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## UP FRONT

## A good report

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

NE week ago, I changed jobs. For one day. On Oct. 29, I participated in the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce's Principal For A Day program. It brings business leaders into schools throughout the First State for an intimate look

at what goes on in Delaware schools.

The program had been popular for years but faded away. It has been revived - with the greatest number of



plant manager who retired from DaimlerChrysler and now is the president of the state chamber.

The chamber assigned me to John R. Downes Elementary School on Casho Mill Road. I was thrilled because this is where my son attended second and third grade. I've really only been back in the building a couple of times since, usually to

The buses had departed, students were in their rooms and the morning announcements echoed through the building as I arrived for duty. Denise Schwartz greeted me and we were off to the classrooms. Schwartz is in her second year as principal at Downes but she knows the

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# Newarkers make their choices clear at the polls, Schooley defeats Pomeroy, Amick and Ulbrich re-elected

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

#### By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

LECTIONS have always been compared to circuses. Gaudy signs compete for attention like each show in the three rings. There are the lion tamer-like politicians, and even those that double as clowns.

But Tuesday's election was

undoubtedly more like an NFL football game. Certainly, there were lots of devoted fans. They lined the street corners of Newark like Philadelphians at Lincoln Financial Field - screaming, covered in the colors of their favorite

Poll lines echoed the winding trail of hungry game-goers waiting for a hotdog, with mustard.

And above all, there was the

agonizing heartbreak of loss and the exhilaration of victory.

The show started getting interesting right at kickoff. Polls throughout the nation reported record turnouts, and Newark was no different. Some voters stood on the steps of George Wilson Community Center for as long as an hour. The influx of voters stayed strong till 8 p.m., when voting ended.

At that point, any idea of a victory was too close to call. All camps had dedicated months of campaigning - letter mailings, sign drops, hand shaking clinics and photo ops - like it was preseason. But by 8:01, all of that was over. Everything was in the hands of the election officials.

Along Dallam Road at the

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#### To relief of local officials, owner of targeted Ground Floor restaurant agrees to surrender liquor license by Nov. 29

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HE Ground Floor Restaurant owner Robert Colantonio has agreed to voluntarily surrender his liquor license by Nov. 29, the end result of a year-long undercover investigation by the state Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement.

The decision comes after

DATE filed six violations against the restaurant, which included multiple counts of selling alcoholic beverages to underage patrons, failure to operate as a restaurant, operating a disorderly establishment, and failing to report arrests.

If the holder of the restaurant's liquor license, Colantonio, does not complete the surrender by the agreed date, he could face anything from a fine to a revocation of his license.

If his license is revoked, Colantonio would never be permitted another one in the state of Delaware. However, because he is voluntarily giving up the abili-ty to sell alcohol, he could reapply at a different establishment.

DATE Supervisor Agent

Michael Downs said that several other Newark businesses have faced similar charges in recent years. Liquor stores such as Peddler's Liquor Mart and Windy Hills Liquor Mart have had their licenses revoked. Only new ownership has allowed Peddler's to stay in business.

Officials said one of the major concerns was that The Ground Floor was not functioning as the restaurant it was zoned for. To be considered a restaurant by the state, the food to alcohol sales ratio must be 60 percent food sales and 40 percent alcohol. However, these were not the numbers The Ground Floor was

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#### NEWARK POST \* POLICE BLOTTER

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## Fatal crash on I-95

THE Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash that killed a construction worker on southbound I-95 at the Rt. 273 overpass.

at the Rt. 273 overpass.

On Tuesday, Oct. 26, at approximately 12:30 a.m., troopers reported a crew of sandblasters and painters were persorming work on southbound I-95 to the Rt. 273 overpass.

As a result of the construction,

As a result of the construction, the left two lanes of southbound I-95 were closed with construction barrels and the right two lanes of southbound I-95 remained open for traffic to continue traveling south.

A piece of construction equipment, a Genie Manlift operated by Richard W. Lemon, Jr., 35, of Clayton, was attempting to travel from the right shoulder of south-bound I-95 across to the construction area in the left two lanes of southbound I-95.

As the Genie was traveling across the right lane, a 1997 Great Dane tractor and trailer, operated by Dariousz Lesniewski, 42, of Passaic, N.J., was traveling in the right lane of southbound I-95 when tractor struck the construction equipment. The force of the impact caused Lemons to be ejected from the platform of the Genie onto the roadway.

Lemons was transported by ambulance to Christiana Hospital, where he later died.

Lesniewski, who was wearing his seatbelt, was not injured in the crash.

The crash remains under investigation, however detectives have determined that alcohol or drugs were not factors in the

No charges have been filed and the investigation is ongoing.

The southbound lanes of I-95 were closed for approximately six hours.

#### \$1,800 guitar gone

An electric acoustic guitar valued at \$1,800 was removed from a home in the 100 block Wilbur Street, it was reported to Newark police on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 8:42 p.m.

There were no signs of forced entry, police said.

#### **Hurled into vehicle**

Two women, both 20, told Newark police that an unknown powder was thrown into their vehicle while driving on East Delaware Avenue near South College Avenue on Sunday, Oct.

#### charge lodged after car hits train

HE driver of a car that collided with a CSX freight train early Monday morning was not injured but was arrested on DUI and other charges, Newark police said.

Lt. Thomas F. LeMin, commander of the NPD traffic division, said Daniel Blidner, 20, of Shavertown, Pa., was driving a 2001 Volkswagen Passat on North College Avenue at the grade crossing when the vehicle struck a passing freight train at about 4:24 a.m.

LeMin said the car was severly damaged but only minor damage was observed to one rail car of the CSX train. The collision halted all north- and southbound train traffic for nearly two hours before the tracks and grade crossing were reopened.

Blidner was the sole occupant of the vehicle.

LeMin said Blidner was charged with driving under theinfluence of alcohol, disregarding a train crossing signal, and underage consumption of alcohol after an immediate police investigation.

31, at 3:24 a.m.

The victims told police they immediately experienced throat irritation.

Police believe the white substance to be what they described as fire extinguisher powder.

The two women declined treatment at the scene.

#### **Mailboxes damaged**

Five mailboxes in the 200 block West Chestnut Hill Road were damaged by vandals, Newark police said on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 1:18 a.m.

An officer on patrol noticed the damage. The curbside boxes had been pulled from their posts. The patrolman said he passed through the area at 12:50 a.m. and the boxes were intact. Damage was estimated to be \$250.

PART I OFFENSES

Attempted murder

Kidnap

Robbery

Burglary Theft

Auto theft

TOTAL PART I

Other assaults

Criminal mischief

Other sex offenses

Disorderly conduct

TOTAL PART II

MISCELLANEOUS

Recovered property

TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS

Animal control

TOTAL CALLS

Service

Noise/disorderly premise

Alcohol

Drugs

Trespass

PART II OFFENSES

Receiving stolen property

Murder/manslaughter

Unlawful sexual contact

Aggravated assault

#### Paint thrown at home

Newark police were told on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 12:59 a.m. that two suspects dressed in black had thrown a can of paint against a home in the 100 block Orchard Road.

Police said the paint splashed over stucco and vinyl siding of the home.

#### **Arrest expected**

Weekly crime report

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

INVESTIGATIONS

2004

TO DATE TO DATE WEEK

162

1226

312

550

444

639

254

148

608

3669

238

7806

26371

29

14

107

THIS WEEK 2003 2003 TO DATE THIS WEEK 2004 2004 TO DATE

2003

140

117

1226

275

601

582

513

1036

132

669

3954

684

220

8184

610

Newark police said they will seek a warrant for a man who brandished a handgun at an Elkton Road carwash on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 1 a.m.

The two victims told police they were talking with friends at 260 Elkton Road when a group of men arrived in a vehicle. Words were exchanged as the pair fled

CRIMINAL CHARGES

2004

467

228

333

788

137

42

220

2391

30

TO DATE TO DATE WEEK

THIS

2003

210

10

302

217

88

70

918

147

29

370

2362

649

the scene in their car. The suspect, who was described as intoxicated and irate, kicked the victims' vehicle as it pulled away, and pulled his shirt up to reveal a black handgun in the waistband of his pants, police said.

Police said they expect to obtain an arrest warrant for the suspect.

#### suspect.

Shoplifting arrests

Two women were charged with shoplifting after store detec-

tives watched them put various food items into a purse and backpack, Newark police reported on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 8:11 p.m.
Vickie L. Walker, 46, and Joan

Vickie L. Walker, 46, and Joan Vapasuga, 55, both of Newark, each were charged with shoplifting at the Pathmark store in College Square shopping center and were released pending court appearances, police said.

#### **RV** damaged

The owner of a recreational vehicle parked outside a party in the 100 block South Chapel Street told Newark police that he had seen a partygoer punch and damage exterior metal fan vents on a Winnebago.

Police were summoned and David A. Consiglio, 19, of Worcester, Mass., was arrested and charged with criminal mischief and underage consumption of alcohol, police reported on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 6:36 p.m.

Damage was estimated to be

#### Early a.m. DUI arrest

A 20-year-old North Carolina man was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and underage consumption, Newark police reported on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 2:22 a.m.

Police said an officer on routine patrol observed a 2004 Chevrolet Blazer leave a school parking lot. Eventually, a traffic stop was made at Chrysler Avenue and Kenyon Lane.

Keith Allen Wowanick, 20, was taken into custody and transported to NPD headquarters for processing and blood alcohol testing.

Police said he was released pending court appearances and

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## Pedestrian safety drives design

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE \$1.2 million downtown improvement project, dubbed Streetscape, is moving forward with construction slated to begin this spring.

Delaware Department of Transportation officials presented their proposed design to the Newark City Council on Monday, Oct. 24. The plan, which began as a twinkle in the Downtown Newark Partnership's collective eye and grew as the City of Newark and DNP collaborated with DelDOT, will include handicap-accessible curb cutouts, bump-outs, lighting and repaving along several Newark

streets

The idea inspiring the project is two-pronged. The first goal is to make the streets safer for pedestrians, and the second is to beautify the downtown.

As far as safety is concerned, the bump-outs, which is a pair of raised concrete penninsulas that extend partially into the street, help motorists spot pedestrians. For now, Main Street has one bumpout, located in front of the Galleria.

Pamela Conti, designer for the project, gives the bump-outs her highest approval. "They slow down traffic and create less of a distance for pedestrians to walk when crossing the street."

Conti said the need in Newark

Conti said the need in Newark for a plan that works in the interest of pedestrians is unique. "It's a college town, so you have more foot traffic than normal," she said. "You have almost as many pedestrians as you do cars."

She has put in her time on similar concepts in other towns and gives them her personal approval. "It pays off," she said. "It makes the street safer for pedestrians." In particular, she likes what the bump-outs do for a downtown.

But there are other draws, too. City Manager Carl Luft said that one of the major pluses behind the program is that Streetscape will increase the aesthetic value of the downtown. "It really will make a difference," he said. Beautifying Main Street has been a long-standing project of

Newark council members. It began more than a decade ago when the sidewalks were lined with bricks. Other additions - like trees and new lighting - have been added over the years. As Main Street has grown and improved, so has the amount of window shoppers and Sunday strollers. "We're always trying to attract pedestiran traffic," Luft said

However, there has been some concern that the construction along Main Street will back up traffic and deter shoppers from spending money downtown. The plan is expected to take three to four months, and should be completed by the fall of 2005. "It has to be done by the time the students return," Luft said.

Alvo Romatoli, manager at The Camera Shop, said the Streetscape will have some effects on his business over the summer, but should be worth it in the long run. "It's probably going to have a negative effect at first," he said.

"No one likes to battle traffic. But something needs to be done with the facade of Newark. We started it with our building [with renovations last year]. It should help magnify our image as a quaint college town," he said.

The sidewalk and curb improvements will be done simultaneously with the repaving of Main Street through the downtown district.

## Local playwright debuts play here

By JIA DIN

POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EWARK resident Scott F. Mason has got the infection. "Once theater's in your blood, you never get rid of it," he says of his passion.

The local playwright, director and actor, has been immersed in theater for years, and feels strongly about its importance as a means of expression because of its ability to convey human experiences on the stage.

"Theater is an impor-

"Art defines culture and art defines people."

Mason's own original art in the form of the play, "Half Steps," a dramatic comedy inspired by real life situations, is debuting Nov. 5 at The Chapel Street Playhouse.

Mason, who has written 26 original works, says "Half Steps" portrays multifaceted relationships between family members and deals with harsh realities. "It's about family and friend and just living life," Mason says. "It's about how complex the concept of 'family' can be in society."

However the play is not overly dramatic because it endeavors to bring to light the comical side of situations.

"There are so many depressing things going on in the world today, there's so much drama," Mason says, "We all need a little light in our lives."

"Half Steps" refers to family relationships people have in terms of half and stepbrothers and sisters. Mason explores the clear distinction between these two types of relationships in the play.

It also refers to dealing with life. "It's about taking life as a half step rather than a whole step at a time."

The play deals with serious conflicts such as alcoholism, child molestation and death but Mason says he tries to show the positive aspects to every situation.

"There's a need to find the positive in any negative and to find the humor in life," he says.

Mason, who works full-time for the University of Delaware and writes and directs in his off hours, is a well known figure in the local theater community as he has been the president of CSP for seven non-consecutive years.

Many of Mason's plays are performed at CSP, a non-profit organization run completely by volunteers, which is celebrating its 70th season this year.

The concept of local theater is important to Mason because he believes it offers the community an outlet to be involved in theater. All of the actors, directors and other participants of the playhouse do so by volunteering their time as no one receives a paycheck. "People aren't necessarily doing this full-time. They



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JIA DIN

Scott Mason outside the Chapel Street Playhouse.

have other careers but they still want to act," he says.

Having the opportunity to perform and direct interesting works are important at CSP and other local theater venues, Mason says. "At some bigger places it's not about the art anymore, it's about the buck."

"It's partly a social organization," he says. "You get to meet a lot of people who are devoted to theater and you build wonderful friendships."

Mason says he is excit-

ed and nervous about premiering his play because it is an original and personal piece. "It's always a challenge with an original play because you just don't know what people will think."

There are expectations to be met, Mason says, because he has become better known in the local theater community. "Now people have something to compare it to so the bar is raised, that can be a very scary situation," he says. "But I hope it goes well, I'm looking forward to it."

Anyone can be a critic and Mason is reminded of this constantly. "Any art is subject to criticism and interpretation, there's no guidebook," he says. "The thing is to not let it get to you. It's important not to be averse to constructive criticism because often times there is truth in it."

Mason, who has directed plays in New York, says although it is exciting to be in the city it isn't as glamorous as one would think. "When I had an audience in New York applaud it was no difference than if it had been in Delaware," he says.

"I have a great deal of loyalty to Newark and spirit for the University of Delaware as an alumni and employee."

Reaching a greater audience similar to the likes of some of his favorite 'playwrights, Tennessee Williams or Neil Simon, would be nice, Mason said, but not essential.

"Am I fulfilled as an artist? Yes."

Mason says he is content with his work on directing and writing original plays and at the Playhouse.

"It's a labor of love," he says. "You have to love what you're doing and take pleasure out of it, or else, why bother?"

For information regarding ticket prices and reservations for "Half Steps" and other CSP plays call 368-2248.

## Mural project bids high

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ORRIES over lead paint contamination has stalled the award of a contract for the mural that is to be painted along the CSX bridge near McDonald's. The art will welcome traffic entering the city.

This news came last week after city officials received bids that were considerably higher than the \$70,000 raised for the project, Two bids were submitted, one from Abhe Svoboda, Inc. for \$178,310, and one from Marinis Borthers, Inc. for \$130,000.

The cost was unexpectedly high because of the process necessary to prepare the bridge. If the city should choose to use the suggested process, it would sand away several layers of lead paint. While this could be done, costly air contamination monitoring would be necessary.

"We're evaluating our options," said Maureen Feeney Roser, administrator of the Downtown Newark Partnership. "We have several choices to consider." They include raising more money, covering the existing layers of paint, or using a rust-free metal insert in the frame of the bridge.

When artists painted the Schuylkill Bridge in Philadelphia, Pa., they

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## On Campus NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

#### Nov. 8 concert kicks off UD virtuosos series

HE 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.

The program will feature Jonathan Carney, concert master of the Baltimore Symphony; Bo Li, cellist and prize winner of the ninth Tchaikovsky International Competition; Daniel Foster, principal violist of the National Symphony; Danwen Wei, concert pianist appearing by arrangement with International Concert Alliance Inc.; Christine Delbeau, UD faculty pianist; and Xiang Gao, UD faculty violinist on the University's Ceruti violin.

The presentation will include Mozart's Piano Quartet in G Minor, Schumann's Piano Quintet Opus 44 and Dvorak's Terzetto for String Trio.

Tickets for the concert are \$17 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens, UD faculty, staff and alumni, and \$5 for students. The tickets are available from Ticketmaster (where a convenience fee may apply), at 984-2000 or from UD box offices. For box office locations and hours, call 831-4012.

#### Talk on children and chimps Nov. 8

Michael Tomasello, director of the Department of Comparative and Developmental Psychology at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Germany, will give a talk on the thought processes of children and chimpanzees, at 4 p.m., Monday, Nov. 8, in 109 Willard Hall, West Main Street and North College Avenue, on the University of Delaware's Newark campus.

Sponsored by the School of Education and the program in cognitive science, the lecture is free and open to the public.

## **Guidelines make healthy eating easier**

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ONVENTIONAL wisdom says that carbs are bad and protein is good. A decade ago, fat was the enemy and carbohydrates were okay. Eggs were vilified then and margarine touted as "healthy"; now, we're cautioned to avoid trans-fats in margarines and told that an egg a day

With all the conflicting and confusing nutritional advice, it's no wonder that Americans have schizophrenic eating habits.

And, close attention to dieting hasn't resulted in shrinking

On the contrary, there has been a dramatic increase in obesity in the United States during the past 20 years, according to Sue Snider, Cooperative Extension specialist for food and nutrition. Today; more than one half of Americans are overweight, and nearly one-third are obese.

"Our society is too focused on fad diets, many of which don't provide all the nutrients we need. In addition, it's usually hard to stay on restrictive diets for any length of time, so they don't bring lasting results. What we need to do is learn how to improve our eating habits over

the long term," Snider said.
One of the best resources for learning how to eat right, Snider said, is the USDA's Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which are due to be revised by the beginning of 2005.

Snider already has had a chance to review a preliminary report from the advisory commit-



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Sue Snider, Cooperative Extension specialist for food and nutrition.

tee that is responsible for the

"The Dietary Guidelines are reviewed and revised every five years and form the basis for how the Food Guide Pyramid is designed," Snider explained. "If, as expected, the 2005 Guidelines reflect this preliminary report, we'll see an even greater emphasis on choosing fats and carbohydrates wisely and increasing consumption of whole grains, fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy products," Snider said.

The Food Guide Pyramid,

which was introduced in 1992, also may be retooled and will now be called a Food Guidance System, featuring a larger array of educational materials.

Snider said the committee's findings support the development of Dietary Guidelines that promote these key messages:

Consume a wide variety of foods within and among the basic food groups while staying within energy needs.

Control calorie intake to

manage body weight.

Be physically active every

day.

Increase daily intake of whole fruits and vegetables, whole grains and nonfat or low-fat milk

■ Choose fats wisely for good health.

Choose carbohydrates wisely for good health.

Choose and prepare foods with little salt.

■ If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation.

Keep food safe to eat.

The newly revised guidelines focus not only on basic nutritional needs but also on how to reduce chronic disease risk. Thus, Americans will be encouraged to eat more fiber and increase their intake of vitamin E, calcium, magnesium and potassium.

There's also a strong emphasis on balancing calorie intake with energy needs, which ties in with a renewed focus on portion size.

"Currently, the guidelines rec-ommend six to 11 servings of bread, cereal, rice and pasta," Snider said. "This sounds like a lot of food, until you realize that a typical plate of pasta at a restaurant may actually represent four or five servings.

'A serving of pasta is only one-half cup, according to the USDA. It's fine to eat more than that, but you'll need to adjust the rest of your daily intake of grains accordingly," Snider said.

The new Dietary Guidelines

should help to clear up the confu-sion between "good fats" and "bad fats." Limiting saturated fat continues to be a major goal, but avoiding trans-fats is now equally emphasized. Trans-fats, which are found in foods made with partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, should constitute less than 1 percent of calories per day.

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## UD expands study abroad opportunities

HE University of Delaware and Leeds Metropolitan University in the United Kingdom have joined a partnership that will provide opportunities for students from Leeds to study in UD's Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management (HRIM) and UD students to study events management at the UK Centre for Events Management at Leeds.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for students at both institutions," Fred DeMicco, professor and ARAMARK Chair of HRIM, said of the agreement, which is part of UD's Study Abroad program. "Our students will be able to study event management through one of the leading programs in this new and exciting discipline. Leeds students will study hotel management at the new

UD Marriott Center for Hospitality and Tourism.

"In addition to its own Marriott hotel, the University of Delaware has particular expertise in hospitality information technology management," Rai Shacklock, principal lecturer in events management and teacher fellow at the Tourism, Hospitality and Events School at Leeds, said. "It's a splendid combination, and I'm sure that our students will learn a great deal in their time

Pamela Cummings, associate professor of HRIM, said events management has grown quickly to become one of the most popular segments of the hospitality field.

The program at Leeds Metropolitan University is renowned for its excellence," Cummings said. "We are excited to have

this opportunity for our students."

Besides the unique study opportunities and specialized course offerings for students from both universities, the new agreement also presents an opportunity for both groups of students to experience living in another country and culture.

'In 1923, the University of Delaware was the first higher education institution in the United States to offer a study abroad program thanks to Mr. [Pierre S.] Du Pont," DeMicco said. "Today's hospitality industry is truly international, and foreign study experiences like this one we've arranged with Leeds Metropolitan University are an important part of our students' education.'

## First 'Town Conversation' set Nov.

and Gown Committee will host the first Conversation, titled "Sharing Our Community," at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Universalist Fellowship, 420 Willa Rd., off West Park Place, behind West

Park Elementary School, in Newark.

The Town Conversation will serve as an open forum designed for interested persons to express concerns and discuss trends affecting the town.

"We see this as a forum for residents where they can take part in the issues around them," Ron Smith, chair of the Town & Gown Committee, said. "This is an opportunity to talk about things outside of the usual channels. It will be oriented to the people in the community bringing their issues to the local gov-

It will be oriented to the people in the community bringing their issues to the local government, not the other way around."

**RON SMITH** 

CHAIR, TOWN AND GOWN COMMITTEE

ernment, not the other way around.'

The Town Conversation will begin with refreshments and an informal meet-and-greet session from 7-7:30 p.m.

Greg Chute, pastor of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, will moderate the

event.

Members of the Newark City Council, Town and Gown Committee, Downtown Newark Partnership and several other community organizations have been invited to the public meet-

"Our goal is for the members of the communities to feel that they are being heard regarding issues of concern, and we plan to make this a regular event to help keep the lines of communication

open," Smith said.

#### 'It all comes down to moderation'

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Right now, that's hard to do, Snider said. Margarines, salad dressings, crackers, baked goods, potato chips and many other processed foods contain transfats. And, food labels don't always list information on trans-

But, by Jan. 1, 2006, U.S. food manufacturers will be required to list trans fat amounts on nutrition labels. In addition, new trans-fat-free products are being introduced and more are on the way, in response to the increased attention to this "bad

As for "good fats," expect to see the new guidelines recommend that most Americans consume two servings of fish weekly, particularly fish rich in omega-3 fatty acids, such as salmon, herring, mackerel and tuna. Other "good fats" can be found in canola oil, olive oil, avocados, olives and some nuts, Snider said.

And, carbohydrates aren't the bad guy that some popular diets make them out to be. The USDA's preliminary report called carbohydrates "an important part of a healthful diet and the major energy source in most diets." The report recommends "choosing carbohydrates wisely" by selecting fiber-rich fruits, vegetables and grains and limiting products with added sugar.

In everyday terms, that means packing your lunchbox with a sandwich made with whole-grain bread, not white; an apple rather than apple juice; and a baked potato, not potato chips.

Junk food lovers can take heart: For healthy individuals, there's no such thing as "forbid-den foods," said Snider.

"Following the Dietary Guidelines doesn't mean foregoing hot fudge sundaes for the rest of your life," Snider said. "It all comes down to moderation. If you concentrate on eating a variety of foods within and among the basic food groups, there will be room in your diet for the occasional ice cream cone or chocolate chip cookie.'

Sharing research through innovative Institutional

Repository

ESEARCH at the University of Delaware provides an anthology of knowledge that can benefit scholars around the world and the public. To make UD research more accessible, a pilot project, the University of Delaware Institutional Repository, is being developed by University of Delaware Library, with Unidel

Foundation support.

Five areas, or "communities," at UD have been selected for the pilot program—the Composite Materials Center, the Department of Food and Resource Economics, the Disaster Research Center, the Institute for Public Administration and the Sea Grant Program in the College of Marine Studies.

"The University of Delaware Institutional Repository will bring increased visibility and access to digitized scholarly resources," Provost Dan Rich said. "Having one central place on the UD web site where the world may gain access to the products of UD research, ranging from preprints to technical reports to working papers, will benefit the international scholarly community.

"Through the Institutional Repository, the research output of University of Delaware faculty will be available to researchers far into the future," he said.

"Preserving digital research material is important, but extremely difficult. As a preservation archive, the University of Delaware Institutional Repository will ensure long-term access to scholarship.

Other research universities, including the Massachusetts
Institute of Technology, have set up similar repositories, with DSpace software, the same used by UD.

A soft launch of the repository is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 6, moving the URL to a public area on the library web site.

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## Tale of a coat

By MARVIN HUMMEL

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

EORGE Gibson and Gordon McDonald made all of us other fourth graders jealous. Not because they were superstar ballplayers in the schoolyard. Actually, they stunk. Not because they made good grades, George was pretty dumb and Gordon was smart but wouldn't study. Then why were we jealous? Their dads had jobs in a town where almost nobody's dad had jobs. We never told them we were jealous, but boy, did they know it.

George would bring two candy bars to school and give the other one to one of uswhen my turn came, I ate the first candy bar I had ever tasted. It was a Mars bar. Except for the days when George decided to eat them both, then lick his fingers and give us a chocolaty grin and say, "Sorry, guys. Maybe tomorrow.'

But their clothes were the worst part. Each fall, they would have a whole new wardrobe-a different shirt every day and a lot of pants and several flashy new jackets which they had to show off. The rest of us had clean-but-patched stuff we were always growing out of.

We took their guff and took it until they showed up at school on the first cold day with new sheepskin coats with big wooden toggle pegs instead of buttons and secret pockets all over them. The coats were ugly-black leather outside and a yellowy fur inside, but they were new Hummel and fancy and expensive!



It was a time when our families didn't ever go to a dentist and you had to be dying before your parents took you to a doctor. Donny's parents had said to him, "Young man, you'd better be as sick as you say you are. You hear me." He heard. (He was. He missed a month of school.)

Slowly, other kids began to show up at school with those ugly sheepskin coats! One had gotten some money from his mom-mom and another started delivering newspapers. Some guys bullied their parents until their parents gave in. When we got back from Christmas vacation, every kid had a sheepskin coat-except me.

I had pleaded with my parents and prayed to God-and still I got socks and underwear. But no ugly- but-beautiful sheepskin coat.

A retired clergyman and a teacher since 1972, Hummel has contributed to the Newark Post for more than two decades. He has lived in Delaware since 1959.

66... Liars have to lie now and pay for it later."

I prayed for an early spring and warm weather so I could quit having to see the schoolyard fashion show every day. As George put it, "Boy, you must be really poor." The other kids nodded their heads in agreement. My family was poor but so were theirs.

Except George and Gordon's families, of course. Spring finally came. I lived.

On the first cool day the next November, my mother was so excited that she almost forgot to pack my lunch. She asked me to reach into the big plastic bagthere it was! An ugly sheepskin coat! (She forgot to remove the tag on the inside that read, "Clearance sale item. 75% off.") I didn't care what it cost. I had my sheep-

I swaggered all the way to school, and there in the schoolyard were Gordon and George showing off their new, royal blue gabardine jackets to the guys in their old sheepskin coats. George showed everybody the "secret zipper" inside the jacket, and out of it he pulled five candy bars and throw four of them into the pire "Cotch". threw four of them into the air: "Catch." I wouldn't get into the free-for-all, but I watched in amazement as 20 kids wrestled over the four bars. One bar got squished on the cement and another had its wrapper ripped. Yukkerooo!

The next day, one of the kids was there with a jacket just like Gordon's and George's. Two days later, two other kids had them. The mills had opened their doors and their dads had gone back to

I knew that by Monday, I'd be the only kid who didn't have a blue gabardine jacket. My sheepskin coat was only two days old, and it was worthless.

So I devised a clever scheme. I wore my sheepskin coat until I got to the tiny park that was between my house and the school, and then I would wad it up and hide it in the leaves under the park bench. Then, on the way home, I'd put it on and wear it home.

I nearly froze from then on, and when George and Gordon and then the other kids got on me for coming to school in a sweater, I told them that the store was out of my size in the royal blue gabardine

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#### OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week's "Out of the Attic" photo was brought to us by Ted Davis and is from the estate of Harriet Ferguson. It shows the Dameron race track and farm, now the site of the Newark post office and College Square Shopping Center. The back of the photo showing a two-hourse harness race carries a date of September 1942. "Out of the Attic" features historic photographs from Newark's past. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos. Special care will be taken. For information, call the *Newark Post*, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

### PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post throughout the years

#### ■ Nov. 7, 1929

#### Council of Newark will study traffic

At the regular monthly meeting of the Council of Newark, held on Monday night, the matter of traffic and parking regulation was reopened, and a committee named to give the problems further study and prepare an ordinance.

The committee consists of Councilmen Widdoes, Hubert and Wollaston.

Some moths ago the Chamber of Commerce suggested a plan which provided for limited parking and angle parking on one side of Main street. The plan was written

into an ordinance, but after making some tests, it was shelved on the grounds that the angle parking clause would not be feasible or safe on the present street width of Main street.

#### Youth held as hit and run driver

A Wilmington man is being held in the local jail as the driver of the car which struck Paul Keith, Saturday night and left

him lying along the road. He will be given a hearing, and probably released in bond, tonight. He was arrested, yesterday, by the State Highway Police, at Number 2 station.

Keith, who is from Missouri, and said that he was working his way to New York, was found laying over a culvert alongside the Lincoln Highway, just this side of Roseville, about 9 o'clock, Saturday night, by Daniel Rudder, of this town.

Mr. Rudder picked the man up and hurried him to

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the Flower Hospital. Keith, who suffered deep cuts and lacerations of the head and arms, besides severe bruises, said that a car had struck him and kept going.

#### ■ Nov. 7, 1979

#### Chrysler workers lean toward approval

Workers at Chrysler's Newark plant, who seem to be leaning toward approval, said they expect to vote on the proposed union contract with the ailing corporation this week, perhaps as early as today.

The voting would begin at 8 a.m., with briefing sessions on the contract scheduled for noon and 3:30 p.m.

A sampling of opinion of the Chrysler workers at the Newark plant indicates that the proposed union contract with the ailing corporation could be rati-

#### School system cracks down on bus drivers

Transportation officials in New Castle County

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## Rare Sherpa coat turns up the heat in schoolyard fashion race

#### ► HUMMEL, from 7

jacket, but it was "on order." It would be a couple of days.

Every day, I'd show up at school in a sweater, and those smart-mouths George and Gordon would say with a smirk, "Your jacket isn't in yet? Hard to believe.

How long I could put up with freezing half to death and how long before the other kids wouldn't believe my lie any longer, I didn't know. Liars have to lie now and pay for it later.

I got so sick from being coat-less that I had to stay in bed and missed school for a whole week. I overheard my parents discussing my fever and they decided that if it stayed at 103 for two more days, they would "call" the doctor. And, if it stayed there for two more days, they'd have to take me to his office. I figured I'd be dead by then and wouldn't need a royal gabardine jacket where I was going.
But I didn't die, and I did go

back to school, and I saw still more of those dumb jackets. When the kids got on my case, I

told them that I hadn't been expected to live so my parents canceled the order, but when I didn't die, they had reordered the jacket. (I was still hiding my sheep skin coat in the leaves under the park bench and walking the rest of the way to school without it and then putting it on again halfway home.)

Finally, my teacher asked me to stay after class one day and gave me a note to give to my parents. I wasn't supposed to read it, but I did. It said that I was a very nice boy and that I was always coughing and sneezing in class because I didn't have a coat, so she and the other teachers would help them buy me a coat and the teachers just wanted to know how much money she needed to raise. I ripped up the note and threw it into the wind.

Now, what could I do? Miss Watson would call my parents and she would be told that they never got the note and that I did have a coat-a wonderful new sheepskin coat. Before they would get done talking, every-body would be mad at-me. The schoolyard with all those royal blue gabardine jackets was one thing-but teachers and parents, too. I dug away the leaves, put on my frozen coat, and shivered all the way home. I should have died when I had the chance.

The next day, I stopped at the park, but this time I turned my sheepskin coat inside out, with the wood toggles up against my chest and belly and walked into the schoolyard like a king. The kids surrounded me immediately and I explained that the old sheepskin coats and the new royal blue gabardine jackets had been "dropped" by the manufac-turer and they were now selling the "Sherpa" coats instead. One of their "people" had climbed Mount Everest and discovered the professional Sherpa mountain guides all wore this coat and never were cold and never "caught" pneumonia! In fact, I added, the history of the coats was in a little pamphlet that came with the coat. I looked at Gordon and George: "Remind me to bring it in.

The next day, three kids came to school in sheepskin coats turned inside out, then five more the next day, and even more by the end of the week. They had me "check" them out, and while I said their coats weren't official like mine, they weren't bad. (Once you lie you have to tell another lie which needs another lie which...)

Poor Gordon and George were the only ones without Sherpa coats like mine or phony "Sherpas" like the other kids. Gordon had "lost" his and George's mother had sent his to

an orphanage.
When kids in the other grades saw how we were wearing ours and we explained about the Sherpas, they turned theirs inside out, too. And when George and Gordon's mother tried to buy the Sherpa coats for their boys, they were told that they were all "sold out." And they didn't even have any more sheepskin coats that you could turn inside out and make look like an official 'Sherpa."

George and Gordon called me aside and offered me \$20 and a royal blue gabardine jacket to boot. They got into a roaring fight with each other and I just walked away. Poor guys. You had to feel sorry for them.

### 1999: Train death thought to be accident

#### ▶ PAGES, from 6

Schools have made several operational changes to increase school bus safety and service.

In response to citizens' reports of buses exceeding the speed limit, Gertrude Cassidy, Area III transportation supervisor, has notified all school bus drivers and the police departments that a driver will receive a warning for the first instance of speeding, a three-day suspension for the second, and termination of employment on the third offense.

"We're cracking down," Cassidy says.

There have also been reports of buses failing to stop at railroad crossings.

Cassidy has now instructed drivers to stop at all crossings, whether or not there are children in the bus.

■ Nov. 5, 1999

#### Local parish has building plans

Parishioners in St. John's-Holy Angels Parish in Newark are moving ahead on their plans to build a new church on Possum Park Road.

Church members began the process almost two years ago with a meeting to discuss conceptual ideas for the new worship

Currently the parish holds Masses at St. John the Baptist Church on Main Street and above the Church Hall next to Holy Angels School on Possum Park

An exploratory sketch filed with the New Castle County Department of Land Use last month shows a new, 952-seat church totaling 28,087 square

feet.

The one-story church with a basement would be built behind the school on the existing playground area.

Early plans displayed in 1998 by architect George Yu showed a new church in a hexagonal shape with pews arranged around the altar in a half circle.

#### Train death of UD student believed to be accident

Newark Police are continuing to investigate the death of University of Delaware freshman Zachary T. Holtzman killed when he was struck by a train on Nov. 1 around 5:10 a.m.

Police and University officials did not know why the 19-year-old art student was near the tracks under the Apple Road bridge at that time.





## Lifestyle RELIGION • PEOPLE • DIVERSIONS • THE ARTS

#### OUTLOOK

## Farming for the future

By CARL DAVIS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Athough much of the farmland that surrounded Newark when I was attending the University of Delaware has been replaced by a crop of residential housing, agriculture is still an important and viable industry in New Castle County. It's not easy, but the spirit of people who keep a generations-old family business going or start new enterprises remains strong. You just have to know where to look.

Recently the NCC Farm Bureau members honored The James Correll

Family as the NCC Farm Bureau's 2004 "Farm Family of the Year." Their farming operation, in the southern part of our

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county, consists of 100 dairy cows and agronomic crops, including corn, wheat, soybeans, hay and

Two Newark youngsters took home "Rate of Gain" awards for the animals they raised and showed at the annual county 4-H and FFA livestock competition, in preparation for competition at State Fair in July. 4-H'er William Blevin of Newark won for his market hog, while his sister, Alicia Blevin was the FAA winner for her market hog. Another nearby resident and 4-H'er Megan Prime won the award for her market goat.

Every June for the last five

Every June for the last five years, I have seen public interest in agriculture surface as you and your neighbors attended "Day on the Farm." Coordinated by UD Cooperative Extension, the event showcases Delaware agriculture and promotes environmental awareness. I have seen this event develop from a visit-the-farm activity

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# LEGENDS<sub>IN</sub> LEGENDS<sub>IN</sub> LEGENDS<sub>IN</sub>

LOCAL COUPLE BRIDGES THE GAP BETWEEN SCHOOL AND FAMILY

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

IVE respect and
expect respect back.
That's the philosophy
one local couple has used for
nearly 70 combined years of
working with children,
earning them

respect from former students, colleagues and the community. Two of Christina School

Two of Christina School District's lifelong educators, Maurice and Juanita Pritchett have been educating, mentoring and counseling students, helping to bridge the gap between schools and families and becoming role models for thousands of children and their families.

The Pritchetts, of Newark, were recently recognized for their dedication and

outstanding contributions to disadvantaged communities by the New Castle County Community Partnership, Inc. Their commitment to young people throughout the

years has

been noticed by many.

Maurice is in his second year as the Director of Family and Community Engagement for the district. Until two years ago, he was principal at Bancroft Elementary School in Wilmington for 35 years.

Juanita, currently a Special Education teacher at Glasgow High School, has been in education for 31 years, with the last 26 as a

teacher of reading and English to special needs children. A broken ankle brought them together in the late 60s, creating a partner-ship that would become near-

ly legendary.

On the first day of field hockey practice as a freshman at Delaware State College, Juanita broke her ankle. Maurice, a senior, noticed her inability to maneuver crutches and balance a tray in the cafeteria and offered to carry her tray at every meal. They've been together ever since.

After they married in 1968, both taught in elementary schools in Cecil County before Maurice was "talked into returning to Wilmington" at Elbert (Palmer) School and eventu-

ally to Bancroft.

While teaching, Maurice started working with community schools and many youth groups in Wilmington. He worked on his Masters degree at Villanova and soon became principal of Bancroft Academy.

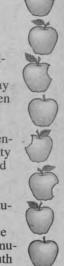
Academy.

At 28 years old he was told he was too young to be principal, now leading

some who had been his
teachers. Using his
leadership skills
learned on the basketball court, Maurice
worked hard to gain
the respect and trust
of his faculty.
Along with Vice
Principal Peter Vassos,

Principal Peter Vassos, they became the longest serving admin-

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## **Magnificent model trains at 'A Brandywine Christmas'**

Some traditions take decades to develop. Some take centuries. Some traditions are lost in antiquity. In the tri-state area, however, we have an event which has become a very much anticipated holiday tradition in a lot less time. I refer to "A Brandywine Christmas" at the Brandywine River museum in nearby Chadds Ford, Pa.

It is one I enjoy visiting and writing about. Writing about it is so easy because there is literally something for every member of the family. "A Brandywine Christmas" returns November 26 through January 9 with delightful sights and sounds of the holidays.

As my regular readers know, my favorite is the museum's well-known and expansive Ogauge model railroad which features non-stop action on over 2,000 feet of track. Five moving trains operate at all times and include a seemingly encess 60-car freight train win past a

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#### **Farming**

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into a major event with corporate support and thousands of attendees curious about agriculture.

Looking for a fun-filled outing? Why not support our local agricultural industry? The number of fall agrientertainment venues is enough to keep you and your family busy from September to Thanksgiving! Check out the Web site-Fun On The Farm: Your Guide to Agritourism Destinations [www.state.de. us/deptagri/agritour/new\_castle.htm].

Also, don't overlook the fun of selecting and cutting your very own Christmas tree. A list of local cut-your-own-tree farms and hints for proper care is available on the Web under "Delaware Christmas Tree Consumers Guide." [www.state.de.us/deptagri/maketing/ct-growers.htm].

Farming is central to New Castle County's heritage and current economy. With your awareness and support, agriculture can be part of the county's future as well.



village, stone quarry, oil refinery, mountains, Herrs Foods plant, running waterfall and animated skating scene. A miniature Santa and his sleigh fly over the rail-

New to the train layout this year is a model of the first streamlined diesel-powered passenger locomotive, the 1934 Burlington Line Pioneer Zephyr is accompanied by Thomas the Tank Engine and his friends, Clarabel and Annie. A companion exhibition features model trains and train posters from over 15 countries and includes information about the country of origin and manufacturer of each train.

But there is much more, for instance a Victorian dollhouse, an antique doll display and "critter" ornaments made by the museum's volunteers. "A Brandywine Christmas" is complemented by the special exhibition, Story Time: Children's Book

Illustrations. From Thomas Nast's early drawings of Santa Claus for "Christmas Drawings for the Human Race" in 1890 to Charles Santore's interpretations of Beatrix Potter's "The Complete Tales of Rabbit" Peter 1986, this exhibition features over 40 excellent delightful works from the museum's important and growing collection of children's book illustrations.

The young and the young-at-heart can enjoy the large Victorian dollhouse. A century old, Sarah Scaife's dollhouse hosts all the amenities of a real home: wallpaper, tiny rugs, miniature food, a nursery full of toys, and even its own copy of The New York Times. The dollhouse shines with small electric lights and holiday decorations. Visitors can once again view a remarkable display of beautiful antique dolls titled "Christmas with the Dolls" by Ann Wyeth McCoy. The display includes more than 50 dolls from Mrs. McCoy's collection in life-like, holiday-inspired scenes.

I would really be remiss if i didn't mention a little more about the Brandywine "critters." The



A magnificent O-gauge model railroad display is part of the "2003 Brandywine Christmas" which opens the day after Thanksgiving at the Brandywine River Museum in nearby Chadds Ford, Pa.

legendary critter ornaments return to decorate holiday trees and diorama settings throughout the museum. These cleverly designed Christmas ornaments made from all-natural materials by museum volunteers have filled trees at the White House and the Smithsonian Institution.

You will have an opportunity to "take home" some of the exhibit if you like. The Brandywine River Museum's Annual Critter Sale on Saturday, December 4 and Sunday, December 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After the sale, these imaginative, hand-made critters can be purchased in the Museum Shop while supplies last. Proceeds from the sale of critters

are used to purchase art for the museum's collection.

If you have never visited this grist mill turned art museum, the Christmas holidays are a great time to start. The museum is on US Rt. 1 where it crosses the Brandywine River in Chadds Ford, Pa. You may access Rt. 1 from any number of routes from the Newark area. It is open daily, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except Christmas Day. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors ages 65 and over and students; free for children under six.

For more information you may call 610-388-2700 or visit the museum's Web site at www.brandywinemuseum.org.

Enjoy.

## Hotline to prevent price gouging on flu shots

AARP today announced a new 800 number to help members and other consumers fight back against price gouging for flu shots. The toll-free number, 1-877-FLU-COST (877-358-2678) will open for business from 7:00 am to midnight EST, Monday through Friday

through Friday.

AARP Board Member Byron
Thames, M.D., said, This year's
flu shot supply has created an
environment where access may
be controlled through personal
favor, and more often, through
exorbitant pricing. There has
already been evidence of price
gouging which is a concern to
AARP members and puts their
health at risk

To help stop price gougers in their tracks, the line will provide a way to report any pricing irregularities that people are aware of, either through personal experience or through friends or neighbors.

Reports to 1-877-FLU-COST will be examined to see if prices charged to consumers rise to the level of price gouging. Pricing experts agree that anything over \$30, excluding doctors visit fees, could be an overcharge. Reports to the toll-free line will be turned over to the proper authorities at HHS and to the Attorney General in the state where the charge was incurred.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has called on providers not to attempt to use opportunistic pricing in order to enhance their profits. Even so, most experts believe it will happen anyway.

will happen anyway.

AARP is also urging people to ask their medical providers about

a pneumococcal vaccine. Pneumonia shots are in full supply and can really save lives, Dr. Thames said. Those who call and need help finding a vaccination will be directed to their state and territorial health authority for additional information.



## Diversions

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FRIDAY

"FAMILIAR PLACES" 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon - Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Through Nov. 24. This show includes paintings or rural landscapes of the sur-rounding area, where Michele Green captures every-day scenes with a sense of grace and simplicity. Admission is free. The Station Gallery, 3922 Kennett Pike (Rt. 52), Greenville. Info., 302-654-8638.
"HALFSTEPS" Weekends through Nov. 20, 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat.; 2 p.m. Sun. The Chapel Street Players community theatre will present this dramatic comedy

community theatre will present this dramatic comedy by local playwright, director and actor Scott F.

Mason. This comedy concerns a playwright who uses his family and friends for inspiration and turns to these same sources for his own recovery. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for students. Chapel Street Players, Chapel St., Newark. To reserve a seat, call 302-368-2248.

"ROCK FOR THE EARTH" 7 - 10 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Students of Holistic Living, a University of Delaware student organization will hold a benefit concert to help protect the rainforest. Tickets are \$4 at the door. Open to all ages and to the public. University of Delaware, Bacchus Theatre, Academy St. (lower level of Perkins Student Center), Newark. Info., 302-831-8197 or 302-831-8843.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR 9 a.m., A.m., Eriand Sat. New St.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fri.and Sat., Nov. 5 & 6 and 12 & 13. The large fellowship room will be filled with candles, handmade crafts and wood items as well as homemade baked goods for sale. The Bargain Room will once again be open with holiday and other items at great prices. The kitchen will be serving homemade soups, sandwiches and more for dine in or take out. Truth & Life Center, 1924 W. Pulaski Hwy. (Route 40, east of Mechanics Valley Road), North East, Md. Info., 410-287-0450. 
DELAWARE SWING DANCE PARTY 8 pm to Midnight. \$5 Hoppin' & Swingin' Party includes: A Swing 101 Lesson (8 - 9 p.m.), A Lindy Jam Circle and Charleston Styles Demo in the Classic Savoy Tradition, Mix of Growin' Lazz and Swingin' Blues. No partner needed Dressing creatively.

Circle and Charleston Styles Demo in the Classic Savoy Tradition, Mix of Groovin' Jazz and Swingin' Blues. No partner needed. Dressing creatively encouraged. Wear comfy shoes, low heels. Lindy hoppin' & high heels don't mix! Newark New Century Club, Corner of East Delaware Ave. and Haines, Newark. Info., www.newarklindyproject.org

POWERFUL WOMEN WORKSHOP 8 a.m. - Noon. Come and enjoy the company of powerful women and discover how to maximize the use of your own power sponsored by the YWCA's Leadership League. The workshop will be facilitated by Gail Townsend from W.L. Gore and Associates. Free for Leadership League members, \$45 for YWCA members, \$75 for non-members. YWCA Home-Life Management Center, 709 N. Madison St., Wilmington. R.S.V.P. at 302-658-7161 ext. 384 or events@ywcancc.org.

ANDREW WYETH TOUR 2 p.m. weekdays through Nov. 12. Victoria Browning Wyeth, granddaughter of artist Andrew Wyeth, will guide public tours of the Brandywine River Museum's Andrew Wyeth Gallery. The tours will include a discussion of the artist's media, techniques, subject matter, and

will include a discussion of the artist's media, techniques, subject matter, and use of models. (Ms. Wyeth's tour schedule is subject to change. Visitors may wish to call in advance to confirm the tour.) Brandywine River Museum, U.S. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. Free with museum admission (\$8 for adults; \$5 for senior citizens, students, and children ages 6-12; free for children under 6



## CHINESE AT LONGWOOD

Longwood Gardens' annual Chrysanthemum Festival contin-

ues in its second weekend with Nov. 6 and 7 with Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company performing A Dragon's Tale. This program dives into the realm of Chinese culture and highlights the role of dance in the celebrations and festivals of community life. Born in Taiwan, Nai-Ni Chen endeavors to create programs that break down cultur-al boundaries with dances that blend the dynamic freedom of modern American dance with the stoic discipline of the Chinese arts. Children of all ages will be enthralled by these beautiful dances and colorful traditional costumes. The company will perform at both 1 p.m. and 3:30 pm in the Special Events Pavilion. Admission to these events is included in the regular Gardens admission of \$14 for adults, \$6 for ages 16-20, \$2 ages 6-15 and free under age 6. Longwood Gardens is located on Rt. 1, three miles northeast of Kennett Square, Pa. For info., call 610-388-1000 or go to www.longwoodgardens.org.

and Brandywine Conservancy members). Info., Brandywine River Museum,  $610\hbox{--}388\hbox{--}2700$  or www.brandywinemuseum.org.

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HAM AND OYSTER SUPPER Serving times: 3, 4, 5, and 6 p.m. This event requires tickets which cost \$15 for adults and takeouts and \$7.50 for children 6 - 12 years of age. Salem United Methodist Church, 469 Salem Church Road, Newark. Info. or tickets, call Joan Reed at 302-368-3323 or George

SING JOYFUL PRAISE, A CHORAL WORK-SHOP 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Singers are invited to sing, celebrate, and pray together when the Cathedral of Saint Peter, in conjunction with the

Diocesan Office of Worship, will present this workshop. Open to all interested musicians. Cost is \$10 per participant. Cathedral of St. Peter, 500 West St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Participants should call (302) 654-5920 for fur-

ther info. or send name, address, phone number, parish, musical position, and \$10 (checks to the "Diocese of Wilmington") to the Cathedral or to the Office of Worship, 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington. DE 19806. Registration is also available at www.cdow.org/wsregistration.html

"AMERICAN MILITARY RECORDS IN GENEALOGY" 9 - 10:30 a.m. Attend this free workshop which will instruct you how to use military records for family history research. Wilmington Family History Center, 143 Dickinson Lane, West Haven, Wilmington. To reserve a spot, call Nancy at 302-234-0460

SPECIAL LYME DISEASE 1 p.m. Special Lyme Disease presentation by Richard Horowitz, MD, Board certified Internist and Lyme-treating physician from Hyde Park, NY. He will explain how Lyme and other tick-borne diseases can affect any system in the body. He will cover treatment strategies using a holistic approach including medicine, nutrition and exercise. Patton Middle School, Rt. 82, Unionville, Pa. Sponsored by the Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Inc. Info., www.Lymepa.org or 610-388-7333.

KEEP THE CHRISTINA WATERSHED CLEAN 9 a.m. - Noon. Learn

about the factors affecting the health of local streams and what you can do to help reduce pollution impacts. Every little bit helps from recycling to planting trees. Also learn about the ecological impacts of urban stormwater. This free class will be sponsored by the city of Newark and conducted in partnership with the Delaware Nature Society. Newark City Hall Council Chambers, 220 Elkton Road, Newark, Info. or to register, contact Kelley Dinsmore, Stormwater Program Coordinator, at 302-366-7040. The class

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

visit www.brandywinemuseum.org.

IKEBANA 9 a.m. Indoor gardening courses are being offered this fall through
Continuing Education at Longwood Gardens. The fee is \$119 and includes lunch. Longwood Gardens, Acer Room, Rt. 1; Kennett Square, Pa. Info., visit www.longwoodgardens.org, To register, call 610-388-1000 ext. 516, send e-mail to continuingeducation@longwoodgardens.org, or write to Longwood Gardens, P.O. Box 501, Kennett Square, PA 19348-0501.

TELLING TALES 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Through Feb.16. The Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts, with co-sponsorship by the Christina Cultural Arts Center, will host the first of four free family workshops featuring

African-American storytellers and hands-on art projects for children. Telling Tales: Narrative Threads in Contemporary African-American Art.TAHIRA, a storyteller, vocalist and percussionist, will perform songs and folk tales that focus on African-American family traditions and the secret messages slaves

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#### ■ FRIDAY, NOV. 5

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, NOV. 6

CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCI-ATION First Saturday of every month at Denny's on Rt. 13 at 8:30 a.m. Info., 302-838-6458.

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

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

#### ■ MONDAY, NOV. 8

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PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS 7:30 p.m. orientation meeting the second Monday of the month at the Bear Library, Governor's Square. Info., 302-998-3115, FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL 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

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MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 9 p.m. Mondays, Support group spon-sored 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-

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

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

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

Jewish Community Center, Talleyville.

#### MEETINGS

Info., call Nancy Traub at 302-324-4444. SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info., 302-368-

#### ■ TUESDAY, NOV. 9

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

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

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

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. every Tuesday. For men who like to sing at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., call Will at 302-368-3052. DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support

group meeting at Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd., Newark. Info., 302-737-7239.

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

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

#### ■ WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10

EAST END CIVIC ASS'N 7 p.m. second Wednesdays at Wesleyan Church, George Read Village, Info., 302-283-0571. SCHOOL MENTORING 6 - 7 p.m. sec-

ond Wednesdays at Big Brothers-Big Sisters Wilmington Office, 102 Middleboro Rd., next to Banning Park. Info., 302-998-3577. SKI CLUB 7 p.m. second Wednesdays at Hockessin Fire Hall. Week-long & day

ski trips, sailing, biking, rafting and more planned. Persons of all ages welcome to join. Info., 302-792-7070.

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-

CAREGIVER SUPPORT Noon. second Wednesday of the month at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr.,

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Newark. Free & open to public. Info.,

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.

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

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

TAI CHI 2:30 p.m. Wednesday or Monday; 11:15 a.m. Friday, at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., \$20/month. Info., 302-737-2336.

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

#### ■ THURSDAY, NOV. 11

HARMONY WEAVERS GUILD 10 a.m. This monthly meeting will focus on "Loom Woven Tapestry", presented by Phyllis Koster from York, Pa. Greenbank Mill, 500 Greenbank Rd., Wilmington. Info., contact Gynnie Moody at 302-654-

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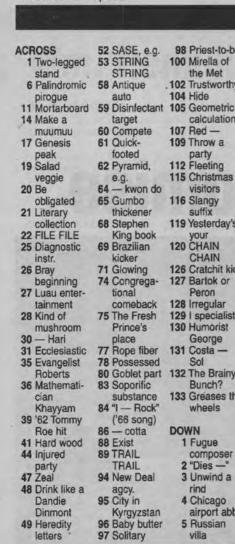
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sent as they made their way to freedom on the Underground Railroad. Children attending the workshop will create and take home their own art projects and learn more about art by participating in a scavenger hunt and tour in the DCCA galleries.Additional workshops are scheduled for Dec. 4, Jan. 15 and Feb. 5. DCCA, 200 S. Madison St., Wilmington Riverfront. Info., 302-656-6466 or visit

COMEDY PERFORMANCE 9:30 p.m. Comedy show featuring J.J. Ramirez with special guest Roger Weaver. Tickets are \$17.50 each. Comedy Cabaret, Air Transport Command, 143 N. DuPont Hwy., New Castle. Info., 302-652-6873.

#### ■ SUNDAY, NOV. 7

SPAGHETTI DINNER 1 - 6 p.m. This dinner will also include the Christmas Bazaar with games and prizes. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4.50 for children under 12. Little Sisters of the Poor, 185 Salem Church Road, Newark. Info., 302-368BASKET BINGO 1 p.m. 20 games and three specials featuring filled baskets and door prizes. Admission is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Benefits animals through Friends for Responsible Pet Care. Aetna Fire Hall, Newark. Info. or tickets, call Renee at 302-740-4241.

BRUNCH WITH BEETHOVEN This 2nd annual Brunch with Beethoven is a champagne brunch featuring a performance by the Serafin String Quartet with Lotus Cheng, piano, and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit The Wilmington Music School. On-site parking. Wilmington Music School, 4101 Washington St Wilmington. Info. or to request a 2004-2005 concert brochure, contact Jennifer M Lane, Marketing & Events Manager at 302-762-1132 ext. 18 or visit the website at

#### ■ MONDAY, NOV. 8

MASTER PLAYERS CHAMBER SERIES

8 p.m. The University of Delaware Department of Music presents this first annual series. The season begins with Baltimore and National Symphonies in town! An Evening of Chamber Music for Piano and Strings. The concert will feature Jonathan Carney, concert master of the Baltimore Symphony; Bo Li, cellist and prize winner of the 9th Tchaikovsky International Competition, and many others. This series is under the management of the University of Delaware Department of Music and co-sponsored by the University of Delaware Performing Art Series and the President's office. University of Delaware, Mitchell Hall, South College Ave., Newark. Admission is \$17, adults; \$12, seniors; \$5, students. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at the Trabant or Bob Carpenter box offices on the UD campus. Info., 302-831-2577.

JEWELRY AS ART 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. -Fri. through Nov. 23. The exhibit features the jewelry designs of Alphonsus (Al) Moolenschot, Joyce Bowlsbey, Brenda deGarbolewski and Yvette Jianniney. An opening reception will feature an artists talk. The Gallery, One Seahawk Dr., North East, Md. Info., 410-287-1023.

STITCHES OF ART AND COMFORT: DELAWARE OUILTS, 1740-2002.

Through May 31. Celebrate the American tradition of quilting by viewing a comprehensive display of 100 unique Delawaremade quilts featured at the Delaware State Museums Visitor Center and Galleries in

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

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

#### **■ TUESDAY, NOV. 9**

INDOOR GARDENING COURSE 6:30 -9:30 p.m. Orchids - Cattleyas is the focus of this gardening course offered this fall through Continuing Education. The course fee is \$59. Longwood Gardens, Betula Room, Rt. 1, Kennett Square, Pa. To register, call the Continuing Education office at 610-388-1000 ext. 516, send e-mail to continuingeducation@longwoodgardens.org, or write to Longwood Gardens, P.O. Box

501, Kennett Square, PA 19348-0501. Complete info. is also available on the Web site, www.longwoodgardens.org.

#### **■ WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10**

OPEN HOUSE 9 - 11 a.m. & 4 - 6 p.m. This event, hosted by First State Health & Wellness, is to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware and will offer a variety of health screenings, refreshments and giveaways. Newark Chiropractic, 1536 Kirkwood Hwy., Newark. Info., 877-454-WELL or visit www.firststatehealth.com

#### ■ THURSDAY, NOV. 11

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.





## In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

#### Flowers for Thanksgiving

LORAL centerpieces for your Thanksgiving table are again available through FloralWorks, one of Christina School District's job training companies for special needs students.

The arrangements, with a pineapple base as a turkey surrounded by autumn flowers sell for \$25. Orders will be accepted until Nov. 15. Call 454-2028.

FloralWorks, located at 7 Elkton Rd., also has seasonal gifts and cut and dried flowers for sale. The store is open Monday through Friday when schools are in session from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### Board meeting

The November Board of Education meeting for the Christina School District will be Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7:30 at Elbert Palmer Elementary School, 1210 Lobdell St. Visit www.christina.k12.de.us for the agenda.

Schools and offices of CSD will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. Students will also have off Friday, Nov. 12, however staff will report on that day for staff development.

#### Student of Week

Daquan Wallace, a fourth grader at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School, was selected by

Principal Elva Brooks and staff as this week's Student of the Week.

Daquan always follows directions and is kind to other children. In he will step aside to let

gym class, Wallace others with no partners participate in games and activities. He never complains but remains calm and patient.

He is a good sportsman and always says nice things to other students. - -

## Little shoppes of promise

#### Two school stores, same supplies, different focus

Editor's note: Two elementary schools in the Christina School District each have school stores to supply pencils, notebooks, erasers and other items to students. The stores are planned, stocked and managed by students. But their focus is entirely different. For one, it's an introduction to entrepreneurship. For the other, it's an opportunity for developing social and communication skills. But regardless of their differences, both strive to develop future productive citi-

#### By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

#### Special needs students serve their school

s each grade level finished lunch, the students lined up to go into the school Clerks stood by ready to assist their customers at Downes

The first student made her



Third grader Kelsey looks over the items for sale in Downes School Store. Store clerk Brishae, center, has limited speech but uses sign language to ask her customer if she can help her. Clerk Nichelle, right, helps select the best colored erasers for sale. Special needs students operate the store every Thursday, giving them practice in communicating, math, reading, and social skills.

selection of colorful pencils and a Halloween eraser, then went to pay for her items.

Dom was the money taker that

day. He reached out his hand, having it steadied by his teacher, to accept the girl's fist full of "Are you helping me?" Dom asked his teacher. "95 cents," he

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## starts at school

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

NE hour a week, on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of the month, 25 young entrepreneurs in Jennie Smith's AdVenturers club meet to discuss aspects of being busi-

nessmen and women.

At one of their first afterschool meetings this year, they discussed what's in a name and advertising hints for businesses. This set the ground work for later in the year when they would be establishing their own companies, keeping ledger sheets and selling their own products.

For now their focus was on naming the school store. It should be catchy, have something to do with school supplies, per-haps be rhyming, have alliteration, or just be fun.

Thirty minutes later, after 25 suggestions and several tie votes, the group chose S.S.A.S.(School Supplies At Smith) for this year's

In the next weeks they would work on advertising posters, stocking items and scheduling workers, preparing for the Nov. 18 grand opening.

One by one the students went to the side of the room for practice in working a cash register and counting out change.

Teacher Judy Austin, who has

been organizing the economics program at Smith for six years, has written grants to MBNA for funds to purchase supplies for the students' activities and take trips to local businesses. She invites guest speakers throughout the year to share their expertise on business management, advertising design and layout and pricing

After a few more sessions of the AdVenturers club, talk in the classrooms will turn to business plans, profit margins, competition, set-up costs, leftovers and the rise and fall of the stock mar-

The ten-year-olds will be

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALI

With assistance from teacher aide Shelby Grier, left, fourth graders Aurora, center, and Danielle, right, practice adding up items on a cash register and counting change in preparation for re-opening the school store. The AdVenturers club decided this year's store would be named S.S.A.S. - School Supplies at Smith.

#### ▶ DOWNES, from 12

Teacher Jayne Marshall patiently helped Dom count out the change, dropping each coin into the right spot in the money box. The next customer came along with a hand full of items.

"Look, Dom. That's 50 cents and 50 cents. What are we up to now?" Marshall asked.

"What's three plus one?"
"\$4 please," Dom told the customer. He quickly turned to his teacher and beamed. "I count-

ed up to four. Yeah, I did it."
"Thank you," he politely told
the customer after a little coaching from Marshall.

Dom, like the other nine students working in the Downes store, is enrolled in the REACH (Realistic Education Alternatives for Handicapped Children) pro-

The school store had been closed for a few years until last year when Marshall approached Principal Deni Schwartz with the idea of taking the project on for her ten students. It would give them a way to integrate with other students, develop commu-nication and social skills and feel part of the school.

One day a week, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. tables are arranged on the school stage, displays of school supplies are set up and the store clerks take their places.

Faraj sat at the head of the table, welcoming everyone to the school store. Because he cannot speak, he uses a device to display a limited number of greetings

Other clerks asked if they could be of help, had to remember pricing, talked with customers and offered suggestions.

At the far end of the table, Dare put the items into brown bags to be taken back to the classrooms.

What might seem like simple tasks and responses for many students were challenging for the REACH students, but each beamed when they were praised by their teachers for doing or saying something well and following directions.

The school store is one way Marshall integrates the special needs students into activities with other students of their age group. They attend physical education, music, library, art and recess with regular classes. Occasionally they will go to a restaurant, order from menus, speak in public and carry their own change purses.

The students particularly like going in the van to the dollar store to purchase supplies for their school store.

The interaction between special needs kids and regular kids is really neat," Schwartz said. "They have limited speech but they compensate for that."

Working in the school store

helps the students feel productive and builds their independence. Last year the store was so profitable that the school was able to purchase a snowcone machine

## Readers are leaders

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

INGO. Bingo. I have Bingo," shouted third grader Kaitlyn Roark as her hand shot up into the air. Soon after more hands were raised as one excited student after another covered a square on their Word Bingo card. Instead of numbers, players had to find words scattered on the squares on their giant cards. Even five-yearold Kyle, with some help from his mom, soon had enough squares covered to shout, "Bingo."

was fun and games at Gallaher Elementary School's Vote to Read Nite where nearly 75 families, from preschoolers to third graders found reading can be lots of fun.

In other rooms students worked on creating word banks, playing with question cubes or reading aloud. Some tossed beach balls, called story balls, modeled parts of stories or answered questions about the

But what their parents discovered could have been even more important.

I'm here to get help with reading activities and give me more ideas at home to help Kaitlyn," said Marcy Roark

Nancy Gallagher, reading



Second grader Ashley Martin and her mother Kim play with a story ball. The beach ball has questions, such as what was the plot, what was the problem, or how was it solved, written in marker on each segment. After listening to a story, the ball is tossed back and forth and where the catcher's thumb hits a segment, the player must answer that question. Each child took home a story ball to play with their parents.

resource teacher, coordinated six different activities the students and their parents could choose to do, rotating from room to room. In each room parents were given tips and suggestions on how to help their children with reading. They were also given a bag of

goodies to take home, including a booklet listing 25 ways parents can read with children. Posters in the hallways reminded the students, "Readers are leaders."

The PTA helped with refreshments and supplies for the games.

#### ► SMITH, from 12

using the school store as a model for their businesses, but quickly will let their own imaginations take over. Profits with last year's businesses ranged from \$8 to \$190. They also will participate in the Stock Market Game, a national program run by the Delaware Council on Economic Education, where they will invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in the New York and American Stock Markets for ten weeks. They will follow portfolios, research stocks and check daily ratings. By the end of the school year, these will be very savvy business men and women who know good customer service, the right product, catchy company names and the best advertising are critical to business growth.

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## A-10 title could be on the line Saturday

Hens, JMU unbeaten in conference play

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Beating the Naval Academy in Annapolis two years in a row would've been nice for the University of Delaware football team. However, beating James Madison in Harrisonbrug this week is a must and if the team can only get one, this is the week it would choose to come back with the win.

The No. 6 Blue Hens and the No. 7 Dukes sit tied atop the Atlantic-10 standings with perfect 5-0 conference records. Saturday's winner clearly has the inside track to the conference title and the automatic berth to the NCAA I-AA playoffs that goes with it.

"The best thing is we have a huge ball game coming up this week," Delaware coach K.C. Keeler said of how the team responds after the loss at Navy. "Everything we play for is right in front of us. Our goal is to win the Atlantic-10 championship. It's tough to lose, but we need to focus very quickly."

James Madison enters this week's contest as one of the hottest I-AA teams in the country. The Dukes have won five straight and are undefeated against I-AA competition. Their only loss came at the hands of West Virginia, who is ranked among the top 15 I-A teams in the country.

JMU has been fairly dominant in its wins as well. The Dukes beat Division II Lock Haven 62-7, won 17-0 at Villanova; beat Hofstra 31-21, beat UMass 28-7 and beat VMI 41-10.

Their two close calls came on the road at Maine and Richmond. The Dukes scored in the last minute to earn the victory over the Black Bears and held on to beat the Spiders 26-20.

"I was watching the tape of the Maine game and still can't believe they won," Keeler said. "But they've found ways to win games like we've won some games. They have some great momentum now and, obviously, believe they can win."

Keeler points to James

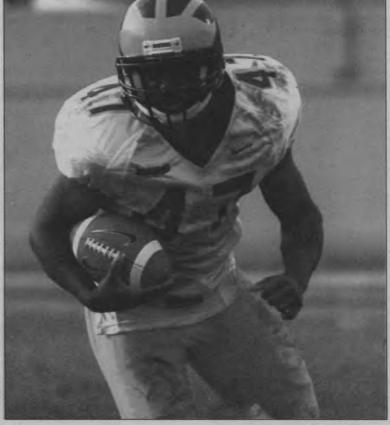


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Sidney Haugabrook returned a punt for a touchdown against Navy.

Madison quarterback Justin Rascati as the key to the Dukes' turnaround this season.

James Madison, under coach Mickey Matthews, is known for having strong defenses. This year is no exception. The Dukes lead the A-10 in rushing defense, scoring defense and total defense.

"The difference is the offense is good," Keeler said. "It's good enough to complement what they do on defense. That quarterback is a difference maker. He has made so many big plays for them this year."

James Madison is banged up at the tailback position, where two of its top three have been injured.

#### **National rankings**

Southern Illinois is again the top team in the national I-AA poll with Georgia Southern and Furman at Nos. 2-3. Georgia Southern and Furman square off against each other this week in a big Southern Conference game. Sam Houston State is No. 4 and Western Kentucky is No. 5

Western Kentucky is No. 5.

New Hampshire is No. 8,
Lehigh No. 9 and Montana is No.
10. William & Mary is No. 13 in
the poll and Villanova is No. 19.

#### Hens schedule No. 2

Delaware has posted its 6-2 record against the second toughest schedule in the country, according to the NCAA.

Based on a formula that takes into account your past and future opponents' current winning percentage, Delaware's schedule ranks tied as the second toughest – just behind A-10 rival Villanova. This week's opponent – James Madison – ranks No. 18 in schedule strength.

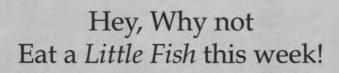
#### Success against ranked teams

Delaware has faced nine top 20 opponents in its last 14 games and has a nine-game win streak during that time. The Hens have not lost to a top 20 team since falling 38-34 to Villanova in the 2002 regular season finale.

Against top 10 teams, Delaware holds an impressive 19-10 mark since 1991. That includes seven straight wins since a 39-14 loss to Hofstra in 2001.

#### SCHEDULE

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9/11	TOWSON W 2	21-17
9/18	W. CHESTER W	24-6
9/25	at UMass W	21-7
10/2	MAINE W	43-38
10/16	at Hofstra W	20-19
10/23	WM. & MARY W	31-28
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#### Loss could hurt Jackets' tourney seed

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

How big was Newark's loss to Middletown last week?

It could mean the difference between being the top seed, having a week off and facing a fourth or fifthseeded team in the semifinals. Sure, the

Yellowjackets can still finish 9-1 and earn Flight A's

automatic berth into the tournament. But if Caesar Rodney, Salesianum and Newark all finish with 9-1 records, it



Valania

appears that CR will be the top seed and Sallies will be the No. 2 seed.

That means Newark drops to No. 3 and will have to play an opening round game in this first year of a six-team tourna-

Middletown, with its victory over Newark, will probably finish with a 7-3 record, tie for the Flight A title and get in the tourna-ment. William Penn will probably finish with a 7-3 record, tie for the Flight A title and get in the tournament. Those two teams will more than likely be the fourth and fifth seeds and face off against each other in the opening round.

Right now the sixth spot looks like it will go to either Milford or Glasgow. If the Dragons finish with a 6-3 record (they had a forfeit), they could sneak into that sixth spot and face Newark in the opening round. The winner of that game would play Salesianum in the semifinal while CR takes on the William Penn-Middletown winner in the other semifi-

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## **Newark thumped by Middletown**

Simpson denied record as Cavs triumph 24-6

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Newark High kept tempting fate all season - playing sluggish early in the game and coming on strong in the second half. That formula finally caught up to them in a 24-6 loss to Middletown last Friday night at Hoffman Stadium.

The Cavaliers, fighting for their playoff lives, dominated the Yellowjackets early. They led 17-

0 after the first quarter and 24-0 at halftime. Middletown was also good enough to limit Newark's second half rally to just one score. The loss dropped Newark (7-1) from the undefeated ranks and from atop the Flight A standings. It also pushed back at least a week the celebration of a new state record for career wins by coach Butch Simpson.

Middletown scored on all three of its first quarter possessions, kicking a 35-yard field goal on its first and scoring touchdowns on its next two.

The Cavs also scored on a 46yard pass play in the second quarter to build a 24-0 bulge.

"We've been anything but per-fect all year," Simpson said. "All

our flaws were exposed. We got out-coached and out-played in every phase of the game. My hat's off to Middletown."

The Cavaliers have beaten the Jackets all three times since they moved up to Flight A. The win improved Middletown's record to 4-3 and created the probability of a three-way tie in Flight A between the Cavs, Jackets and William Penn at the end of the

"Clearly, I can't beat Middletown," joked Simpson, who, despite his record against the Cavs, has won six of the last seven state championships. "They needed a win for their season and they played that way. That's a team that I thought

would be good all year and they're getting there now.

Newark, as it has all season, played better in the second half, scoring on a six-yard run by quar-terback Steve Williams late in the third quarter. Middletown stiff-ened from that point on and the Jackets were unable to come back

any further.
"We talked about all week what it takes to be a good football team," said Middletown coach Mark DelPercio, who is in his first year at his alma mater after a successful six-year stint at Glasgow. "We wanted to play with emotion and we wanted to play an entire game. I thought we

See NEWARK, 17 ▶

## Navy turns tables on Blue Hens



Ground attack helps Midshipmen get revenge for last year's loss

Navy senior quarterback Aaron Polanco rushed for three touchdowns and passed for another to lead the Division I-A Midshipmen over third-ranked Delaware, 34-20, in football action Saturday afternoon at Navy-Marine Corps Stadium.

Navy, which improved to 7-1 and has only lost to Notre Dame this season, trailed 10-7 midway through the second quarter but scored 21 straight points to take control and avenge last season,s 21-17 loss to the Blue Hens. Delaware had its six-game winning streak snapped and fell to 6-2 on the year.
The Midshipmen, who week,s

received votes in this week,s national top 25 polls, fell behind for the first time on the day with 6:20 remaining in the second quarter after Blue Hen senior Brad Shushman nailed a 35 yard field goal. But after Navy was stopped on its next drive Delaware senior

Sidney Haugabrook fumbled the Mids, punt, and Mick Yokitis recovered for Navy on the Delaware 11-yard line.

Three plays later on thirdand-five from the Delaware six, Polanco found a wide open Eric Roberts in the end zone to put

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The Navy running attack amassed over 300 yards against the Blue Hen defense last Saturday.

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## Wm. Penn helps playoff hopes with win over St. Mark's

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Whenever Wiliam Penn and St. Mark's tangle on the gridiron, it's the type of game that usually has playoff implications for both teams. This season, however, only the Colonials still remain in contention for the Delaware state high school football tournament after topping the Spartans 17-6 Saturday afternoon, in a non-conference game played at Bill Cole Stadium in New Castle.

William Penn improved to 5-3 on the season. The Spartans dropped to 3-5, after seeing their modest two-game winning streak snapped.

William Penn's Marcus Allen scored both of his team's touchdowns, under remarkably different circumstances.

Allen hit paydirt near the end of the first quarter on a 10-yard pass from quarterback Steve Alexander

The touchdown capped a 14-play, 80-yard opening drive by the Colonials, which chewed up more than eight minutes off the scoreboard clock.

Allen's second touchdown came in the closing seconds of the game. With the Colonials leading 10-6, Spartan quarterback Scott Wallace found Andrew McKeefery open near midfield. As the clock was winding down, McKeefery attempted

a lateral to teammate Rich Cook, but Allen intercepted the pitch, and scampered 45 yards for the clinching touchdown.

William Penn's other score came on a 37-yard field goal by Alexander at the end of the second quarter, giving the Colonials a 10-0 lead at halftime.

Not to be forgotten was the running of Penn's Kaamil Alghanee, who netted 39 yards on 11 carries on the opening drive. Alghanee finished the afternoon rushing for 92 yards on 20 carries.

St. Mark's only points of the game came late in the third quarter when Wallace hit McKeefery with a 5-yard touchdown pass. The score remained 10-6, when the PAT attempt was no good.

William Penn will try to stay in the hunt with two Flight A road games to close out the season. This week, the Colonials travel to Wilmington to play Charter, then close out the regular season at Christiana.

The Spartans conclude a tough season with two difficult road games. This Friday night is the annual grudge-match against arch-rival Salesianum at Baynard Stadium, before wrapping up the 2004 season next weekend with a game against Middletown.

## Rushing attack leads Navy to win

#### ► HENS, from 16

Navy ahead 14-10 with

2:06 remaining in the half, and the Midshipmen would not trail again.

The Blue Hens held Navy to a three-and-out on its first possession of the third quarter, and after Delaware was stopped UD punter Mike Weber dropped a punt on the Midshipmen one-yard line. However, Navy proceeded to drive 99 yards on 12 plays, capped on a 1-yard touchdown run by Polanco, to go up 21-10 with 6:28 left in the quarter.

After holding Delaware on its next possession the Midshipmen drove 68 yards on five plays, all rushes, and scored on Polanco,s seven-yard touchdown run, taking a 27-10 lead with 2:08 remaining after Geoff Blumenfeld missed the extra point

On their next drive the Blue Hens drove to the Navy five, but Dominic Madigan was stopped for no gain after catching a pass from Riccio on a third-and-three. Shushman came on to hit a 23 yard field goal, capping a

15-play, 60-yard drive, to cut the Midshipmen lead to 27-13 with 10:20 to play

with 10:20 to play.

However Navy put the game away on its ensuing drive by going 70 yards on

12 plays, the final 11 on the ground, and scoring on a fouryard run by

Kyle Eckel to go up 34-13 with 4:52 on the clock.

Haugabrook concluded the scoring with 46 seconds left when he returned a punt 65 yards for a touchdown, his second punt return for a score this year and the third of his career.

Navy, which rushed for 346 yards, the 11th-highest total allowed in Delaware school history, scored first with 7:37 remaining in the first quarter when Polanco ran 22 yards for a touchdown to cap an 11-play, 86-yard drive.

On their ensuing possession the Blue Hens faced a fourthand-three from then Navy 34 when quarterback Sonny Riccio found David Boler for a 22-yard pass to the 12. Three plays later running back Niquan Lee scored from five yards out to knot the game at 7-7 with 1:10 left in the opening quarter.

Navy then drove to the Delaware 16 on its next possession, but Blue Hen safety Kyle Campbell stopped Trey Hines one yard short of the first down to give UD the ball back. Delaware then drove 67 yards on 12 plays, capped by the Shushman field goal, before the Midshipmen took control.

Eckel finished with 143 yards rushing on 23 carries to post his 11th career 100-yard rushing game, while Polanco ran 15 times for 64 yards and Eric Roberts ran eight times for 64 yards. Polanco also completed eight of his 11 passes for 95 yards and a touchdown. Navy,s 346 yards rushing and 441 yards of total offense both were the most allowed this season by Delaware, which had not allowed that many yards rushing since

Georgia Southern ran for 349 yards on September 8, 2001.

Riccio completed 30 of 50 passes for 255 yards and a touchdown for the Blue Hens, while wide receiver David Boler caught 16 passes for 153 yards, tying the school record for receptions in a game set by teammate

Justin Long against Maine on October 2. Boler,s 16 receptions also tied the Navy-Marine Corps Stadium record.

Lee ran nine times for 31 yards and scored his team-high 10th touchdown on the season while Omar Cuff finished with five carries for 37 yards for Delaware, which was held under 25 points for the first time in 10 games.

"We're disappointed that we lost," Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler said.

"We don't lose a whole lot, and it hurts. We had some opportunities but

didn,t take advantage."

"You can prepare for their offense all you want, but they run it so well. It's a different offense to prepare for, especially when you only have one week. We missed a lot of tackles and made some mistakes, but they are a very good football team. We have to move on to play a championship-level game next week against James Madison."

The sixth-ranked Blue Hens, who are 5-0 in the Atlantic 10 South Division, and seventh-ranked Dukes, 4-0 in the division, meet Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Harrisonburg, Va.

#### Jackets beaten by Middletown

#### NEWARK, from 16

underachieved early in the year. It took awhile to for the kids to adjust to me and me to adjust to them. They did a great job in preparing all week. We still control our own destiny and this was a big step."

Newark can still tie for the Flight A title and win the automatic berth into the Division I state tournament that goes with it. If the Jackets win their remaining two games against Christiana (Friday night at Hoffman Stadium) and Delcastle, they would tie with William Penn and Middletown (if both win their remaining two games). Newark would win the conference's automatic berth on the basis of more playoff points.

"Our guys are hurt," Simpson said. "Losing is difficult. But I still believe in them and we'll be back."

#### Another big game for the Hens

#### ► POST GAME, from 16

Simpson is stressing to his team the importance of, not only winning, but improving and getting ready for the state tournament.

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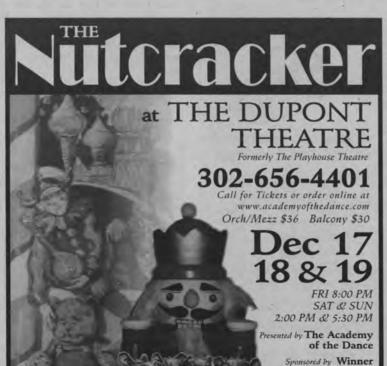
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The Delaware football team faces another big road test this week at James Madison. In fact, this game, while not as glamorous, is more important than last week's contest at Navy.

Saturday's winner will have the inside track to the Atlantic-10 championship and the automatic berth to the NCAA I-AA playoffs that goes with it. After JMU, Delaware plays at

After JMU, Delaware plays a Richmond and hosts Villanova. James Madison has to come right back and face William & Mary, who still has hopes of a conference title as well.



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## Newarkers make their choices

► ELECTION, from 1

headquarters of Paul Pomeroy, Republican candidate for the 23rd State Representative District, things were quiet. Only a hand-drawn sign on a white sheet screaming "Good Luck, Daddy!" revealed that this was Pomeroy's home.

Inside, his living room was filled with close friends, supporters and the smell of baked ham. Despite nearly a dozen collegeaged volunteers crowding his couch and floor, the living room was surprisingly quiet. On the 32" screen, the beginnings of the national results were being interpreted. The only thing other than a little excitement that was missing was Pomeroy himself.

Hidden away upstairs, Pomeroy was fielding calls. Collecting numbers. Calculating the results. It would still be a while till he came down to tell everyone the news.

A few streets away, things were quite different at the home

of Richard and Susan Gay, supporters of Terry Schooley, Pomeroy's Democrat opponent. The brick home was covered in signs proclaiming the owners' support for Sen. John Kerry and Terry Schooley. Inside, more energy flowed from the living room than a locker room at half time.

Friends, neighbors and even a few strangers crowded around Schooley as the counts were tabulated. A white board in the living room and an oversized sheet of blank newsprint in the half kept the score. With six districts reporting at 8:30, Schooley was pulling ahead.

As the phone rang again to report another district's results, Schooley's hands were quivering. She pulled them tight against her lips as a friend shouted for quiet. There was a tense silence that hung in the air as visibly as fog as everyone waited for an answer. Did she win another district? All eyes focused on the woman holding a Nokia cell phone to her ear. "One of the machines isn't reading?" she asked, breaking the

silence.

With that, the party revamped itself. Silence could wait until there was news to hear. Her supporters weren't disappointed. By the end of the evening, Schooley had become the State Representative from District 23 with 53 percent of the vote.

Across town in Summit View, another party was in full swing. The home of State Rep. Stephanie Ulbrich was celebrating what was starting to look like a victory in District 25. Good news just kept pouring in for the Republican. A poster taped to a window was the center of the attention. "Come look at the numbers," Ulbrich said. The board spoke no lies. She was pulling ahead the tight race by an impressive margin. By 9 p.m., Ulbrich had a lead of 1,115 votes.

"This was a tough race," she said, with just the slightest hint of dew forming in the corners of her chocolate-colored eyes. "You prepare yourself for any possible outcome, but I don't think I was prepared for this."

It would have been nearly impossible for her to expect such a strong lead so early. She was running in a district where Democrats were registering nearly twice as much as Republicans. And even though her work was respected in the state legislature, her Democrat opponent, John Kowalko, put up a strong fight. Within a few hours, Ulbrich knew she had kept her position in the General Assembly with the largest lead of any Newark candidate with 58 percent.

Not far away, State Sen. Steve Amick and 20 of his closest friends celebrated his lead in District 10 at The First State Diner on Route 896. Quietly basking in the neon glow of the diner's lights, Amick was the calm face of a confident winner.

He, too, had the obligatory sign tallying the scores. At 9:30, as the night was drawing to an end, the Republican candidate had a lead of 1,500 votes. "So, at this point, it's not a question of if he'll win," a friend asked, "but a question of by how much, right?" The answer to that turned out to be a yes. Amick won with 55 percent of the vote.

While all elections have their surprises and disappointments, the Newark races were particularly emotional.

Instead of a candidate living in a far off place, the local representatives live in these neighborhoods. They go to church down the street. Their kids go to school in the district. They have a face. So when election time comes around, it's painfully easy to get swept into the fervor that surrounds watching a friend dedicate their life to something outside their control.

The emotions are the same for local races as they are during a Pee Wee championship game. When they lose, it's hard not to cry with them. And when they win, it's still hard to keep dry eyes.

## The statewide results

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 Steven Amick (R)
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 55.1%

 Julia Dugan (D)
 8777
 44.9%

District 11 State Senator Anthony Deluca (D) 12010 100%

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Pamela S. Maier (R) 6663 69.0%
Elton Brewer (D) 2994 31.0%

District 22 State Representative Joseph E. Miro (R) 8036 100%

District 23 State Representative

Teresa Schooley (D) 4531 53.6% Paul J. Pomeroy (R) 3929 46.4% **District 24 State Representative** William A. Oberle Jr. (R)4932 100%

District 25 State Representative
Stephanie A. Ulbrich (R)3914
John Kowalko (D) 2802 41.7%

District 26 State Representative
John Viola (D) 6255 100%

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District 28 State Representative Bruce C. Ennis (D) 6020 100%

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## Democrats dominate in county, state

ONTRARY to the election in Newark of a Republican State Senator and State Representative, it was a virtual sweep in New Castle County and Delaware for the Democrats. Hundreds of supporters crowded into the Wyndham hotel in Wilmington Tuesday night to savor the victories.

County Council President Christopher A. Coons routed Republican Chris Castagno with 58 percent of the vote for County Executive. To replace Coons, Democrat Paul Clark tallied 59

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percent of voting to defeat Newark Republican Ernie Lopez.

In the first race to fill the new County Council seat for District 11, Democrat and civic activist David Tackett garnered 61 percent of the votes to defeat Republican Christopher Reed, who resigned his post on the Christina School Board to enter the race.

The county's two-term Clerk of the Peace Ken Boulden was returned to office with 65 percent of the votes. He was challenged by Republican Brian Moore. Statewide, Democrats enjoyed victories. Ruth Ann Minner won a second term as Governor in spite of a second challenge by Republican William Lee. Lieutenant Governor John Carney won re-election over Republican James P. Ursomarso. Matt Denn, a Democrat, will be the new state Insurance Commissioner.

But it wasn't a full sweep. Republican Congressman Michael Castle was handily returned to office with 69 percent of the state vote.



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## Local heroes: NPD honors its own, citizens

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE Newark Police Department awards ceremony played out like an episode of "NYPD Blue" complete with tales of local heroes averting robberies, apprehending criminals and seizing drugs.

The annual awards ceremony celebrates the department's successes of the year, and the officers and civilians who made them

"This year, we've encountered more handguns than I've ever seen in my 26 years of service," said Newark Chief of Police Gerald Conway. "And these officers should be commended and applauded for how they handled it. We do this once a year, but we should be doing it 365 times a year."

Some of the outstanding individuals recognized were Sgt. Rick Williams, PFC Robert Sharpe and Drug Enforcement Agent David B. Hughes.

Williams was given the prestigious Lions' Club Officer of the Year, 2003 award for his dedication in developing the Alcohol Patrol

When he began working on the task force, it was just in its initial phases, but by the end of the year, it had grown into an intregal element in fighting alcohol violations.

In the same year, he also dedicated five weeks to leading a team of officers in combating a string of robberies. Suddenly, the number of robberies diminished from approximately two per week down to zero.

Another hero in blue, PO Sharpe, also earned several awards for his work during 2003. He received two citations of merit and a letter of commendation. During the year, he helped remove two handguns from Newark streets, comandeered several grams of narcotics and recovered thousands of dollars worth of stolen equippment. "He's a one-man crime fighting machine," said the awards presenter Capt. William Nefosky.

Hughes, though not a Newark Police Officer, was awarded for his contribution to a drug seizure with the street value of \$69,000. More than 15,000 grams of marijuana and 2 grams of mushrooms were found, along with two firearms. His work resulted in the arrest of six individuals. "We can't do this job alone," Conway said as he thanked Hughes.

Other officers who received a letter of commendation included:



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From left, Officers Rick William, Rob Sharpe, Chris Jones, Stephen Heckman, Craig Mauer and Joseph Kendrik were among the officers who received awards for their recent police work.

PO Gregory D'Elia, PO Christopher Jones and CO Felix Vaughan. All were recognized for their exemplary work in solving and averting burglaries.

A citation of merit was awarded to: Master Cpl. William Hargrove, Cpl. Truman Bolden, PFC Robert Sharpe, PFC David Young and David Hopkins. These awards were given out for a variety of reasons, including exemplary work as a supervisor, implementing new technology

and outstanding work in apprehending armed robbers.

The Knights of Columbus awards are named every three months. The honor goes to officers who exemplify the Newark Police Department values of human life, integrity, service and professionalism. The award was given to: Master Cpl. Edwin Thomas, Cpl. William Barrett, Master Cpl. Curtis Davis, PO Joseph Kendrick, PO Christopher Jones, PFC Jeffrey Schwagel,

PFC Stephen Heckman, PO Craig Maurer and Master Cpl. Frank Gillespie.

Civilians who acted as Good Samaritans and aided in police efforts were also recognized with a citation of merit.

This award went to: Eric Anderson; 1st Sgt. Charles Bush; Michael Dowd; DEA Agent David Hughes; Natalie Knight; and Craig Laing.

## Nov. 15-19, parents can see what Principal For A Day saw

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facility well. She was a teacher there for many years before moving to Thurgood Marshall Elementary and administrative slots.

One by one, we entered each classroom. At some point in each class, the proceedings were interrupted and I was introduced. In almost every case, there was a spontaneous chorus of "Good morning, Mr. Streit." I said a few words about my son's dream of becoming a pilot. This goal had its genesis during his days at Downes. I encouraged the students that they, too, can realize their dreams if they set goals and work to achieve them.

I went to lunch (I wanted to grab one of those PB&J sandwiches with its edges and crust squeezed shut but stuck to my plain tuna sandwich instead). I watched recess, which was not the free-for-all I recalled from my school days. At Downes, it begins with all students standing in a circle and getting instructions. I watched a phys ed class playing a game that the kids loved but I could not understand. And my still hurt from Mr. Ambrosino's music class where he let fifth-graders create their own Halloween musical offering.

Schwartz spared no detail when answering my many questions or explaining the many programs and approaches used to teach the Downes students. And she hid nothing, which offered me the opportunity to see what a principal does, warts and all.

Friday night, my wife asked what impressed me most about my day as principal. My answer was quick and clear: I could tell there was a lot of education going on in that building.

The biggest contributor to this observation, I think, was the orderliness I observed all day. I never saw any running, save what I thought was a calm recess after lunch. Good manners and politeness surfaced everywhere. Teachers clearly were in control. And the children seemed happy and content. Positive reinforcement of proper behavior was endlessly recognized, often only by a kind word that clearly had impact.

Not everything was perfect, though. I learned about a suspension that day because a student had swung a metal belt at anoth-

It was the third such incident of bullying and the seriousness of each instance had escalated. Schwartz intervened before someone got hurt. I could tell she hated to take the action she did. "Our goal is to keep students in school. Students like this one usually get no help when they are not here. At least when they are here, we can try to help," she lamented. Minutes later, she met with a Newark police officer because the mother of the intended victim wanted a police report filed.

I watched as Schwartz skillfully filled holes in the teaching staff. One two-teacher classroom was absent both regular teachers. Half way through the day, another had a family emergency and had to leave immediately. She quickly recruited a teacher with "free time" to fill the slot.

We met with a Christina district facilities person to try and develop a solution to parking problems at the school.

While she was showing me around and dealt with the issues, Schwartz seldom took a phone call or checked her e-mail, which surely must have been filling up during the hours we roamed the halls. She told me it is not unusual for her to spend much of her day out of her office interacting with Downes teachers and students. "That's why I love this joh," she said.

job," she said.

My day at Downes was interesting not so much because it was a bit of a trip down Memory Lane for me. Rather, because I no longer have a personal interest in Downes as the father of a student,

I looked at the day differently. And I liked what I saw.

While public schools here and elsewhere admittedly have their problems, I don't believe that Downes is atypical of all Christina elementaries. I hear this often from education reporter Robin Broomall. There are good things happening in our schools. American Education Week is Nov. 15-19. Go and see for yourself

I thank Schwartz for hosting me. Downes gets high marks from me

When not trying to forget his days in the Detention Room at Catonsville (Md.) Elementary School, the writer is publisher of this and two other Delaware newspapers that are headquartered in Newark. His son first attended Downes in 1992 when the Streits moved to Newark.



MALILLAND AND A NUMBER



## Pritchetts tally 70 years in education

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istrative team in Delaware. In 1994 he was named the state of Delaware's National Distinguished Principal and took Bancroft to become a Blue Ribbon School.

In his administrative position, Maurice's focus today is to work with families and communities in Newark and Wilmington, to give parents a voice in what they want the school district to look like and to provide as many resources for them as possible.

After leaving Cecil County, Juanita taught business education at DeLawar, then changed to special education when she saw the difficulty some students had with reading. She taught at Central Middle School in Newark for one year before moving to Glasgow. She has a Masters degree from Indiana (Pa.) University and is currently among the state's first group of 27 to be named Teachers Network Leadership Institute Fellows.

Juanita has published a phonetic dictionary, two reading I feel like I would be cheating kids if I stopped now."

#### **MAURICE PRITCHETT**

instructional textbooks and published a community newsletter addressed to the needs of African-American families.

The Pritchetts say they have seen many changes over the past 30-some years. Students come to school with more issues. Families are not as close knit. There is less of a support system for children.

That's where both Maurice and Juanita have stepped in.

Raised in a fatherless family, Maurice had to look to his teachers, local doctors and coaches as male role models. Clifton Lewis, his high school basketball coach, took him under his wing and "turned my life around," said Maurice.

When he became a teacher, then a principal, Maurice wanted to give the same opportunities to young men that others gave him. He took students to the mall, to football games and many times to his home "to show them the other side." Along with fraternity brothers, he started a Clothing Store at Bancroft. He was like a father figure to many Bancroft students.

Maurice said he still gets phone calls from former students asking his opinion on different issues or advice on what they should do. Recently he bumped into a young man he had mentored years ago who is now a teacher. "I want to be just like you, Mr. P," the teacher told him. "You are my role model. I want to be just like you." That teacher now has his Masters and is working in a doctorate program.

"You don't know the impact you have. Kids watch you," Maurice said.

It is not uncommon for Juanita to call a student at home at 6 a.m. to get them up for school. She goes to school early and stays late to help students complete their work

She supervises a girl's group of nearly 35 students, creating step routines, counseling them and encouraging them to focus on their education "rather than on fellows."

"One constant is that the basics haven't changed over the years," said Maurice. "Manners, reading, writing, a good attitude. These will give them more opportunities. I think we modeled that."

Both Pritchetts have always recognized the potential in their students long before the students see it for themselves.

"But once they see it click, they use their strengths to make their weaknesses stronger," said Juanita.

Where many of their colleagues are now looking at retirement, both Pritchetts are as excited about teaching and working in the schools today as they were early in their careers. As parents of four grown children, they have poured their energy into their work.

"I am inspired to go to another level by Dr. [Joseph] Wise, to get up and go to work," Maurice said. "I feel like I would be cheating kids if I stopped now. My wife is proving the education gap can be closed, regardless of race or economics."



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#### Newark's 31st annual 'Turkey Trot' set for Nov. 20

ELWARE'S second oldest, consecutively run race will be run on Saturday, Nov. 20 at Handloff Park on Barksdale Road in Newark.

Both courses, 5k and 10k, are TAC certified. There will be 10 men's and 10 women's divisions in each run.

The first 250 registrants will receive a long sleeve t-shirt.

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Prizes will be awarded to overall winners, as well as winners in age group categories for each run. Overall first- through third- place awards will be given for the 5k walk.

Random awards will be given during the awards ceremony, following the 5k. All winners must be present during the ceremony in order to collect their award. Participants are asked to register by Thursday, Nov. 18 by 5 p.m. to qualify for the reduced registration rate.

For information, call 366-

## Public invited to share ideas for park

The state Division of Parks and Recreation has scheduled the fourth in a series of workshops to collect public input on the development of a master plan for White Clay Creek State Park.

It will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10 in the University of Delaware's John M. Clayton Hall.

Anyone with an interest in White Clay Creek State Park is invited to attend.

## Liquor license to be turned in by Nov. 29

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keeping.
"There was virtually no food being sold," said Newark Chief of Police Gerald Conway. "It was essentially open as a drinking establishment.

The city department's Alcohol Enforcement Unit frequently conducted operations in and outside the North College Avenue facility.

Colantonio agreed that much of his business was built on nighttime sales of alcohol, not food. "For five years now, we've been trying to get away from only being seen as a bar and get some business as a restaurant, but that's difficult to do," he said. "We've always gotten more business during the nighttime.'

Colantonio said he agreed to the surrender because it seemed like the right business move to make. "It just seemed like a good time to cut the strings and move on," he said. Future plans could include a bar or nightclub in Wilmington, he said.

Community members have voiced their enthusiasm for the "A problem estabagreement.

lishment is out of business," said Tracy Downs, coordinator of the Responsibility Building Coalition that is headquartered at the University of Delaware.

"It's good news for those of us who work with students and know about the problems that arise from businesses like this. There may be some students who will be disappointed because they won't be able to get served, but we're happy that a tragedy didn't happen," Downs said.

Conway echoed his relief that no tragedy has occurred because of problems at The Ground Floor. The police chief promised to do all he can to ensure nothing does happen in the remaining month of operation.

'We'll be paying close attention between now and Nov. 28 to make sure they're complying with everything they need to," he

The Ground Floor is located adjacent to the grade crossing of North College Avenue across the busy CSX freight railroad tracks.

Early Monday morning, a man later charged with DUI drove his vehicle into a passing train at the crossing. (Story on

## Bids high for downtown mural project

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encountered a similar problem. With a project that large, removing layers of lead paint was nearly impossible. Instead, they used a tinted paint-like polymer. Artists did not expose lead paint but the polymer worked as a

"We finally found the artists who worked on that project," Feeney Roser said. "We hope to be in touch with them this week to see how things worked out for

Despite this setback, Feeney Roser is confident the project will move ahead. She hopes to have a decision made by the end of the month.

Preventing lead contamination is not the only cost that inflated bids. The use of stencils, which is not necessary but could make the project run more smoothly, also

worked to drive the cost up. Terry Foreman, the artist who designed the mural, is a proponent of using stencils. "This way, it doesn't require the bridge painter to have artistic skill, just technical skill," she pointed out.

The stencils also offer protection against graffiti. If someone should take a can of sprain paint to the bridge, the damage could easily be covered up again by pulling out the stencil and paint.

"It's an insurance policy," Foreman said. "It just seems log-

However, with the added cost of stencils, the mural's total could soar an additional \$29,000.

Whether the stencils are used or not, Foreman said she is grateful for all the city has done. "It's rare to have a town rally the troops out for an art project. But Newark has been amazingly supportive over the years.'

#### Fall Fest flea market rakes in thousands

The Newark Senior Center raised \$14,500 at their annual Fall Fest flea market. More than 1,000 bargain hunters searched through 10 rooms and countless table tops to uncover that one great find. A multitude of table lamps, chandeliers, paper backs, electronics and even a singing artificial wreath kept the shoppers entertained from Thursday,

Oct. 21 through Saturday, Oct. 23. Karen Krauss helped put the event together and was quite pleased with the results. "Our success was rooted in the generosity of our donors," she said. She also credited the contests, like the 50/50 drawing, and the spaghetti dinner donated by the Newark Lions Club for the impressive turnout.



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TOASTMASTERS 7 p.m. second and fourth
Thursday. Greater Elkton 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-

NEWCOMERS WELCOME CLUB 10 a.m. Second Thursday of the month meeting for new residents in the area. Membership is open to all women who would like to meet new people with similar interests. PAL Center in Hockessin. Info., 302-449-0992 or 302-733-0834.

for family members of persons living with mental illness the second Thursday of every month at St. James Episcopal Church on Kirkwood Hwy. Info., 302-427-0787. EVENING YOGA 6:15 p.m. Class to encour-

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

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-

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

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



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#### Kenneth Koford, **UD** economics professor

EWARK resident Kenneth John Koford Ph.D. died on Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at home after a brave struggle with can-

Dr. Koford, 55, received his bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1970 and his master's degree and doctorate from UCLA in

After joining the Department of Economics at the University of Delaware in 1979, he was active as a teacher not only of economics but also as founder and director of and teacher in the university's legal studies program. From 1990-1996, he directed the

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

Rose Mary "Rosie" Kraemer Elsie Margaret Butler Kenneth John Koford PhD Marjorie Virginia Miller Robert E. Walker III Colleen Florence Dean C. Royer Donoho, M.D. Jacob J. Zimmerman "Jake" Paul G. Carlson William A. Finlay Jr William A. Finlay Jr. Joseph J. Verucci "Baynard"

#### C. Royer Donoho, M.D., noted Newark physician, community leader

Donoho, M.D. died on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at Wilmington Hospital.

Dr. Donoho, 88, a 1938 graduate of the University of Delaware, he went on to receive his medical degree from Temple University in 1942.

After establishing his private general practice in Newark in 1943, Dr. Donoho began a long career in the local medical com-

In addition to providing primary care for several generations of families, he achieved distinction in the field of allergy treatment, and served for many years in the Section of Allergy, Department of Medicine, at Wilmington Hospital, first as an associate and later as head of the

He also taught courses in allergy and immunology at Jefferson Medical College. As a proud alumnus, Dr. Donoho served as the team physician for the University of Delaware varsity

U.S. AID program in Bulgaria, remaining involved in Bulgarian relief until shortly before his death.

at the Jerome Levy Economics Institute of Bard College in New

York and in 1997, taught as a Fullbright lecturer at the University

He had also served as the editor of the Eastern Economics Journal since

For his many contributions to uni-

Dr. Koford's numerous profes-

versity and country, Ken was awarded an honorary degree by the University of Sofia in 2001.

of Sofia, Bulgaria.

In 1991, he was a resident scholar

football program from 1946 to 1983 and remained an ardent sup-porter of University of Delaware football throughout his life.

His numerous professional affiliations included membership in the American Medical Association (AMA) and the American Society of Internal Medicine.

He was a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine, of the American Association for Clinical Immunology and Allergy, and of the American College of Allergists.

Dr. Donoho retired from medical practice after 54 years of service.

Dr. Donoho was a member of

St. Thomas Episcopal Church.
As an undergraduate, Dr.
Donoho was the Delaware State

Tennis Champion.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Donna Kay Marr Donoho; daughter, Mary D. Anderson and her husband, Wayne, of Newark; two step-

sional affiliations included member-

ship in the American Economics

Association and the American

He is survived by his wife, Blagovesta N. Dimitrova-Koford;

mother, Theresa Koford of Calif.; father, Kenneth H. Koford and step-mother, Esperanza, of Calif.; brother,

Stuart Koford and his wife, Gayle, of

Chicago, Ill.; niece, Michelle Koford; and stepsister, Yolanda Vera.

Newark, DE 19717.

No service or burial will be held.

The family suggests contributions to the Department of Economics, University of Delaware, Purnell Hall,

Political Science Association

daughters, Tamara Ganc and her husband, Nick, of North Wilmington and Deborah Kucera and her husband, Tom, of Joan Donoho of Rockland; grand-children, Christopher R. Donoho III and his wife, Erica, of Madison, N.J., Geoffrey E. Donoho and his wife, Linda, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., Lee W. Anderson Jr. and Dorothea Ormsby and her husband, John; a step grand-daughter; and six great grandchil-

A service was scheduled for

Lymphoma Society, Delaware Chapter, 100 W. 10th Street, Ste. 209, Wilmington, DE 19801; or to the St. Thomas Episcopal Church. 276 S, College Avenue, Newark, DE 19711.

Monday, Nov. 1 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Newark. Burial is in Head of Christiana

The family suggests contribu-

#### Rose Mary Kraemer, 85, worked for Avon

Newark resident Rose Mary "Rosie" Kraemer died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004.

Mrs. Kraemer, 85, was employed with Avon Products cafeteria in Newark for 17 years until her retirement.

She was a member of Holy Family Parish in Newark

She is survived by her three sons, Ren, Kraemer, of Newark; Leon Kraemer and his wife, Gale, of Newark; and George Kraemer and his wife, Mary, of Goldsboro, N.C.; brother, Sam Barbasso, of Oswego, N.Y.; sister, Carmela Wolfe, of Newark; and five grandchildren, John Ingram, Leon C. Kraemer, Timothy Kraemer, James Kraemer, and Shanna Kraemer; and many nieces and nephews.

A service was scheduled for

Thursday, Oct. 28 at Holy Family R.C. Church, Newark Burial is in All Saints Cemetery.

#### Elsie Margaret Butler, supported WWII war effort checking radios

Newark resident Elsie Margaret Butler died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, at

her home, surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Butler, 86, was a 1936 graduate of Collingdale High School.

During WW II, she was proud to work as a quality control supervisor producing radio equipment for the

war effort. She and her husband. Theodore.

moved to Brookside in Newark in

She was employed by Thriftway and Shop-N-Bag in the 1960s and 70s, before retiring to take care of her grandchildren.

She is survived by two children, Gail B. White and her husband, William, and Theodore P. Butler Jr. and his wife, Fern, all of Newark; two sisters, Mary Fleming and Jean Hunter and her husband, Eugene, all of Media, Pa.; and four grandchildren, Dr. Jean White of Ocala, Fla.; Melanie, Brendon and Eric Butler, all of Newark

A service was scheduled for Friday, Oct. 29 in the chapel of Gracelawn Memorial Park, New

Burial is in the adjoining memori-

Contributions may be made to Helen F. Graham Cancer Center, c/o Christiana Care Foundation, P.O. Box 1668, Wilmington, DE 19899 or to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 200 Marrows Road, Newark, DE

#### **Marjorie Virginia** Miller, 100, poet schoolteacher

Former Newark resident Marjorie Virginia Miller of Landenberg, Pa. died Oct. 24, 2004 at the Hillside Center in Wilmington.

Ms. Miller, 100, graduated from Newark High School and the University of Delaware. She taught school at Greenwood,

and McClellensville, Del

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She was a published poet and she was known in the area for her watercolor paintings.

She is survived by her daughter, Ruth B. McClean; nine grandchil-dren, Milene, Ruth, Richard, Jay, Bonnie, Eddie, Darlene, Lowell and Terry; 18 great grandchildren; and

five great-great grandchildren.

A service was scheduled for Saturday, November 13 at the Union Grange Hall, Corner Ketch.

The family suggests contributions to the Hockessin Friends Meeting House, 1501 Old Wilmington Rd., Hockessin, DE 19707.

#### Robert E. Walker III

Newark resident "Rob" Robert E. Walker III died Friday, Oct. 22, 2004. Mr. Walker, 29, had been employed by Gerhardt's Inc. as a large industrial engine technician. He was a Hodgson Vo Tech High School graduate, where he lettered in track and football.

Rob had studied martial arts and

Rob had studied martial arts and

was also involved in weightlifting.

He is survived by his father,
Robert E. Walker Jr. of Newark; and his mother, Debra L. Simpson of Wilmington. In addition to his parents, he is also survived by his step-mother, LuAnne C. Walker of Newark; and his stepfather, Herbert Simpson of Wilmington; two stepsisters, Christine Leininger of Lancaster, Pa. and Jennilee Whitlock of Newark; grandparents, Robert E. Sr. and Harriet B. Walker of Lincoln and Jean H. Ramundo of Newark; and stepgrandparents, Lewis and Maryann Cavender of Newark.

A service was scheduled for Friday, Oct. 29 at the Gebhart Funeral Home, New Castle.

Burial is in St. Georges Cemetery

#### **Colleen Florence Dean**

ent Colleen "Cub" Newark resident Florence Dean

#### Paul G. Carlson, former Newark resident, teacher, principal here, state education leader

Paul G. Carlson, of Rehobeth Beach, died at home on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004. Mr. Carlson, 62, raised in

McKeesport, Pa., he received his undergraduate degree in 1963 from Indiana Teachers College, now Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he was an active member of the Theta Chi fraternity. He received his master's degree in education from the

University of Delaware in 1970. Mr. Carlson moved to Del. in 1966 when he became a teacher at Leasure and Maclary Elementary Schools. In 1970, he was named principal of McVey Elementary School in Newark, and was subsequently appointed principal of Shortlidge, Mote and Warner Elementary Schools in Wilmington, and Lewes Middle School in Cape Henlopen. From 1993 until July 2004, Paul was

Association of School Administrators (DASA).

During his 40 years of service to public education and community organizations, he held numerous leadership positions including being past president of the Diamond State Reading Association, the Delaware Chapter of the International Reading Association, the Delaware Association of School Administrators, and the Newark Chapter of Rotary International, where he received both the Service Above Self award and was twice named a Paul Harris Fellow. Among his numerous other awards and commendations were the Delaware State Superintendent of Education's Merit award and the Red Clay School District's Outstanding Leader award. He was also twice awarded the Delaware State Board of

In 1985 he was named the National Distinguished Principal from Del. During the past couple of years, Paul was a mentor to several first-grade boys at the Morris Early Childhood Center in the Milford School District. In May 2004, he received the Kent County Leader award from Kids-Count Delaware and on June 30 at the closing session of the 142nd General Assembly, HJR35 was unanimously approved by both the House and Senate and signed by the Governor, honoring Paul as "a true public education advocate and leader for excellence."

He is survived by his wife of

one year, Beth; his daughters, Kristin Carlson and Amy Carlson; their mother, Carolyn Carlson; and a granddaughter, Kelly Carlson. He is also survived by his parents, Paul A. and Jeanne Carlson of Milton; one brother, Charles

Carlson of Camden; and two sisters, Carole Sieber of Lewes and Darlene Cordeaux of Ocean View; as well as two nieces and five

A service was scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 3 at Reformation Lutheran Church, Milford.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Paul G. Carlson Excellence in Education Scholarship (a scholarship for high school seniors seeking to pursue a college degree and career in public education), c/o DASA, 860 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 150, Dover, DE 19904.

Also, contributions may be made to the Tunnell Cancer Center, c/o the Beebe Medical Center, 424 Savannah Rd., Lewes, DE 19958; or to the Delaware Hospice Southern Division, 600 DuPont Hwy., Suite 107, Georgetown, DE 19947.

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, surrounded by her family.
Mrs. Dean, 72, was a homemaker,

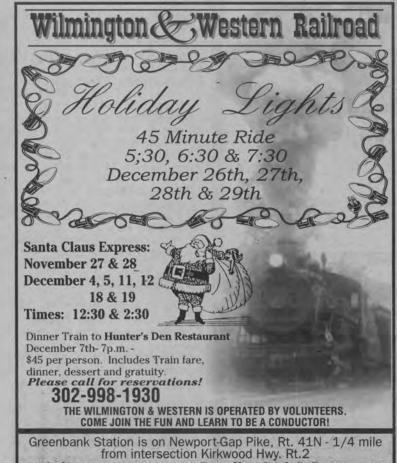
born in Wilmington, and remained here her entire life.

She is survived by five children, James Dean and his wife, Barbara, Dan Dean and his wife, Darlene, Eddie Dean and his wife, Michelle, Gail Bunty and her husband, Tony, and Diane Bullins and her husband, Kenny. She is also survived by nine grandchildren; six great grandchil-

A service was scheduled for Friday, Oct. 29 at the R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, Newark Burial is in All Saints Cemetery.

Charitable contributions in Mrs. Dean's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o the





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#### NEWARK POST \* POLICE BLOTTER

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transported to a friend's home.

#### **Items** disappear

A resident of the unit block Prospect Avenue told Newark police on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 2:36 a.m. that various items including a guitar and X-Box had been removed from a bedroom of

the home.

Police believe the theft took place while the resident was asleep and the items were removed through a window, which had been disturbed.

#### Counterfeit bill passed

Newark police were told on Friday, Oct. 29, at 4:32 p.m. that a counterfeit \$50 had been given

to a waitperson at Bennigan's restaurant, 601 Ogletown Road, as payment for food.

#### **Gate arms stolen**

Two metal arms that serve as gates at the City of Newark municipal parking lot at 20 Center St. were stolen between 3 and 8 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 29, police were told. The missing

gates and damaged brackets were valued at \$350.

#### **Prescription drugs gone**

Workers at the pharmacy at the Acme supermarket, 100 Suburban Dr., told Newark police that 200 pills had been stolen by a man posing as a lighting surveyor on Thursday, Oct, 28, at 5:07 p.m.

Investigation is continuing.

#### **Assault on Main Street**

A worker entering a vacant apartment at 146 E. Main St. was assaulted when he discovered a man inside on Thursday, Oct, 28, at 10:18 a.m.

The employee was struck in the face and the two began to fight. The victim told police he felt he was being poked in the stomach as they struggled, then realized he had been cut on the face and neck.

The worker pushed the suspect down the steps and the attacker fled.

Police said a razor blade was recovered at the scene.

#### **Tequila stolen**

Newark police were told on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 1:10 a.m. that a partially used bottle of tequilla had been stolen from the bar at Klondike Kate's, 158 E. Main St.

#### Political signs gone

A resident of the 100 block West Park Place told Newark police on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 9:54 a.m. that three Kerry-Edwards political signs had been removed from yards.

The victim told police that the incident was the eighth in a series of sign thefts.

#### Lawn turfed

Someone used a motor vehicle to "turf" lawns in the 200 block Sypherd Drive, it was reported to Newark police on Friday, Oct. 22, at 6:52 p.m.

#### **Recent DUI arrests**

The Newark Police Department has released the names of persons arrested and charged recently with driving under the influence of alcohol here. They include:

Thomas Kemp, 21, of Wilmington, on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 11:53 p.m., at East Main and Choate streets;

Samuel Reeder, 18, of Newark, on Sunday, Oct. 24, at 12:22 a.m., at 78 E. Delaware Aye.;

Christopher M. Hynson, 20, of Bear, on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 11 p.m., at

78 E. Delaware Ave.; and Gregory Williams, 40, of Frederick, Md., on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 11:54 p.m., at East Delaware Avenue and Academy Street.

Police said all were released pending court appearances.

#### Vehicles hit

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

10 Mopar Dr., outside the Amtrak station, on Friday, Oct. 29, at 8:29 p.m., large dent and paint damage discovered on a Chevrolet Cavalier:

109 Kershaw St., on Friday, Oct. 29, at 12:56 p.m., rear window- of Mitsubishi shattered;

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College Square shopping center lot outside K-Mart, on Friday, Oct. 29, at 12:35 p.m., cell phone stolen from parked vehicle. Police are questioning three suspects; Park and Ride lot, 1 E. Chestnut Hill

Park and Ride lot, 1 E. Chestnut Hill Road, on Thursday, Oct. 28, at 4 p.m., CD player stolen after window of 1996 Volkswagen Jetta was shattered;

100 Bent Lane, on Thursday, Oct, 28, at 7:12 a.m., computer parts valued at \$600 stolen from a parked vehicle:

333 Paper Mill Road, on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 10:44 p.m., Chevrolet van damaged by spray paint; and

67 E. Cleveland Ave., on Monday, Oct. 25, at 11:45 a.m., cell phone stolen from car parked in driveway.

#### 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" during Halloween weekend and other times.

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

Some of the recent arrests

Ryan Francis Overs, 22, of Lynbrook, N.Y., noise violation, on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 3:52 a.m., at 1005 Woolen Way;

Florent B. Monier, 24, of Newark, noise violation, on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 3:11 a.m., at 260 Elkton Road:

Donald Paul Hearn III, 23, of Newark, noise violation, on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 125 Kells Ave.; Andrew L. Talarowski, 21, of

Havertown, Pa., noise violation, on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 12:16 a.m., at 85 W. Park Place after about 100 persons were dispersed from a party;

party; Joshua Mears, 22, of Newark, noise

Newark resident Cynthia Wai-

San Pong received a Bachelor of

Arts degree Magna Cum Laude from Brown University during violation, on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 12:04 a.m., at 281 Beverly Road after an estimated 325 people were cleared from the residence;

Alex Belnap, 19, of Kings Park, N.Y., maintaining a disorderly premise, on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 11:13 p.m., at 54 Church St.:

Joseph Smith Sanders, 21, of Chapel Hill, N.C., noise violation, on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 3:49 a.m., at 6107 Scholar Dr.;

Ramsey M. Hazbun, 19, of Newark, noise violation, on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 1:49 a.m. at 400 Wollaston Ave:

Lauren E. Sciortino, 21, of New City, N.Y., noise violation, on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 1:30 a.m., at 606 Lehigh Road:

Jeremy B. Johnson, 18, possession of an open container of alcohol and underage possession of alcohol, and Jason R. McKinley, 21, possession of an open container of alcohol, both of Newark, on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 1:05 a.m. under the South College Avenue bridge over the railroad tracks;

Kevin M. Robinson, 22, of Newark, noise violation, on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 12:30 a.m., at 120 Lovett

Bradford W. Carlin, 21, of Little Silver, N.J., noise violation, on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 12:30 a.m., at 118 Lovett Ave.:

Michael D. Golder, 26, of Newark, possession of an open container of alcohol and disorderly conduct, on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 12:24 a.m., at East Cleveland Avenue and Kershaw Street;

David Thomas Dallas, 22, of Wilmington, noise violation, on Friday, Oct. 29, at 11:55 p.m., after a group of 50 to 60 persons were dispersed from the backyard of the home at 313 E. Delaware Cir.;

Lindsay S. Seigler, 19, of Newark, maintaining a disorderly premise, Blaine G. Hirsch, 19, of Roslyn, N.Y., underage consumption of alcohol, and Andrew Nyungin Hong, 19, of Hewlett, N.Y., failure to disperse, on Friday, Oct. 29, at 2101 Scholar Dr.;

Justin P. Roberts, of Selbyville, and Thomas B. Palekar, 19, of Newark, each cited for maintaining a disorderly premise and underage possession of alcohol, on Friday, Oct. 29, at 11:46 p.m. after police cleared 150 people from a residence and seized a keg that was

inside

David Marcocci Jr., 23, of Newark, providing alcohol to a minor, and Christopher Alberti Jr., 20, of Wilmington, underage possession of alcohol, on Friday, Oct. 29, at 10:49 p.m. outside a liquor store at 230 E. Main St.;

Francis J. Roderick Jr., 26, of Elsmere, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Friday, Oct. 29, at 11:47 p.m., at the Newark Shopping Center, 230 E. Main St.;

Patrick M. Curtis, 24, sale of alcohol to a minor, on Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:50 p.m., at Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St.;

Gina Marie Santiago, 18, of Staten Island, N.Y., underage consumption of alcohol, on Friday, Oct. 29, at 1:41 a.m., on the sidewalk at 29 Benny St., after a passing police officer discovered a woman laying on the pavement. The woman was transported to the Christana Hospital emergency room by University of Delaware paramedics for treatment of alcohol overdose, police said:

Rafael Rodriguez Jr., 23, of Wilmington, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Friday, Oct. 29, at 1:22 a.m., outside Timothy's restaurant, Creek View Road; John T. Steinbeiser IV, of Newark, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Thursday, Oct. 28, at 10:41 p.m., at the Newark Shopping Center, 230 E. Main St.; Andrea Marie Cole, 19, of Elkton, Md., underage possession of alco-

Andrea Marie Cole, 19, of Elkton, Md., underage possession of alcohol and criminal impersonation, on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 11:05 p.m., at 172 E. Main St.; and

Bernard C. Hallett, 57, no known address, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 12:10 p.m. at 300 E. Main St. Police said all were released pending court appearances.



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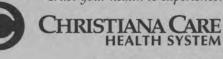
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**Cynthia Pong graduates** 

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their recent Commencement.

#### Jagatpal named to dean's list

Navanjali Jagatpal, of Newark who is enrolled in the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University, was named to the dean's list.

Jagatpal is a senior majoring in painting.

## Rochelle Pray earns president's list honors

Newark resident Rochelle Y. Pray, a veterinary technology major, was named to the president's list at Harcum College.

#### Hoffman makes dean's list at Denison Univ.

Newark resident Blaine Eric Hoffman was named to Denison University's dean's list.

He is the son of Ronald and Sherry Hoffman, of Newark.

Hoffman, a 2001 graduate of John Dickinson High School, is a senior computer science and communication double major at Denison.

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## Rotarians pony up \$30,000, manpower

Morning club lists monetary support of local charities, upcoming projects

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

IN less than five months into its current fiscal year, the Newark Morning Rotary Club has pledged nearly \$30,000 to community organizations and scholarships, in addition to countless volunteer hours of hands-on projects.

At its recent Board of Directors meeting, under the leadership of President Robert R. Foard Jr., the club awarded money to the following organizations:

■ Rotary Youth Leadership, \$700 to provide leadership training for two high school students;

■ Big Brothers Big Sisters, \$1,200;

■ Easter Seals, \$4,000 for camperships and supplies for the Trading Post at Camp Fairlee;

Food Bank of Delaware,

\$750 for Thanksgiving dinners;
■ Shoes That Fit, \$1,000 for clothing for needy children in the Christina School District;

■ Operation Warm, \$1,000 for new coats for needy children;

■ Val Nardo's Needy Family Fund, \$500 for food baskets;

■ McVey Clothing Fund, \$1,000 to purchase new clothes for needy children at that school; ■ Christina Educational Enrichment Fund, \$500 for awards and scholarships;

■ Delaware National Guard, \$1,000 to buy cell phone time for soldiers overseas in the "Buck A Minute" program; ■ Adopt A Soldier, \$500 to

Adopt A Soldier, \$500 to support returning soldiers;

Boundless Playground, \$1,000 towards building a playground in northern Wilmington for handicapped children; and

■ Hurricane Relief, \$1,000 to assist families in Florida.

In addition, for the fifth year, the Rotary club will support graduates of James Groves Adalt High School with \$6,000 worth of scholarships to continue their education.

Three high school juniors will be selected next spring to spend a week at the University of Wisconsin at an international seminar, attended by 1,200 students, costing the Rotary club approximately \$3,000.

This past summer, the club pledged \$6,000 for landscaping of the newly expanded Emmaus House in Newark. Thirty-five of its 48 members spent time helping to dig, spread topsoil, plant, mulch, sod and water the garden in front of the home. The rear yard will soon be completed as well.

In November, the Morning Rotary club, along with the Christiana and Newark evening clubs, will be providing dictionaries to each of the 1,600 third graders in the Christina School District.

In addition to giving money, the members are not afraid to get



Dressed in their blaze orange vests supplied by DelDOT, 14 of the 48 members of the Newark Morning Rotary Club recently collected more than 40 bags of trash, as well as a car door, from the 1.7 mile stretch of Otts Chapel Road, as part of Adopt-A-Highway program.

their hands dirty by cleaning Otts Chapel Road as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program. They supported Newark Nite and Community Day and helped to present a Senior Career Forum for 600 high school seniors in the Christina district.

In the next two months, members will be raking leaves for local families who need assistance and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. "The motto of Rotary is 'Service Above Self'," said Foard. "We raise all our funds through advertising in our annual "Report to the Community." We pledge that every dollar raised will go to serving our community. We're not done giving. We have another seven months to go."

The Newark Morning Rotary Club, which formed in December 1998, meets every Thursday morning at 7 a.m. at the Blue and Gold Club on Kent Way in Newark.

The morning club is the younger of two Rotary clubs bearing Newark in their name. The Newark Rotary Club meets each Monday at 6:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Rt. 273.

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Advisory Council will meet at 9 a.m. until noon on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at the Buena Vista Conference Center on Rt. 13, New Castle.

The agenda will focus on:

Discussion of the on-going public meetings being held throughout the state to present the recommendations for mandatory state-wide recycling developed jointly by the council, the Delaware Solid Waste Authority and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control; and

An update by the Delaware Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement on its research into technology developed by the WastAway Services company as a potential means for recycling Delaware's municipal solid waste.