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UP FRONT

My day in jail

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

OUT with the guys, the conversation turned to the subject of jail. I asked if anyone had seen the cartoon in a recent issue of *Newsweek*.

It portrayed Martha Stewart worriedly entering her jail cell. Her roommate offers, "Think of this as a gated community."

"Who's ever been arrested?" one friend asked.

Surprisingly, nobody flinched, given both a lawyer and car salesman were in the group. No other hands went up as I sheepishly admitted that I had been nabbed once.

The recent press coverage of the scrapple festival in Bridgeville already had me remembering my incarceration in that southern Delaware hamlet.

It was the summer of 1972. My wife-to-be had just graduated from Catonsville (Md.) High School and was on the obligatory post-commencement trip to Ocean City, Md.

I was a working stiff at my first full-time newspaper job in Arbutus, Md., spending 60 to 70 hours a week to earn \$90. Somehow, I cleared my schedule for a day off at the beach with Linda.

A quick detour before I

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School board makes Wise move

By DARREL W. COLE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Superintendent earns extended deal, a vote of confidence in his leadership

THE recently renegotiated contract for Christina School District Superintendent Dr. Joseph Wise doesn't include a monetary increase to go along with it.

Apparently more important than money for Wise — who since starting in June 2003

has initiated, proposed, demanded and fought for major changes to make the district the best in the state — was getting an increase in cell phone minutes each month.

In extending Wise's existing contract for two more years to June 2008, Wise was allowed another 200 cellular minutes. When asked why that was so important, David Sundstrom, assistant superintendent and chief of staff, said, "Frankly, I have never been in a



Wise

car with him [even with him driving] where he's not been on the phone from the moment he shuts the door till the moment he gets parked. Maddening, if you're trying to get a word in."

Such is a day with the always-on-the-go Wise.

Upon unanimous approval from the CSD Board of Education, recently, Wise will continue to be paid a yearly salary of \$147,000. In addition, the Board set a performance goal for Wise that includes securing a Broad Prize and/or Baldrige Award which could bring in \$1 million for the district.

In response, Dr. Wise stressed his appreciation. See **CONTRACT, 14** ▶

Kalbacher, Clifton lead the way

Council veterans prove a Democrat and a Republican can work together

By DARREL W. COLE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

WHEN almost everyone else was hesitant to speak up, Newark City Councilman Karl Kalbacher — and later Councilman Jerry Clifton — knew they must.

It occurred during a passionate and critical argument put forward by fellow Councilman John Farrell IV at a Council meeting Oct. 11. Farrell, a firefighter, was arguing in opposition to making any changes to the city's requirement that all structures be sprinkled. His bottom line was that support of weakening those

requirements — the strictest in the nation — would cost firefighters and residents lives.

By countering, speakers would risk appearing "anti-firefighter" and "anti-safety." And, it appeared that no one in the audience that night and only a few on

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By JOE OLIVIERI

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

NINE years ago, automotive repair manager Jerry Clifton chatted with a frustrated neighbor looking to set up a home daycare for two children in addition to her own. He got the impression that city officials weren't taking her seriously.

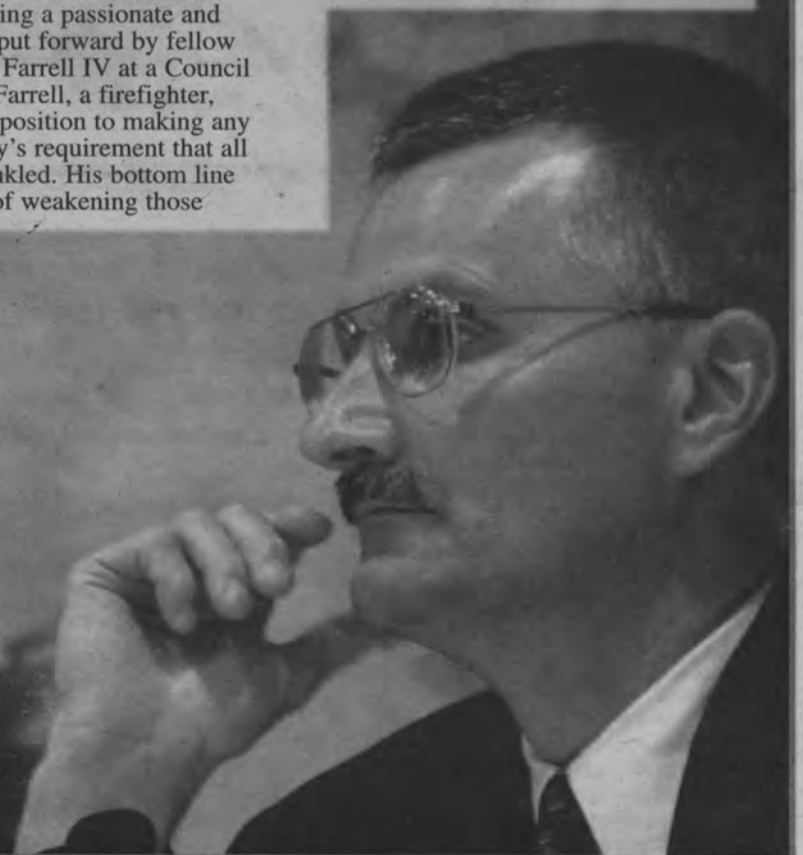
He and a few other residents spoke to the board of adjustments on her behalf, which, unbeknownst to him, was the first step in community focused activism that

would lead him to his election to the Newark City Council two years later.

"I felt I was always aware of what was going on within the governmental bodies that affected me," Clifton said, "but that really heightened my awareness of city issues. I realized how direct the city government is to one's life."

Speaking on his neighbor's behalf lit a spark within the military veteran. Clifton started asking more questions and talking to his neighbors about their community. Former mayor Hal Godwin

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Police seek knife-wielding suspect

THE Newark Police have released photos of the man wanted in connection with the armed robbery and carjacking of a 59-year-old woman that occurred in the early evening of Thursday, Oct. 14.

Police reported the victim was using an ATM machine at the College Square Shopping Center when a black male came up to her and put a knife to the victim's neck.

The suspect demanded cash from the woman, along with the keys to her vehicle.

The suspect then fled the area in the victim's vehicle, which had been parked next to the ATM machine, police said.

The vehicle was later recovered in the Whispering Pines development in Newark. The victim did not suffer any injury as a result of this incident, police said.

The suspect is described as 18 to 25-years-old, five foot six inches to five foot eight inches tall with a thin build and was wearing a light blue t-shirt and a beige jacket at the time of



Newark police are asking the public's help to locate the suspect shown in these photos taken by a camera at an ATM machine at College Square shopping center where a 59-year-old was attacked Oct. 14.



the attack.

Any person with any information as to the incident is asked to call

Detective Andrew Rubin, 366-7110, ext. 135, or Crimestoppers, 800-TIP-3333, where information may be left

anonymously and a reward is available. The amount of the reward could be up to \$1,000.

POLICE ASK PUBLIC'S HELP

Man withdraws cash, disappears

NEW Castle County Police are searching for an adult man who was last seen on Thursday, Oct. 14, in the area of Main Street in Newark.

Richard "Rick" Seward, 29, has been missing from his residence in the Newark area after leaving a meeting he attended Thursday evening.

Police located his vehicle several blocks away from the meeting with two flat tires on Friday.

Detectives have discovered that Seward had recently withdrawn a large amount of cash from his bank account. Investigators do not have specific information to indicate foul play, however, it has not been ruled out.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Seward is asked to contact the New Castle County Police Department, 395-8171 or visit www.nccpd.com.



Seward

Cliffside Court after learning that a home invasion had just occurred.

The victim reported her 51-year-old husband had fallen through a second-story window while fighting with the suspects.

Police said three men walked through the unlocked front door and brandished firearms. The subjects then demanded money from the occupants, an 11-year-old female, a 17-year-old female, the 43-year-old mother and the father.

The father engaged in a physical altercation with the suspects, at which time he fell through the window.

The three suspects, described as black males between the ages of 19 and 25, then fled the area on foot, police said.

The victim was transported to Christiana Hospital where he was listed in critical but stable condition with a fractured skull and multiple internal injuries.

Investigators are seeking information relative to the identity of the suspects. To offer information contact New Castle County Police, 395-8171, or call Crimestoppers, 800-TIP-3333 or www.nccpd.com to offer an anonymous tip.

Home invasion, victim falls through window

New Castle County Police are investigating a home invasion-style attempted robbery that occurred in the community of Valley Run.

On Friday, Oct. 15, at 9:40 p.m. police and paramedics responded to a residence located in the unit block of

■ *Police Blotter* is compiled each week from the files of the Newark Police Department, New Castle County Police and the Delaware State Police by the newspaper staff.

Man shot in head

New Castle County Police are investigating a shooting involving a 25-year-old man who was shot in the head in the community of Forest Knoll.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, at 9:55 p.m., county police and paramedics rushed to a home in the unit block of Gloucester Court after learning that a man had been shot in the back of the head.

The victim, who was conscious and alert, was transported to the

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COUNCIL TO CONSIDER NEW RESERVOIR CONTRACTOR MONDAY

Has the dam broken?

THE dam may have broken for Newark's troubled reservoir project.

Next Monday at its regularly scheduled session, Newark City Council members will learn details of the city staff's recommendation that the New Castle-based firm of George and Lynch be hired to complete the delayed reservoir construction.

City manager Carl F. Luft made it clear in an announcement Monday that he believes that contracting with George and Lynch can move the stalled project forward by spring.

"The agreement will allow for a March start and substantial completion is anticipated for the fall of 2005," Luft said.

Pleased how the firm had "embraced" the importance of the reservoir's completion and willingness to take on the project next year, Luft said city crews will oversee repairs and preparations at the site off Paper Mill Road. The eight-month halt to work has made some site work necessary before George and Lynch can resume construction, he said.

Doug Rainey, editor of *The Business Ledger* and observer of the Delaware construction industry, said George and Lynch has a good reputation. The firm specializes "in taking on difficult, complex projects" and is not surprised the city turned to the firm to dig the city of its dilemma, he said.

Rainey noted that George and Lynch headed the successful

summertime 2001 rebuilding of I-95 north of Wilmington that most agree caused minimal disruption for such a large project.

He also said in 2002 the firm literally rebuilt an island in the upper Chesapeake Bay that was seriously damaged by tidal destruction. In the 1800s, Poplar Island covered 1,500 acres but eroded to only five acres. George and Lynch moved in more than 1.7 million cubic yards of fill material for wildlife habitat. All equipment and manpower had to be ferried by boat and barge daily.

If completed as now anticipated in late 2005, Newark's reservoir will have been more than four years in the making.

In April 2001, Newark city voters approved an estimated \$18 million bond to pay for the construction of the 318-million-gallon reservoir and renovate drinking water wells throughout the city. One year later the city selected Donald M. Durkin Contractors as the low bidder to build the reservoir. Durkin's bid was \$9.68 million, while others were as high as \$20 million. Construction began shortly after.

While construction had to slow down because of heavy rains, a dispute arose about the design which ultimately caused delays. City officials said weather was the cause of most of the work stoppage.

By January 2004 city officials said all major construction had stopped because Durkin and city-hired engineers URS Corp. dis-

agreed about the design. An estimated 70 percent of the work was complete. Newark City Council voted 5-0 to terminate the contract with Durkin because Durkin did not agree with the city and its consultants about how the rest of the construction should proceed.

Consequently the city of Newark was sued by Durkin in federal court in Wilmington, alleging breach of contract and that the reservoir will fail if built as designed. A counter suit was later filed by the city against Durkin stating the company "consistently refused to continue construction efforts" while the two sides disagreed about the construction and that Durkin breached its contract.

In April of this year, just to make sure the city's original reservoir design is safe, city officials and attorneys had an independent design firm do a thorough review of the design done by URS, the city's engineering and construction consultant.

By summer, city officials were adamant that the reservoir as designed would not fail if built. The project was again put out for bids. No bids were received.

Luft said in September, beginning almost immediately, steps would be taken to prepare the reservoir for major construction and for the winter. The city and/or contractors would begin moving trash, shrubs and pallets from the site. In addition, workers would regrade, reseed, repair erosion, reset blocks and do other maintenance work as required.



THE BRITISH ARE COMING

This Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 23 and 24, the British are coming, as are the Americans, too. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the 84th Royal Highland Immigrants, the 6th Maryland and the Cecil County militia will gather for training and socializing at the Greenbank Mill. Visitors can learn about the weapons and tactics of the Revolutionary War, then enlist and try their hand at soldiering. Greenbank's Revolutionary War weekend combines a Revolutionary War militia muster with national Make-A-Difference Day. This is the seventh year that the mill has co-sponsored the event with local Girl Scouts. Admission is free with the donation of sample size toiletries, towels, and washcloths that will be given to the Ministry of Caring. The public is invited. Greenbank Mill is at 500 Greenbank Road, Wilmington, just off Newport Gap Pike (Rt. 41), north of Kirkwood Highway and Prices Corner. For more information and reservations for groups, call 999-9001.

City and UD at odds, e-mail says

By DARREL W. COLE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

WHEN it comes to city of Newark and University of Delaware relations, it could be said that a "letter tells a thousand stories."

A harshly-worded e-mail from a UD administrator to a Newark Councilman appears to spell out that problems between the city and UD, contrary to what might be said in public, continues to bubble just below the surface.

An e-mail from UD Governmental Relations Director Rick Armitage to Councilman David Athey is at least the second time a written document has stated that the university is upset with how the city is being run in relation to UD. The first came in March from UD President David Roselle, who in responding on an unrelated matter, wrote, "While I have the floor, I want to voice my concern about the management of the City."

Armitage's Oct. 8 e-mail — which was forwarded to other councilmen and City Manager Carl Luft — echoes and amplifies Roselle's general allegation. Armitage said that "as a group, the University senior administration" is disappointed with city decisions regarding sprinklers, building permits and other "interactions

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Council hears streetscape plans

THIS Monday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m., representatives of the engineering firm Orth-Rodgers and DelDOT's Transportation Enhancement Program will make a presentation to Newark City Council. They will preview the 2005 Main Street Streetscape Project during the regularly scheduled council meeting.

The officials will provide information and drawings depicting the improvements that will be completed as part of the repaving project, including cross walks, bump-outs, additional pedestrian-scale lighting, curb work and landscaping.

The presentation is intended to inform the Newark City Council of construction plans and to answer councilmembers' questions.

The public is welcome to attend.

Another public workshop will be held Nov. 30, from 4

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to 7 p.m. at the same location.

City Council Chambers are in the Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Rd.

Public hearing on fire sprinklers

A second reading and public hearing on a change in the city of Newark's building and fire prevention codes is on the City Council's agenda for Monday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

If approved, the changes would allow more circumstances where a new structure would not be required to have fire sprinklers, such as agricultural buildings unoccupied by humans, parking garages that are exempt from state or international fire codes and certain temporary structures.

Specific requirements for

restaurants and other establishments undergoing expansion are also spelled out.

The changes were the focus of fiery discussion at the Oct. 4 council session.

Boulden leads national committee

New Castle County Clerk of the Peace Ken Boulden has been named national chairperson of a leadership committee on official records management for the National Association of County Records, Clerks and Elected Officials. NACRC is an affiliate of the National Association of Counties. Boulden is also the Delaware State Coordinator for NACRC.

As chair of the new initiative, Boulden will be heading a national conference in Washington, D.C. this

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On Campus

NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

BRIEFLY

UD seeks third blood drive title

FOR the past two years, the University of Delaware has led the field in the Colonial Athletic Association's (CAA) "Have a Heart" Blood Challenge. On Wednesday, Nov. 17, the Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) will visit UD to give True Blue Hen fans, friends and members of the UD community the opportunity to continue a winning tradition that helps save lives.

Volunteers can donate blood from 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in the Multipurpose Room of the Trabant University Center.

Because a record number of donors is expected, advanced registration is recommended, but walk-ins also will be welcome.

To sign up now to donate blood Nov. 17 at the Trabant University Center, call BBD at 737-8400 or 800-628-4008.

Nov. 8 concert kicks off UD series

The Department of Music at the University of Delaware will open the first annual Master Players Chamber Series with a concert by artists from the Baltimore and National symphonies at 8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 8, in Mitchell Hall.

Tickets are available from Ticketmaster (where a convenience fee may apply), at 984-2000 or from UD box offices, 831-4012.

Domestic violence

"Domestic Violence and the Criminal Legal System" is the topic of a talk by Ruth Fleury-Steiner, University of Delaware assistant professor of individual and family studies, at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 21, in 107 Sharp Laboratory, East Delaware and South College Avenues, on UD's Newark campus.

The talk, free and open to the public. For more information, call 831-1236.

Newarker honored by ASCAP

By MARTIN MBUGUA

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

COMPOSER Jennifer Barker, University of Delaware assistant professor of music since 2000 and Newark resident, has won an award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) for the fifth year in a row.

The ASCAP award recognizes composers whose work is most often performed.

ASCAP surveys radio stations, concert halls and other performing venues to identify which composers' works are being performed most since musicians don't need to get permission or even inform composers when they perform their work.

"I have had performances in the U.S., China, Sweden and Australia this year. The compositions performed last year range from solo instrumental pieces to chamber pieces to symphony pieces," Barker said. "In the latter category, I had two performances by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and four performances



Jennifer Barker, assistant professor of music

by the Virginia Symphony this past Christmas."

Barker currently is completing her second CD/DVD, "Geenyoch," which is scheduled to be released early in 2005.

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Out with the old, in with the new at UD

WORK is continuing on the construction of three modern residence halls on the Laird Campus of the University of Delaware in Newark.

The \$72 million project to replace the motel-style Pencader residence halls will feature architecture and landscaping patterned after The Green.

Construction of the first (north) building began in May.

Metal studs and steel beams are being installed on the third floor.

Completion of the 509-bed unit is scheduled for August, with the completion of the two south buildings (250 beds each) slated for August 2006.

Pencader A-H residence halls and Commons I and II are scheduled for demolition in June. Pencader J-M and Commons III will be demolished in June 2006.

A sand volleyball and tennis court and two basketball courts have been installed on the east side of the ring road that encircles the area leading to Christiana Towers, replacing those lost to construction of the North Building.

New traffic patterns were implemented on the Laird Campus in mid-August and will remain in effect for the remainder of the 2004-05 academic year.

A pedestrian bridge connecting the area to the Ray Street Residence Hall Complex is scheduled for construction in two phases during the summers of 2005 and 2006.



SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST • UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE PHOTO BY KEVIN QUINLAN

Construction is continuing in Newark on UD's Laird Campus. The \$72 million project will replace the Pencader residence halls with buildings that feature the architecture of campus buildings on the university's Green.

23RD DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The tight race that everyone's watching

THE 23rd District race for State Representative was an interesting one before Republican Tim Boulden announced he was not running for re-election to Dover.

Some say his annointed Democrat challenger Teresa Schooley, a former Christina School Board president, scared him off. Boulden said he was retiring to spend more time with his family business. Boulden won his last election by only 367 votes out of 6,089 cast.

The plot thickened

quickly.

Republicans rapidly filled the void with the younger Paul J. Pomeroy, who had been preparing for a run for the New Castle County presidency.

Local political observers are unsure if the young Republican's ties to Democrat Ada Leigh Soles, who was a Newark state representative from 1980 to 1992, will give Pomeroy the edge. Soles is his mother-in-law; her husband is Democratic patriarch James R. Soles, professor emeritus of political science at the University of

Delaware.

Meanwhile, pundits wonder if the well-known Schooley will benefit from the support of Democrat officeholders such as Gov. Ruth Ann Minner. The governor hosted a tea early this year to drum up support for Schooley.

The 23rd District race is one of the most closely watched in Delaware. Voters will speak Nov. 2.

Recently, Darrel W. Cole sat down with Schooley and Pomeroy individually for the question-and-answer sessions:

The Republican: Paul Pomeroy

Age: 34 (on Oct. 22).

Occupation: Director of business development and marketing for Aloysius Butler & Clark.

Family: Wife, Catherine Soles Pomeroy and, son Paul 1-1/2 years old.

Residence: Nottingham Manor, Newark.

For more: www.pomeroy2004.org; **Contact:** pomeroy@pomeroy2004.org; or, 302-456-1389.

Q. What are the most important issues your district is facing, and what will you do regarding those issues?

A. The most important issues that most affect people — whether its flooding,

reliability of electric service, the reservoir — are the most important issues you have to deal with.

But the big issue that affects Newark and Delaware is how to preserve long-term economic strength. We need to proactively find jobs and industry and to keep what is here strong. Businesses come here because it's a favorable environment in many ways, but we also need to improve education, environment and the availability of quality health care. If we want to remain strong in Newark and at a state level we have to look at preserving economic strength.

We need to look at future trends, untapped

opportunities, and we need to start taking a more visionary approach.

Secondly, the quality of education here needs to be better and we need to help the Christina School District become the best district in state. We need to have more resources for teachers and principals and less buracracy.

The testing system needs to be reevaluated and shouldn't be sole judge of teachers or students.

I think we also must be committed to preserving Newark's green space and absolutely must be aware of our environment, traffic related to air quality, and development as it pertains

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

Pomeroy takes a break from campaigning to play with his son.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

Schooley, right, chats with voters last weekend.

The Democrat: Terry Schooley

Age: 57

Occupation: Director, Kids Count in Delaware

Family: Husband Kit; daughters Tara, 32, and Korynn, 28.

Residence: Chapel Hill, Newark.

For more: www.terryschoolley.com, and e-mail terry.schooley@comcast.net.

Q. What are the most important issues your district is facing, and what will you do regarding those issues?

A. I think overall I like to say quality of life issues. Under that falls many things depending what each person is concerned about or interested in. For seniors, it's health care coverage, for others it's job issues or just general environmental issues.

People are concerned about traffic, open space, the city's reservoir and new development on the Maryland-Delaware border.

Newark has traditionally had a strong concern about education, partly due to being a university community geared to education issues.

Q. Regarding issues or background, what makes you different from your opponent?

A. I have a history of experience in this community and a career of experience in education, and children and family issues. I have had leadership positions and been an elected official. I have been in the public eye and have had to make hard decisions in that role.

I think what really separates me is we have been in the community 22 years and really gotten involved. When my kids were little I was in PTA and band boosters. When they were older, I noticed all the kids drove to the beach after the prom, and I saw that as dangerous and that it was a time to do something about it. So, with a state grant, we started "after prom" and we were one of first in the state. Now, it's a tradition that all schools follow. When the kids were in high school, it was a perfect time to get involved in the school board and so I ran in 1994, serving 9 years.

Q. As you know, the city of Newark has been in an ongoing battle with some legislators to retain Alderman's Court. Some legislators want to abolish the court altogether, while others are attempting to do so piecemeal. Would you oppose such efforts? Is there something that needs to be fixed regarding Newark's Alderman's Court?

A. I think it has functioned well here in Newark and I have no complaints. I think one thing I learned on the school board is that you have to open communication lines with others. I would hope I could bring same things to Legislature.

Q. One of the most recent battles between the city and the Legislature ended up in a disappointing loss for the city, one they remain angry about. It was the state's passage of a law that forbid the city from taxing alcohol-serv-

ing businesses, which has cost the city \$100,000-plus for the Alcohol Task Force of police officers. What is your position on that and how would you influence other legislators in such a situation?

A. It's not just a Newark problem. Legislators need to look at what is going on around the state. By doing that [passing that law] they turned their backs on the issue — alcohol — that we need to look at in Newark and across the state. I have always fought for things people care about and have not been afraid to take a position that is unpopular, and working to get my viewpoint across.

Q. If you took office what are the one or two things you could do immediately to help the city of Newark?

A. Legislators need to stay in touch, and in constant communication with city management, the City Council and Mayor. But because I have a passion about kids I would want the Building Responsibility Coalition and state to work on some of these issues of excessive alcohol use.

I'd like to work with the city on the reservoir issue, not that they won't solve it, but just so they know that maybe we could provide funding, or find some other creative way to get this project done. If the city asked me, I would step up for them.

Q. In the political world, do you have someone who you look up to, or someone you try to pattern

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Opinion

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POST COLUMNIST

Autumnal Newark

By ALFRED A. GRUBER

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

THE smell of fresh summer asphalt is fading with the daylight hours now. It's time for weekend diversions close to home. The ridiculous geographical circle imagined by an English king centered on New Castle, and cursed by generations of surveyors defining Delaware's north boundary is my model. Imagine a geographical half hour circle centered on your favorite Main Street eatery. Within that arc are things of interest not hyped in the slicks.

Just to the west is a cornucopia of opportunity, the Fair Hill Natural Resource Area. Early risers with stopwatches and binoculars go out to the racehorse training track off Md. Rt. 213 to watch the ponies run. If you prefer tiptoeing through the horse apples, enthusiasts on Sunday morning are often out with their animals usually back in the County Fair area. They love showing off their skills and costumes, particularly if you murmur, "What a beautiful animal!"

One of the six covered bridges in our area is in the resource area spanning Big Elk Creek. Another site there is the old movie set for the film, "Beloved." Visit the office at Fair Hill for directions. Incidentally you may look a deer straight in the eye, but never a cougar; too dangerous. How do you back away from a cougar without looking at him?

Fear not, they are so rare none are reported out there — yet.

The resource area's northern boundary is the Mason-Dixon Line separating the USA south from north. Here it defines Maryland and Pennsylvania. The north neighbor is specifically Elk Township within Chester County. That township boasts three covered bridges. You can either wander about willy-nilly seeking, or visit the post office at Lewisville which claims to be the most southern in Penn. Probably true since the building is only three feet or so from the Mason Dixon Line. The courteous ladies there dispense information and stamps and there is rarely a wait. This post office may be the only small one around with a wall mural showing local activities.

With the aid of a Geodetic map and a GPS, the Mason-Dixon line monuments

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



Gruber

“... The circle concept is great because you can return directly to the center point from any of the above for refreshments with purse contents intact.”

are exciting to discover. Unless you have permission it is better to cross public property to seek them out. Two are easy. One is along Dixie Line Road and the other at the north side of U.S. 40 at the Delaware-Maryland line — both south of Newark. The trophy monument is where the Delaware arc starts. The road in there is terrible, not to be tried except with a 4x4 vehicle or on foot and not during deer season.

A road map and the Thursday ads can direct you around to numerous garage and yard sales. If you feel puckish, smuggle a cheap white elephant into one. The country auctions are great fun, but you may come home like I did once with part of a singletree.

Water was the big energy source here years ago and remains an attraction for all ages. Fishing is spotty in the streams but turning rocks over isn't. Wear old sneakers and wade in where the water is clear. You may discover the species above and below dams are different. You'll find crayfish, eels and all sorts of water insects, small fish and maybe a frog or two. There is also fishing on the state ponds, but a boat is nearly always necessary. There is another way; an inflated inner tube (a puncture ruins the day). We have both tubed and canoed White Clay Creek.

Prefer dry rocks over wet? Bring a trowel and dig for fossils along the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal north side under the Reedy Point Bridge. It's legal on the federal property there. Take your treasures to the Iron Hill Museum on the north side of Old Baltimore Pike at the foot of Iron Hill for identification. That building is the only surviving black children's schoolhouse in the state.

Main Street is always great for people watching from the Deer Park porch. Twice weekly a dedicated Tropicana Orange Juice train goes by the door, but you probably would rather miss it. These two very long orange colored trains come by about four in the morning. They originate near Bradenton, Florida two days earlier. After being broken up and unloaded in New York, empty segments come south during

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OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week's "Out of the Attic" photo shows the Washington House, now the home of the Stone Balloon, on Main Street as it appeared around 1910. The Newark elite used to congregate on the porch during winter months to bet on sleigh racing that took place on Main Street. Bob Thomas's grandfather could remember a stove pipe hat being passed around as gentlemen wagered and raced their wagons. The contests were discontinued around 1920 when the street was paved. The photograph is from the collection of the Newark Historical Society with research provided by Bob Thomas. "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

■ Oct. 24, 1929 Boggs injuries are improving

It was reported at the Homeopathic Hospital, this morning, that the condition of Caleb Boggs, injured in Saturday's football game between the University of Delaware and Susquehanna, was favorable, not unchanged.

He is allowed no visitors but his immediate family.

Boggs, who was playing center for the University of Delaware, suffered a dislocated neck and a fractured vertebrae during a scrimmage in the third period of the game.

Dr. Wallace Johnson ordered him carried from the field, and in investigation made in the gymnasium, diagnosed the injury as a dislocated neck.

The Newark ambulance was called, and Boggs was taken immediately to the

Homeopathic Hospital, where Dr. James C. Spackman, who had been notified, was waiting for him.

A number of specialists were called into consultation on the case, when the X-ray pictures showed a fracture of a vertebrae in addition in to the dislocation.



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

Music Society opens season

Mr. and Mrs. John Pearce Cann were hosts to the Newark Music Society for its first musical of the season, last Thursday night in their home on West Main street.

Miss Eleanor Edge, pianist, and Mr. J. Frank Huss, baritone, provided the musical portion of the program, and Dr. W. Owen Sypherd gave a reading.

■ Oct. 24, 1979 At Palmer school deseg was working

"It's not because it's the school in my neighborhood. This is not my neighborhood," said Barry Baker of Newark.

That's what was different about the group of more than 60 people who met Oct. 17 to protest the clos-

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A tale of incarceration in Bridgeville

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continue: One of the "in" things for summer wear at the time was a style of leather sandals that were imported from India. If you're a baby boomer, you may recall them. Their distinguishing characteristic was the leather ring around the big toe.

The problem for me was that while running to catch a bus, I had seriously stubbed my toe. An infection had developed and certain care and attention was needed.

Early that June morning, I arose before God. I loaded my swimsuit and a clean Izod shirt into my orange 1972 Volkswagen Super Beetle. I also included a box of Epsom salt and a plastic bowl that was large enough to accommodate my sore foot.

For variety I diverted from Rt. 50 to Rt. 404 and headed to the beach via Bridgeville. This was a bad decision.

It was about 8 a.m. I was trucking along nearing the scrapple capital on a two-lane roadway through corn fields. I knew of Delaware's reputation for speed traps so I was watching my speed, which was not too difficult. After all, I was driving a Bug.

Much to my surprise, out of the corn stalks popped a police officer - bedecked in mirrored sun glasses and looking remarkably similar to the fat, southern sheriff portrayed in the Dodge Boys TV commercials of the era.

He flagged me over and informed me that I was clocked

by VASCAR at going a whopping two miles per hour over the limit. I "yes sir"-ed him to death but a ticket - my first - was inescapable.

The officer said I would have to follow him to the Justice of the Peace court in Bridgeville. He had me park my bright VW off the road, partially in the cornfield, while "I catch another," he said.

A brand new Mercury station wagon approached and it was clear the driver was booking it to the beach. The police radio cackled the car's speed and the officer jumped out of the corn stalks and halted the shiny Colony Park. The constable of the peace signaled for me to follow him and the Mercury to the court house.

I parked in front of the glorified trailer that was the JP court. I was scared. I had little money. I had never received a ticket. I never had been in court.

Myself and the furious other driver were ordered to occupy hard steel folding chairs to wait for the trials to begin. Sitting there, we heard the judge and the cop jawing about the Orioles game the night before and laughing about some idiot from D.C. who had used some cockamamie story the day before in a futile attempt to skirt a fine. "I got 'em, didn't I?" the whiskey-voiced judge asked.

Now I was really terrified.

About a half-hour later, court was called to order with a bellow, "One of you git (sic) in here," by the judge.

I listened carefully and sneaked a peek through the door.

“Guilty, your honor. So guilty I was thinking of turning myself in.”

The judge bore an amazing resemblance to Boss Hogg, the Sorrell Booke character in the "Dukes Of Hazzard." He sat atop a high perch covered with cheap, 1970s paneling that showed jagged edges where the carpenter has misjudged his cuts.

When asked how he pleaded to the charge of driving 15 miles per hour above the limit, the Mercury driver shouted "not guilty." He launched into a story about how he had gotten a ticket earlier in the spring and that he had had his speedometer calibrated. The judge never stopped reading the sports section of the *Baltimore Sun*.

When the man finished his tirade, it appeared as though the judge fell off his chair. A few seconds of confusion passed, then a loud thud pierced the quiet as the judge slammed a six-inch-thick book on the bench. He told the driver that the tattered volume was the National Highway Safety Whatever's study that concluded VASCAR was never wrong.

"\$200 plus \$7.50 court costs," the judge informed the other driver and then banged the case to a close, not with a gavel but with an empty six-ounce Coca Cola bottle.

"Next," he bellowed.

Scared to death, the judge asked me how I pleaded. In a pitch so high you would have thought my belt was three loops too tight, without any forethought I offered, "Guilty, your honor. So guilty I was thinking of turning myself in."

The judge and the cop chuckled. The Coke bottle banged again as he declared "\$25 plus \$7.50 court costs."

I let out a deep sigh until I realized that I didn't have \$32.50 with me nor any credit cards (remember those days?) The judge said I'd have to spend the day in jail, then be let go in the late afternoon. Not what I had planned, but it seemed a reasonable solution.

One of the guys who was now playing cards with the judge seated me in a cell but left the door open. He handed me the judge's coffee-stained copy of the *Sun* and told me to think about what I wanted for lunch.

Through all this excitement, I had forgotten that it had been hours since I had last soaked my infected toe in Epsom salt. As I sat there paying my debt to society, it throbbed and eventually became unbearable.

I interrupted the card game to get permission to limp out to my

car and bring my bowl and salt inside. "Don't you run away," the judge chirped, garnering a laugh from the others in the room as they watched me stagger to my car.

While sitting in the cell with my foot in hot water, I was asked what I wanted for lunch. "A scrapple sandwich, of course," I said, and the judge winked at me.

After wiping the grease from my face, the judge told me he liked me and I could "go on and see your honey."

I gathered up my medicinal supplies and bid the good ol' boys farewell. "You watch it next time you're in Bridgeville," the judge said as I shut the front door.

I never was sure whether the judge let me go early because he liked me or because he was grossed out by my worsening red toe.

This was in 1972. No matter the inconvenience, I never stepped foot in Delaware again, save a few trips along the First State portion of I-95, until I came to Newark 1992 when I was recruited for my present job.

I love Delaware now, but seldom go to Bridgeville even though I love Rapa scrapple.

■ The writer is publisher of the *Newark Post* and two other Delaware papers headquartered here. He believes the best scrapple sandwich in Newark, where he has lived since 1992, is available at Malin's Market on South College Avenue.

1999: NHS seniors see graphic reality of fatal car crashes

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ing of Palmer School at Lobdell and Claymont Streets in Wilmington.

Nearly half of those present were Newark residents, some of whom had "never heard of Palmer until last year."

The audience applauded often as Baker and other members of the Palmer community eloquent-

ly expressed their feelings about this Area III school, hoping to explain its special qualities to Dr. John Allen, area superintendent.

Mencher still gives old-fashioned care

Dr. Arthur Mencher is a gentleman and scholar in the old tradition, and if anyone is qualified to chronicle the history of this town, he is.

For the past 47 years, Mencher has practiced medicine on W. Main Street, first from his house, and now from the office located next door. Mencher was, and is, a small-town doctor.

When Mencher set up his practice in 1932, Newark was a rural town of about 2,400 people. "While I didn't treat every person in town, I certainly knew everybody," says Mencher, who will be 75 in January.

■ Oct. 22, 1999

SLAM packs a wallop

Seeing was believing for more than 600 Newark High School students who sat through a powerful presentation on fatal car crashes. The graphic multimedia program of the New Castle County Police Department consisted of real-life crash scenes and recordings of actual 9-1-1 phone calls that are meant to affect students strongly enough so they will make better choices when driving. The preventative

program, titled Students Learn About Mortality (SLAM), began with shocking footage of two teenage boys who were videotaping their high-speed drive down a narrow and curvy road. The tape cut off abruptly when the car crashed into a tree.

Riverwalk repairs

Residents of the Riverwalk development, constructed by the Pulte Home Corporation, have been told that their homes will be fixed, according to New Castle

County officials. As first reported in the *Newark Post*, a handful of home buyers in Riverwalk complained about the numerous repairs and construction problems they were experiencing in their newly-built community. At that time the County denied any knowledge of problems. However, according to Department of Land Use spokesperson Denise Matthews, county inspectors recently ordered the builder to fix the properties.

Two more covered bridges

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the waking hours. Perhaps the orange color is replaced as we are seeing green Tropicana freight cars lately.

Aside from the music in the tavern, two carillons ring out across town and in fall afternoons the U of D band practices those lively fight songs just up the road.

For painters, photographers and just plain lookers I promised two more covered bridges. One is to the south below Zion along Md. Rt. 272 and the other north at Ashland.

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OUTLOOK

Homework help hints

By MARIA PIPPIDIS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

IS homework a dirty word at your house?

Discussions about homework come up in some of the workshops I hold and some parents think it is. We all understand the intent of homework is to reinforce learning that has taken place at school. It provides an opportunity to master skills taught in school, prepares children for future class discussions and activities, completes class work not finished at school, encourages independence, creativity and reading, and develops a sense of discipline and organization.

With all of this going for it, how does it sometimes turn into such a battle?

Homework can become a power struggle between parents and children with parents nagging, and children finding ways to procrastinate doing homework. Before too long both parents and children see homework as a chore or even a punishment.

Don't despair parents! Here are some pointers to help with this daily challenge.

■ First, don't nag:

Instead, set up specific expectations for when and where homework should be done. Let children help make these decisions. Agree on consequences if these expectations are not met.

■ **Establish a nightly quiet or study time:** If children have no homework, or it's finished early, encourage them to spend the time reading. This routine avoids rewarding children for completing their homework as quickly as possible so they can play. During this quiet time parents can be good role models by reading, writing letters or paying bills. The length of time depends on

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LOUD & UNDERGROUND



Alternative music scene draws crowds

By JOE OLIVIERI

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

During the screaming rock band's set, the duct tape holding the lone light bulb came loose, leaving the band and the 15-person audience in the musky darkness of Benn Roe's Cleveland Avenue basement.

He rushed from his seat on an amplifier with fresh tape and moments later, the two twenty-something musicians in the band Engage, creating "screamy acoustic ape rock," returned into view.

Soon after moving in in early June, Roe and his fellow housemates named their unfinished basement The Club Vegetable, after their vegetarian and vegan lifestyles, and started hosting frequent rock music performances.

The shows feature regional and nationally touring acts coupled with local bands, usually focusing on screaming, guitar and drum intensive subgenres. Engage is from Missouri; bands from Canada, California, and the

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Life at These Speeds (above), hosted by Benn Roe (right).

Midwest are also common on Club Vegetable programs.

Roe was previously the president of University of Delaware student organization Take the Mic, a collective of show promoters bringing alternative music to campus. Although he still has input into the organization, he said he is concentrating on his new project at his house.

He shies away from the title promoter because he said it implies something big and produced, but the 21 year old university senior has a hand in all levels of development of Club Vegetable shows.

"I do it because I like seeing live music and no one else is bringing the bands I want to see," he said. "So why not do it yourself?"

Doing it yourself is a low budget affair, with bands occasionally borrowing Roe's equipment, persistent fliering, and any money collected going exclusively to sending the touring bands a little farther down the highway. Roe said he draws inspiration from those in the "do it yourself scene" who achieve incredible results through time



and effort without the benefit of large resources.

"Having been in touring bands before, I am much more motivated to put on good shows and have people come out to see them," he said. "I know how it feels to drive hundreds of miles to a show and have the promoter drop the ball."

Roe said his biggest foray into music was singing vocals in a band called A Petal Fallen, who released a vinyl record recorded at Clay Creek Recording Studio in Newark and toured for two and a half weeks in the Midwest

supporting it. He currently plays drums in a band called Take Down Your Art and plays bass in a band with an unprintable name.

After Engage's half hour set ended, audience members wandered upstairs to watch the rain while Roe helps the next band set up. So far, electronic music, blues, and angry jazz influenced folk music have taken the stage. He occasionally books shows with diverse lineups, branching out from the "melodic hardcore rock" focus.

"We hope to even do a few hip hop shows," Roe said.

He said the difficulty in producing more diverse lineups is matching the touring bands with the local bands so that they blend well enough for audiences to like them. If the bands blend well enough, people might be more inclined to buy merchandise, which is helpful to groups far away from home.

Attendance for both Club Vegetable and Take the Mic shows during Roe's presidency varied widely. Both of Washington D.C. band Q and not U's performances for Take the Mic drew at least 200 people in the Scrounge and fellow D.C. band Black Eyes's appearance drew 80 people, Roe said. More recently, the Club Vegetable was able to raise approximately \$130 in two or three dollar voluntary donations for touring band Transistor, Transistor.

Roe said there is occasional overlap in style with the performers at The East End, where some bigger local acts play.

East End owner Frank O'Brian said there are a lot of bands in the "jam band" niche that play at the venue, but there is a good deal of variety as well.

"We're open to a lot of types of music," he said. O'Brian said most of his booking is based on word of mouth.

"Most of the bands wind up calling me," he said. "They send me a packet includes a CD and we work off of that primarily."

For more information, contact Benn Roe at justify.the@means.org or visit the East End's Website at www.eastendcafe.com

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Homework

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the child's age and homework load. Elementary-age children may need to take a break every 15 - 30 minutes; older children can usually concentrate for 30-45 minutes at a time.

■ **Provide a place to study that is quiet and free of distractions:** Make sure there is good lighting, and a desk or table with a comfortable chair.

■ **Help children keep track of assignments and projects on a calendar or in an assignment journal.**

■ **Be interested in assignments and available to help.** Start by helping children understand the directions for the assignment. Have children read the directions out-loud or read them together. Help children identify and assemble all the supplies they will need to complete the assignment (pencil, calculator, dictionary). If children are still unsure what to do, parents can complete one or two examples, but not every question.

■ **Check homework and have children correct any mistakes.** Pointing out mistakes while keeping children feeling positive about you and their work is very tricky. One suggestion is to ask children how they got the answer. They may discover their own mistake. Praise right answers, creative thinking, problem solving and effort. Show children how to correct mistakes. If children are tired or frustrated you might offer to help by erasing while they take a quick break before they make needed corrections.

■ **Recognize your limits and the frustration level between you and your child:** In some cases it may be better to hire a tutor or older student to help your child. Talk to the teacher if your child does not understand assignments, or struggles to complete them. Ask the teacher how much time completing nightly homework should take.

By working together, homework time can actually be a time for building relationships rather than breaking them down.

OperaDelaware at The Grand Opera House



By PHIL TOMAN

THE Grand Old Lady of Market Street is all spruced up and ready to host the 60th anniversary season of OperaDelaware. This year the Grand Opera House will serve as the venue for five operas, thirteen performances, by the local company with Leland Kimball as executive director.

The season opens next Saturday evening at 8 p.m. with Giacomo Puccini's final opus, "Turandot." Making her OperaDelaware debut in the title role is Canadian-born soprano Othalia Graham. She is coming to Delaware fresh from an outstanding performance in the title role of "Elektra" at AVA in Philadelphia. Drew Stayton, who sang the role of Radames in last season's "Aida" will offer us his Calaf.

The opera will be conducted by David Lawton, a favorite at the Grand, and be directed by Lee Kimball. Set designer Peter Tupitza will help by taking us to the mysterious orient and offer us



The Grand Opera House, known lovingly as The Grand Old Lady of Market Street, will host the 2004-05 season of OperaDelaware beginning Saturday evening, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m.

his Chinese palace and gardens as a background for this poignant tale of love and death. Costume design is by John Lehmeyer. The orchestra in the pit will be one of the largest the company has ever used. "Turandot" will be repeated on November 4, 6 and 7.

"The Secret of N. I. M. H." is the second work of the season and will have one performance only, Saturday, March 5, 2005 at 1 p.m. This is the Family Opera Theater production for the 2004-05 season. This is an original work by the theater's director, Evelyn Swenson.

The story is about a group of rats at the National Institute of Mental Health who learn how to read and eventually how to set up and operate their own secret city. It is based on a book by Robert C. O'Brien "Mrs. Frisby and the

Rats of the N. I. M. H." Sounds like a lot of fun and a great way to get youngsters interested in the world of opera.

The next offering is to me very "mathematical." It is a double bill. To get this duo of operas, OperaDelaware took one-third of Puccini's "Il Trittico" and one-half of the greatest double bill in opera, "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "I Pagliacci." I know my math doesn't work out properly, but now at least you know the genesis of the production.

From the Giacomo Puccini trio OperaDelaware has borrowed "Gianni Schicchi" and from the famous duo, Ruggiero Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci." This should make for a very interesting evening of opera on each of the four performance dates, March 17, 18, 19 and 20.

Marciem Bazell returns to the Grand to conduct both performances. Mims Mattair of the Santa Fe Opera is east to design the sets. Starring as Canio in the better known work is the Korean tenor Dongwon Shin, a graduate of Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts.

The final opera of the season is a wonderful example of "family" cooperation to produce a masterpiece of dramatic musical theater. It combines the efforts of the Gershwin family, George and brother Ira, and the Heyward Family, Du Bose and wife Dorothy. Of course you know I am referring to "Porgy and Bess."

This monumental work is not easy to produce and it is the first time in its 60-year history that OperaDelaware is tackling it.

All the operas will be performed in their original language with English supertitles projected above the Grand proscenium, which makes things easier for American audiences, particularly the first-time opera goer.

For more information you may go on line to the company at www.operade.org. You may order tickets at 1-800-37-GRAND.

Now an apology and correction, dear reader. In my column about "Artists of Color" I gave you the wrong organization but the correct address. I said it was scheduled at the Delaware Art Museum but it was not. It was planned for The Bank One Center at the same address, 800 South Madison Street, Wilmington. I am sorry for any confusion, especially mine. Enjoy.

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BLUEGRASS CONCERT 8 p.m. Musical performance by Patuxent Partners. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 420 Willa Road, Newark. Info., 302-368-2984.

HAUNTED TRAIL 7 - 10 p.m. Oct. 22 & Oct. 23. Newly Designed Haunted Trail featuring floating spirits, caverns of corpses, stalking spiders, ghoulish characters, constant surprises, frightening aliens, and maniacal mazes are some the new and twisted scares. Come and enjoy some good old fashioned haunting. Recommended for age 12 years and older. No pre-registration required. Walk-ins welcome. Fee: \$8 per person. Brandywine Creek State Park, off the intersection of Rt. 100 & Rt. 92 on Adams Dam Road. Info., call Brandywine Creek State Park at 302-577-3534.

THE DEVIL'S RIDE Dusk - 11 p.m. Every Fri., Sat. and Sun. in October. A harrowing hayride through a frightening forest to benefit The American Diabetes Association. Victims will gather at the Haunted Lodge where deadly dogs, poisonous popcorn, cadaver's cola, foul fries and other ghostly delights will be available. Rides last approximately 45 - 60 minutes. The cost is \$15 per person. Alexander Farm, Massey, Md. (10 minutes south of Middletown). Info. or for tickets, call 800-DIABETES ext. 4655.

SATURDAY

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ALL HALLOWS EVE COSTUME BALL 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. "Come as they were" is the theme for this year's spirited event. The ball will feature live music performed by Don't Call Me Francis. There will be an opportunity to compete for prizes in costume categories such as "Most Artistic Decomposition," "We're Glad Your Dead," "Dead on Arrival," "Most Environmentally Unconscious," and "Best Current Event." Tarot and intuitive readings will entertain and spook guests. Tickets for Conservancy members are \$60 per person for beer, wine, and soda; \$70 for

open bar. Tickets for non-Conservancy members are \$75 per person for beer, wine, and soda; \$85 for open bar. A complimentary buffet is included with all tickets. The Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. To purchase tickets or for info., call 610-388-8315 or visit www.youngfriends.org or www.brandywinemuseum.org.

4-H RABBIT CLUB 2 p.m. This Halloween celebration welcomes new members and small animal enthusiasts such as hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits and rats. Newark 4-H office. Info., 302-235-2624.

DISTANT VOICES 2 p.m. The Friends of the Newark Library present Distant Voices, a play with piano accompaniment based on the diary of American citizen Hiroaki Nishimura, who was sent to the Japanese-American Internment camps during WW II. This performance features Julie Nishimura



Milburn Stone Memorial Theatre at CCC is named in honor of Stone. George Prettyman Sr., now a CCC professor emeritus, suggested the name. The theatre's naming was the final act in a friendship between the famous actor and the Prettyman that had started years before. Prettyman, a self-described "ardent 'Gunsmoke' fan," admired the character Stone played. Prettyman wrote Stone a letter, praising his acting ability. The actor called to thank Prettyman for the letter, and the two men struck up a friendship. The October Gallery exhibit will include photographs from Milburn's life, some paintings, and a photo album. The Gallery is located at 1 Seahawk Dr. in North East, Md. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by special appointment.

and Danny Peak. Distant Voices has been staged for local and national audiences. Distant Voices is 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 supporting the arts in Delaware. The program is free and open to everyone. Newark Library, 750 Library Ave., Newark. Info., call 302-731-7550.

ETHICS AND THE LIFE SCIENCES CONFERENCE 9 a.m. Congressman Mike Castle will moderate a discussion between Dr. Alfonso Gomez-Lobo, a member of the President's Council on Bioethics, and University of Delaware Professor Richard Hanley. This discussion, titled "Embryonic Stem Cell Research: Yes or No?", is part of the Ethics and the Life Sciences Conference sponsored by The American Philosophical Association and the University of Delaware, and the Catholic Scholars at the University of Delaware. Room C 125, University of Delaware's Clayton

GUNSMOKE ACTOR REMEMBERED

Fans of "Gunsmoke" and Milburn Stone, an actor who played Dr. Galen Adams in the series, won't want to miss the "Tribute to Milburn Stone" Gallery exhibit, on display at Cecil Community College's Community Cultural Center from Oct. 4-24. It is the 25th anniversary of Milburn's death. The

Hall Conference Center. Info., 302-831-6551.

WILD ABOUT WEATHER 11:00 a.m. Professor Del Levia of the University of Delaware will explain the new weather station at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Center. Learn how to monitor the "weather in the meadow" in real time. Free to members, \$3 non-members. Fair Hill Natural Resources Center, 630 Tawes Dr., Elkton, Md. Info., 410-398-4909.

A REVOLUTIONARY WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oct. 23 & 24. The British are coming! And the Americans, too! Join the 84th Royal Highland Immigrants, the 6th Maryland, and the Cecil County militia as they gather for training and socializing at the mill. Learn about the weapons and tactics of the Revolutionary War and then enlist and try your hand at soldiering. Join the Philips family as they perform daily tasks and enjoy an afternoon tea. The Heritage Dancers and fiddle and dulcimer music will add to the festivities. Greenbank Mill, 500 Greenbank Rd., Wilmington. Info., call 302-999-9001.

COMEDY PERFORMANCE 9:30 p.m. Comedy show featuring Chip Kettle, Country Joe, Al Smith, Corey Alexander, Joanne Syrgonakis and James Collins. Tickets are \$15 each. Comedy Cabaret, Air Transport Command, 143 N. DuPont Hwy., New Castle. Info., 302-652-6873.

SUNDAY

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FOOD DRIVE CAMPAIGN WSFS Bank is partnering with the Sunday Breakfast Mission to conduct "The Great Thanksgiving Food Drive Campaign". Food bags will be placed in the News Journal. The public is asked to fill the bags and return to any WSFS' 19 locations in New Castle County. The filled bags will be turned over to the Mission where they help to fill food boxes to be distributed to the poor and needy during the holiday season. Info., call Rev. Tom Laymon at 302-293-7767.

'KIRKING OF THE TARTANS' 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Ernest Smart, Chaplain of the Scottish Games at Fair Hill, Md. along with bagpiper Mark Wygent, will lead worship in the Scottish tradition. The Tartan plaids are representative of the multi-hued African-German-Asian-Italian-Slavic-Latino-Native American church that daily blesses us all with one gospel. So bring your "tartan." First Presbyterian Church, 292 West Main St., Newark.

MONDAY, OCT. 25

MEET THE CANDIDATES 7 - 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Old Newark Civic Association. Candidates for New Castle County Executive, New Castle County President, 25th District State Rep. and 6th District State Senate are invited to attend. Newark Center for Creative Learning, 401 Phillips Ave., Newark. Info., contact Stephanie McClellan at 302-368-4979.

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.,

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FRIDAY, OCT. 22

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 23

PRaise AND WORSHIP SEMINAR AND SERVICE 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The seminar, "Beyond the Music V", features anointed ministers and evangelists. There is no registration fee and lunch will be provided. Prayer Temple Church of God in Christ, 49 New London Road, Newark. Info., 302-366-8300.

POST-POLIO SUPPORT 10 a.m. to noon fourth Saturday of month. Meeting at the Easter Seal Independent Living Center, Reads Way, New Castle. Info., call Paula Hentz at 302-369-3905 or 302-764-1714.

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

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

COPING WITH IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME 9 a.m. - Noon. Christiana Care offers "Coping with IBS: mind-body

techniques for easing distress," a three-hour workshop to help those whose quality of life is affected by Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS). Led by psychologist Lisa Pistone, Ph.D., the workshop introduces stress management techniques, such as self-hypnosis, guided imagery or meditation, which can be combined with traditional medical therapies to help alleviate the distressing symptoms of IBS. Eugene du Pont Preventive Medicine & Rehabilitation Institute, 3506 Kennett Pike, Wilmington. To register or for info., call 302-661-3000.

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

MONDAY, OCT. 25

NEWARK AAUW MEETING 7:30 p.m. Delaware Sen. Liane Sorenson, R-Hockessin, will speak about what the Delaware Legislature is doing about women's issues. The public is welcome. First Presbyterian Church, Memorial Hall, 292 West Main St., Newark. Info., 302-731-4724 or Alsca@aol.com.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN fourth Monday. Newark AAUW meets at First Presbyterian Church, West Main St., Newark. Info., 302-731-4724.

FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL

MEETINGS

CLASSES Mondays at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at 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 locations provided only with registration at 302-765-9740.

SIMPLY JAZZERCIZE 10:15 a.m. Mondays, 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 a.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info., 302-737-2336.

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

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

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

5177, ext. 260.

NCCo STROKE CLUB Noon at the Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., call Nancy Traub at 302-324-4444.

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 26

ADULTS WITH AD/HD 7:30 p.m. Fourth Tuesdays. Support group meets at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info., 302-737-5063.

UNSCHOOLERS & OTHERS 7 p.m. fourth Tuesdays. Parents meet at Kirkwood Library. Group also holds activities for homeschool families. Info., 302-322-5950.

EATING DISORDER 7 - 8:30 p.m. last Tuesdays. Support group for people with disorder, and family and friends meets at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Naaman's & Darley Rds., North Wilmington. Free & open to public. Info., 302-475-1880.

CANCER SUPPORT 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Silverside/Carr Executive Center, Bldg. 405, Wilmington. Info., 302-733-3900.

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

DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support group meeting at Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd., Newark. Info., 302-737-7239.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

ANXIETY DISORDER 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware To maintain the privacy of members, support group locations not published. To register, call 302-765-9740.

BINGO 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Lunch available for \$2.25/platter at 11:45 a.m. Info., call 302-737-2336.

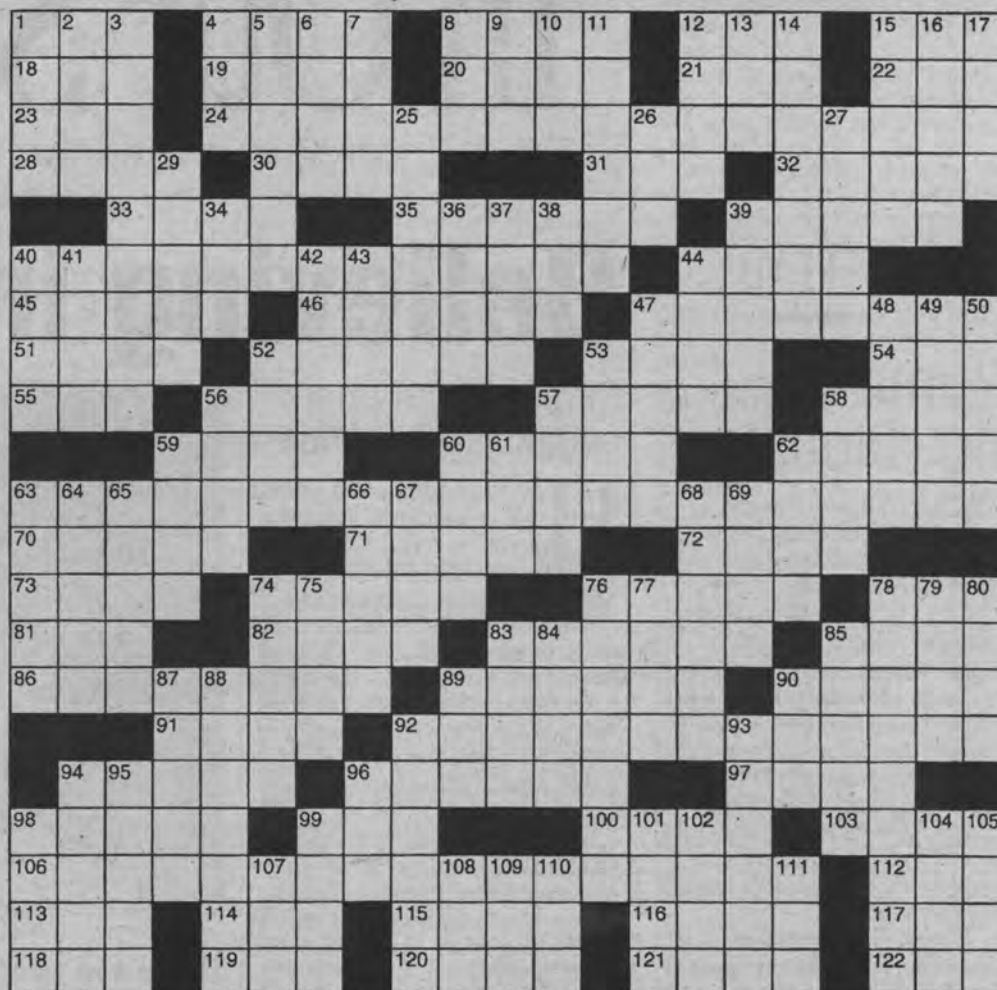
DIVORCECARE 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Separated/divorced persons meet at Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark. All welcome. Info., 302-737-5040.

GRIEF SHARE 7 p.m. Seminar and sup-

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302-737-2336.

■ TUESDAY, OCT. 26

47TH ANNUAL COLLEGE NIGHT 6:30 - 9 p.m. The New Castle County Counselor's Association in cooperation with Newark High School will host this event. representatives from approximately 180 colleges and universities, nursing schools, trade and technical schools, junior and community colleges and the military will be on hand to discuss entrance requirements, academic programs and to give information about financial aid to students and parents. Organizations will also be present to discuss scholarship opportunities. The fair is

free, there is ample parking and the site is handicapped accessible. Info., contact Linda Raffaele at Newark High School 302-454-2151 ext. 119.

POLITICAL DEBATE 6 p.m. A live radio political debate will include candidates for U.S. Congress and will be hosted by WDEL 1150 AM. The debates will be broadcast live and commercial free. A WDEL news anchor will serve as moderator, and the candidates will be questioned by a panel of journalists. Listeners will also be able to submit a question by sending an e-mail to wdelnews@wdel.com.

■ WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

CANDIDATES FORUM 7 p.m. The Bear Glasgow Council of Civic Organizations (BGCCO) will host a Candidates Forum.

Invited candidates are running for New Castle County Executive, County Council President, County Council District 11, State Senate District 10, State Representative District 15 and State Insurance Commissioner. A five minute platform presentation by each candidate will be followed by questions from the floor. BGCCO members and all residents from communities represented by these districts are invited to attend. The State Police Troop 2 Headquarters, on Rt. 40, east of Rt 896. Info., Frank@bearglasgow-council.org or 302-894-0344.

THE GLASS MENAGERIE Oct. 27 - Nov. 21. Oct. 27 - 29: Previews—No Press; Oct. 30: Opening Night—Press Invited. Times: 8 p.m. Wed. - Sat. except 11/17; 2 p.m. Wed., Sat. & Sun. except 10/27,

10/30, 11/17 & 11/20. Special Performances: Oct. 27 7:30 p.m. Viewpoints—Pre-show discussion with Anne Marie Cammarato, DTC Producing Director; John Grassilli, Director of The Glass Menagerie; Oct. 28—Single Theatre Lovers; Night Pre-performance reception for singles, held at Riverfront Market; Oct. 30—Opening Night Post-show reception with actors and director; Nov. 4—Talkback Post-show discussion with actors. Info., contact the Box Office Phone 302-594-1100 or visit www.delawaretheatre.org.

■ THURSDAY, OCT. 28

POLITICAL DEBATE 8 a.m. A live radio political debate will include candidates for Delaware Governor and will be hosted by

WDEL 1150 AM. The debates will be broadcast live and commercial free. A WDEL news anchor will serve as moderator, and the candidates will be questioned by a panel of journalists. Listeners will also be able to submit a question by sending an e-mail to wdelnews@wdel.com.

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 Music at Newark Senior

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port 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., 302-737-2336.

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

■ THURSDAY, OCT. 28

COLONIAL STATES KNITTERS 7 p.m. fourth Thursday in the Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Rd. Info., call Betty at 302-994-2869.

DSI THUMBS UP 7 - 8 p.m. 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Stroke support group meeting offering educational topics, peer support and guests who are experts in rehabilitative services at the Newark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Sponsored by Delaware Stroke Initiative. Free. Info., 302-633-9313.

TOASTMASTERS 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursday. Greater Elton chapter meets at

Cecil County Department of Aging to develop potential and overcome fear of public speaking. Public welcome. Info., 443-553-5358.

BRIGHT FUTURES 1 p.m. Breast cancer support group meets second and fourth Thursdays at Christiana Hospital in the Medical Arts Pavilion 2. Info., 302-733-3900.

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., 302-737-2336.

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 members, meeting locations provided only with registration at 302-765-9740.

DIVORCECARE 7 - 8:30 p.m. Separated/divorced persons meet at Southern Chester County YMCA, East Baltimore Pike, Jenersville, Pa. Childcare available; ages 7 and up get to swim. 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.

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In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Yummy, nutritional

The National School Lunch Program is the oldest and largest of the child nutrition programs operated by Food and Consumer Service of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Since 1946 the NSLP provides school children with one-third or more of their Recommended Daily Allowance for key nutrients and provides no more than 30 percent of calories from fat and less than 10 percent from saturated fat.

USDA research indicates that children who participate in school lunch programs have superior nutritional intakes compared to those who do not participate.

Yes, there is a free lunch

Students in the Christina School District can get a free lunch by participating in the "Buy 10 Get One Lunch Free" program. Send cash or check made out to the school cafeteria for ten lunches. Kindergarten to sixth graders pay \$11.50, seventh to twelfth graders pay \$14. Those on reduced lunch pay \$4. Be sure to include the child's name and pin number on the check or envelope.

Student of Week

Lacey Phahler, a fourth grader at Jennie Smith Elementary School, was selected by Principal Linda Ennis and staff as this week's Student of the Week. Ennis said Lacey is a wonderful example of a Jennie Smith STAR. She is a hard worker who always tries her best. She actively participates in class and puts great effort into her work. She consistently follows the rules in both the classroom and school and works well with other students.



Phahler

Believing in the future

Career forum offers suggestions, advice

HAVE a vision and a voice. Be a leader, a force for good, a force for peace, defy the odds. Set new standards. Step up. Step up. Step up.

More than 600 seniors from the three Christina School District high schools heard a powerful message from Dr. Tony Allen, executive vice president of MBNA, on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the district's first annual Senior Career Forum.

Held at the Bob Carpenter Center, the seniors were energized by Allen with a motivating message to challenge the status quo and prepare themselves for the 21st century.

Coming from a family where his father was a high school dropout at 11th grade and his mother was a teenage mother, Allen said he knows first hand what challenges there are for teens today. He went on to receive three degrees.

"Yes, it was hard work, but if I can do it, you can do it," said Allen.

The seniors then attended workshops presented by members of the Newark Morning Rotary Club, MBNA, University of Delaware, Goldey-Beacom College, Delaware Technical and



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Community College, and the U.S. Military where they heard about different career opportunities, scholarships available, college applications and resume writing.

Rotarians offered first hand information on their experiences in a variety of career opportunities from funeral director, event planner, journalist, and music writer to financial planner, non-

profit administrator and insurance sales. Betsy Manglass, a retired public health nurse, encouraged those who might have a desire to get into medicine. Doug Warren, owner of Warren Truss, talked about the construction industry.

All students were required to attend a crash course on money management and financial literacy. They heard about the \$10

pizza that can actually cost \$2,000 when charged on a credit card. They played a money game in which the students answered 10 questions about credit score, minimum payments and interest rates.

"Being able to manage their finances as adults begins with an understanding of their income limits and their credit," said Barbara Emery, program coordinator at the Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship in the Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics.

The financial workshops were presented with help of 18 volunteers from local banks with the Delaware Bankers Association. Gift checks for \$50 each were given to 28 students as door prizes.

As a result of the Career Forum, seniors from Glasgow, Christiana and Newark High Schools should be better prepared to act on their visions for the future.

"The subliminal message here is that a high school diploma is not enough," said Dr. Joseph Wise, superintendent of Christina schools. "You've got to have something beyond high school, if it is not a college it should be something else."

Helping a child soar

Christina kicks off mentoring program

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ONE hour a week. That's all it takes to help a child become more self-reliant, develop self-esteem and succeed in school, according to research on one-to-one teaching of school-aged children. Mentors can become a valuable influence in a child's future.

The Christina School District kicked off its HOSTS mentoring program Thursday, Oct. 17 with a reception at MBNA's Bowman Center for the more than 500 mentors and tutors who worked with students in the district last year. The goal is to increase that number to more than 1,000 so that more children will have opportunities to be successful, according to Maurice

Pritchett, director of Family and Community Engagement for the school district.

Last year's mentors came from local businesses, schools and individuals, including Bear Glasgow YMCA, Big Brothers, City of Wilmington, Conectiv, J P Morgan, MBNA, Noramco, Richards Layton and Finger, Port of Wilmington, and Peoples Settlement. The University of Delaware, Del Tech, Delaware State University and Wilmington College send students and staff as mentors. Creative Mentoring and Creative Grandparenting and Family Service of Delaware have been active in many schools. Even the Christina District board members, administrators, teachers, staff, and students have been involved.

HOSTS - help one student to succeed - has proven to be beneficial to both the student and the mentor, according to many of those attending the reception.

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Two mentors compare notes - Sen. Tom Carper, who has mentored the same young student for more than seven years, talked with Hayden Boyd, a junior at Newark High, who mentors a student at Bayard Elementary School. The senator said he is interested in what raises student achievement and sees that mentoring works.

Joy, sadness at Christiana High School

Editor's note: This is the third of three opinion columns written by seniors at Glasgow, Newark and Christiana high schools for the Newark Post. The columns were written with the guidance of the authors' English teachers, then reviewed by the school's principal and administrators for editing.

By KAREN WEINER

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Four years? This is what many students say to themselves as they walk into high school on the first day of their freshman year. Many also say that they don't think they will make it that long.

True, some students do not make it through high school, but for those students who make it to senior year there is a feeling of bittersweet joy.

The upcoming end of high school and all the fun associated with years' past homecomings, football games and other school activities saddens students. This sadness is intertwined with joy and hope for the future, the hope and dreams that cannot be revealed until after graduation.

This year at Christiana High School, the senior classes of 2005 is already counting down the final days of high school life and are looking forward to life after graduation.

The realization of senior year does not hit most students until senior picture proofs are in hand. Seniors statewide share this reality. Christiana is in a class by itself. This year marked the change in scheduling at Christiana High School, from the normal block scheduling to A/B scheduling.

Block scheduling consists of four classes held everyday for one semester and then switching halfway through the year to finish up with a set of four different classes. A/B scheduling consists of two separate sets of four classes

per day that alternate every other day.

Despite some confusion shared by teachers and students alike, the bumps in the road are now smoother and it is working well.

Seniors who are taking Advanced Placement courses now have more time to better equip themselves for the required AP exams that will occur at the end of May.

Another welcome addition to the Christiana family is the implementation of PBS, Positive Behavior Support. This is also known to students as the Three R's: Respectful, Responsible, and Ready.

Students who are "caught" being respectful, responsible, and ready in class and in the halls are rewarded with Viking Cards, which can be used in the school store to buy priceless Christiana Viking memorabilia.

This Positive Behavior Support program is lifting and strengthening the spirits of all Christiana High School members and leading them to strive for excellence in all aspects of school life.

These two programs, along with amazing staff, are helping to move Christiana closer to its goal

of academic excellence and making this year and years to come memorable.

■ Wiener is an actively involved honors student at Christiana High School. She is a member of both the soccer and swim teams and the President of Christiana's Future Farmers of America.

BRIEFLY

Essay contest winner at Bayard school

Lorenzo Diaz, a fifth grader in Tim Werbrich's class at Bayard Elementary School, received honorable mention in an essay contest about the ocean.

Sponsored by the Delaware Sea Grant College Program, winners of the contest were recognized at a presentation on Oct. 3 at the University of Delaware's Coast Day festival in Lewes.

Diaz said his favorite ocean critter is the horseshoe crab.

In his essay, he described how shorebirds such as the red knot, dowitcher and ruddy turnstone threaten the life of the crab.

Volunteers still needed

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Sen. Thomas Carper told the attendees that he has been making time in his schedule for the past seven years to mentor a young man, following him through different schools.

"Darrel is now a senior at Delcastle High School," said Sen. Carper. "I feel like I had an impact on Darrel's life. I got more out of it than Darrel and his brothers."

Being unpaid is actually an advantage as a mentor, Carper said. The students realize you are there because you care, not because you have to be. They show more respect for mentors and are more likely to listen to

them, he said

"Programs don't change people. People change people," said Carper.

Many children, 15 years after leaving school have cited their mentor as helping them succeed and making a difference in their lives, said John Kinlaw, the regional director for HOSTS. The program has contributed to reducing the drop out rate in schools.

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February, focusing on the use of electronic filing and archiving of marriage, birth and death records. Boulden was picked for this post after developing a state-of-the-art

computerized marriage licensing, record keeping and accounting system for New Castle County. His system has since been adopted statewide and is serving as a model for many other states. Boulden has also archived the past century's marriage records

on DVD's for quick and easy reference.

Parents weekend here

Each fall, University of Delaware's Parents and Family Weekend gives students and fam-

ilies a chance to reunite on campus and share a slice of college life together.

The event this Friday through Sunday, Oct. 22-24, includes activities galore for all tastes and ages, ranging from ice skating and a ghost walk to athletic events and an art exhibition with the centerpiece being Saturday's gridiron contest between the Fightin' Blue Hens and the

College of William and Mary, a UD spokesperson said.

Brochures have been sent to all parents and families of undergraduate students.

For a schedule of events and more information about the weekend, go to a special UD web site at www.udel.edu/parents and click on the Parents and Family Weekend link or call 831-8741.

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ation for the Board's support, and commented, "There is so much great work going on here. This district, our staff, our students, and our entire school community has what it takes to be great."

In his short time Wise has created a stir, excited staffers and energized a community.

Soon after starting, Wise presented a nine-step plan to the school board to get the schools

back to the "flagship district" it was in the '40s, '50s, and '60s. He faced a financial crisis, is revamping accounting and budgeting procedures, made changes in his administrative team, re-assigned staff, asked for a state audit of the district's books, arranged for an independent assessment of all district programs and activities and uncovered new ways to bring in and save money for the school district.

Relations strained

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between the city and UD over the past 18 months."

Armitage said he would not meet with Athey regarding traffic concerns surrounding the new performing arts center, but instead said a meeting with the President should be held to "involve candid conversations about how far off center things have gotten between our two organizations."

"I believe the new members on the Council are helping smooth the relationship, but as I pointed out the other day, I think you inherited a number of policy decisions made over the years that are creating conflicts that can't be repaired in a matter of months."

City officials are hoping to set up regular meetings with university officials to help hammer out current problems, and head off future problems.

Zinszer-Bell marry

Sandra Marie Zinszer of Newark married SPC Donald John Bell, of North Carolina, on June 10, 2004 in Huachuca City, Arizona.

Zinszer is the daughter of Ralph C. Zinszer III and Catherine Zinszer, and is a graduate of Wilmington Christian School and the University of Delaware. She is employed as a solutions advisor for Gateway.

Bell is the son of Charlene Bell and Frank Bell Jr., both of



Sandra Marie Zinszer has married SPC Donald John Bell.

Wilmington. He graduated from Mount Pleasant High School and the University of Delaware. He is in the U.S. Army.

Helping neighbors

SINCE 1930, members of the community, through the Newark Area Welfare Committee, have been helping neighbors in need, providing financial assistance, food and other material items.

To continue that neighborly service, Newark's Mayor Vance A. Funk III has issued a proclamation declaring Friday, Oct. 29, as Good Neighbor Day in Newark.

NAWC volunteers will be accepting donations and selling their Good Neighbor Bean Soup Mix at various locations through the city.

Last year, more than 450 pounds of beans were packed into bags and jars and sold at local businesses, raising nearly \$1,700 which was used toward community projects.

"NAWC exists today to reach out to individuals and families

who are in need of immediate help and have no one else to turn to," said Funk. "In order to continue to provide these things, NAWC must rely heavily on the combined generosity of local families, businesses, churches and individuals to support their work in our community."

In 2003, the NAWC served more than 760 individuals three meals a day for a week from the Food Cupboard, provided nearly \$50,000 in financial help to more than 800 people, fed nearly 1,000 people with Christmas food baskets and spent nearly \$12,000 on new shoes for 340 children. NAWC also sponsored the Hope Grocery Club of Main Towers, where members contribute to a fund that purchases food from the food bank.

For more information on NAWC, call 368-0893.

Calling all interested parties

County paramedics recruit for class

The County Emergency Medical Service is recruiting individuals interested in a career as a New Castle County paramedic. NCC will be accepting applications until Oct. 28 for a paramedic class tentatively scheduled to begin in March 2005.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for individuals seeking a career in public safety," said Assistant Chief Lawrence Tan, commander of Administration and Special Operations for New Castle County EMS. Personnel selected for paramedic training are hired by NCC government and are enrolled in the Delaware Technical and Community

College paramedic training program.

For more information on the training program and application process, call the NCC Office of Human Resources at 395-5180 or the EMS Recruitment Coordinator at 395-8188. Applications for employment are also available at www.co.new-castle.de.us.

Volunteers needed to care for birds

Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research will hold a training workshop on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 1 to 5 p.m. for volunteers to care for wild adult birds at the Frink Center For Wildlife.

The clinic will include information on how to handle, feed and care for injured adult birds.

A \$25 fee is required for non-members of Tri-State Bird Rescue and \$10 fee for members. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and are asked to donate at least 10 hours a month.

Tri-State cares for more than 3,000 birds a year, ranging from hummingbirds and robins to great blue herons and eagles.

The small professional staff relies heavily on volunteers to help care for the injured birds and to give them a second chance at life.

The Frink Center For Wildlife is located at 110 Possum Hollow Rd. Those interested in the clinic workshop and/or volunteering should call 737-9543.





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Newark resident Paige Merideth Blansfield graduated from Drew University.

She received a Bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts Cum Laude with honors in Theatre

Arts. She was on the dean's list for the spring semester. Blansfield received the president's award in Theatre Arts and the Rumi Prize in choreography. Blansfield is a 2000 graduate

of Newark High School. She is currently working at the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey. She is the daughter of Wayne T. and Lois P. Blansfield of Newark.

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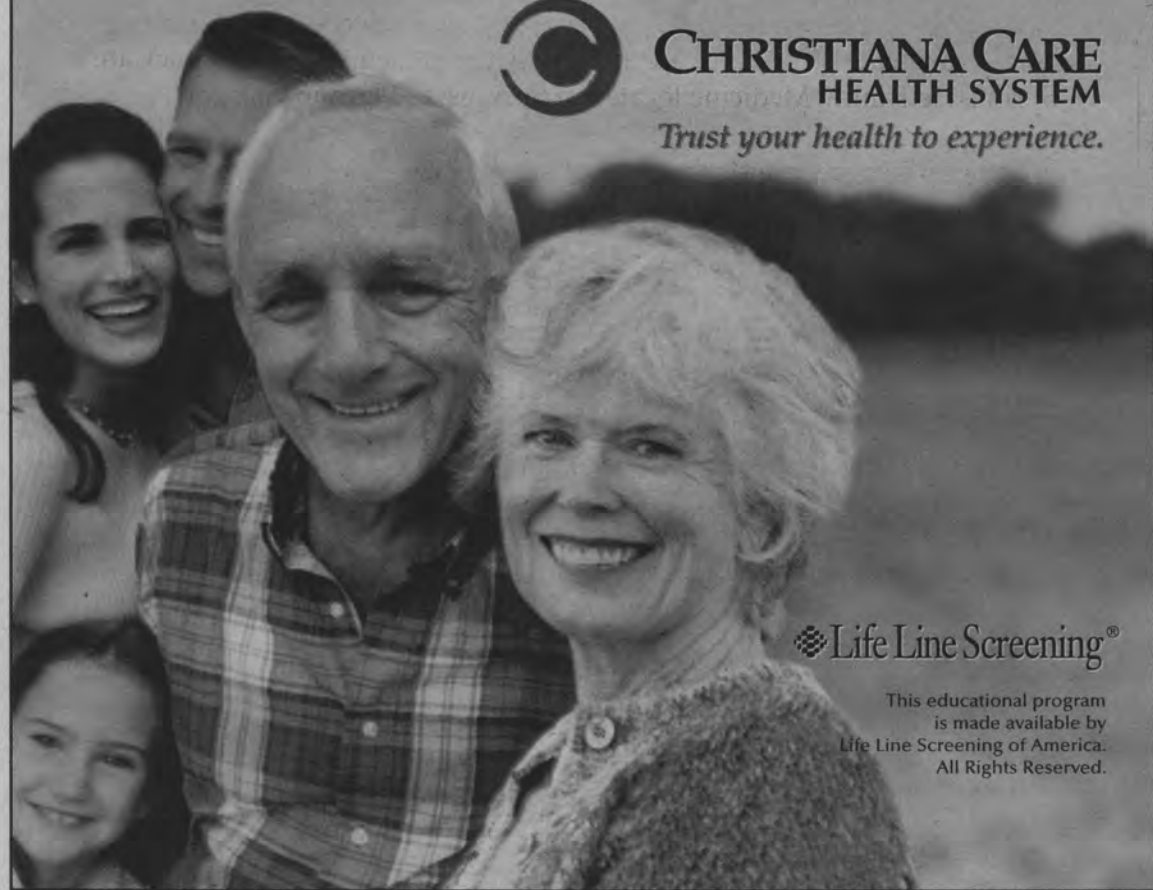
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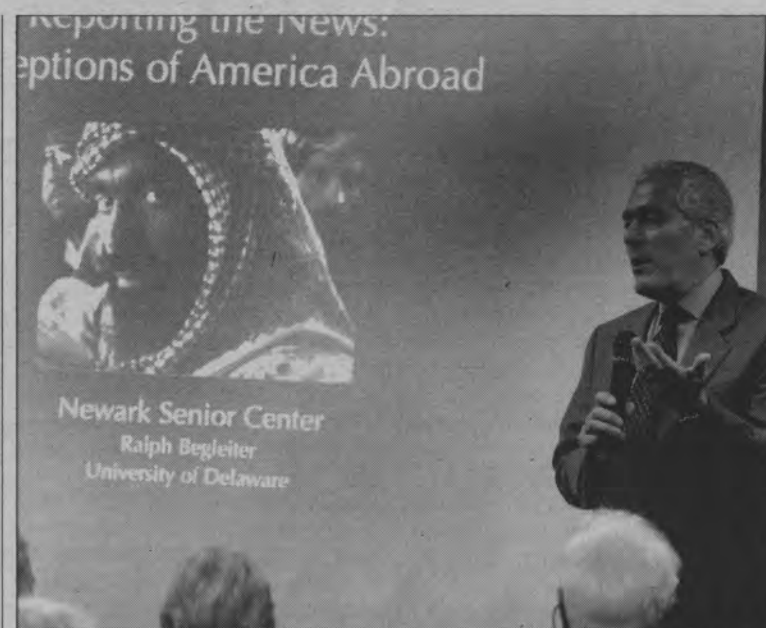


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Ralph Begleiter, a University of Delaware journalism professor, tells members of the Newark Senior Center how the world perceives America's invasion of Iraq. For two decades, Begleiter was CNN's chief international correspondent. He now lives in Newark.

Newark seniors hear how world perceives U.S.

By SCOTT McALLISTER

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

FORMER CNN correspondent and current University of Delaware journalism professor Ralph Begleiter spoke at the Newark Senior Center Monday, Oct. 18 about how America is viewed by other countries versus our own view of ourselves in the world.

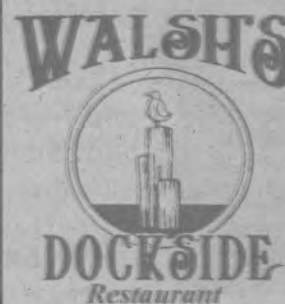
Begleiter spoke poignantly as he explained how and where the public receives its news and the inaccuracies which Americans are fed from news media.

Throughout his 45-minute presentation, he talked about the world view of America, especially concerning the invasion of Iraq. What Americans called

"liberation" has been dubbed "occupation" by many countries, especially those that are Muslim, he said.

Begleiter also pointed out how the media can change the minds of viewers, citing one example of a photo of an American soldier putting a flag over the face of a Saddam Hussein statue. The photo quickly made all the international papers as well as American papers. The difference was the American papers showed it as an Iraqi flag, while Muslim newspapers showed it as an American flag, he said.

"Don't believe everything you read. Read many different sources and then develop your opinions of the issues," suggested Begleiter before taking questions from the audience.



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to water management issues.

Q. Regarding issues or background, what makes you different than your opponent?

A. I feel my background in the public and private sector allows me to bring a broader and deeper understanding of the issues that affect Newark and the state. It has prepared me to look 10 to 20 years down the line. I also have a tremendous amount of energy, and with that comes desire.

Q. The city of Newark has been in an ongoing battle with some out-of-area legislators to retain Alderman's Court. Some legislators want to abolish the court altogether, while others are attempting to do so piecemeal. Would you oppose such efforts?

A. We need to preserve the court system here in Newark. It's an important part of its identity. I would fight for the city's needs on that. It's important that legislators take cues from city on this issue.

Q. One of the most recent battles between the city and the Legislature ended up in a disappointing loss for the city — one they remain angry about. It was the state's passage of a law that forbid the city from taxing alco-

hol-serving businesses, which has cost the city \$100,000-plus for the Alcohol Task Force of police officers. What is your position on that and, if you were elected, how would you influence other legislators in a similar situation?

A. The general thought here is that the state shouldn't be telling the city how to do its business. The city knows what it is doing for the best interests of its residents and people. So much of politics is negotiation. You always try to negotiate first, but when push comes to shove fight for your home, and I would do that without hesitation. One of the great things about this city is that citizens get involved in issues, and I think they can mobilize quickly.

Q. If you took office what are the one or two things you could do immediately to help the city of Newark?

A. Number one is deal with traffic and congestion issues. I would want get on House Transportation Committee to help that cause.

Secondly, create a more structured and ongoing dialogue with representatives from the city state, UD and residents to understand which core issues we need to address and set a timeline for action. I do think, and have said all along, that our state needs to work in partnership with city

government. It can't be just one representative, it needs to be a cooperative effort.

Q. In the political world, do you have someone who you look up to, or someone you try to pattern yourself after?

A. Absolutely, my role models are my parents (Paul and Patricia Pomeroy) and inlaws (Jim and Ada Leigh Soles). My mother and father have always been dedicated to public service and it's something I always admired in them. I'm also proud to consider

myself a Mike Castle Republican. He's independent and works very hard for best interests of Delaware.

Q. What do you consider the greatest accomplishments in your professional life?

A. One job prior to this I was national director (for three years) of a nonprofit organization that traveled around the country educating the public on issues of retirement, and what we need to do to preserve Social Security and other programs for the future.

That was a proud time for me because it was an organization that looked to future. That's the kind of approach I would like to take to the Legislature.

Q. What is your favorite thing about Newark?

A. Main Street. There is so much energy coming from young leaders on Main Street. People like Sara Taylor Warner, Ryan German, Eric and Sasha Aber and Chris Locke bring tremendous promise as Newark's leaders of tomorrow.

Schooley responds

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yourself after?

A. I am passionate about equal rights for women and for minorities. I can't think of any one person in particular, but I think about the women who have taken steps forward. I think women elected officials bring some unique qualities to the table.

Q. What do you consider the greatest accomplishments in your professional life?

A. In 1972, when I was pregnant with Tara I was a school teacher in Kentucky and the policy was that women had to stop

teaching at the beginning of the sixth month of pregnancy. I challenged the school board and didn't get anywhere so I was the first to file a class action suit, which turned out to be one of the first for pregnancy discrimination. We won three years later — too late for me — and I finally got back pay seven years later.

That was a hard time. My husband was in seminary and last thing we could do was have me stop working. At the school women were so excited but were afraid to talk about it and to me.

Q. What is your favorite thing about Newark?

A. Main Street. I just love Main Street.

Two reunions set Nov. 27

Christiana High School's Class of 1979 will be celebrating its 25th class reunion on Nov. 27 at the Christiana Hilton in Newark. For more information contact Trish Clendening 302-378-1977.

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Wm. & Mary another big test for Hens

Both teams unbeaten in Atlantic-10 play

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Like any team in a championship hunt in any season, the games just keep increasing in magnitude. What was a big game last week pales in comparison to the one coming up this week.

That's the situation the Blue Hens find themselves in as they get ready for another big Atlantic-10 football game against William & Mary. Both No. 3 Delaware and No. 14 William & Mary enter Saturday's game at Delaware Stadium undefeated in the A-10 and on five-game win streaks.

However, this game wouldn't be this big if Delaware didn't beat UMass, Maine and Hofstra. And if the Hens get by the Tribe, the game against James Madison will be even bigger.

"Our other games set up for games like this," said Delaware coach K.C. Keeler, talking about the championship-game feel around Saturday's tilt. "This is a very good William & Mary team. I don't know why we're ranked ahead of them. Their only loss is to North Carolina (49-38) — a team they had on the ropes in their opener. They lost to a I-A

school and should be up there higher."

William & Mary beat New Hampshire 9-7 on the road, knocked off Northeastern 38-35 in overtime and, last week, topped Rhode Island 31-24. The Tribe also has wins over VMI (42-6) and Liberty (37-17).

Last year, Delaware beat William & Mary 41-27.

"This is an excellent team," Keeler said of William & Mary. "They have a great quarterback and are very efficient and balanced on offense. They have more pieces to the puzzle this year. They also have a much improved defense."

Senior Lang Campbell is the Tribe quarterback that has getting all the rave reviews. For the season, he has completed over 61 percent of his passes for 1,568 yards and seven touchdowns. He has a passer efficiency rating of 150.47.

"The big thing is that he's had another year in the offense and just looks really comfortable back there," Keeler said. "They also have a solid running game. They can't run it 60 times a game, but they can't throw it 60 times a game either. They have to do both and, honestly, that makes it harder to prepare for."

Keeler lauded William & Mary head coach Jimmie Laycock for his offensive prowess.

"He just does a great job," Keeler said. "He has an answer for everything you do (defensively) and they do a little bit of everything — but not too much. He's not there to try and impress you with how much he knows. He just does enough to make other teams prepare for it."

Laycock downplays his offense. He says he just tries to match his offense with what his personnel does best.

He also knows he'll be involved in another big game with Delaware.

"It seems like every time we play Delaware, it's a big game," said Laycock, who is 10-12 all-time against the Hens. "We're playing pretty well right now, we're playing hard. We look forward to seeing how we match up."

Keeler thinks the match up will be a good one. He also knows it's another big step toward the conference title and the playoffs.

"This is why you spend all that time preparing — for games like this," he said. "I won't have to speak to the team at all to get them ready. They know how big it is. They'll be ready to go."

Coming home

Four William & Mary players will be coming home Saturday and all four play key roles for the Tribe.

Junior linebacker Travis McLaurin and twin brother Trevor both went to McKean. Trevor is a backup running back. In addition, the Tribe's backup quarterback is redshirt freshman Mike Potts — an all-state quarterback at Middletown two years ago. Senior Matt Witham is a starter at left offensive tackle.

A-10 standings

Delaware, William & Mary and James Madison are all undefeated in the Atlantic-10 South standings. Both the Hens and Tribe have four wins while JMU has three.

James Madison earned a big 24-20 home win over Maine last week to improve its record to 5-1 on the season. The Dukes lone loss came at West Virginia.

Every team in the A-10 North has at least one loss. Northeastern leads the way with a 2-1 record. Every other squad has at least two losses and none are over .500 in league play.

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Niquan Lee scores the winning touchdown against Maine during the Hens' homecoming game two weeks ago.

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Newark win over WP improbable

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

It's amazing what kind of real drama sports can provide.

Who needs the trumped up reality stuff that is all over the television.

Give me the Red Sox-Yankees or even a William Penn-Newark football game.

Hollywood can't make up finishes like the ones Newark has had against William Penn in the last couple of years.



Valania

Last year, a late fumble helped the Jackets to avictory.

This year's turn of events was even more remarkable. Outplayed - dominated even - for three quarters, Newark managed to score 20 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to win the game.

The last two touchdowns, in fact, came in the final 1:30 of the game.

Oh yeah, did I mention the Jackets' top player was out of the game with an injury.

An interference call, a big punt return, a long run, an interception and all of a sudden a sure Colonials' victory turns into a Yellowjacket victory celebration.

It was crazy.

I know people that left the game after three quarters. Newark was not able to cut into a 14-0 lead with a gael force wind at its back and now had to go into that wind in the fourth quarter.

If I didn't have to be there, I would've left too.

However, the wind stopped blowing, the sun came out and the Jackets scored three touchdowns.

The turn of events was amazing - so are sports.

Newark rallies past Wm. Penn



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

Esthervell Cotton makes a move up field on his way to a 50-yard run against William Penn Saturday.

Jackets score twice in final 1:30 to earn victory over rival

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Through three quarters Saturday, there was nothing enjoyable for the Newark High football team and its fans. It was cold, it was windy, it was raining and William Penn had dominated play in building a 14-0 lead. In addition, all-state running back Sam Cotton was sitting on the bench with an injured ankle. The situation was bleak at best.

Thirty minutes later, the sun was out, it was warm and the Yellowjackets scored 20 unanswered points to score an improbable 20-14 come-from-behind victory over the Colonials. The win improved Newark's record to 6-0 (3-0 in Flight A) on the season and moved coach Butch Simpson to within one game (officially, anyway) of tying the state record for wins.

Junior defensive back Rich Godwin twice set up Newark scores with big returns in the fourth quarter. The final one came on an interception with the scored deadlocked 14-14. On second down at the William Penn 31-yard line, quarterback Steve Alexander's pass was picked off by Godwin and returned 40 yards to the Colonials' 10-yard line with just 1:26 to play in the

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Local players help lead Wesley College

Lanouette, Nelson are two key players for the Wolverines

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The Wesley College Wolverines are having a successful season by any standard, as the Dover-area team passes the halfway point of the season with a 5-1 record.

A lot of that success is due to about 30 in-state players, includ-

ing a handful from the Newark area.

The Wolverine roster includes John Lanouette from defending state champion Newark High School. Statistically, Lanouette is having a banner year as a starting wide receiver. His numbers are more amazing when you realize he is a true freshman.

Through six games, Lanouette, a 6-4, 220 pound receiver, has amassed 331 yards on 24 catches. He's averaging nearly 14-yards per catch, and has two touchdowns, both in Wesley's 55-7 victory Saturday over Newport News Apprentice

College from Virginia.

Head Coach Mike Drass described Lanouette as a "coach's dream" kind of player.

"I envision John as a future All-American, he's got great desire, great hands, and he's been a real asset to our team" said Drass. "He's just a tremendous kid on and off the field, and definitely a team player," said Drass.

The Wesley roster also includes Ed Sugalski, (WR) Newark; Brandon Reed, (OL) Glasgow; QB Mike Lemon, OL Jon Mitchell and PK Matt Backer from St. Marks; Chris Carlton, (PK) McKean; and FB Josh

Barone, SS William Buck, RB Eric Lowry, and RB Kevin Nelson, all from Delcastle.

Currently, Nelson is the team's top running back, with 870 yards on 142 carries. Nelson is averaging 145 yards per game and 6.1 yards per carry, and he's scored 7 touchdowns to date.

The Wolverines are 5-1 overall and 3-0 in the NCAA Division III Atlantic Coast Football Conference, and are within two victories of returning to postseason play.

Drass, now in his 12th season,

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Newark nips William Penn

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game.

Two plays later, Newark quarterback Steve Williams scrambled around left end and scampered 10 yards into the end zone for the winning touchdown with just 43 seconds left.

The score capped the wild Newark rally and set off a wild celebration on the Newark sideline as the William Penn fans sat stunned.

"I don't know that we deserved to win that game," Simpson said. "The football gods were smiling on us. The elements stopped and the sun came out and made things easier for us."

The comeback started early in the fourth quarter as Godwin returned a punt 40 yards to the William Penn 17-yard line.

Two plays later, Williams connected with Sam's brother Esthervell (a sophomore back)

for a 12-yard gain and a first down at the seven. Three plays later, Williams scored on a one-yard keeper. The extra point was missed, however, and the score was 14-6 with 9:12 to play in the fourth quarter.

Newark quickly forced a William Penn punt and got the ball back at its own 30.

The Colonials' defense stiffened, though, and forced nine yards in losses in two plays. On third-and-long, Newark tried a half-back option pass with Lewis Carter severely under-throwing the pass. The under-throw, however, created a situation where the William Penn defender got in the way of the Newark receiver as he tried to make his way back to the ball. The official called pass interference and gave the Jackets a first down at their own 36-yard line.

Three plays later, from their own 47, Williams went left on an option play and appeared to be

stopped. Before going down he was able to pitch the ball to Esthervell Cotton, who raced 50 yards to the William Penn three. Two plays later, Williams again scored on a keeper with just 1:51 to play.

That set up the all-important two-point conversion attempt. Williams dropped back and threw to Austin Becker in the middle of the end zone. Becker bobbled the ball for a second before collecting it for the two points.

The score set up Godwin's interception and Williams' third touchdown.

"Our defense really played well in the second half," Simpson said. "That gave us a chance. Like I said, we probably didn't deserve to win, but we found a way to win."

"We all saw how Miami rallied to win Thursday night. We talked about that. It's amazing that it turned around and happened to us."

Area players contribute to Wesley success

► WESLEY, from 19


said the next few weeks will make or break the postseason hopes.

"We've got Brockport this weekend in Dover, then we trav-

el to Maryland on October 30th to play Salisbury University. These two conference games may be our toughest games of the year," said Drass.

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Late TD lifts Hens past Hofstra

Blue Hen quarterback Sonny Riccio connected with wide receiver Joe Bleymaier for a six-yard touchdown pass on fourth down to cap a 12-point fourth quarter comeback as the fourth-ranked Delaware football team defeated Hofstra, 20-19, Saturday afternoon at J.M. Shuart Stadium.

The Blue Hens, who won their fifth straight to improve to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the Atlantic 10, trailed 19-7 with two minutes remaining in the third quarter after Hofstra kicker Chris Onorato nailed a 30-yard field goal. However Delaware senior Sidney Haugabrook ignited the comeback by returning the ensuing kickoff 60 yards before stepping out of bounds at the Hofstra 33 yard line.

Delaware had a third and 18 at the Hofstra 41 when Riccio found David Boler for a 28-yard gain to the Hofstra 13 on the final play of the quarter, and four plays later Niquan Lee scored from one yard out to cut the Pride lead to 19-14 with 13:23 remaining in the game.

The Blue Hens were stopped on their next drive, and on their following possession Riccio was intercepted by Prentice James at the Hofstra seven

yard line. However, the Delaware defense held the Pride to a three-and-out and on the punt Haugabrook was interfered with, giving the Blue Hens the ball on the Hofstra 37 with 8:59 to play.

An 11-yard completion from Riccio to Justin Long on a third down gave Delaware a first and goal at the seven, and three plays later Riccio hit

Bleymaier in the end zone to give the Blue Hens their first lead of the game at the 6:09 mark.

Delaware missed the two-point conversion attempt, but the Blue Hen defense would shut down the Pride offense the rest of the way to preserve the victory.


Following the touchdown Hofstra could only move the ball six yards before punting, but after stopping Delaware, the Pride had one final drive. On fourth and two from the Hofstra 44, Pride quarterback hit Devalle Ellis, but Ellis was tackled a half yard short of the first down by Mark Moore with 1:01 left, and the Blue Hens ran out the clock.

Delaware is now 7-1-1 in its last nine meetings with Hofstra, which fell to 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the Atlantic 10 this season.

Onorato, who tied a school record by hitting four field goals, capped a

seven-play, 33-yard drive to open the game with a 42-yard field goal, and with 13:22 remaining in the second quarter Onorato nailed a 37-yarder to put the Pride up 6-0. Hofstra drove to the Blue Hen one-yard line before settling for an 18-yard field goal by Onorato with 5:32 left in the first half, but Rashaad Woodard returned the ensuing kickoff 69 yards to the Hofstra 14. Lee, who has now rushed four six touchdowns over the last two games, then ran 11 yards to the three and scored on the next play to cut the Pride lead to 9-7 at the half.

Neither team could muster much offense early in the third quarter, and the Blue Hens were forced to punt from their own end zone on their second possession. However punter Mike Weber fumbled the snap, and Justyn Davis recovered in the end zone to give Hofstra a 16-7 advantage with 7:33 remaining.



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NEWARK POST ♦ OBITUARIES

■ Obituaries are printed free of charge as space permits. Information usually is supplied to the newspaper by the funeral director. Additional local obituaries are printed for a fee.

Charles Paul Killen
Newark resident Charles Paul Killen died at home on October 8, 2004.

Mr. Killen, 57, retired from Conrail in 1992. He served his country in the Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. He was a member of the VFW Post 475. He graduated from Girard College in Philadelphia, Pa. He is survived by his wife Kathleen; a son Robert Killen and his wife, Victoria; four daughters, Karen Killen, Kristine Fellure and her husband, Brad, Kathryn Morris and her husband, Larry, and Koreen Killen; seven grandchildren; a brother, William Killen; and a sister Doreen Mawson. A private service is in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Contributions may be sent to the Veterans Volunteer Association, Nursing Home Care Unit, 1601 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19805.

Dorothy W. Tyre
Newark resident Dorothy W. Tyre died Friday, October 8, 2004 in the Christiana Care Hospital. Mrs. Tyre, 79, became a very talented seamstress and worked from home doing alterations for many of her friends and family. She was also a member of St. Gabe's Lodge in New Castle. She is survived by her three children, Robert "Bob" W. Tyre, of Wilmington, Patricia S. Blankenship of San Antonio, Texas and Doreen A. Berling of Newark; her sister, Ruth E. Connor of Bel Air, Md. and two grandchildren;

Charles Paul Killen
Dorothy W. Tyre
Douglas Allen Stepler
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John J. Stepchuck, 82, veteran of Army Air Force, flew missions over Europe after D-Day

FORMER Newark resident John J. Stepchuck of Ocean View died Thursday Oct. 14, 2004 at Beebe Medical Center. Mr. Stepchuck, 82, worked for Firestone Tire and Rubber and RCA. He was a veteran of WW II serving in the Army Air Force with the 9th Air Force flying many missions over Europe from

D-Day until the end of the war. He was a member of VFW Posts 7234 of Ocean View and 475 of Newark. He was also a member of Aetna Fire and Hose Company. He is survived by two granddaughters Melissa and Allison Stepchuck. A service was scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 20 at Holy

Angels Catholic Church, Newark. Burial is in All Saints Cemetery. Memorial contributions in John's memory may be made to VFW Auxiliary of Post 7234 c/o the funeral home at R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, 122 West Main St., Newark, DE 19711.

George Jarvis, 77, served in Delaware House, Senate

NEWARK resident George Jarvis died at home on Friday, Oct. 15, 2004, surrounded by his family.

Mr. Jarvis, 77 was a 1951 graduate of Mt. St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md. He was a longtime employee of the DuPont Co. in Wilmington and Seaford, and later joined Delmarva Power, now Conectiv.

He also served in the state legislature in the House of Representatives and in the Senate, and was the Secretary of Transportation.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Joan Jarvis; his daughters, Catherine Ross and her husband, Larry, of Conn., Terri Kaercher and her husband, Les, of Mont., Jeanne Best and her husband, Glenn, of Wilmington; his son, George Jarvis III and his wife, Sherri, of Pa.; his sister, Lois Mandlavitz of N.Y.; and nine grandchildren.

A service was scheduled for Monday, Oct. 18 in Resurrection Parish, Skyline Ridge.

Burial is private. The family suggests contributions to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Rd., Suite 100 Clayton Bldg., Wilmington, DE 19810; or to the American Stroke Association, 1501 Casho Mill Rd., Newark, DE 19711.

John I. Turner, 80, flew WWII missions on D-Day, in Europe

Former Newark resident John I. Turner currently of Wildwood, N.J. died suddenly Monday, Oct. 11, 2004.

Mr. Turner, 80, was a veteran of WWII in the U.S. Air Force. He served as a gunnery sergeant with the B26 Marauder division and flew numerous missions in Europe including D-Day.

He was a member of the VFW of Newark before moving to N.J. He was a member of the Wildwood Country Club until ailing health prevented his ability to play. Mr. Turner was also a member of Wildwood Lions Club.

He is survived by his four children: Michael of Hilton Head, N.C., John of Landenberg, Pa., Joan Williamson of Lewes and Toni Ann Lindsay of Newark; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A service and burial were scheduled for Friday, Oct. 15 at the Cape

May County Veterans Cemetery, Cape May Court House, N.J.

Edward Drozd Jr., 33, automotive technician

Former Newark resident Edward J. Drozd Jr., of Greenville, S.C., died Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004.

Mr. Drozd, 33, was a graduate of Newark High School and graduated from the Automotive Training Academy in Exton, Pa.

He was an Automotive Service Excellence Master Technician.

He was currently working for Volvo of Greenville, S.C.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle Nicole Drozd; his daughters, Courtney Marie and Caitlin Mae Drozd; his parents, Edward J. Drozd

Sr. and Juanita M. Rooks Drozd; his godparents, Olive and Jack Kane; his aunts and uncles, Ada and Gary O'Neal, Gladys and Walt Teat, John and Bernadette Drozd and Joseph and Paula Drozd; and many great aunts and uncles.

A service was scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16 at St. John the Beloved Church, Wilmington.

Burial is in All Saints Cemetery.

The family request donations to the Courtney and Caitlin Drozd Educational Fund, c/o PNC Bank, Yorklyn Rd. & Rt.41, Hockessin, DE 19707.

Douglas A. Stepler, 35

Newark resident Douglas Allen Stepler died Monday, Oct. 11, 2004, at home.

Mr. Stepler, 35, was the president of Step by Step Furniture Installations, Inc. for the past 20 years.

He is survived by his twin children, Jackie and Joshua Stepler, both at home; his son, Ryan Matthew Stepler, also at home; his fiancée, Annette Marie Feeley at home; his father, James R. Stepler and his wife, Jo Anne, of Henrietta, N.Y.; two sisters, Kelli Stepler of Newark and Debbi McKee and her husband, George, of Delaware City; and his best friend and business partner, Ronnie Hanulik of Newark.

A service was scheduled for Friday, Oct. 15 at the Chandler Funeral Home, Wilmington.

Burial is private.

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Clifton compelled to do the 'right thing'

► CLIFTON, from 1

said Clifton expressed an interest in running for public office when they first met at the Blue and Gold Club.

Godwin encouraged him to volunteer for committee work and to get involved, which he did, serving on the Memorial Day parade committee, and taking on other issues.

Soon after, Clifton ran and narrowly lost his first bid for the City Council District 2 seat against incumbent Irene Zych in 1995. In the next election he won the slot and has been on the council ever since.

Today Clifton, 53, is a busy man. He recently left the private sector to work for the Delaware National Guard making sure vehicles and other equipment are repaired. On weekends, he teaches a class for the Guard on dealing with civil disturbances.

Godwin said Clifton's motivation is commendable.

"He left a 35-year career in auto service to rejoin the National Guard full time because he has a commitment to our country," Godwin said. "How many people can say that?"

During his seven years on Council, Clifton has actively pursued off-campus student rental housing and alcohol issues. He is a husband, a father of four, and is a long-time Delaware resident who takes calls from constituents late into the evening.

So who is Jerry Clifton?

"I had an interest in politics before I was 10 years old," Clifton said, describing when he dropped literature for Richard Nixon's campaign. His favorite class in the Wilmington Public School system was Problems of Democracy; he had a passion for seeing how government worked

and the issues surrounding it.

He learned dedication by example from his father, a member of a typesetter's union who, "if he had a belief, would drive it home until it reached its natural conclusion." Throughout his life, Clifton carried with him a sense of duty.

"Personally, I think you have an obligation to serve your country," he said. "Even if you disagree with the political climate, the obligation for service is still there. And it's not just military service; there is international and community service."

He put this belief into practice when he joined the military in 1969 and was sent to Korea. There he served as a chaplain's assistant for four years and changed military law by getting confidential privilege extended to assistants as well as chaplains. He listened to married soldiers dealing with divorce concerns, medical issues, and money problems and offered support.

After a two-and-a-half-year stint in Germany, he returned to the United States to follow his passion for car maintenance. He worked in local dealerships before his political awakening.

'What you see...'

ONCE he got involved, he considered State Speaker of the House Terry Spense a mentor and became active in the Republican Party.

"He taught me that if you serve the constituents and vote with them," Clifton said, "you can never be wrong."

Clifton said that one of his goals is that he would like to bring more people into the political process.

Among his accomplishments, he helped to found the East End Civic Association. "I brought in

Clifton makes his point at a September Newark City Council meeting.



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experts that helped them with their bylaws and got the association going along with several of the neighbors in George Reed Village," he said. He said he knew the civic association was a success when a large percentage of George Reed Village residents came to a council meeting to voice concerns.

Clifton has been vocal about alcohol issues in the city. For example, he was against a proposed liquor store across from University Courtyards and within a building that had apartments housing students. "Why place a liquor store in a building that is accessible to an overwhelming majority of underage students?" he asked.

Godwin said Clifton helped

usher through the water system overhaul and worked hard to develop the iron removal plant at South Well Field. Clifton said that he considered water as well as electric services as "the backbones of the community."

Clifton acknowledged that differences have occurred between colleagues and staff, but he stands by his decisions and tries to keep "getting the job done well" his first concern.

"I've probably done things on Council that have infuriated staff," he said. "In retrospect, I would do it again because it was the right thing to do."

When he isn't involved with the National Guard or the Council, Clifton spends time with his family and pursues his hob-

bies. He is an avid BB and pellet gun enthusiast. He has worked on Chevrolet Corvairs since he was a teenager and has owned a Corvair for 12 years.

In the early 1980s he used to race cars competitively; in fact, he was first in points at a local track in 1981 and 1982.

Newark Historical Society President Bob Thomas gave his perspective on Clifton.

"I think there are too many people in government today that are pursuing their own special interests and I don't get the impression Jerry is doing that," he said. "I don't think Jerry's pushing his own agenda or using it as a stepping stone to a higher office. What you see is what you get with Jerry."

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City-UD relations top priority for Kalbacher

► KALBACHER, from 1

Council were up to the task.

Kalbacher and Clifton, two of the three longest-serving current councilmembers, would not sit back, however.

They tried to explain to Farrell and others the reasons for the ordinance changes, that all voices should have input and that the old ordinance was a financial burden on some small business and residents wishing to expand.

Their action was indicative of the leadership the two have shown since the April election, when Mayor Vance Funk III took over from two-term former Mayor Hal Godwin, and newcomer Kevin Vonck also defeated incumbent Chris Rewa. Those personnel changes also resulted in changes in the dynamics of the Council.

While the two won't publicly say they are the leaders of the Council, they don't deny stepping up to the plate when there is a need, as in the Oct. 11 meeting, and in the well-known July public criticism for the way Mayor Funk handled certain protocols on several matters. Even so, the two don't always agree themselves, as Kalbacher is a Democrat and Clifton a Republican.

Kalbacher, 43, is careful to say that all members of council are only one vote and each has their special strengths, but pointed to the need for the mayor to get input from all factions. Kalbacher said all three have since worked things out and that the attacks were never personal.

And while Kalbacher said the mayor's focus on business development, the downtown and trying to improve the attitude of residents is commendable, whether or not he becomes a leader "is too

Kalbacher carefully listens to public comments made in the Newark City Council chambers during a session last month.



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early to tell."

"He's working hard and doing the best job he can," Kalbacher said.

Kalbacher said he may not have all the answers, but fresh off an unchallenged election to his fourth election in April, he hopes to help turn the city into a proactive, rather than reactive entity. Issues that have forced the city on its heels include the delayed reservoir project, and several Legislative efforts that are challenging the city's ability to do what's best for its own residents.

Kalbacher has acted like he's in a leadership role, initiating changes that hold problem apartments accountable, making the city more open to the public by changing how emergency meet-

ings are noticed and listing the topics of closed-door meetings, and being unafraid to ask questions or make statements when no one else will.

"In the traditional setting, the mayor is the leader, but in Newark I think over the years others have taken a leadership role, too. I would hope I am considered a leader. In the last few months since the transition with the new mayor, the council has come to me more often than in the past."

Longtime public servant

WITH 15 years working in the public sector, Kalbacher knows a little about leadership, and knows

how the government process works. Currently, he's doing consulting work after working four years with the Maryland environmental department, and another 11 years with the Delaware environmental department.

"Working in government so long helps you understand the political dynamics and how the process leading up to [a decision] is just as important," Kalbacher said. There's always two sides to an issue and compromise is often necessary."

Kalbacher was born and raised in Washington D.C. with a mother who was in health care and a father who was in the military, serving in World War II and in Korea. He said the two were Democrats — as he is — and

they raised their children to be public service-oriented. As a student, he said he was always motivated, and has Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Geology.

He first wanted to be a teacher, however. But late in his academic career he took a course in hydrology he was hooked for ever.

Later he was hired by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, and founded the program that turns contaminated sites into economic development opportunities.

From there he moved on to Maryland, where he was in charge of that state's Superfund, Brownfield and Voluntary Cleanup programs.

As Kalbacher moves into another two-year term as Councilman, some of the items he'd like to move forward on and discuss include:

- Improving city-university relations, and opening up dialogue;

- Reaching out to students.
- Focusing on safety issues, such as improved crosswalks.

- Doing a better job with communicating with the state Legislature, specifically by spending money for a lobbyist to represent the city.

Like the give and take he encouraged in initiating the new laws that give Council more authority over apartment complexes, Kalbacher believes that listening to his constituents, doing research, educating the public, and then advocating for an issue is the most important part of his job.

"There is a finesse there" in putting an issue forward, he said.

"You have to explain to people and I think that if you have a reason, people respect that."

Cider mill program Saturday at park's nature center

White Clay Creek State Park Nature Center is hosting "Remembering Schaeen Cider Mill" this Saturday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m.

Attendees can learn about the apple-pressing mill that was in operation from the late 1800s to 1972. They can use a hand grinder and press their own apples before enjoying a drink of fresh apple cider.

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By JIA DIN

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GHOSTS, Power Rangers, and princesses will take over Main Street for Newark's Halloween parade and downtown trick or treat this Sunday, Oct. 24.

The popular annual parade, which has taken place for the past 57 years, steps off at 3 p.m.

Floats, a marching band, and various dance companies and Brownie troops along with costumed kids will be included in the parade.

Sharon Bruen, of the City of

Sunday, Oct. 24

Halloween parade, 3 p.m., Main Street

Trick-or-Treat Main Street follows

Newark's Parks and Recreation Department, which organizes the costumed trek through the heart of Main Street, said the event is a good way for children to participate in Halloween events with their parents.

"Main Street will be closed so there'll be no traffic to worry

about," she said. "It'll be daylight too, so it's safe."

Children will be able to trick or treat until 5 p.m. when participating businesses on Main Street will be handing out candies and other treats to costumed kids. Businesses will be open as usual for shopping as well.

Bruen said the event is a good outlet for children to celebrate Halloween and is also a way for local businesses to promote themselves.

Nedre Carter, an employee at Crystal Concepts on Main Street, said she is looking forward to the event.

"Usually all employees partic-



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO

Costumed band members marched in the 1998 Halloween parade in Newark.

ipate and bring their kids," she said. "Employees dress up as well as the kids."

Other activities include a pumpkin patch on the Academy Building lawn at West Main and Academy streets where children may have their pictures taken.

Lauren Wilson, of Channel 6

News, will be the parade marshal.

■ For more information regarding the parade and trick or treat, contact the Newark Parks and Recreation Department at 302-366-7060.

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Starting Wednesday, Oct. 13, damage assessment teams including local, state and federal emergency management officials began touring New Castle County areas that received the greatest impact on Sept. 27 and 28.

The assessment effort is taken in response to damage caused by a tornado and severe flooding and other powerful winds during last month's storm.

Officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Delaware Emergency Management Agency, New Castle County Office of Emergency Preparedness and

other state agencies will assess damages to public facilities, residences and businesses.

Those who have not reported damages to the New Castle County Helpline at 395-5555 are encouraged to do so immediately.

Members of these assessment teams do not act as structural inspectors. They are gathering information in order to compile a monetary total of storm-related damages.

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The president of the New Castle County Council and candidate for county executive Christopher A. Coons shares an ice cream cone with his son at Woodside Creamery here. The snacks followed Coons' detailing of his plans to preserve working county farms like Woodside.

FOR the second time in three weeks, candidate Christopher A. Coons came to the Newark area Monday to unveil initiatives that he hopes will persuade voters to elect him New Castle County executive on Nov. 2.

At the Woodside Creamery on North Star Road north of Newark, Coons revealed his plans to preserve county farmlands.

He cited Woodside, a popular homemade ice cream destination for area residents, as an example of how to preserve farms in the midst of heavy development.

The Democrat proposed a county-led "Buy From Your Neighbor" program that would promote the sales of county farm goods to Delaware restaurants and supermarkets and, at the

same time, preserve working farms in the county.

"Farmers would rather keep farming," Coons said, "With the rapid rise in land values, we have to find more creative solutions to sustaining agriculture...if we are to stay ahead of developers in bidding of farmland."

Richard Kenney, owner of the ShopRite store in Newark, said he wants to sell local agricultural products in his three county stores. He praised Coons for his plan to eliminate the "disconnect" between county farmers and retail stores such as his.

On Sept. 30, Coons appeared at the Newark Day Nursery on Barksdale Road to announce plans to bring expanded library services and resources to seniors, youngsters and businesspeople.

He proposed a return of

Bookmobiles and the use of volunteers to get books to people who can't travel to library facilities.

He cited a model program begun two years ago by the late Charlesa Lowell when she was director of the Newark library.

Coons has been the New Castle County Council president since 2001.

He is being challenged by Republican Chris Castagno, who has emphasized the need for new leadership in New Castle County and touts his extensive business experience.

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Making the leap from playmates to soulmates

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — John Randle III and Kia Shante Breau were meant to be together.

Although they probably didn't know this when they first played together as children growing up in Kansas City, Mo., it was quite clear many years later when they had their first date. Randle took Breau to lunch one April afternoon last year and was stunned by her beauty.

"When I first saw her, my mouth dropped open and I didn't say anything for two minutes," he recalled. "I thought 'Oh my God, she's beautiful. Lord please don't let me say anything stupid,' and that's how I knew she was the one."

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"I was very, very happy with her choice. A lot of them looked great on her but there was just something about the dress that said 'Kia,'" said Breau's mother, Christella Jones. "She looked like a brown Barbie doll."

Breau, who chose burgundy and white as her wedding colors, wanted everything to be perfect. She purchased two wedding etiquette books to help her with the Sept. 6 nuptials.

"In terms of planning the wedding, I literally wanted to do everything by the book," Breau said. But sometimes Randle would step in and playfully threaten to burn the etiquette books.

"He reminds me to lighten up and keep everything in perspective and just relax," Breau said. "He would say 'who cares what the book says? This is our wedding, we'll do what we want.'"

And they did.

Although Breau planned most of the wedding, she hired a wedding coordinator two weeks before her big day to help alleviate the stress of bringing it all together.

It was important to the couple that those whom they treasured most took part in the ceremony. Randle's brother, Eric Randle, was his best man and the groom's nephew was the ring bearer. Breau's older sister was her maid of honor and her 6-year-old twin sisters were very cute flower girls who wore matching white dresses. There also was a lighted candle at the ceremony for an honorary groomsman, Breau's cousin Lt. Clifton Johnson,

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John Randle III and Kia Shante Breau played together as children and fell in love when they met again as adults. (AP)

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The Rev. Henry Pace presided over the afternoon ceremony at Shalom Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City. He has known Breaux since she was a teenager and met with the couple twice a month for six months before their wedding to talk about marriage.

Before the ceremony began,

there was a Power Point presentation of pictures that chronicled Breaux and Randle's lives, including one in which they wore large Afro wigs and funky clothes to a 1970s-themed birthday party.

After the presentation, candles were lit in the front of the church and a soloist sang "The Lord's Prayer." Then Breaux's cousin, Kaisha Kelly, performed a touching interpretive dance to "Ribbon in the Sky" by Stevie Wonder.

Just before the bridesmaids and bride walked down the aisle, the flowers in the front of the church caught fire from the nearby candles, which were



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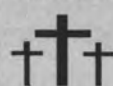
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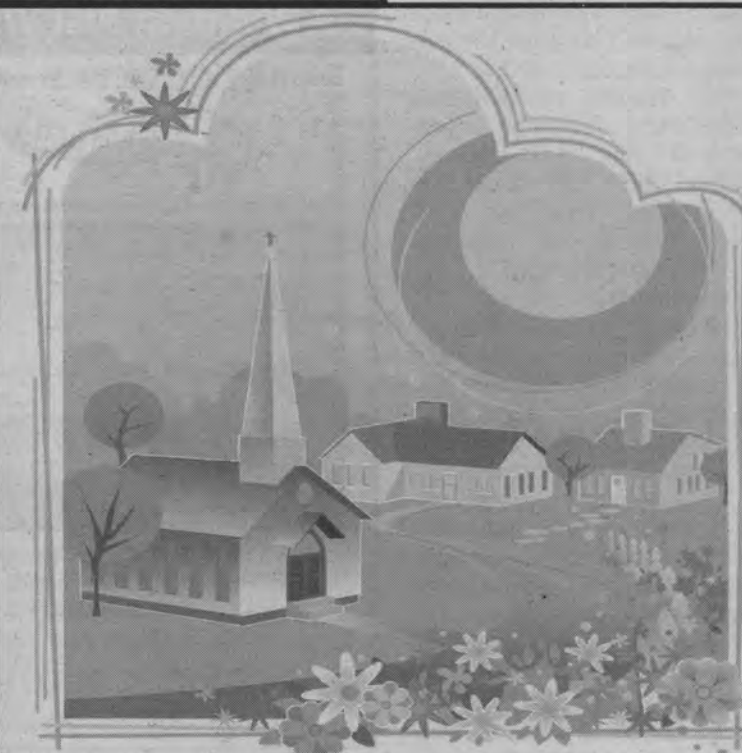
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The victim ran off after realizing he had been shot by one of the two acquaintances.

Investigation is continuing, police said. The unidentified suspects should be considered armed and dangerous. To offer an anonymous tip, contact New Castle County Police, 395-8171, or call Crimestoppers, 800-TIP-3333.

Similar liquor store robberies

The Delaware State Police are investigating two armed robberies that occurred Tuesday, Oct. 13 at liquor stores in Newark and New Castle.

In the first incident at approximately 8:54 p.m., the assailant entered the Pencader Discount Liquors, 927 S. Chapel St. The assailant approached the counter and confronted the male victim. The assailant produced a handgun and demanded the money from the register, then fled, police said.

In the second incident at approximately 9:25 p.m., a suspect entered the Penn Mart Liquors, 98 E. Basin Rd, New Castle. Similarly, the robber produced a handgun and ordered the victim to hand over cash. The assailant fled the store and was last seen leaving the parking lot in a gray sport utility vehicle.

The assailant is described as a black male in his 30's, approximately 5'4" to 5'7" and weighing approximately 150 to 170 pounds. He was wearing a black jacket with a colored scarf or bandana covering his face.

Investigators have not conclusively connected the two incidents, however police are still looking at the similarities to determine if they are related.

Anyone with information about these crimes is asked to call Troop 2, 834-2620, ext. 4, or Crime Stoppers, 800-TIP-3333.

Cocaine found in pocket of child, 3

A week-long investigation by the Delaware State Police Special Investigations Unit resulted in the arrest of a 28-year-old Newark man for multiple drug charges.

During the investigation, detectives received information that there was a male suspect who was selling cocaine and marijuana throughout New Castle County.

On Thursday, Oct. 13, at 6:18 p.m. detectives observed the suspect driving his Dodge Durango on Kirkwood Highway in Elsmere. The vehicle was stopped after detectives observed the suspect commit several traffic violations, according to police.

Detectives learned that the driver had no driver's license, no registration, and no insurance for the vehicle. The suspect also told police there was marijuana in the vehicle.

Police said the suspect further advised that he had placed a package of cocaine in

his 3-year-old child's pocket prior to the vehicle being stopped by police.

The suspect and vehicle were subsequently searched and detectives located 14.5 grams of marijuana in the vehicle. A search of the 3-year-old's pocket revealed 8.4 grams of cocaine, police said.

Police said a later search of the suspect's residence revealed 17.2 grams of cocaine, 37.3 grams of marijuana, and a digital scale.

Police said Jose Santoyo, 28, was charged with one count of trafficking cocaine, four counts of possession with intent to deliver, two counts of maintaining a vehicle for keeping a controlled substance, one count of possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of endangering the welfare of a child, and one count of driving without a license.

Santoyo was taken to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institute in default of \$104,050 secured bond, police said.

Shell station robbery suspect arrested

The Delaware State Police have arrested a 26-year-old Newark man in connection with a robbery that occurred at the Harmony Shell Station in August.

Through an anonymous tip, detectives identified and linked Kenneth Essick, 26, of Newark, to the robbery.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, Essick, whom was incarcerated at the Howard R. Young Correctional Facility on unrelated charges, was charged with one count of robbery first degree, one count of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, and one count of wearing a disguise during the commission of a felony. Police said Essick was arraigned and received a \$20,500 secured bond for the robbery related charges.

Parents arrested for endangering children

New Castle County Police have arrested Timothy Costello and his wife Laurie, of Newark. They are charged with endangering the welfare of their children, according to police.

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 12:40 p.m. county police responded to the

residence in Glasgow Pines for an overdose involving a two-year-old child.

The investigation revealed that the two-year-old victim had swallowed an unknown amount of prescription medication that had fallen on the floor. They also noted that the residence was in fair condition. The residence was described as a deplorable condition.

The youth was immediately transported to the Christiana Hospital and was listed in fair condition. The Department of Family Services and County Complaints were notified regarding the incident, police said. Two other children in the home were turned over to a family member.

The Costellos were arraigned and charged with endangering the welfare of a child (three counts). Timothy Costello was released on \$3,000 unsecured bail and Laurie Costello was released on \$850 unsecured bail, police said.

Party assault

Warrants are expected soon, Newark police said early this week, for persons who smashed the glass of a patio door with a baseball bat and then assaulted two persons on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 4:27 a.m.

Police were told the attack took place after a purse had been discovered missing at a home in the unit block Duke Street where a party was being held. The host ordered two people to leave and they did but returned a short time later with eight others.

Police said they recovered an aluminum baseball bat at the crime scene. A man and a woman, both 19, suffered bruises and scratches after they were struck in their faces.

DVDs, keys disappear

A resident of the unit block Thompson Circle told Newark officers on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 12:45 p.m. that someone had entered her home and removed DVDs valued at \$600, a set of car keys and other personal items.

Police reported the front door of the home had been left unlocked while the residence was unattended.

Under investigation

Newark police are conducting an investigation after a resident of the 900 block Pickett Lane reported that a city of Newark worker was staring at a high school girls volleyball team that was practicing at a residence.

Officers were told that the incident took place about 9:20 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16.

Investigations by the City of

Newark staff and the police department are underway.

Bouncer assaulted

An employee at Klondike Kate's, 158 E. Main St., told Newark police that he was punched in the left eye after a man had been escorted out by bouncers.

After the incident on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 12:08 a.m., police arrived and a suspect was arrested.

David B. Marano, 26, of Wilmington, was charged with assault and released pending a court appearance, police said.

The victim suffered a red and swollen face around his left eye.

Purse, cash disappear

A purse containing a large amount of cash, debit cards and a cellular telephone was stolen while the owner was bowling at Blue Hen Lanes, 230 E. Main St., on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 12:13 a.m., Newark police reported.

Street sign charges

Two University of Delaware students were arrested on Friday, Oct. 15, at 3:02 a.m.

Newark police officers reported they watched one man climb onto another's back and shoulders and remove the street sign at West Delaware and South College avenues.

Two suspects were apprehended after a short foot chase. Police said the sign was recovered but had been damaged when it was removed.

Matthew Tannery Jr., 21, and Andrew C. Smialowicz, 22, both of Newark, were each charged with criminal mischief and released pending court appearances, police said.

American flag gone

A resident of the unit block Welsh Tract Road told Newark police on Thursday, Oct. 14, at 10:33 a.m. that thieves had stolen an American flag ornament that was on a front door.

Vehicles hit

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

218 E. Main St., on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 6:52 p.m., side mirror of 2003 Nissan damaged;

62 New London Road, on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 12:31 p.m., 1995 Dodge Neon stolen from owner's driveway;

Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 8:01 a.m., two large

dents, broken front window and muddy footprints discovered on Ford Escort;

916 Wharton Dr., on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 7:52 p.m., owner's car taken without his permission while he was sleeping;

165 Elkton Road, on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 11:41 a.m., car stereo removed from 1994 Hyundai;

65 S. Chapel St., on Thursday, Oct. 14, at 5:08 p.m., passenger door damaged and stereo stolen from 1995 Jeep; and

Parking lot of Newark High School, 401 E. Delaware Ave., on Tuesday, Oct. 12, emblem removed from trunk lid of 2005 Honda.

Fatal crash

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal car crash that occurred Friday, Oct. 15 at approximately 3:13 a.m. on southbound I-495 south of Grubb Landing Road.

A 1987 Cadillac Fleetwood, operated by Larry Thomas, Jr., 37, of Newark, was traveling southbound on I-495 approximately .1 mile south of Grubb Landing Road. As Thomas was traveling, his vehicle drifted off the edge of the roadway and traveled down an embankment. The vehicle continued traveling in a west-bound direction before striking a tree and then a fence. Thomas was pronounced dead at the scene.

It has not been determined if alcohol was a factor in the crash and the crash remains under investigation by the Fatal Accident, Investigation and Reconstruction Team.

Alcohol, noise law violations listed

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

Marked units and special plainclothes details operated here what police describe as "peak party periods." Officers in street clothes also conducted "Cops In Shops" operations inside local liquor outlets, where it is illegal for any person under age 21 to enter a package store.

Some of the recent arrests include:

Kathryn Leigh Francia, 18, of Wilmington, underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 12:24 a.m., on North College Avenue near East Cleveland Avenue;

Jeffrey Thomas Griffiths, 18, of Chester Springs, Pa., underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 12:05 a.m., on North College Avenue near East Cleveland Avenue;

Jennifer L. Branch, 18, of Newark, underage consumption of alcohol, on Friday, Oct. 15, at 11:46 p.m., at 139 S. Chapel St.;

Patrick Michael Quirk, 18, of Elkton, Md., underage consumption of alcohol, on Friday, Oct. 15, at 11:35 p.m., at 26 Benny St.;

William Daniel Allen, 21, of Hatfield, Pa., possession of an open container of alcohol, on Friday, Oct. 15, in parking lot of University Courtyard apartments, 500 Scholar Dr.;

Shawn Lawson Parker, 21, of Middletown, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Friday, Oct. 15, at 10:20 p.m., at 56 Choate St.;

Andrew Kaufmann Jr., 22, of Wilmington, and Reby Mannamkery, 21, of Newark, each charged with maintaining a disorderly premise, on Friday, Oct. 15, at 1:28 a.m., at 119 S. Chapel St.; and

David Baden Jr., 19, of New York, N.Y., Matthew Doner Jr., 19, of Voorhees, N.J., Thomas J. Curtin III, 19, of Rocky Point, N.Y., William G. Bonnette, 19, of Erial, N.J., Adam Berger, 19, of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Justin M. Fisher, 19, each charged with a noise violation, on Friday, Oct. 15, at 12:24 a.m., at 227 W. Main St.

Police said all were released pending court appearances.



Weekly traffic report

STATISTICS FOR OCT.3-9, 2004 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004	This week 2003	This week 2004
Moving	3149	3016	59	146
Non-moving	1906	2220	47	81
Total	5055	5236	106	227

PARKING SUMMONSES	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004	This week 2003	This week 2004
Meter tickets	28138	34560	1500	1143
Parking summonses	6999	7452	234	188
Total	35137	42012	1734	1331

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	Year to date 2003	Year to date 2004	This week 2003	This week 2004
Fatal	0	1	0	0
Personal injury	171	225	8	6
Property damage (reportable)	437	407	16	11
Property damage (non-reportable)	403	429	9	21
Total	1011	1062	33	38
Hit-and-run reports	187	226	7	4
DUI cases	151	141	7	6

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Deadline extended to seek post on Christina board

THE deadline for submitting applications for the vacant position on the Christina School District Board of Education has been extended to Nov. 9.

The board members said the original deadline did not give them sufficient time to receive applications, interview possible candidates and make a decision.

Interviews of potential candidates will take place until Nov. 27. Selection and appointment of the replacement is scheduled for the Dec. 14 board meeting at 7:30 at Pulaski Elementary School.

The candidate that is appointed will assume office until June 2009.

The position became available as of Tuesday, Oct. 12 when Christopher Reed officially submitted his resignation after nearly six years on the CSD board. He had just been re-elected in May for a second five-year term. He was president of the board from July 2003 to June 2004.

Reed said that he upheld his commitments to the board as were outlined in the oath he took

in 1999.

"I can say with all honesty, since the day I first took this oath not a single day has gone by where I did not discuss or work on some form of school business, and, yes, I always did it the best way I knew how, with a little bit of humor and a large dose of honesty," Reed said at his final board meeting.

Reed is currently campaigning for a seat on the New Castle County Council. Even if he is not successful in his election, Reed said he will not return to the school board.

Applications to represent district D of the school district can be submitted to Brenda Phillips, Christina School District, 83 E. Main St., Newark DE 19711.

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Price makes list

Elizabeth Price, daughter of John and Elaine Price of Newark, earned dean's list honors for the spring semester at Lynchburg College. Price is a graduate of Padua Academy and a senior communication studies major.



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