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UP FRONT

The gray woman

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

FORGIVE me, Father, for I have sinned. Fully aware that the red light cameras are not yet functional, I sailed through the traffic signal at Elkton Road and Christina Parkway Sunday morning. The snow had just stopped and Linda and I were late for my mother's 83rd birthday party.

Streit

As I raced toward I-95, my mind quickly calculated that I probably, not definitely, could get through the intersection on the long yellow. I further justified my decision to keep going on the premise that I might lose control on the snow-glazed roadway if I decelerated quickly. I might go into a spin, I thought, and steadied my course.

As I passed under the signal, I saw the red LEDs appear. I was a sinner.

When red light camera discussions first surfaced years ago and long before they were put to court tests, I immediately got steaming undies over this possible infringement on rights.

I somehow made the connection that these cameras were a serious first step toward George Orwell's visions of Big Brother in "1984."

In columns like this, I voiced my opposition that a real police officer must

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Fluctuating history doesn't discourage strong future for Newark's Main Street

MAIN STREET HAS ALWAYS BEEN NEWARK'S MAIN ARTERY. AND PUMPING THROUGH THAT, COMMERCE HAS SERVED AS THE TOWN'S LIFE FORCE.

IT all began more than 200 years ago, before this nation was an independent one. Main Street first went into business as an open-air market with a charter from England's King George in 1758. Newark was not more than a village, but during market hours, shoppers flooded the street. To this day, filling the area with customers and vendors hocking their wares is a time-honored tradition. And it's one that city officials hope to revive a bit more this year.

Newark's most famous one-way road will see a number of changes in 2005. A handful of new businesses will move into Main Street locations while the road itself will get a new look. Even laws affecting certain sales - namely the sale of alcohol - could change. All of this will be done with the hope that Main Street can once again serve as a main attraction as it has in past decades.

The downtown's success is not one based solely in pre-Revolutionary war times. More recently, Main Street was a shopper's delight in the 1950s and '60s. Stores from every imaginable genre lined the two-lane road. Hardware stores, furniture shops, groceries and ladies clothing boutiques brought spendthrifts into town.

"It was Main Street's heyday," said Bob Thomas, president of the Newark Historical Society. "All the goods and services the community needed were here."

But by the early '70s strip malls began popping up. Grocery stores moved into neighborhoods. Suddenly, no one wanted to make the extra drive into town. That was when commerce on Main took a nosedive.

"The large stores, what I call anchor businesses, were the first ones that had trouble making it," Thomas explained. "Millers Furniture, W. T. Grant Company, Ted Jones Appliance - they all left during the '70s."

Without a diverse group of stores and restaurants, Main Street lost its appeal as a destination. Once families stopped

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Story by Kaytie Dowling

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Planners okay review

City panel recommends council look at liquor laws

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE Newark Planning Commission voted 6-1 to recommend that the Newark City Council reconsider existing liquor laws.

The controversial recommendation might lead to the end of a prohibition in buildings that are adjacent to protected areas, but would also give City Council members a tight rein on which establishments could or could not serve alcohol.

Another major change proposed by commissioners would remove university dormitories from the list of protected areas that cannot border properties that sell liquor.

The proposed amendments would require that all restaurants selling alcohol within city limits would have to apply for a special-use permit. The City Council, City Manager or City Council member whose district includes the res-

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It's not likely

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE Newark Planning Commission voted at its Feb. 1 meeting to not support a proposed change that would allow homeowners on Waterworks Lane to rent their properties to more than two students at a time.

The owner of 100 Waterworks Lane, who was not present at the meeting, sent a petition to commissioners asking them to reconsider the street's exclusion from the city's Student Home Ordinance.

The ordinance stipulates that no

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Credit union robber sought

DELAWARE State Police are investigating a bank robbery that occurred Friday, Jan. 28, at Louviers Federal Credit Union, 2612 Capitol Trail.

Police reported that at about 3:05 p.m., a black male entered the bank and approached a teller. The suspect presented a demand note and he was given an undisclosed amount of currency.

The suspect then fled on foot in an unknown direction, police said.

The suspect was described as 30 years old, 5'08" to 5'09", 170 to 180 pounds, and was wearing a dark puffy winter coat and a dark knit cap.

Persons with information about the crime are asked to call Troop 2, 834-2620, ext. 4, or Crime Stoppers, 800-TIP-3333.

Bus crash on Rt. 40

The Delaware State Police is investigating a school bus crash that occurred Friday, Jan. 28, on U.S. Rt. 40, Pulaski Highway, at the entrance to Eden Square Shopping Center, at 6:51 a.m.

Troopers reported a 1996 Pontiac Bonneville, operated by a Newark resident, was traveling eastbound Rt. 40 east of Rt. 7 approaching the traffic light at the entrance to Eden Square. A 1998 Freightliner school bus, operated by Otis Watt, 71, of Wilmington, was traveling eastbound Rt. 40 directly behind the Pontiac.

As the Pontiac was approaching the traffic signal, the light cycled to red, and the driver stopped her vehicle. The bus did not stop and rear-ended the Pontiac.

The school bus, which is owned by Knotts Incorporated, was transporting students to Delcastle Technical High School.

The driver of the Bonneville, a 16-year-old female student from Newark, and a 14-year-old female student from Bear were all transported to Christiana Hospital. All three were treated for minor injuries and released.

Watt was charged with inattentive driving, police said.

The eastbound lanes of US 40 were restricted for approximately one hour as a result of the crash.

Suspect arrested for robberies

THE Delaware State Police Robbery Squad has arrested a 34-year old Wilmington man in connection with seven robberies that have occurred in New Castle County, including one in Newark.

Wardlaw

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, Walter D. Wardlaw, 34, Wilmington, was arrested in Delaware for allegedly committing a bank robbery in Elkton. He was committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institute pending extradition to Maryland, police said.

Through investigation detectives were able to link Wardlaw to the following robberies in Delaware:

Philly Style Express, 681 E. Chestnut Hill Road, Newark on Jan. 17;

Dunkin Donuts, 201 S. Dupont Highway, New Castle on Oct. 4;

McDonald's, 101 S. Dupont Highway, New Castle on Oct. 13;

Dunkin Donuts, 196 N. Dupont Highway, New Castle on Oct. 30;

Dunkin Donuts, 1204 Pulaski Highway, Bear on Dec. 8;

California Tans, 791 Pulaski Highway, Bear on Jan. 6; and

Econo Lodge, 232 S. Dupont Highway, New Castle on Jan. 17.

According to police reports, on Thursday, Jan. 27, detectives charged Wardlaw with six counts of robbery in the first degree, one count of attempted robbery in the first degree, five counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, and two counts of wearing a disguise during the commission of a felony.

He was arraigned at Magistrate Court 2 and remained incarcerated at Howard R. Young Correctional Institute in default of $184,000 secured bail.

DelDOT worker charged

The Delaware State Police have arrested Donnie M. Gatling, a 55-year-old Newark resident and Delaware Department of Transportation worker, and charged him with allegedly inappropriately touching another worker during their shift.

Police reported that on Sunday, Jan. 30, at approximately 10:15 p.m., a 38-year-old female DelDOT worker and Gatling were taking a break at the Tybouts Corner DelDOT yard, located at 906 S. Dupont Highway, Bear. Both employees are heavy equipment operators and had been working all day to assist with the snow removal.

The victim alleged that while she was resting waiting for her next assignment, the male suspect inappropriately touched her body.

Detectives have charged Gatling, of the first block of Cognac Drive, Newark, with one count of rape in the fourth degree. Gatling was arraigned at Magistrate Court 2 and released after posting a $2,000 secured bond, police said.

Police seek witnesses to attempted murder

New Castle County Police are investigating the attempted murder of a 25-year-old man who was shot Saturday, Jan. 29, while standing outside of a residence in Glasgow Pines.

The victim was transported to Christiana Hospital by a private vehicle after he was struck in the upper torso. So far, the victim, who is expected to make a full recovery, has been unable to communicate with investigators, police said.

A witness reported seeing a suspect firing several shots from a gun at the victim prior to fleeing the area in a vehicle, it was reported to police.

Police are seeking witnesses who may be able to provide additional information. Tips can be reported at 395-8171.

Bathroom break

On Sunday, Jan. 23, at 7:16 p.m., Newark police answered a call to a residence in the unit block of Gilberti Lane in Windy Hills. Without asking for permission, a total stranger had entered a resident's home to use the bathroom on the second floor.

According to police, the homeowner had been watching TV in her basement, when her daughter informed her someone was in the house. When the homeowner

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Police are ready for some football!

WHEN the Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots take to the field this weekend in search of Super Bowl glory, 11 state and local police agencies, including Newark Police, will take to Delaware roads in search of impaired drivers.

Officers will conduct roving DUI saturation patrols beginning Friday night and continuing through Sunday evening. Their goal is to deter drivers from getting behind the wheel when intoxicated, and arrest impaired drivers who may not have played it smart and planned ahead.

"We want everyone to remember that wherever you are watching the Super Bowl, if you plan on consuming alcohol, pass your keys to a sober, designated driver before the big game begins. If you drink, don't drive," said Tricia Robert, Director of the Delaware Office of Highway Safety.

Penalties for a DUI conviction include loss of a driver's license for at least 60 days, possible jail time, and mandatory participation in an alcohol education and/or treatment program. The approximate cost for a first time DUI including court, DMV, treatment and legal fees is

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Smile for the (red light) camera

By KAYTIE DOWLING
NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

NEWARK will get two new traffic signal video cameras at intersections that the Delaware Department of Transportation has deemed to be the most dangerous - at Christina Parkway and Rt. 896 and at Rt. 4 and Marrows Road - in an effort to make city roads safer.

"This is really a safety issue," said DelDOT spokesman Darrel Cole. "At some of these intersections there are hundreds of people running red lights. It's absolutely stunning."

The first steps at increasing safety at the intersections safer have already been taken. The Marrows Road light is installed and began issuing warnings last week. By March 1 the camera will issue tickets. While the camera at Rt. 896 has been installed, its start-up date has yet to be decided

The system uses three separate cameras to track, monitor and photograph cars that are likely to run the light. The first camera detects cars that might disobey the traffic signal and begins monitoring them. The second camera takes the actual photograph that could serve as evidence. It takes pictures from behind the car, so that it shows the light's signal and the car's location. The third camera takes pictures of the license plate. This photo is used to make sure the car and plate match up and to issue citations to appropriate vehicles.

Tickets are $75, but do not assign points to drivers or affect car insurance rates. That $75 fee is split between the City of Newark and the contractors that installed the lights. In Newark, the contractor, Nestor Traffic systems, receives about $13.

Nestor will be responsible for an initial review of each incident, decide if a citation is warranted and then forward information to the appropriate police departments. If any of the tickets are contested, Nestor will also provide a video clip of the car at the intersection.

Lt. Thomas Le Min said that Newark Police would be responsible for the final decisions in which incidents warrant tickets. "After the contractor sends them to us, we will hand review them," he said. "It doesn't put much of a physical burden on us, but it does mean that an officer is going to have to spend some time doing this. And if any are contested, that officer will have to go to a Justice of the Peace court and not be out in the community."

Despite the added demands put on the Newark Police Department, Le Min supports the program. "I think it will be worth it for the public benefit," he said.

Because this program is now state-wide, it will encourage drivers to be more conscientious of traffic signals. Similar programs have been in place throughout Europe, the East Coast and more locally, Wilmington.

"They've been pretty broadly used and seem to be successful," he said. "This will change the whole culture. It's just like when we have DUI checkpoints. It cuts down on drinking and driving and collisions. We hope to have that happen in this program, too."

Break-ins in county fit Newark pattern

By KAYTIE DOWLING
NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

NO homes within the City of Newark limits have been burglarized since last week's snow, according to Newark Police. However, the Delaware State Police are investigating a home invasion and attempted robbery in Wilmington that shares several similarities with the break-ins in the Newark area.

On Friday night, a man described as being about 6' tall broke into a Veale Road home. He smashed a window in the back of the house and entered through the back porch. He then confronted the 82-year-old female resident who was home at the time. He pushed her to the floor and demanded her money. When she told him that she did not have any, he left in an unknown direction.

While officials are still unsure if this incident is linked to the Newark break-ins, there are several striking similarities. Just like in the recent outbreak of burglaries, the victim was a senior citizen, the incident occurred at night and the suspect entered through the back of the residence.

Cpl. Helen Zane said that while there are some similarities between this break-in and the rash of burglaries in Newark there are also several key differences.

"There are some things that are distinctly not similar," she said. "For one, this was in Wilmington. It's not located in the same area that has been targeted."

Zane would not identify other dissimilarities in an effort to protect evidence.

"We're not saying it's not connected," she said. "Everything is always a possibility. But at the same time, we don't know that they are linked."

Other than the Veale Road attempted robbery and a burglary on Elkton Road last week there have not been any other incidents that seem to fit the patterns of Newark's burglaries. The two incidents are being investigated by the Delaware State Police and New Castle County Police, respectively. Newark Police are continuing the investigation of burglaries within city limits.

Flu shot restrictions lifted

All residents can receive flu vaccinations as of Feb. 2, according to an order signed by Delaware Health and Social Services Secretary Vincent P. Meconi.

The new order to remove Influenza vaccine restriction reverses limitations for physicians to provide flu vaccine only to individuals in identified high-priority groups.

The order was prompted by a recent increase in influenza activity, and a decreased demand for vaccine among high-priority residents.

With decreased demand, DPH sees an opportunity to protect additional residents with vaccine.

Business Building 101

By JOE OLIVIERI
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JUANITA Webb received so many compliments on the gift baskets she gave to friends and relatives that she realized she could make money selling them. She also wanted to overall improve the education of children.

So in March 2004, Webb's business, Joyful Kids Letters, was born.

Today it takes between 20 to 30 minutes for her to create one of the 15 different baskets she sells at $25 a piece, filling them with bath products, popcorn, books, candy or whatever treats the theme requires.

Recipients of Webb's letters find stickers, crafts, and games along with their personalized message from one of nine original characters in colorful packaging. Sporty Pal, for example, writes about sports and Healthy Meme discusses nutrition and exercise. The letters retail for $15.

Webb's mother encouraged her to get involved with business programs offered by the Young Women's Christian Association.

"I used to attend micro-business classes," Webb said. "I graduated from their business planning boot camp and started this program here. That's how I got involved with the gallery."

The YWCA Gallery of Goods is concerned with the growth of small business in Newark. The seven-month old storefront in the College Square Shopping Center houses kiosks for three

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Juanita Webb and Keith Henry show off their products at the YWCA Gallery of Goods in College Square Shopping Center.

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In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

NOTE PAD

Annual drill and colors classic

GLASGOW High School will host their seventh annual drill and colors classic competition on Saturday, Feb. 5, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be Junior ROTC cadets from Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines from approximately 20 high schools and military academies from Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

Competition will also include an academic challenge, an aerospace jeopardy and conclude with the "knock-out" competition.

Glasgow High School is located at 1901 S. College Ave., one mile past I95 interchange. Public is invited.

SAT's rescheduled

Students taking SAT's at Newark High School, scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 22 , got a reprieve due to snow. Tests have been rescheduled for Feb. 5.

Board meeting

The Christina School District Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m., at Stubbs Elementary School, 1100 Pine St., Wilmington. The agenda is available at www.christina.k12.de.us. For directions, call 454-2500.

Student of Week

Jessica Luo, a fifth grader at Keene Elementary School, was selected by Principal Beatrice Speir as this week's Student of the Week. Jessica has been at Keene for four years. She is a role model for other students in that she works hard to get straight A's, scores highest marks on DSTP, and is an Excell student. Jessica works in the school store. She also plays the violin and is a good artist, Speir says.

Luo

Showing us the money

School district's business group saves money, invests time

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

GIVE a woman a fist full of money and she's likely to go shopping. But there's one group of 12 women who are spending money carefully, scrutinizing every penny and finding ways to save even more. They are the staff of the Business Services office of the Christina School District.

Bean counters and numbers crunchers, they are not.

They consider themselves ambassadors for the children in the district's schools, securing their future by assuring no funds are mismanaged.

Handling a nearly $300 million budget, the group, under the direction of assistant superintendent and chief financial officer Thresa Giles, watches every penny carefully.

"Every dollar counts," said Giles, "Whether it's $20 or $20 million, it's just as important."

With only seven months into the school year, more than $1.5 million has been saved by changing practices, re-writing contracts and being more efficient. Tighter control of the contract with Kelly Services for substitute teachers alone saved $1.2 so far this year.

That allows more money to be pumped back into the schools for children, Giles said. More books. More teachers.

Giles sees the business group as the heart of the organization. With a district as large as Christina, the largest in the state with nearly 20,000 students, they pump funds throughout the organization, like blood through arteries. The system could get. clogged up and slow down, resulting in angry vendors and frustrated teachers.

But Giles' girls have been working to keep the funds flowing with as quick a turn around as possible.

It wasn't always that way.

Past thinking was that the jobs in the business office were boring and didn't impact the children. Losing papers and not paying vendors on time led to a bad reputation. Under a previous business manager, the district's accounting was confused and funds were being misappropriated, leading to state audits and financial investigations.

All that was changed around when Giles took reigns of the department in July 2003.

Financial practices were instilled that led to tighter control of the dollars, better reporting procedures and quicker accounting for funds.

But the most dramatic change in the group, as Giles sees it,

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

The 12 members of the Christina Schools business group pride themsleves on being ambassadors for the students, saving money that will go directly to helping every child in the district. Front row, from left, Alice Fraser, Deadra Bivens, Cindy Wallace, Nancy Hall. Back row: Donna DiRienzo, Denise Glover, Alberta Flonard, Miecko Malone, Sandy Yagle, Dianne Cannon, Thresa Giles and Kathy Dick-Frederick.

Science proves to be a lot of fun

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

BRIDGET White and Kym Stimelins carefully pulled on their latex gloves, rolled up their sleeves and grabbed a six-inch perch lying on the table in front of them.

The girls investigated its face, pried open its mouth, checked for teeth and felt its gills.

Holding the slippery fish upside down in one hand, Bridget took a pair of scissors and started snipping its belly open, exposing its innards.

They poked and prodded, looking for eggs, liver and air sack.

"It smells gross, but it's cool," said Kym. "It's kinda cool to open it up."

In another room down the hallway, students leaned around tables with bowls of mud, containers of dark corn syrup, cups of water, and vials of ammonia. Carefully they mixed the ingredients together. Beakers of dry ice were poured into plastic bags and pounded into powder. Then, wearing heavy work gloves, the students poured the dry ice into the brown goop and mixed it with their gloved hands. Within seconds, the students had created comets.

In the library, a K-9 dog and State Police Trooper were giving a demonstration. In the gym, Jungle John was giving an animal show.

In the art room, students created three-dimensional birds and butterflies. In the astronomy room, they learned how to make stardust. They played element bingo, looked at crickets in tiny jars and made colorful gloop in baggies.

The students were participating in Newark Charter School's fifth and sixth grade science family fun night on Wednesday, Jan. 26. Following a pizza dinner, the budding scientists went from room to room in 20-minute sessions to explore biology, astronomy and chemistry through fun and exciting experiments.

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

In less than 15 minutes, from left, Elizabeth Caccavone, Emily Dalton, Conner Dalton, Ryan McCauley and Tyler McCauley, worked as a team to make a dry ice comet in the science lab at Newark Charter School.

Rollin' and flippin' at Downes

BY ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

MORE than 75 students participated in a gym show held at Downes Elementary School on Friday, Jan. 28. A lot of cheering and clapping took place as the spectators could hardly contain themselves, watching their classmates perform animal walks, rolls, cart wheels, round offs, back hand springs and aerial vaults.

The gymnasts are students of Deborah Wilson who has taught gymnastics for more than 32 years. With the help of three assistants, currently she teaches the after-school program two days a week at Girls Inc. More than 80 students are enrolled in beginner, intermediate and advanced classes. She is also the physical education teacher at Downes.

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOHN LLERA

The gym show was presented as a culmination to the gymnastics unit taught at Downes School.

Students at Maclary and West Park elementary schools enjoyed a recent visit from their favorite feline, Cat in the Hat, and his companions, Thing One and Thing Two. On Jan. 21, at Maclary school, Principal Chuck Haywood, with the help of The Cat, read the popular story to students from pre-school to fifth grade. The visit was sponsored by the Delaware State Teachers Association and the National Education Association.

Making every dollar count

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has happened in the last six to nine months, with a change in the thinking and attitude of the women.

The group got out of their little corner of the administration building at 83 E. Main St. and started making school visits and introducing themselves to principals. When they saw how the dollars they controlled are being spent on textbooks, reading programs, substitute teachers and supplies, they saw how they jobs affect the children directly. Now they take pride when they find a $100 overcharge, said Giles.

Also, they are developing their leadership skills within the group and within the district.

Everyone started reading Jim Collins' book "Good to Great." They are discussing the principles and looking for ways to use them.

They have improved their customer service skills, Giles said, taking initiative to help others with their work. She can hear it in the way they answer phone calls.

Some have even enrolled in classes that will improve their accounting skills.

Giles said the productivity is up, they feel better about themselves and are excited to come to work. The group has the lowest absentee rate in the district.

Some have experience working in auditors offices, others CPA firms, some have been with the district for more years that they want to say. But each one said they bring unique experiences to the group that only makes it stronger.

"We get support from the top down and the bottom up," said Kathy Dick-Frederick. "We work as a team."

It is unusual to find an accounting office staffed entirely of women, but this group feels like they are family with a cheerleader at the helm.

"Thresa motivates us 2,000 percent," said Alberta Flonard. "She screams and hollers 'good morning' and gets us up."

Giles' said her leadership style was learned at previous positions with the State Division of Accounting and TYKO Toys.

"My management style is to make my people want to get up and come to work," she said. She has learned to appreciate her employees.

And they appreciate her, something difficult to do when one of your own suddenly becomes your boss. They've grown to have a mutual respect.

Their sole purpose is to support the children, but that doesn't have to be dull and boring.

Giles and her staff are already preparing a budget presentation to the Board of Education on June 14 that will be more like a stage production. She has been consulting with a Disney executive on the technical design and the staff members have their scripts to learn.

Their goal is to make the Christina School District Business Service office the example for all of Delaware to look to for finance.

Nominate your favorite teacher

APPLICATIONS are now being accepted for the 2004-2005 Delaware Teacher of the Year award, sponsored by Teachers' Insurance Plan, an auto insurance plan exclusively for educators.

The award will include $1,000 to the winning teacher in the state and a $500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the national award that includes special recognition and a $2,500 travel certificate.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 28. Nomination forms can be found at www.teachers.com. Winners will be announced during Teacher Appreciation Week in May.

Teachers, students and parents can nominate any of Delaware's more than 8,000 accredited teachers. To nominate an educator, tell Teachers' Insurance Plan, in 250 words or less, why this teacher should be Teacher of the Year. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, experience and any awards or recognition they have received.

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POST COLUMNIST

A 'Book' review of the grandest kind

By ALFRED A. GRUBER

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

> *"Other dictionaries were defining English words as then understood - but this language is ever changing."*

GREAT projects consuming large amounts of money and time, whether building bridges or dynasties, never run smoothly.

Simon Winchester amply demonstrates this with his treatment of the construction of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) in, "The Meaning of Everything".

His first on this subject, "The Professor and the Madman", treated the story of a unique contributor, his personal problems and his relations with the editor. That introduced the methodology of the effort. Contributors read books, newspapers, journals and such fringe items as railroad timetables, preparing slips of paper measuring exactly 6-5/8" by 4-1/4" with the header word they were defining, the date of usage, the author, the quotation and perhaps elucidation on the meaning.

It all started in 1857 in the City of London in a report by Dean Trench to the Philological Society recommending, "...a dictionary of the English language in its totality." Earlier ones were inadequate.

Gruber

Here then, is the opportunity to demonstrate the OED's way of defining a word and what better one to use than "philology" directly from it:

philology (filaladzi). [In Chaucer, ad. L. philologia; in 17th c. prob. A. F. philologie etc.

1. Love of learning and literature; the study of literature, in a wide sense, including grammar, literary criticism and interpretation, the relation of literature and written records to history, etc.; literary or classical scholarship; polite learning. Now rare in general sense except in the U.S.

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(So it continues for another seven inches or so.)

Other dictionaries were defining English words as then understood - but this language is ever changing and rounding up words was like herding cats, according to Editor James Murray. In today-speak, English morphs. Not so French and Italian whose purity is staunchly defended at the barricades. The Swedes have been working on a historical dictionary for over a century and at the time of publishing "The Meaning of Everything" in 2003, were still wrestling with their intransigent letter "S."

The actual beginnings were in 1861 when, Herbert Coleridge, grandson of the poet, and a sickly man became editor. He died a year later. Coleridge had the sort of credentials most participants in this heroic effort possessed. He understood Sanskrit and the languages of Finland, Norway and the dialects of Iceland. Coleridge drew up the "Canones" - the rules. Books to be read were divided into three groups - the years 1250 - 1526; then to 1674 and forward to 1858. At first effort he garnered 147 volunteers from all parts of the English speaking world to find words they thought should be defined. The description slips began arriving.

Many times, the project almost expired due to illnesses, deaths, finances, fires, political egos, etc. Eventually when the British public became conscious of the national worth of the effort, support arrived. When the goal of completion was in sight at Queen Victoria's fiftieth year, the British Empire was at its peak. Nothing was unattainable. The Queen endorsed the dictionary.

Far from a dry recitation, Winchester's book is peppered with what we label as characters and humorous sidelights. Frederick Furnivall, a satyr of a man and a scholarly gypsy loved the English language, sculling and the ladies, possibly in that order. He was the second editor.

J.R.R. Tolkien who worked as assistant editor for a year, later wrote "The Lord of the Rings". Sidney Herrtage was a kleptomaniac. Catholic Priest and missionary, Father Rope, sent in slips until his death in 1978 for dictionary supplements. Two unmarried ladies, Miss. E. Thompson and Miss. E. P. Thompson of Liverpool, Reigate and Bath read proofs. John Magrath, who had a fondness for swimming naked in that stretch of the River Cherwell known as Parson's Pleasure, became at first an unwelcome publicist.

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

Out of the Attic

This week, "Out Of The Attic" features a photograph from the collection of the Newark Historical Society. It shows Alex Richards, who operated Richards Dairy on Elkton Road at Amstel Avenue, according to society president Bob Thomas. It is believed that the photo was snapped in the early 1950s, due to the 5-digit phone number on the truck. By 1983, the building had become a High's Dairy Store. Today, it is the home of The Trap restaurant. Readers are encouraged to send old photos to the Newark Post, "Out of the Attic," Suite 206, 168 Elkton Road, Newark, DE 19711. Special care will be taken. For information, call 737-0724.

Pages From The Past

News as it appeared in the *Newark Post* through the years

■ February 6, 1930

Champion corn judging team

To the Newark High School corn judging team goes the honor of winning permanent possession of the silver challenge cup offered by the Delaware Banker's Association.

The cup is competed for annually at the State Corn Show which this year was held at Dover. It was stipulated that the cup would become the permanent property of the school team that won it three years and this is the third year a Newark High team has been the winner. The members of the winning team all of whom are taking the agriculture courses at the local high school are: Michael Timbo, Woodrow Galyen, Gordon Williamson; alternates, Charles Wagner and Wilson Worrall. The team was coached by Thomas Malin, agricultural instructor at the school.

Council reviews street improvement report

The regular monthly meeting of the Newark Town Council on Monday evening was a very busy session and many matters of business were given consideration.

A report was received showing the amounts spent on the improvement of the various streets during 1929. The report was as follows: Academy street, $1,076.78; Center street, $3,578.36; Chapel street, $15,038.54; Elkton road, $2,002.31; Kells avenue, $4,966.28; Main street, $135.40; Manuel street, $789.38; Margaret street, $4,386.59; Park avenue, $2,850.30.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $18,108.81. Bills ordered paid during the meeting totaled $2,369.04

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

■ February 6, 1980

County to raze Brookside Towers

New Castle County is preparing to advertise for bids for the demolition of Brookside Towers, a partially-completed high-rise structure on Chestnut Hill Road in Newark.

J. Michael Johnson, an attorney with the zoning complaints office, said Tuesday he is planning to

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Letter writer concerned about water supply

To: The Editor

From: Charlotte O. Smith
Newark

REGARDING the proposed development of the Newark Country Club property, I am concerned about something that affects everyone in Newark but which nobody seems to be addressing: namely, our water supply.

I have become increasingly concerned about the number of new housing units that have been constructed in the city of Newark since our last serious drought. Even when the new reservoir is finished, we are going to be in the same situation as before with so many additional homes drawing on our limited water supply, and the last thing we need is to have another 300 homes on the country club property. We also may be forced to sell some of our reservoir water to other regional utilities in case of a severe drought.

Many of us went far beyond the mandatory and voluntary water use restrictions in the past in order to conserve water during droughts, and it is a miserable lifestyle. I voted for the reservoir construction to help solve a community problem, not to enable over-development and the despoilment of open space for one person's personal gain. There should be no permits issued for a housing development on the country club property.

Any community newspaper receives many letters over the course of a year. The number per week fluctuates, of course, the determining factor usually the degree to which our readers are upset . . . about the council representative, the mayor, the superintendent of schools, the guy next door.

Dealing with letters to the editor is one of the more difficult jobs for a newspaper editor. We want to let people have their say, for or against, praising or criticizing, and to vent their frustrations over what they usually perceive to be an injustice. Yet we do not want to print unsubstantiated allegations or rumors.

Generally the subject of a letter is someone in government. That's okay with us. We see that as a fact of life.

So, blast away, if you wish. No doubt a salvo or two will be lobbed in the direction of this newspaper and that's okay, too.

What we need from you and what we cannot allow is spelled out in our letters policy. It isn't very long because we don't have a lot of rules.

We expect your name, address and daytime phone number to be on the letter as well as your signature. The phone number will not appear in the newspaper; it is for our use only.

There should be no obscenities, for obvious reasons, and we will make the decision about what is obscene.

We will not allow libelous comments. That is for your protection as well as ours.

There is virtually no circumstance in which we will withhold a writer's name. The reason would have to be extraordinary.

So, keep those cards and letters coming. The Opinion Page is yours and we want you to use it.

Mail to: Letters, The Newark Post, Suite 206, 168 Elkton Road, Newark, DE 19711; or fax 737-9019. Our e-mail address is "newpost@dca.net" Remember, faxed and electronically "mailed" letters must have a daytime telephone number for verification.

2005 gardening lecture series

GET out your catalogues and begin your garden planning with the Delaware Center for Horticulture's 2005 Help for the Home Gardener lecture series on Wednesday evenings from Feb. 23 through April 6 at 7 p.m. at the center. Enjoy talks designed to help you make your home environment more attractive and your gardening experience more enjoyable. You don't need to be an expert, or have even picked up a trowel, to profit from these lectures. Just bring your enthusiasm for gardening. The lectures include: "Rhododendrons" on Feb. 23, "Bog Gardening" on March 9, "Fantastic Foliage" on March 16, "Plants for a Liveable Delaware" on March 23, "Innovative Ideas for Small Gardens" on March 30 and "Vegetable" on April 6. New members joining during the lecture series will receive a gift trowel set. For more information, call 658-6262.

2000: Newark covered in snow, sleet, ice

▶ PAGES, from 6

meet with other county officials later this week to draft the advertisement requesting bids. The razing will be a two-step process: demolition of the structure and returning the land to original grade.

Taxi company hits free bus service

Robert Dowling, operator of the Newark Transit Company, says he will take the city to court to halt its planned venture with the University of Delaware to establish a free local bus system.

City Manager Peter Marshall and City Solicitor Thomas Hughes both say, let him sue.

Dowling says he will file suit in Superior Court, Chancery Court and possibly U.S. District Court based on his charges that the city violated its bidding procedures in awarding a contract to operate a new bus system to the university.

■ February 4, 2000

Developer pleads guilty

The city of Newark has received enough money to replant a new sycamore tree on the site of the Charcoal Pit- as well as a few more.

On Jan. 28, Judge Loretto Rufo tripled the restitution of $1,500 at the trial in Alderman's Court in Newark following the plea of guilty from developer Louis Capano & Associates.

"The judge said he wanted the city to use the extra ($3,000) to plant trees wherever the city chooses," said assistant city solicitor Bruce Herron. "The $1,500 is the amount Capano said it would cost to replace the tree on that site."

City battles snow

Despite three winter storms in less than two weeks, it's just business as usual for the city of Newark's street clearing and snow removal.

"I can't praise the streets, water and parks people enough," said public works director Richard Lapointe. "The storm (last week) caught everybody off guard, but street foreman Pat Michini came in at 4 a.m. (on Jan. 25) and we had the crews out at 5 a.m."

New Castle County got three inches of snow on Jan. 20, followed by a walloping and unexpected nine inches, five days later. Last Sunday, the area was coated with an additional two-inch mix of snow, sleet and ice.

20-volume dictionary at Newark Public Libary

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Completion finally came in 1928 after 71 years of intense effort, in the form of ten tombstone shaped volumes. For those with patience for numbers there were 414,825 headwords with 1,827,306 illustrative quotations. Of course new English words never cease for lack of inventing, and, in the natural order of things the entire dictionary is now encoded in computer-speak.

In my opinion, the OED inks a large exclamation mark on the Magna Charta and British Law. Look here to find what the words meant earlier and mean now. It is a milestone in civilization. Best of all, the 1989 20-volume edition is in the Newark Public Library to be cherished.

This piece ends with the last word in the OED - zyxt, obs. (Kentish) 2nd sing. ind. pres. of SEE v.

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Outlook

Being healthy role models

By KATIE DALY

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

JUST a month ago many of you made a resolution to eat healthier and exercise more. With the hassles of day-to-day life, these goals may have fallen by the wayside. But if you are a parent, you are a role model for a child, which is something to consider as you reach for the potato chips or think you can skip your exercise class to veg out on the couch.

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

Last year's government report about the obesity epidemic among America's youth was eye-opening, which literally struck home for Delawareans because the First State has one of the highest rates of obese children in the nation. Studies have shown that being overweight at an early age can cause lifetime side effects. Excess weight in children triggers a number of chronic illnesses and risk factors once reserved for adults including diabetes and high cholesterol.

Delaware Cooperative Extension and 4-H are concerned about this trend and have taken on initiatives to promote a healthier, active lifestyle for children and adults. Try these activities from our 4-H curriculum so you and your family can strive toward becoming healthier.

First identify your eating habits. What types of foods are you consuming? Using the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Guide Pyramid as a resource, keep track of what you and your family are eating during the week. To do this, give each family member a blank piece of paper on which they can make their own eating chart.

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Newark author reinvents vampire novel

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

FOR Newark resident Angelina Robinson, this has been a long time coming. She's struggled for the past five years to put her thoughts down on paper, to flesh them out and give them life. And now she's finally done it. This weekend marked the culmination of her hard work with her book release party.

On Saturday, Robinson's nearest and dearest gathered to celebrate her first published work, "Lost Hunger." It's a vampire novel with a feminist spin. The heroine is a young woman who has idealized the lifestyle of a vampire. But as the novel progresses, so does the character's perceptions of herself and the world around her.

"This is a young woman who wants to become a vampire," Robinson explained. "But along the way she finds there's more to it than what she anticipated."

But for Robinson, what makes the book her own is that this isn't a hormone-driven novel. Instead, it's one about self-discovery.

"The fact is, I've been fascinated by vampire stories for years, but I've always been a little thrown off because the main character has always been a man," she said. "So you would have your typical handsome guy and throughout the book there would be a tone of sex in the background. I wanted a little more depth."

Keeping sex out of her novel as a main theme was important to Robinson, who is inspired by authors like Anne Rice and Steven King. She says that too much of pop culture is based around the three-letter word. In fact, she even has a name for the trend - it's part of the Sex Millennium.

"It's just been nauseating," she said. "Today, in our society, it is just thrown out there entirely too much. And we're losing who we are and what true love is and honor is and what valor is. I strive to get that back."

The book, which will ultimately be part of 5-book series, is Robinson's attempt at providing a therapy for a culture that she says has become inundated with the obscene. But it has also been therapeutic for her, too.

"Writing has helped me sort through the bad things that have happened to me in my lifetime," she said.

And that's what's most important to the 32-year-old author - writing for herself. It's a tip she picked up from her idol, Steven King.

"He always says not to write for other people, but to do it for you," she said. "I love this story, and I couldn't care less if other people do, too."

"Lost Hunger" is available in bookstores now. The second installment in the series will be available at the end of 2005.

Angelina Robinson's first novel, "Lost Hunger" is available now at her Website www.losthunger.com.

Newark artists on display at Immaculata

NEWARK residents Carol Gray and Jean Pratt will be featured artists in this week's art showing at Immaculata University.

Gray, a plein air painter, has studied with Moses Soyer, Will Barnet and Eugene Leake. In 1980, she received a MFA from the University of Delaware. Her work has been exhibited at museums throughout Delaware, Pennsylvania and New York. She is best known for her landscape paintings.

Pratt, also known as "The Trunk Lady," is well-known throughout the mid-Atlantic region. She has been using her creative talents to restore authentic antique wooden trunks for private collectors for more than 20 years.

The general public is invited to see the show for free, beginning on Sunday, Feb. 6. It is open daily from noon till 8 p.m. For more information, call 610-647-4400.

Immaculata University, a Catholic coeducational institution, is located 20 miles west of Philadelphia, south of intersections of Rts. 30 and 352, between Paoli and Exton.

Lessons can be learned from a gray lady in Maine

▶ UP FRONT, from 1

appear in court to certify red light transgressions. Being able to face your accuser in court is a basic and essential American right, I professed at the time, and red light cameras were the beginning of the end of the judicial system.

Eventually, I grew up and grasped reality.

It was a cold, snowy day along the coast of Maine when I was called to the mill town of Bucksport. The staff at the office of the Free Press said a reader wanted to talk with the publisher. They never asked "why?" but summoned me.

Around 3 p.m. that day, the woman arrived as I was telling a joke that had the staff in stitches. This woman in her low 30s, small in frame, struggled as she walked through the door as though there was an invisible force pushing her back. She appeared somber and heavily laden. Her complexion was not flushed or light. It was gray. She tried to smile as she asked for me but couldn't muster the resources. All laughing and giggling had come to an abrupt end.

I sat with my visitor as she told her sad story. She and her family lived in a house in the town made famous by Roger Miller in "King Of The Road." The home in Bangor was near a busy intersection, one not very far from the residence of the town's favorite son, novelist Stephen King.

She reported how six months previous the family dog had been flattened by a driver who ran a red signal. The dog was on a leash. Her daughter, about nine as I recall, held the rope as pet and master waited for the traffic signal to change. The yellow appeared, the red followed. The trek across the intersection began when - bam! - a car raced through the fresh red signal and killed the dog. The woman's daughter was pulled, shaken, but not otherwise injured, my visitor said.

Still, no smile. The sullen, gray stare remained.

The woman proceeded to produce volumes of photocopies, newspaper clippings, and thick, heavy reports by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. She perked a bit as she attempted to convince me that most accidents happen at intersections, fatalities often involve red light running, and red light cameras should be installed in Maine. She finally offered that she hoped that I would lead an editorial crusade in the three papers that I published, a campaign that might spur the Maine legislature to authorize the cameras.

Remembering my strong feelings, I started to argue with the woman but caught myself before I uttered any refutation to her comprehensive pitch. She clearly was upset about the death of her dog and her daughter's close call with disaster. I was respectful, thanked her for her input, made no commitment, and said I'd consider her request.

Then I forgot all she had to say.

One week later, I settled into my desk one morning and opened up the Bangor Daily News. The front page detailed the tragedy of a young girl. She was killed by a driver who raced through a fresh red signal the night before.

The intersection sounded familiar. The victim's name rung a bell, too.

I dug through a stack of unread trade journals, magazines and reports atop my credenza and found the papers my visitor had left me. To my horror, the child that had been killed was the daughter of the gray woman.

After some time had passed, I talked with the editors of my three papers, called the woman and invited her in. She was interviewed and the news staff reported aggressively on the woman's unsuccessful fight to get the Maine elected officials to legislate red light cameras. The thrust of her campaign was that red light cameras work 24/7 while police officers can only patrol intersections for limited moments. She said she was leading the fight with hope that no other parent would have to endure the heartbreak and pain she suffered.

This past Sunday as we drove south on I-95, I recalled how trivial my arguments against red light cameras had been when countered with the loss of the woman's daughter.

I also admitted that the reason I proceeded through the yellow light Sunday, making no effort to stop, was not because of fear of losing control on the snowy road. I made my snap decision because I knew the red light cameras were not in operation. I believe that, had they been working, I would've stopped and not run the light Sunday.

I got pinched the summer before last by one of the City of Wilmington's red light cameras. I remembered being lost that day trying to meander to a Blue Rocks game. But until the summons and pictures arrived, I wasn't even aware I had run a red signal.

Pictures counter a thousand words of defense. The photos did not lie. The light was red and my car (you could even see me at the wheel of my convertible) was clearly in the middle of the intersection. I paid my $75 without protest.

When the new red light cameras at Suburban Plaza and other locations here are activated, I suspect I'll hear complaints from victims of citations, probably using the same lame excuses as me. Whatever might be said, I suspect what I'll remember is the lesson I learned from the gray lady in Maine.

■ *The writer has been a community journalist for more than three decades. Prior to becoming publisher of this newspaper in 1992, he published the Free Press, The Republican Journal in Belfast, Maine, and The Bar Harbor Times on Mount Desert Island, Maine.*

Raising healthy children

▶ OUTLOOK, from 8

On the left side of the paper list each of the five major food groups as well as the "other" group, which includes sweets and fats.

Next, make columns beside the groups for each day of the week. As the week goes by family members keep track of how many servings they get from each food group every day. At the end of each week, sit down as a family to review the chart. The family member who has done the best job getting his or her daily-recommended servings from each group can be designated the winner and allowed a prize-such as choosing movie to rent or game to play on family fun night.

The 4-H curriculum also offers these do's to keep you and your family on track to better health:

■ Choose variety, and try new foods. You will find that with more variety, it is easy to find healthy and tasty meals.

■ Engage family members in planning and preparing meals so they can learn the elements of a healthy meal.

■ Focus on special activities and honors rather than food as a prize when you are giving rewards for a job well done.

■ Make exercise part of your daily routine, and make it a family affair. Physical activity is just as important as a nutritious diet for a health lifestyle. If a parent is active a child will be, too. Try a one-on-one game of basketball in the driveway, a game of catch in the backyard or a family evening out for bowling.

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.

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FRIDAY 4

CARTOONS AND CARICATURES FROM THE COLLECTION 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Through Feb. 21. A collection of cartoon works compiled from various artists as early as the mid 1800's. $8 adults. $5 seniors, students with id, children 6-12. Free to children under 6. Brandywine River Museum and Environmental Management Center, US Route 1, Chadds Ford, PA. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org & www.brandywineconservancy.org.

STATION GALLERY Hours vary. All this month Kee Kee Lee, Kevin McLaughlin and Gary Smith will have their work on exhibit. Come check out underwater oils, landscapes and abstracts at this show. The Station Gallery, 3922 Kennett Pike, Greenville. Info., 654-8638.

JOHN REDA AT HOMEGROWN 7 - 10 p.m. John Reda will perform his renditions of Sinatra and more live. Home Grown Café and Gourmet to Go, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or visit www.homegrowncafe.com.

PORTER GANG 4-H DANCE PARTY 7 - 9 p.m. Open to all 4-H'ers, their families and their friends. All those 8 years of age and under should be under the supervision of a responsible adult. Come on out and have a great time! Cost $3.00/person. NCC Extension Office, 910 S. Chapel St., Suite 110. Info., 831-2507.

SATURDAY 5

HIV FORUM 12 - 3 p.m. Panelist, counseling and testing will be offered. Redeeming Grace Ministries, 129 Lovett Ave. Info., 286-6862.

HOO'S EATING WHOM? 1 p.m. Learn what "Hoos" eat during this program about local owls. Find out what they look like and sound like. Pre-registration required. Ages 4 and older. Guardian must accompany each child. $4. White Clay Creek State Park, 426 Wedgewood Rd. Info., 368-6900.

WINTER WEEKENDS FOR FAMILIES 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Weekends only. Through Feb. 27. Enjoy an interactive museum journey using the new audio tours and the "Museum Discovery Game". Designed for children 6-12. $8 adults. $5 seniors, students with id, children 6-12. Free to children under 6. Brandywine River Museum and Environmental Management Center, US Route 1, 141 Chadds Ford, PA. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org & www.brandywineconservancy.org.

DRILL AND COLORS CLASSIC COMPETITION 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Glasgow High School will host this seventh annual competition, in which cadets will be coming from high schools and military academies from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York. Glasgow High School, 1901 South College Av. Info., 454 2381.

HOW TO LOCATE & RESEARCH YOUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN ANCESTORS 10:30 a.m. John Logan, President, African-American Genealogy Group, will focus on the collections and resources needed to search for African-American genealogical roots. Delaware Public Archives, 121 Duke of York Street, Dover. Info., 302-744-5048.

TWO WOMEN, TWO WORLDS

Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts, 1045 Washington St., Cape May, N.J. Hattie Major, the Physick family laundress, lived in West Cape May and visited the family every two weeks to pick up their laundry. This photo of Ms. Major is one of the many Victorian women on display in the "Two Women, Two Worlds' exhibit, which explores the life of two classes of Victorian women. The exhibit runs from now until May 15. Hours vary. $2 for adults, $1 for children. For more information, call (609) 884-5404.

A WOMAN'S WORK IS NEVER DONE Through Feb. 26. An all-media open exhibit celebrating the work of women will kick off with an opening reception at the Elkton Arts Center. The exhibition honors women's month. Elkton Arts Center, 135 East Main Street, Elkton. Info., 410-392-5740.

RUBBER STAMPING 2 - 5 p.m. Come experiment with different stamping techniques and make a project to take home! Each participant will complete three projects using various styles and methods. $6. NCC Extension Office, 910 S. Chapel St. Info., 831-2507.

JEWELRY MAKING FUN, 9 - 11 a.m. Come make some stylish new jewelry to take and wear. There will be beading, hemp jewelry, and many other neat crafts for all to enjoy! $10. NCC Extension Office, 910 S. Chapel St. Info., 831-2507.

COMEDY CABARET DELAWARE 9:30 p.m. From Comedy Central, New York's funniest woman, Judy Cianciotto, will perform. Also starring Dave Rose and Randy Latini. $15. Air Transport Command, 143 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle. Info., 652-6873.

ANNUAL BLOCK KIDS COMPETITION 9 a.m. - noon. The National Association of Women In Construction is sponsoring this competition, open to children grades K-6. Prizes awarded for first, second, and third place. There will also be a flea market and bake sale. Carpenters 626 Local Union Hall, 626 Wilmington Rd., New Castle. Info., 421-5715 or email at mking@ediscompany.com.

GENERAL BIRD CARE WORKSHOP 1 - 5 p.m. Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research hosts this workshop, training volunteers in wild bird rehabilitation. Includes how to handle, feed, and care for adult, injured birds. Minimal fee required. Frink Center for Wildlife, 110 Possum Hollow Rd. Info., 737-9543 or email jbartley@tristatebird.org.

■ SUNDAY, FEB. 6

RECONNECTING WITH NATURE 2 p.m. Spend these brisk afternoons reconnecting with nature through relaxation activities which are sure to awaken your senses to the beautiful winter wilderness. Pre-registration required. $8. White Clay Creek State Park, 426 Wedgewood Rd. Info., 368-6900.

CONTRA DANCE 1:30 - 2 p.m. lessons; 2 - 5 p.m. dance. Learn how to Contra dance. $7. Arden Gild Hall, 2406 Granby Rd., Wilmington. Info., 478-7257.

AESOP'S FABLE 2 p.m.. A children's play, staged by the Wilmington Drama League's Chrysalis Players. Free and open to everyone. Newark Free Library, 750 Library Avenue. Info., 731-7550.

■ MONDAY, FEB. 7

WORLD WISDOM TRADITIONS LECTURE SERIES 7 - 9 p.m. This 10-week series will run every Monday night and address world religions. The series will be given by Delaware Associate Professor Alan Fox. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark, 420 Willa Rd., Newark. Info., 368-2984 or visit www.uufn.org.

LINE DANCING 1 p.m. beginner class. 2 p.m. advanced class. Every Monday. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

NATIVE AMERICAN CONSTELLATIONS 8 p.m. The general public is invited to visit the observatory to check out "Native American Constellations." It's an opportunity to view the planets, moon and other sky objects through binoculars and telescopes. Admission by reservation only. Mt. Cuba Astronomical Observatory, 1610 Hillside Mill Rd., Greenville. Info., 654-6407.

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■ FRIDAY FEB. 4

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

■ SATURDAY FEB. 5

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

KARAOKE 8 p.m. - midnight. Every Saturday night. The American Legion of Elkton. No cover charge, all welcome. Info., 410-398-9720.

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

■ MONDAY FEB. 7

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

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

FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Every Monday. Registration required. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 East Main St. Info., 368-4942 or 368-8774.

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

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

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

NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Every Monday. The Holiday Inn, Rt. 273. Info., 453-8853.

NCCo STROKE CLUB noon. Mondays. The Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., 324-4444.

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. Mondays. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Ave. Info., 368-2318.

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■ TUESDAY FEB. 8

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. Every Tuesday. For men who like to sing. New Ark Church of Christ, 300 East Main St. Info., 368-3052.

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

SWEET ADELINES 7:30 - 10 p.m. Tuesdays. Listeners and new members welcome. MBNA Bowman Center, Ogletown. Info., 999-8310.

SCRAPBOOKING 7 - 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road. Info., 834-GRPC.

MS SUPPORT 4 - 6 p.m. Tuesdays. MS Society Headquarters, 2 Mill Rd. Info., 655-5610.

CHRISTINA SCHOOL BOARD 7:30 p.m. Second Tuesday of every month. Info., 454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT 7 p.m. Second Tuesday. The Easter Seal Center Conference Room, Corporate Cir., New Castle. Info., 324-4455.

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

■ WEDNESDAY FEB. 9

CAREGIVER SUPPORT Noon. Second Wednesday of the month. Free & open to public. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

DIVORCECARE 7 p.m. Separated/divorced persons meet. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info., 737-3544.

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

GRIEFSHARE 7 p.m. Every Wednesday. For those who have lost someone close to them. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info., 737-5040.

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

SCHOOL MENTORING 6 - 7 p.m. Second Wednesdays. Big Brothers-Big Sisters Wilmington Office, 102 Middleboro Rd. Info., 998-3577.

SKI CLUB 7 p.m. Second Wednesdays. Week-long & day ski trips, sailing, biking, rafting and more planned. Persons of all ages welcome to join. Hockessin Fire Hall. Info., 792-7070.

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

■ THURSDAY FEB. 10

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

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

NAMI-DE 7:30 p.m. Second Thursday. Support group meeting for family members of persons living with mental illness. St. James Episcopal Church, Kirkwood Highway. Info., 427-0787.

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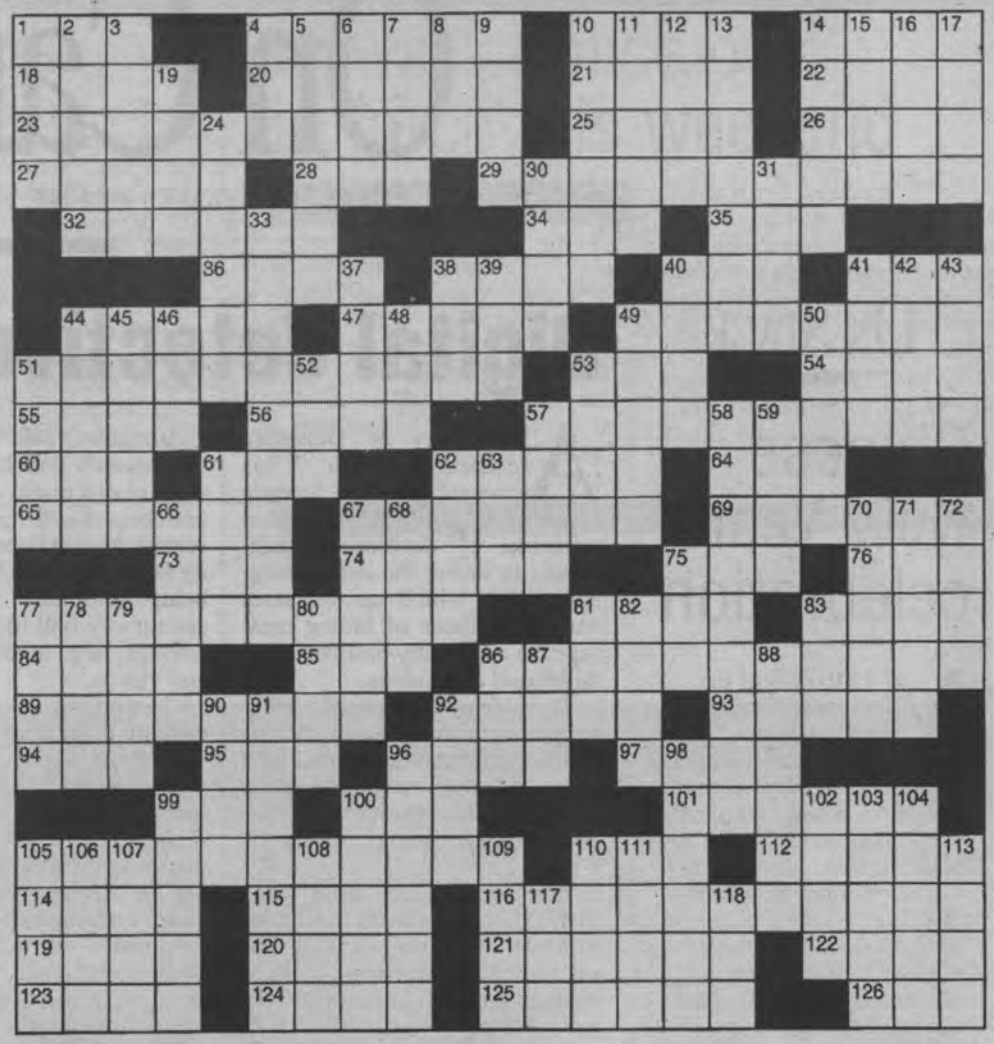

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THE GADGET GURU 6 - 8:30 p.m. Ed Country of Kitchen Kapers brings some of the most fun gadgets and gizmos to play with, while making pumpkin mushroom soup, chicken pot pie and pumpkin mousse. Celebrity Kitchens, Independence Mall, 1601 Concord Pike. Info., visit www.celebritykitchens.com.

■ TUESDAY, FEB. 8

THINKING OF STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS 5:45 - 8:45 p.m. The Delaware chapter of the Service Corps of Retired Executives offers the second in a series of three workshops. $35 for one workshop and $105 for three. Registration and fee payment are required in advance. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info., 573-6552 or visit www.scoredelaware.org.

■ WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

BRUCE ANTHONY AT HOME GROWN CAFÉ 8 - 11 p.m. Bruce Anthony will perform jazz music which has made him a local phenomenon. Home Grown Café and Gourmet to Go, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or visit www.homegrowncafe.com.

A TALK WITH HINA HAQ 7 p.m. A talk by local author Hina Haq. Ms. Haq will speak about her novel, Sadika's Way. The free program is open to everyone. Newark Free Library, 750 Library Avenue. Info., 731-7550.

AARP MEETING 12:30 p.m. The Newark Chapter 3517 of AARP will have a guest speaker from Delaware Hospice. New members and guests are welcome. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 998-4684.

SQUARE DANCING 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Featuring Dave Brown. $4 Arden Gild Hall, Wilmington. Info., 478-7257.

■ THURSDAY, FEB. 10

DOCUMENT AND PHOTOGRAPH PRESERVATION WORKSHOP 6:30 p.m. This preservation workshop will include basic information and instruction on proper handling and storage of family papers, photographic and other media to ensure long term preservation. Delaware Public Archives, 121 Duke of York Street, Dover.

• *Reservations Required*

VALENTINE TRIBUTE TO ELVIS 7 - 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11. Will benefit the American Red Cross Disaster Relief efforts. Show will feature hits from 50s and 60s as well as concert favorites from 70s. Includes dinner and beverages as well. Reservations a must. $50 per person. $90 per couple. 218 Cheyenne Dr., Bear. Info., 832-8138 or www.jessegarron.com.

LISTENING FOR LOVE BIRDS 6 p.m. Feb. 12. Winter is a great time to listen for the sounds of owls searching for mates in our deciduous forests. Bundle up with a special loved one for this enchanting night hike. Program is free. Call office to register. White Clay Creek State Park, 426 Wedgewood Rd. Info., 368-6900.

NATURE NUGGETS 10:30 a.m. Feb. 14, March 14, April 11. Back by popular demand, this discovery program for 3-5 year olds explores a different nature topic each month and includes a special craft or activity that will intrigue your child. Guardian must accompany each child. $3. Call office to register. White Clay Creek State Park, 426 Wedgewood Rd. Info., 368-6900.

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EVENING YOGA 6:15 p.m. Class to encourage relaxation and improve strength, balance, and peace of mind. $15 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

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

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

DIVORCECARE 7 - 8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Separated/divorced persons meet. Childcare available; ages 7 and up get to swim. Southern Chester County YMCA, East Baltimore Pike, Jennersville, Pa. Info., 610-869-2140.

NEWARK MORNING ROTARY 7 - 8:15 a.m. Every Thursday. Meeting and breakfast at the Blue & Gold Club. Info., 737-1711 or 737-0724.

DSI THUMBS UP 7 - 8 p.m. Second and fourth Thursdays. Stroke support group meeting offering educational topics, peer support and guests who are experts in rehabilitative services. Sponsored by Delaware Stroke Initiative. Free. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 633-9313.

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., 410-553-5358.

BRIGHT FUTURES 1 p.m. Second and fourth Thursdays. Breast cancer support group. Medical Arts Pavilion 2, Christiana Hospital. Info., 733-3900.

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On Stage

Chinese New Year celebration

MEMBERS of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association at the University of Delaware will usher in the year of the rooster with traditional Chinese festivities on Saturday, Feb. 12.

The celebration, which runs from 7-9:30 p.m. in Mitchell Hall, The Green, on UD's Newark campus, will include a kung fu demonstration by University of Delaware students, regional piano and dulcimer music, a choral performance, a Chinese opera and traditional dances.

PHOTO BY DUANE PERRY

The traditional lion dance was performed last year at UD by volunteers from the Chinese American Community Center in Hockessin.

The presentations are designed to showcase Eastern customs and increase multicultural awareness on campus.

Individual tickets for the Feb. 12 event are $5 each, $3 each for groups of five or more. Tickets can be purchased at Mitchell Hall on the night of the festival, or in advance, by calling (302) 831-4332.

Top skaters

The Precisionaires, the University of Delaware Figure Skating Club's synchronized skating team, earned the gold medal in the collegiate division at the 2005 Eastern Sectional Synchronized Skating Championships, held Jan. 28-30 in Buffalo, N.Y.

Digital detective hunts hidden messages

A University of Delaware research team has received National Science Foundation funding to combat terrorism by developing techniques to detect the use of steganography, which encompasses various methods of hiding messages in apparently ordinary digital images and videos.

It is feared electronic steganography can be used by terrorist organizations to pass along orders or other vital information surreptitiously through images posted on the Internet or sent via e-mail.

The grant for more than $167,000 was awarded to Charles Boncelet, UD professor of electrical and computer engineering, to conduct research in the relatively new field of steganalysis.

Boncelet, of Newark, will work on the project with Lisa Marvel, a UD graduate now employed by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, and with several graduate students.

Boncelet said steganography is Greek for covered writing, and is a means by which a person can hide the very fact that they are communicating.

In that, it differs from the better-known practice of cryptography, Greek for secret writing, in which a message is purposely garbled and can be understood only by those who have the key to decipher it.

The two forms of communication are not mutually exclusive, Boncelet said, and can be combined. A person can encrypt a message and then hide the fact that they are sending it.

Boncelet previously worked in steganography for the U.S. Army and through this project will begin working in steganalysis, or the development of methods by which to seek out steganography.

Boncelet said he believes the research will lead to a novel class of electronic steganography searchers based on image representations that depend on a quality factor, with the long-term goal being automated scanners that can rapidly find likely candidates amongst large numbers of images and videos.

"Assuming the technique we develop is successful, we hope to branch out to video and audio," Boncelet said, "but right now the focus is on digital images."

In addition to the research, the project will provide training in steganalysis and intelligence techniques to the students involved.

Boncelet said steganography "is a very big fear for governments," adding that the security agencies that deal with the technique "worry about terrorists passing messages, or traitors leaking out information from secure sites."

One of the earliest examples of steganography comes from ancient history, Boncelet said, explaining that a Greek city was surrounded by enemy soldiers and the leader wanted to get a message to his allies to send troops. He selected a slave and shaved his head, tattooing the plea for help on his scalp, then allowed the slave's hair to grow back over the message. The slave was sent out of the city walls, was captured and released by the enemy troops, and arrived safely with the message.

In World War II, Boncelet said, American soldiers used steganography to provide information on their whereabouts to relatives back home by putting a pinprick on a map. Army censors were forced to pepper letters with hundreds of pinpricks to offset the practice. German spies used steganography in microdots, tiny images of typed pages that could be pasted over periods in seemingly harmless letters.

PHOTO BY KEVIN QUINLAN

Charles Boncelet, professor of electrical and computer engineering.

A benign use of steganography involved the technology of the fledgling television industry of the 1950s, Boncelet said.

"When television first came onto the scene, it was as gray scale, or black and white," he said. "A movement arose to add color. One school of thought was to devise an entirely new standard, which would make all the black and white sets obsolete. Instead, engineers found a way to hide the color signal so the black and white television did not see that message and could remain in use."

The NSF grant is for one year and was awarded through the Approaches to Combat Terrorism Program in the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, which supports new concepts in basic research and work force development with the potential to contribute to national security.

World skating send-off exhibition at UD

THIS year's U.S. World Figure Skating Send-off Exhibition, set for 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, at the University of Delaware's Fred Rust Ice Arena, will feature several star competitors who train there.

The program, which will preview routines planned for the 2005 U.S. World Figure Skating Championships in Moscow, will showcase the talents of skaters who train at UD, including Kimmie Meissner, Shaun Rogers, Tiffany Scott and Philip Dulebohn, and Christine Zukowski plus Natalya Gudina and Alexi Beletsky, who will be representing Israel at the world championship, and many others.

Meissner is the 2005 Senior Ladies Bronze medalist and a 2005 Junior World competitor, and, of her performance at Nationals, Sports Illustrated wrote, "Daring 15-year-old Kimmie Meissner almost stole the show."

Rogers is a 2005 Junior World competitor. Pair skaters Scott and Dulebohn are the 2005 Pewter Medalists and 2003 Gold Medalists; and Zukowski is the 2005 Silver Medalist in the Junior Ladies competition.

Tickets are $15 for the general public and $10 for senior citizens, children 12 and under, UD faculty and staff and groups of 10 or more, and may be purchased at UD box offices at the Bob Carpenter Center and Trabant University Center or through Ticketmaster. Tickets also will be sold at the arena the day of the show.

The News Journal and WJBR (99.5 FM) are sponsors of the exhibition. For more information about the Feb. 18 exhibition, call (302) 831-2868. To purchase tickets, call (302) UD1-HENS.

Leading scientist draws top-notch grad students to UD

AT high-tech installations around the country, University of Delaware soil chemistry graduate students work in experimental hutches filled with synchrotron light beams produced by a high-speed particle accelerator.

Research time at the installations is precious, but UD students get on the schedule because Don Sparks, of Newark, heads their department, plant and soil sciences.

"It's easy for him to get [particle accelerator] beam time," doctoral graduate student Ryan Tappero said. "In any field, there are probably five or 10 people who stand out, and Sparks is at the top in soil chemistry. He's the guy who is so well-known you think he's dead."

Author of a classic soil chemistry textbook and president of the International Union of Soil Science, Sparks is a world-recognized expert on the ways metals and pollutants react with soils.

His graduate students' work may lead the way in using metal-absorbing plants to clean pollutants out of soil without having to resort to bulldozers.

PHOTO BY KATHY F. ATKINSON

Professor Donald Sparks (center) confers with grad students Brandon Lafferty and Jie Han.

Sparks is cutting-edge, but his students also use adjectives like "cool" and "really nice" and "genuine" when they describe him.

While some graduate programs feature researchers competing on similar projects, Sparks' students said he carefully handpicks people and programs to assure harmony and hard science.

Jodie Han, who came from Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, to study the interaction of viruses and colloids in soil, said she came for the opportunity to work on one of the leading soil teams worldwide and also found a welcoming group when she arrived.

There's a common thread uniting all the research--how plants and soil react with each other. The projects could be anything from plants that take up metals as they grow to how microbes on soil surfaces affect the amount of toxic material the plants will take up.

Sparks said his intent is to expose the team to the latest technology with an ion chromatograph, an infrared spectrometer and access to the Delaware Biotechnology Institute adjacent to campus.

"They have to be trained in a very modern way," Sparks said. "Otherwise, they're not going to be competitive in the workplace. I really think that's why they've had success in getting places."

Sparks and his students receive funding from a variety of sources. Some of Tappero's supplies were funded by a grant from Maryland Hydroponics, a company that sells equipment to soil science labs.

Kristin Staats, a Delawarean who met Sparks as a UD undergraduate and is now pursuing her master's degree, said she likes the cooperative atmosphere where students and postdoctoral fellows work together to design research projects. "I was able to work on a project that I really enjoyed, and I had the freedom to design the experiments."

With the combination of reputation, facilities, access and attitude, potential graduate students seek Sparks out at conferences around the world.

"I don't really do much advertising because I find the best ones are the ones who come to me or the ones a colleague will recommend," he said.

Young violin virtuoso, Leila Josefowicz to hold master class at UD

LEILA Josefowicz, Internationally acclaimed violinist will hold a master class from 1:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 12, in 118 Amy E. Dupont Music Building, Orchard Road and Amstel Avenue, in Newark.

Sponsored by the Delaware Symphony Orchestra (DSO) in cooperation with the UD music department, the master class is free and open to the public, and no reservations are required. During the class UD violin students will play for Josefowicz, who will critique their technique, style and artistic quality. She also will offer insights about musical careers to the students and audience.

Josefowicz will perform with the Delaware Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 11, and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington. The program will feature Shostakovich's Violin Concerto and also Ravel's Bolero and Valses nobles et sentimentales and Mussorgsky's Introduction to Khovanshchina, with pre-performance lectures by DSO cellist Eugene Klein.

Tickets are $32-52 for Friday's performance and $25 on Sunday. Student tickets for those 18 and under are $10, and $10 student rush tickets are available 30 minutes before curtain time for all students with valid IDs. All tickets are subject to a box office service charge.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.delawaresymphony.org] or call (302) 652-5575 or 1-800-37-GRAND.

Josefowicz made her Carnegie Hall debut in 1994 and has appeared with many of the world's most prestigious orchestras, including the Boston and Chicago symphonies, the Cleveland and Philadelphia orchestras, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the London Philharmonic Orchestra and many other European orchestras and collaborated with eminent conductors, including Seiji Ozawa and Wolfgang Sawallisch.

Job fair for teachers, nurses

THOSE interested in part-time or temporary teaching or nursing positions in Southern Delaware are invited to attend a job fair from 2-4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 16, in Room 540 A/B of the William Carter Partnership Center in Georgetown.

Substitute teaching positions do not require an education major or college degree, the minimum requirement is a high school diploma.

Representatives of the Caesar Rodney, Cape Henlopen, Indian River, Milford and Woodbridge public school districts will be available to talk with those interested in applying.

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Biden to speak Tuesday

The New Castle County Chamber of Commerce has announced that United States Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. will be the guest speaker at the Feb. 8 Legislative Breakfast.

The chamber's Legislative Breakfast is from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and is held at the Hilton Wilmington/Christiana, 100 Continental Drive, Newark.

This breakfast series provides chamber members and guests with the opportunity to meet and interact with elected officials from all levels of government.

"As the top Democrat on both the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, we are fortunate to have a respected national leader take the time to share his views with Delaware's business community," said Joseph Fitzgerald, lobbyist for the New Castle County Chamber.

She's A Winner

Harriet Marley, right, wins Bingo on one of her ten cards at the Temple Beth-El Bingo Night on Thursday, Jan. 27.

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Newark boys end Sallies win streak

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Congratulations are in order for coach Clint Orem and his Newark High boys swim team.

In case you didn't know, the Yellowjackets ended one of the longest streaks of any kind in state history Tuesday night. Newark defeated Salesianum 96-90 to end the Sals' unbelievable seven-year in-state winning streak.

Ironically, Orem swam on the last team to knock off Sallies. He was on the McKean team that did it back in 1998.

Valania

The two teams were tied heading into the last race of evening, but Newark cruised to a more than nine-second win in the 400 freestyle relay to seal the historic victory. In all, Newark won seven of the 12 races.

While it's pretty hard to top being undefeated and knocking off a dynasty, it's even more impressive to me that Orem went out of his way to make sure the Jackets had a chance to do it.

The coach had to find a way to get the Sals on this year's schedule – not normally an easy feat. It's a testament to Orem and the team that they weren't content to go undefeated through the season against everybody else but Sallies.

Many coaches in this state would want to notch an undefeated season. Many in the past have complained that they shouldn't be scheduling private schools anyway. Some were content to win a Blue Hen or Henlopen conference title

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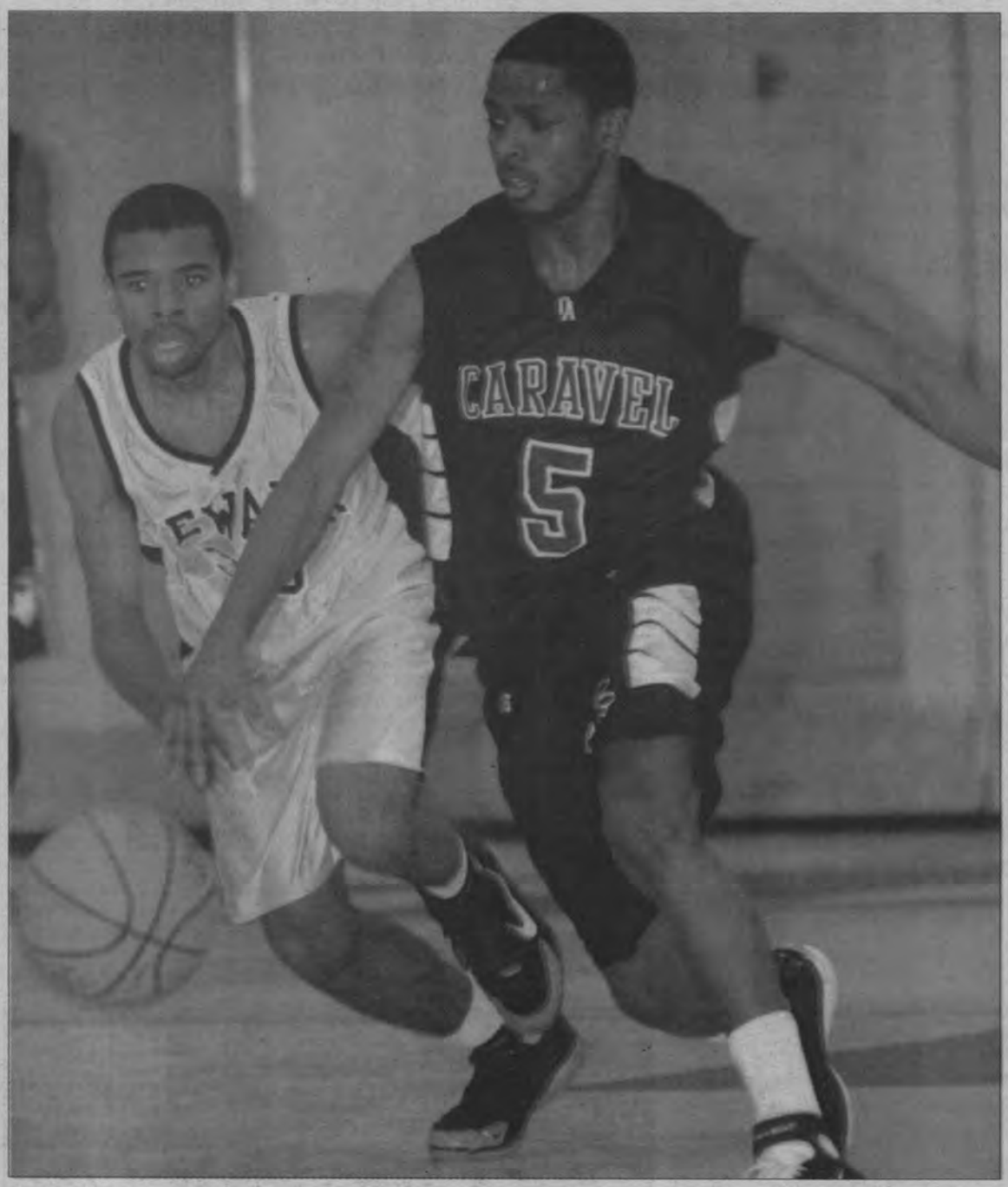
Jackets fall to Caravel in OT



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Caravel's C.J. Brown dribbles up the court during the Bucs' victory over Newark Monday night.

Bucs rally in fourth quarter

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Newark's good team effort went by the wayside in a well-played 64-62 home loss to Caravel Academy in a non-conference game Monday night.

The Jackets led after the first and third quarters, but each time the Bucs came storming back to take the advantage or to tie the game.

Newark's Terrence Williams nailed a shot range shot, then calmly sank a free throw to knot the score at 58-58, with 17 seconds left in regulation. Caravel's Tyler Niggebrugge just missed a long jumper at the end and the game went to overtime.

Lee Warren and Steve Williams each scored for Newark in the extra session, but Will Rollins' free throws with 40 seconds remaining gave Caravel its tenth victory of the season, against only two losses. Newark dropped to 5-6 with 11 games remaining.

"We have to capitalize on foul shots and layups," said Newark coach Greg Benjamin. "This season, we have now lost four games, including tonight, by a total of 14 points. Basically, we need to improve in those two areas. These are 'gimmes', and we're not capitalizing on these aspects," he said.

The game was a bit of a roller-coaster ride, as Newark led 20-9 after the first quarter behind the hot shooting of Warren and Kimphus Daniels.

The roles were reversed in the

See **NEWARK, 16** ▶

Blue Hens drop fifth straight CAA game

George Mason tops Delaware 82-68

George Mason broke open a tie game with 12 minutes left to play with a 9-2 run as the Patriots handed the University of Delaware its fifth straight loss with an 82-68 Colonial Athletic Association men's basketball victory Monday night at the Patriot Center.

Delaware, which downed George Mason 81-78 in overtime back on January 12, fell to 7-14 (4-6 CAA) despite 16 points each from Harding Nana (seven rebounds) and Rulon Washington. Andrew Washington added 13 points while Raphael Madera chipped in with 12 points and seven rebounds and Mike Slattery (left) dealt out eight assists.

George Mason (11-8, 6-4 CAA), which won its fourth straight game, placed five scorers in double figures led by guard Tony Skinn, who netted 19 of his game-high 22 points in the second half as the Patriots pulled away.

John Vaughan matched a career-high with 16 points while Will Thomas added 12 points off the bench, Folarin Campbell added 11 points, and Lamar Butler contributed 10 points. Skinn, Thomas, and Jai Lewis each pulled six rebounds as the Patriots held a commanding 38-28 advantage on the boards.

"We fought back and put ourself in a good position to win the game," said Delaware head coach David Henderson. "But George Mason put together a big spurt, got some second chance points, and capitalized on that. That last run really hurt us."

See **HENS, 16** ▶

Blue Hens sign 10 football recruits

Linemen featured in this year's recruiting class

The University of Delaware football program, coming off consecutive seasons that have seen the Blue Hens capture the NCAA I-AA national title in 2003, advance to the national quarterfinals in 2004,and claim two Atlantic 10 Conference titles, announced the addition of 10 student-athletes who have signed NCAA National Letters of Intent to attend the University on an athletic scholarship and compete for the Blue Hen football team this coming fall.

Head coach K.C. Keeler, who has led the Blue Hens to a record of 30-11 over the last three seasons, made the announcement in a press conference Wednesday at the Bob Carpenter Center.

The 2005 recruiting class features three student-athletes from Maryland, two from Florida, and one each from Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Georgia. Since taking over the helm of the program following the 2002 season, Keeler and his staff have signed nine recruits from the talent-laden states of Florida and Georgia among its three recruiting classes. The group also includes three offensive linemen, two linebackers, one tight end, one wide receiver, one defensive back, one defensive lineman, and one kicker.

"We are excited and feel really good about this incoming class," said Keeler, whose team will open the 2004 season Sept. 10 vs. NCAA I-AA playoff participant Lehigh at Delaware Stadium. "We filled a need on the offensive line with three great young prospects and we added some outstanding speed and athleticism on both sides of the ball. We knew we needed to add a kicker and we looked at someone who would have the best chance of playing right away and we have that in Zack Hobby. We will also will need one or two of the offensive linemen to step in and be ready to play this year. We had to fight off some good schools this year but we feel that we can go head to head with any I-AA school and with some I-A schools in recruiting. Our staff enjoys recruiting and it is a passion with us. We are proud of the job we did. When we recruit we challenge the kids right away. We demand a lot. We want to make sure this is the place they want to come."

Smyrna's Matt Hesseltine is the lone Delaware product in the class. Hesseltine is a 6-6, 340 offensive lineman, who earned first team all-state honors as an offensive tackle. He was also a third team all-state defensive lineman.

Hesseltine also competed in track and field where he placed sixth in the state in the shot put.

He plans to major in exercise hysiology.

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Jackets fall short in overtime against Caravel

▶ NEWARK, from 15

second quarter, as C.J. Brown and Jarrod Wright came out firing in the second period to give Caravel a 30-29 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, the Jackets played tough defense in limiting the Bucs to only six points, to reclaim the lead 43-36.

But once again, Caravel went to a pressure defense, and went on an 8-0 run to grab the lead back from Newark, setting the stage for the dramatic overtime session.

"We play one of the toughest schedules in the state," said Benjamin. "So if we continue to work hard, and the ball starts bouncing our way, hopefully we'll get hot at the right time, at the end of the season, just in time for our March Madness."

Hens drop fifth straight

▶ HENS, from 15

The Patriots broke open a close game in the first half, converting seven three-pointers in the first stanza to take a 45-35 lead into intermission. Vaughan led the way for George Mason with 14 first half points.

But the Hens came out fast in the second half, outscoring George Mason 10-2 in the first five minutes with Madera scoring the last two baskets to cut the lead to 47-45. Andrew Washington capped a 5-0 Delaware run minutes later to tie the score at 52-52 with 12:08 left.

That was the last time the Hens would share the lead as George Mason scored four straight points to put the lead to 56-52. Nana scored a layup to pull the Hens back to within two points but the Patriots followed with a 5-0 run to go up 61-54 with 7:42 left. Delaware never got closer than five points the rest of the way.

Delaware had the chance to cut the lead to five points with two minutes left but Lebo Maepa missed two free throws and the Patriots came back with a pivotal 5-0 run as Vaughan connected on two free throws and Skinn added three more points from the line to up the lead to 74-62. Andrew Washington followed with a layup for the Hens, but Skinn came back with one free throw and followed with a three-point play to up the lead back to 14 points.

Coach challenges swimmers and they respond with win

▶ SWIM, from 15

and whine about private school dominance.

Newark, though, wasn't content with that – and they shouldn't have been. If you want to be the best, if you want to get better, you need to face the best. It doesn't matter if it's swimming, wrestling, basketball or football. Delaware is a small enough state to have the best teams in all the sports face off.

Kudos to Clint Orem for giving his team the opportunity. Kudos to the Newark High boys for coming through in a big way.

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checked, she found the door to the garage was open and two white males were waiting by the door. They asked her if she knew "Sandy" and said she was using the bathroom. The homeowner did not know anyone named "Sandy."

When the homeowner went to the staircase leading to the second floor, she confronted "Sandy," who also appeared intoxicated, the report said. "Sandy" said she came by to see someone named "Stephon." The resident said she didn't know anyone by that name and ordered "Sandy" to leave immediately. Following an exchange of words, the homeowner's houseguest had to escort the intruder out the door.

The female suspect is described as white, 22 - 23 years old, 5'7" to 5'8" with long brown hair. She was wearing a Westbrook 38 Eagles jersey, police said.

'Safe' getaway

Newark Police are investigating a robbery that took place in a Main Street business, where cash, socks and the store's safe were taken.

When the manager of the National 5 and 10 on East Main Street opened the store at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29, he noticed a bag of merchandise sitting in the aisle, apparently waiting to be removed from the store. He immediately called Newark police who searched the entire building, police said.

The manager's office had been rifled through and the store's combination safe, with an undisclosed amount of money, two register tills and a cloth money bag, were missing. Also, 12 packs of white, black and gray Champion socks were stolen, police said.

There were no signs of forced entry. The robber apparently exited through a rear delivery entrance. According to the police report, the suspect might have remained hidden in the building after the store closed for business on Friday. The total value of stolen items was $1,422.

Equipment removed

When a maintenance man was plowing snow, he noticed a break-in had occurred at a business in the Sandy Brae Industrial Park.

On Thursday, Jan. 27, at 11:15 a.m., Newark Police were called to the 200 block of Hansen Court. Unknown suspects had entered a fenced-in property and broken a lock on double axle trailers and removed welding equipment, police said.

Total value of the missing items was $20,400. Damages were $150.

Smokes missing

Thieves broke into the Getty Station booth at 189 Elkton Rd., between Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 10:30 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 27, at 8:10 a.m., it was reported to Newark Police.

The exterior lock to the booth was broken and an undisclosed amount of cash, 73 packs of cigars and cigarettes and 28 cigarette lighters were taken, police said. Total value of stolen items was $505 and damages were $15.

Hole in window

A Newark Main Street business was targeted by vandals, it was reported to Newark Police on Friday, Jan. 28 at 2:22 a.m.

A small hole was discovered in a large exterior window in Happy Harry's Drug Store. Damages were $500.

Spoilers removed

Newark police were called to several locations this past week in response to rear spoilers being removed from vehicles. Some of the incidents involved:

Unit block Annabelle Street, on Friday, Jan. 28, at 1:17 a.m., the rear spoiler was torn off a 2002 Toyota Celica, damages $600;

1200 block Woolen Way, on Friday, Jan. 28, at 1:06 a.m., the rear spoiler torn off a 2004 Toyota Celica, damages $600;

100 block of Cook Way, on Friday, Jan. 28, at 7:42 a.m., rear spoiler torn off and scratch marks on side of 97 Toyota Supra, damages $2,000; and

100 block Orchard Rd., on Friday, Jan. 28, at 1:52 a.m., rear spoiler torn off 2001 Honda Prelude, damages $150.

Other vehicles vandalized include:

600 block S. College Avenue in parking lot of TGI Friday's, on Sunday, Jan 30, at 9:09 p.m., front passenger side window of Jeep Grand Cherokee broken and radio, CD player, CD's and wallet stolen. Total value of stolen items was $783, damages were $500;

600 block Lehigh Road, on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 1:12 a.m., large dents in hood and roof of Honda Accord, as if someone stood on vehicle, damages were $800;

100 block Elkton Road in Madeline Crossing parking lot, on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 9:30 a.m., small window of Jeep Cherokee broken and bank statements taken, damages were $75; and

Unit block New London Road, on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 2:10 p.m., rear window of Ford Escort smashed, damages were $400.

Alcohol-related arrests detailed

Newark Police have arrested the following individuals for alcohol-related and noise violations in the city:

Matthew Gregory Cloud, 19, of Wilmington, on Sunday, Jan. 30, at 2:58 p.m., at Academy Street and E. Park Place, driving under the influence of alcohol, disregarding a red light, and underage consumption;

Christopher Kenyon Still, 18, of Elkton, driving under the influence of alcohol, operating an unregistered vehicle and underage consumption; and **John Phillip Giles**, 18, of New Castle, underage consumption, both on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 12:57 a.m., in the unit block of Chapel Street; and

Francis Boyle, 21, of Lutherville, Md., on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 11:23 p.m., in the 2000 block of Scholar Drive, disorderly premise.

Newark police out in force this weekend

▶ DUI, from 2

$4,000, Roberts said.

Nationally, Super Bowl weekend is one of the deadliest times for impaired driving crashes. Approximately half of all fatal crashes on that weekend are alcohol-related. In Delaware last year, there were no traffic deaths Super Bowl weekend.

"We believe that people took our advice and our warnings seriously last year," said Lisa Moore, Impaired Driving Coordinator for OHS. "We let them know that we would be out looking for impaired drivers and that if they chose to drive after drinking they would be arrested."

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Changes continue on Main Street

▶ STREET, from 1

shopping in the downtown, area stores were forced to cater to students.

"That really led to the demise of Main Street," Thomas said. "There was a tendency to discontinue businesses that weren't student attractions."

Before long, more stores were more likely to sell cookies and paper products than dishwashers or groceries. Within a few years, vacant storefronts were the norm. By the late '80s, there were 11 window fronts boarded over.

"It was a very dominant thing that you noticed as you drove down Main Street," Thomas said.

But a change was afoot. Residents began realizing that the historic buildings that for so long had symbolized Newark weren't receptive to new business demands. Once that leap of faith had been made, the city open its arms to builders. The former State Theatre was the first to go. It, and several neighboring buildings, became what is now the Galleria.

"At first, it really left people aghast, it really shocked people to see that torn down," Thomas said. "But that's when things started changing."

Once other builders saw that the town was receptive to change and would support new projects, offers started trickling in. Over the following seven years, eight buildings were demolished for new businesses. "By 1998, it was evident that Main Street had turned around," Thomas said.

But that didn't signify the end of the struggle to keep entrepreneurs around. A fluctuating population, tightening liquor laws and high rent maintained a revolving door for new businesses to exit through.

But those are some of the things that could be changing this year. The hope is that by bringing in new stores - especially apparel, home accessories, gourmet groceries and other gift shops - the population of shoppers will be constant, even if university students aren't around. And if the Newark City Council relaxes liquor laws, more restaurants might be able to survive. That could mean no more Italian Bistro-type failures, which has most often been attributed to a lack of a liquor license. As far as high costs are concerned, the city has thought of that, too. It offers desirable new businesses a start up grant to cover utilities.

The Italian restaurant Cucina Di Napoli opened last week on Main Street.

While not all of these ideas are new, Main Street has seen a change in recent months. The Italian restaurant Cucina Di Napoli opened last week. A seafood restaurant proposed by the former Brandywine Brewing Company owners is considering a Galleria location. And Echo, a ladies apparel and home accessories boutique will set up shop in March.

Maureen Feeney Roser, administrator of the Downtown Newark Partnership, believes that's because Main Street is the ideal location for new businesses. "We are a unique community," she said. "We're one of the last towns with an intact Main Street."

In addition to the shops and restaurants in the area, another draw is aesthetics. And that is something that will definitely face a change in 2005. Starting around June 5, the Delaware Department of Transportation and the City of Newark will begin Streetscape, a repaving and redesign of the street. It will smooth the potholes and encourage pedestrian safety.

"We have a huge pedestrian population," Feeney Roser said. "We are a great example of a community that is multimobile. This will make it safer for pedestrians to safely cross the street. With the bumpouts, you can actually be seen by traffic and they can see you."

Bumpouts already mark pedestrians along Main Street - a good example of one is the accented crosswalk in front of the Galleria. But after construction this summer, almost half a dozen will line the roadway.

While the project will increase safety and aesthetic values, the month-long period of construction is still a concern for Main Street businesses. With one lane closed, drivers might avoid the downtown all together. City officials are hoping to avoid that problem by keeping construction limited to night hours. However, DelDOT has not yet finalized the schedules.

"During the summer, there are a lot of decks at the diners and restaurants," Feeney Roser explained. "There are still a lot of people out eating until 10 o'clock. If you start construction at 8, the trucks will show up at 7 and idle along the road, blowing exhaust in diners' faces. No one wants that."

While the construction could temporarily impair business, most Newarkers are optimistic. "It's a pretty simple project, really," Feeney Roser said. "There won't be any realigning of traffic. It shouldn't take too long to finish."

Once construction is over, Main Street could attract more pedestrians with its newer, safer walkways. And that in turn could bring more businesses, restoring Main Street to its 1960s glory.

Did you know...

- Main Street's history as a commerce center began in 1758.
- The downtown has had a speckled past with great success in the '60s and many barren store fronts in the '80s.
- Streetscape, a repaving of Main Street, will begin just after Newark Night, around June 5.

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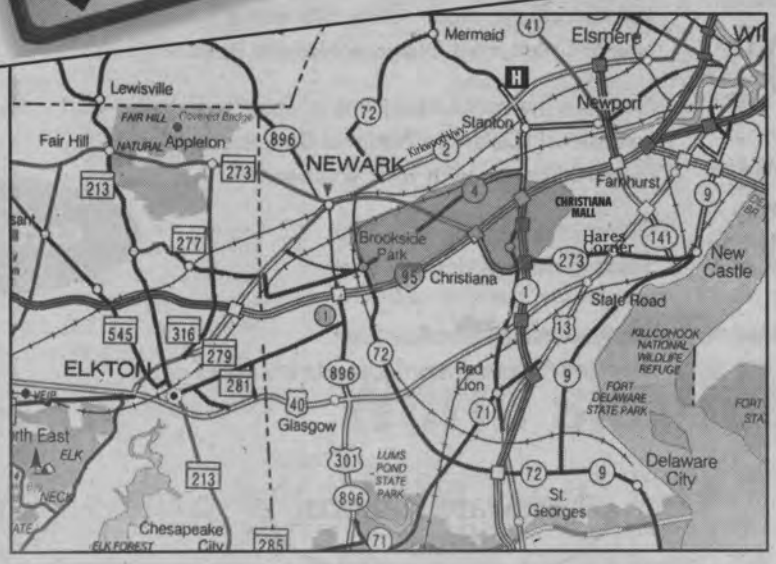

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Newarkers play roles in Wave of Relief benefits

MORE than 35 bands and artists will be performing in a two-month long series of concerts, Wave of Relief, to benefit the victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia.

Produced by Ed Dwornik, a local blues and acoustic musician, the bands will perform at 14 different venues throughout February and March, including East End Café on Main Street in Newark, as well as Kahunaville, MR Docs, Logan House and others in the area.

The performers, including Newark's Club Phred and Delaware guitarist Kenny Jones, will perform a variety of styles of music, from blues to rock and roll, to jazz. Each location will have two or three bands performing.

The kick-off concert at Kahunaville on the Riverfront in Wilmington, at noon until 6 p.m.on Saturday, Feb. 5, will feature several bands, with family-style entertainment. Dwornik's own son Lucas, a second-grader at Downes Elementary School, will play the bongos along with his father's band.

One hundred percent of the cover charges at each location will go to the American Red Cross International Response Fund.

Dwornik's company, Aztec Printing, has volunteered all the printing, design of banners and posters and many hours of coordination of Web site, venues and performers.

"Everyone has been very helpful, Dwornik said. "A lot of venues have been very gracious. We're just trying to reach out to as many people as possible."

For a complete schedule of concerts and their locations, visit *www.waveofrelief.net.*

Mark Sisk, left, and Brian Daring are two of the founding members of Club Phred, the Newark-based rock-and-roll oldies band that will play in the Wave Of Relief concert series. Both men are Newark natives; Daring works for the City of Newark and Sisk is a local attorney.

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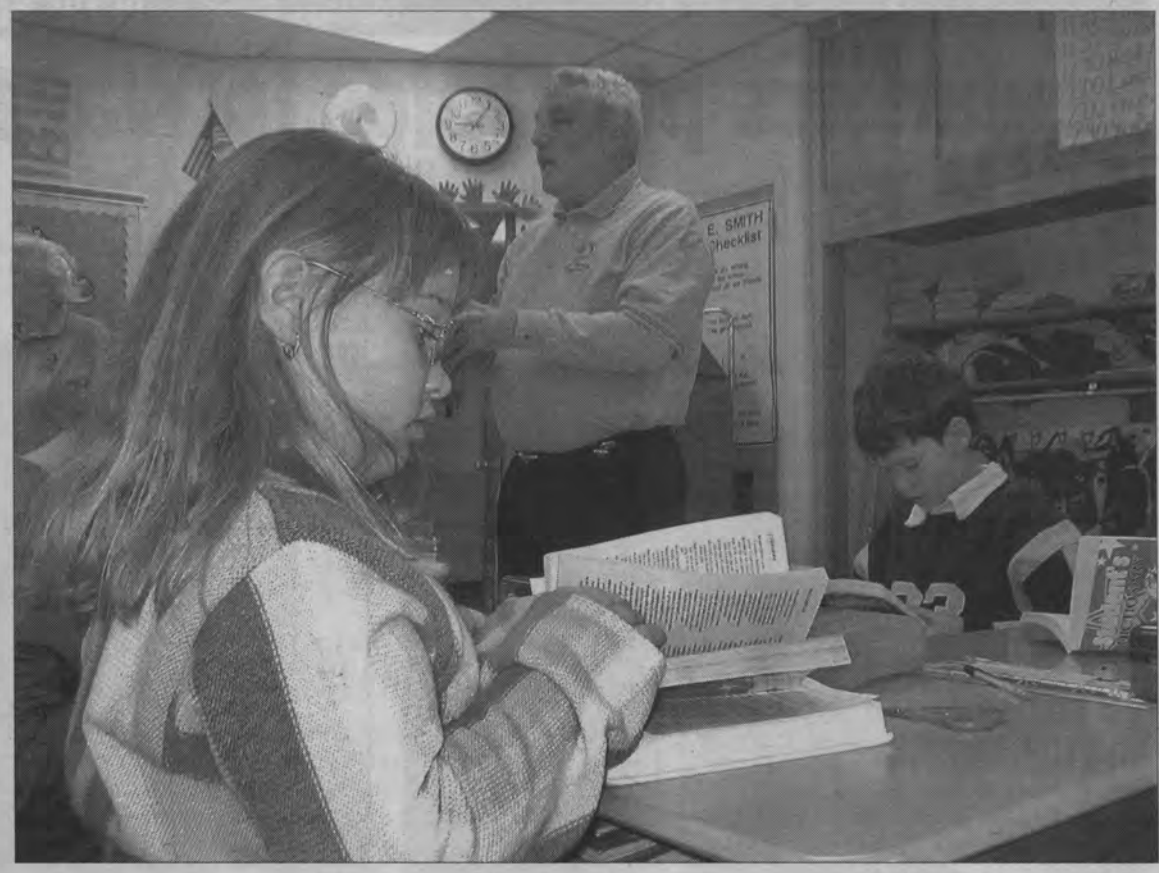

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A DICTIONARY FOR EVERY STUDENT

Rotarian Dr. Jim Kent, past president of the Newark Morning club, helps students at Jennie Smith School look up their first word in their dictionaries - truth. Carissa Taylor, left, said this was the first dictionary she ever owned. All third graders in the Christina District received their personal copies as part of Rotary's community service project. Story on page 21.

Johnson deployed overseas

Air National Guard Senior Airman Jesse E. Johnson is currently deployed overseas at a forward operating location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The airman, a ramp service agent with three years of military service, is normally assigned at Dover Air Force Base.

He is the son of Roy Johnson of Water St., Warwick, Md., and Patricia A. Feeney of Scottfield Drive, Newark.

Johnson graduated in 1999 from Glasgow High School, Newark, and received an associate degree in 2001 from Delaware Technical College.

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Playing on words

All third graders in district given own dictionary

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ALL third graders in the Christina School District received their own personal dictionaries, courtesy of three local Rotary clubs.

As part of their literacy program, the Newark Morning, Newark and Christiana Rotary clubs presented nearly 1,700 students with dictionaries to be used at home or at school. The dictionaries are age appropriate, but are advanced enough to be valuable resources for years to come.

Many classroom and homework assignments require the use of a dictionary, said project coordinator Fiona Tresolini. However, most classrooms have only a few dictionaries for the students to share and not enough for them to take home. Students often lose recess or other free time to complete their work because they do not have a dictionary to use at home.

Teams of Rotarians made special presentations to each class in the 14 schools in the district with third grades, personally presenting a dictionary to each child.

Many students, like Carissa Taylor, of Jennie Smith Elementary School, were excited to receive their books.

"I don't have one of my own," Taylor said. "Now I won't have to borrow the one here in my room."

This was the second year the three Rotary clubs partnered to provide books for every third grader in the district. Other Rotary clubs throughout Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland are also providing dictionaries to third graders in their area schools.

•For more information on Rotary International visit *www.rotary.org* or call 737-0724.

Planners nix citizen request

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more than two students can rent a single property, except along certain streets. The petition asks that Waterworks Lane, which is also home to Ivy Hall, a student apartment complex, be included as one of the streets open to multiple student tenants.

Waterworks Lane resident George Sarris asked commissioners not to support the change. "When I bought my house in 2002, I felt somewhat secure, even though Ivy Hall in all its glory was across the street, that this street would not be exempt from [the Student Home Ordinance]," he said. "I would like it very much if you would keep the balance that has been in place for many years."

Commissioner Maurgerite Ashley agreed with Sarris' comments. "Mr. Sarris just bought his house and has found that corner is a desirable place to live," she said. "I think that speaks volumes about why it should not be added."

The proposal must still go before Newark City Council before a final decision is made.

Holiday trash collection announced

Due to the Presidents Day Holiday, refuse in the City of Newark normally collected on Monday, Feb. 21 will be collected on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Refuse normally collected on Tuesday, Feb. 22 will be collected on Wednesday Feb. 23. There are no changes to Thursday and Friday's refuse collection.

Wilson to emcee

Former Newark resident and WPVI-TV's Delaware Correspondent **Lauren Wilson** will serve as emcee for the American Heart Association's second annual Go Red For Women Luncheon at Dover Downs on Friday, Feb. 4.

Wilson will join Honorary Chair Governor Ruth Ann Minner, Mrs. Delaware, Miss Delaware and a host of other prominent women from across the state at this event, which seeks to raise funds for the Association's research and education efforts surrounding women and heart disease.

The luncheon, which takes place on National Wear Red Day, is part of the American Heart Association's nationwide Go Red For Women campaign, which seeks to educate women.

A fashion show, health screenings, exercise/fitness demonstration and an educational video featuring survivors, physicians and volunteers are scheduled for the event. Tickets are $15 per person.

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Gallery of Goods aids budding entrepreneurs

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independent businesses and is currently running recruitment promotions to reach their 10-business capacity.

Research and Programming Assistant Marlaina Casey explained the Gallery of Goods' two step goal.

"On a macro scale, we are working on economic development strategy and eliminating obstacles to financial freedom for entrepreneurs," she said.

"On a smaller scale, we are a micro-enterprise cooperative."

Casey said the three businesses share technology, retail space and overhead which helps the entrepreneurs keep costs low. The entrepreneurs buy into the cooperative with a monthly participation fee.

Each of the entrepreneurs has participated in a voluntary eight-week business boot camp. Program Coordinator Loretta Harper-Brown said the boot camp teaches the basic mechanics of business such has developing business plans, cash flow statements, and product pricing.

Webb said that the business boot camp helped her manage her business more effectively.

"It caused me to be more focused," she said. "It helped me deal with my business as a whole and working in the store gave me experience with the retail aspect."

Casey said that most of the funding for the store comes from the city of Newark. The Newark City Council approved a 2005 Community Development Block Grant valuing $35,000 to the YWCA Micro-Enterprise. The Micro-Enterprise division of the YWCA's Department of Economic Advancement is the branch that runs the Gallery of Goods.

The Gallery of Goods works with the entrepreneurs to build both the cooperative and the individual businesses themselves.

Mi Impressions owner Keith Henry was very familiar with presentation software from his job as a chemist at W.L. Gore and Associates. In his spare time, he added creativity to his technical knowledge to create customized gifts by transferring images onto various substrates, such as pillows, mouse pads, jewelry, and sterling silver.

"It gave me a chance to be creative," Henry said.

The compliments and positive feedback he received over time on his work inspired him to go into business for himself.

Since everything Henry does is customized, prices on his creations vary but he said an average price would be approximately $35.

Henry operated a kiosk in the Christiana Mall from April to July of 2004 and he found his time at the mall to be validating from the moment of one of his first sales, a silver heart pendant.

"It helped prove my concept," he said. "It proved I could sell jewelry with images on it. I created a sellable product."

Henry said that through doing market research he came across the YWCA's micro-enterprise Web site and then discovered opportunities in the state of Delaware.

He said the boot camp helped him plan different aspects of his business strategy.

Twice a month, the entrepreneurs sit around a rectangular table towards the back of the storefront with Casey and Harper-Brown to discuss a variety of business topics. At one meeting, the group brainstormed marketing strategies for the cooperative as a whole.

Harper-Brown said the meetings are constructive for several reasons.

"It gives us an opportunity to bond together," she said. "The whole spirit of what we're doing is cooperative, not competitive."

Most pressingly, the entrepreneurs look to the future.

Webb visited four day cares during the holidays, but hopes to expand both the number of day cares and the frequency of her visits.

"Financial freedom inspires me," she said. She also wants to continue working on marketing and develop name recognition for her products.

Henry said that he would like to perfect his craft in his business model. "I am working on marketing promotion," he said. "Getting in front of people and getting them to buy my products." He is inspired in business by financial freedom, self-employment, and wanting to spend more time with his family.

For both Webb and Henry, the key to these business opportunities rests here in Newark. "This is where the market is," Henry said. "20 to 45 years of age, married, professional, unique sense of style. My demographic is here."

■ Art show here

The 21st Delaware Women's Conference is hosting a Fine Arts Show to take place at two venues, first the Newark Arts Alliance at 100 Elkton Road between March 4 and 26, and at the Biggs Museum of American Art on 406 Federal Street between April 1 and May 30.

The show will feature the work of 17 artists and will feature six Newark artists, including: Jennifer Davies-Reazor, Carrie Ida Edinger, Becca Hutchinson, Kyla Zoe Rafert, Larkin Salemi, and Valerie Schulte.

The art show complements the 2005 Delaware Women's Conference, which will be held on Saturday, March 6 at Clayton Hall, on the University of Delaware campus.

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Laws may change

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taurant in question would then reserve the right to revoke that license at any time.

Planning Director Roy Lopata said that this step serves to tighten existing liquor laws. "This special-use rule is much tougher than anything we've done in the past," he told commissioners at the Feb. 1 meeting. "In effect, we could be able to pull liquor licenses for 30, 60, maybe 90 days at a time."

The amendment could also put an end to a prohibition on liquor sales at properties adjacent to protected areas such as churches, schools and residential areas.

If passed by council, this would allow establishments like the failed Italian Bistro, which sharesda property line with the United Methodist Church, to possibly sell alcohol. The Italian Bistro closed its doors just months after opening. The reason most often cited for its failure was its inability to sell alcohol under existing laws.

Lopata pointed out that this policy seems inconsistent, especially now that Cucina Di Napoli, an Italian restaurant serving alcohol, has started business just across the street from the former Italian Bistro location.

"I cannot look at those two buildings without getting sick," he said. "I cannot fathom the logic there. The truth is, in government, we ought to try and be fair once in a while."

While commissioners agreed that the policy seemed unfair, some residents who attended the meeting argued for its preservation.

"To remove the term 'protection' from the regulation seems to be the antithesis of what we want to do," said Newark resident Mark DeShawn. "Once that's removed, it's hard to take it back."

"We have to be careful of how we shape our downtown," Rev. Bernard Keels of the United Methodist Church said, asking commissioners to maintain the property-based prohibition. "Restaurants have a responsibility to their customers, but at the church, we have a responsibility to our customers, too."

The church has been protected since the 1970s under city law. It comes under a grouping that includes libraries, schools, nursing homes, and residential properties. Noticeably missing from that list are dormitories, which had been protected for several years.

"Even including dormitories as a protected area was a huge mistake on my part," Lopata said. "It turns out that students who are 21 can drink in those dorms [located next to the Galleria]. There is no prohibition in the dorms, but we want to say that restaurants next door can't sell alcohol. I had assumed that the university had banned alcohol in the dorms. You can't smoke in the dorms, but you can drink. It boggles my mind."

Many blame the failure of the Italian Bistro on its inability to secure a liquor license. It shared a property line with the Newark United Methodist Church.

Commissioners agreed with Lopata's point of view and decided that dormitories should no longer be included as a protected area. If council members agree, this could take a lot of pressure off of restaurants hoping to open their doors in The Galleria, a location that has brought up much debate over this rule in past years.

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Barbara J. Borst, 66

Barbara J. Borst, 66, of Newark, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2005, at her home.

Born in York, Pa. on Dec. 18, 1938, Mrs. Borst was a 1960 graduate of the School of Nursing at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

She worked for 30 years as an oncology nurse with Christiana Care.

Mrs. Borst experienced health problems that caused her retirement from nursing, before having a heart transplant in 1998.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, Lee R. Borst, and by her father, H. Fred Fickes.

She is survived by her mother, Margaret Taylor of York, Pa.; 4 children, Debbie Peterson and her husband, David, of Newark, Melanie Yokimcus and her husband, Scott, of Corinth, N.Y., Mark Borst and his wife, Leslie, of Hockessin and Jon Borst and his wife, Linda, of Bear; and 10 grandchildren, David Jr. and Joshua Peterson, Megan, Christopher and Reayanne Yokimcus, Shelby and Justin Borst, Alexis, Ashlee and Aiden Borst.

Services were scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121 West Park Place, Newark.

Interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Gift of Life Program, 2000 Hamilton Street, No. 201, Philadelphia, Pa. 19030.

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Gilbert P. Volmi, 79, food service director at UD

RETIRED University of Delaware Administrator Gilbert P. Volmi, 79, of Newark, died on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at his home.

He was born in Paterson, N.J. on June 28, 1925. Son of the late Anthony Volmi and Jean Zyck Volmi, Mr. Volmi served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was a graduate of Penn State University and received his master's degree from Florida State University.

Mr. Volmi began his career as a University Administrator at Vanderbilt University and later accepted positions at the University of Tennessee, the University of Maryland, and Notre Dame University.

From 1966-1987, he was employed with the University of Delaware, retiring as the director of food service.

He was a member of many professional organizations including the American College of University Housing Officers (ACUHO), the National Association of College and University Food Service (NACUFS) and the American Dietetic Association (ADA).

Active in his community, Mr. Volmi was a member of the Newark Country Club and served on the board of the Newark Senior Center.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Gelcius Volmi; 3 children, Reverend Dennis Volmi, Germaine Chapis and her husband, Stephen, of Georgetown, and Andrea Jackson and her husband, Wyatt, of Dagsboro; and 2 grandchildren, Amy Lynn Jackson and Matthew Gilbert Jackson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Saturday, Jan. 29, at Holy Angels R.C. Church, 82 Possum Park Rd.

Interment was private in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Dagsboro.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Little Sisters of the Poor, 185 Salem Church Road, Newark; or to Delaware Hospice 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington.

Grace I. Elliott, 92

Newark resident Grace I. Elliott, 92, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, at the Millcroft Nursing Center.

A 1931 graduate of the Notre Dame Academy of Cincinnati, Oh., she retired in 1977 as a bookkeeper from the city of Newark. She was a member of St. John's-Holy Angel's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Elliott. Survivors include nieces and nephews, Bishop William L. Higi of the Diocese of Lafayette, In., Ann (and Dale) Alden of Gahanna Oh., P.J. Higi of Indianapolis In., Linda (and Edward) Roncalli of Santa Rosa Calif., Julie (and Robert) Eckstein of Inverness Fl., Mary Jo Weidner of Kokoma In.; and several great nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass was scheduled for Friday, Jan. 28, at St. John's Catholic Church, E. Main St. at North Chapel.

Contributions may be made to the building fund of St. John's Holy Angels Church, 82 Possum Park Road, Newark.

Phyllis M. Whelchel

Newark resident Phyllis M. Whelchel, 76, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005.

She is survived by her children, Gene L. Whelchel, Judy M. Gillaspy and Julia A. Thomlinson; her brother, Gene Adams; 11 grandchildren; and 29 great grandchildren.

Services were scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 29 in Grassy Hollow Cemetery in Potosi, Mo.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle.

Samuel L. Thaw, 72

Samuel L. Thaw, 72, of Newark, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005.

Mr. Thaw retired from the Dupont Co. Louviers site as a design engineer, then worked for BE&K Engineering for a short time.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Susanne Thaw; his son, Charles L. Thaw and his wife, Jody, and their daughter, Eden Michelle, of Glendale, Calif.; and his daughter, Phyllis Eastburn and her husband, Jerry, and their daughter, Samantha, of Hockessin.

Funeral services were scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Doherty Funeral Home, 3200 Limestone Rd., Pike Creek.

Burial was held in All Saints Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 2680, North Canton, Oh. 44720 or to the Delaware Kidney Foundation, 315 Ruthar Dr., Newark.

Helen E. Abbott, 80

Helen E. Abbott, 80, of Newark, died at Christiana Hospital Jan. 23, 2005.

Mrs. Abbott was born in Marshallton on Jan. 4, 1925. She worked for many years in the

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family shoe repair business in Newark, as well as raising her family.

She is survived by sons, Lawrence Abbott of Newark, Wayne Abbott of LA and Edward and Philip Abbott, also of Newark; a sister, Bertha Gibson of LA; 5 grandchildren Wayne, Brian and Lisa Abbott, Brooke Jones and Summer Campbell Abbott; as well as several great grandchildren.

Services were private.

Douglas J. Dagg, 77

Newark resident Douglas J. Dagg, 77, died at home on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005.

Mr. Dagg retired in 1981 from the U.S. Army National Guard, where he served from 1950.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge.

He also coached baseball for the Babe Ruth, Newark National Little League and for Caravel Academy.

His grandson, Shane Dagg, predeceased him.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy (Shea) Dagg; his children and their spouses, Diane and David Hubner, of Carroll, Oh., Catherine and James Mulvaney, of Wallingford, Pa., Deborah and Allen Mutter, of Newark, Norman "Nubbs" and Rose Dagg, of Newark, Kevin and Aggie Dagg, of Bear, and Joseph and Bonny Dagg, of Bear. Also surviving are his sisters, Mabel DuBree, of Havre de Grace, Md. and Vera Freck, of Harrington, Del.; sister-in-law, Helen Dagg, of Hartley, Del.; nephew, Wally Dudeck, of Hartley, Del.; and 11 grandchildren, Shanna Mutter, and her fiancé, Carl Foraker, Ariel Mutter, Zachary, Steven, Shawn and Sherri Dagg, Allen, Justin and Augusta Hubner, and Jonathan and Elizabeth Mulvaney; and numerous friends, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The funeral service was scheduled for Monday, Jan. 31.

Interment was in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

Edward J. Pellicciaro, 83, World War II veteran, professor emeritus of math

EDWARD J. Pellicciaro, Ph.D., 83, of Newark, died on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at his home in Windy Hills.

Born in Beaver Falls, Pa. on March 20, 1921, he grew up in Astoria, N.Y., graduating from Haaren High School in New York City.

After serving three years in the U.S. Army during World War II, he received his BS degree from Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y. and his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina.

After joining the faculty of the mathematics department at the University of Delaware in 1953, Dr. Pellicciaro received a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship at Duke University.

Returning to Delaware in 1956, he was associated with the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the University of Delaware Research Foundation.

He retired in 1986 as Professor Emeritus of Mathematics.

He was a member of Holy Angels parish and the Newark Senior Center, and was affiliated with numerous scientific and fraternal organizations.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Joy Wiley Pellicciaro; 3 children, Karen Elena, of New York City, N.Y., Mark of Wilmington and Richard, Sr., of Chadds Ford, Pa.; two sisters, Gloria Apicella and Violet DeMaria, both of Long Island, N.Y.; and three grandchildren, Julia, Richard, Jr. and Nicholas.

Funeral services were held privately.

Edelmira Derivera, 94

Edelmira DeRivera, 94, died Jan. 23, 2005 at her home in Newark.

She was born and raised in Colombia.

She lived in Israel for 3 years before coming to Delaware in 1981.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary and her husband, Alfonso Lopez; son, Helman and his wife, Nancy Rivera, of Colombia; her grandchildren, Alfonso, Nelson, Ovidio and Edgar Lopez, Alicia Boyle and Elizabeth Chance, Mario and Monica Rivera; and 14 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vespasiano Rivera.

A private service was scheduled to be held at the Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home followed by burial in All Saints Cemetery.

Brooklyn Helen Hrycek

Newark resident Brooklyn Helen Hrycek, born Dec. 20, 2004, died on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, at the A I DuPont Hospital for Children.

She is survived by her mother, Tiffany of Newark; her father, Christopher M. Shockley of Frankford; her three sisters, Taylor, Renee and Aubrey; her grandparents, Maureen and Louis, Jerry Shockley and Marybeth Levering; her great grandparents, Catherine and William Lawler; her aunt, Bridget; her uncle, Travis Shockley; and her godfather, Jamie Groome.

Services were scheduled for Friday, Jan. 28 at the Doherty Funeral Home, 3200 Limestone Rd., Pike Creek.

Burial will be in Cathedral Cemetery.

Charles A. Kappauf Jr.

Charles A. Kappauf, Jr., 78, of Newark, died on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005.

Mr. Kappauf and his wife were the owners of The Keg in Bear from 1980 to 1994 when they retired. He was an Army veteran of WWII.

His wife, Lillian M. Kappauf, died in 1999.

Charles is survived by his son, Charles A. Kappauf, III, of Newark; one brother, John Kappauf, of Wilmington; 1 sister, Connie Saxton, of New Castle; three grandsons; and two great granddaughters.

A funeral service was scheduled for Monday, Jan. 31, at the Mccrery Memorial Chapel, 3710 Kirkwood Highway, Duncan Road. Interment was in Gracelawn Memorial Park.

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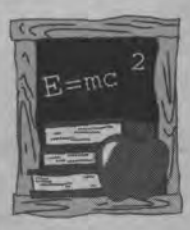

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Librarian Charlesa Lowell remembered

Portrait to hang in Newark library, memorial fund established

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE Community Room of the Newark Library was overflowing in the evening of Friday, Jan. 28, just as Charlesa Lowell would have wanted. But the crowd was not there for a community meeting, a book signing or poetry reading.

They were there for the unveiling of their former librarian's portrait, which is now hanging in a prominent spot in the library.

Lowell, died in October, 2003, at her Windy Hills home, following a long battle with cancer.

Even though she was struggling with the disease that eventually took her life, and was undergoing chemotherapy treatments, Lowell led her staff and worked with engineers and designers through a major renovation and expansion of the library facility that was completed in January 2003. She continued working at the library until just three days before her passing.

Lowell was strongly committed to libraries and their positive effect on people. Prior to working in Newark, she was the first library director in Kent County and was the Delaware Deputy State Librarian. She also held a leadership role in the Delaware Library Association.

Her husband, Howard Lowell, and mother, Lavina Thompson, flew into Newark for the event.

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Friends of the Newark Library share rememberances of Charlesa Lowell at the unveiling of a portrait of the late library director.

The oil portrait was commissioned by the Newark Morning Rotary Club, of which Lowell was a member. The artist is Chris Congleton, of Newark, who works as a teacher assistant at the Margaret S. Sterck School for the Deaf. Congleton, who attended Sterck as a child, has been deaf since the age of nine due to a bilateral neural hearing loss.

Fred Dawson, spokesperson for the Rotary club, commented on the mark Lowell made in the club and the community.

"She was so very proud of her library. She had a spark and energy about her," Dawson said.

Friends of the Library provided framing of the portrait.

Catherine Soles Pomeroy, president of the Friends, said, "Tonight is not about the details of her life, it is about the sparkle in her eyes and the way she spread that sparkle to everyone who knew her."

Soles said that Lowell "showed us as individuals that we must continue to grow and learn, to continue professional development."

A memorial fund in her name is established to provide graduate education and professional development in library science. The fund will be managed by the Delaware Community Foundation.

Before Lowell's friends and colleagues enjoyed refreshments, Soles lifted her hand and offered an imaginary toast.

"To libraries, to learning, to Charlesa," she said.

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