduce students to opportunities they might never think of. The half-hour lunch-time talks are presented by Yellowjacket graduates.

So far the students have heard from Mark Sisk (class of 70), a local trial lawyer, Alexine Cloonan (class of 72), a landscape architect, Carol Abel (class of 75), a registered nurse, and Shelton (class of 75), a professional clown.

According to Harvey Maclary, (class of 75), a group of NHS alumni met last spring and began planning how to mentor high school students. When librarian Donna Reed heard of the idea, it fit naturally into her plans to start a career forum.

"Our purpose is to get kids to think out of the box for potential careers. If they hear of a career they might be interested in, that will give them some avenues to

explore," Maclary said. The pre-senters usually have printed information to give the students on suggested colleges to attend or Web sites to check out.

Letters were sent to graduates and invited to participate in the series. So far Maclary said approximately 15 have respond-ed positively. More programs are planned for November and December.

Recently, Shelton told groups of students that becoming a professional clown was not in his plan. As one of eight children in his family, Shelton used a lot of fake falling and dying to get his mother's attention. But he was a shy and quiet kid, a real loner at

When he was a junior, he needed only one credit, so his advisor suggested Shelton take an acting class.

'That class changed my life,' Shelton told the students. After graduation, he went to the University of Delaware as a theater major. Another student suggested he take up juggling to relieve tenseness in his shoulders. That was the beginning of his career as a clown.

With a natural ability for aerobics and slapstick, Shelton was one of 60 accepted to the Ringling Brothers Clown School. More than 60,000 had applied that year.

For four years he traveled with the circus. Then he left the threering thrill to become an officer for the Wilmington Police Department. He played "Officer Off-Beat," working out of the community affairs department, teaching children about safety.

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Clowning around is serious business for Chris Shelton, NHS alumnus. Standing on chairs upside down is easy, he said, but staying in good physical shape and having a clean-shaved face at all times for applying make-up is the hardest part.

Barn dance teaches math, music, management

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

irdies and Old Crows were swingin' their partners at old fashioned barn dances at Downes Elementary School last week. Coordinated by music teacher John Ambrosino, the dances were an opportunity for parents and students to have fun, enjoy some old fashioned music and spend some quality time together.

"Circle to the left, circle to the right, bring it on home," called Ambrosino as six-foot-tall dads and three-foot-tall kindergartners moved in and out of circles and squares. Birdie in the Cage had dancers light on their feet while Fruitbasket, with couples locking arms together in four-by-four squares proved more challenging. But they pulled it off with few couples out of sync.

To cool off, dancers were

treated to snow cones, courtesy of the school's newly purchased

Why teach square dancing to students when test scores are on everyone's minds?

Dancers must develop listening skills to hear the next "call" as a dance progresses, dance with order and care and make decisions before and during the dance. Where will they stand,

how will they move, who will partners? Teamwork and cooperation are essential. These skills transfer directly into regular classroom learning.

While music, dance and visual arts obvious are benefits to square dancing, participants also work on math

skills. Forming circles and squares are part of geometry.



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Adding and moving dancers into and out of squares develops their patterning skills.

Blood Bank awards presented

ince 1984, the Blood Bank of Delmarva has been giving a positive experience to high school blood donors through its school blood drive

program.

Last year 68 high schools and colleges participated in 90 blood drives, donating nearly 5,000 pints of blood, which is approximately seven percent of the Blood Bank's supply. Donors must be 18 years or older. Awards are given to schools for largest number of donors or most improved.

The winners in New Castle County were recognized at a luncheon on Oct. 5 for the 2003-2004 school year donations. St. Mark's High School, one of the first schools to participate 20 years ago, received the top honors for the entire Delmarva Peninsula for 174 donors. Christiana Locally, Christiana Freceived honorable mention.

Good sports receive awards

The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) recently awarded three high state championship awards for sportsmanship. The 2004 Sportsmanship Awards went to McKean, Newark and William Penn high schools.

This is the second consecutive year that McKean and Newark have been recognized for their schools completion of the vigorous ten-part application. Both schools have developed sports-manship councils that are now actively involved in their schools' community. They have developed plans for dealing with recognition of positive sportsand manship appropriate responses to incidents that are negative.

This was the seventh straight year William Penn won the

Essay contest for fourth graders

The Delaware Association for Community and Education is sponsoring an Essay and Artwork contest for fourth grade students. Students will submit a short story based on the theme of "Respect" with a draw-

ing depicting their essay.

The contest is based on the
Six Pillars of Character from
Character Counts program developed by the Josephson Institute of Ethics.

The contest runs through January 31, 2005. It is open to all fourth graders in Delaware, public, private or homeschooled. State winners will participate in national competition.

For complete information and guidelines, contact Skibinski at 738-4419.

Resource guide available

Christina School district has published a resource guide and list of important contacts for emergency, social service and other organizations as a service to families in this area. The development of the guide was sponsored by Noramco, Inc. for an on-line copy of the guide go to www.christina.k12.de.us.

St. Mark's magazine wins gold The 2004 edition of Markings,

the student-created literary magazine of St. Mark's High school, recently received a Medalist Award from the Scholastic Press Columbia Association (CSPA). To receive the award, publications must receive at least 925 out of a possible 1,000 points. National judges assign points in areas of concept, coverage, writing, photography and design. In addition Markings received Columbian Honors for design.

Approximately 30 students met weekly from September through February to critique poetry, short stories, essays, photography and artwork submitted by fellow students. Among the 10 students serving as editorial board were joint editor-in-chief, Brendan Sullivan (Bear), and editors Melissa Marshall (Newark), J.D. Sullivan (Bear), Peter McGivney (Newark), and Eric Rykiel (Newark).

Legislative essay brings cash award

High School seniors in Delaware are encouraged to apply for the Legislative Essay Scholarship. The deadline to submit an essay on this year's topic, "Alexander Hamilton: Architect of American Government," is Dec. 6.

Up to 62 scholarships of \$750 will be awarded for each senatorial and representative district in the state. District winners will compete for three statewide awards. To apply students must submit an original essay of between 500 and 2,000 words with their application to the Higher Education Commission. Contest rules and applications are available from high school guidance counselors or the Commission www.doe.state.de.us/high-ed, or call (800)292-7935.

Students create prehistoric cave art

Third and fourth grade students at Newark Center for Creative Learning painted prehistoric drawings on the exterior of a cave they created in Debbie Hegedus's art class. This project was part of a unit on prehistoric art. The students created a cave by applying paper mache over a metal play structure, then applied brown paint to the exterior. Once the cave was finished, they decorated it inside and out with prehistoric renderings.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN DENSTEN

Classic theater at NHS

eeing big white rabbits that aren't really there can get one into a lot of trouble. Especially when the rabbit's named Harvey.

The Newark High School Thespians and the Theatre at NHS will present the comedy, Harvey, on Friday Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. There is also a Saturday afternoon matinee at 2

Written by Mary Chase, the play won the author a Pulitzer Prize. Jimmy Stewart starred in the Broadway play and the film.

NHS theater director Susan Mitchell says there are no really major stars in the play, but that every character plays a crucial part in moving the plot along.

"Everyone's important, right down to the cab driver at the end," Mitchell said.

Advanced sale tickets are \$5 and \$3 for students and senior citizens. At the door tickets will be \$7 and \$5.



For tickets, call 454-2151 ext. 365 or e-mail nhsjacketsdrama@yahoo.com.

NHS alumni

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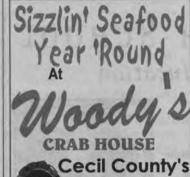
Later he worked with local legend Crash The Clown, doing birthday parties, music festivals and First Nights as well as entertaining internationally and at the White House.

Today he is employed by Phil-Ad-Mac as a professional entertainer. He performs at many functions as a well-known restaurant clown.

Shelton's advice to students: go to college first. He said he got lucky in being accepted to clown school. But having a college degree helped get him into the police academy which led to his current career.

'You also need business knowledge, must be able to sell yourself, be a smart business-man," Shelton said.

"Being a performer is an ego thing. Maybe it was there all along," Shelton said, "but when I sang my first song on stage, I knew it was for me.







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Lobbyist in Dover could save city \$\$\$

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rates on the sale of alcohol. To make up for that loss, City Manager Carl Luft suggested increasing all business license fees by 17 percent. This raised some concern from council members.

Councilman Jerry Clifton saw the increase as unfair. "This seems counterproductive to me," he said. "We are trying to encourage a wide range of businesses that appeal to all the tastes of our residents, and now we're making them pay [the difference that alcohol-serving establishments would have covered.!"

Councilman Karl Kalbacher suggested lowering the increase to 5 percent. This would recover \$5,000 of the revenue lost by the state's initiative.

But this arbitrary number did not please all council members. Councilman John Farrell IV said he hoped the council would further discuss these figures before the next budget hearing.

"If we don't increase the fees here, we have to take the money from some place else," he pointed out. "Where is the axe going to fall?"

Luft had two other proposals that would help compensate for the budget increase and the lost revenue.

The first proposal would increase the property tax rate by 1 cent. The current rate is 44 cents. This would raise the average Newark property owner's tax by \$6.71 per year. This is a compromise from the originally pro-

If we don't increase the fees here, we have to take the money from some place else."

JOHN FARRELL IV

posed two-cent increase.

The second suggestion would raise an estimated \$37,500 from parking boots for parking violations.

Despite the concern of lost revenue, the 2005 proposed budget swelled because of the start of five municipal projects. They increased the budget by a total of \$900,000. They include: the semi-automated trash collection system; an automated meter reading system; relocation of a 34.5 kv electric circuit; the Main Street streetscape; and partial demolition of the Curtis Paper Mill.

In all, these projects would increase the capital budget subsection by nearly 83 percent over 2004 spending, bringing it back up to 2003 spending levels. In 2004, costs were cut from this section to make up for soaring health care costs.

"Although the sharp spike in capital investments for 2005 may appear drastic, this trend is not nearly as aggressive as it may seem," Luft wrote in his proposal. "Remember, last year addi-

tional cuts were made in order to meet strict fiscal guidelines instituted during the process of preparing the budget. Numerous projects were cut or deferred."

The council also suggested creating the position of a Newark lobbyist to defend city interests in Dover. This position has the potential to save the city money,

especially with an upcoming proposal that would do away with Alderman's courts. In Newark, much of the revenue is comprised of fines that come in from the court system. However, the up front cost of the lobbyist would have to be added to the 2005 budget.

"I'm not sure a legislator from

Kent or Sussex counties would understand issues in Delaware that are germane only to Newark," Clifton said. "But a lobbyist, who is in Dover day in and day out, would watch out for our interests."

The next budget hearing is scheduled for the Nov. 22 council meeting.

Automated trash plan moves forward

A FTER a successful pilot program, the Newark City Council approved the purchase of equipment for an automated trash collection system, costing almost \$159,000.

The city will purchase:

two Labrie Helping Hands, which makes the city's trucks compatible with other parts necessary for the system, costing \$79,000; and

■ 1,900 compatible trash containers, costing \$71,000; and

two Toter Inc. Tippers, which are installed on the trucks to help empty trash containers into the truck, costing \$7,500.

This purchase was agreed upon without opening bids to the public. In the case of the trash containers and the Toter Inc. Tippers, bidding was done in 2003, and the city is moving ahead with the previous lowest bidders. In the case of the Labrie Helping Hands, bidding was never opened. However, because of concerns of compatibility - the city currently operates with

Labrie trucks – the council decided to use this Labrie product.

"Rebidding could cause some issue," said Carol Houck, assistant administrator for the city. "We have concerns with consistency and compatibility."

■ Sprinkler change

After months of discussion, the council approved an amendment to the city fire code that would require buildings changing in use to install a full sprinkler system.

Under the new legislation, sprinklers also must be installed if the building's occupancy increases to 100 or more.

Hazard plan OK'd

The council approved the All Hazard Mitigation Plan, an emergency response plan designed for natural disasters, in order to receive an additional \$1,000 in government assistance.

The plan was developed by

the Delaware Emergency Management Agency and a contracted consulting firm.

A copy of the plan is available at the City Secretary's office.

Fines tripled

The council amended a driving code to bring local laws up to speed with state laws. The amendment changes fees assessed for driving with a revoked license. This will increases all fees, with some more than tripling their original fines.

Carey honored

William Carey, assistant finance director for Newark, has retired after 15 years of service. The council thanked him for a job well done.

"Those are going to be some very hard shoes to fill," Councilmember Jerry Clifton said. "He was hard working, always very diligent."

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Hens must win to stay in playoff hunt

Spiders play tough on their home field

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Fans don't have to wait for the I-AA playoffs to start, the University of Delaware football team will, essentially, start its playoffs Saturday at Richmond.

After falling 20-13 to James Madison last week, the Blue Hens (6-3) need to win their last two games to have any chance at qualifying for a chance to defend their national title. An 8-3 record against what the NCAA has ranked as the second toughest I-AA schedule in the country should be enough to

get a tournament bid.
"I know if we win the next two games, things will work out for us," said Delaware coach K.C. Keeler. "No question in my mind, we get in if we

"I told the team that the playoffs start now. This is like a first-round playoff game. We have to go get the game and then worry about the next one

Richmond enters the game with a 3-6 record. The Spiders won two of their first three games before dropping five straight after that. They came

back last week to stomp Towson 24-0.

"[Richmond] has a lot to play for," Keeler said.

"They're playing to get better for next year. They're trying to build on this year. They've already won two A-10 games and if they can beat the defending national champs, imagine what that does for their building process. It's a big game for them.

"They plat great at home. They should've beaten Maine (29-25 loss) and James Madison (26-20 loss) at their place."

at their place.'

The key to Richmond's offense is quarterback Stacy Tutt. Tutt is a threat running and passing and has accounted for 255 yards per game in total

"He has a very good arm and he's kind of like Andy Hall was for us," Keeler said. "He goes through his progressions and then pulls the ball down and runs it. He may be the best running back in the league. He can make big plays."
Richmond coach Dave Clawson knows how

much they ask of Tutt.

"It's almost unfair of what we ask him to do," said Clawson, who is in his first season at

Richmond after coming from Fordham. "He's the key that makes us go."

Another intriguing aspect of the matchup is the fact that Delaware defensive coordinator Daye Cohen and Clawson are good friends and coached together good friends and coached together

at Fordham and Albany.

Both head coaches downplayed the affect that would have on the

"I don't think there's an advantage or disadvantage for any-body," Clawson said. "Sometimes you can over think in these situations. We need to prepare like we're playing Delaware, not for the defensive coordinator.



Omar Cuff rushed for 162 yards against JMU.

Cuff emerges

Freshman running back Omar Cuff made his presence felt in last week's game at James Madison. The true frosh rushed for 162 yards on 34 carries against the Dukes, who have the toughest run defense in the league.

Cuff is a converted defensive back, who moved to running back after captain Sean Bleiler was lost for the season due to a knee injury. He carried the ball three times for eight yards against Hofstra and

five times for 37 yards against Navy.
"Omar's only going to get better," said Keeler, who has been trying to get the freshman more involved in the game. "We made a decision not to redshirt him, so we need to play him."



SCHEDULE

9/2	UNH	L 21-24
9/11	TOWSON	W 21-17
9/18	W. CHESTER	W 24-6
9/25	at UMass	W 21-7
10/2	MAINE	W 43-38
10/16	at Hofstra	W 20-19
10/23	WM. & MARY	W 31-28
10/30	at Navy	L 20-34
11/6	at J. Madison	L 13-20
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Simpson's feat truly remarkable

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

All records are made to be broken. Some day, some football coach will probably break Butch Simpson's state record for career wins.

What won't be matched, however, is how quickly Simpson went from 100 career wins to 200 to 219. And, oh by the way, Simpson will add on to that total.

The
Yellowjackets'
success under
Simpson is
well documented. In
addition to the
219 career
wins, Newark
has won eight



Valania

state championships in his 27 years. Six of those eight titles have come in the last seven years.

Even more amazing is the fact that Newark has played in eight of the last nine state championship games. Start adding the wins in the last nine years alone. That would be 94 - if my math is correct. It's beyond remarkable – it's stunning.

With a win Saturday against Delcastle, Simpson will have won 103 games in 10 years (with the tournament still to come). That just doesn't happen in high school football. To put that in perspective, it took a very successful Simpson 15 years to win his first 100 games.

Simpson is quick to credit his coaching staff, present and past, and all the players that have ever played for him.

Look at a sampling of players over the last eight or nine years – Butch Patrick, Butter Pressey, Richie Parson, Orien Harris, Brandon Snow and, of course, Kwame Harris, who is now on the San Francisco 49ers. Of course, there are many more. Butch Simpson earned a record that he rightfully deserves. Congratulations Coach.

SIMPSON SETS RECORD

Jackets rally to top Christiana

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The same formula has worked all but once this season for the Newark High football team. Friday night's 33-20 victory over Christiana was another example.

The short version of this year's script is that the Yellowjackets play sluggishly in the first half and then rally for a victory in the second half. That has been the story all season – except against Middletown where they played sluggishly in the first half and failed to rally.

The longer version has as weird a second half as you'll ever see and Butch Simpson collecting his state record 219th career victory

Trailing 20-6 at halftime, Newark's second half statistics surely wouldn't suggest a victory.

With less than five minutes to play in the fourth quarter, Christiana had run 29 offensive plays in the second half to Newark's three. The Vikings had six first downs to Newark's none. Christiana had gained 100 yards; Newark had just 12.

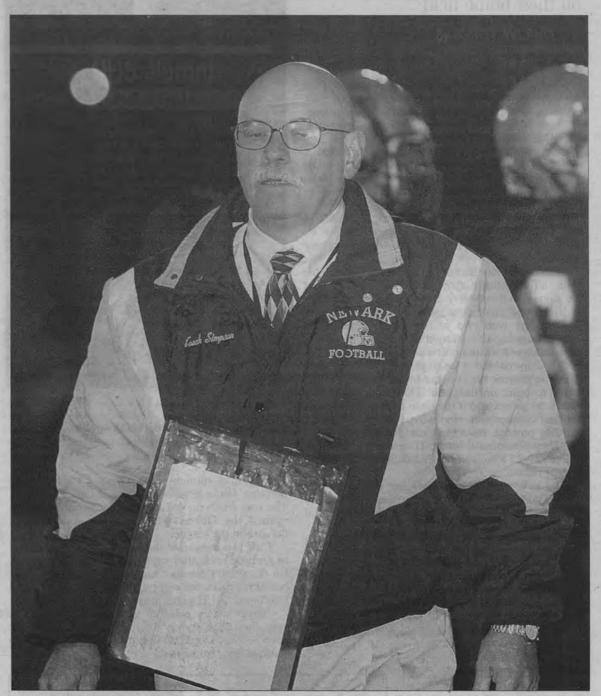
Yet, during that time, with those statistics, Newark had gone from a 20-6 deficit to a 27-20 lead

Three plays – none of which came on offense – were responsible.

James Snider got the momentum going in Newark's way with a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown to cut the lead to 20-13 with 7:05 to play in the third quarter.

The Jackets then forced a Christiana punt, which Rich Godwin returned 80 yards for a touchdown to tie the score 20-20.

Christiana took the ensuing kick off and methodically marched down the field, effectively using a strong running game. The game, though, changed dramatically on a fourth-and-seven play from the Newark 14-yard line. Lewis Carter intercepted a pass at the goal line and returned 100 yards for Newark's go-ahead touchdown.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY DAVID HOWEL

Newark High's Butch Simpson set the state record for career football wins with 219 Friday night. Newark beat Christiana 33-20 to secure the milestone.

"We got a lot of big plays," said Newark coach Butch Simpson of the second half. "I mean we got some great plays from James Snider, Rich Godwin and Lewis Carter. That changed the game around.

"It's a credit to Christiana that they were controlling the game. Their coaching staff did a great job for this game and they were taking it to us. But again, I have faith in our team and we came up with the big plays."

Newark scored one last touch-

down on its only real possession of the second half when quarter-back Steve Williams rolled right and scampered into the end zone from 10 yards out with just 1:00 to play in the contest. The score gave Newark an insurmountable 33-20 lead.

"We know it's not the goal, to come out and play terrible in the first half," said junior linebacker Scott Gardner, who racked up 18 tackles in the game. "We know we need to come out from the beginning and play well. I don't know if we're too hyped up or what. But in the second half we knew we wanted to win for Coach. He's our Coach. We knew what we had to do and we didn't want to let him down."

Newark is now 8-1 and will close out the regular season Saturday morning at 11 at Delcastle. A win will give the Jackets a share of the Flight A championship and propel them into the state tournament as the conference's automatic qualifier.

Blue Hens lose key A-10 game to J. Madison

The University of Delaware piled up yards virtually at will most of the day against the James Madison defense Saturday afternoon, but two late special teams mistakes and the inability to get the ball into the end zone when it counted resulted in a 20-13 loss to the Dukes in a battle for first place in the Atlantic 10 Football Conference standings at Bridgeforth Stadium.

Delaware piled up 466 total yards - 300 more than JMU - and held a 15-minute advantage in time of possession but an 87-yard punt returns for a touchdown by Cortez Thompson with 3:04 left to play was the difference

as the No. 6 ranked Blue Hens (6-3, 5-1 Atlantic 10) lost their second straight game and suffered their first conference setback of the season.

No. 7 ranked James Madison (8-1, 6-0), seeking its first A-10 title since 1999, won its sixth straight game as the Dukes took advantage of three interceptions and 299 total returns yards on the afternoon. The Dukes downed the Hens for the first time since 1999 and took sole possession of first place in the Atlantic 10. Delaware and William & Mary, a 37-29 winner over Villanova Saturday, are each a game back at 5-1

The Blue Hens, who had defeated seven straight Top 10 opponents since last season, had the chance to win the game late as they drove 70 yards

on 11 plays down to the James Madison three-yard line in the final minute of play. But Sonny Riccio threw three straight incomplete passes into the end zone and the Dukes held on for the win. The Hens converted two third downs and one fourth down during the drive, including a sixyard pass from Riccio to David Boler to the three-yard line on a fourth down and four.

Delaware had the chance to take the lead with 5:12 left in the game and the score tied at 13-13 but Brad Shushman,s 19-yard field goal attempt was blocked by Rodney McCarter - the senior,s school-record eighth career kick block

"This was a great ball game but you just can't turn the ball over like

we did and commit so many special teams mistakes," said K.C. Keeler, whose team had won 15 straight games when leading at halftime since 2002 but fell after taking a 7-6 lead into intermission. "You have to get seven points when you get inside the red zone. It's a game of execution and we just didn't get it done today. I was pleased that we ran the ball so well against a good football team, but the bottom line is you have to

get the ball into the end zone."
Riccio threw for over 200
yards for the third straight game
as he hit on 27 of 48 passes for
292 yards and a touchdown but
the junior was intercepted three
times. Boler had his third straight
100-yard receiving effort with 10
receptions for 114 yards while
freshman halfback Omar Cuff
carried the ball 34 times for 162
yards in his first career start.

The 162 yards broke the UD freshman record of 151 by Daryl Brown in 1991 vs. Maine while his attempts were the second highest total in school history. Delaware lost for just the second time in the last 33 games when having a player rush for over 100

vards

James Madison quarterback Justin Rascati hit on 9 of 21 passes for 103 yards and one touchdown, an 18-yarder to Ardon Bransford four minutes into the game that gave the Dukes a 7-0 lead. The Dukes gained just 166 total yards, including just 63 on the ground, but made up for it with big gains on interceptions and on special teams.

Things got off to a rough start for the Hens as Akeem Jordan blocked Mike Weber's punt on the first series and the Dukes recovered at the Delaware 19-yard line. Three plays later Rascati hit Bransford across the middle for the score and the Dukes were up 6-0 after David Rabil's extra point attempt went wide.

Riccio was intercepted twice during the next three series as Bruce Johnson returned one to the JMU 44-yard line and Thompson brought back a

pick 33 yards to the Delaware 10-yard line. However the Dukes couldn't capitalize on either as Rabil missed a 28-yard field goal attempt following Thompson's interception. The Hens came right back to take the lead as they marched 80 yards with Riccio hitting Justin Long across the middle for a six-yard scoring play to give Delaware a 7-6 lead with 9:40 left in the half. James Madison turned the ball over twice on fumbles on its next two possessions - with Rashaad Woodard and Chris Mooney recovering - but the Hens could not take advantage.

Delaware extended the lead to 10-6 on a 20-yard Shushman field goal with 12:36 left in the third quarter. The score was set up when Garron Bible intercepted Rascati behind the line of scrimmage, giving Delaware the ball at the JMU four-yard line. The Hens couldn't punch it in from there and had to settle for the three points.

James Madison took advantage of another Delaware miscue seven minutes later when Riccio threw his third interception of the day, this time to

Trey Townsend, who returned the ball 67 yards to the Blue Hen six-yard line. Two plays and a UD pass interference call later JMU was up 13-10 after a two-yard scoring run around the left end by Raymond Hines.

The Hens came back on their next possession, driving 60 yards on 12 plays - including five carries by Cuff - to tie the score at 13-13 on Shushman's 20-yard field goal with 1:16 left in the quarter.

Delaware put together another big drive on its next possession, moving 89 yards on 19 plays to the James Madison two-yard line. But the Hens came up empty as McCarter came around from the right side and smothered

Shushman's 19-yard field goal attempt to preserve the tie.

After failed drives by both teams, Delaware punted to the Dukes and Thompson made the game, s big play. He took Weber, s low punt in the middle of the

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field at the 13-yard line and ran around the left side all the way for the 87-yard touchdown for what proved to be the game-winner.

The Hens had one last big drive in them. After taking the ball at the 27, Riccio hit on six of seven passes, including four to Brian Ingram, to get to the James Madison nine-yard line. Riccio then hit Boler on a six-yard pass on a fourth down play to give the Hens a first and goal at the threeyard line. After spiking the ball to stop the clock on first down, Riccio's second down pass was thrown just behind G.J. Crescione and his third down attempt to Ingram was dropped. Riccio's fourth down pass to Boler with 37 seconds left on the right side of the end zone never got there.

The victory set off a wild celebration by the James Madison fans, which rushed the field after one of the team's biggest regular season victories in its history.

"We feel that we are a good enough team to get into the playoffs," said Keeler, whose team most likely needs to win its final two games at Richmond and home vs. Villanova to receive an invitation. "We just need to get there. I think if we play like we know we can the next two weeks, we'll find a way in."

Newark girls fall in v-ball tourney

St. Mark's advances to semifinals

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The Newark girls fell to Padua Academy in three straight games in the first round of the 2004 state volleyball tournament Saturday night at McKean High School.

Number two-seed Padua, last year's state runner-up team, defeated the Yellowjackets 25-16, 25-11, and 25-6. Junior Amanda Olmstead led the Pandas with 12 kills, 8 service aces and 7 perfect passes. Teammate Lisa Campbell complimented Olmstead's play with 20 assists.

Newark had a tough night trying to score on the Pandas quick and active defensive alignments. The Jackets were led offensively by Cara Maggioli with 3 aces, 5 digs and 3 perfect passes. Ashley Miller recorded 4 assists and 4 digs, and Grady Redmond had 4 kills and 2 digs on the night.

In Tuesday night's quarterfinal action at Salesianum, Padua advanced to the semifinal round with a straight set victory over Archmere 25-22, 25-12 and 25-20.

Padua coach Angel Payne said she was pleased her team played a well-balanced game.

"I was really proud of them, the passing seemed to be there, we connected on a lot of good sets, and we mixed it up a lot," she said.

Payne said team defense was the key to victory over Newark and Archmere. "I have to give credit to Shannon Elliot tonight, she stepped up and played very well, and did a good job blocking shots for us. And it was also a great team effort for us tonight," said Payne.

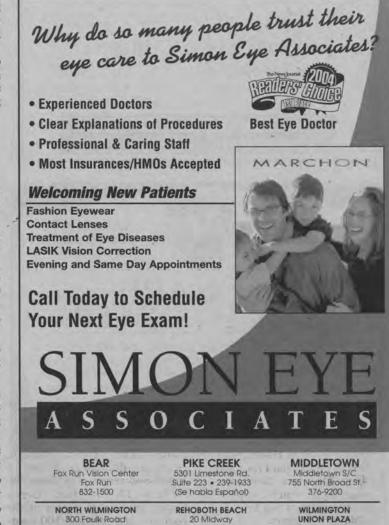
In the other quarterfinal round matchup at the Sallies gym, St. Mark's defeated A.I. DuPont in three straight, 25-19, 25-21 and 25-16.

The Lady Spartans were led by the strong play of Emilee Gruse, Gina Papili, Lizzie Williams and Stephanie Darby to name a few.

Spartan coach Nancy Griskowitz said her team doesn't really have any standouts.

"We are a well-balanced team, so everyone has to contribute every night to make us a good team," she said.

Griskowitz said it wouldn't be easy advancing in the tourney this year. "We have to execute to be successful, because we know we'll be playing tough teams. So we have to come out ready to play and be prepared to execute," she said.



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Volunteers lauded for return of No. 98

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

RAINMAN Larry McPhee ambles down the aisle of the World War I era passenger car, letting the children punch their own tickets and throwing out trivia as the No. 98 steam locomotive leaves the station.

One little boy seizes the hole puncher, cuts a check into the 'east" box, and shows it off triumphantly to an impressed

"Hey," the trainman says, putting his cap on the boy's head, "a few years from now, you come back and work for us!"

McPhee sizes up the potential recruit and then retrieves his hat, moving on the next passenger with a smile and his hole punch-

The retired history teacher from Barrington, N.J., enjoys volunteering at the Wilmington and Western Railroad, whose steam and diesel powered locomotives have been operated by the Historic Red Clay Valley, Inc. since its purchase in August 1982

On Saturday, Oct. 30, the No. 98 and its sister train the No. 58 sat side by side at the traditionally furnished Greenbank station, awaiting their passengers for the

That morning, the Wilmington and Western held a small ceremony honoring their volunteers and benefactors as the No. 98 train returned to service after extensive repairs to the boiler. Executive David Director explained the event's signifi-

"This is the first time we've had two steam trains running at the same time," he said. "Usually one is coming back into service just as another is being brought in for repairs." Ludlow said the 98 is probably now in better condition than when it was first in service.

The trains majestically billowed smoke before departure and each passed its stationary partner during their trips in what has been dubbed "Steam Meets

Ludlow said that Hurricane Henri dealt the railroad a difficult blow in 2003, destroying seven bridges, crossties and tracks costing approximately \$8 million. The trains can now only travel to the former site of Brandywine Springs amusement park, but Ludlow estimates the full track length will be able to be used again by late 2005 or early 2006. He credits the revival of the railroad to supportive residents and the help of the state.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOE OLIVIER

Train No. 98, right, has been returned to service by the Wilmington & Western Railroad.

Volunteers work at all levels of the railroad from the gift shop to the engineer, arriving early to set up for their departures. Fireman Peter Lane arrives at 6:30 a.m. to begin heating the water to get the steam up to enough pressure to run the train. While the train runs, Lane shovels coal into the furnace.

"I estimate it takes around 150 scoops to go from one stop to the he said.

Ludlow explains that the No. 98 train was built in 1909 in Schenectady, NY for the Mississippi Central railroad. Thomas Marshall, one of the founders of the Historic Red Clay Valley, Inc., said that he donated the engine in 1978 that he and his father bought in Louisiana.

At the ceremony, Executive Director read the names of the volunteers who "turned a wrench or tightened a screw" to make the No. 98 run for the first time since December 2001. New Castle County Executive Thomas Gordon was named honorary engineer and was presented with a plaque engraved with the image of the train for his support of the Wilmington and Western.

Gordon gave a few remarks at the ceremony boasting of the beauty of scenery visible from the train ride and considered the railroad a "great investment" for

The Wilmington tourist attraction brings a myriad of riders of all ages. Jeff Jordan said his three year old son Jake enjoyed riding the train last year, which inspired their return.

Jake likes trains, Jordan said, especially the caboose. Jake stared off somewhere above the locomotive and pointed with the tip of the toy train in his hand.

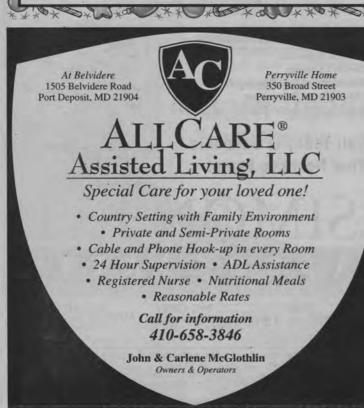
"There's smoke in the trees," Jake exclaimed, watching gray smoke mingle through the branches.

A few minutes later, they boarded the train and were greeted by McPhee.

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Board commits to two-year training

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ship.
All members were present for the vote except for Dr. John Mackenzie.

The program, called Reform Governance in Action (RGA), provides school board members with leadership training for reform in their districts.

The institute focuses on the theory and practice of urban school district improvement and the policy-level roles and responsibilities of urban school board members.

The board members will be required to attend two four-day sessions in February and March.

Then a consultant will be assigned from the Broad Institute to the Christina School District for three months to assist them in creating a work plan and reform program for the next 18 months.

In July, the board members will attend a graduate level program presenting their work plan on real issues facing this school district.

Additional training sessions and project presentations will be required throughout the remaining months, with the goal being the development and implementation of reform policies that will contribute significantly to student achievement in Christina schools. and supporting consulting and research work will be paid by the Broad Foundation.

All board members and superintendent are required to attend the complete program.

Only three other school districts in the country have been invited to attend, including Charlotte, N.C., Jacksonville, Fla., and Portland, Or.

Superintendent Dr. Joseph

Wise is a 2003 graduate of the Broad Institute Superintendents.

Board members Jim Durr and Mackenzie attended a training session in July with Broad's program for school boards. Their attendance was, in part, responsible for the invitation to the entire board to attend RGA.

Durr said he was quite impressed with the training he and Mackenzie received earlier.

"This will be dynamic for us and the State of Delaware," Durr

Coach honored

Newark High School football coach Alvin (Butch) Simpson was honored by the Board of Education for achieving the highest number of wins of any high school football coach in Delaware's history. Last Friday

This will be dynamic for us and the State of Delaware."

JIM DURR

CHRISTINA SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

nights win gave him an overall record of 219-71-17.

NHS Principal Manny Caulk recognized the "positive influ-ence Simpson has had on the many young men who have entered into his program.

■ New PIO named

Newark resident Wendy Lapham was named the public information officer for the Christina School District, assuming the position in December.

Lapham has more than 16 years experience in communications and is currently the public information officer for the Brandywine School District.

She has a daughter enrolled in Downes Elementary School.

Class size concern

The CSD Board of Education waived the state code that states "the ratio of students to instructors in any class in kindergarten or grades one to three in a Delaware public school shall not exceed 22 students as of the last school day of October."

With proper public notice, a school board has permission to waive this class size cap, which CSD does nearly every year, to minimize the need to cap every K-3 classroom in the district. This allows Christina to maximize its allocated dollars by spreading them across the dis-

Of the 295 district classrooms for K-3, 35 of them exceed the 22 students per instructor limit. The district overall class size average for K-3 is 20.9 students.

The four kindergarten classes at Gallaher Elementary School were of most concern to Board members since they exceed the unit size of 17 students. Currently they contain 25, 23 and 21 stuhas two teachers, contains 29 students. District staff are investigating this issue.

Knit an afghan for an Afghan Nov. 20

Village Imports invites residents to take out their knitting needles for a good cause. "Afghans for Afghans" is a humanitarian project sending hand-knit and crocheted items to the people of Afghanistan. The knitting party will be Sat. Nov. 20, from noon until 3 p.m. Each knitter must bring their own supplies. Knitted-at-home donations are also welcome. Bring the completed donation to Village Imports by Dec. 10 for mailing. Every person who makes a donation will be ented into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate for Village Imports.

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stone was removed from the front lawn, police were told on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 8:28 p.m.

Vehicles hit

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

213 Madison Dr., on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 11:48 a.m., door, fender and hood of 2004 Dodge truck scratched with a key;

11 Courtney St., on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 10:37 a.m., driver side mirror ripped from parked vehicle:

648 Lehigh Road, on Friday, Nov. 7, at 4:43 p.m., front bumper removed from a Volkswagen Passat and fender dented:

490 Stamford Dr., on Friday, Nov. 7, at 3:52 p.m., tools worth \$700 removed from parked Jeep after the soft top was sliced open; and

was sliced open; and 628 Lehigh Road, on Friday,

Nov. 7, at noon, window of Ford Escort broken.

Alcohol, noise law violations listed

Officers of the Newark Police Department have continued stepped-up enforcement of alcohol-related and noise laws here recently.

Marked units and special plainclothes details operated here what police describe as "peak party periods" and other times.

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

Some of the recent arrests include:

Douglas Edward Barrett, 18, of Bear, disorderly conduct, underage consumption of alcohol, and trespassing on railroad tracks, on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 6:31 p.m., on the CSX tracks along East Cleveland Avenue;

Ashley B. Duggan, 19, of Warwick, R.I., maintaining a disorderly premise, on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 2:04 a.m., at 236 E. Delaware Ave.;

John M. Takash III, 18, of Wilmington, disorderly conduct and underage consumption of alcohol, and Pedro O. Locklear, 19, of Wilmington, underage consumption of alcohol and assault, on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 1:24 a.m., following an assault at a party in the unit block East Cleveland Avenue;

Rebecca J. Lee, 18, of Dover, disorderly conduct and underage possession of alcohol, on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 12:20 a.m., at 59 N. Chapel St.;

Dustin M. Craighton, 20, of New Castle, noise violation, on Friday, Nov. 7, at 11:27 p.m., at 366 Manuel St.;

Raymond E. Myers, 24, of Newark, offensive touching, criminal trespass and disorderly conduct, on Friday, Nov. 7, at 11:18 p.m., at Timothy's restaurant, 100 Creek View Dr.;

Edward J. Moran Jr., 24, of Wilmington, sale of alcohol to a minor, on Friday, Nov. 7, at 6:20 p.m., at Timothy's restaurant;

Mahendrakum R. Patel, 54, of Newark, sale of alcohol to a minor, on Friday, Nov. 7, at 5:58 p.m., at Peddlers Liquor Mart, 110 College Square;

Eric C. Feldman, 19, underage consumption of alcohol, and Steven Neil Reff, 19, underage consumption of alcohol, both of Newark, on Friday, Nov. 7, at 1:27 a.m., at 300 Scholar Dr.;

Darren W. Mooney, 18, of Newark, underage consumption of alcohol, on Friday, Nov. 7, at 12:57 a.m., outside the Ground Floor restaurant, 60 N. College Ave.;

Kyle C. Muller, 20, of Newark, misrepresenting age, on Friday, Nov. 7, at 12:11 a.m., at the Stone Balloon, 115 E. Main St.;

Michael Lee Stevens, 18, of Newark, underage entry into a liquor store,

on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 10:35 p.m., at Peddlers Liquors, 110 College Square; and

Trevor M. Galloway, 24, of Newark, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 4:24 p.m., at 334 E. Main St.

Police said all were released pending court appearances.

Car crashes into residence

New Castle County Police are investigating a crash involving two vehicles and an occupied home.

On Sunday, Oct. 31 at 2 a.m., county police responded to the 500 block of Canary Drive in Newark after receiving a report of an accident.

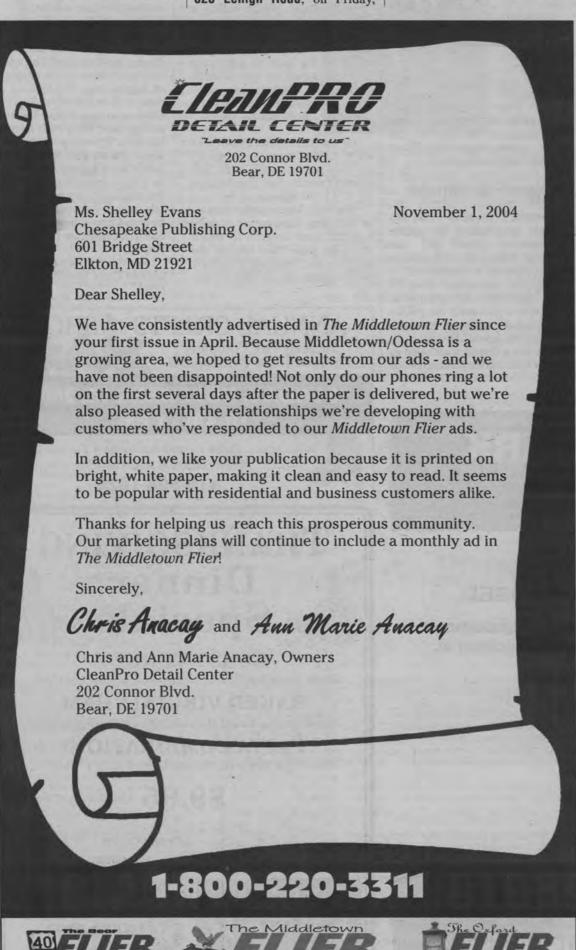
When the officers arrived, they found an older model Blazer had struck a Volvo and pushed it into a residence. The driver of the Blazer was identified as Jeffrey Burrage, a 25 year-old male who resides on the block.

Burrage was attempting to park his vehicle in his driveway when it struck his neighbor's parked Volvo. The car struck the front door and entered two feet into the living room, causing major damage. No one was injured.

County building inspectors were notified and they condemned the home. The preliminary investigation has revealed alcohol was a factor in the incident, police said.

Burrage was arrested at the scene after a brief struggle with police. He had 3.61 grams of marijuana in his possession, police said. During his apprehension, his wife Aaliyah Gibbs was arrested after she allegedly grabbed an officer.

Burrage was charged with resisting arrest, menacing, possession of marijuana, driving under the influence and traffic violations. He was arraigned and received \$200 cash bail and committed to Young Prison, police said. Gibbs was charged with offensive touching, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and menacing. She was arraigned and received \$1,500 unsecured bail and was released, police said.





ADOPTIVE PARENT SAYS

Important to know 'you're in it for the long haul'

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single mother's pay check, finances can stretch thin. But would Gestwicki trade things in for more financial freedom? "Not

a chance," she says.

Things aren't too different for the University of Delaware's Public Relation's Specialist Margaret McDonough, even though her story is completely different. McDonough traced little Natalie, her adopted daughter, all the way to Guatemala. She went down to Guatemala City with her husband and her oldest son. While the family was there; they saw the extreme poverty that Natalie and her mother had lived in. "It was there that I understood the amazing decision her mom made to give her up," McDonough said. "It was a tremendously loving decision incredibly gracious.

Just like Anthony has grown in the Gestwicki house, Natalie has changed and developed in the McDonough home. When she first came home, her skin was a pallid, sickly color. Her hair was missing in patches from malnutrition. But as the days went on,

her skin darkened to the color of cocoa. Her straight, black hair filled out. "From a nutrition stand point, it's amazing how quickly she improved," McDonough says.

But not everything else came along as quickly. Natalie had a penchant for spitting on her brothers. And when her Dad, Bill, had surgery and spent a month in the hospital, things really regressed. "Natalie had opened her heart again after being ripped away from her biological mom," McDonough said. "And when he went into the hospital, I really think that she thought he was never coming back. It was a very rough Christmas."

But what got Mom McDonough and her crew through it was the web of support they built for each other. It was a certain amount of patience mixed with a lot of love that made the situation work. "I learned an incredible amount of patience," she said.

For this family, the secret was in admitting that the road would not be a short one. "It really is important to realize that you're in it for the long haul," McDonough said. "Things go up and down."

Softball teams play for charity

EWARK residents threw on their softball uniforms so that deserving area children can celebrate with gifts under the tree this holiday season. More than 200 toys were collected to be distributed to four Delaware charities at Saturday's Toys for Kids Softball Tournament. Fourteen teams competed in the double-elimination tournament.

The toys went to A. I. DuPont Children's Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House, Emmaus House, and Our Lady Grace Home for Children.

Paula Martinson, recreation

supervisor for the Parks and Recreation Department, said that the annual event has remained a favorite because the players appreciate the charity. "The most important thing is for the kids to have a good Christmas," she said.

Newark resident Dave
Sullivan has played in the
tournament for several years.
His team, which is made
entirely of family members,
helped collect toys. Sullivan
himself brought in four gifts,
two for boys and two for girls.
But for him, the real fun of the
day is in the competition. "It's
a good way to get out and play

in a tournament," he said. He plays on a summer league, but since there are no summer tournaments, Sullivan eagerly looks forward to the November series. "It's a lot of fun for us. We always manage to have a good time."

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While Sullivan and his family members had a good time at the event, they didn't take home the title. In the men's division, that went to All Span from Dover. And in the co-ed division, Kelley's Softball from Newark took home the victory.

Needy family fund needs cash

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donations of food or money.

Instead of taking credit for the nearly legendary reputation he has built up for himself and the organization, Nardo thanks the groups that have supported him over the years. "It's really the Newark Area Welfare Committee that has made this possible," he says. "They've done a beautiful job." Other organizations that have played a vital role in the organization include businesses such as MBNA and Wilmington Trust, and clubs such as American Legion and Newark's two Rotary clubs. Despite Nardo's modesty, it's hard to deny that without his vision,

Val's Needy Family Fund would not be a reality.

Donations can be sent to Nardo's son's barber shop, Hair Taker, at 423 New London Ave., Fairfield Shopping Center, Newark, DE 19711. Make checks payable to: Val's Needy Family

NHS coach wins one for the record books

► SIMPSON, from 1

said after the victory. "It's about all the work and preparation that goes into it. It's all the devoted men that have coached with me and all the men that played for us. They're the ones that made this all possible."

The win improved this year's Jackets' squad to 8-1 and put it in position to make another Division I state football tournament.

Simpson's teams have amazingly won six of the last seven Division I state championships. He has eight titles overall in his 27 years as the headman of the Newark High program.

"It's overwhelming," said Simpson, whose record now stands at 219-71-7. "It wasn't the plan. It's only temporary. Some other coach that is devoted to coaching will come along and break it some day.

"I'm grateful to everybody involved and happy it's over. It weighs on you and I'm sure it weighed on this group of players."

As Friday's victory became apparent, fans behind the Newark sideline chanted "219" and held up yellow signs with black 219 emblazoned on them. Immediately following the game, his team hung a banner on the goal post nearest the locker room that read, "Congratulations Butch."

"We just wanted to win for Coach," said junior linebacker Scott Gardner. "He's our coach. We're like a family. We wanted to do it for him."

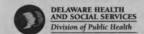
Senior running back Lewis Carter echoed those sentiments, "I'm so happy for coach. He's the No. 1 coach in Delaware and No. 1 anywhere. He's special to us. He's like our dad."



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Lab, 101, where he frequently lec-

tured, on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. Contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to Friends of the Newark

Free Library or the Nature

Conservancy.

He will be laid to rest at a family

Gertrude Blackwell, 87

Gertrude May Blackwell, 87, of Newark, Del. died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004. Mrs. Blackwell was born on

May 25, 1917 in Dalton, Pa., the

daughter of Henry & Ada Eckel. She is survived by her sons, John Howard, Carl Roger and Robert Dale

Blackwell of Newark; daughter, Roberta Jean Housen of Montrose, Pa.; sisters, Grace Yalch of Warner

Robins, Ga..; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Carlton John Blackwell;

son, Allen Gene Blackwell; brother,

Howard Eckel and sisters, Irene Moore, Ruth Capwell and Nellie

Services were scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004 at R.T. Foard & Jones, Newark. Burial is in the Delaware Veterans Cemetery,

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Odessy Hospice, c/o R.T. Foard & Jones, 122 W. Main St.,

site in Vermont.

Moore.

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John Wriston, Jr., first biochemist at UD, active with **library Friends**

TEWARK resident John C. Wriston, Jr. died suddenly Nov. 6, 2004 at his home in Newark

Born the summer of 1925, he lived in Vermont during most of his early life, where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Tam, in spring of 1945.

A graduate of Swanton High School and the University of Vermont (1948), he served three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II earning his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1953.



In 1955, he joined the Chemistry Department at the University of Delaware as its first biochemist and played a major role in the formation and growth of the Biochemistry Division within the department. He taught a variety of courses, including

Gayle Hart, journalist, former office manager, news assistant at Newark Post

K. Hart, age 33, Newark, died suddenly Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004.

Born in Wilmington on June 29, 1971. Ms. Hart was a graduate of Elkton High

Hart School and the University of Delaware.

She was a talented freelance journalist and wrote for many different publications, including the Newark Post. She served as the office manager-editorial assistant at the community newspaper. Her duties there

included preparation of a weekly compilation of events in and around the Newark area and other people-related news sto-In her leisure time, Ms. Hart

enjoyed photography, baking and sewing. She was also an accom-

plished equestrian and enjoyed the sport of fox hunting.

She is survived by her parents, Kathleen Kennedy Hart and William B. Hart; and two brothers, William Hart and

David Hart, all of Newark. A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home. Interment followed in All Saints Cemetery, Wilmington.

Vermont Philatelist and in 1991 he Excerpts from his recent research Vermont Book of Days", which will aired on Vermont Public tions and newspapers

He is survived by his wife, Tam Wriston of Newark; his sister, Cynthia Massey of Canandaquia, N.Y.; his children, Michael J. Wriston of Richmond Va., Gail A. Mitchell of Carlisle, Pa., and Priscilla W. Wilson of Wilmington; and his eight grandsons and two granddaughters. His youngest daughter, Amy passed away last winter. A memorial service will be held at

published Vermont Inns and Taverns. have been incorporated into Television and commercial radio sta-

Joseph Fraser, 71

Newark, DE 19711.

Joseph Fraser, 71, of Middletown, passed away on Oct. 30, 2004. Mr. Fraser was born on Jan. 14, 1933 in Newark, N.J., the son of the

late Findlay and Florence Fraser. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955.

He is survived by his loving family Debbie, Dennis, Dylan and Vincent Kahler of Middletown; brothers, Jonathan, Victor, Phillip and Timothy Sperber; sister, Miriam

He is preceded in death by his brothers, David and Jim Sperber; sister, Ruth Koch.

Services were scheduled for Wednesday, Nov., 3, 2004 at Delaware Veterans Chapel, Bear. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the SPCA or Hartland Horsica of P. T. Foord & Long. 122

Hospice c/o R.T. Foard & Jones, 122 W. Main Street, Newark, DE 19711.

Beth Michelle Supplee

Beth Michelle Supplee, 32, of Wilmington, passed away on Nov. 3,

Mrs. Supplee was born on Nov. 27, 1971 in Wilmington, the daughter of the Steven & Joyce Johnson.

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Joseph Juliano Lois C. McCloskey Beulah M. Somers William R. Clark William R. Clark
Helen Bartley Hill
Russell H.P. Fye
Molly Gwinn Ausman
Petra M. Bagoyo
Dorothy Hawthorne Cimino
Gayle K. Hart Frances T. Nowrey (Machcinski)

both general chemistry and advanced topics in biochemistry, and supervised many graduate and undergraduate students in his laboratory. His principal research interest was the structure and function of the enzyme L-asparaginase and its use in anticancer therapy.

For many years he was an active member of the American Association of University Professors and served as an officer and contract negotiator. His personal integrity, principled stances, intellectual curiosity, broad interests, command of the English language and ability to engage in readiscussion earned him the friendship and respect of many within and beyond his profession.

He retired as professor emeritus in 1985 and continued to teach a

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course in biochemistry through this spring. He felt strongly about education and made a point of learning about the latest developments in biochemistry to incorporate into his

Within the department, he main-tained a notorious and widely read bulletin board of clippings (e.g. from the New York Times and Nature), car-toons from the New Yorker, and beautiful scenes from his beloved

In his leisure, John pursued his life-long passion for his family, the community, books, hiking and trailblazing, Vermont history, politics and

the Newark Free Library. He contributed over 20 articles on Vermont postal history to the

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Brandywine High School in 1991. She was a big fan of NASCAR & Country Music. Her favorite driver was #6 Mark Martin. She enjoyed her family and her pride and joy was her son Kyle.

She is survived by her husband, Scott C. Supplee; son, Kyle Joseph Supplee both of Wilmington; father, Steven J. Johnson; mother in-law, Joan Supplee of Newark; father in-law Charles Supplee of St. David, Ariz.; brothers in-law Tim Supplee & wife, Debbie of Elkton, Md. and Brian Supplee of Newark, DE; Aunt and Uncle Sandee and Tom Grant of Claymont; uncles, Rob Johnson, Barry, Eric, Keith and Scott Johnson; her two closest cousins, 'Leigh Alexander and Kristin Johnson both of Claymont, and several other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her mom, Dorothy Johnson and pop-pop Robert E. Johnson, Sr.

Services were scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004 at R.T. Foard & Jones. Burial was private.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Education Fund for Kyle Supplee c/o R.T. Foard & Jones, 122 W. Main Street, Newark, DE 19711.

Lois C. McCloskey

resident Lois Newark McCloskey died on Sunday, October 31, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. McCloskey, 74, was a regis-

tered nurse. She was a graduate of the St. Agnes School of Nursing in Philadelphia, Pa.

During her medical career, she worked for St. Francis Hospital and the former Memorial Hospital, both in Wilmington, and retired from Union Hospital in Elkton, Md. A devout Catholic, she was a

member of Holy Family Parish and

its Arts and Environmental Group. She was also a volunteer with the Hope Dining Room and was a member of the Town and Country Craft Group

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, John J. "Jack" McCloskey Sr.; five children, John J. McCloskey Jr. of Clarksville, Tenn.; James M. McCloskey and his wife, Karen, of Elkton, Md.; William E. McCloskey Sr. and his wife, Michele, of Newark;

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A service was scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 4 at Holy Family R.C. Church, Newark.

Burial is in All Saints Cemetery, Wilmington.

Contributions may be made to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810 or Holy Family R.C. Church, 15 Gender Road, Newark, DE 19713.

Beulah M. Somers

Former Newark resident Beulah M. Somers died on Sunday, October

31, 2004, in Hartly.

Mrs. Somers, 93, a graduate of
Utah State Agricultural College, she
was employed for several years in

bookkeeping with the federal government in Salt Lake City and San Francisco. After moving to Newark, she volunteered as an instructor in the Cooperative Extension department of the University of Delaware in the 1960s. Mrs. Somers was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Newark and of the Association of University

· She is survived by three sons, Ralph M. Somers of Cincinnati, Ohio; Steven J. Somers of

Mich.; and Gary F. Somers of Woodstock, Va.; brothers, Elmo Morgan of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Dee Morgan of Logan, Utah; four grandchildren, Wendy Somers, Cheryl Wegienka, Melanie Nathan and Corey Somers; and four great grandchildren, Hannah and Keri Wegienka, and Morgan and Madison Nathan. A service was scheduled for Friday, Nov. 5 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Newark. Burial is in Gracelawn Memorial Park.

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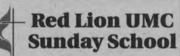
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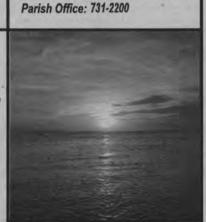
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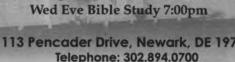


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Carpenter-Rybinski

Katherine Ann Carpenter and William J. Rybinksi were engaged Oct. 23, 2003 at Longwood Gardens, Pa. and married in August 2004.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Pam Carpenter of Landisville, Pa., and a graduate of Hempfield High School in Lancaster, Pa. She earned a degree in Biology at Ursinus College and currently works as a laboratory technician at Thomas Jefferson University Philadelphia.

The groom is the son of William S. and Pamela A Marr Rybinski of Newark. He graduated from Tatnall School, earned a BS in Business Administration from the University of Delaware and now works as a software developer for Artemis H.R.

Corrie-Smyth

Gay Miller Corrie of Newark, is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Melanie Corrie, to Brian D. Smyth, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Smyth of Chesapeake City, Md. Miss Corrie is also the daughter of the late William L.



Melanie Corrie and Brian D. Smyth

Corrie, Jr.

Melanie is a graduate of Caravel Academy and the University of Delaware with a B.A. in Economics. She is employed at MBNA America.

Brian is a graduate of Salesianum High School. He assists in running the family business, New Castle Hardware.

A March 2005 wedding is planned.

Fleck-Massaglia

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fleck of Newark announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Lynn Fleck to Robert F. Massaglia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Massaglia of Hamburg,

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Newark High School and the University of Delaware. She earned an MBA from Cornell University Johnson Graduate School of Management and is currently an assistant product director with Johnson & Johnson Consumer Products Company in Skillman, N.J.

The groom-to-be is a graduate



Diane Lynn Fleck and Robert F. Massaglia

of Lenape Valley Regional High School and Rutgers University. He earned a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Currently, he is a senior engineer with Johnson & Johnson.

A June 4 wedding is planned.



Christyn Lisbeth Hinde and **Christian Paul Marocco**

Hinde-Marocco

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hinde of Newark announce the engagement of their daughter Christyn Lisbeth to Christian Paul Marocco of Hilton Head Island. He is the son of Dr. and

Mrs. Paul Marocco of Hilton Head Island.

The bride-to-be earned a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Delaware. She is employed by Hilton Head Regional Medical Center.

The groom-to-be earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Delaware. He is employed by the Mayer Collins Real Estate Team in Hilton Head. The couple will marry this November in Newark.



Lynn Schwarting and Christopher Opdenaker

Schwarting-Opdenaker

Lynn. Schwarting of Aston, Pa., and Christopher Opdenaker of Bear, were married on April 17 at Our Lady of Charity in Brookhaven, Pa. The reception following the mass was held at the Holiday Inn Select in Claymont.

Lynn is the daughter of Nancy Schwarting and the late Thomas Schwarting, Sr.

Christopher is the son of JoAnne Dougherty of Aston, Pa and Robert Opdenaker of Wilmington.

Lynn is a graduate of Sun Valley High School in Aston, Pa. and Ursinus College. She is currently a graduate student at the

University of Delaware.

Christopher is a graduate of Sun Valley High School. He is currently employed as an electri-

The couple currently resides in Bear.



Larry Tong and Karen McKay

McKay-Tong

Larry Tong and Karen McKay are celebrating their recent engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Edward and Barbara McKay of Lewes. The groom is the son of Walter and Maureen Tong of New Castle.

The couple met in Dewey Beach. Larry works as a Food Technologist at McCormick & Co. in Hunt Valley, Md. Karen also works in Hunt Valley at Nevins & Associates, a public relations agency. They both live in Baltimore, Md.

Karen attended Smyrna High School, graduated from Lynchburg College and earned a MBA at the University of Delaware. Larry graduated from Delaware. Larry graduated from Saint Mark's High School Saint Mark's High School, University of Delaware and earned a masters degree at the University of Massachusetts.

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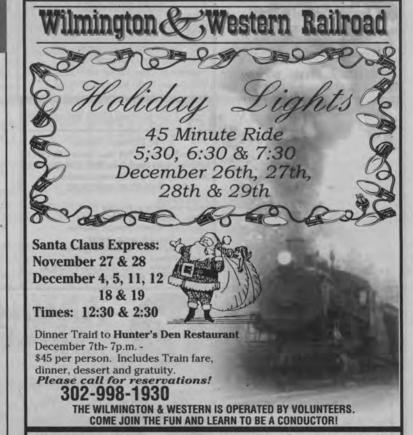


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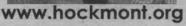
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18 Month to 8th Grade

Expo showcases Christina schools, programs

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

RESSED in black tuxedos with yellow rose boutonnieres, Newark High School chorus members performed before several hundred attendees at the Christina School District's Education Expo, held Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Bank One Riverfront Center.

Along with choruses, choirs, bands, ensembles, and drama and

dance troupes as well as art displays from the district's schools, NHS singers gave the public an opportunity to see that the visual and performing arts are alive in the Christina schools.

In the exhibition hall, schools and special programs highlighted

their academic programs, community involvement, and school climate. School principals and staff were on hand to answer questions about their programs. "This is absolutely the best

"This is absolutely the best way to give every opportunity to see the hard work being done here in the Christina School District," said Maurice Pritchett, director of Family and Community Engagement. "Parents get to see their children perform and it's especially important for those who don't have children in the schools to see what's going on. And it gives the staff the opportunity to display their wares."

Thurgood Marshall School "Crayons" handed out crayon band-aids to passersby while other visitors examined the Pueblo Indian dioramas made by students at Maclary School. Other schools had information on their positive behavior programs, special enrichment activities and academic programs for talented

or special needs students.

For some families it was an opportunity to meet their child's current principal or introduce themselves to next year's principal and have their questions and concerns answered.

Enrollments for the Choice program, enabling students from kindergarten to 12th grade to attend schools that normally are not in their feeder pattern, are now being accepted until Jan. 12, 2005 for the 2005-2006 school year. Choice is open to all eligible residents of Delaware who meet District program guidelines and registration requirements.

For more information on education and Choice options, call 454-2518.



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Above, students from Thurgood Marshall School, dressed as the school's trademark crayons, greeted visitors to their school's table at the Expo and handed out colorful crayon-shaped band-aids. At left, fifth grader Nicholas Hoffman plays the bells, while sixth grader Margaret Dugan plays the baritone horn and fifth grader Nekyhzia Gibbs plays the slide trombone with the combined elementary band.

D'town mixer list filling up fast

T'S that time of year for Newark businesspeople to gather at the Deer Park Tavern for food, fellowship and some sparkling conversation.

The Downtown Newark Partnership's annual fall Mixer is set for next Tuesday, Nov. 16, 5 to 7 p.m. And with 92 local movers-and-shakers already signed up, space is limited. Because previous events have been known to sell out, interested persons should reserve space now.

Past mixers have been known to unite folks from all walks of Newark life. Business owners, elected representatives, city staff and university officials have all made appearances.

The Deer Park will provide appetizers, and the diverse crowd provides the entertainment. The mixer is designed to celebrate the work of the Partnership and allow those who are interested in the downtown to mingle and network.

Registration is \$5 per person. Send registration payment to the DNP, Planning Department, 220 Elkton Rd, Newark, DE, 19711, or make a phone reservation by calling 366-7030.

