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UP FRONT

The true meaning

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ACH person has their own favorite Christmas for holiday memory. Mine would be the year Santa Claus delivered a new red bike, complete with a shock-absorbing spring on the front-wheel pillar.

It snowed heavily on Christmas Day that year and I was disappointed that I couldn't ride my shiny new Western Auto bike. My father, who once had carried my mother down 8-



Streit

Mile Hill outside Ellicott City, Md., on the handlebars of his bike, understood my dilemma. Though the snow was a half-foot deep, he had me carry my new cycle out of the house, through the snow and into the shed. Inside, he rigged chains - reengineered from small chains that kept screen doors from opening too far - and I was off and pedaling.

But the memory with the most impact on my life came one week earlier.

My Dad was assistant scoutmaster of my Boy Scout troop. Each year, it was our unit's tradition to collect canned goods and deliver them to needy people in our fairly comfortable community of Catonsville, Md. This project landed on my father's

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To brick or not to brick

Streetscape supporters debate surface material

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

O brick or not to brick, that is the question. At the Delaware Department of Transportation's most recent public workshop, held on 29, most conversation centered around the choice between bricking nine downtown crosswalks, or using a brick pattern known as Imprint.

Jeff Niezgoda, planning supervisor for DelDOT, said he favors using Imprint over traditional bricks for a series of reasons. "Bricks hold up well, but are the most costly application," he said. "And the installation and maintenance of brick is expensive and time consuming.

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A Delaware homecoming

Air National Guard members home safely

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

AST weekend, 19 Delaware Air National Guard members found themselves making the transcontinental trek from Balad, Iraq to New Castle, Delaware. And they were glad to

Senior Airman Jesse Johnson, a lifelong Newark resident and senior at the University of Delaware, said Newark is where he wants to be. "I missed everything," he said, "especially the bars."

But it was more than the beer separation that made Johnson homesick. Being overworked in a combat environment drains the soul. "When we first got [to Iraq], we were working six days a week,

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Newark Police Department, New Castle County Police and the

Delaware State Police by the

Newark

killed in

accident

THE Delaware State Police

Fatal Accident and Reconstruction Team is inves-

tigating a one-vehicle pedestrian crash that took the life of a 44-year-

Police reported that on Saturday, Dec. 4, at approximately 11:47 p.m., a 1999 Mercury Villager van was

traveling westbound on U.S. Rt. 40

in the right lane just east of Lark Road. Allan D. Unflat, 44, of Bear,

was the operator and lone occupant

Newark was attempting to cross the westbound lanes of Rt. 40. As Perez

moved from the south edge of the road, he walked in front of the

Villager. Perez was struck by the

Perez was transported to the Christiana Hospital. He was admit-

ted in critical condition with massive

head trauma. Accordiding to police, at approximately 3:26 a.m., Perez

Unflat was also transported to the Christiana Hospital. He was treated

and released for an eye injury and

hand lacerations.

No charges have been filed and

the crash remains under investiga-

tion. Police said that alcohol

involvement on the part of Perez is a factor in the crash. No alcohol was

involved on the part of Unflat, troop-

closed to traffic for about two hours.

The Delaware State Police Robbery Squad is investigating a

late-night robbery at a Newark liquor

store during which an unidentified assailant made off with an undis-

mately 10:17 p.m., troopers responded to the Pencader Liquor Store, 927

S. Chapel St., Newark, after being alerted of a robbery.

fied assailant entered the business and approached the 39-year-old male

victim at the counter. The robber implied to the victim that he had a

gun, however, no weapon was dis-played. He then demanded money

The assailant then left the busi-

The suspect is described as a

black male, approximately 33 to 38 years old, between 5'06" to 5'08" in height and weighing approximately

145 pounds. He wore dark clothing and a mask over his face, police said.

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NEWARK POST * POLICE BLOTTER

Police search for suspect in locker room incident

THE Delaware State Police is investigating an incident, in which an unidentified man exposed himself to a Christiana High School student ath-

Police reported that on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at approximately 4 p.m., the Christiana High School Women's Swim Team were preparing to practice at the Glasgow High School pool located at 1901 South College Ave., Newark.

A 16-year-old female student athlete was alone in the women's locker room, while she was changing into her practice gear. Police said the athlete heard to a noise behind her and turned to see an unidentified male conducting a sex act. The male then made a movement towards the athlete.

Police said the athlete ran from the locker room and onto the pool deck area where she contacted other athletes and coaches, who rushed into the locker room to locate the intruder. The suspect was last observed running through the south-side parking lot towards Rt. 896.
Police said the male is described as

white, 5'10" to 5'11" in height, weighing approximately 200 pounds, possibly in his late 30's to early 40's. He has blue eyes and dark curly hair. The suspect was wearing a red and blue fleece vest over a white t-shirt, fan pants and brown shoes

Any person who has information pertaining to the incident is requested to contact investigators at 454-2381, ext.

Left in the dark

Newark Police were notified on Sunday, Dec. 5, that a newly installed lamp post in the 200 block of Wilbur Street had been ripped from the ground and was found laying in a nearby field. The lamp post and its damaged parts were taken to the city's maintenance department for repair and replacement.

Also, on the same day, at 1:40 a.m., a resident in the unit block of East Park Place told police he saw three white males fleeing the scene of a broken lamp post light.

Cleaned out

The maintenance supervisor of Towne Court Apartments, 91 Thorn Lane, reported to Newark Police on Friday, Dec. 3, at 12:30 p.m., that numerous coin-operated laundry machines in the complex had been broken into.

Cash was taken and several locks and money drawers were removed. Approximately \$850 in coins and \$700 in damaged or stolen items was reported, police said.

Equipment stolen

Unknown suspects broke into the maintenance shed behind the Marrows Court Apartments, 100 Witherspoon Lane, it was reported to Newark police on Friday, Dec. 3, at 8

A snow blower, a leaf blower and a grass seed applicator were stolen. Value of the stolen items was \$1,280.

Damage to the shed was \$200.

Shoplifting foiled

Employees of KMart in College Square Shopping Center notified Newark police on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m., when a customer attempt-ed to remove items in a cart from the

store without paying for them.

Matthew S. Couch, 20, of
Newark, was arrested for shoplifting \$464 worth of CD's, a blanket, a pillow and a gym bag, police said. He was also wanted on an outstanding warrant. He was given a court date and released.

Jewelry stolen

When a resident returned to her residence in the 100 block of Sypherd Drive after being away for a few days, she found empty jewelry boxes strewn across her bedroom and the contents missing, it was reported to police on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 3:30

Thieves apparently entered the residence through a bathroom window, police said.

The jewelry was valued at more than \$10,000.

Noises in the night

A loud noise during the night awakened a resident in the 100 block of Wilbur Street on Sunday, Dec. 5,

When he investigated the source of the noise, he found a rock had been thrown through his front apartment window, police said. Damages were \$100.

Vehicles damaged

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

37 N. Chapel St., on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 4:32 a.m., two vehicles were broken into with New Jersey registration papers taken from one and 50 CDs and sub-woofer valued at \$580 taken from another;

200 block Scholar Drive, on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 1:04 a.m., unknown suspects damaged the driver's side mirror of a 2002 Saturn Coupe, causing \$100 damage;

700 block of Scholar Drive, on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 2:51 a.m., the daughter of the vehicle's owner said the front license plate frame on a 1998 Honda Civic was bent. Previously, she said, the rear license plate frame had also been

230 E. Main St., in Newark Shopping Center, on Saturday, Dec. 4, the driver's side window of a Honda Accord was broken and equipment valued at \$150 was

200 Tyre Ave., in the Christina School District Special Services parking lot, on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 10:53 a.m., the rear window of a vehicle was damaged and a stereo, valued at \$600, was removed. Damage to the vehicle was \$50; **700 block of Scholar Drive**, on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 2:51 a.m., the

Pennsylvania registration plates were discovered removed from a 97 Saturn Sedan;

69 New London Rd., on Friday, Dec. 3, at 8:12 a.m., a side mirror was reported broken on a 1996 Geo Metro with damages at \$50;

45 E. Main St., in the parking lot of the Galleria, on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 7:42 p.m., a construction worker returned to his 1990 Ford pickup to find tools and a stereo, valued at \$870, were stolen:

300 block East Cleveland Avenue, on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 12:22 p.m., employees of Winner Ford reported 13 autos had paint scratched ontheir hoods, causing \$2,200 in

400 block East Cleveland Avenue, on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 9:27 a.m., employees of Porter Hyundai found three vehicles had scratched paint and one convertible had its roof slashed and spoiler stolen,

resulting in \$600 damages;

Newark High School parking lot at
East Delaware Avenue, on
Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 11:30 a.m., the driver's side window of a 94 Toyota pickup truck was broken and AV equipment, CDs and laun-

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Weekly traffic report NEWARK STATISTICS FOR NOW. 14-20, 2004 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004	This week 2003	This week 2004
Moving	3662	3484	53	94
Non-moving	2179	2601	53	74
Total	5841	6085	106	168

PARKING SUMMONSES	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004	This week 2003	This week 2004
Meter tickets	36511	40565	1021	1120
Parking summonses	8927	9012	277	297
Total	45438	49577	1298	1417

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004	This week 2003	This week 2004
Fatal	0	1	0	0
Personal injury	216	273	11	12
Property damage (reportable	e) 547	478	16	8
Property damage (non-reportable) 470		495	9	13
Total	1233	1247	36	33
Hit-and-run reports	216	255	5	4
DUI cases	178	160	6	2

Two friends offer safe rides home

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

FTER being told "no" by the University of Delaware, the Delaware Undergraduate Student Council and the City of Newark, Giancarlo Villanella decided to take some iniative.

He and one of his fraternity brothers, Jerry Garjiulo, decided they would do what everyone told them they couldn't do. They would set up a student-sponsored escort service.

They envisioned a hotline where college students could call weekend nights to have a sober driver sent to pick them up. They wanted to marginalize the danger of getting home after a night out. No more pick pockets. No more attacks. No more drunk drivers.

But the idea came to a screeching halt last spring when every institution he turned to for sponsorship said the idea couldn't be done. "They all made it clear that they couldn't assume the liability for such a program," Villanella said.

But in the fall, after the death

of university freshman Rachel Payne, the guys decided they couldn't take "no" for an answer.

"It geniunely upsets me that if someone was there that she could have called for a safe ride home, that she might still have been alive," he said. "Stuff like this might never have happened if there had been a program in place."

While the university has decided not to support this iniative, there is a similar program in place.

Campus safety officers will walk a student or university faculty member to a list of specific places on and off campus.

So far this year, campus public safety personnel have walked home almost 1,000 students.

FOR THE RECORD

In the Dec. 3 issue in an article titled "City gets good report card," it was reported that the City of Newark garnered an 85 percent approval rating of city services. In fact, the approval rating was 96 percent.

However, Villanella said this isn't enough. Students who have been out partying are hesitant to call Campus Safety, he said. And if they don't call for an escort, they're still at risk. Another deterrant, especially in winter months, is the fact that Campus Safety doesn't use cars for their escort service.

Once the guys had made up their mind to put their plan into action, Safe Ride was born.

During the nine weeks that Safe Ride has been active, the two boys have driven home more than 140 university students.

Unfortunately, because there was so much demand for the program, Villanella had to limit who they could drive home to female students active in a sorority, who have signed a waiver. They have also had to limit service hours to Thursday evenings.

"Our goal is to be campus wide, or more widespread," Villanella said. "But finances keep the program limited. If I had someone that said here's the money and a vehicle to use, I'd have it set up in a month or two. I just need more manpower."

Laura's Glen plan hits roadblock

THE Newark Planning
Commission voted not
to recommend approval
for a development which
would be located between the
north side of Capitol Trail and
the White Clay Creek. This
surprise vote came after a
number of Capitol Trail residents expressed their extreme
dissatisfaction, and expectation of the inevitable, with the
plan.

Neighbors of the proposed eight-house community, to be known as Laura's Glen, disapproved of the plans for several reasons. Some argued that the \$350,000 price tag on the new homes is a far cry from the \$170,000 homes surrounding them, thereby breaking expectations laid out in the Newark Comprehensive Land Development Plan that development would be congruent with the surrounding community.

The proposed development would be located at 403 Capitol Trail, between Porter's Chevrolet and the Windy Hills Professional Center.

Other arguments were environmentally based. Because the community would be located just a few hundred feet from a flood plain, many residents worried about how more impervious surfaces would affect run off rates and flooding downstream.

Planning Director Roy Lopata tried to ease fears about increased rates of runoff. "New developments have storm water management practices in place," he said. "It's the old projects that don't."

These practices limit the rates that rain water flows off the property by storing it in a basin first. The water percolates through a system and is allowed to drain over time.

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The Dec. 7 presentation by
The ReDevelopment Company
was the second one before the
Planning Commission. At the
first meeting, commissioners
urged ReDevelopment's
President Glenn Prechtl to par
down the number of houses
and preserve open space.

By the second meeting, half the houses were eliminated and a 1.73 acre parcel of land was removed from the plans. Lot size increased by 22 percent, going from 9,600 sq. ft. to 11.700.

While the residents thanked

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Pistachio fills a void for Newark shoppers

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HEN the City of Newark released their Resident Survey last month, residents reported that they were disappointed with shopping, particularly along Main Street. The number one request was for more home accessory shops.

Recently, shoppers got what they asked for. Pistachio, a shop specializing in home decor, opened in the Shops at Louviers on Nov. 30. The small store on Papermill Road sells everything for the home from furniture to pet accessories.

Owner Suzanné Markman said that the shop specializes in merchandise that is "fun, funky and functional." That certainly describes the furniture she sells. Black padded cloth weaves around itself to form a maze of a chair. Magazine racks have faces and hands holding the pages in place. Pillows became art in their own right. And through all the flashy design, there's function behind almost every piece. "Eyerything has a purpose," she

said

While Markman has always known she wanted to own a shop, it was helping in the opening of her boyfriend's Wilmington restaurant, Mikimoto's, that convinced her that owning a business wasn't an inconceivable idea. "We went through the whole process, and I decided-I could open a shop on my own," she said.

And once she realized there was a void of modern home accessory shops in New Castle County, Markman started churning ideas for Pistachio.

"When I was decorating my own place, I found myself driving up to Philly and down to the beach for the things I wanted," she said. So she decided to bring a bit of that flair to Newark.

Much of the merchandise sold by Markman is in the same taste as the decor of Mikimoto's modern art fused with a seasoning of the unique to create its own funky flavor. A sampling of her merchandise includes Kate Spade accessories, Judith Webster ceramics, and Rockledge bar furniture.

Just past the fun furnishings lies another hidden gem - a line

of pet products. Markman stocks her shelves with rhinestone studded collars, plush carrying cases and even puppy perfume. "I'm a little dog crazy," she said. She even keeps photos of her two four-month-old puppies, Hank and Archie.

But her love of her furry friends seems to have come in handy. It's her pet line that has truly taken off. "It's our best seller," she said. While the store has only been open for a few days, the pet products have already outsold furniture and art by a margin of 2 to 1.



EWARK POST PHOTO BY KAYTIE DOWLING

Suzanne Markman shows off some of the pottery and artwork sold at her store, Pistachio, and the store of the pottery and artwork sold at her store, Pistachio, and the store of the pottery and artwork sold at her store, Pistachio, and the store of the pottery and artwork sold at her store, Pistachio, and the store of the pottery and artwork sold at her store, Pistachio, and the store of the pottery and artwork sold at her store, Pistachio, and the store of the pottery and artwork sold at her store, Pistachio, and the store of the pottery and artwork sold at her store, Pistachio, and the store of the pottery and artwork sold at her store, Pistachio, and the store of the stor

On Campus NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY. OF DELAWARE

BRIEFLY

Holiday family skating party set

AMILY fun at its coolest is the theme of a special Holiday Ice Skating Party for skaters of all ages, from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 18, at the University of Delaware's Rust Ice Skating Arena, in Newark. Sponsored by Arby's and WSTW-93.7 FM, the party will feature lots of action and activities on and off the ice, as well as giveaways, and Air YoUDee will make an appearance to add to the festivities.

Admission is \$5, with skate rentals available for \$3.

During the holidays, enjoy special public skating sessions from 1-3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 24; 1-3 p.m. and 8-10 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 26-Thursday, Dec. 30; 1-3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 31; 1-4 p.m. and 8-10 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 1 and 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 2.

For ice skating coupons, visit the Marketplace www.udel.edu/PR/marketplace/ on UDaily. Coupons worth \$1 off skate rentals for the party also are available at the ice arena.

UD's spirit team invited to nationals

The University of Delaware's cheerleading, dance and mascot teams have been invited to compete in the 2005 national championships to be held Jan. 14-17 in Orlando.

This is the ninth time the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) has invited UD's mascot and cheerleaders to national competition and the seventh time for the dance team. The cheerleading squad won the national championship in 2001, YoUDee took top honors in 2002 and the dance team placed second for two consecutive years.

Cheerleading coach, Joe Mackley, said the UD team received one of only four paid invitations in Division

Mascot coordinator Sharon Harris said only 10 of the 30 mascots that entered the competition were invited to compete in nationals this

Grads have edge in job market

reports show improving prospects for college gradand University Delaware graduates have a clear advantage because of their superior education and better preparation for the job search, Jack Townsend, director of UD's MBNA Career Services Center,

"Our students have done a good job in preparation in the sense that more and more students have done internships and many are employed during the summer in career-related positions, so they are able to present themselves very effectively," Townsend said.

A new report, Job outlook 2005, published by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), states that the manufacturing sector predicts a 12.9 percent increase in hiring, while the service sector expects to hire 12.1 percent more college graduates.

According to the report, the positive employment forecast is based on the improving economy and business growth, increased sales, low interest rates, increased government spending, growing demand for new construction and the aging workforce, among other factors

NACE's report identified the top majors in demand as economics/finance, accounting, business administration, electrical engineering and computer science.

"Our students have had very strong academic preparation, especially in economics, finance and engineering," Townsend



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

Jack Townsend, director of UD's MBNA Career Services Center, discusses resume preparation with grad students Jenifer Whetsel, left, and Keegan Mills.

said. "In the accounting area, the major public accounting firms have had a very good relationship with us because the students do well when they are hired.'

Julia Sanchez, the campus recruiter for the Philadelphia office of Deloitte, a global accounting firm, said UD graduates have outstanding qualities.

'Those students that I have had contact with have definitely impressed me. They seem to be ahead of the game when it comes to business etiquette and interviewing skills," Sanchez said. "I was amazed at how much these students wanted to learn about our firm and our services and the research they had done prior to meeting me. That is always impressive.'

Lauren Folk, a 2003 graduate and an investment associate at Wilmington Trust, said her internship at a financial planning firm and an internship class she took at the career center helped her find the job.

"It was extremely useful,"

Folk said of the class. "Definitely. It gives you better ways to present yourself for an interview. You just feel more experienced looking for a job."
Townsend said the best prepa-

ration for the job market is a blend of good academic performance, communication and interpersonal know-how, as well as organizational and teamwork

"We've had instances of very

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Newark families invited to 'A Christmas Carol'

THE Gingerbread Players & Jack will present a production of A Christmas Carol in the University of Delaware's 2004-05 Family Performing Arts Series at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12, in Mitchell Hall, The Green, in Newark.

This new adaptation remains true to the book, following Scrooge's nocturnal journeys with the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future in search of redemption

for a life of bad choices.

While the period costumes and set will whisk the members of the audience off to the streets of Dickensian London, the rich musical score, sprinkled with songs of the season, will warm them with a holiday glow. This production of the perennial favorite is a holiday treat for the whole

Tickets are \$17 for the general public, \$12 for UD faculty, staff, alumni and senior year.



citizens and \$5 for students and children. A 15 percent discount is available for group sales of 20 or more tickets per show.

For tickets, call the Hartshorn box office at 831-2204, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

At noon, Friday, Dec. 10, the Hartshorn box office will stop selling tickets for the performance to allow for the transition to the Mitchell Hall box office. Any remaining tickets will be available for purchase in person at the Mitchell Hall box office beginning one hour before the scheduled start time of the performance.

For more information, visit www.udel.edu/performingarts or call 831-

The University of Delaware 2004-05 Performing Arts Series and Family Series are made possible, in part, by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency committed to promoting and sup-porting the arts in Delaware, as well as support by Embassy Suites-Newark/Wilmington South and Arby's.

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Newark church on the move

EWARK'S Greater Grace Church will expand its ministry and sanctuary in the newly purchased property at 750 Otts Chapel Road, formerly owned by W. L. Gore and Associates Inc.

The 63,000 sq ft building will immediately undergo remodeling to house Greater Grace Church, Heritage Christian Academy, Delaware Bible Institute and Community Hope of Delaware, Inc., a non-profit corporation established to serve a broader range of community needs.

Jerry Summers said the church has been in need of more space for quite a while. "We had outgrown our first building and had several ministries we wanted to start," he said. "We considered building [a new church] but decided it was a much better idea to remodel an existing building."

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Greater Grace Church, an independent Bible-believing church, was formed in 1994 by Pastor Jeff and Nancy Wisot, graduates of Maryland Bible College and Seminary in Baltimore.

The new church quickly grew from a small Bible study in a home to a group of about 30, at which time a small house and property were purchased at the corner of Otts Chapel Road and Old Baltimore Pike.

During the next few years, the original house was enlarged five times to keep up with the growth, and Heritage Christian Academy was formed in 1999.

The renovations will include classrooms, a new entrance, a 500-seat sanctuary, a basketball court, playground and several playing fields.

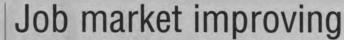
The first phase, which would build the classrooms, is expected to be finished in time for 2005 school year.

A temporary sanctuary will be finished by February, and constuction is hoped to be finished by the spring.

In 2001, Greater Grace Church leased an office building on Blue Hen Drive for Sunday services, and began to explore options to build or purchase a larger structure to meet its ministry vision, "Reaching People,

Changing Lives."

New ministries being considered at the new facility include the expansion of Christian elementary and secondary education, university level Bible training, crisis pregnancy counseling, drug and alcohol counseling, hosting community youth sports leagues, establishing preschool and daycare programs, youth leader training, marriage seminars, stewardship-based financial management seminars, and expansion of its association with the Delaware Food Bank and Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child.



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strong students academically who have a very difficult time in the job market because they have not proved themselves elsewhere," Townsend said. "Many employers value career-related experience because they are a real positive environment to develop the skills it takes to succeed."

Through a series of workshops and individual counseling sessions, the center guides students on how to use the Internet for their job search, teaches them resume and interview skills and offers suggestions for refining the way they present themselves. The career center also encourages students to take advantage of the 1,000 internship opportunities available to them every year.

"The faculty teach them what they need to know, and we teach them how to apply it to be effective in the work place," Townsend said.

Townsend said the new outlook is good news but the economy is still performing at a level far below that of five years ago, before the technology industry suffered a downturn and the economic aftermath of the 9/11 attacks.











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PER CHANCE

Exhibit merits our attention

By ELBERT CHANCE

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

HEN someone told me that an exhibition currently being displayed at the Historical Society of Delaware is titled "Half a Chance," I naturally was intrigued. So when good friends Stanley and Doris Budner offered to give me a guided tour, I welcomed the opportunity.

The exhibition, which was mounted in September, will remain open until Dec. 31. Jointly sponsored and prepared by the Historical Society of Delaware and the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware, it represents the First State's participation in a national commemoration of the 350th anniversary of the first permanent Jewish settlement in North America.

Guest curator Toni Young and Gail Pietrzyk, JHSD archivist, led the cooperative effort by staff members of both organizations to highlight the achievements and notable contributions to the life of our state by its Jewish residents, and any Delawarean who has lived here for more than



a decade will recognize the names of the more than 100 people being honored.

Budner, president of the Jewish Historical Society, explained that all of those portrayed are deceased, eliminating the difficult task of choosing from among living residents whose successful remain unfinished.

I, of course, was especially interested in those I encountered during my years in Newark. Among them were Newark's first woman mayor, Mrs. Norma Handloff; Samuel and Roxana Arsht, major supporters of the University of Delaware's Academy of Lifelong Learning; UD graduate Daniel Nathans, winner of the 1978 Nobel Prize in Medicine; Daniel Herrmann, Chief Justice of Delaware's Supreme Court; and UD faculty members Leo Blumberg, professor of mechanical engineering, and Richard Venezky, Unidel Professor of Educational Studies and

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

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Information Sciences.

Jewish immigrants arrived in Delaware from such diverse nations as Russia, Germany, Poland, Hungary, Greece, Turkey, Bavaria and Austria, as well as from other states.

They soon assumed diverse and important roles in business, law, education, medicine and the arts. Among the well known names are Irving Shapiro, a former president of the DuPont Company; Max Keil, one of the founders of the Keil Motor Company; J.M. Lazarus, a merchant whose original Wilmington Dry Goods Company at 418 Market Street attracted hosts of price-conscious bargain hunters; and Harry Levin, founder of the popular Happy Harry's drugstore chain that today extends into Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The Topkis family was instrumental in bringing high quality motion picture theatres to Wilmington in the early years of the 20th century, and Delaware's socialites danced to the music of popular bands conducted by Morris Berger and Manny

Much of the state's news was provided by E.M.Budner, owner of the Delmarva ews Agency and, for several years, the Wilmington Sunday Star. Prominent print featured include Harris Samonisky reporter-columnists Bill Frank and Ralph Moyed. Herm Reitzes is also recalled as the radio voice that became familiar to Delaware sports fans throughout the state.

A justification for the title of the exhibit appears in a small publication available at the Museum. It states, "Jewish immigrants to Delaware and their descendants embraced the opportunities provided by America's freedom. Given Half a Chance, they became part of the fabric of Delaware life while maintaining traditions and values that defined their cultural identity.

It is difficult to do justice to this informative exhibit in the space of a single column. I recommend a visit to 505 Market Street to see this carefully documented presentation of an important segment of the history of our state and nation.



This week's "Out of the Attic" features another in a series of old photographs borrowed from the files of the City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department and its predecessor, the Newark Recreation Association. This photo is dated "Class of 1962" in pencil on the back. It shows youthful carolers singing at the opening of Santa's house at the Newark Shopping Center. "Out of the Attic" features historic photographs from Newark's past. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos 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 throughout the years

■ Dec. 12, 1929

New automobile tags can be used soon

Automobile license tags for 1930 will be legal on Delaware cars after December 17th.

Through the use of these tags on cars, it is hoped by the Titling Department officials that Delaware motorists will apply for their licenses

Up to last week, only between five and six thousand license tags out of a possible 45,000 had been

Unless there is a big increase soon, this will mean that the rush around the first of the year will be similar to those of other

Suggested aid for home work

Mrs. Kate Henley Daugherty, County Home Demonstration Agent for New Castle County, advises that the home makers can save about 40 per cent of their energy when working at the sink, table or

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stove if they will have the heights of their equipment adjusted to their individual

She continues that many women have tired backs or round shoulders from working on surfaces that are too low. Standardization of the height of kitchen tables and sinks has been unfortunate. Some one has rightly said that these should be tailor-made for the person who is to use

■ Dec. 12, 1979

School district cuts 47 administrators

The New Castle County School District will have 47 fewer administrators next year, saving the dis-trict over \$1 million,

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Learning a lesson while helping someone less fortunate

▶ UP FRONT, from 1

The delivery day was the Saturday before Christmas. These were the days before Accuweather and serious snow storms often were not predicted in advance as they are today.

in advance as they are today.

Saturday morning, my father directed the division of a roomful of canned goods into boxes that equaled the number of recipients that the Baltimore County Department of Social Services had offered. While this 90-minute effort took place, the snow piled up outside. The delivery teams fanned out; Dad and I had four food baskets to deliver.

Being someone who enjoyed plentiful portions at dinner every night, it would be wrong to characterize the first three deliveries as routine. But they paled into comparison to our final stop.

It was mid-afternoon. The

It was mid-afternoon. The snow had revved up to blizzard conditions. Traffic, on the Saturday before Christmas, was non-existent. But nonetheless Dad and I headed to our final's recipient's home, our 1966 Ford Country Sedan station wagon serving as a trailblazer as we made our along Rest Avenue.

The street was lined with "old" homes, most well kept and maintained. As we searched for our address, we looked to our

right and in the distance saw a small, older, square home that was situated far back from the others on the street.

By this time, the snow was so deep that it was impossible to see a driveway. We parked, grabbed the food baskets and began to trudge our way through the now foot-deep snow to the home. As we approached, the now-blinding blizzard failed to conceal the disrepair of the house. The paint was peeling, the wood weathered and rotting.

I was freezing as we approached the stoop. The wind and near zero temperature had taken their toll on me. As my father, a "big" man, put his

weight on the first step, there was an ear-piercing crack as it broke. He fell backward into the snow and canned goods went airborne.

We regrouped. Dad pounded on the front door for what seemed like an eternity. There was no response. He turned the knob, opened the door slightly and shouted "hello" and "Merry Christmas." Still no response.

Dad decided we would go inside, drop our goodies, write a note and leave. The interior was one room. There were few furnishings but old newspapers and junk was randomly stacked. An olive drab canvas army cot was covered with tattered quilts. There was a rust-stained sink on one side and a pot-bellied wood stove in the center of the room. No fire was burning; it seemed colder inside the home than outside.

My father was just about finished scribbling the note when a man appeared through a rear door. He looked more like a polar bear than a human. His gray beard and mustache were frozen and the frail man was covered in snow.

Dad explained our presence in the sparsely furnished home. The man seemed grateful and explained he had been out "gathering firewood," a challenging feat in knee-deep snow on land where there were few trees.

One by one, the man took each food item out of the boxes, looked directly at my father and repeated "God bless you." (He even seemed appreciative of the can of hominy that I had sneaked from our family pantry and put into the box so that I wouldn't

have to eat it at home)

I was probably about 13 years old. At the time, I had never encountered someone poor and destitute. I had not once seen a poor person up close and personal.

Two impressions remain vivid in my mind today. First, how little pain it took for my family and fellow Scouts to donate the food that this man seemed so grateful to receive. My other recollection was the man's feet.

As he was slowly unpacking the boxes, I noticed the man did not have shoes. Instead, his iceand snow-covered feet were wrapped in burlap and tied with string. I suspect he had no feeling whatsoever in his toes.

As we departed, the kind old man kept mumbling "thank you," then turned to me and said, "I got what I want for Christmas - food. What do you want?"

"A new bike" seemed like a selfish response but I could utter nothing else. "Wait here," the man told me as he shuffled off to a back room. He emerged carrying a rusty handlebar bell and offered it to me. "Put this on your bike," he offered.

At this time of the year when it is our family's tradition to support the Newark Area Welfare Committee and Val's Needy Family Fund, I do so remembering my new red bike and the rusty ringer that introduced me to the true meaning of Christmas.

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

1999: Construction work at Roy Rogers sit damages sycamore tree

▶ PAGES, from 6

Superintendent Carroll W. Biggs announced Tuesday.

Though the names of the terminated administrators were released, the list is not final because some may be rehired to compensate for attrition and retirement. All will be given the opportunity to return to the classroom.

Biggs said, the cuts are necessary because of declining enrollment and "fiscal restraints." Biggs denied that the district was overstaffed with administrators in the past; all administrators from the previous 11 districts that comprise the county district were retained last year, he said, to help with the transition. Biggs said no programs will suffer because of the layoffs.

City Council approves \$6.8 million budget

City Council approved Newark's \$6.8 million 1980 budget Monday night by a vote of 6-1, keeping the property tax

Dumpster Cats Rescue League
will be at Christiana Mall Petco
12/11 11a-3p &
Adoption Center next to Acme,
Fox Run Noon-4p.
Also at Fox Run 12/10 &
12/17 6p-9p.
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rate set at 90 cents per \$100 of assessed value, but raising electric, sewer and water rates.

Before passage, council amended the budget to add full-time fire marshal's position to replace two part-time employees who currently handle those duties.

Council also removed \$32,000 allocated to the police department for the institution of an auxiliary police force and added the funds to the city's unappropriated surplus.

■ Dec. 10, 1999

Tree damaged at Roy's site on Main Street

The sycamore tree on the former Roy Rogers site, currently under development by NewCap on Main Street, may have been irreparably damaged during construction of a Charcoal Pit restaurant.

"I walked by and looked at it," said Steven Dentel, chair of the Newark Conservation Advisory Commission. "Two significant roots on the tree are cut right through."

According to city manager Carl Luft, he had the city staff examine the tree several weeks ago at the request of city councilmember Gerald Grant (District 6).

"We thought the tree already was stressed by the construction," said Luft. "We analyzed the status at that time and made four recommendations to the construction manager, including cabling the limbs of the tree, deep root feeding, and dead wooding and thinning the tree limbs."

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OUTLOOK

Prevent misbehavior

By MARIA PIPPIDIS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

HEN a child misbehaves it affects everyone in a negative way. Here are some tips to help parents prevent misbehavior:

Expect the best from your child. We often get what

Praise your child when she does something good or accomplishes a new skill.

Set simple, clear, and consistent rules so your child knows what you want him or her to do. Explain reasons for rules. Children feel secure when we let them know what we expect from them and what

the limits are.

Stick to
daily routines
whenever
possible.
Children do
better when
there are
routines they
can count on.
Let your child

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

know ahead of time about any upcoming changes in routines.

Make sure your child has lots of active play times every day. Outdoor playtime is good for children to use up their

Schedule regular naps or rest times so your child has some quiet time each day.

Childproof your home.

Put away things that can get broken for your child's safety and to reduce the stress of teaching your child to keep away from breakable items.

away from breakable items.

Give your child choices
when possible and appropriate.

Healthy children behave

Healthy children behave better. Provide nutritious meals and snacks to keep your child healthy.

Encourage your child to do things for herself. Allow her to explore new things and to figure out how to use them.

Talk about strong feelings. Children get angry and frustrated at time just as adults do.

Be a good role model for your child.

Bright future ahead for figure skating star

UD club skater Kimmie Meissner worldclass competitor

By NEIL THOMAS

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD Kimmie Meissner of the University of Delaware Figure Skating Club is bright, energetic, enthusiastic and one of the hottest young skaters in the world.

Meissner is on a terrific run, most recently taking the ice with American stars Michelle Kwan and Sasha Cohen during the Campbell's International Figure Skating Classic held Oct. 1 at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn.

Sports reporter Tom Powers wrote in the St. Paul Pioneer Press prior to the event that it would feature the "Generation Next of skating stars" and that most rinkside observers agreed Meissner was "the most intriguing youngster" in the competition.

Meissner bore out that assessment, finishing fifth behind Kwan, Shizuka Arakawa of Japan, Cohen and Miki Ando of Japan. She finished ahead of fellow Americans Jennifer Kirk and Amber Corwin.

Meissner is the reigning U.S. junior ladies champion, won the silver medal in the 2 0 0 4 International

Skating Union

world junior figure skating championships held in March at The Hague in the Netherlands and is a near-lock to be invited to the ISU junior grand prix finals to be held Dec. 2-5 in Helsinki,

In January, she will travel to Portland, Ore., for the 2005 U.S. Figure Skating Association national championship.

A motivated competitor who also is very athletic, Meissner has mastered the triple lutz, is working on a triple axel, and is looking ahead to the day when she

can add a quadruple toe loop to her repertoire. In short, her future is very bright.

Meissner said she took up figure skating because she valued her front teeth. As a young child, she spent much of her time at an ice rink near Baltimore where her father and older brothers enjoyed playing hockey.

"When I was about 6 years

"When I was about 6 years old, I decided I didn't want to sit and watch them anymore," Meissner said. "There were two rinks, one for ice hockey and one for figure skating. I didn't want to lose my teeth, so I thought figure skating would be better for me than hockey."

Besides, she said, the young people who were figure skating "looked like they were having fun, and I wanted to have fun, too."

Furthermore, she said, "It's a pretty sport, and I wanted to wear the dresses with sparkles and the make-up."

Meissner started taking lessons, first in groups and then individually. At first, she thought the people who were compli-



ICKETS are now on sale for the U.S. National Figure Skating Send-Off Exhibition, scheduled at 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Fred Rust Ice Arena on the University of Delaware campus in Newark.

Featured in the show will be some of the world's top skaters who train at UD, including Tiffany Scott and Philip Dulebohn, 2003 U.S. national champions; Kimmie Meissner, reigning U.S. junior ladies champion; Christine Zulowski, 2004 novice ladies national champion; and international competitors.

Tickets, which are on sale at UD box offices and through Ticketmaster, are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under; UD students, faculty and staff; and senior citizens aged 62 and older.

Tickets also will be on sale at the arena the day of the show, starting at 4 p.m. All seats are general admission.

menting her skating ability were simply trying to be nice, but at about 8 years old, she "realized I could do something with it."

That is when she began making the commute from Maryland, where she is a sophomore at Fallston High School, to the University of

Delaware, which offers a world-class figure skating training program.

"I really enjoy training at the University of Delaware," Meissner said. "I like the coaches, the trainers and the workout room. I also like the skaters I am with. The skaters here push me and help me progress."

Meissner said the family car can now find its own way from Fallston to Newark. Her day is full, with five periods of high school classes in the morning and homework completed on the ride to and from the UD rink. Sometimes, she has to bring books to the rink to study during breaks, and sometimes there is still homework left for her to do when she finally gets home. Her favorite subject is biology, although it is not on her schedule this semester. It is a demanding schedule that would wear on most people, but not Meissner. "I love it," she said of her daily routine. "It's fun."

If she finds the daily training routine fun, she finds competition invigorating. "I consider myself a competitor," Meissner said. "I skate well when I am under pressure. Leading up to competitions, I find that I start jumping better. And, once I am on the ice, I just go out there and skate my best. I like to have fun and entertain the audience."

Meissner said highlights of her young career have included the world junior championships in the Netherlands and the Campbell's competition, where she took the ice for the first time with Michelle Kwan and other internationally recognized stars. "It was really exhilarating, especially practicing on the same ice with them," she said. "Finishing fifth was kind of shocking, and I was happy to get it. It was funny to see my name with the top people in the world at the senior level. It was cool."

Meissner, who is coached by Pamela Gregory, the 2004 national Developmental Coach of the Year, said she continues to work on her triple axel and to improve her presentation, her spins and her spirals.

At the moment, she is looking forward to the upcoming trips to Finland and Portland. And, it is not out of the question that in 2006 she could be making a very special journey to Turin, Italy, the city that will host the 20th Winter Olympics.

Putting life on the line

Pollock's students went to school on Nov. 23. they got more than just an ordinary math lesson. They got a first-hand lesson in civics.

Their math teacher was promoted from Major to Lt. Colonel in the Delaware National Guard at a ceremony in Glasgow High School's auditorium before members of the 166th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron of the Delaware Air National Guard and Pollock's classes and JROTC stu-

Brig. Gen. Jon D. Jacobs conducted the traditional pinning ceremony as one of his last official acts before retiring.

"We prome on what you are

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capable to do, show what you are assigned to do, and then do more, to lead," Jacobs said. Promotions are based on their potential, not just in past performances but in

the future, he said.

Pollock joined the Del. Air
National Guard in 1985, just before graduating from Lincoln University (Pa.) as a math teacher. He served with the 166th Resource Management Squadron Transportation Management Office, then became Public Affair Officer with the Airlift Wing and later as Aircraft Maintenance Officer. In March 2003, he was assigned to the Pentagon in support of Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. He was deployed to Southeast Asia in August 2003 and assumed command of the 746th Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Al Udeie Air Base, Qatar.

Pollock was then assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Airlift Wing as the Maintenance Squadron Commander, overseeing more than 1,000 coalition troops and 11 aircraft maintenance units from the U.S., U.K. and Australia. He then assumed command of the 774th unit in Uzbekistan. When he returned home in June 2004, he took the reins of the 166th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at the New Castle County Airport.

Even though Pollock has been employed by the Christina School District for two years, he has taught for only four months.

"I chose the school [for the pinning ceremony] for several reasons," Pollock said. "For one, to show you must learn to juggle and balance many things in your life. And to say thank you to the

school and the school district."
He told the students the greatest thing to happen to him was to have the opportunity to serve overseas. He also spoke of the sacrifices made by his family. He was separated from his wife Monique for two of the four years they have been married.

Glasgow Principal Todd Harvey said he was especially pleased to have Pollock return to the school as math teacher.

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Glasgow High teacher promoted in Delaware Air National Guard



Lt. Col. Francis Pollock received his new oakleaf cluster in a promotion ceremony conducted at Glasgow High School from Brig. Gen. Jon Jacobs, left, of the Delaware Air National Guard. Pollock returned to GHS as a math teacher following his return from Southeast Asia.

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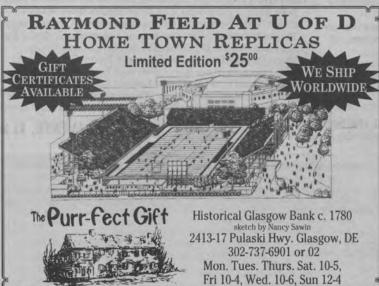
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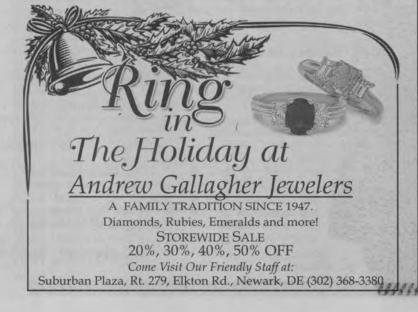
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FRIDAY

INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES 7 p.m. The Newark Library's Independent Film Series continues with The Middle of the World. Directed by Vicente Amorin, this Brazilian film tells the story of an unemployed truck driver who, with his family, bicy cles 2000 miles to Rio de Janiero to find work. On their journey, they find solidarity and indifference, aggressiveness and cordiality. The film, adapted from a true story, was an official selection of the Lincoln Center New Directions/New Films 2004 series. Newark Library, 750 Library Ave. Info., call

BOB PAISLEY & THE SOUTHERN GRASS 8 p.m. This is a bluegrass musical performance. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 420 Willa

A BRANDYWINE CHRISTMAS Open daily, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Nov. 26 - Jan. 9. Family favorites on display include an extensive model train layout, a Victorian dollhouse, an antique doll display and "critter" ornaments made by the museum's volunteers. This year's event is complemented by the special exhibition, Story Time: Children's Book Illustrations. From Thomas Nast's early drawings of Santa Claus for "Christmas Drawings for the Human Race" in 1890 to Charles Santore's interpretations of Beatrix Potter's "The Complete Tales of Peter Rabbit" in 1986, this exhibition features over 40 excellent and delightful works from the museum's important and growing collection of children's book illustrations. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors ages 65 and over and students; free for children under six and members. Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-

2700 or visit the web site at www.brandywinemuseum.org.
6TH ANNUAL OPEN PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW Nov. 20 - Dec. 23 gallery hours: Mon - Fri., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the second Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The free opening reception will be catered and open to the public. This photography reception will feature live music and poetry readings. The photography exhibition will feature awards sponsored by cameras etc. of Newark and Wilmington. Elkton Arts Center, 135 E. Main St., Elkton, Md. Info., 410-392-5740 or visit www.CecilCountyArtsCouncil.org.

SATURDAY

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

HOUSE TOUR 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Through its annual Holiday House Tour, the Museum Council raises funds for special needs of the Delaware Art Museum. Seven private homes and Howard Pyles art studio are included on the tour. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in advance. On Tour Day, tickets may be purchased at the University of Delaware's Goodstay Center. Tickets and info., 302-571-9590. or visit the Museum website,

www.delart.org http://www.delart.org/.

HOLIDAY SHOPS Dec. 11 and 12. This market features unique objects creat-



CHESAPEAKE BRASS BAND TO PLAY CONCERT

The University of Delaware Department of Music presents the Chesapeake Brass Band on Friday, Dec. 10, 2004. The concert is at 8 p.m. in Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Admission is \$10, adults; \$7, seniors; \$3, students. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at the Trabant or Bob Carpenter box offices on the UD campus.

ed by some of the region's most talented craftspeople. Approximately 12 artisans exhibit and sell their work on a rotating basis. Items for sale include wooden boxes, dolls, hand woven scarves, jewelry, pottery and more. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. Price includes admission to the Brandywine River Museum.Brandywine River Museum Courtyard, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-2700.

CARTOONS AND CARICATURES Open daily, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.Through February 13, 2005. Exhibition features illustrations that examine and illuminate a variety of social, political and cultural issues from the 19th and 20th centuries. Included are approximately 45 watercolors and pen and ink drawings by 33 well-known humorists. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors ages 65 and over, students with 1.D., and children ages 6 to 12; and free for children under six and Brandywine Conservancy members. Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-2700 or

visit www.brandywinemuseum.org.

BRUCE ANTHONY 7 - 10 p.m. This is a musical performance by a local jazz phenomenon. Home Grown Cafe, 126 East Main Street, Newark. Info., call

PET ADOPTION 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Dumpster Cats Rescue League will be at Christiana Mall Petco. Adoption fee is required. Info., call 302-834-2859.

■ MONDAY, DEC. 13

STITCHES OF ART AND COMFORT: DELAWARE QUILTS, 1740-2002. Through May 31. Celebrate the American tradition of quilting by viewing a

comprehensive display of 100 unique Delaware-made quilts featured at the comprehensive display of 100 unique Delaware-made quilts featured at the Delaware State Museums Visitor Center and Galferies in Dover and in three other state museums. See an array of colors and quilt patterns reflected in this textile art form that visually provide clues to the history and culture of the state, the region and the nation from the 18th century to the present. The Delaware State Museums Visitor Center, 406 Federal Street, Dover. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. Hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Info., 302-739-4266 or visit www.delaware.gov.

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

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■ WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

BRUCE ANTHONY 7 - 10 p.m. This is a musical performance by a local jazz phenomenon. Home Grown Cafe, 126 East Main Street, Newark. Info., call 302-266-6993.

■ THURSDAY, DEC. 16

BEGINNER LINE DANCE 6 p.m. Beginner classes at the Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2336. LATINO MAGAZINE NIGHT 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Never a cover. Always a good

time. Come experience sophisticated night life at The Red Room, 550
Madison St., Wilmington. Info., 302-571-8440.

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



HOLIDAY EVENTS

■ FRIDAY, DEC. 10

CANS FOR A CAUSE Nov. 26 - Dec. 22, 2004. Get into the spirit of giving as the season of giving begins. Cans for a Cause Downtown Newark's Canned Food Drive benefiting the Newark Area Welfare Committee begins The goal is to collect 2,500 items. Items can be donated at :Brunswick Blue Hen Lanes; Cameras, Etc; Captain Blue Hen; Crystal Concepts; Copy Maven; Delaware Book Exchange; Downtown Parking Office; Edward Jones Investments, Happy Harry's; Hollywood Tan; National 5 & 10; Newark Natural Foods; The Days of Knights; Lieberman Books; Mid-Atlantic Ballet; and Village Imports. While all nonperishable items will be appreciated, the Newark Area Welfare Committee indicates a particular need

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FRIDAY, DEC. 10

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

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

■ SATURDAY, DEC. 11

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

RECYCLE ALUMINUM 9 a.m. to noon second Saturday each month at Center for Creative Arts, off Rt. 82, Yorklyn. Anything except foil. Remove non-metal portions like glass or chair webbing. Call for house siding and large pickups at 302-239-2690 or 302-239-2434.

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

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

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

■ SUNDAY, DEC. 12

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

■ MONDAY, DEC. 13

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS 7:30 p.m. orientation meeting the second Monday of the month at the Bear Library, Governor's Square.

FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES Mondays at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. a Newark United Methodist Church, 69 East Main Street, Newark. Classes begin on September 20 for beginners and intermediate level. Info., 302-368-4942 or 302-368-8774. MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 9

p.m. Mondays. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting loca-tions provided only with registration at 302-

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

Drive, Into., 302-737-2336.
CHORUS OF BRANDYWINE 7:30 p.m. Men's barbershop rehearsals at MBNA Bowman Conference Center, Ogletown, All welcome, Info., 302-655-SING,

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

MEETINGS

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

NCCo STROKE CLUB Noon at the Jewish

Community Center, Talleyville. Info., call Nancy Traub at 302-324-4444.

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info., 302-368-2318.

■ TUESDAY, DEC. 14

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

EPILEPSY SUPPORT 7 p.m. second Tuesday of month meets at the Easter Seal Center Conference Room, Corporate Cir., New Castle. Info., 302-324-4455.

CHRISTINA SCHOOL BOARD 7:30 p.m. sec ond Tuesday of every month. For info. and locations, call 302-454-2500, or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

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NARFE 11 a.m. second Tuesday of December.

Newark Chapter of National Association of
Retired Federal Employees meets at the The
Trap Restaurant, Newark/ Elkton Road,
Newark. Info., 302-731-1628.

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. every Tuesday. For men who like to sing at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., call Will at 302-368-3052.

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

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

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

■ WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

CROHN'S AND COLITIS FOUNDATION 7:30 p.m. third Wednesdays, Wilmington Satellite Group meets at Christiana Hospital, Room 1100. Info., 302-764-5717.

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

DIAMOND STATE CROCHETERS 6 p.m. third Wednesdays in the Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Rd. Info., call Ann at 302-324-8585.

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

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD 7 p.m. third
Wednesday of each month alternating between

Bayard and Keene schools, Info., 302-454-2500, or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

CONSTITUENT MEETING 7 a.m. first and third Wednesdays of the month. Rep. Melanic George of the 5th District and Rep. John Viola of the 26th District will meet for morning cof-fee and discuss a wide variety of concerns with constituents at the Bob Evans Restaurant at Governor's Square in Bear.

C.H.A.D.D. 7:30 p.m. third Wednesday.

Parent/Educator Support Group meeting to support the lives of people with attention disorders through education, advocacy, and support the at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 302-737-5063.

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

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

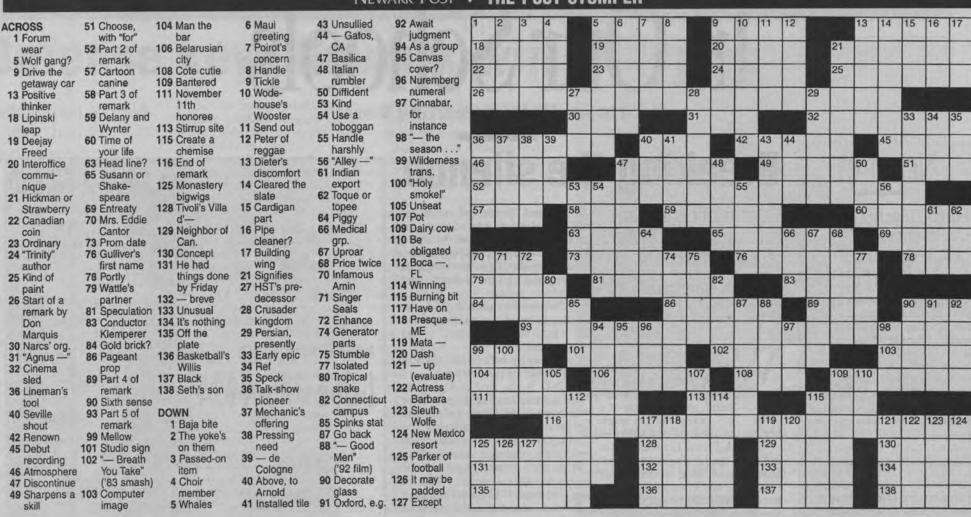
NEWARK DELTONES 7 - 10 p.m. at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 302-737-4544.

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

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

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■ THURSDAY, DEC. 16

HOLISTIC HEALTH 7 p.m. third Thursdays. Workshop by certified natural health professional at Rainbow Books, Main St., Newark. Free, preregistration required 302-368-7738. ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP 6:30 p.m.

third Thursdays at the Newark Senior Center 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2336. MEDAL OF HONOR ASSN 7 p.m. third

Thursdays. Delaware Medal of Honor Historical Association meets at Veterans Administration Hospital, Elsmere. Open to public.

EVENING YOGA 6:15 p.m. Class to encourage relaxation and improve strength, balance, and peace of mind. \$15 per month at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2326

STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. every Thursday. Animal

stories read by a lively storyteller near the Otter exhibit at Brandywine Zoo. Info., 302-571-7747. WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7 - 9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of mem-

bers, meeting locations provided only with reg-istration at 302-765-9740. DIVORCECARE 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Separated/divorced persons meet at Southern Chester County YMCA, East Baltimore Pike, Jennersville, Pa. Childcare available; ages 7 and m. Info., 610-869-2140.

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

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

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for vegetables, fruit, cereal, desserts, peanut butter, jelly, soup, juice, pasta and

■ SATURDAY, DEC. 11

CHRISTMAS COMES TO BUENA

VISTA 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Enjoy holiday decorations displayed inside and out of this grand mid-Victorian 325-acre country estate. Guests will take pleasure in seeing a variety of festive seasonal décor and floorto- ceiling Christmas trees in every room of this charming historic home that was built in 1845. Buena Vista, Rt. 13, near New Castle. Info., 302-323-4430.

STROLLING SANTA Noon - 3 p.m. On Saturday afternoons in December, Santa will be in the Newark Shopping Center, greeting shoppers, giving goodies to children and spreading the joy of the season. Stop by and wish Santa Happy Holidays!

SANTA HAYRIDE EXPRESS Take a hayride to visit Santa every Saturday and Sunday, starting Dec. 4. Hayrides depart every hour between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. No reservations are required. Cost is \$5 per person. Carousel Park, Pike Creek. Info., 302-995-7670.

■ WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

WINTER CONCERT 7:15 p.m. This musical performance will take place at Marshall Elementary School. Open to the public.

Info., 302-454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

WINTER CONCERT 7 p.m. This musical performance will take place at Christiana High School. Open to the public. Info., 302-454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

WINTER CONCERT 7 p.m. This musical performance will take place at Glasgow High School. Open to the public. Info., 302-454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

WINTER CONCERT 7:30 p.m. This musical performance will take place at Shue/Medill Middle School. Open to the public. Info., 302-454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

KID'S SHOPPING NIGHT 3 - 8 p.m. Calling all kids! There are gifts for everyone on your list, and they are priced to meet your budget! There will be refresh-

ments, entertainment and a visit for Santa for Kids only. Downtown Newark Main Street businesses. Free parking for parents.

■ THURSDAY, DEC. 16

WINTER CONCERT 7 p.m. This musical performance will take place at Kirk Middle School. Open to the public. Info., 302-454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

WINTER CONCERT 7 p.m. This musical performance will take place at West Park-Elementary. Open to the public. Info., 302-454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

WINTER CONCERT 7 p.m. This musical performance will take place at Brader Elementary. Open to the public. Info., 302-454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.





In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Parent/Teacher Conferences

N Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 13 and 14, parent/ teacher conferences will be held in the Christina School District. On Monday, there will be early dismissal for all students in grades 1-12 and kindergarten and preschool classes are canceled. On Tuesday all K-8 schools will be closed, but high schools will be open and classes in

Community meeting

Families and community members are invited to informal sessions to review the draft version of the Guiding Principles in the study of current feeder patterns and options for student assignment. Community input is welcomed. Meetings are at noon and 7 p.m. on Dec. 13 in Shue-Medill Middle School and Dec. 14 in Pulaski School. For more info, call 454-2476.

Board meeting

Christina School District Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. at Pulaski Elementary School, 1300 Cedar St., Wilmington. The agenda will be available on the district Web site.

Student of the Week

Sarah Simpson, a fourth grader at Albert H. Jones Elementary

School. was selected by Principal Rick Bartkowski as this week's Student of the Week. Although faced with a great deal SIMPSON



of adversity in her life, Sarah brings a positive attitude to school everyday. She is a hard worker and faces every challenge in school head on. Sarah earns excellent grades in every subject. Bartkowski says she has developed into the epitome of a Jones star student.

Breaking the silence

Communicating to insure student safety in the classroom

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

OULD you rat on a friend? Many teenagers today would rather die than disclose a secret they know about a friend, some because of a sense of allegiance, some because of a fear of retaliation.

Save-A-Friend Hotline, a pilot initiative by the Christina School District, now offers students, parents, staff and community members a way to anonymously report tips on a toll-free number dedicated exclusively to the Christina School District.

The hotline number is being introduced to students from grades five through 12 through a video, Break the Code of Silence.

Based on the true story of a young boy in Fairfax (Va.) High School, the video shows how a regular student, who has dreams of college and playing football, can have his life end instantly because of an accidental shooting Richard Strickland, manager of school safety and security for Christina schools, said the video has been well received by the students in the first showings at Christiana High School last

'We need to teach the kids it's better to break a confidence than to let someone die," said Strickland.

"If you're part of the silence,

you're part of the problem."

CSD is the first in Delaware and the surrounding areas to have such a hotline where callers can report possible malicious or criminal activity, incidents of bullying, potential suicide, drug or alcohol abuse, possession of guns or other weapons, violence or date rape. Philadelphia School District announced this week a hotline number for similar calls.

Because students are often hesitant to speak up, afraid they might become a name on a hit list or have someone mad at them, they are not likely to go to a teacher or counselor. Many will not even confide in their parents, for fear the parent will go to the school and their identity will be

The hotline is anonymous and does not ask for a caller's name. The caller talks to a trainer counselor of a privately owned com-



pany, not someone within the school district. The counselors are trained to handle threats and determine if they are a one, two, or three category of urgency. Any one or two-level call will be forwarded to Strickland the next day. Any three-level incident is reported to him immediately. His cell phone is on 24/7. He will show up at the school and discuss the caller's concern with administrators or any other personnel to determine the best course of

False reporting will be dealt with since this is similar to filing a false police report, Strickland

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A presidential visit

Former general shares historical tales

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

EORGE Washington never cut down a cherry tree. But he did accidentally tip over an outhouse.

And no one ever called him "George." It was "General" or "Mr. It was "Mr. President."

Students at Gauger-Middle School Cobbs recently had a visit from the first President of the United States. They heard tales of his childhood, fighting in the wars that established our independence, governing the country and building his Mt. Vernon estate.

As the General told the students about the early

years of the development of our country, he shared observations of his own humility and respect for others. As commander-in-chief, he had the power to tell Congress what they could do, but he said he never abused that

All his life Washington shunned recognition. The more power he was given, the more he could have become a dictator. But he explained didn't, General.

"George Washington is someone you should emu-late, but first you must read about him. Everything he did was done with a purpose in mind," the General said.

"Do you want to be different from others? Always do the right thing, never lie and never talk about others," he said. "You have the opportunity at your age to become the kind of person you want to become.

Have the courage to say "no." It takes no courage to go along with others, he told the seventh and eighth

Eighth grader Christopher Vidal was intrigued by the message the General had.

"I will check him on-line, especially the rules of civili-

ty and try to follow his rules," Vidal said.

The appearance of Washington, played by Carl Closs, reinforces Gauger's "Character attempt intertwine Education' throughout the curriculum, Vice Principal Bill said Conley.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Eighth grader Nathan Nalisz-ewski tries out George Washing-ton's sword. Washington said he himself was a man of great courage when on the battlefield, but he was also a phenomenal dancer and was not off the dance floor until the party was over.

Student help to ensure safety in schools

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said

Anyone who is affiliated with the Christina School District, even if you just live in the area, can pick up the phone and dial the toll-free number to report potential threatening activity.

Strickland said it is important to have parental support in getting students to understand their responsibility to call the hotline if they have concerns about their safety or that of their friends.

Other initiatives, such as the AlertNow emergency broadcast system and a Web-based camera monitoring system are being introduced to ensure the continued safety of everyone using the district facilities and the surrounding neighborhoods.

rounding neighborhoods.

AlertNow is a rapid alert system meant for emergencies only. It will not be used to announce school closings because of snow. But it will be used to notify parents of a lock-down at a school or

an evacuation and will tell parents where to go to meet their child. This system is now being used in all 28 Christina schools.

The Web-based monitoring system, being tested at Newark High School this year, will have the capability of providing around-the-clock observation of school facilities by authorized school personnel from the office, home, or wherever they have Web access.

"It is not our responsibility to raise your children," Strickland recently told a group of parents at Glasgow High School. "It is our responsibility to educate your children.

"All of this is to make our school climate safer and more conducive to students' learning," Strickland said.

Zero acceptance policy

THE CSD has a zero acceptance policy. Strickland said that students need to realize if they violate the student code of conduct, they will be dealt with immediately. Some of the secondary schools, like Glasgow High, are seeing a higher number of police-related incidents over last year's statistics.

According to Glasgow's resource officer, Det. Joseph McGrory, more reporting is being done and the code of conduct is being followed. He expects the numbers to increase for a period of time, then level off and begin to drop.

At the same time, Strickland, a former Florida State trooper, realizes students have rights, too, and he will make sure their civil rights are protected.

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Focus on solutions

SUPERINTENDENT Joseph Wise is not only focused on the problems in the schools but also on the solutions.

As part of Wise's transition program for CSD, he is looking at the school climate and discipline. The 2003 referendum provided for alternative learning programs for those who cannot stay in the traditional classrooms. A team of administrators is currently looking into what will be effective and what is needed in the school district. Included on that team are David Sundstrom, chief of staff who is also a lawyer, Jeffrey Edmison, chief

operations officer, and Deborah Rodenhouser, executive director of education options and student services.

An 18-year-old student who is suspended and students caught in a food fight obviously need different types of programs and services. Community issues are being brought into the schools. And then there are the raging teenage hormones that say, "Look at me."

"We're taking a comprehensive look at a variety of issues," Rodenhouser said. "We have a pot-load of complex issues."

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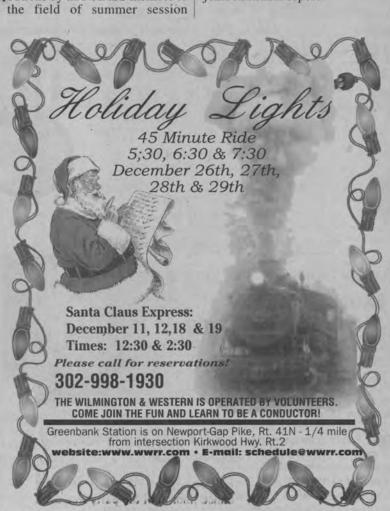
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UD Special Sessions administrator honored

Allan Fanjoy, administrator of University of Delaware Special Sessions, including summer and winter sessions, received the first North American Association of Summer Sessions (NAASS) Distinguished Service Award at its annual conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The award was created to "recognize" extraordinary contributions by an NAASS member to the field of summer session administration through exemplary service to NAASS and leadership in their own summer session programs."

A member of NAASS since 1988, Fanjoy was cited for his contributions in creating, improving and maintaining the NAASS Web site and also for his work in improving methods of gaining and analyzing data for its joint statistical report.





Newark says 'farewell' to band director

EWARK High School Music Department will present "A Farewell Winter Concert" on Dec. 21, in which Lloyd Ross will direct the Wind and Jazz ensembles for the last time as music teacher at NHS. He will be retiring as of the end of December. The concert will feature performances by all the ensembles in the music department, including the Chamber Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Stage Band and Choir.

Special solist for the evening will be senior Rachel Maclary who will perform Mozart Flute Concerto No. 2 in D Major.

Maclary, named for her great grandmother, R. Elizabeth Maclary, who was an educator in the school district, started playing flute at the age of five. She first entered competitions in 1998 at 11 years old. For 13 years she has studied with Dr. Lynne Cooksey A farewell concert

Tuesday, Dec. 21 7 p.m.

Newark High School 750 E. Delaware Ave.

Free

Public invited

of the Wilmington Music School.

Maclary is a member of the Delaware County Youth Orchestra and the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra. She has been a member of the Delaware All-State Band for the past five years and the All-State Orchestra for the past two. This past summer

she attended the wind ensemble program at Boston University Tanglewood Institute.

Recent awards for Maclary include: second runner-up in the Delaware Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition in 2003 and 2004, state winner of the Music Teachers' National Association senior high woodwind competition in 2004 and second place in the Delaware Contest for Young Musicians for 2003

Maclary most recently won

the Newark Symphony Concerto Competition and will perform with them in a March 6 concert.

Besides performing, Maclary is on the swim team, in Honor Society, teaches private flute lessons and sings in the school choir. Her goal is to be a flutist in a major orchestra and to teach privately.

For information on plans for Lloyd Ross's retirement gift, go to musicboosterspres@comcast.net.



Special solist for the evening will be senior Rachel Maclary.

Comic shop holds holiday event

Captain Blue Hen Comics on Main Street in Newark will host a comics-related holiday party on Saturday, Dec. 18, from noon to 3 p.m., with special guest, Santa Claus, and his superhero helper, Spidey Santa.

Residents are invited to be there for family fun, door prizes, and charitable opportunities. Also, catch the only area appearance of Kris Kringle's buddy, Spider-Man. During the holidays, Spider-Man assumes his Spidey Santa role and passes on children's wishes to his old pal St. Nick.

Since this is the season for a raffle an giving and receiving, the event character.

will have opportunities to do both.

Visitors can take pictures with guest characters, take advantage of special sales, enter to win door prizes, snack on complimentary refreshments, and use the gift wrapping service.

During the event, visitors can also experience the wonderful feeling of giving. Bring non-perishable food for Can for a Cause, benefitting the Newark Area Welfare Committee's Emergency Food Assistance Program.

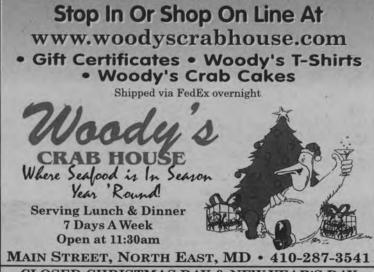
Captain Blue Hen will raise money for Toys for Tots through a raffle and sales of photos with a

Nichols graduates from Springfield

Newark resident **David Nichols** earned a Master of
Science degree for studies completed in 2004 from Springfield
College.

Anderson and Kremer named to dean's list

Brooke Anderson and Lauren Kremer, both of Newark, were named to the dean's list at Salisbury University for the spring 2004 semester.







TAR & FRATHERS

ar and feathering used to be a severe form of punishment during the 1800s. Today, it's the result of an accidental environmental disaster. While oil spills are always devastating, when one hits close to home, it's even harder to swallow. But one Newark group is fighting to save the area's birds.



By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

In the back corner of a toddler's play pen, the Canadian Goose tries to open his once-regal wings. But they won't extend. They fold under the crippling weight of the crude oil clinging to his feathers. He shakes his head and tries again. This time, he pushes further and flaps them twice before they collapse toward his body. At best, it's a heart-breaking sight.

This goose is just one of more than 60 other birds that have found their way to the Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research, after a massive oil spill on the Delaware River. Soon, he'll follow the oth-

ers to the cleaning bins, where his feathers will be washed and rinsed half a dozen times by local volunteers.

"It's very stressful for the birds," says
Christina Motoyoshi, executive director of
the Newark-based center. "It's very traumatic. They've got this gunk all over their
bodies, and then there are these people
trying to catch them, handling them. The stress
itself can kill the birds."

In an effort to minimize that stress, bird handlers keep the noise level to a bare minimum. That means no talking. And even the geese themselves seem to respect the rule. Around the cleaning basins there are no chirps or honks. With so many birds around, an eerie

Volunteers work around the clock to save the lives of local wildlife. Two volunteers hose off as much oil as they can from a

Canadian goose (left). Later, the goose will make his way through a series of 10-galloon tubs filled with warm water and Dawn dish soap (top, left). Eventually, he will join the rest of birds in drying off under heat lamps (top, right).



quiet hangs in the air. The only sound is that of splashing water.

But before a bird can find its way to the basins, it has

to be rubbed down in warmed canola oil. This crucial

step breaks up the oil and helps stop the damage to the

feathers. Next, the birds are bathed in a 10-gallon tub of

warm water and diluted Dawn dish soap. The blue soapy

water is splashed around the bird to get under its feath-See BIRDS, 22



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Strolling Santa at Newark Shopping Center, 12-3 PM Wednesday, 12/15

Kid's Shopping Night with Strolling Santa, 3-8 PM Free Parking, Refreshments, Gifts suitable to a child's budget.

Saturday, 12/18

Strolling Santa at Newark Shopping Center, 12-3 PM

Wednesday, 12/22

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Night, 3-8 PM Free Parking,
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luminaries, discounts and
dinner specials, historic
walking tours.



Jackets never take winning for granted

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Another year – another state championship for Newark High. The Yellowjackets' 14-0 victory over Middletown Saturday gave Newark seven of the last eight Division I state football championships.

Don't for a second, though, think anyone associated with the Newark football pro-

gram takes these titles for granted. If they did, this one wouldn't have happened. Midway

through
October - from Valania
the outside
looking in - everything
appeared perfect for the
Jackets. They were undefeated. They were winning
by large margins. They
were defending state
champs and they had won

state titles.

Who could've possibly thought there was a problem?

six of the previous seven

Coach Butch Simspon and his staff, that's who thought there was a problem.

Simpson didn't feel comfortable with the way his team was playing. He recognized the victories, but knew something was missing.

He'd tell anybody that would listen that his team was underachieving. But when you have a history of winning and you're still winning – by large margins – it's hard to get people including members of his team, to listen.

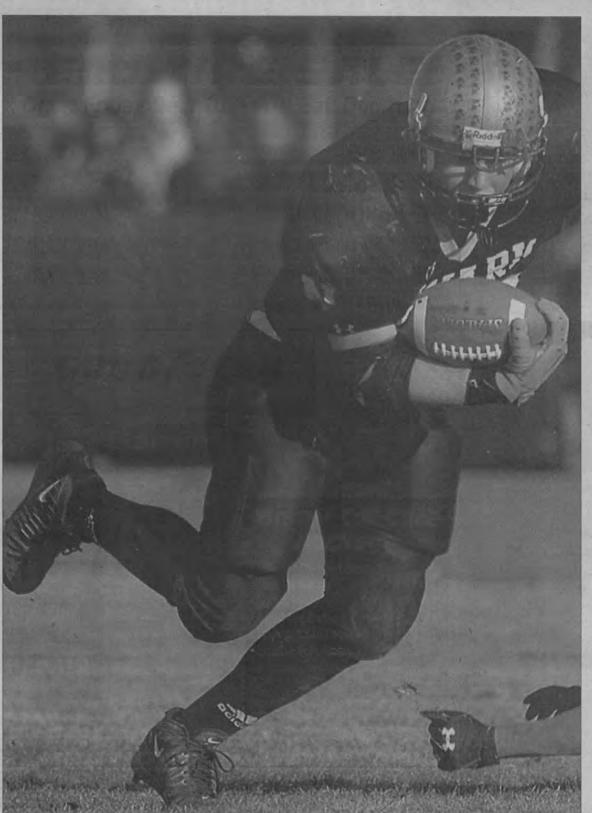
That changed on Oct. 29 when Middletown came into Hoffman Stadium and whipped the Jackets 24-6.
With all its recent suc-

With all its recent success, it would've been easy to accept that loss – or even

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CHAMPS AGAIN

Newark wins seventh state title in last eight years



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

Newark fullback Scott Gardner makes a nice move to elude a tackler after catching a screen pass. Gardner gained 16 yards on the play giving Newark a key first down on its second scoring drive.

Defense, Cotton lead Jackets to 14-0 win over Middletown

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

For the first few years of Newark High's recent football dynasty, it just pummeled other teams from the beginning of the year until the end. Now, the Yellowjackets have found a more interesting formula

interesting formula.

Newark shutout Middletown
14-0 Saturday afternoon in the
championship game of the
Delaware High School Division I
Football Tournament before over
3,500 fans at Delaware State
University's Alumni Stadium.
The win completed a 12-1 season
for the Jackets and gave them
their seventh state title in eight
years. Overall, it was Newark's
state record 10th state championship.

It also marked the second straight year in which the Jackets were dominated in the regular season by the team they eventually came back to beat in the title tilt. Last year they lost handily to St. Mark's in the regular season before coming back and winning the state title in overtime. This year, Middletown won the regular season meeting 24-6 back on Oct. 29.

"We found a new way to do it," joked Butch Simpson, who won his ninth state title. "That's how we do things now. No, obviously, that's not the way we planned it, but we'll take it." Newark was led by a superb defensive effort. Middletown was held to less than 20 yards rushing and never penetrated inside the Newark 20-yard line.

"It was a great defensive effort," Simpson said. "It all starts with our guys up front. They did a great job and our defensive coaches, led by Mike Brogan, did a great job."

Two Sam Cotton touchdown

Two Sam Cotton touchdown runs were all the offense the Jackets needed. Both scores

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Defense keys Newark win

Middletown to held to less than 20 yards rushing

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

It's true a good offense wins football games, and grabs the headlines, but it's also true, a good defense wins championships.

During Saturday's state championship game at Delaware State University, Newark's defense was a big factor in helping the Yellowjackets to a hard-fought, 14-0 victory over the Middletown Cavaliers.

"What a great effort by our defensive team today," said Newark coach Butch Simpson. "Middletown can do a lot of things with the ball, but we had a lot of times where we had third down stops, fourth down stops, a stop deep in our territory after a short punt... Wow! It was all defense today."

The victory gave the Yellowjackets (12-1), their second consecutive state title, and seventh in the last eight years.

It also avenges Newark's only loss of the year, a 24-6 decision to Middletown back on Oct. 29th.

In that contest, Middletown's offense pounded Newark for 17 early points, and controlled play for most of the game.

But not this time, Newark's defense linemen Ted Fowler, Jeff Peoples, Kimphus Daniels, Phil Hudson and Austin Becker applied pressure all day to Cavalier quarterback Charles Walker, and kept senior running back Adam Shrewsbury out of the end zone.

Newark's defensive coordinator Mike Brogan said his squad played with a lot of enthusiasm and determination.

"They worked really hard this week on our game plan, and they executed our plan very well today, and that's all you can ask a team to do," he said.

Brogan said he made minimal changes compares to the first time the Jackets played the Cavaliers.

"When you play Middletown, you have to meet their enthusiasm and their drive for the game, and I thought that was important to do. We ran a 6-2 defense the first time, and this time we ran the 5-4, because we had some guys who developed up front," said Brogan.

Statistics usually tell the story of a game, and this game was no exception. While Sam Cotton and company had another great game, Newark's defense was also putting up impressive numbers.

The Jackets harassed Walker with six sacks on the day, three by Daniels. The team also had about the same number of knockdowns. Walker was 7-17 through the air for only 83 yards, as Newark secondary tandem of Chet Turner and James Snyder smothered the Cavs receivers and knocked down numerous passes.

Daniels said it was great just to be able to play in back-to-back championship games.

"We played hard all year and got better as the season went along. It feels great to win it all again," said Daniels, who had the game winning interception in last year's title game.

The Jackets limited Shrewsbury to fewer than 50 yards on the ground. The Cavaliers netted only 17 rushing yards due to the sacks and other negative yardage plays.

Newark's defensive lineman and co-captain Teddy Fowler said he felt this was the D-line's best game of the season.

"I think Jeff Peoples made a lot of big plays today, and our defensive ends contained very well, and everyone played their hearts out today," said Fowler.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY DAVID HOWELL

Newark coach Butch Simpson won his ninth state championship.

Cotton again helps lead the way

NEWARK, from 16

capped the opening drives of each half.

Newark moved 71 yards on six plays on its first drive of the game with Cotton going into the end zone from three yards out. The senior running back carried the ball five of the six plays on the drive and for all but four yards of the drive.

Cotton, who finished the game with 165 yards on 31 carries, also capped Newark's first drive of the second half. This time it was from one yard out and finished off a 13-play 80-yard march

"We really wanted to win this one for coach," Cotton said. "The first time we played them we just thought we could go out there and win because we're Newark. But it's not played that way. This time we played with more focus. We knew we did the same thing last year against St. Mark's and we knew we could do it again this year. It's nice to get a win over Middletown after they beat us three straight times."

Middletown ended its season

"I think the biggest difference between this game and the one earlier is in that one we got off to a quick start, got some momentum and got them back on their heels," said Middletown coach Mark DelPercio. "This time, they took the opening drive and scored. It's a credit to them.

"And their defense was outstanding. They even shut us down after we made some adjustments. It's a credit to them and their coaching staff."

Jackets pick up intensity, win another title

▶ JACKETS, from 16

dismiss it as an aberration. Yet Simpson didn't lump this team in with all the others. He didn't demand or expect less of this team because of the success of past teams. Only because of that attitude did Newark get in a position to win Saturday.

Newark, slowly at first, began to regain the intensity that has been a trademark of this unprecedented run of championships. The Jackets defeated Christiana. Then, for the first time all year, it put together a dominating first half and defeated Delcastle in the regular-season finale. They continued with a solid victory over Sussex Tech in the opening round of the playoffs.

Then, with the competition stiffening significantly, the Jackets took another step forward in the state semifinals

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against Salesianum. Newark's intensity and execution were clearly better than they had been all season.

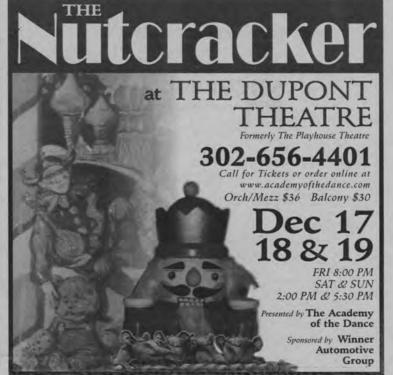
The intensity level of Saturday's state final was as good as it gets from both teams. If Newark wasn't at a high level, Middletown would've have overwhelmed it like it did in October.

The way this team grew in the latter part of the season had

to be rewarding for players and coaches alike. It's one thing when you have a team that is dominating from the outset of the season. It's another when you see flaws, correct them and reap the benefits.

The state title – however they got it – is most gratifying for the players. The latter scenario is more satisfying for coaches – coaches that don't take success for granted.





Blue Hens hurt by losing big lead in quarterfinal

Keeler defends play calling in wake of loss, criticism

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Never has a momentum shift been more obvious. It was if Stephen Cason flipped a switch. Delaware led William & Mary

by 21 points as the fourth quarter began Saturday and had the game seemingly under control. That was until Cason, a William & Mary cornerback, stepped in front of a Sonny Riccio pass in the flat and returned it 62 yards for a touchdown. The play ignit-ed the Tribe, ignited the crowd and ignited an improbable 44-38 come-from-behind, double overtime victory in the quarterfinal round of the NCAA I-AA playoffs in Williamsburg Saturday.

The victory propelled the Tribe into Friday night's semifi-nal game also in Williamsburg against Atlantic-10 foe James Madison. It's a semifinal game that seemed destined to be played in Newark Friday night in front of a large Delaware Stadium crowd and a national television audience. It wasn't to be.

'What a tremendous disappointment," said Delaware coach K.C. Keeler, still feeling the affects of the loss 48 hours later. "We had a stranglehold on the game and let it get away.'

Keeler had seen ominous signs throughout the season.

"Really, the game was indicative of how the season went," Keeler said. "Four times we had leads of 20 points and let teams

get back in the game. The Maine game and the Villanova game were examples of games that we should've put away a lot earlier. We can't have an oops in the playoffs and, boy, did we have an

"You can't start thinking about the next round too early and I think that's what we did in that second half. We definitely had an opportunity slip by. I wouldn't say that the loss will haunt us, but it will definitely hurt."

Keeler took issue with those that thought his offense abandoned a successful running game for the pass in the second half, thus causing the Blue Hens the game. Many saw Omar Cuff's 170-yard effort - without touching the ball in the fourth quarter as reason to second-guess the coaching decisions.

"I don't second guess what we did because I know the thought process was good," he said.

One of the things that many fans didn't realize, he said, was the injury situation at the tight end position. Justin LaForgia was hurt and didn't make the trip. Newark native Steve Selk injured his shoulder and had to leave the game as well.

"That left us with one walk-on tight end in Mike Mailey," Keeler said. "We couldn't go double tights and run the ball like we wanted to. We had one tight end and he was making his first-ever road trip.

In addition, Keeler pointed to a dropped ball that forced his team to give up the ball and to the fact that, prior to the two-minute



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

David Boler caught two touchdowns against William & Mary.

drill, his team only ran six plays in the fourth quarter.

"When you're not successful," the coach said. "You never did it the right way.

Despite the loss, Keeler thought the season was a success-

"With the way we started the year, I didn't think we'd be A-10 champs," he said. "There's a reason that it hasn't been done in 12

years and that's because it's very difficult to do. We're not in the mode to reload yet with only two recruiting classes, yet we found a way to reload and win a conference championship. Only two teams from last year's Top 25 were still playing in the quarterfinal round and we were one of them. I'm proud of that. We must be doing something right."

Caravel falls to Concord in Division II game

Late blocked punt for safety gives Raiders the winning points

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

It's back-to-back football titles for Concord High School.

The Raiders won their second consecutive Division II state championship with a suspenseful, nail-biting, 9-7 victory over previously undefeated Caravel Academy Sunday afternoon at State University's Delaware Alumni Stadium.

Senior defensive lineman Ray Carr was the hero of the game, blocking a Caravel punt attempt out of the end zone with only 2:24 left in the contest. The safe-ty gave the Raiders their only lead of the day, but the two points became the margin of victory, and just enough to earn Concord another championship.

Carr said he felt confident

could pull out the victory in the waning moments of the game.

"I just told my teammates to give me some room, because I had a feeling I could block the punt down at their goal line," said

Concord coach George Kosanovich said his team didn't have any special play to try and block the punt.

"That was the first punt rush we had all afternoon. I just told them to turn it loose and get the ball. I'm so proud of all of my kids today, they played so hard today, and all season long," he

After a hard-hitting and score-less first half, the Buccaneers completed a short drive when quarterback Will Rollins hit Jarrod Wright with 26-yard touchdown pass 2:27 left in the third quarter. Evan Sestak's PAT gave Caravel a 7-0 lead.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Concord took possession at its own 16-yard line. During the desperation drive, Raider quarterback Todd Menchaca tossed key passes to Marcus

Napier and Mike Czachorowski. He then found Colin Heffernan in the end zone on a fourth down play, to bring Concord to within a point.

Matt Dineen then kicked the game-tying extra point with only 3:04 left to play.

"We didn't throw a lot in the first half, but coach (Kosanovich) told us we had to throw more in the last quarter to open up their defense," said Menchaca. was a tough and exciting football game all day long, and we were fortunate to beat a good team today.

Concord ended the season with an 11-1 record, with its only loss coming to Division I semifinalist Caesar Rodney.

The loss ended Caravel's dream of a perfect season, as the Bucs also finished the year at 11-

"I'm very proud of the way our team battled all year," said Bucs coach Mike Aruanno, 'Unfortunately, the ball just didn't bounce our way at the end of the game."



Newark-based dance company puts new twist on holiday favorite

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

OR the past 19 years, Allyson Cohen-Sherlock has immersed herself in a of make-believe sugarplums, princesses and toys who come to life in the Delaware Dance Company's renditions of The Nutcracker.

This year is no different.

Born and raised in Newark, Cohen-Sherlock, 29, has been a student and now a teacher at DDC, the state's first professional ballet company, for 25 years. Cohen-Sherlock knows "The

Nutcracker" inside out, as she's played every lead female lead role at some point, and started out as a young child playing smaller parts such as a gingersweet or

page.
The DDC's production of the "The Nutcracker," which was held this year on Dec. 4 and 5 at John Dickinson High School, was special, she says, because it had a more contemporary feel to

The production had been adapted by local playwright Scott F. Mason, who has crafted and shaped the story over the years by adding characters and a different spin on the same story.

Such characters as a Queen Rat and a nutcracker Prince are unique to the DDC production.

"We try to keep it alive, and keep it entertaining," says Cohen-Sherlock, who played the lead character of Sugar Plum

performed in the production, with the majority being from the

DDC. The male lead characters, however, are guests from various

Cohen-Sherlock says it is nice to have new professional dancers participate every year.
"It inspires the kids to see pro-

fessionals and they look up to

them," she says.

The DDC's version of "The Nutcracker" is unique because it gives opportunities to young

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to inform readers about

dancers, she says. "We know our dancers are capable of doing lead roles, other studios hire those parts, but we give these opportunities to our dancers."

Going to see "The Nutcracker" is an annual holiday tradition which many partake in to set the mood for the upcoming festivities

Cohen-Sherlock says the dancers have been working hard since September to rehearse for the ballet, putting in roughly 40

Some may think because the production is done at a high school that the quality is less than professional, however Cohen-Sherlock thinks otherwise.

We're a professional company and we put on a professional show," she says. "Our kids get top training; they put all of their

The reward of performing is worth it for everyone, she says. "It's very thrilling to perform, whether you're tired or having a bad day, there's this adrenaline and excitement that comes with

grow and learn has been an

with DDC for so long. I've gone from dancing as a little girl to teaching here," she says. "I'm very honored to do what I do and privileged to dance with the DDC, I wouldn't want to work

something new out of it every time," she says. "I don't think I could do Christmas without doing 'The Nutcracker'."

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Watching the younger dancers amazing experience, Cohen-Sherlock says.

"It's been incredible dancing

"Every year is different, I get





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Elizabeth Webster and Dr. Duane Duke

Webster-Duke

Elizabeth Webster and Dr. Duane Duke are engaged. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Carolyn Corbett and David Whitehead, of Brooklyn, N.Y. She graduated from Poly Prep School and Phi Beta Kappa from Swarthmore College and went on to pursue a career in theater. She is a member of the resident acting company at The People's Light and Theatre Company in Malvern, Pa., and has performed in numerous Philadelphia theaters. She is currently working towards a Masters in Acting at The Academy for Classical Acting at The Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, D.C.

The groom-to-be is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Jodie L. Duke, of Newark. He graduated from Christiana High School, the University of Delaware, and Jefferson Medical College. He is a returned Peace Corps volunteer having served in Guinea, West Africa from 1997-1999. He presently works as a general surgery resident at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

An August 13, 2005 wedding is planned.



Linda Llera and Ronald Charles

Llera-Nuoffer

John and Joan Llera, of Newark, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Llera, to Ronald Charles Nuoffer, of Baltimore, Md.

Linda is a graduate of the University of Delaware and is employed by Northwest Airlines in Hanover, Md.

Ron is an FAA licensed airframe and power plant mechanic with an Associate degree in Aviation Maintenance from Rice University.

Engaged in April, they have planned an April 2005 wedding. The couple will reside in Parkville, Md.

Meadows on dean's list

Newark resident **Mark Meadows**, a junior at American
University majoring in
Economics, was named to the
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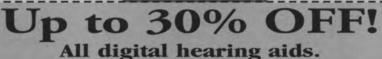
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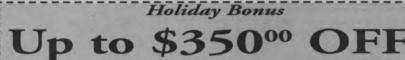
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Setting an example

One JROTC class was last to leave the auditorium following the promotion ceremony.

Chief Master Sergeant Waldberge Bryant led the 35 students in a leadership seminar in a discussion of the character points needed to accomplish what Lt. Col. Pollock had done

They need to study, stay focused on their work, and have good study habits, he told them. Furthering their education was critical.

You folks will be leading the world," Bryant said. "You need good study habits and good ethics."

Freshman Flight Commander Edward Williams saw from the promotion ceremony that responsibility and respect were impor-tant. "Hard work pays off," he

Chosen as leader

State Rep. Stephanie Ulbrich has been chosen as the new chairwoman of a regional board dedicated to improving education policy in 16 states.

The Southern Regional Education Board's Legislative Advisory Council encourages law makers to share information and resources, regardless of district boundaries, in the name of creating positive educational reform.

"This is an exciting time in education," Ulbrich said. 'As the new chair, I'll be able to share Delaware's reform experiences with officials from West Virginia to Texas."

Oil must be removed from birds' feathers

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ers. Then, he's rinsed off. After that, the process is repeated four more times until there's no sign of the oil left.

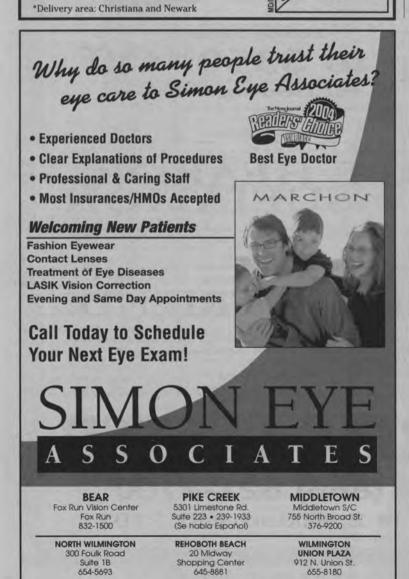
If the oil is allowed to cling to the bird, it actually causes a structural break down of its feathers. A delicate interlocking system, similar to velcro, makes each feather waterproof. "It keeps the bird dry, warm and Motoyoshi said. Without it, it's only a matter of time till the bird freezes to death.

Fortunately, if a bird is brought to the center quickly enough, serious damage can be prevented. After the birds are thoroughly cleaned, they are released to an outdoor pool. The swimming encourages the birds to preen, which repairs feather damage. In about 10 days water starts beading off their feathers again, a sign that they're once again waterproofed. Once that happens, the birds are released.

Moyotoshi expects to continue seeing oil-soaked birds long after the holiday season is over. "I'm sure we'll continue getting more birds for weeks, possibly months," she said. "Right now we don't know how long it will take to get all of this cleaned up. Hopefully there won't be serious residual damage.

She hopes that by the time the migratory birds return to the area, and they do by the thousands every spring, that the river and its shores will be cleaned up. But she is grateful for one thing. "It could have been much worse," she said. "If you had to pick a time for something like this to happen, you'd pick now when most of the birds have left the

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dry were taken. Value of the stolen items was \$310 and damages were \$150;

300 block East Main Street, Main Towers, on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 1:16 p.m., the driver's side of a 95 Plymouth Neon was scratched, with damages at \$400;

300 block East Cleveland Avenue, on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 9:40 a.m., Winner Ford employees reported a shattered driver's side window on a 2002 Mitsubishi Eclipse, with stereo, speakers and other AV equipment, valued at \$4,159, missing and \$200 in damage

Willa Road near Lehigh Road, on Monday, Nov. 29, at 7:21 p.m., the front passenger's window of a 2000 Volvo was smashed and the radio and other items at a value of \$250 were removed.

Newark police seek man

The Newark Police are searching for James R. Henry, who is wanted in connection with an aggravated men-

Police said the suspect allegedly was involved in an argument, con-fronted a family member with a knife and threatened bodily harm. The sus-

pect fled before police arrived.

Newark Police have obtained warrants charging Henry with aggravated menacing, possession of a deadly weapon during a felony, and terroristic threatening. In addition, Henry is wanted by various courts in Delaware for failure to appear, police

His whereabouts are unknown. Henry is a black male, 5'7", 155 pounds. Anyone with information is asked to call the Newark Police at 366-7111 or Crimestoppers at 800-TIP-3333, where information can be left anonymously.

Newark post office collects donations

The Newark Post Office is sponsoring their annual "Making Spirits Bright" toy drive.

This year, postal workers are collecting toys for the Ronald McDonald House in Wilmington.

Customers and businesses can place their unwrapped new toys in containers located in the postal facility's inner lobby at Ogletown

Road and Library Avenue. Window hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and extended Saturday hours are from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ronald McDonald House is a non-profit organization which houses out-of-state families while their children are seeking

medical treatment at the A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital.

The hospital is located directly across the street from the Ronald McDonald House. Families come from across the United States and abroad.

Laura's Glen approval now rests with council

► HOMES, from 3

Prechtl for scaling back on the program, they urged for more cut backs. "I would like to see it at four homes at most," resident Linda Lum said.

Commissioners heard the residents' cries and voted unanimously not to recommend approval to council. While Newark City Council is able to make its own decision, a plan not receiving approval from the Planning Commission can weigh in councilmembers heavily

"The council does tend to go

with the Commission," Lopata said. "But it's not 100 percent of the time. If that were the case, then council would just be a rubber stamp."

Prechtl said he plans to pres-

ent Laura's Glen to City Council as is. "Revisions will be minor," he said of the plans. "I have made substantial changes based on residents' requests, and I believe we are within our rights.

Resident Doris Gallagher felt less than positive about the commission's vote. "I know that this is going to go through," she said. "I hate it, but it's going to go through.'



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There are some concerns that the stamp procedure could suffer wear quickly. A similar applica-tion at the intersection of Rtes.

273 and 72. has been drained of color. But DelDOT officials don't anticipate a similar problem in Streetscape. A new dying method integrates brick coloring through the entire cement mixture, as opposed to top layers only. Niezgoda is quick to point out that the nine places in question would also be subjected to slower traffic, which would put less stress on the product.

Most residents seemed in favor of using Imprint technologies, but had a few other con-

cerns, too. Jean White, a Newark resident, said she supports the program, but hoped that designers consider using thicker white markings to denote crosswalks.

'It seems that the brick wouldn't show as well at night," she said as she compared before and after computer renderings of intersections. "But I'm basically very much for it."

In the end, the decision rests with the Newark City Council. "Whatever is decided is done by the city," Niezgoda said. "We're only here to offer suggestions."

While most of the funding for the \$1.2 million project comes from DelDOT, any spending that surpasses the earmarked \$1 million must come from the city's pocket.

The streetscape improve-ments, including bump-outs to slow traffic at pedestrian crossings, are expected to be done this coming summer simultaneously with the repaving of Main Street.

Guard members home safely, look forward to return to normal life

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12 hours a day," he said. "Our lives revolved around that. We would go home, go to bed and get up and do it again.'

The few spare hours Johnson gathered were spent playing air hockey, miniature golf or taking in a movie at the base's theater. But more often than not, his day off was booked. "We usually spent our days off taking care of the things that we were too busy to do during the week," he said. "Most of us would do laundry, go to the gym, hit the sack and head right back to work."

The combat-zone lifestyle was hard on Johnson and the men he worked with. "It was kind of depressing," he admitted. "There was never too much to look forward to, like weekends and seeing your family."

But it wasn't the constant work load that was the most difficult for the Delaware Air National Guard members to deal with. They had more important things to think about - like how to avoid the next mortar attack or sand storm.

Senior Airman Jacob Truitt, a senior at the University of Delaware, remembers unsuccessfully trying to dodge one of the storms. He was showering when the winds hit, so he had no idea what was going on outside. But because the base lacked indoor plumbing, and the showers were far removed from Truitt's bunk, he quickly found out the hard way. All around him the powderlike sand whipped up in blustery torrents. "In that three-minute walk back to my tent, I was worse off than when I had went to shower," he said.

It's a story that his fellow guardsmen get a kick out of, but in reality, sand storms aren't a joking matter. "They sting," Senior Master Sgt. Michael Forsyth, a Dover resident, said.

"It's a harsh environment. It's like a big beach, with no ocean. And the sand is completely dif-ferent. It's like talcum powder. When the sandstorms blow through, they're brutal."

Now that the airmen are back home, they each have different plans. Forsyth can't wait to sit down with some General Tso's chicken from his favorite Chinese restaurant. Truitt has a list of friends who insist on taking him to celebrate his 22nd birthday. And Johnson plans on finishing school and getting a job outside of the armed forces. But before that happens, he has a few pit stops to make. "I want to try to get a place in Newark and enjoy being 23," he said.

Now that his tour is over, the University of Delaware senior said he's glad to have gone. "This is something I'll cherish for the rest of my life," he said. "If someone asks what you did with your life, I can always look back and have this as a footnote. No one can take that away from me.'

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Newark resident Betsy Weinig, who is enrolled in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, was named to the dean's list.

Weinig is a senior majoring in magazine journalism.

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Bertha M. Kirk Boronski, honored by **President Eisenhower**

TEWARK resident Lt. Cdr Bertha M. Kirk Boronski (USNNC Ret.) died Dec. 2, 2004.

Mrs. Boronski, 89, graduated from Newark High School, class of 1932 and received her R.N. from Wilmington General Hospital School of Nursing. She served in the U.S. Navy Nurses Corps for 24 years.

President Eisenhower honored her while serving at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

A member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church for 50 years, she was honored for recording and delivering sermons to shut-ins and active in Amity Circle. She was a member and officer of the Home Economics Extension Club, F.I.S.H. and a coor-dinator of volunteers at the Methodist Country House.

She was a regular attendee of Newark High School Alumni class luncheons, the Nurses Alumni Association of the Wilmington General Hospital as well as a life member of the Military Officers Association of America, Nurses Corps Association, life member of the American Legion and Newark Senior Center.

Mrs. Boronski was also a member of the Newark Country Club and the Hole in One Club.

She is survived by nephews, Howard E. Kirk of Rising Sun, Md. and S. David Kirk and nieces, Joanne K. Story of Newark, Susan K. Johnson of Newark, Jean M. Bryan of West Grove, Pa. and Margaret M. Evans of Newark. In addition, five great nieces; five great nephews and five great grand nieces and nephews survive her

A service was scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 9 at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Newark.

Burial is in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Ebenezer United Methodist Church c/o R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, 122 West Main St., Newark, DE 19711.

George Herbert Larson Sr., Christiana hospital planner, official

EWARK resident George Herbert Larson Sr. died Dec. 2 2004

Mr. Larson, 75, graduated from

the University of Notre Dame in 1951 and was a longtime fan.

He also attended Indiana University Law School until he left to serve in the U.S. Army during the

He worked many years at St. Joe's Hospital in Louisville, Ky. prior to accepting a position as director of plant operations for 17 years at the Wilmington Medical Center.

Mr. Larson played an instrumental role in the planning and development of Christiana Hospital.

While employed at Wilmington Medical Center, George coached the hospital basketball team that won the Industrial League championship several years.

He is survived by his eight other children and their spouses, Ralph Larson of Landenberg, Pa., Toni Larson of Newark, Tommy and Jean Larson of North East, Md., Terri and Glenn Seeman of Newark; son-in-law, Patrick Andrews of Newark; George and Michele Larson of Newark, Chas Larson of Newark, Mary and Tommy O'Connor of Landenberg, Pa. and Patty and Carl Kingery of Hockessin; his brothers, James Howard of Decatur, Ala., Joe

Porter of Atlanta, Ga. and John Vincent of Indianapolis, Ind.

His grandchildren include Keary, Emily and Anna Larson, TJ Larson, Jeremy, Amy and Katie Larson, Alex, Jackie, Timmy, Nicky and Ashley Seeman, Jimmy, Justin and Alysha Andrews, Jen and Packer Larson and Rosemary and Parks Kingery.

Services were private

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team tournament ended the way the last four-team tourney did with Newark winning.

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Newark scored on its opening drive of the game and its opening drive of the second half to provide all the points it would need. The defense held a strong Middletown offense to less than 30 rushing yards. The Cavaliers never penetrated inside the

Newark 20-yard line. Senior running back Sam Cotton led the offense with 165 yards on 31 carries. Cotton scored both Newark touchdowns on runs of two and three yards.

The victory completed a 12-1 season for the Jackets and avenged their lone loss - a 24-6 defeat to Middletown back on

"The difference was we were focused all game," Cotton said in comparing the title game to the regular-season loss. "The first time we went out there and expected to win just because we're Newark and it doesn't work that way. We came out and played with intensity. We wanted to win for coach and we wanted to win because we hadn't beaten Middletown in three years.





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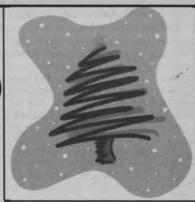
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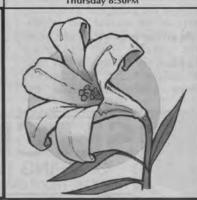
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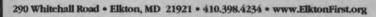
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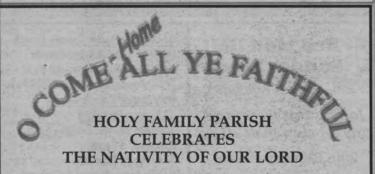
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