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## UP FRONT

### People flock to tourney

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Thousands of people will pack the Carpenter Center this weekend. They will fill all the restaurants and hotels in the area around the stadium and spend a good amount of money in Newark.

No, the University of Delaware won't be having a men or women's basketball game and there is no big concert. It's one of the only times of the year that there will be so many people in Newark for such a big event – and most of those people will be from out of state.

The 16th annual TGI

Friday's Beast of the East Wrestling Tournament will be held at the Carpenter Center Saturday and Sunday. Eighty teams and over 600 wrestlers from 19 states – along with thousands of fans – will converge on Newark. As it is just about every year, the Beast of the East is the top high school wrestling tournament in the country.

Coaches from over 60 colleges will also be on hand to scout.

How good is the tournament?

For 11 straight years the number one team in the country has come out of the Beast. Of the 600 wrestlers that will be competing, about 150 of them are nationally ranked. It's a brutal road to the finals of this tournament.

Delaware, while growing, still isn't the biggest high school wrestling hotbed in the country, but nearby Pennsylvania and New Jersey are. Both states have some of the best high school teams in the country and you can bet

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Valania

### Area organizations raise funds through annual tree sales

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

When it comes to holiday traditions, nothing tops the search for the perfect, live Christmas tree. Whether a family cuts its own at a tree farm or visits a lot to select a spruce, fir or pine, it's one of the most important outings of the season.

For two organizations in the Newark area, this tradition goes beyond finding a tree, to selling many, many trees as a way to raise money for their group and activities.

The Brookside Lions Club sets up its tree sale along Route 4 near Chestnut Hill Plaza each year. The trees, more than 400 this year,

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Boy Scouts with Troop 603 assist a customer.



Above: The Brookside Lions Club tree sale along Route 4 near Chestnut Hill Plaza.

Below: Boy Scout Troop 603 have set up shop along Elkton Road for the past 30 years.



Allan Streett, left, and Roy Palmer, right, of the Brookside Lions Club present a check to Shirley Donovan, middle, who lost her home in a house fire earlier this year. Money raised by the Lions through the annual tree sales goes back to the community.

## Budget amended, approved

Council increases legal fees by \$250,000

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The Newark City Council voted Monday night to approve the 2007 budget with one significant change: an increase in the line item for legal expenses related to the reservoir trial appeal.

Council approved the addition of \$250,000 to legal fees, an amount City Manager Carl Luft said he determined after speaking with the city solicitor about expected hours and rates.

The change came about after discussion on the proposed budget at a Nov. 13 hearing focused on the possible outcomes of litigation with Donald M. Durkin Contracting, the company fired from the reservoir job in 2004.

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## More grade levels

Gallaher, West Park have classroom space for expansion

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Representatives of two elementary schools cited the K-4 classes coming to Newark Charter School next year when presenting requests to expand their grade levels at the Christina District school board on Tuesday night.

"Due to declining enrollment over the past three years, we have room for two fifth-grade classrooms at Gallaher Elementary School," stated Gallaher PTA spokesperson Mary Polss-Mutschler. "And when Newark Charter School opens for K-4 next year, our student numbers will go down even more."

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### Newark woman stabbed in chest

A 20-year-old woman was stabbed in the chest by an unknown suspect in the Newark Shopping Center near the Newark Cinema Center during an incident that occurred between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, said Newark Police.

Police said the victim gave few details about how she was injured or what the suspect looked like.

The woman, a resident of the 100 block of Cleveland Avenue, was treated at the scene by members of the Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company EMS and New Castle County paramedics.

She was taken to the Christina Medical Center where she was admitted with a collapsed lung, said police.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Det. Andrew Rubin of the Newark Police Department Criminal Investigation Division at 366-7110, ext. 135, or Crimestoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

### Owner seeks stolen items

The owner of a black leather purse that was stolen from a Chrysler Minivan parked in the lot of the Newark Country Club on Friday, Dec. 8, is asking for the purse to be returned to her.

Tami Gochnour said several items in the bag held sentimental value for her, as they belonged to her son, Nicholas, who died this summer while on a trip to Ocean City, Md.

Police said the purse was stolen by an unknown suspect who broke the driver's side window to gain entry to the van. Anyone with information is asked to call Gochnour at 410-620-1206.

### Crash leads to arrest

A 28-year-old Northeast, Md., woman was arrested on drug charges after she was involved in a traffic accident in Bear on Friday, Dec. 8, said New Castle County Police.

Police said the accident occurred at 5:43 p.m. at the intersection of Smalley's Dam Road and Wolf Drive. One of the drivers, Crystal Buckalew of the 400 block of Wheatley Road in Northeast, Md., was lying on the ground unresponsive, said police. Officers later found she was in possession of 14 grams of methamphetamine that was hidden in her purse.

Police said the investigation showed the Buckalew failed to stop for a stop sign at the intersection, causing the collision. She was arrested and charged with trafficking methamphetamine,

## POLICE BLOTTER

### Police search for 'persons of interest'

The Newark Police Department is seeking information and whereabouts of William and Ann Forrester. William Forrester, 43, is wanted by the Newark Police Department for numerous criminal charges. Ann Forrester, 37, is wanted by the New Castle County Family Court.

The Newark Police Department considers these two individuals persons of interest for several unsolved crimes in the Newark area. The Forresters have ties to and are known to frequent the tri-State region of New Castle County, Cecil County, Md., and southern Chester County, Pa., said police.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective

Conover at 366-7110, ext. 132, or call 366-7111.



Ann Forrester



William Forrester

maintaining a vehicle for keeping a controlled dangerous substance and charges related to the crash.

She was arraigned and committed to the Women's Correctional Institute after failing to post \$21,601 secured bond, said police.

### Other incidents

Police are investigating the assault of two men at a party in the unit block of Corbit Street on Saturday, Dec. 9, between 2:30 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. One suspect

allegedly punched the two victims in the face, and then pushed one of the victims down a flight of stairs, causing him to break his wrist. A second suspect punched one of the victims in the face, police were told. Investigation will continue.

Police found graffiti drawn on Haines Street north of Lovett Street on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 5:40 a.m. The graffiti consisted of the word "think" and pictures of a heart and half moon.

More than \$800 in unauthorized online purchases was charged to the debit card of a 22-year-old resident of the unit block of Chapel Street by an unknown suspect, police were told on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 1:18 p.m.

An unknown suspect found the lost wallet of a 20-year-old New Jersey man and used his debit cards, police were told on Friday, Dec. 8, at 10:11 p.m. The man told police he lost his wallet at a Main Street store.

A 17-year-old male student at Newark High School in the 400 block of E. Delaware Avenue reportedly kicked a 17-year-old male student in the back, causing him to fall down a portion of stairs and then punched and head butted the boy after he fell, police were told on Friday, Dec. 8, at 3:24 p.m. Investigation will continue.

A locked bicycle was taken from a bike rack in the 200 block of Beverly Road, police were told on Friday, Dec. 8, at 1:54 p.m.

Unknown suspects entered a fenced in Cingular tower yard in the 200 block of E. Cleveland Avenue, damaged equipment and removed several copper ground bars, police were told on Friday, Dec. 8, at 10:13 a.m.

The front glass door of the Café Gelato in the unit block of E. Main Street was damaged by unknown suspects, police were told on Friday, Dec. 8, at 9:51 p.m.

Grffiti was found on a sidewalk on Courtney Street west of See **BLOTTER, 26**



### Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR NOV 26-DEC 12, 2006, COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

	INVESTIGATIONS			CRIMINAL CHARGES		
	2005	2006	THIS	2005	2006	THIS
PART I OFFENSES	TO DATE	TO DATE	WEEK	TO DATE	TO DATE	WEEK
Murder/manslaughter	1	0	0	1	0	0
Attempted murder	0	1	0	0	1	0
Kidnap	5	0	0	5	15	0
Rape	17	12	0	5	12	0
Unlawful sexual contact	17	8	0	7	6	0
Robbery	45	78	3	38	58	0
Aggravated assault	42	45	1	19	47	1
Burglary	181	185	6	57	53	0
Theft	859	905	25	249	208	1
Auto theft	112	156	4	14	11	0
Arson	5	8	0	1	7	0
All other	60	74	2	87	94	3
<b>TOTAL PART I</b>	<b>1338</b>	<b>1472</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>5</b>
PART II OFFENSES						
Other assaults	396	390	10	276	258	0
Receiving stolen property	1	3	0	17	38	1
Criminal mischief	647	712	10	116	315	1
Weapons	13	14	0	83	85	2
Other sex offenses	10	18	0	10	22	0
Alcohol	502	515	3	1009	1046	5
Drugs	123	115	1	388	382	2
Noise/disorderly premise	799	706	16	422	411	9
Disorderly conduct	936	1216	9	178	206	4
Trespass	178	185	2	87	96	1
All other	531	548	14	202	208	2
<b>TOTAL PART II</b>	<b>4136</b>	<b>4422</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>2788</b>	<b>3067</b>	<b>27</b>
MISCELLANEOUS						
Alarm	1368	1326	22	0	0	0
Animal control	537	530	16	17	45	0
Recovered property	253	299	11	0	0	0
Service	8274	9066	211	0	0	0
Suspicious person/vehicle	1331	1068	21	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>11763</b>	<b>12289</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>

	THIS WEEK 2005	2005 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2006	2006 TO DATE
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>27365</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>26769</b>



## IN THE NEWS

# Learning through fun

Young athletes develop motor skills at UD's Early Learning Center

By **CHRISTINE NEFF**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

In singsong unison, a class of pre-schoolers at the University of Delaware's Early Learning Center called out to one of their peers standing across the gymnasium. "What time is it, Mr. Fox," they asked.

"Mr. Fox" answered with the number of steps the students could take towards him, calling his friends closer and closer each time they asked. When they were close enough to grab, Mr. Fox answered the question a bit differently.

"It's lunch time," he yelled, as the students ran, screaming with

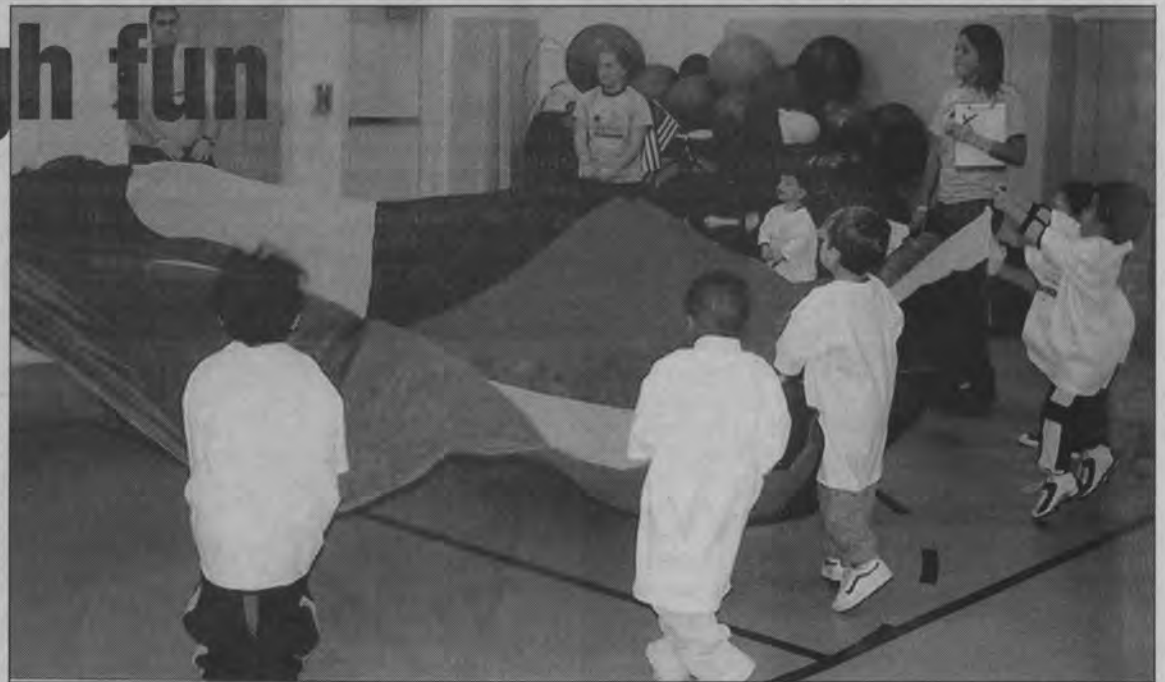
glee, in the other direction.

"What time is it, Mr. Fox," was one of several games played by 3- and 4-year-old students as part of the Special Olympics Delaware Young Athletes Activity Day held Thursday, Dec. 7, at the center.

Students with intellectual disabilities played alongside their non-disabled peers at games meant to improve their motor skills and eye-hand coordination. Kids completed an obstacle course, practiced juggling with lightweight scarves and played with a parachute, among other activities.

UD students who taught at the Early Learning Center this semester ran the events. Dr. Nancy Getchell, associate professor in the College of Health Sciences, said the games are meant to develop "pre-sports skills," such as throwing, catching, galloping and skipping.

The games came from a series of lessons developed by Special Olympics Incorporated as part



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY CHRISTINE NEFF

Students at UD's Early Learning Center play with a parachute at Special Olympics Delaware Young Athletes Day.

of the Young Athletes program. The program provides guidelines for teaching children ages 2- to 7-years-old basic movement and motor skills.

Delaware was one of eight states chosen to pilot the Young Athletes program last year. Several schools participated, including the Brennan School

in New Castle County. Now, 13 schools and pre-schools in Delaware, including UD's Early Learning Center, offer the program.

## No chalupas today

Newark Taco Bell shuts down due to E. coli scare

The Taco Bell in Chestnut Hill Plaza was among three Taco Bells in New Castle County suspected to have served food that caused one suspected and two confirmed cases of E. coli as of Friday, Dec. 8.

Four New Castle County residents reported illnesses after eating at the Taco Bells in Newark, on Kirkwood Highway and Concord Pike. Delaware's Division of Public Health (DPH) said E. coli was confirmed in a 15-year-old girl and 21-year-old man. A 59-year-old woman had a suspected case. A fourth resident who reported symptoms tested negative for E. coli.

DPH called for the closure of the Concord Pike and Chestnut Hill Plaza restaurants until the facilities could be cleaned and sanitized, and all of the food could be discarded and re-supplied.

Stool samples were taken from all food workers to test for E. coli, and the restaurants were required to provide enhanced training in proper food handling and hygiene to food workers.

The DPH did testing on



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY CHRISTINE NEFF

The Taco Bell in Chestnut Hill Plaza was closed due to an E. coli scare. Delaware's Division of Public Health reported a 59-year-old New Castle County woman was suspected to have contracted E. Coli after eating at the restaurant.

food samples, including lettuce, tomato, cilantro, cheese and salsa. Taco Bell Corp. voluntarily removed green onions from restaurants nationwide after preliminary tests by the

firm indicated the presence of E. coli.

More than 40 people were hospitalized nationwide in connection with the outbreak. No deaths were reported.

## CITY BRIEFS

### Council rescinds special use permit

After hearing testimony from several Fairfield residents against a neighbor using her home for a daycare facility, Newark City Council voted Monday to revoke a special use permit it granted in September.

The permit that allowed Sheryll Perfinski to operate a licensed daycare at her Hilltop Road home was approved with little discussion at council's Sept. 11 meeting. But, neighbors to the property protested the approval, saying they were not told about Perfinski's intention to operate a daycare at the home or the public hearing on the matter.

Resident Richard Celeste said a daycare business does not fit in Fairfield, an aging community of mostly retirees and soon-to-retire residents. "It just doesn't make sense in our residential community with our demographics," he said.

Council voted 7 to 0 to rescind the permit. In voting, Councilman Jerry Clifton said, "I feel strongly the community has the right to dictate what kind of community they have."

### DNP announces best decorated

Winners of the 2006 Downtown Newark Partnership Holiday Storefront Decorating contest were announced at Winterfest on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Bloom received the grand prize. First place went to Lieberman's Book Store, second place to Primo Hoagies and third place to Hollywood Tans. Honorable mention was given to EC Shades, Gecko Fashions and Romanick Pottery Studio.

### Commerce Bank seeks change

Commerce Bank had hoped to have a block of Chapel Street between Main Street and Delaware Avenue widened before the end of this year when it will open its new branch at the northwest corner of E. Delaware Avenue and S. Chapel Street.

But, due to a delay in getting design approvals from DelDOT, the road project will not be completed by January, Bill Manning, representative for the project, told city council Monday.

Manning asked council to modify a condition that the bank's drive-thru lane remain closed until the roadway is widened. Council put this condition on the project when it was approved in September.

Instead the bank proposed to open the drive-thru lane, while limiting access at the entrance until the roadwork could be completed. "Commerce Bank remains committed to widening the street and has pursued the project diligently," said Manning.

Council voted 6 to 1 to approve the change. Councilman David Athey voted against it.



# In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

## NOTE PAD

### School Choice reminder

All school districts in Delaware are accepting School Choice applications for school year 2007-08 through Jan. 10, 2007.

Choice Applications are available in any Delaware public school are also available on the School District websites. At [www.christina.k12.de.us](http://www.christina.k12.de.us), Christina District has a link for electronic choice application submission or the Choice application can be mailed, faxed or hand delivered to the District Office address on the Choice application.

Do not submit or leave choice applications in school buildings. Choice students who attended kindergarten in 2006-2007 must submit a Choice application for 1st grade if they wish to remain at their Choice school.

A separate application must be completed for each child. The Choice application is limited to three choice schools. Please put school names in priority order.

A separate Choice application for each district is required if applying to more than one district.

Not sure what school your child will attend based on your address? Contact any district school or the Christina District public information office at 552-2632. For more info about Choice, call 552-2618.

### Education deductions extended

Before adjourning, the U.S. Congress voted to extend a tax provision allowing teachers to deduct up to \$250 for school supplies they purchase. College students also received a break, as Congress renewed deductions of up to \$4,000 for higher education costs for individuals with incomes of \$65,000 or less.

### Teen drivers in fatal crashes

According to Kids Count in Delaware, 158 fatal crashes in Delaware during 2005 involved drivers ages 16 to 19 years. Delaware State Police reported that the number of teen drivers involved in fatal crashes dropped from 152 in 1996 to a low of 108 in 2001 before climbing.

## Injury sidelined but did not derail him

Glasgow grad publishes advice book for student athletes

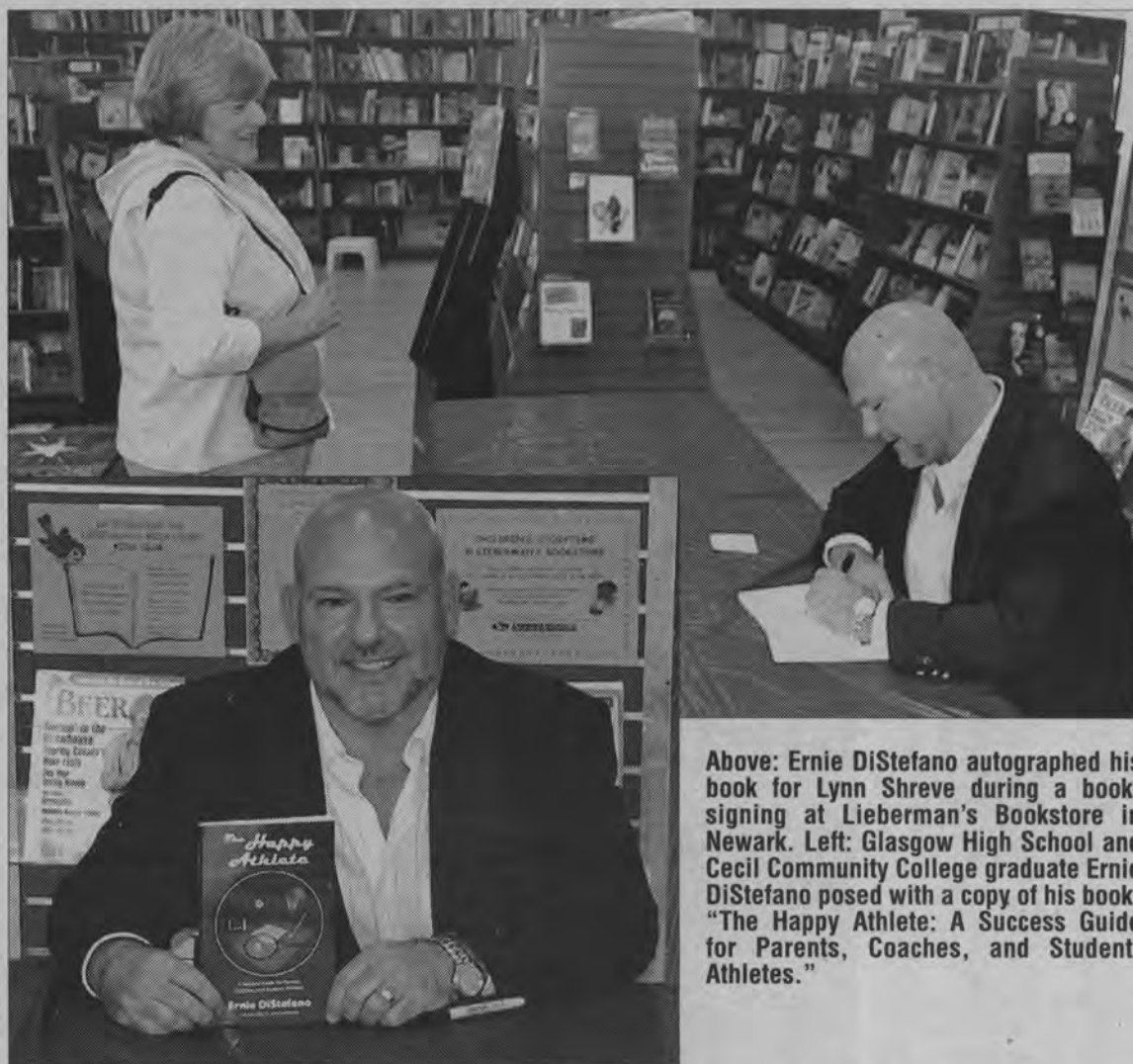
When Ernie DiStefano graduated from Glasgow High School and went to Cecil Community College, he thought his future might be on a pitcher's mound. However, after an injury halted his dream of playing professional baseball, DiStefano turned his attention to putting others on the field.

Perhaps his most notable achievement in this area was helping his stepdaughter, Laura Taylor, earn a softball scholarship to Seton Hall University in New Jersey. He used that experience, along with a few others, in writing "The Happy Athlete: A Success Guide for Parents, Coaches, and Student-Athletes," recently released by Langmarc Publishing.

DiStefano also drew on his roles as an athlete, coach, counselor, baseball scout and sports agent. "I felt that the best way to help parents, coaches and athletes was to share the lessons I learned, including mistakes made along the way," he said. "Rather than putting forth theories of parenting or coaching, I felt the readers would be more responsive to someone sharing their experiences."

Taylor graduated from Seton Hall with a bachelor's degree in finance and completed her four years as one of the top hitters in NCAA history. She blasted a school-record 59 home runs, which places her 11th on the all-time NCAA Division I list, and was selected as the 2005 Big East Player of the Year. She spent the 2006 season as an assistant coach at Providence College in Rhode Island and is now an assistant at St. John's University in New York.

DiStefano was well on his way to a record-breaking career of his own at Cecil Community College — the Cincinnati Reds were talking about a contract — but an



Above: Ernie DiStefano autographed his book for Lynn Shreve during a book-signing at Lieberman's Bookstore in Newark. Left: Glasgow High School and Cecil Community College graduate Ernie DiStefano posed with a copy of his book, "The Happy Athlete: A Success Guide for Parents, Coaches, and Student-Athletes."

arm injury sustained during his sophomore year squelched any opportunity of being signed. Although his dreams of making it as a player ended in college, DiStefano credits the school and its longtime baseball coach Dick Brockell, 1978-98, for the path he took from there.

"The experience I had at Cecil Community College was so positive that it convinced me I wanted to stay involved in the game," said DiStefano. "I have never met a person who had more passion for the game of baseball than Coach Brockell and I think he is probably one of the big reasons

why I have such a passion for it."

DiStefano graduated from CCC in 1981 and spent the first two years of his working life as a teacher, counselor and baseball coach at the Glen Mills School, a residential school in Pennsylvania for delinquent males between the ages of 14 and 18. He then worked as a counselor in the Family Court system in Delaware for 10 years before taking on his present position as a psycho-forensic counselor with the Public Defender's Office.

While keeping busy with his day jobs, DiStefano continued to coach baseball at a variety of lev-

els, including Babe Ruth League, college and as an individual pitching consultant with different prospects. He was a fall pitching coach at CCCC for two years working with the Seahawks' hurlers, including James Belanger who signed to play for the University of Louisville.

DiStefano has been a scout for the Kansas City Royals and Philadelphia Phillies and is currently with the Global Scouting Bureau, an organization which procures talent for independent and international professional

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## New Christina school board member

Karl Brockenbrough was sworn in as a member of the Christina District School Board at its regular meeting on Dec. 12. He will represent District G and will serve as a board member for the remainder of this school year. He will then have the option to run in the 2007 Board election for his

current seat.

Brockenbrough was chosen as a replacement for Cecilia Scherer, who had served on the Board since 2001 and resigned effective Oct. 10. Brockenbrough currently works as controller/adjunct accounting professor at Wilmington College, and previously served as vice

president of finance and administration for Cheyney University in Pennsylvania. He holds a doctorate degree in innovation and leadership from Wilmington College, an MBA degree from Pennsylvania State University, and a bachelor's degree from Norfolk State University. He is also a certified public accountant.





## IN OUR SCHOOLS

## Yoga helps middle-schoolers focus

For nine weeks, a group of 30 seventh and eighth grade girls at Kirk Middle School started each day with a 30-minute yoga session. Talent Development teacher Donna Harkins, a practitioner of yoga for three years, offered the yoga class as one of the school's Schoolwide Enrichment Program clusters to inspire confidence, wellness, and positive thinking. The movement class also taught the girls about nutrition, breathing, relaxation techniques, and other related topics.

"It's a struggle at this age to develop focus, strength and balance," says Harkins. "By using yoga techniques, the girls have options, and can make better choices."

The students agreed. "It feels good to do it every morning," one of the "yoginistas" said. "Now I'm not as tired in my classes." At least one girl thought all the classes should take yoga. "If every student took yoga, people



**Teacher Donna Harkins believes yoga helped the students "develop focus, strength and balance."**

would be more relaxed," she said. "School wouldn't be so tense; it would be calmer."

The class also integrated writing, art and other forms of creativity structured around relaxation techniques, breath work, poses (asanas) and other activities.

Kirk's unique schoolwide approach to enrichment clusters at the middle school level has meant that all students have opportunities to try new experiences. Harkins and her students hope the yoga class will be offered again this year, and many of the girls said they would continue yoga outside of school.



A group of 30 seventh and eighth grade girls at Kirk Middle School started each day with a 30-minute yoga session.

## GHS alumnus also agent

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baseball leagues. He is also an agent with Sports Management Worldwide, headquartered in Portland, Ore. "Besides negotiating contracts, I would like to be able to really mentor these athletes and augment the whole idea that there is a connection between what they do on the field and

what is happening in their personal lives," said DiStefano. "It's important to help them realize that their lives after their playing careers are just as important as their playing careers."

"The Happy Athlete: A Success Guide for Parents, Coaches, and Student-Athletes" can be ordered at Amazon.com, or directly from the publisher at [www.langmarc.com/happyathlete](http://www.langmarc.com/happyathlete).

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# National Title I honors for two local schools

Two Christina District schools were among five Delaware public elementary schools recognized as National or State Distinguished Title I schools for their work in exceeding the requirements of No Child Left Behind for two or more years and for, significantly closing the achievement gap between student groups.

Wilson and McVey elementary schools in the Christina District were designated as National Distinguished Title I Schools and will be honored at the National Title I Conference to be held in January 2007 in Long Beach, Calif.

Long Neck Elementary School in Millsboro, Frankford Elementary School in Frankford and Booker T. Washington Elementary School in Dover were recognized as State Distinguished Title I schools and will be recognized at the State School Improvement Recognition Banquet in Dover in May.

"These schools have held students to high standards," said Governor Ruth Ann Minner. "This year's award recipients are shining examples of Title I schools that take seriously their charge to

improve achievement."

Delaware Education Secretary Valerie A. Woodruff noted that the awardees took research on effective schooling and applied it to their schools. "These awards classify this year's recipients among the best in the state and in the nation and clearly demonstrate the impact of Title I funding on improving schools," Woodruff stated.

Based on analyzed performance data of all Title I schools statewide, Delaware's Department of Education identified the top five highest performing Title I schools in the state and submitted two names to the U.S. Department of Education for national honors. Booker T. Washington Elementary was recognized as a National Distinguished Title I school last year and a school cannot be a National honoree two years in a row.

The purpose of the Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition program is to identify schools that are ensuring that all children have access to effective instructional strategies and challenging academic content; and demonstrating success in ensuring that all children, particu-

larly those who have educational or social challenges, make significant progress towards learning that content, and ultimately succeeding in school.

The criterion for nomination/recognition as a Title I Distinguished School includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Be a Title I School.
- Show significant decrease in the number of students not meeting the standards.
- Show significant increase in the number of students in disaggregated populations that are meeting the standards.
- Have a poverty level of 40 percent or greater.

Nominated schools receive visits from DOE staff, are provided with grant to assist them in further developing their programs, and are recognized at the annual school improvement banquet in Dover.

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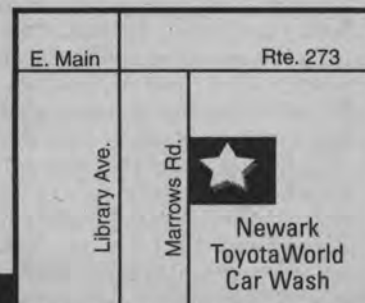
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POST COLUMNIST

## My life is not my own

By RUTH KELLY

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

I am really enjoying my Bible classes on Mondays and learning a lot. I noticed that not working caused me to become easily distracted. I had difficulty remembering things and just had a general feeling of being disconnected. After some thought, I surmised that my mind was in inactive mode. I discovered that I had a need to be engaged with an alert mind. I read a few books; I refused to sit in front of the television. I also missed stimulating conversation, so signing up for the Bible classes was a great thing.

In last week's class, something was revealed to me that hit me like a sledge hammer. Both Judaism and Christianity share one biblical tenet, the Ten Commandments. We all try to live by them, and I was confident that I hadn't broken any lately, especially the Commandment that says, in part, "Thou shalt have no others gods before me." I thought I had this one in the bag, wrapped up. I didn't worship any 'graven image' or pay homage to a golden calf or any other idol.

This day I learned that there are other things that can be considered idols. For example, any one who loves and worships wealth has money as their idol. Folks make idols in cars, women with hundreds of pairs of shoes, clothes etc. I learned that an idol is anything that is loved and worshipped more than God.

I was on a roll, feeling good until the teacher said jobs can be idols. I heard myself gasp and felt embarrassed because everyone turned to look at me. I was overwhelmed with a swell of emotion and confusion. I thought about losing my job and the feelings I have shown since July 31.

I took the news that my service to Christina was no longer needed stoically. I refused to cry and vowed that I would land feet down, head up somewhere else and in a few days. Was I in for a big surprise? Each day I would mourn not having a job to go to.

My world had been turned upside down. I didn't know which way to turn and the feeling of helplessness practically drowned me. I never realized how important my work was in my life. Work is what has always defined me. Work was the essence and soul of Ruth. It made me who I am; it represented all of my achievements in life. I had expectations of those with whom I worked to have the same work ethic and found it would be a major source of frustration. I had little respect for those folks who felt the world owed them a living; "it's just a job; just a paycheck".

I have also found that I have passed this work ethic on to my daughter. This is a good, yet a bad thing. In the four years she has worked, she has never missed a day of work. She never complained about going to work. One day she was running fever and I called her out sick. She was livid with me for calling her job. This was also true of school.

She hated to miss school and would tell me she was fine, until I received the call from the nurse asking me to come to pick her up.

I retired from DuPont with glee because I had lost the love of that job. This job loss from Christina was the one I loved most of all, even above God? I was horrified at the revelation. During the two years I worked for the district, I rarely took vacation days. I came in early, worked through lunch on many days. At home I would return phone calls to parents who I didn't reach during the day. I constantly checked messages and emails. If I woke up in the middle of the night, I'd roll over and check to see if I had any messages. Never did I imagine that I loved my work to this extent. To me, I just did what I did and thought nothing of it until now.

I have come to realize that just as Jacob in the Bible met and wrestled with God, I wrestled with God for many years in more than a few areas in my life. My spirit was broken on July 31. And now, the Spirit of the living God is doing a work in my life to turn what was the self-serving, self-centered motive of my life to Christ motivated. My life is no longer my own.

*This is part of a series of columns written since Ruth's departure from Christina School District. She is sharing experiences from her days of being unemployed and her purpose.*



Kelly

## OUT OF THE ATTIC



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

## PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

Dec. 17, 1931

### "Too Many Cooks" Title of Benefit Movie

"Too Many Cooks," along with short subjects, news reels, etc., will be shown at the State Theatre next Monday and Tuesday as the benefit movie for the unemployment fund of the Welfare Committee of Newark.

The committee deserves 100 per cent cooperation and the theatre should be filled both nights. Everyone attending is asked to bring a potato or orange and put it in the barrels furnished for that purpose in the lobby, or, if you prefer to give a basket of potatoes or a dozen oranges, get in touch with either Mrs. Helen Wilson or Mr. R.T. Jones.

### Dr. Walter Hullihen sailed for Europe last Tuesday

Dr. Walter Hullihen, president of the University

of Delaware, sailed from New York on Tuesday night of this week for Europe to complete plans for extending the University of Delaware foreign Study Plan in Germany with the class that will be sent abroad next July. This plan has been in operation for several years but students so far have only been sent to France. In the class sent to France for a year last July there were about eighty students from thirty to forty different colleges and universities throughout the country.

Dec. 17, 1986

### Christmas Gifts Made in Newark

If Christmas shopping so far has left you feeling like a major stock holder in a foreign economy, look no further. Newark has a wonderful assortment of local artisans, crafters and manufacturers who are recognized, many nationally, for their products

which are built with American pride and ingenuity.

In 1978, Ken Shader founded Shader's China Doll, Inc. Shader had originally enjoyed a hobby of handcrafting dolls for his daughter in earlier years. Now located on Del. 72 near Castle Mall, the company designs and manufactures beautiful limited edition fine porcelain dolls ranging in price from around \$300 to \$20,000. It

is the largest and most modern facility for making porcelain dolls in the United States.

### Walton League cites clean White Clay

The Curtis Paper Mill, which sits on the tree-lined banks of the White Clay Creek in Newark, has long been recognized for excellence.

Its high quality paper products have been used in the finest books, including Gutenberg Bible reproduction and first editions of books by Presidents Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The Izaak Walton League of America, a national conservation organization, presented Curtis Division-Newark Paper Mill with its Clean Water Award to Industry during ceremonies Wednesday, Dec. 10 in Wilmington.

Curtis was one of six industrial facilities nationwide so honored by the Izaak Walton League.



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

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## COMMENTARY

# Event raises scholarship money

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that fans from those two states will pour into town.

The great thing about the Beast – in addition to being able to see great high school wrestling – is that it raises scholarship money that is doled out to Delaware high school wrestlers. To date, over \$300,000 has gone from the Beast to college bound high school seniors that wrestled.

It's a tournament that is run entirely by volunteers. It's a year-round endeavor to put this tournament on and it's done

completely by people who love wrestling.

"We have over 100 volunteers," said Tournament Director Bob Shaw. "They do an amazing job and we couldn't do it without them – we certainly couldn't have raised the amount of scholarship money as we have without them."

The tournament gives Delaware's best wrestlers a chance to see how they stack up against the best in the country. This year, there will be 12 of the state's high school teams competing and there will be up to a dozen local wrestlers that will

have a chance to place among the top eight in their respective weight classes.

In fact, there are probably up to six that have a legitimate chance of making the finals – by far the most since the Beast reached national prominence.

So if you're stuck in traffic or have a little longer wait at a restaurant this weekend and you're wondering what's going on, just know that the tournament is a good thing for Newark business, a good thing for the state and a good thing for Delaware high school kids.

## 'Three Visions' showing at Dutch Touch Gallery

"Three Visions," an exhibit showcasing the work of three artists, Kelly McConnell Cox, Danielle Quigley and Jon Cox, is showing now through January 2007 at the Dutch Touch Gallery of Newark in the Shoppes at Louviers.

Kelly McConnell Cox is a Chester County, Pa., native whose work portrays her local surroundings, particularly the New Jersey shore where she vacations each summer.

Danielle Quigley is a freelance photographer whose photos often appear in national magazines like Digital Camera and Photo District

News. She also regularly contributes to several regional publications and works as a photographer for the University of Delaware, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Jon Cox is a wildlife and nature photographer, as well as a photography instructor at the University of Delaware. He is the photographer

and author of the best-selling book Digital Nature Photography 2003, which has been widely recognized in the trade press as a superlative introduction to the subject.

The exhibit is free to the public. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information contact Anne Hessel 302-738-2580.

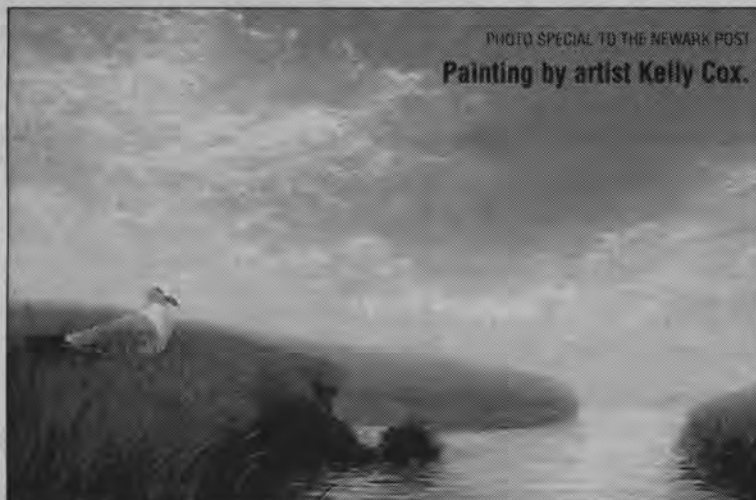


PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST  
Painting by artist Kelly Cox.

## High Schoolers learn finance

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Dec. 19, 2001

### High Schoolers learn small changes can equal big dollars

Growing up in a world where some Hollywood stars make \$20 million per film and the average professional athlete makes a million dollars per game, some young adults might think moneymaking is a breeze.

A recent survey, for instance, revealed 27 percent of 12-year-olds did not know credit cards are a form of borrowing; 40 percent did not know banks charge interest on a loan.

But at least some local 11th and 12th graders out there aren't walking around with their heads in the clouds.

Newark High School students have real-world savvy thanks to the pilot course, "Survival in the 21st Century Finance world."

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## BRIEFS

### Miss Delaware's Outstanding Teen 2007 Accepting Applications

The Miss Delaware Scholarship Organization, an affiliate of the Miss America Organization, will host the 2007 Miss Delaware's Outstanding Teen Pageant on Sunday, March 11, 2007, at 2 p.m. in the Centre for the Performing Arts at Sussex Central High School in Georgetown. The winner will represent Delaware at Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant, August 2007 in Orlando, Fla. Contestants must be between the ages of 13 and 17 on the date of the pageant, but may not be a high school senior. The areas of competition include: Private Interview, Talent Presentation (2 minute maximum), Evening Gown, Casual Wear, and Physical Fitness in exercise apparel. Savings Bonds will be awarded to the top five contestants and two awards will be given for community service.

The complete application package and information on entrance fees may be

obtained from Sue Kuhling at 284-4278, or by emailing: [Info@MissDelaware.org](mailto:Info@MissDelaware.org) or [KuhlAgain@aol.com](mailto:KuhlAgain@aol.com). Applications will be due mid-February. For more information on Miss Delaware's Outstanding Teen visit [www.MissDelaware.org](http://www.MissDelaware.org).

### Yard waste banned

Newark City Council passed an ordinance Monday night that bans all yard waste from the city's regular trash collection. The ordinance is in response to the ban on yard waste at Cherry Island landfill, which takes effect on Jan. 1, 2007.

Starting in January, the city will be picking up yard waste through a special collection one day a week, free of charge to residents. The waste must be bundled or placed in a 32-gallon container with a lid. Bundles must be less than four feet long and weigh less than 40 pounds.

Residents must take care to separate all yard waste from the regular trash, as the city can be fined \$500 per truckload of waste that goes to the landfill and violates the ban.

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# Lifestyle

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## OUTLOOK

### Be mindful of waste

By JORDAN ASHBY

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

As this year's Christmas season quickly approaches, there will be many thoughts that fill your mind from cookies, to sugar plums, to presents, to trees, to colors. The last two go well together due to the many blues, greens, reds and yellows that surround our trees during the holiday season, from the glistening perfectly-wrapped presents under the tree to the twinkling lights hung on the branches. However, those colors are not only on our mind this year because of the Christmas trees, but also because recycling and composting lend another meaning to those same colors.

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

This year many will be adjusting on Jan. 1, 2007, due to a mandatory yard waste ban that will go into effect for New Castle County. No leaves, grass clippings or other yard waste will be permitted in the landfill. This will encourage all to become more mindful of the items put in the trash-can. There already are local recycling drop-off facilities where color-coded bins will graciously accept materials such as glass, plastic, aluminum and paper. This year, be part of an initiative and develop a compost bin in either your backyard or your community to dispose of yard waste.

Despite this new law, no education of the general public was legislated along with the yard waste ban. The Cooperative Extension Office has numerous professionals who are willing to help you make the transition, as well as providing you with compost education. New Castle County

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## 'A Prophecy, a Promise and a Child'

Bear storyteller records Biblical Christmas story

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Michael Forestieri of Bear has been known to make even the toughest audience tear up. It's his job, after all, as a professional storyteller, to communicate stories in a way that tug at people's hearts.

In his newest project, Forestieri, a Christian and ordained minister, retells one of the most celebrated stories of all time — the Christmas story, or the Biblical



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST  
Michael Forestieri of Bear, a professional storyteller, recently released a recording of the biblical Christmas story.

account of the birth of Christ.

He hopes his audio recording, "A Prophecy, a Promise and a Child," reaches people who have never heard the story and those who may not fully understand its meaning. "Everybody is always rushing about with Christmas," he said. "Who knows the actual story? Okay — baby in a manger. Well, why?"

Forestieri tells segments of the Christmas story from the point of view of those who experienced it. For instance, in one segment, "Joseph's Decision," he talks about how Joseph felt when he found out Mary was pregnant with the Christ child.

"With storytelling," said Forestieri, "you imagine what it would be like. Without breaking the sincerity of the message, you walk into the story." Storytellers work through pictures, not words, he said. In order to make an audience believe the story, the teller must picture himself in the scene.

"I paint the words. They (the audience) paint the pictures. I have to engage the imagination of my audience, and that's what makes it so engrossing. They buy into the story," he said.

Forestieri said, initially, he was intimidated by the thought of retelling the Christmas story, but came to see it as work God was calling him to do. His 19-track CD includes harp and piano music, scripture references and story segments. He recommends



The CD's 19 tracks include piano and harp music, scriptural references and the Biblical Christmas story from the perspective of those who lived it, as told by Forestieri.

it for ages 6 and up.

Slipping into his storyteller voice, Forestieri describes the project's message: "The purpose of the CD is to present this story perhaps for the first time to someone who has never heard it, seen through the eyes of those who lived it. And to let them know that the prophecy came true, the

promise was kept and the child was born," he said.

Forestieri has been a full-time storyteller since 2002. In addition to his travelling ministry, he teaches storytelling and character building in area schools and leads narrative therapy for troubled teens. His CD is available at his Web site, tellitlikeitis.com.

## Looking for a uniquely Newark gift?

Area merchants may have what you need

As cities go, Newark is one to take pride in. Residents show that pride in many ways: by participating in city events, volunteering in community activities, even displaying the "New Ark, a wonderful place to live" bumper sticker on their cars.

This time of year, local merchants offer shoppers another way to show their city pride: by giving a uniquely Newark gift. Here are some Newark-themed items and memorabilia available now:

Minster's Jewelers in the Newark Shopping Center offers silver charms for bracelets or necklaces that showcase 12

important historic Newark landmarks. Charms include mini replicas of the Newark clock,



**Minster's Jewelers sells silver charms of Newark landmarks. This charm is for the Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church where the first service in this area was conducted.**

erected on Main Street in 1948, the Deer Park Hotel, the R.T. Foard and Jones Funeral Home, the Academy of Newark, the New Century Club, the Odd Fellows Lodge and more.

Marilyn Minster said the charms are big sellers throughout the year. Two new designs will

be released soon that portray the Masonic Temple on E. Delaware Avenue and St. John African Methodist Church on New London Road. Ten percent of all proceeds from the charms go to the Newark Historical Alliance to promote historic preservation in Newark.

Cindy's Hallmark Gift Shop in the Park 'n' Shop center on Elkton Road sells a variety of Newark and Delaware memorabilia, said owner Cindy DeEmedio. The store sells glass ornaments that feature Newark locales to benefit the Newark Historical Society.

Other items include a stone-ware container that says "Newark, Del.," and several ornaments imprinted with the city's name. "Especially for people who have lived here, or are moving here or

have been here their whole life — these make great gifts," said DeEmedio.

For a one-of-a-kind gift created by Newark area artists, try the Holiday Art Market at the Newark Arts Alliance on Elkton Road. The annual show and sale of original artwork and fine crafts includes hand knits, jewelry, handmade journals, ceramics, stained glass panels, lamps, decorative gourds and window jewelry. Proceeds from the sale support the NAA's art programs and activities. The exhibit is open Tuesday through Friday, from 12 to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 12 to 4 p.m.

You've Been Framed on Main Street sells a variety of Newark scenes painted by area

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## LIFESTYLE

# Middletown church to celebrate 'Victorian Christmas'

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Middletown, is offering a unique service this Christmas Eve that harkens back to the time of Charles Dickens.

At 6 p.m., worshippers will be taken back in time to 1872, the year the serpentine stone church was erected on East Green Street as the congregation began outgrowing what is now known as Old St. Anne's, located a mile

south.

The service — one of three to be held Christmas Eve — will fill the sanctuary with 19th century Christmas music featuring the church's Kilgen pipe organ and senior choir, under the direction of organist and choirmaster Dr. Christian Tagoe. St. Anne's bell ringers will also perform.

Also featured will be the liturgy, which incorporates the 1789

Book of Common Prayer, which was in use through 1892. This was the first prayer book authorized for use in the Episcopal Church after the Revolutionary War. Rich in Elizabethan English, it retains much of the language found in Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, which was used at St. Anne's and other Anglican churches prior the Revolution.

According to The Rev. Anthony Pompa, rector of St. Anne's, the service will be a learning experience. "The liturgy of the service will give us a better understanding of how Christmas was celebrated in Victorian times," said Pompa. "I think it will be an interesting alternative to our other services that day."

All are invited to attend the Christmas Eve services at St. Anne's East Green Street

location. In addition to the "Victorian" service, a family service with Christmas pageant will be held at 3 p.m., and a Festive Eucharist with choir, organ and brass at 11 p.m. St. Anne's senior choir will provide special music beginning at 10:30 p.m. Child care will be provided at both the 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. services. For more information, call St. Anne's parish office at 302-378-2401 or visit [www.st-annes-church.com](http://www.st-annes-church.com).

## Newark Rotary Club golfer wins Lexus

Lexus of Wilmington announced the delivery of a 2007 ES350 to R. Clifford Berg Jr. of Chadds Ford, Pa., for his hole-in-one at Delaware National Country Club on Oct. 9. Berg won the car on hole #12, a 175 yard par 3, during a Newark Rotary Club Golf Tournament.

Lexus of Wilmington Vice President Ira Josel handed Berg the keys to a Tungsten Silver ES350 valued at \$37,902. "I'm very pleased to have this opportunity. Community involvement is a very import aspect of Lexus of Wilmington's business philosophy and supporting service organizations like the Newark Rotary Club is just one way for us to give back to the community where we live and work. And although we have sponsored dozens of golf tournaments over the years this is the first time someone won the car."

The Newark Rotary Club's fundraising activities support a number of charitable organiza-



Left to Right: Ira Josel, vice president, Lexus of Wilmington, Cliff Berg Jr., hole-in-one winner, Greg Warren, Newark Rotary Club golf tournament chairman.

tions and local needs, including: college scholarships, the Dictionary Program for 3rd Graders in Christina School District, Camperships at Easter Seals Camp Fairlee Manor, Hope Dining Hall, the Delaware Foundation Reaching Citizens

with Cognitive Disabilities, Special Olympics Delaware, Little Sisters of the Poor and others. For information about the Newark Rotary Club contact Greg Warren at 369-3691.

## Art by residents for sale

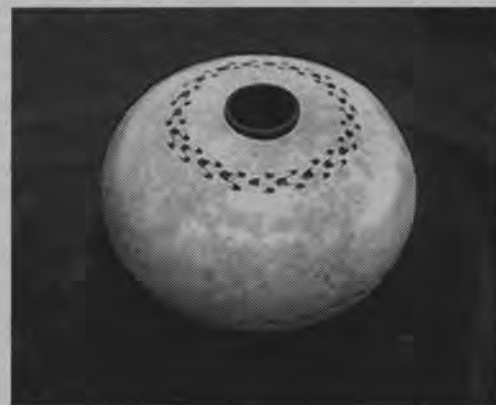
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artists. Works portray landmarks such as the Deer Park, the Stone Balloon, the State Theatre, the old Newark Train Station and several University of Delaware buildings, as captured by artists Kathy Ruck, Lisa Perotti, James McGlynn, Wendy Mitchell, Shawn Faust, Larry Anderson and more. Paintings can be purchased as originals or prints. Some come pre-framed.

One of the most popular prints sold this time of year, said employee Lisa Perotti, is a snow scene of E. Main Street by artist James McGlynn. Scenes can be

viewed on the Web site, [www.youvebeenframedde.com](http://www.youvebeenframedde.com) or in the shop.

And, for the Newarker who has everything, how about a gift certificate to downtown shops and restaurants? More than 70 shops and restaurants in the downtown area accept the gift certificates sold by the Downtown Newark Partnership. Purchases can be made in-person at the Downtown Newark Parking office at 45 E. Main Street, Formal Affairs, Village Imports and from the planning department in the city municipal building or online at [www.enjoydowntownnewark.com](http://www.enjoydowntownnewark.com).



Newark area artists are displaying and selling their work at the Newark Arts Alliance as part of the Holiday Art Market. Pieces include this decorative gourd by Mary Ellen Sweeney.

## 4-h youth to learn composting

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4-H has just received a REAL (Refreshing the Environment with Action Leaders) 4-H Community Grant established by Coca-Cola. New Castle County 4-H proposes to begin educating the public about composting yard waste as a means of recycling by educating 300-400 youth in 4-H and other after-

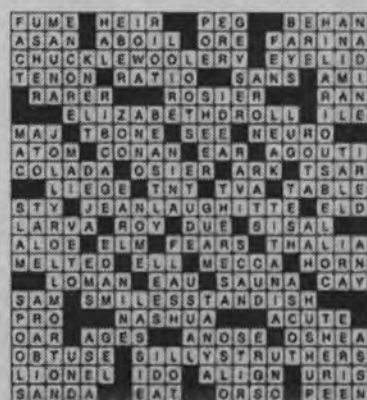
school programs in various sections of the county. Not only will 300-400 youth learn the importance of and how to compost, each will be given a compost bin for their own personal use after their educational workshops. After the bins are distributed throughout the county, a youth tech team will be developed to produce a monthly newsletter with journal updates, a GIS mapping of their locations, as well as other composting information.

So as we anxiously await the gathering of family and friends this Christmas season, one activ-

ity that might kindle togetherness would be participation in your family's compost bin. As you stroll through the mall, hear Christmas music and you begin to juggle ideas of presents for family and friends, don't forget to purchase a compost bin, wrap it with a big red bow, place it under your Christmas tree and have a safe and merry holiday.

For more information about composting education or purchasing a compost bin, please contact the New Castle County Cooperative Extension Office 831-2506.

**Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.**



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## ■ FRIDAY, DEC. 15

**CHRISTMAS WALK** 3 - 9 p.m. Join Downtown Elkton for window decorating contest, pictures with Santa, carolers and local school choirs. Sponsored by Elkton Chamber & Alliance, Elkton, Md. Info, 410-398-5076.

**CONCERT** 7:30 p.m. First State Symphonic Band Christmas concert. Faith Baptist Church, 4210 Limestone Rd., Wilmington. Info, 998-4105.

**CONCERT** 12:15 p.m. Brown Bag Concert Series features the Concord High School Chorale, Madrigals and Brass Choir. Free. Grace Episcopal Church, 2622 Pennington Dr., Wilmington. Info, 478-9533.

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

**LIVE MUSIC** 9 p.m. Featuring Chris Gordon playing Jazz Rock Fusion. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main, Newark. Info, 266-6993.

## ■ SATURDAY, DEC. 16

**LOIS YOUNG SHOW** 10:30 a.m. December's theme is "Holiday Cheer and Rockin' Reindeer." Wear something red or green or dress as sugar plum fairies, reindeer or elves. Bring a teddy bear or favorite doll. \$6. The New Century Club, 201 E. Delaware Ave. Newark. Info, 456-9227.

**CHORALE CONCERT** 7:30 p.m. "A Ceremony of Carols" by the New Ark Chorale, conducted by Michael Larkin. Adults \$15, seniors \$12 and students \$5. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main Street, Newark. Info, 368-4946.

**BRUNCH WITH SANTA** 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Santa arrives for a full day of holiday festivities including gingerbread house decorating and gift-wrapping. Caffè Gelato, 90 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 738-5811.

**PERFORMANCE** 12 and 4 p.m. Also Dec. 17. Mid-Atlantic Ballet presents "The Nutcracker." Mitchell Hall on the University of Delaware campus in Newark. Info, 266-6362.

**HOLIDAY WORKSHOP** 10 a.m. - noon. Also Dec. 18, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A Beary Special "Stuff-N-Fluff" event. Create your own stuffed animal and personalize it. \$13 and up for animals. Holy Angel's Church, Fremont Hall, 82 Possum Park Rd., Newark. Info, 737-1649.

**HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA** 8 p.m. Also Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. A variety of entertainers will perform, including the Upper Chesapeake Community Band, a quartet of local singers and several area children performing scenes from a classic story. \$20 adults, \$10 children 12 and under. Cecil Community College, One Seahawk Dr., North East, Md. Info, 410-287-1054.

**SUNDAES WITH SANTA** 1 - 3 p.m. Have your picture taken with Santa and

## THE NUTCRACKER PERFORMED



Kelsey Hammond, pictured, will perform Clara in the Mid-Atlantic Ballet's production of The Nutcracker this Saturday, Dec. 16, at noon and 4 p.m. Abby Higgins will play Clara in two shows on Sunday, Dec. 17, at noon and 4 p.m. Performances will be in Mitchell Hall on the University of Delaware campus. The show is directed by Sara Tylor Neal. For tickets, call 266-6362.

his sleigh. Kids will receive a free sundae. Live holiday music. Kilby Cream, 129 Strohmaier Lane, Rising Sun, Md. Info, 410-658-8874.

**OPERA HOUSE PERFORMANCE** 8 p.m. The 30th Grand Gala Artist this year is beloved performer, Bill Cosby. \$250 and up. Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Info, 658-7897.

**OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS** 6 - 8 p.m. Music, kids' crafts, singing, a bonfire and "sleigh ride." New Life Christian Fellowship, 2712 Old Milltown Rd., Wilmington. Info, 999-1800.

**LIVE MUSIC** 9:30 p.m. - 1 a.m. Featuring Hollywood & The Band. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-9414.

**LIVE MUSIC** 9 p.m. Featuring Kaitlin Sweeny. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main, Newark. Info, 266-6993.

**DANCE THEATRE** 2 p.m. Happy Holidays 2006, featuring over 90 of Wilmington's most talented singers and dancers. Program includes Winter Ballets, Tap Dancing Santas, and more. \$18. Archmere Academy, 3600

Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. Info, 475-3949.

## ■ SUNDAY, DEC. 17

**CANTATA** 6:30 p.m. The adult choir presents "Born a King." Faith Baptist Church, 4210 Limestone Rd., Wilmington. Info, 998-4105.

**COMIC BOOK SHOW** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sports Cards, Comic Books, NASCAR and Collectibles. \$2 admission. Aetna Fire Hall, 400 Ogletown Rd., Newark. Info, 559-7962.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** 3 p.m. Featuring The Chancel, Crusader and Carol Choirs, and First State Ringers Handbell Choir. Free. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 368-8774.

**WORSHIP SERVICE** 7 p.m. "Blue Christmas," a special worship service designed to touch those who are lonely or grieving this holiday season. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 368-8774.

**FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS** 10:30 a.m. Special musical presentation by all the choirs at First Presbyterian Church and a 15-piece orchestra. 292 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 731-5644.

**CONCERT** 3 p.m. Newark Symphony Orchestra. Refreshments served during the interval. \$15, Seniors and children discounted. The Independence School, 1300 Paper Mill Rd., Newark. Info, 369-3466.

**LIVE NATIVITY** 6 - 8 p.m. Re-live the first Christmas with Bible characters and live animals. Donations accepted. Tailwinds Farm, 41 Tailwinds Lane, Route 272, North East, Md. Info, 410-658-8187.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** 8 - noon. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, and sausage. \$5. Sponsored by Delaware State Association of Delaware DeMolay chapter and Job's Daughters. Newport Masonic Hall, 112 E. Market St., Newport. Info, 998-4093.

## ■ MONDAY, DEC. 18

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION** 6:30 p.m. The Stitch in Time Quilt Guild will discuss the "Underground Railroad Quilt Code" at the meeting of the Central Delaware Civil Round Table. Ham dinner at 7 p.m., followed by meeting. \$14. Palmer Room of the Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Ave., Dover. Info, 697-1050.

## ■ TUESDAY, DEC. 19

**SANTA'S WORKSHOP** Through Friday Dec. 22, 5 - 8 p.m. Also Saturday,

See **EVENTS, 11** ►

## ■ FRIDAY, DEC. 15

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

## ■ SATURDAY, DEC. 16

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

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

## ■ SUNDAY, DEC. 17

**DELAWARE ACCORDION CLUB** 2 - 5 p.m. Third Sunday. Meeting for an open mic session. Open to the public. First State Diner, I-95 exit 1-B, Route 896 North. Info, 738-7378.

## ■ MONDAY, DEC. 18

**CHILDREN'S NATURE PROGRAM** 10:30 a.m. Mondays in December. "Nature Nuggets - Fall Series," discovery program for young children. \$3. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info, 368-6900.

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

**GUARDIANS' SUPPORT** 6 - 8 p.m.

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

**NEWARK ROTARY CLUB** 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Mondays. Iron Hill Brewery, 147 E. Main, Newark. Info, 453-8853.

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

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

**ENGLISH CLASSES** 1 and 7 p.m. Mondays. English Conversational Classes. Free. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. main St., Newark. Info, 368-4942.

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

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

**PANIC RELIEF** 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Mondays or 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays. New group forming in Newark area. Overcome your fears, anxiety, and agoraphobia and achieve positive self-image. Info, 732-940-9658.

**DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP** 7:15 p.m. Sponsored by New Directions Delaware. Speaker is Dr. James Walsh, pastoral counselor in private practice in Newark. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Concord Pike, Wilmington. Info, 286-1161.

## MEETINGS

### ■ TUESDAY, DEC. 19

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

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

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

**NEWARK LIONS** 6:30 p.m. First and third Tuesday. Lions meeting with program. Holiday Inn, Route 273 and I-95. Info, 731-1972.

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20**

**TAI CHI** 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Integrate mind, body, and spirit using techniques developed by the ancient Chinese. Free for people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle,

4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**AT HOME MOTHERS CONNECTION** 7:30 p.m. First and third Wednesday.

Meeting for moms only. St. Barnabas Church, Duncan Road. Info, 610-274-2165.

**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. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info, 737-5063.

**PARENT ADVISORY BOARD** 7 p.m. Third Wednesday. Meetings alternate between Bayard and Keene schools. Info, 454-2500 or visit [www.christina.k12.de.us](http://www.christina.k12.de.us).

**CROHN'S AND COLITIS FOUNDATION** 7:30 p.m. Third Wednesday. Wilmington Satellite Group. Christiana Hospital, Room 1100. Info, 764-5717.

**BGCCO MEETING** 7 p.m. Third Wednesday. Bear Glasgow Council of Civic Organizations. DE State Police Troop II Headquarters, Route 40 East of Route 896. Info, 832-0793.

**DIAMOND STATE CROCHETERS** 6 p.m. Third Wednesday. Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Road. Info, 324-8585.

## ■ THURSDAY, DEC. 21

**YOGA** 10:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Thursdays. Increase your flexibility and strength, and reduce stress by using gentle Yoga techniques. Free, pre-registration is required. For people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.

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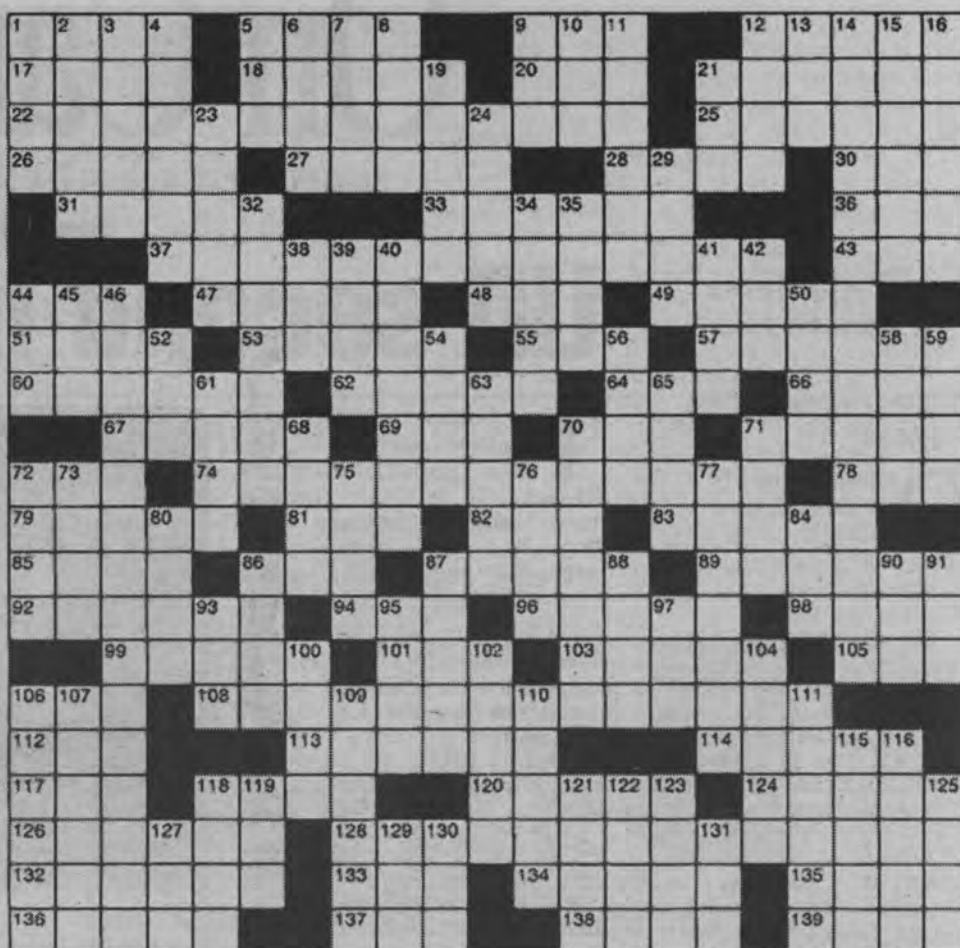
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## MEETINGS, from 10

**TAI CHI** 4:15 p.m. Thursdays. Integrate mind, body, and spirit using techniques developed by the ancient Chinese. Free for people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle County, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.

**LET'S DANCE CLUB** 4 - 6 p.m. Thursdays. Features ballroom and line dancing. Free. Meets at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 737-2336.

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

**EVENING YOGA** 6:15 p.m. Thursdays. Class to encourage relaxation and improve

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

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

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

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

1711 or 737-0724.

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

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

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION** 10:30 a.m. - Noon. First and Third Thursday. Temple Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington. Info, 764-4335.

**HOLISTIC HEALTH** 7 p.m. Third Thursday. Workshop by certified natural

health professional. Free, pre-registration required. Rainbow Books, Main St. Info, 368-7738.

**SUPPORT GROUP** 3 p.m. Third Thursday. Free. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. Info, 737-7080.

**ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP** 6:30 p.m. Third Thursday. Newark Senior

Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info, 737-2336.

**MEDAL OF HONOR ASSN** 7 p.m. Third Thursday. Delaware Medal of Honor Historical Association meets. Open to public. Veterans Administration Hospital, Elsmere.

## EVENTS, from 10

Dec. 23, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lieberman's Bookstore, 45 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 283-9980.

**ANTIQUE FISHING SHOW** 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Peter Fechter presents "Antiquated Anglers," one of Delaware's most comprehensive antique fishing collections. Bring an old fishing item to have evaluated for free. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 454-8827.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

**DJ DANCE PARTY** 9:30 p.m. - 1 a.m. Featuring Tom Travers. No cover charge. Deer Park Tavern, 180 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-9414.

**LIVE MUSIC** 9 p.m. Featuring Sean Q. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main, Newark. Info, 266-6993.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 21

**HANDBELL CONCERT** 7 & 8 p.m. Featuring the First Presbyterian Church Carillon Ringers from Newark. Included with general admission. Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square, Pa. Info, 610-388-1000.

**MUG NIGHT** Featuring Kristen & The Noise. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-9414.

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# On Campus

NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

## BRIEFLY

### Prather named alumni professor

Dennis Prather of Newark has been named the first College of Engineering Alumni Professor, effective Jan. 1.

The author or coauthor of 24 U.S. patents and more than 250 publications, Prather is a fellow of the Optical Society of America and the Society for Photo-Instrumentation Engineers. He received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Maryland and joined the UD faculty in 1997.



Prather

### Register for Saturday Morning Math

Registration for Session II of UD's Saturday Morning Math enrichment program is now under way at the Mathematics and Science Education Resource Center in room 103 at 200 Academy St., on UD's Newark campus.

Open to students in grades 1-8, Saturday Morning Math runs for six consecutive Saturdays beginning Jan. 6.

Classes are offered Saturdays at 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and noon. Cost for the six-week course is \$60.

For more information, visit [www.udel.edu/mserc/satmath.html](http://www.udel.edu/mserc/satmath.html), call UD's Mathematics and Science Education Resource Center at 831-4447 or email [uofdmserc@udel.edu](mailto:uofdmserc@udel.edu).

### MBA course aids job search

The Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics at UD has added a new course, "Professional Performance Standards," to its MBA program.

The course gives students real-world advice from alumni, faculty and staff on how to outshine the competition when applying for a job. The class is offered on a pass/fail basis.

## UD second in Blood Challenge

The University of Delaware finished second in the 2006 Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) "Have a Heart" Blood Challenge, with 702 actual donors, compared to first-place Drexel University's 713 actual donors. UD, which had won the first four CAA Blood Challenges, had 911 registered donors, compared to 885 registered donors for Drexel University.

The 2006 CAA "Have a Heart" Blood Challenge also shattered all previous records with 3,215 actual donors and 3,287 productive units of blood collected. The University of Delaware and Drexel accounted for nearly half the number of actual donors in this year's Blood Challenge.

"We are proud that so many of our students, staff and faculty contributed," UD President David P. Roselle said. "The real winners in this competition are the many people who will benefit from the blood that was collected. We also appreciate the efforts of all the CAA institutions who participated in this year's blood drive."



UD PHOTO BY KATHY F. ATKINSON

Head Football Coach K.C. Keeler gets moral support during his CAA Blood Challenge donation from Cheerleading Team members (from left) Lauren Crawford, Heather Records, Jessica Johnson, Keli Hefe and Bryan Hansen.

Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) President and CEO Robert L. Travis said that with the holiday season right around the corner the units of blood collected during the largest and most successful blood drive that BBD has ever experienced will benefit the

hospital patients who rely on life-saving blood transfusions.

The 3,215 actual donors represents a 22 percent increase in the amount of blood collected during the 2005 Blood Challenge and is nearly triple the amount collected during the inaugural campaign

in 2002.

During the five years that the CAA Blood Challenge has been in existence, 10,697 productive units of blood have been collected.

This year, Georgia State University finished third, with 299 donors, followed by Towson University (284), Hofstra University (237), Virginia Commonwealth University, the University of North Carolina Wilmington (168), College of William and Mary (161), George Mason University (117), Northeastern University (117) and James Madison University (105).

The CAA Blood Challenge was developed in 2002 by the conference presidents at Roselle's suggestion as a fun way to emphasize the critical importance of donating blood. Each CAA institution worked with its local blood service center and designated one day during the fall to conduct a campuswide blood drive. Student groups, faculty, staff and alumni were all encouraged to participate.

## UD junior chosen Miss Delaware USA

Nicole Bosso, a University of Delaware junior communications major from New Castle, was officially crowned Miss Delaware USA on Nov. 26 at the Dover Sheraton

Hotel, selected from more than 30 contestants.

The tension grew as other winners were announced, leading up to the announcement of Miss Delaware USA. "Much to

my surprise and joy, I won the title of Miss Delaware USA. It was a memorable moment that flashed before my eyes. I was completely shocked and happy!" Bosso recalled.

"It was all my decision and doing to enter the Miss Delaware USA pageant," she said. "A friend who had taken part in pageants suggested I might enjoy participating so I applied through the Miss USA Pageant web site."

"My mother wasn't urging me to compete, but she and my father were both in tears when I went backstage after being crowned. Now that I have won, I have a large support group to help me during the next year."

One of her treasured prizes is a gold ring that is an exact replica of Miss Delaware USA crown, she said, adding that she is looking forward to a week in Jamaica and a year of sessions at a spa. But what matters



Bosso

most, Bosso said, is the opportunity to take part in the Miss USA Pageant next spring.

Bosso, who graduated from St.

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## IN THE NEWS

# Computing museum opens at UD

Containing hardware and software items from the past, including an 8-inch floppy disk and a 1920's Morse Code transmitter capable of transmitting about 10 bits of information per second, the new Computing Museum at the University of Delaware provides historical perspectives on major computing discoveries and transitions.

The museum is located in the foyer of Smith Hall, South College Avenue at Amstel Avenue on the Newark campus.

The exhibition is a collaborative effort between Museum Studies and the Department of Computer and Information Sciences. Museum curators include Lori Pollock, professor of computer and informa-

tion sciences, and Paul Amer, Alumni Distinguished Professor of Computer and Information Sciences and Chandra Reedy, professor of museum studies. It's funded by a Unidel Transformation Grant from the College of Arts and Sciences.

A pair of sculptures created by students in the College of Arts and Sciences were unveiled

at the exhibit—Siliconous Graphicous, made of steel and mortar, by junior Charles Mahley, and Reconnect, graduate student Ronald Longsdorf's six-foot-plus steel and resin vertical column of Macintosh and PC parts cloaked in a configuration of connecting cables.



UD PHOTO BY DUANE PERRY

Paul Amer, alumni distinguished professor of Computer and Information Sciences, displays a 15-inch floppy disk used to store voice and music recordings, circa 1979.

## Pageant

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Mark's High School, said she has enjoyed her courses and study at UD and that her professors always have time to respond to her e-mails and concerns. As for the future, Bosso is leaning toward law school or a possible career in advertising. "I have been taking core courses in communications and as I get into the advanced courses I'll have a better idea of what I want to do," she said.

But for now, Bosso is on the threshold of a whirlwind year as Miss Delaware USA. The climax will be the Miss USA Pageant, sponsored by Donald J. Trump and NBC Universal, this spring, time and place to be announced. In the meantime, Bosso will be making personal appearances at charitable and community events, beginning with holiday parades in Claymont and Elsmere.

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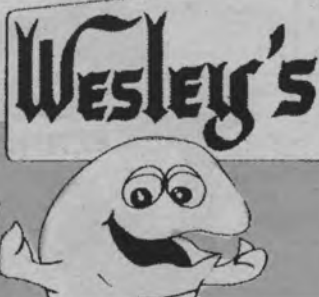
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the perfect tree. "When you sell trees every year like we do, you recognize the same people coming back," said Palmer.

Money raised by the Lions tree sale goes to fund several community service projects, such as the sight and hearing program and a program that gives eyeglasses to people who need them.

The lot will be open until Saturday, Dec. 23, or until the last tree gets sold. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. on weekdays, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends. "We're praying for snow this weekend,"

said Palmer. "When it snows, everybody wants to come out to get their tree."

Across town, members of Boy Scout Troop 603, which meets in Kingswood United Methodist Church in Newark, are busy at work, trying to sell more than 750 Christmas trees this season.

Scoutmaster Tom McCann said scouts — ages 11 to 16 years old — and their parents have been volunteering at the lot, assisting customers in selecting trees and loading them onto their vehicles.

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types — Douglas, Fraser and Balsam firs, Blue Spruce and White Pine — and sizes that range from tabletop to nearly 12 feet tall.

Last Sunday, several scouts sat around a bonfire, while Ian Cotter, 16, and Alex Sharkey, 14, greeted customers at the entrance. "There's three types of customers," said Cotter. "There's customers who know exactly what they're looking for; customers who don't have a clue and others who just want to be left alone to shop."

Money from the tree sales goes toward troop activities. McCann called it the "main fund raiser for the troop." The tradition spans more than 30 years for Boy Scout Troop 603, which has sold Christmas trees in the same location on Elkton Road each year.

The lot is open Monday through Friday, 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m. The lot will close Saturday, Dec. 23, or until the last tree is sold.



Ian Cotter of Boy Scout Troop 603 describes the different varieties of Christmas trees for sale at the lot along Elkton Road.

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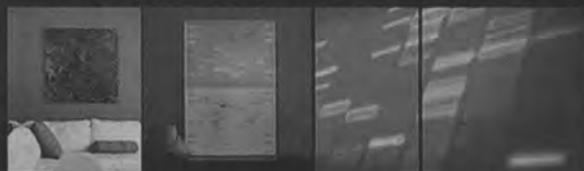
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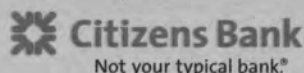
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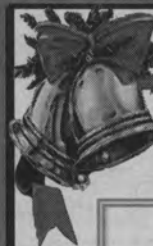
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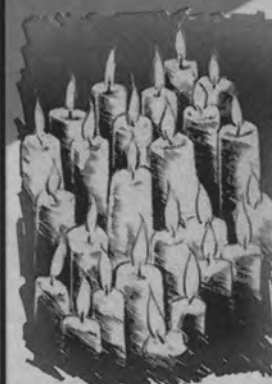
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**Marlon E. Johnson Jr.**

Marlon E. Johnson Jr., 20, of Newark, died on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006.

Johnson attended Colwyck Elementary, Gunning Bedford Middle and Newark High School. He was employed by The News Journal.

Johnson is survived by his mother, Lynn Gibson; father, Marlon Johnson Sr.; daughter, Kaniya Johnson; his best friend and twin brother, Marvin T. Johnson; his sister, Charday R. Johnson; maternal grandparents, Edward and Margaret Gibson; paternal grandparent, Tillie Cheers; a niece, Tatiana Johnson; his uncles; and a host of cousins, other family and friends. He was predeceased by his paternal grandfather, Lewis Johnson.

Services were to be private.

**Mary Ann Siaweleski**

Mary Ann Siaweleski, 86, of Newark, formerly of Bayonne, N.J., died on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, at her home.

Siaweleski was born in Bayonne, N.J., on Feb. 11, 1920, daughter of the late George V. Zgola and Anna Andrey Zgola.

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

Marlon E. Johnson Jr.  
Mary Ann Siaweleski  
Clarence Simmons  
Dawn L. Walters  
Freeman Williams  
Suzanne K. Wright

She had been employed with the housekeeping department at the former Sheraton Inn in Newark from 1980-1987. Siaweleski was a longtime parishioner of Our Lady of Fatima RC Church.

Her husband, Theodore John Siaweleski, died in 1991. She was also preceded in death by a son, Theodore Siaweleski; a brother, George Zgola; and a sister, Anna Hallas. She is survived by her beloved daughter, Joyce Ann Siaweleski of Newark; a brother, John Zgola of Bayonne, N.J.; and a sister, Helen Kubek of Hillsboro, N.J.

A Mass of Christian Burial was to be offered on Monday, Dec. 11, at Our Lady of Fatima RC Church, New Castle. Entombment followed in All Saints Cemetery, 6001 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington.

Contributions may be made to Our Lady of Fatima RC Church, 801 N. DuPont Parkway, New Castle, DE 19720.

**Clarence Simmons**

Clarence Simmons, 67, of Newark, died Nov. 30, 2006.

A funeral service was held Friday, Dec. 8, at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 1325 Barksdale Rd., Newark. Burial followed in Hickory Grove Cemetery, Port Penn.

**Dawn L. Walters**

Dawn L. Walters, 80, of Newark, died on Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, at Christiana Hospital.

Walters was born in Shamokin, Pa., the daughter of the late Harry and Harriet Weis, raised in Philadelphia and has lived with her loving family in Newark for the past 12 years. Walters was a quality control supervisor for Wyeth Laboratories, retiring in 1987. During World War II, Walters was active in the "USO."

Her husband of 47 years, Raymond J. Walters, passed away in 1994. She is survived by her son, Raymond J. Walters and his wife, Valerie; grandchildren, Matthew Walters and his wife, Janet, Jason Walters, Jeffrey Walters and his wife,

Jennifer, and Courtney Walters; great-grandchildren, Hannah Walters and Chase Walters; brother-in-law, George Walters; sister-in-law, Rhoda Weis; and her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Norman Weis and Bob Weis.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, Dec. 7, at Beeson

Funeral Home of Newark, 2053 Pulaski Highway, Fox Run.

**Freeman Williams**

Freeman Williams, 86, died on Dec. 8, 2006, at Christiana Hospital.

Williams was the husband of Ernestine Williams; father of Freeman L. Williams Jr., and

Larry W. Williams. He is also survived by one grandson, Freeman L. Williams II; two great-grandchildren, Mason and Brycen Williams; and a host of other nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, Dec. 14, at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 1325 Barksdale Rd., Newark. Burial was to be in Delaware Veterans Memorial

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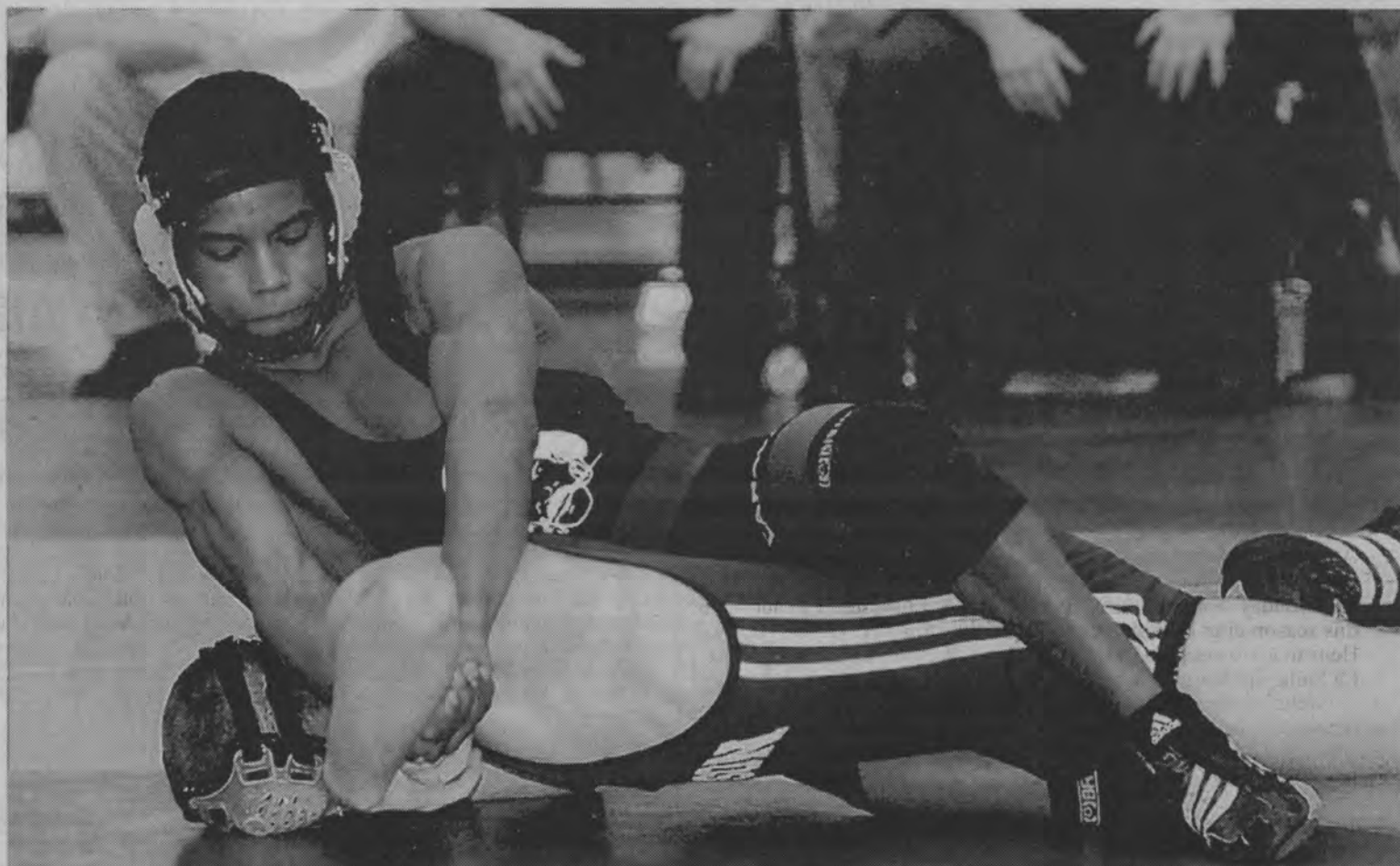


# Sports

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## State's, nation's best at Beast

Caravel's Jarrod Garnett (top) will be one of several Delaware high school wrestlers with good opportunity to place highly at this weekend's TGI Friday's Beast of the East Wrestling Tournament at the Carpenter Center. The tournament is annually recognized as the toughest high school wrestling tournament in the country. This year, 80 teams from 19 states will be competing. Twelve Delaware high schools will be among those 80 including local schools Caravel, St. Mark's and Hodgson.



## Newark boys fall to Concord in Kappa opener

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Concord's hot, long-range shooting propelled the Raiders to a 52-46 victory over Newark in the opening game of the 2006 Kappa Klassic Basketball Tournament played at Glasgow High School.

Brandon Tunnell had a tremendous game, leading all scorers with 32 points, including a half

dozen three-pointers.

He exploded for 16 points in the first quarter in helping the Raiders build a 21-10 lead.

"We knew he (Tunnell) shoots threes because we played them last year in the Kappa Tournament, and our game plan was to not allow him to shoot those threes, and he still had all those points in the first quarter," said Newark coach Greg Benjamin.

Both teams played a tighter defense in the second quarter,

but neither team shot the ball as well.

Concord shot a little better in taking a 28-16 lead into the locker room at the half. The Raiders had a total of six three-pointers in the first 16 minutes.

Greg Benjamin, Jr. and Leon Warren struggled early, but began to find the range heading into the second half.

Newark rallied in the third quarter with a nice 8-2 run to cut the lead to 30-24 at the 4:30

mark.

But the persistent Raiders hit a pair of long-range jumpers to maintain a 40-31 lead with eight minutes remaining.

Some physical play resulted in both teams going to the foul line frequently in the fourth quarter.

Concord went 8-16 from the charity stripe in the final period. Newark, meanwhile, was 5-9 on foul shots.

The Jackets got within six several times in the fourth quarter,

but were never able to close the gap.

Benjamin led Newark with 17 points, while Warren finished with 16.

"We're a young team trying to get the players to understand what we're trying to do defensively," said Benjamin. "Once they do what we ask them we'll be fine during the rest of the season."

Newark (1-1) will play again Saturday in a consolation game to wrap up the Kappa Tournament.

## Big second half leads McKean past Newark girls

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The Newark girls basketball team was humbled Monday afternoon, in a lopsided 56-18 home loss to non-conference opponent McKean.

The Lady Yellowjackets were bothered throughout the entire game by poor shooting and a tough full-court press by the Lady

Highlanders.

"We definitely have to improve on our rebounding and our overall defense," said Newark coach De'Ja Green. "Our girls have talent, but we let them second, third and fourth shots today, and that's what hurt us," she said.

Both teams got off to a slow start offensively with the Highlanders taking a slim 5-2 lead after one quarter.

McKean then began to pull

away in the second period on good shooting from Janai' Brister and Kyra McGriff to take a 17-9 halftime lead.

Elizabeth Smith and Mimi Sato led the Jackets attack through the first 16 minutes of action.

The Highlanders blew the game wide open in the third period thanks to hot shooting from Jasmine Harris and McGriff.

McKean's rugged defense produced numerous steals and turn-

overs and helped the Highlanders build a 40-15 lead after three quarters.

Newark's guards were unable to handle the pressure in the final frame. This resulted in McKean dominating the Jackets, who were outscored 16-3 in the fourth quarter.

"We definitely had a height disadvantage today, too," said Green. "Beyond that, we just have to play more physical."

Harris led all scorers with 19 points, while McGriff added 18. Marissa Jamison (10), Ashley Hynson (9) and Brister (8) each had strong game for McKean.

Sato had six points to lead Newark. Dynesha Bolden had five points and Smith finished with three for the Jackets, who's record fell to 1-3 on the season.



## IN THE NEWS

# Wesley pounded by Whitewater in Division III semi

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

WHITEWATER, Wis.--Wesley College's dream of playing in the NCAA Division III championship game was again dashed in Perkins Stadium in Whitewater, Wisconsin.

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (14-0) defeated Wesley 44-7 Saturday afternoon in the D-3 national semifinal contest. Last year, the Warhawks ended Wesley's dream season with a similar 58-6 whipping.

This time, it was cold and very windy, but the field conditions were better than last year.

"I think from start to finish, they were ready to go, and we did not bring our 'A' game," said

Wesley coach Mike Drass. "That was a good, old-fashioned butt-kicking. Whitewater's coaches should be proud of their kids, and their effort."

The 13-1 Wolverines fell behind early as Whitewater immediately took advantage of good field position.

Warhawk quarterback Justin Jacobs had no problems in the blustery conditions, throwing for two touchdowns to different receivers in the first quarter.

An early indication things might not go Wesley's way happened midway through the quarter, when kicker Jeff Schebler kicked a 49-yard field goal with a strong tail-wind. The ball bounced off the cross ball and through for a 10-0 lead. Whitewater led 17-0 after one period.

The second quarter proved no better for the Wolverines, as UWW continued its relentless aerial attack. Jacobs added three more TD passes in building an incredible 38-0 lead at halftime.

Meanwhile, the Wolverines improved running attack was also unable to team up with receivers Mike Clarke, Jon Lanouette or Jason Schatz. No matter what formations or plays they tried, Whitewater proved equal to the task.

In the second half, UWW stayed on the ground, to use up as much of the clock as possible.

As efficient as Whitewater's offense performed throughout the day, their defense was just as formidable.

Wesley usually potent offense was not able to cross midfield until late in the fourth quarter on its final drive.

Clarke was held to one reception during the game.

Freshman running back Mike Pennewell rushed for a team high 39 yards, all in the fourth quarter.

"We were able to take Clarke out of the game early, and that was a key," said Whitewater coach Bob Berezowitz. "They were not throwing with their normal accuracy they had coming into this game."

The Wolverines' only points came on a Warrick to Schatz 5-yard touchdown pass with just over two minutes remaining in the contest.

Warrick's connection was his

100th career touchdown pass in his four years as Wesley's starting quarterback.

"I'm proud of our kids," said Drass. "I'm proud of the effort we gave in the second half... But I love these kids, I'm very proud of them, and I'm proud to be their coach."

Drass added the UWW performance could help them win the national championship this year.

Whitewater will face defending Division III champion, Mount Union (Ohio) this Saturday afternoon in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl in Salem, Va. for the title.

The 14-0 Purple Raiders, who have won seven of last 10 D-3 titles, defeated St. John Fisher last weekend 26-14 in the other national semifinal contest.

## UD's Smith honored again by CAA

University of Delaware senior guard Tyresa Smith (Dover, DE/Polytech) was named the Colonial Athletic Association Women's Basketball Player of the Week on Monday for the third time this season after leading the Blue Hens to a 2-0 week and wins over La Salle and Boston University.

Smith posted 43 points, 23 rebounds, and four steals while shooting 42 percent in the Hens' two victories. Against La Salle, the senior scored a team-high 19 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in the 66-52 non-league win over the previously undefeated Explorers.

The Blue Hens (8-1) then

recorded their seventh straight victory with a 79-59 win over Boston University Sunday as Smith led Delaware with 24 points and 13 rebounds. She also recorded two steals including her 278th for her career, breaking the all-time mark at Delaware of 277 set by Lisa Cano in the 1988 season.

Sam Brigham of Hofstra was named the league's Rookie of the Week.

Smith and the Blue Hens return to action Sunday when Delaware travels to Massachusetts for a 2 p.m. game with the Minutewomen.

## UD's Patrick named to All-America team

For the second time in three days, University of Delaware senior tight end Ben Patrick has been honored with selection to a post-season All-American team.

Patrick, who led all NCAA Division I tight ends in receptions this season, was named Tuesday to the American Football Coaches Association first team All-American team from a committee of NCAA I-AA head coaches. He earned first team Walter Camp Foundation All-American honors on Sunday.

The AFCA is the second of four All-American teams to be announced this month. The Sports Network and Associated Press All-American teams will be

announced later in December.

Patrick, a 6-5, 270 lb. senior from Savannah, GA (Jenkins High School), is just the third tight end in school history to earn All-American honors and the first to earn first team honors. Former Delaware tight ends Jaime Young (1979) and Jeff Modesitt (1986) each earned honorable mention honors by the Associated Press. Patrick is the first UD player to earn first team All-AFCA honors since defensive back Sidney Haugabrook in 2004.

A first-year transfer from Duke and a strong National Football League prospect, Patrick caught 64 passes for 639 yards and six touchdowns in his only season

with the Blue Hens, setting a UD single season record for receptions by a tight end and ranking third in the conference in receptions at 5.82 per game.

His 5.82 receptions per game and 58.1 yards per game were also tops among all NCAA I-A and I-AA tight ends during the regular season. He caught at least five passes in each of the final nine games of the season and had nine catches for 109 yards and one touchdown vs. No. 1 ranked New Hampshire Sept. 30. He will become the first player in Delaware history to compete in the annual Hula Bowl college football all-star game in Hawaii in January.

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## IN THE NEWS

# MS society holds annual meeting

On Saturday, Nov. 18, the Delaware Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society held its 2006 annual celebration and meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Newark.

Boasting "a new attitude," the meeting drew professional and medical experts on a range of medical, cognitive and symptom-related issues as well as individuals with multiple sclerosis.

The MS Assessment Clinic, earned a Friend of the MS Society Award, given

to an individual, organization or corporation that has supported the efforts of the Delaware Chapter in the past year. Ken Seaman, the clinic's founder, received the award on behalf of staff members Kathy Caudle, Dave Hudson, Yvonne Kneisley, Christine Lundmark, Shirley Maltby, Melissa Morgan, Michell Provost Craig, and Gail Wells.

For more information, call 655-5610, or visit the chapter Web site at [www.msdelaware.org](http://www.msdelaware.org).



# West Park also wants full-day kindergarden

## ► SCHOOLS, from 1

In a recent newsletter, Gallaher principal Karen Keller stated that "our most exciting family activity this month" was the PTA meeting to discuss having a fifth grade at the school in 2007-08. "Over 60 parents attended the session and unanimously approved the motion for the PTA to move forward with this request," Keller

noted.

A Gallaher parent who did not want to give her name said that school decided to make its request after West Park Elementary School was successful in getting a fifth grade for 2006-07.

At Tuesday's meeting, Polss-Mutschler told the school board that "almost 300" parents of currently enrolled students at Gallaher signed the petition asking for a fifth grade. Among

other reasons, she said it would be "counterproductive" to their learning for fifth graders to have to move to a new school in the city. "We want them to stay in the environment where they are succeeding as long as possible," she said. "And the thought of that commute, twice each day, on I-95 is frightening."

West Park Elementary spokesperson Kathleen McHugh Paesano alluded to a possible closing of her school in making

a request for sixth grade at that school. "We just finished building renovations and don't want to close West Park and move students," Paesano said. "We will take a hit when the K-4 charter school opens, but our students deserve a school close to home."

Paesano also asked the school board to consider full day kindergarden, and another fifth grade class to join the one previously added at West Park. "We need an additional classroom for fifth

grade, because we currently have 80-plus students in fourth grade."

Paesano said West Park was aware that the District's deficit would limit expenditures, but also stated that the welfare of students should be the primary concern. "We believe that West Park could be a model K-6 school," she said while requesting a quick response from the District. "But, parents can't wait until the end of the school year to make decisions about where their children will be going next year."

Gallaher Elementary was also among "STAR" schools honored for their Positive Behavior Support programs. This was Gallaher's first year for the award given to PBS schools that score 90 percent or better on an evaluation of their program. At Gallaher, every student is involved in the PBS program that awards "Panther Points" for specific achievements. The Points can be used to join in special activities during the school year.



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## IN THE NEWS

# City departments will reduce costs by 2%

## ► COUNCIL, from 1

A federal jury has ordered the city pay Durkin more than \$36 million in damages. The city has filed an appeal, asking for a new trial and reduced judgement.

Luft said the \$250,000 increase for legal services will be funded through a 2006 carryover surplus from a capital project in the city's electric department. The amount raises the total budget for contractual legal services to \$283,400.

In the event that more funds are needed for trial expenses, Luft presented council with a contingency plan. The plan makes recommendations as to how the city can recover \$2.6 million through cost reductions and increased revenue if needed.

Recommendations include an increase in fees and a delay in filling vacant staff positions, such as finance director. The items require "a certain degree of judgment," said Luft, that council will have to make if and when it becomes necessary.

Even with the uncertainty surrounding the reservoir trial verdict and appeal, the city will start to tighten its financial belt

in January in response to what may or may not be coming down the line.

"There are certain things that we have to implement," said Luft. A 2 percent reduction in materials and contractual services for all city departments will go into effect Jan. 1, 2007, said Luft.

Department heads have submitted plans for reducing their costs by 2 percent. A 1 percent reduction was mandated earlier this year when energy prices skyrocketed.

Council voted to approve the 2007 budget, which totals \$31,749,760, and set the property tax rate at last year's rate of \$0.5233 per every \$100.

The 2007 budget has several service improvements, including the addition of a full-time maintenance employee, landscaping and plantings to improve the appearance of the reservoir and a reorganization of the police department to increase supervisory positions.

Before the budget discussion, council voted to defer the purchase of a forensic video assessment system for the Newark Police Department. The system would have enabled the department to recover, store and enhance video evidence.

Currently, the department uses equipment owned by the Delaware State Police and the University of Delaware. Having

the equipment in-house, said Capt. John Potts, would reduce delays in investigations.

Council voted to defer the

\$44,520 purchase until the city had a better idea of its future finances.

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## CHURCH NEWS

## 'Blue Christmas Service' to reach those grieving at the holidays

Service will be held this Sunday, at 7 p.m.

By **PATRICIA E. LANG**

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. the Newark United Methodist Church, 69 East Main St., will hold its second annual Blue Christmas Service.

"There is a whole lot of pressure to be happy at this time of year," said James C. Faltot, pastor for congregational care and outreach at the church. "For some people this is close to impossible. We want to bring them together. We want to say, 'you're not alone. Your feelings are legitimate.'"

The 56 minute ritual will focus on "remembering." Dr. Faltot indicated that there will be readings of scriptures often overlooked this time of year, such as the passage in the story, after the baby Jesus is born, when King Herod orders the

slaughter of the innocents. According to Dr. Faltot, this part of the scripture is left out sometimes because it isn't happy. At the Blue Christmas service, this part of the scripture is read as a reminder that there is sorrow in the midst of joy.

In addition to scripture, Faltot looks to ritual as a way to deal with grief. "I find one of the most powerful things for people is ritual," he said. For instance, hospice, and several local funeral homes offer a Festival of Lights Service. Candles are lit for those who died in the past year.

The Blue Christmas Service is a little different. As part of the ritual, each person will take a stone out of a basin, letting that stone represent his or her greatest headache. Then he or she will go up to the communion table to exchange the stone for a piece of bread. "What Father would not give his child bread when he asks for it?" asked Faltot.

Last year, 42 people attended the service, the first of its kind. Faltot said he had never seen

half of the attendees before. This year, he expects more to come.

"Half of them were under the age of 30," he said. "We tend to think of life's sadness as belonging only to the elderly. Yet, some of our young people have known tremendous grief."

Faltot, who has a Ph.D. in psychology from University of Delaware, is a Vietnam Veteran. He finds the holidays difficult.

"You do what you have to do to get through," he explained. "Do something, even if it is just to light your own vigil candle in your home on Christmas Day. Something simple like that can help."

Faltot's sermon will be a short homily, a personal story of one Christmas Eve in Vietnam when he lost a good friend and what it meant to him. His doing that will helpfully give other people the courage to share their stories during fellowship time, he said.

The service begins at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 17, at Newark United Methodist Church on Main Street.

## Christmas services planned at Newark area churches

A number of churches in the Newark area will be holding special services for the Christmas season.

### Newark United Methodist Church

A variety of Christmas Eve services are taking place at Newark United Methodist Church at 69 E. Main St. on Sunday, Dec. 24. At 4 p.m., a family service will feature lessons and carols for Christmas and the blessing of the Nativity scene, led by the Carol and Crusader children's choirs. At 7 p.m., the contemporary SonSpirit service will have a Songs of the Season celebration with candlelight led by the SonSpirit Band.

A 9 p.m. service features the Youth Chorale and alumni, brass and organ, and celebration with candlelight. At 11 p.m., the Chancel Choir will lead carols with brass and organ in a Communion service with candlelight.

For information, contact the church office at 368-8774.

### The First Presbyterian Church of Newark

The First Presbyterian Church of Newark will hold a fourth Sunday of Advent, Lighting the Candle of Peace service, on

Sunday, Dec. 24. The evening service begins at 6:30 p.m. with the FPC Christmas Band. A Christmas Eve Family Service begins at 7 p.m. and will feature the Cherub and Chorister Choirs. A second Christmas Eve Service starts at 9:30 p.m., followed by a candlelight and communion service at 10 p.m.

### Faith Baptist Church

At Faith Baptist Church in Wilmington, hear the First State Symphonic Band in concert on Friday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m., the adult choir will present a Christmas Cantata, "Born a King." The Christmas Eve service on Sunday, Dec. 24, begins at 6:30 p.m. Faith Baptist is located at 4210 Limestone Road. For more information call 998-4105 or visit their website at [www.fbcwilmington.com](http://www.fbcwilmington.com).

### Life Community Church

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## NYC excursion planned

Ulster Project Delaware is sponsoring a bus Excursion to the Radio City Christmas Show in New York City on Sunday, Dec. 17. The cost, which includes round-trip bus fare and a seat for the Christmas Show is \$95.

The coach bus will depart from the parking lot at Newport Plaza in Stanton at 8:30 a.m. and return at 8:30 p.m. The performance starts at noon and runs for 90 minutes. Afterwards, people will have four hours for holiday shopping and sightseeing in New York City before boarding the bus at 5:30 p.m. for the return trip.

For tickets and information call 656-2721.

## DTC holds annual toy drive

The Delaware Theatre Company will be holding its fourth annual toy drive to benefit Children and Families First, a private, non-profit social service agency.

Now through Dec. 19, DTC will accept donations of new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls, ages infant to 14 years old. The toys will be collected and given to Children and Families First and then distributed to the families they assist.

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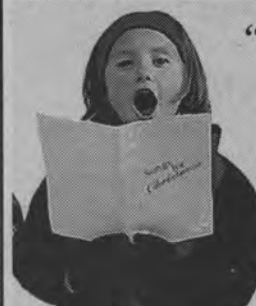
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at every level during the past 40 years. Approximately 300 fellow Knights and their guests attended the evening banquet.

Earlier in the day, five Newark residents from St. Michaels Council K of C, Newark received the highest degree of the order, the Fourth Degree. Joe Handlin, Mike Handlin, Rich Magner, Matt Mitchell and Fran Mc

Manus, received the award. It's primary colors — the red, white and blue of the American flag — are used to stress the basic principle of the Fourth Degree, which is patriotism.

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Below you will find information on matters being considered by the NCC Land Use Department and its public boards. Plans are available for public review at the New Castle County Government Center, Mon - Fri from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 p.m.. Call 395-5400 or Email Us: Landuse@nccde.org We encourage you to double check the advertised day and date for these agendas. Be sure you do not miss any meeting in which you are interested.

## Explortory plans under review

### Council District 1

\*SE of the intersection of Boxwood Rd and Jackson Av. Parking Plan to reconfigure parking and bus loading areas. Conrad School of Science. S Zoning. (App. #2006-1204-S)

\*E side of Old Capitol Trail, 503 ft S of Newport Rd. Rezoning Plan to rezone .361 acre of tax parcel 07-041.10.007 from S to CN, add .361 acre to tax parcel 07-041.10.107. David and Nancy Leager. S/CN Zoning. (App. #2006-0894-S)

### Council District 2

\*W side of intersection of Kennett Pike and Barley Mill Rd. Resubdivision Plan to revise previously approved open space designations. Greenville Place. NCap Zoning. (App. #2006-1193-S)

### Council District 6

\*SE corner of Rt 40 and Wrangle Hill Rd. Minor Land Development Plan to construct 42,170 sq ft addition to existing shopping center and revise parking. Shoppes at Fox Run, Section II. CR Zoning. (App. #2006-1189-S)

\*S side of Churchtown Rd, 1,300 ft E of Dickerson Ln. Minor Subdivision Plan to subdivide parcel into 5 single family residential lots. 708 Churchtown Rd. S Zoning. (App. #2006-1190-S)

### Council District 7

\*E side of Churchmans Rd, 300 ft N of Kings Av. Resubdivision Plan to phase previously approved improvements and update the proposed stormwater management facility. Halko. CR Zoning. (App. #2006-1194-S)

### Council District 8

\*N side of Vistar St, S side of Palace Av, 200 feet west of Manor Dr. Minor Subdivision Plan to subdivide an existing 0.39 acre parcel into two single family lots. 4 Vistar Street NC6.5 Zoning. (App. #2006-1191-S)

\*NW corner of April Ln and Sunset Ln in the Village of Ardencroft. Resubdivision Plan to reconfigure three existing single family lots with a total of 1.62 acres. Village of Ardencroft. NC10 Zoning. (App. #2006-1192-S)

### Council District 11

\*W side of Salem Church Rd, 700 ft N of Bradley Dr. Site Plan to convert existing dwelling to a daycare center. Land of Lidia Vela. NC 21 Zoning. (App. #2006-1180-S)

\*SE corner of Dawson Dr and McMillan Way. Resubdivision Plan to add additional parking and restripe existing paving. Delaware Industrial Park, Parcels 16 and 19. I Zoning. (App. #2006-1201-S)

\*S side of GBC Dr, 2,000 ft E of Delaware Rt 896. Resubdivision Plan for a proposal to construct 35 additional parking spaces at an existing 30.12 acre office site. Hologic. OR Zoning. (App. #2006-1203-S)

### Council District 12

\*S side of intersection of Rt 71 and Rt 13. Minor Land Development Plan to construct parking canopies and eliminate septic system and existing storage facility. Red Lion Mini Storage. CR Zoning. (App. #2006-1179-S)

## Board of Adjustment

Thurs. Dec. 14th/NCC Gov Ctr 6 PM

### Council District 1

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

### Council District 3

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

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

### Council District 8

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

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

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

### Council District 9

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

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

### Council District 10

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

### Council District 11

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

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

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

### Council District 12

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

\* 555 Hyetts Corner Rd, Middletown: Area variance from req'd 10 foot side yard setback to maintain a deck with steps 3.5 ft from the east property line: New Castle County Vocational Technical School District. (App. #2006-1084-A) TP# 13-008.00-026.

## Design Review Advisory Committees

### Claymont Renaissance

Thurs, Dec 16 6 PM

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### Council District 8

Old Business/New Business

Comments from the committee/ from the public

### Hockessin Village

- NO DECEMBER MEETING -

Mon, Jan 22 5:30 PM

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## Resource Protection Area

### Technical Advisory Committee

Wed, Dec 20 9:00 AM./NCC Gilliam Building

### Council District 11

\* 0 Gender Road, 200 LLC seeks a recommendation from the Committee, that it is acceptable from an environmental position, to eliminate the riparian buffer protection standard to construct a building and associated parking and improvements. Riparian buffer are 100% protected in accordance with UDC Division 10.100 Table 10.010. Resource Protection Levels. I Zoning. (App. #2006-1027)

## Historic Review Board

Tues. Dec 19th 5 PM/NCC Gov. Ctr.

### Council District 1

\* 110 North Maryland Avenue: Minor Land Development Plan - Domingo and Maria Singson. (App. #20060444) TP 0704310386.

### Council District 2

\* 924 Stuart Road: Demolition Permit - William & Kathleen Rubbert/Rosauri Builders & Remodelers, Inc. (App. #200613290) TP0703030007

### Council District 8

\* 610 Shipley Road (Rockwood - Historic Zoning Overlay District): Proposed Paving in H District- Department of Special Services. TP0613000012.

\* 2312 Sconset Road (Ardens National Register Historic District): Demolition of a Historic Structure Without a Permit - Construction Unlimited, Inc. (App. #200611647) TP 2700100571. The board may take additional evidence on this matter.



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE POST

Bill Baker receiving the award from Ralph Rossi, master of the Fourth Degree, as the Reverend Father Philip Stry, fryar of the Fourth Degree looks on.

## ▶ BLOTTER, from 2

**Ashley Road**, police were told on Friday, Dec. 8, at 8:45 a.m.

A 14-year-old Newark boy was caught trying to leave a drugstore in the **200 block of College Square** with cold medicine he did not pay for, police were told on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 2:56 p.m.

An unknown male thought to be between 18 and 28 years old stole two cans of crabmeat from the Acme in the **100 block of Suburban Drive**, police were told on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 1:35 p.m. A store employee chased the shoplifter on foot but was not able to stop him, police were told.

A window in the front door of a home in the **unit block of W. Delaware Avenue** was broken by unknown means, police were told on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 11:17 a.m.

## Vehicles targeted

A Chevy Silverado parked in a lot in the **600 block of S. College Avenue** was broken into by unknown suspects who stole several items from inside, including a digital camera and a laptop computer, police were told on Friday, Dec. 8, at 11:59 p.m.

A purse was stolen from a Chrysler Minivan parked in the lot of the Newark Country Club in the **300 block of W. Main Street** after the unknown suspect broke a driver's side window to gain entry, police were told on Friday, Dec. 8, at 9:47 p.m.

A license plate was stolen from a Nissan Pathfinder parked in the

**100 block of Madison Drive**, police were told on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 3:34 p.m.

A wood plank was used to break the rear window of a Ford F-150 parked in a lot in the **100 block of W. Main Street**, police were told on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 10:19 a.m. Nothing was taken from the truck, police were told.

## Alcohol, noise law violations detailed

The Alcohol Enforcement Unit and other officers of the Newark Police Department continued their stepped-up, strict enforcement of alcohol and noise related laws last week.

Some of the recent violations include:

**Thomas P. Stretch, 22**, of Wilmington, noise law violation, on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 12:02 a.m., in the unit block of Choate Street;

**Tyler A. Keister, 18**, of Bear, underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 5:32 a.m., in the 200 block of E. Main Street;

**John Alexander Kemp, 23**, of Milford, and **Brian H. Holleger, 22**, of Lincoln, Pa., noise law violation, on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 12:47 a.m., in the 100 block of Madison Avenue;

**David Joseph Roddy, 20**, of Centreville, Va., underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 1:09 a.m., on E. Main Street at Center Street;

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Olga Gott  
Petitioner  
Mother

Dated: 11/27/06  
np 12/1,8,15

**THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY** IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Tyler Leo Anthony Burke PETITIONER(S) TO Tyler Leo Anthony Barry NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tyler Leo Anthony Burke intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his name to Tyler Leo Anthony Barry.

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np 12/15

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, at public auction, on Jan. 19, 2007 at 3801 Dupont Parkway, New Castle, DE 19720 at 10:00 a.m. the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

A206 - Frank Hoyle - weights, stereo, 10 boxes  
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A136 - Elizabeth A. Smith - big screen TV, stereo, 10 boxes  
A153 - Vanessa Green - sofa, TV, 7 totes  
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A170 - Martina Harden - baby chair  
A201 - Rosette Riddick - dresser, fan, 8 totes  
A208 - Tanya Green - entertainment center, shelving  
A222 - John G. Mitchell - stereo, exercise equipment, bicycle  
A237 - Rhonda Horta - whole bed set, sofa, TV  
A254 - Eustace Mayers - 5 totes, chair, toys  
A258 - Jose Rodriguez  
B320 - Tarn Winters  
B323 - Jawanda Harris - air conditioner, sofa, fish tank  
B337 - Stanley Lambert - bed set, 8 totes, TV  
B414 - Mary Williams - refrigerator, vacuum, 6 bags  
B429 - Jacob Traverso Gonzales - sofa, entertainment center, coffee table  
C521 - Daniel Lewis - refrigerator, 20 bags, dresser  
D705 - Roy George - computer, speakers, suitcase  
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D800 - Dawn Stroup  
D805 - Deborah George - exercise equipment, 20 boxes, bicycle  
E902 - Cynthia Cuss - 12 bags, 5 totes  
E908 - Younis Kidd - speakers, kitchen table, air conditioners  
E933 - folding chairs, 1 box  
P023 - Joe Isaacs - Honda CRV  
np 12/15,22

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF

Usha K. Parwani  
PETITIONER(S)

TO Nisha M. Modh

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Usha K. Parwani intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to Nisha M. Modh.

Usha K. Parwani  
Petitioner

Dated: 12/7/06  
np 12/15,22,29

#### THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF

David Colin Meddings  
PETITIONER(S)

TO Colin Boese Meddings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David Colin Meddings intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his name to Colin Boese Meddings.

Barbara Boese  
Petitioner

Dated: 11/21/06  
np 12/1,8,15

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F077 - Koryn Fields - fan, bookcase, misc. clothing  
C032 - Susan Bonnett - 15 boxes, ottoman, 15 totes  
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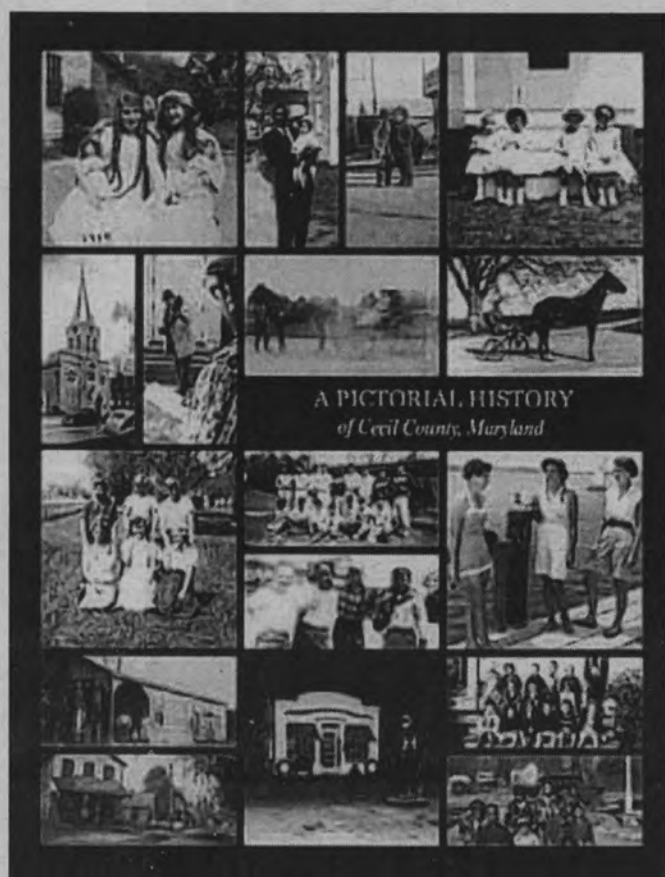
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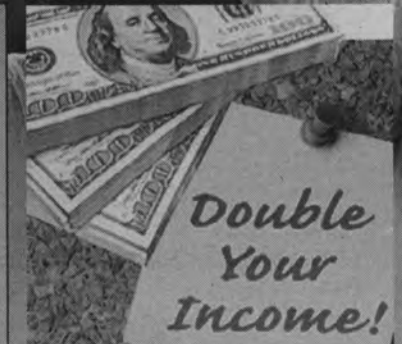
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