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UP FRONT

Making history

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

REDICTING attendance at a memorial service is risky but I'll certainly be surprised if there is not a huge turn-out tonight at the Aetna Fire Hall and tomorrow at Holy Angels to honor the life of Olan R. Thomas.

As I wandered around

town earlier this week, nearly every person I met had a favorite Olan Thomas story. Most talked

about what a decent, honest, sincere man he was, gentle and quietly devoted

to his family, city council work, and the fire service in Delaware.

Streit

More than once, a comment was "they don't make 'em like him any more.' Today, when candidates for local offices often go unopposed and only four people show up at a candidates forum prior to Tuesday's important school board election, I believe the commentators were correct. Olan Thomas was one of a kind.

As our story on page 3 details, Thomas is being remembered for recruiting good citizens into public service, then quietly orienting them to their new jobs.

About a dozen years ago, we hired Jennifer Rodgers as a reporter here. It was her first "real" newspaper job.

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By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

OT ART? IF you attended the Newark Arts Alliance auction on Saturday, May 7, the answer to that question is probably yes. Artists, authors and musicians from the area donated their crafts to be sold to the highest bidder in the name of raising money for the community-based arts group.

NAA put together a wild mix of art. There were quilts



emblazoned with the University of Delaware logo, gift baskets, books and paintings from every medium. "Three Geishas Startled by Ghost Story,' an Asian-inspired water color, "Threshold," a wild-ly painted door and "Red Flags," a clay monoprint were all hot-ticket items.

"We had a lot of really great donations," said Carol



The auction brought in about \$13,000 before the cost of expenses, which will go into the NAA's operating budget. Unfotunately, that number is a little less than what was raised in previous

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Top: Jill Nealey discusses a paint-ing with a friend. Center: Shirley Fischer considers placing a bid on a piece of art at the auction. This was her first year at the event. Left: **Swing Samba Soul** got the crowd moving with its funky

help?

Council believes answer to crime increase is five newly funded officers

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ILL five additional police officers help reduce crime in Newark? City Council members believe the answer to that question is "yes" and on Monday, May 9 voted to hire five sworn officers and to pay for their salary through a property tax increase.

The police-hiring debate came to a head at the council meeting, a week after the slaying of University of Delaware sophomore Lindsey Bonistall. Talk of increasing the police force had been on the table for nearly two years, and only increased after this winter's rash of bur-

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Christina board intact

Incumbents sweep school board election

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HE school board election for Christina School District held Tuesday yielded few surprises as two incumbents soundly beat out their three newcomer opponents. A sixth candidate, even though she did not win, will remain on the board for one more year.

Returning to the board for his sixth term will be George Evans, from District A in Wilmington. Evans, an attorney, has been sitting on the board since the Christina School District was formed in 1981. With perfect attendance for

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110 charges lodged

EW Castle County Police have arrested five individuals in connection with a series of thefts in the Pike Creek Valley.

Police said that 33 thefts during a six-week time period were reported in various Pike Creek neighborhoods and apartment

complexes.

According to police, Michael Hulsey, 22, Christopher Hulsey, 18, Ashley Gray, 18, Natasha Griscom, 22, all of Newark, and Marianne Losito, 19, of Wilmington, were charged with multiple counts of theft, felony theft, burglary, tampering with evidence, conspiracy, unlawful use of a credit card and attempted theft.

In total, 110 criminal charges were filed against the five individuals.

Trio charged with six armed robberies

The Delaware State Police Robbery Unit, along with the Elkton Police Department, have arrested two New Castle men and a New Castle woman for committing six armed robberies in Newark and New Castle.

According to police, the description of suspects in an investigation in Elkton matched the information about suspects in New Castle County robberies.

Police said on Tuesday, May 3, Aaron Logan, 20; Stephanie Nieves, 19; and Andre Moore, 19; were apprehended without incident.

According to police, the suspects have been charged with robberies at the following businesses:

Sunoco gas station, Christiana Road, New Castle, robbed on Feb. 21:

Sunoco gas station, Elkton Road, Newark, robbed on March 11:

7-Eleven, Christiana Road, New Castle, robbed on April 4; Hampton Inn, Concord Lane,

Newark, robbed on April 10; Wendy's restaurant, N. Dupont Highway, New Castle, robbed on

April 16; and

Wawa store, Salem Village
Square, Newark, robbed on April
23.

Police said Logan and Moore were arraigned and transferred to the Howard R. Young Correctional Facility, while

TOTAL CALLS

Nieves was arraigned and taken to Baylor Women's Correctional Institute.

NH man falls from balcony

A University of South Carolina student was admitted to the Christiana Hospital with serious head injuries after falling at a Newark apartment complex while visiting his brother, a University of Delaware student.

According to police, Michael Ricci, 22, of New Hampshire, was sitting on a second-story ledge at the Courtyard Apartments when he lost his balance and fell backwards onto the concrete first floor.

Police said he was admitted to Christiana Hospital, where he was in critical condition.

Arrests follow fight

After being alerted that a fight involving 20 to 30 people was underway, Newark police rushed to Grotto Pizza, 45 E. Main St., on Saturday, May 7, at 7:25 p.m.

Officers saw two men fighting. The males were ordered to halt by police but began to flee. A foot chase along and behind Main Street followed.

One man was arrested by police on Municipal Parking Lot 3; the other was taken into custody a short time later when a vehicle was stopped at Lovett Sunoco station robbed Saturday morning

Sunoco On Saturday, May 7, at approximately 2:08 a.m., the Sunoco Mart, located at 287 Elkton Rd., Newark, was robbed.

According to police, a male suspect entered the store and initiated the purchase. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the suspect jumped on the counter and grabbed an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect then fled the store in an unknown direction.

Police said the suspect has been described as a white male, 5'6"-5'8", 120-130 lbs., 18-23 years old, thin build, clean shaven, protruding teeth. He was wearing a light blue hooded sweatshirt, light blue jeans and a light blue baseball cap.

Persons with information are asked to call 366-7110 or 1-800-TIP-

Avenue and Benny Street, police

Charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest were Jack Warrington Jr., 22, of Newark, and Francesco Giuseppe Iacono, 27, of Wilmington. Both were released pending court appearances, police said.

Shoplifting arrests

Two Elkton, Md., residents were arrested following a shop-lifting incident at the Pathmark store.

Newark police said officials

at the College Square store summoned police on Sunday, May 8, at 4:17 p.m. after two shoppers were seen concealing food and toiletries.

Charged with shoplifting were Samantha M. Juditzki, 24, and David S. Showalter, 37, both of Elkton. Police said both were released pending court appearances.

Sexual assault of UD student investigated

Newark Police are investigating a sexual assault of a 20-year-old University of Delaware student that occurred between 12:30 and 5 a.m.,Tuesday, May 3, in the 200 block of East Delaware Avenue, it was reported on UDaily.

Police have a suspect in the case who is also a UD student, the report said.

The victim was treated at Christiana Hospital.

'Artist' strikes

The smell of fresh paint greeted Newark police officers on Saturday, May 7, at 10:06 p.m. when they were called to two businesses in the 100 block East Main Street.

A caller told police that a man was spraying graffiti on the outside walls of Homegrown Café and Cluck U Chicken. Police rushed to the area but the suspect was gone.

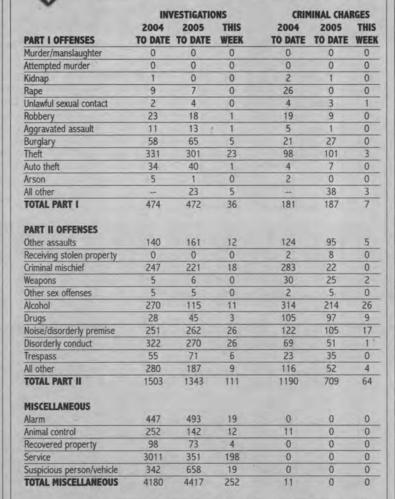
On Thursday, May 5, at 1:53 p.m., in a separate case Newark police learned that a U.S. mail box, Neighborhood Watch sign and a *News Journal* paper sales box, all located in Nottingham Green, had been spray painted.

Sometime Wednesday night, May 4, vandals spray painted the tennis wall at Kells Park, 201 Kells Ave.

Lawn ornaments gone

Two lawn ornament were stolen from a home in the 300 block Matthew Flocco Drive, it was reported to police on Saturday,

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STATISTICS FOR APRIL 24-30, 2005 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

OLAN R. THOMAS DIES AT 82, RECORD-SETTING COUNILMEMBER, LONGTIME FIRE SERVICE OFFICIAL

Longtime public servant remembered

NE of the longest serving public officials in Newark history ended his service Tuesday. Olan R. Thomas, 82, died Monday at his home.

Thomas lived in the City of Newark his entire life. He showed his devotion to his hometown through a recordsetting 30 years as a city councilmember and a half-century of volunteer work with the Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company.

His reputation extended far beyond the city limits. He held a variety of key leadership positions in the Delaware fire service. The Delaware League of Local Governments honored him with its first Lifetime Achievement Award.

"Olan was very committed to the City of Newark but he helped energize the League during his three decades on council," said former mayor Harold Godwin. "This was a firstever award acknowledging Olan's lifetime of service to Newark, Delaware and his country," Godwin said. FUNERAL: A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, at Holy Angels R.C. Church, 82 Possum Park Road, Newark.

BURIAL: Interment will follow in All Saints Cemetery, 6001 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington.

RECEPTION: Friends may call 6 to 8 p.m., on Friday, May 13, at the Aetna Fire Hall, 400 Ogletown Road, Newark.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS: In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder, P.O. Box 7862, Newark, DE 19714.

In 1987, while serving as Newark's deputy mayor, Thomas was president of the DLLG.

Except for his time in Army Air Corps during World War II, Thomas' journeys never took him far the home in which he was born August 22, 1923. The Academy Street row house is in area now known as Skid Row and is located across the street from the Aetna fire house.

After graduating from Newark High School in 1941, Thomas briefly attended Goldey Business School (now known as Goldey Beacom College). About this time, he met his future wife, Lorraine, at a freind's home in Newark.

In 1943, Thomas joined

In 1943, Thomas joined the Army Air Corps. In July 1944, Lorraine travelled to Colorado Springs, Colo., where they married before Thomas was deployed to the South Pacific. Thomas, not yet 21, needed parental consent to join the military and to get married.

Thomas spent nearly two years with the 20th Air Force stationed in Guam working in mission control and on ground crews that prepared airplane bombers.

In December 1945, Thomas returned to Newark to be with his wife. They, too, settled into a row house on Academy Street until 1952, when they moved to Cleveland Avenue.

Thomas became a salesman for Continental Diamond Fibre, one of the largest employers in Newark at the time. In 1970, he moved to the University of Delaware where he worked as a collection manager until he retired a second time in 1987.

Thomas' career in public service began in 1947 when he became a member of the Aetna fire company of Newark.

During the 1950s, he served as Deputy Fire Marshall of Newark, In 1958, he was elected president of the New Castle County Fire Chiefs Association and a Director of the Delaware State Fire Chiefs Association. He was the first member of Aetna to hold both the county presidency and state office.

In 1960, he was elected president of the Delaware State Fire Chiefs Ass ocia-

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PHOTO CORTESY OF ROBERT O. THOMAS

Sixth District Councilmember Olan R. Thomas in 1974 at a city council meeting in the gymnasium of the former police station on Main Street. The photograph was taken before the current municipal building was constructed. Thomas planned a key role in the design and funding of the new city hall.

Main Street gets Shaggy

By SONDRA ABEL

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

FINE diners will have a new reason to take to Main Street, starting Friday, May 13. That's when Newark's newest seafood restaurant, Shaggy's, will open their doors for business.

The casual seafood restaurant has a Key West motif, said David Dietz, co-owner of Shaggy's. The nautical theme is reflected from the beach-inspired décor to the island drinks and raw bar. Those looking for a place to enjoy a meal oozing with ambience won't be disappointed. An elevated dining

area with high-top tables will let diners watch the bustle of Main Street below while the rear patio will have a bamboo screen blocking the noise and view of the Galleria parking lot.

The entire restaurant is also wired with free Wi-Fi for customers who bring in their laptops, Van Horn said.

"We're totally hi-tech and ready to go," Dietz said.

Dietz hopes that gourmets won't be put off by the stereotype that all seafood restaurants are expensive - that's why the restaurant will offer daily "food and booze specials" for around \$8, and "starving student specials" for around \$7. The owners of Shaggy's also hope to draw the lunch crowd with a quick raw bar and soup station, which will feature a steamer station for clams, oysters and shrimp. Customers will be able sit down with lunch in front of them in about four minutes, Van Horn said.

While the restaurant is about to dive into Newark's downtown, things got off to a choppy start. Opponents of the restaurant argued that a liquor license should not be given to the property because of recently-applied liquor laws that prohibit alcohol on properties that border dormitories. However,

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State's largest memorial returns Sunday

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

EWARK'S famed Memorial Celebration will celebrate its 70th year this Sunday, May 15. The ceremony includes massing of the colors, reviewing the troops by state officials and a rifle salute to fallen soldiers.

It seems that everyone in Newark has one moment that they look forward to from the Newark tradition. For the Newark Police Department's Linda Burns, who again is spearheading the celebration this year, there is one poignant part that is priceless.

"The ceremony on the mall, where they play the 'Star Spangled Banner' and the flags are blowing, that's my favorite part," said. "It makes me cry."

Burns is just one of the many residents who identifies with the ceremony. Much of her family history is closely tied with military. Her mother served as a Women's Auxiliary Cadet in World War II. Her father was in the Navy. She worked as a clerk for a basic training camp. Her husband was drafted in Vietnam. Yet, it's not Burns' close family ties to the military that make the ceremony important in her eyes. What she appreciates the most is the opportunity for reflection.

"Memorial Day is part of our history," she said. "As long as we learn from our past, we can do better in the future. And it lets us honor those who fought for world freedoms."

The memorial starts at 1 p.m. with a

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Court gets a stay

THE City of Newark will be allowed to keep its Alderman's Court for at least another year, now that the Delaware State Senate confirmed the appointment of the court's alderman and deputy alderman.

The city was in danger of losing its court and the fines it collects after legislation was passed last year that could eliminate small, city courts throughout the state. The legislation, which goes into effect this June, requires that all judges serving in any subdivision of the state would have to be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state senate.

Had the Alderman, Hon.
Anthony Forcina, and Deputy
Alderman, Hon. Larry Sullivan,
not been confirmed by June 1,
the Alderman's Court would
have been defunct. All of its
cases would have been handled
by the Justice of the Peace court.

For more information on the history of the debate, read our editorial on page six, which was written by local lawyer Mark Sisk. The column was penned before the senate confirmation.

In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

NOTE PAD

Weekend bus roadeo

ORE than 50 school bus drivers will compete in the statewide Bus Roadeo at Glasgow High School on Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Drivers will be judged in their ability to maneuver large and small busses by driving through an off-set alley, in straight lines, across railroad tracks, making turns, parallel park, and dock the bus. They also take a written exam and do a visual inspection of a "bugged bus" parked on the grounds, checking everything from loose lug nuts to oil drips.

The public is invited to observe. The school is on Rt. 896, one mile south of 195 in

WOW bus at roadeo

While parents watch the school bus drivers maneuver buses at the Bus Roadeo, children from kindergarten to sixth grade can visit the WOW bus, Christina School District's mobile lab, for 45 minute periods to play lan-guage arts games and work on their reading skills on the computers

The WOW bus will be at Glasgow High School on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents or guardians must register their children to enter the bus.

Student of the Week

Asia Johnson, a fifth grader from May B. Leasure Elementary School, was selected by Principal Linda

Ochenrider and staff as this week's student of the week. Asia is a model for other students. She shows



Johnson

compassion and respect for others. When a new student comes into the room, she introduces herself and invites the newcomer to join her at lunch. She tries to help others whenever she can and always is interested in doing the right thing. Asia works hard in her classes and is a very responsible citizen of the school.

Creativity on display

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

TWO unlikely characters greeted visitors to the Christina School District annual art show last week. They were white as ghosts and stiff as a board, but they had style.
When visitors entered the main

lobby of Gauger-Cobbs Middle School, a gentleman and lady were seated at the sign-in desk, he with his suit of fine threads

and she with a perky ponytail.

The life-sized sculpture,
"Surprise," was made by students in Newark High School's Sculpture I class, under the direction of teacher Karen Yarnell. They cast body parts from various students by using plaster strips dipped in water, the same process for making a cast when an arm or leg is broken. The casts were then cut off and reassembled into full figures.

Art class members were their own models. The head and male torso are of Andrew Mead. The legs of one are of Jessie Sheets. Shawn Stepp modeled his hands. One head is of Samantha Patton and arms and hands of one are from casts of Kyshaad Britt. Vaseline was smeared on the skins and plastic covered clothing to keep the plaster from sticking.
A third body, with the torso of



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Above: Shawn Stepp and Ashley Mancuso, both seniors, work on the torso of the third life-sized sculpture. Right: Two sculptures welcome visitors to the district art show.



Ashley Mancuso, was later cast in the art room at NHS so three of them could be on display in the library for the school's Jazz and Art Festival next week.

"I felt very restrained," said Mancuso. "I couldn't move a lot. I had to waddle while I dried." It took more than 30 minutes for the plaster cast to dry before it could be cut off using surgical scissors. She had to stand in front of a fan to dry quickly.

The inspiration for the figures came from watching a video in class on the famous sculptor George Segal. He kept his art pieces pure white, so Yarnell's students tried the same effect and

liked it.
"The hardest part was trying to put expression into the piec-es without a lot of detail," said Stepp. The gentleman sitting at the table sticks out his tongue at passersby.

The wrists and necks were made separately, then newspaper was stuck inside the parts to hold them together while more plaster strips were added.

The three characters have no names, but with the creativity flowing around NHS, it's only a matter of time.

Arts are alive

The lobby of Gauger-Cobbs Middle School looked like an art gallery in an upscale mall last week, with practically every art medium known used by students

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Ready. Get set. Play

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

OW many ways can you make 24? Probably a Lot more than you could imagine.

Nearly175 second to eighth graders, and more than 50 volunteer teachers, from 17 elementary and middle schools in the Christina School District came together for the district's first 24 Challenge Math Program, on Wednesday, May 4, held at Bayard Elementary School.

The gym and cafeteria were filled with anxious parents as they watched their children in a battle of wits and math skills.

With groups of four or five competitors sitting around game boards, director Jennifer Montanez gave directions. A

teacher or volunteer was assigned to each group.

Like the start of a NASCAR race, everyone waited for the starting signal.

"Proctors, open your envelopes," barked Montanez. "Time begins right now. Ready, play."

Quickly the proctor placed a card with four numbers in the center of the game board. In a matter of seconds one player would tap his finger on a corner of the board, indicating, he or she had the correct combination.

"6x4=24; 7-4=3; 3x2=6; 6x4=24." That was an easy one. Someone just earned a point. The next card was placed on the board and a new set of equations was needed.

At the upper grade levels, the combinations were harder, using double-digit figures. At the end of the first round scores were tallied



Fifth graders, from left, Nick Trent, from Pulaski, Ryan Chen, from Marshall, Charis Pfeil, from Keene, and Javon Harding, from Palmer, match wits in a round of 24 Challenge. The proctor is Denise Hall from Keene Elementary.

and everyone moved to another group for the second round.

Justin Reel's cheeks turned red as the fourth grader from Keene Elementary concentrated on the digits 9,9,6 and 5. After what

seemed like an eternity, he hit his finger on the board and won the last point of that round.

Those with the top points were invited to compete in the final

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Green flag award for recyclers

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

▼ ECOND graders at Keene Elementary School are not going to let a scrap of paper or plastic bottle go in the trash. They are smart recyclers.

For their conscious efforts to recycle they have won the Green Flag Award for Environmental Leadership, presented by the Center for Health, Environment and Justice and the Delaware Solid Waste Authority.

The students placed three recycling boxes outside their classroom doors for bottles, paper and cans. They scoured the outside of the building for trash and recyclables, taking them to the recycling bins at the back of the school's park-

After Quaci Cooke's fam-



ily had a party, he brought plastic bottles from home to be recycled.

The students said they learned that it's important to clean your world and not throw trash around. Their school looked better without trash out-

side, they thought.
Pictured above, with their creative recycling boxes are, from left, Loyal Ricks, Quaci Cooke, Gillian Stafford, Ayrionna Walley, Atavia Kent and Taylor Steger.

Budding artists display their work

ART, from 4

of the Christina School District for its annual art show.

Mermaids sat in a pottery dish while three-dimensional figures played tennis on their 12x18 ceramic court. Water colored fish swam" in the sea while woven Indian-type blankets hung on the

There were pictures of wolves howling, dogs leaping, ladybugs flittering and flowers blooming.

The four seasons were well depicted with snowmen and bare trees for winter, kites and butterflies for spring, lounge chairs on the beach for summer and colorful trees for autumn.

Inspiration came from Sponge Bob, Mickey Mouse, Indians, mermaids, Builder Rob, Superman and many mommies who were their little darlings'

Student artists drew themselves, friends, family members, dancers in pink tights, cowboys and super heroes.

The artwork came from all 29 schools in the district, created by students from kinder-



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALI

Three seventh graders at Gauger-Cobbs School check out the creative artwork in the district's art show.

garten to Advanced Placement art classes in the high schools. Minnie Hutchison, director of the art program for the district, and her team of art teachers hung every masterpiece or place them

carefully in display cases before several hundred students, family members, staff and administrators attended the special showing on Wednesday, May 4.

Math skills put to the challenge

▶ 24, from 4

round. The combinations were tougher. One parent bit her fingernails and could hardly watch her child compete.

24 Challenge was developed by Robert Sun in 1988 to teach children the relationship between numbers through a game. No matter what level they play at, the combinations will always equal 24, using the four basic operations, double digits, fractions, integers, algebra and exponents.

The game is now used in more

than 500,000 classrooms around the world. Christina classrooms use the game to reinforce the basic facts and skills of math.

The winners at each grade level received a gold medal and tee-shirt. The winners were:

Second grade: Sam Cho (Smith); Third grade: Naman Agrawal (Downes); Fourth grade: Daniel Mantes (McVey); Fifth grade: Ruyan Chen (Pulaski); Sixth grade: Nyasha Austin (Bayard); and Seventh/Eighth grade: Steven Turner (Kirk).

For more info on 24 Challenge, visit www.firstinmath.com.

Spring concerts and musicals scheduled

PRING concerts and musical performances will be held in following Christina Schools this upcoming week,

with all beginning at 7 p.m.:

Sunday, May 16, Glasgow
High will hold a Spring concert;

Medill Middle schools will hold a Spring concert;

High will hold its Pops concert;

Monday, May 17, Newark High School will have a jazz/arts festival with a student art show and a variety of musical selections in the school library;

Thursday, May 19, Bayard Elementary School will hold its

Spring concert:

■ Thursday, May 19, Gauger-

its school band and chorus con-

■ Thursday, May 19, Leasure Elementary School will hold its Spring concert in the auditorium of Kirk Middle School; and

Friday, May 20, Newark High School will hold its Improv Show.



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MARK MY WORDS

Future of local court still unclear

By MARK SISK

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

Newark Alderman's Court has decided violations of local ordinances. The present Alderman's Court, in City Hall on Elkton Road, deals with nearly 10,000 cases per year, including 3,000 misdemeanor criminal and serious (read "driving under the influence of alcohol") traffic cases.

It hasn't been widely reported, but it is possible this may change. The prospect that Newark may lose its Alderman's Court in its present form this year will give the publisher a chance for good headline (Disorder in the Court? There Go the Judge?).

But the loss of the court will have repercussions that any Newark area resident or business person should consider carefully.

carefully.

This might happen shortly in one of two ways.

First, Gov. Minner, under recently passed legislation, needs to appoint an Alderman and Deputy Alderman by June 24, 2005, and she hasn't done so yet. Previously, Newark's

she hasn't done so yet.
Previously, Newark's
Mayor and Council appointed the
Alderman. However, to solve a perceived
problem with the constitutionality of the
court — one that I have never agreed
with — the power of appointment of the
Aldermen was passed from Newark to
the Governor by legislation last year. As
of this writing, Governor Minner has not
made the appointments.

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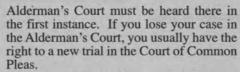
If this doesn't happen by June 24, the court will turn into a pumpkin. It will still be a court, but, with no judges, cases will have to be filed in the State court system.

Second, there is a piece of legislation in the current General Assembly which might permit transfer of cases as a matter of right from the Alderman's Court to the Court of Common Pleas. Most cases which involve attorneys will be transferred to Wilmington, for tactical reasons, or convenience or both.

As of now, cases brought in the

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If you think all this sounds like legal Trivial Pursuits, hear me out.

People who say that courts like the Alderman's Court don't matter have it exactly backwards.

While it is a wonderful experience to argue, say, before the Delaware Supreme Court, the fact of the matter is that most people's idea of whether the courts can give one a fair shake are formed by their experience in places like the Alderman's Court. It's retail justice. The Alderman's Court is where you argue your speeding ticket and the place where your underaged son or daughter who had a beer takes the consequences.

I've worked in every capacity at the court – as prosecutor, defense attorney, and defendant (traffic stuff, I swear) – with the exception of judge. I've been trying cases there for 20-plus years, I like to think it's retail justice at its best.

Having a court in the city benefits

Police do not need to travel to Wilmington to appear – this both reduces overtime, and lets officers stay on the street until they are needed.

The Alderman's Court has a local focus – town and gown legal issues are important, not a burden to be borne while other

The Alderman is required to be a lawyer by the city charter, and the judges of the last three decades - the late Dan Ferry, Ted Sandstrom, Vance Funk, Dick Franta, Tom Ferry, John Sullivan, Loreto Rufo, Bob Welshmer, Larry Sullivan and Anthony Forcina - have been uniformly evenhanded (which, alas, doesn't mean I never lost a case there).

In short, this is a classic case of fixing what isn't broken. So why the attention on the Alderman's Court now?

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OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, Out of the Attic features an interesting 1916 parade photograph of Newark, provided by the University of Delaware Archives. According to Ian Janssen, of University Archives, this procession was part of the Shakespeare Festival held at Delaware College, sponsored by the Department of English, on April 28 and 29, 1916. The procession took place on the first day and a performance of the play, "Twelfth Night" occurred on the second. Students, faculty, and members of the community participated in the procession, which travelled from the Women's College (the South Campus area) to Frazer Field, although the exact route is uncertain. The marchers probably traveled north along College Avenue in this photograph. Readers are encouraged to send old photos to the Newark Post, "Out of the Attic," Suite 206, 168 Elkton Road, Newark 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

■ May 15, 1930 Townsend's bill

given approval, president to sign

Only the signature of President Hoover is now needed to put on the Federal statute books a law encouraging and protecting the successful experimenter in plant breeding.

Senator Townsend of Delaware is the father of this assured new legislation, which, in the light of expressions from all parts of the country, has been most surprisingly neglected.

Passage by the House Tuesday afternoon of the Townsend bill followed the favorable action of the senate just 24 hours earlier.

So unanimously were members behind the measure that the act of passage was a mere form.

Accidents on state roads on increase

Despite the efforts of the State Highway Police and safety organizations throughout the state, the number of automobile accidents on state highways continues just as heavy. The total for the four months of the year is 204 with 14 killed and 166 injured.

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While the fatalities are not as heavy, the number injured is greatly increased. The total property damage was \$54,850.

The number killed in motor vehicle accidents and jay walking in this period is seven each. The number slightly injured is 141, with 14 seriously injured.

There were 11 pedestrians slightly hurt and two seriously.

■ May 14, 1980 Omega okayed by U.S. District Court

The Wilmington Medical Center's Plan Omega won a major- perhaps decisive- victory in U.S. District Court Tuesday as Chief Judge James Latchum ruled that the center can proceed with plans to build an 800-bed hospital at Stanton.

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1980: 3,500 to be laid off

► PAGES, from 6

In his 131-page decision handed down early yesterday afternoon, Latchum said the suburban hospital would not have any "substantial discriminatory effect on the minorities, handicapped or elderly" of New Castle County.

A coalition of 12 Wilmington plaintiffs, including the city of Wilmington, and Wilmington United neighborhoods, filed suit to stop the suburban shortly after the medical center unveiled its plans in the summer of 1978.

3,500 to be laid off

As many as 3,500 production employees at the Newark Chrysler plant will be laid off for up to 11 weeks while the plant undergoes retooling early next month.

According to Chrysler spokesman Don Coefield, a shut-down date has not been set, but it will occur sometime in early June.

The plant will be refurbishing to build Chrysler's new "K-car," a front-wheel drive economy model, named the Dodge Aries and Plymouth Reliant.

Coefield said the retooling will take about 10-11 weeks, so production will not resume until early August.

■ May 12, 2000

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bag parking meters as a form of crowd control was approved by city council on Monday.

"Police Chief Gerald Conway proposed this for increased law enforcement on Main Street at night," explained city manager Carl Luft. "From a business standpoint, lifting parking restrictions downtown a few years ago has worked out well, but we still have late-night problems (with rowdy behavior)."

H.B. 300 still a concern

In spite of what appears to be widespread support, public input at the Christina District school Board meeting on Tuesday indicated concerns with the implementation of neighborhood schools.

Ever since Governor Thomas Carper signed House Bill 300, making the concept of neighborhood schooling in the Christina district a reality, parents, board members, staff and community members have been concerned with the changes that will follow.

The task of converting to neighborhood schools will not be an easy one. There are financial, geographical and transportation issues that must be considered over the next two years before any decisions can be made.

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Local court important to college towns like Newark

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Some say it's politics.
When high minded principles such as constitutionality are invoked, it's a fair bet someone's intentions are less than stellar. Rumors have flown about what the real motive could be. The rumors may or may not be true, but the reason that anyone's concerns about Alderman's Courts fall on fertile ground go back some years.

The so-called constitutional problem was part of a deeper concern that has been expressed for some years about all Alderman's Courts. Specifically, the concern is that small town courts are, well, small town courts, and that the quality of justice suffers. Not every court is run with the fairness or general efficiency of Newark's court, and no other court, to my knowledge, is required to have a lawyer judge. Some years ago one downstate court, in effect, hung a defendant by the heels to see if any money fell out of his pockets to pay fines. This

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was rightly perceived as inap-

Since that time, discussions about general court reform usually target all Alderman's Courts. However, it seems unfair to lump Newark's court with the state's other courts. Newark's Alderman's Court is uniquely warranted by the reduced volume it places on state courts and the implied fairness of having a law-trained judge.

But the best reason of all is that a college town needs a

court.

Joe Hurley, the Dean of Delaware's criminal defense bar, once told me that any monkey could try a case, but that the creative part of being a prosecutor was in the exercise of one's discretion. He was trying to get a plea at the time, but he had a point. The most satisfying part of working in the Alderman's Court is creatively helping promising young people who have made mistakes

Sweeping Newark's cases into the state court system will, necessarily, limit those opportunities. State court judges and prosecutors mean well, but there is simply not the time for the individual attention in Wilmington that the Alderman's Court offers, or the local focus.

I understand that Mayor Funk (yup, the same guy who used to be the Alderman), the City Council, City staff, and our area legislators are working quietly to assure the Court stays put in its present form. Here's to hoping they succeed.

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Late development. See story on page 3.

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OUTLOOK

Bad day on the road?

By CINDY GENAU

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

ET'S face it - for most people and teens, work and school involves stress and some days are just worse than others. One of my favorite posters, which hung beside me at my job as a police desk officer, was a picture of a person with their hair all frizzed out, their eyes bulging, and their hands pulling at that all wild hair standing on end. The caption read, "I have

one nerve left and you are getting on it."
I think this is the way a lot of people feel traveling to and from work on our roadways -- and the City

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of Newark is no exception. Our daily commute has become an exercise in highway survival, partly because the stress of everyday life is acted out through driving aggres-sively. And traveling anywhere these days during rush hour usually means traffic congestion, which only adds fuel to the already smoldering fire of stress and fatigue. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reports that the major reason for the traffic congestion is that our highway system has not kept pace with growth. Since 1970, vehicle miles driven increased by 125 percent, the number of drivers increased 64 percent, and the number of registered vehicles increased by 8 percent, while vehicle road miles only grew by 6 percent.

People are tired after work and become frustrated when they are trying to get home in a timely manner, but are stymied by backed-up traffic in every direction. People become agitated and angry and begin to drive dangerously. We all see how less than courteous

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Natural beauty in natural talent

Wildlife artist wins state level competition

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ANIEL Collins is a natural born artist. It's only fitting that his talent won him Best of Show for a drawing of wildlife in a very natural

The 17-year-old recently won the 2005 Delaware Junior Duck Stamp contest for his entry enti-tled "Elegant Fall Night," an acrylic painting of a mallard in flight in the late evening sky, over blue water, with colorful autumn foliage in the back-

His painting, along with 52 others from around the country, now goes to the national contest in Washington, D.C. The winner of the Federal Junior Duck Stamp contest wins a \$5,000 cash reward, a free trip to D.C. and the opportunity to have their design used on all Junior Duck stamps for the next year.

The Delaware contest is part of a Federal program that began with Congress passing the Junior Duck Stamp Act in 1989. An annual art contest pairs the importance of conservation of natural resources with visual arts. There are nearly 150 entries each year in Delaware, from kindergarten to 12th graders, where students practice their sketching, drawing, painting and composition of a species of waterfowl that is native to North America, including ducks, geese

Entries are judged by a panel of experts including waterfowl biologists, artists and educators. Winners are selected from four groups, k-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12 graders. Then Best of Show is selected to go to the national competition.

The stamps which sell for \$5, are used to fund awards and scholarships. Unlike the Duck stamp which is required for hunting, the junior versions are not needed for hunting water-

For Collins, a senior at Christiana High School, painting and drawing waterfowl and landscape scenes is a source of relaxation, something he has done since he could first hold a crayon. He has no formal training, except for art classes in school. He has taken everything available, from drawing to sculpture. His inspiration comes from other artists. Often he will combine pictures he has seen, preferring acrylics or colored

In January, he won first place in a contest commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His winning piece, entitled "Engineering the Future," was a colored pencil drawing of the late King and faces of different races working together. A second component to that contest was an essay for which Collins took second place. He wrote about how scientific discovery is influenced by diversity.

This was the second year in a

row that Collins won the diversity contest for his artistic and writing abilities. He currently has a 4.0 GPA and is enrolled in four Advanced Placement classes this semester,

including history, English, physics and calculus. Somehow he finds time to be a pitcher on the Vikings varsity baseball team. Even though he has a natural talent for art, Collins has a special eye for engineering. He is president of the Technology Student Association at CHS, where the students are chal-lenged to design, build and find

solutions to problems.

Art and science are his favorite subjects. He plans on majoring in a subject subjects. ing in engineering in college in the fall, with art on the side.

He is the son of Mickey and Gabriella Collins.







Newark shop brings change aroun

health care was a luxury that was never available. In fact, nearly 40 percent of her neighbors will never know the indulgence of visiting a doctor, according to statistics by Reach Out International, an international nonprofit group.

Jones lives in a typical town in the Guatemalan hillsides. Residents are poor, to say the than half of the male labor force works in agriculture and 71 percent of the residents cannot read.

But Jones and her fellow ladies are doing what they can to create change. The women of the community have banded together, pooled their resources and created a Fair Trade company. The term "Fair Trade" is a type-of certification that is awarded to a

group that pays artisans a living wage for their work. For buyers of these products, that translates into peace of mind knowing that whoever crafted the Fair Trade wares was not taken advantage

But for the women in Jones' town, that translates simply into health and dental clinics. Because the women have shared their abilities and resources, they also share the profits. And for them, priority number one was setting up a health clinic. Next came the dental office.

"It's a way to build a life," said Carol Boncelet, owner of Main Street's Village Imports. "It's a way to invest into the community. They use that money to do basic things that we take for granted build schools, especially ones for girls, build a wall, build a clinic.

Give people the benefit of the doubt, not all aggressive driv-

ing is intentional, sometimes driv-

lane, especially if you are driving

slower than most of traffic. Move

over to the right lane. (People

were more courteous in the 1970s

and this was considered just poor

Report aggressive drivers.

driving.)

Don't block the passing

ers just don't see the other car.

It's simple things like that."

Boncelet has always believed in the power of Fair Trade. That's why her shop carries crafts from Free Trade-approved groups. There are sandals from Kenya, coffee from South America and crafts from countries like Nepal, Indonesia, Chile and Uganda.

This weekend, Boncelet will use her shop as a spotlight for Fair Trade. Saturday, May 14, Boncelet will feature the artisans Russ Mason will follow at 4 p.m. Throughout the day, there will be their testimonial around her shop,

who have filled her shop over the years and dedicate the afternoon as World Fair Trade Day. The African dance troupe N'Boynce will perform at noon. T'aiChi demonstrations by Newark's Fair Trade coffee samples, food and door prizes. And throughout the store, shoppers can discover the names and stories of some of the people who created the wares before them. Boncelet will hang showing customers just how fair trade can be.

■ The details: Saturday, May 14 Village Imports, 165 E. Main St. 10 a.m. till 8 p.m. For information, call 368-9923

DELAWARE'S

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Helpful tips to avoid aggressive driving

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many drivers can be and so do our children and new teen drivers. The problem is that these acts of aggressive driving cause the exact problem we are trying to avoid --- traffic delays ated by a motor vehicle crash. You can hear the tires screeching, metal smashing and bumpers colliding and feel the drivers tense up as they sense the impending result of their own unsafe behavior. I know this all too well as I was involved in my own crash a few weeks ago.

According to NHTSA there are approximately 6,800,000 crashes that occur in the United States each and every year. In 2004 in Delaware, there were 18,550 traffic crashes, which killed 140 people and injured 7,610. That is one person killed every 63 hours. In New Castle County alone, there were 55 fatal crashes, which caused 59 deaths.

National The Highway Safety Administration compiled some statistics in 1997 with the American Automobile Association which showed that 13,000 people have been injured or killed since 1990 in crashes caused by aggressive driving. As of April 26, 2005, there have been 42 fatal traffic deaths in Delaware. Approximately 58 percent of those deaths are attributed to acts of aggressive driving.

Law enforcement is taking a stand on aggressive driving by not excusing this kind of deadly behavior on the road and making arrests of those who engage in it. In 2004 in Delaware, there were 50,356 aggressive driving arrests. The Delaware State Police Troops

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.



in New Castle County reported making 21, 790 aggressive driving arrests

So what can each of us do to make a difference to stop the entirely preventable insanity of aggressive driving that causes so many deaths every year? The following tips are offered by the "Smooth Operator" public safety initiative.

How to avoid being an aggressive driver

- Allow more time to travel to your destination. It reduces stress dramatically.
- Come to a full stop at red lights and top signs. Never run yellow lights.
- Let other drivers merge with you.
- Obey posted speed limits it's the law.

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- Resist temptation to teach someone "a lesson. Concentrate on driving -
- not on your cell phone, stereo, passengers or other distractions.
- Remember you can't control traffic --- but you can control yourself, your driving, and your emotions.

How to avoid aggressive drivers

- Get out of their way and steer clear of them on the road.
- Stay relaxed. Remember that reaching your destination safely and calmly is your goal.
- Don't challenge them. Avoid eye contact. Ignore rude gestures and refuse to return them. (It's time our roads went back to being

■ Be a good role model for other drivers, and your children, especially new teen drivers who are ten times more likely to be involved in crashes.

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THE 2X4 SQUARE DANCE CLUB 8 - 10:30 p.m. Class level and plus level square dance. \$6. Medill School, 1550 Capitol Trail Rd., Kirkwood

Highway. Info., 738-5382.

GOLF OUTING AND DINNER DANCE 8 a.m. Tee times begin. 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Dinner dance. \$125 for one golfer and one dinner ticket. \$175 for one golfer and two dinner tickets. The Three Little Bakers Country Club, 3542 Foxcroft Dr., Wilmington. Info., 636-8784.

LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. John Pollard will perform. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info, 266-6993.

IMPROV COMEDY 8 - 10 p.m. Bacchus Theater, Perkins Student Center, Academy Street. Info., 355-0458.

SATURDAY

FLEA MARKET 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Proceeds to benefit local food closet. Union United Methodist Church, 345 School Bell Rd., Bear, Info., 322-3118.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE 3 p.m. University Singers. \$10 adults, \$7 seniors, \$3 students. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road. Info., 831-2577.

CONCERT 8 p.m. University Orchestra. \$10 adults, \$7 seniors, \$3 students. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue

and Orchard Road. Info., 831-2577.

KIDS ALL-AMERICAN FISHING DERBY 1 - 3 p.m. Enjoy some fishing fun. Ages 15 years and under. \$2. Thompson's Bridge parking lot, Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

BUFFALO DRUM WORKSHOP 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Also available May 15. In this workshop you will learn about the ancient traditions and cultures of the rattle and drum. Two-day workshop. \$175 for rattle only, \$225 for drum only or \$300 for both. Minimum registration is 10 participants. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

WEED-OUT! VOLUNTEER DAY 9 a.m. - noon. Also available June 11. Will educate on invasive plants, then group will work to rid park of these weeds. All welcome. Bring gloves and water. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd. Info., 368-6900.



70TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

Come out for the 70th annual Memorial Celebration on The Green on Sunday, May 15. The memorial service begins on the steps of the University of Delaware's Memorial Hall at 1 p.m. The parade, which runs along Main Street, follows at 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE 3 p.m. University Men's and Women's Chorus. \$10 adults, \$7 seniors, \$3 students. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road. Info., 831-2577.

WIND ENSEMBLE 8 p.m. \$10 adults. \$7 seniors. \$3 students. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road. Info., 831-2577

TUESDAY

CONCERT 8 p.m. The Jazz Chamber Ensemble will perform. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road. Info., 831-2577.

JAZZARTS FEST 7 p.m. Showcasing student musicians and artists. Free, open to all. Newark High School, 750 E. Delaware Ave. Info, 454-2151.

WEDNESDAY

CLASSICAL SHOWCASE 7 p.m. Featuring saxophone and viola performance. Free, open to all. Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave. Info.,

SPEAKER 7:30 p.m. Historian and author David Farber will speak. The Hagley Museum, Route 141, Wilmington. Info., 658-2400 or visit www.hagley.

LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. Jazz musician Bruce Anthony will perform. No cover charge. Home

Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info, 266-6993.

THURSDAY

DISCUSSION 12:30 p.m. Discussing osteoporosis. Oak Grove Senior Center, 11 Poplar Ave. Elsmere. Info., 994-0663.

PETAL POWER Search for some spring beauties in this program. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

FLOWERS INSIDE OUT Learn about flowers from the inside then have a little flower fun of your own! Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740

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FRIDAY, MAY 13

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.

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

BABY STORY TIME 10:30 a.m. For baby's ages 6-18 months. The New Castle Public Library, 424 Delaware St. Info., 328-1995.

TODDLER STORYTIME 11:30 a.m. For ages 18-36 months. The New Castle Public Library, 424 Delaware St. Info., 328-1995

■ SATURDAY, MAY 14

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. \$5 donation goes to missions. Greater Grace Church, 750 Otts Chapel Rd. Info.,

KARAOKE 8 p.m. - midnight. The American Legion of Elkton. Info., 410-

VOLUNTEERS WANTED 10 a.m. Join a great group of committed volunteers! We have programs scheduled all year round and we need your help. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

LYME SUPPORT GROUP 10:30 a.m. Kirkwood Highway Library. Info., 996-

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

■ SUNDAY, MAY 15

DELAWARE ACCORDION CLUB 2 - 5 p.m. Meeting for an open mic ses-

sion. Open to the public. Bear Diner & Restaurant, Rt. 40 at School Bell Road. Info., 738-7378.

■ MONDAY, MAY 16

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP

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.

FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Classes

for English Conversation. Registration required. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 East Main St. Info., 368-4942 or 368-8774.

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

GUARDIANS' SUPPORT 6 - 8 p.m. 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. The Holiday Inn, Route 273. Info., 453-8853.

NCCO STROKE CLUB Noon. The Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., 324-4444.

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

TAI CHI 2:30 p.m. Monday or Wednesday;

11:15 a.m. Friday. \$20 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

■ TUESDAY, MAY 17

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. For men who like to sing. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. 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 8 - 10 p.m. Singing group. Listeners and new members welcome. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 731-5981.

SCRAPBOOKING 7 - 9 p.m. Nursery, \$2 per child. Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow. Info., 834-GRPC.

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

STAMP GROUP 1 p.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

NEWARK LIONS 6:30 p.m. Lions meeting with program. Holiday Inn, Newark Route 273/I-95 . Info., 731-1972.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 7 p.m. Liberty Baptist Church, Red Lion Road, Bear. Info., 838-2060.

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

■ WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

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

C.H.A.D.D. 7:30 p.m. Parent/Educator support group meeting to support the lives of people with attention disorders through education, advocacy, and support. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 737-5063.

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD 7 p.m. Meetings alternate between Bayard and Keene schools. Info., 454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

CONSTITUENT MEETING 7 a.m. Rep. Melanie George of the 5th District and Rep. John Viola of the 26th District will meet for morning coffee and discuss a

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wide variety of concerns with constituents. Bob Evans Restaurant, Governor's Square, Bear.

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

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

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

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

AT HOME MOTHERS CONNECTION 7:30 p.m. Meeting for moms only. St. Barnabas Church, Duncan Road. Info., 610-274-2165.

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

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

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

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

■ THURSDAY, MAY 19

COFFEE & CONVERSATION 10:30 a.m.- Noon. A peer-facilitated group.

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

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.

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. Any skill level welcome. Bring your own instrument. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Avenue.

DIVORCECARE 7 - 8:30 p.m. Separated/

divorced persons meet. Southern Chester County YMCA, East Baltimore Pike, Jennersville, Pa. Info., 610-869-2140.

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

HOLISTIC HEALTH 7 p.m. Workshop by certified natural health professional. Free, pre-registration required. Rainbow Books, Main St.. 368-7738. ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP 6:30 p.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

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

AARP 1:30 p.m. New Castle Chapter No. 4265 of AARP, Weston Community and Senior Center, New Castle. Info., 328– 2830.



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Y-Chromes concert

THE Y-Chromes, UD's only all-male a cappella group, will hold its annual spring 2005 concert at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 14, in Mitchell Hall, The Green, on UD's Newark campus. Cost is \$5 for students and \$7 for others.

The concert marks the end of a successful season with a sell-out fall concert, performances in Smyth, Rodney, Harrington and Warner residence halls and other campus venues, including participation in a show raising money for the Philadelphia Flyers "Wives Fight for Lives" charity. The group also has been on the road, performing at Penn State and in Washington, D.C., and Binghamton, N.Y.

Four new songs, including an original piece by a member, will be premiered at the concert, which marks the farewell appearance of seven members of the group.

Grads exhibit art

An exhibition of work by graduate students completing UD's master of fine arts degree program opened on Friday, May 6, at the eleventh&orange gallery, 111 West 11th St., Wilmington, where it will on display until May 22.

The gallery will be open from noon-4 p.m., Saturday, May 7; 4-8 p.m., Friday, May 13; and noon-4 p.m., May 14. Anyone wishing to view the exhibition at another time may call for an appointment at (302) 831-2244.

The exhibition will include ceramics, painting, photography, prints and sculpture.

The show is a preview of the artwork to be shown in the candidates' thesis exhibition from Friday, June 10, to Thursday, June 23, in the University Gallery and at other locations on campus.

The artists are Andrew
Bale (photography), Dennis
Beach (sculpture), James Darr
(sculpture), Rebecca Dietz
(photography), Ashley Mask
Harris (photography), Meg
Rahaim (printmaking), Tracey
Scheich (ceramics), Jillian
Sokso (printmaking), Bryan
Warner (painting), Sherry
Wiernik (photography),
Jeremy Wineberg (painting)
and Jake Zeiher (ceramics).

Two outstanding seniors honored

AMANTHA Foy, a nursing major from Pittsboro, N.C., has received the University of Delaware's Emalea Pusey Warner Award as the outstanding senior woman, and William A. Tisdale, a chemical engineering major from Basking Ridge, N.J., has received the Alexander J. Taylor Award as the outstanding senior man.

Given by the UD Alumni Association, the \$2,000 awards honor leadership, academic success and community service, as exemplified by Mrs. Warner and Mr. Taylor. Those considered for the awards also must have a cumulative grade point index of 3.0 or better at the end of the first semester of their senior year.

In addition to being recognized at Honors Day, May 6, the two seniors will lead the alumni delegates' procession at Commencement, Saturday, May 28.

A Eugene du Pont Scholar, one of UD's most prestigious scholarships, Foy is majoring in nursing and has participated in undergraduate research initiatives, study-abroad programs and several service activities. She has demonstrated leadership and community service in her participation in Alpha Lambda Delta, an honors service society, and Sigma Theta Tau, a nursing honor society. She also has served as a leader in problem-based learning at UD, promoting inclusiveness among all group members.

Tisdale, a chemical engineering major with a minor in economics, is first academically in his class in the chemical engineering program. He is involved in scientific research with the Undergraduate Honors Thesis Program and has worked on the design and operation of a solid-source vaporizer for the chemical vapor deposition and atomic-layer deposition of strontium metal-organic compounds. He recently presented his work at the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) meeting in Austin, Texas. Tisdale said he plans to pursue a doctorate in chemical engineering at the University of Minnesota.



PHOTO BY KATHY ATKINSON

William A. Tisdale and Samantha Foy.

Louise Roselle horticultural fellowship presented

D Moydell, a Longwood graduate fellow at the University of Delaware, has been named the 2005 Louise Roselle Fellow in Public Horticulture. The award was presented by Roselle on Tuesday, May 3, at a picnic at UD President's House in Newark for the 10 Longwood Fellows.

Established by the trustees of the Unidel Foundation in 2001, the fellowship honors Roselle, the wife of University President David P. Roselle, and her active interest in landscape design and renovation on campus, as well as her personal interest in gardening and horticulture.

The fellowship is given each year to a rising second-year fel-

low with high academic standing, an excellent research program and demonstrated team-building/ leadership potential, according to James E. Swasey, director of the Longwood Graduate program.

Moydell is a graduate of Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in horticulture, with a concentration in public horticulture. Under the Hortecus exchange program, he studied horticulture at the University of Hanover and interned at Herrenhauser Garten in Hanover, Germany.

During his undergraduate years, he also worked as a plant vendor for Sessions Plan Farm in Dallas.



Louise Roselle, wife of UD President David P. Roselle, and Joshua Steffen (left), the 2004 Louise Roselle Fellow in Public Horticulture, present the 2005 fellowship to Edward Moydell.

Car may be given away at Senior Day

PRICE Auto Group of New Castle is going to hold a contest in conjunction with Senior Day, from 3-6 p.m., Friday, May 13, on the North Green, between Delaware Avenue and Main Street.

The contest works this way: If the last six digits of the Social Security Number of any graduating senior match the last six digits of the VIN number of a Scion to be on display during Senior Day, that senior will win the car.

The contest vehicle is a 2005 limited-edition xB series 2.0 Scion in bright "solar yellow" with color-matched side mirrors, which feature integrated turn signals. The car also has a color-matched rear spoiler, sport muffler, metal sport mesh grill, black rims and graphics. The interior has stainless steel door sills and

black fabric with yellow accents to match the exterior.

Since Series 2 xBs are limitededition cars, a numbered plaque also will be installed inside.

The Scion contest is just one feature of a fun-filled afternoon designed to celebrate graduating seniors. Also included are a range of prize giveaways, including a \$7,500 shopping spree at Boscov's, a hot-air balloon ride

and a three-minute ATM withdrawal challenge courtesy of WSFS Bank, just to name a few.

Senior Day, sponsored by the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress (DUSC), will be emceed by The Miz from MTV, and live entertainment will be provided by local band favorite, Chorduroy.

Community, education leaders recognized

Annual Citizenship awards presented by Christina board

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A T its May 3 meeting, the Christina School District Board of Education presented its annual Citizenship awards to six leaders in the community.

As is the tradition, nearing the end of the school year, each school board member presents an award to a friend of the school district, recognizing them for their support of education and, more specifically, to the schools and students in the Christina District.

Robert Laws, honored by Board member James Durr, has been with the district more than 12 years, serving as the manager of the Transportation Department, overseeing 2,422 daily bus routes through all kinds of weather. When snow is imminent, Laws is personally out driving the roads between Newark and Smyrna after midnight, knowing that his first bus must leave the depot at 2:15 a.m. The safety of 18,836 students is his first concern.

Laws is also highly regarded by his peers throughout the state for his outstanding safety record and leadership. He oversaw the creation of the WOW bus, the nation's first mobile reading lab supported by a school district. "We would not have had this without the vision and dedication of Robert Laws," said Durr.

Arthur Wolf, honored by Board member Cecilia Scherer, has been with the Christina District nearly 32 years, serving as a resident advisor with the Delaware School for the Deaf (Sterck School). He is responsible for a safe and supportive living environment, making the dormitories a home-away-from-home for boys who live at the school during the week. As a resident advisor, Wolf has done it all, from driving a bus to forming a Scout troop, being parent, caretaker and friend.

Ed Bosso, the school's director, also praised Wolf, saying he has gotten nothing but positive feedback from parents of students under Wolf's care. Wolf is also a past president of the Christina Education Association, the teacher's union

Raymond Gardner, honored by Board member Beverly Howell, is known as Mr. Mom at Downes Elementary School. Gardner is described as the ideal parent volunteer, always at the school doing whatever is needed. He sets up chairs, tutors students and runs errands. He was instrumental in setting up the school's fitness center, used by students and staff, after attending the Wellness Institute in Dover with a team of teachers last summer.

Gardner also works on the Safe Route to School committee, a statewide pilot program studying ways to improve safety for children walking and riding bicycles to school. Principal



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Robert Laws, right, manager of the Christina School District's transportation department, was one of six to receive this year's Citizenship Awards for leadership and dedication to the district. Board member Jim Durr, left, said Laws "leads by example, literally around the clock."

Deni Schwartz said Gardner is the "driving force behind a lot of things we do here at Downes."

Lavina Smith, honored by Board member George Evans, has been involved in education for more than 22 years, the last 10 as principal of Elbert-Palmer Elementary School. Because of her outstanding leadership and respect in the Wilmington communities, Evans said, Palmer was recognized as a Superior school in 2003 and Commendable in 2004.

Smith creates a school climate that sets high expectations for achievement for all students. She has been known to keep a box of neckties in her office, since she will not let any of "her boys" graduate from Palmer without wearing a tie. She has been named headmaster for the Sarah Pyle Academy for Academic Intensity that is opening in Wilmington in August.

August.

William Oberle Jr., honored by Board member Dr. John Mackenzie, was recognized for being the first legislator to offer support to education and the Christina schools while the district was undergoing change. Mackenzie said five years ago Oberle met with a group of par-

ents who were concerned about the district's direction and worked with them to develop a strategy to move forward. He has also advised school board members how to campaign, combining politics with class across the divides, Mackenzie said.

Oberle has represented the 24th Representative District for more than 29 years, including three as House majority leader and currently as Speaker pro tem. He was praised for his leadership role in raising awareness and support for education, keeping a focus on the future of Delaware's children.

Michael Walls, honored by Board President Brenda Phillips, is a past superintendent of the Christina District but still actively involved in the initiatives being undertaken. He is currently Vice President of State and Federal Initiatives for the HOSTS program, a nationwide tutor program being used in many of Christina schools. He was instrumental in the conception of Christina Educational Enrichment Fund, providing awards and scholar-ships to students since 1985. Walls is now president of Christina Partners for Excellence, which now has more than \$3.4 million in investments from corporations and foundations.

He is also a past chair of Junior Achievement of Delaware. Phillips said Walls was key in setting up Superintendent Dr. Wise with business leaders in the community. Walls' wife Judy accepted the award on her husband's behalf.

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nearly 25 years, he is also a member of the Delaware School Boards Association and Regional Director for the National School Boards Association. His new term will expire in June 2010.

Evans was forced to run against current board president Brenda Phillips, even though her term was not to expire until June 2006. Because the election districts were reconfigured due to population shifts, both Evans and Phillips were thrown into the same district. Phillips lost this election to Evans by 51 votes, but, by state law, she will be able to finish out her term on the Christina board.

This was the first time for candidate Paul Falkowski, a teacher in the Colonial District, to participate in a public election.

In the city of Newark, in District D, Beverly Howell, a five-month member of the board, won over her two opponents.

Howell was appointed to the school board in January to fill a vacancy left by Christopher Reed when he left last fall. By election laws, Howell had to file to run in this election. Her term will now expire in June 2010.

Neither of Howell's opponents, Arthur Halprin, a retired University of Delaware professor, nor Lorraine Thomas, a retired New York City police officer, had previously held any public office.

Voters had 17 different polling locations to choose from, as well as submitting absentee ballots. 995 voters expressed their right to vote in this Christina election. This is about average for a school board election in this district.

In 2004, there was no election because Reed had no opponent.

In 2003, there were 951 voters. That year James Durr won over Charles Mullin and Dr. John Mackenzie was unopposed.

In 2002, there were 1,086 voters. Cecilia Scherer won over Michael Guilfoyle.

In 2001, there were 573 voters. Brenda Phillips won over Samuel Guy and Constance Merlet ran unopposed.

In 2000, there was no election because George Evans ran unopposed.

In 1999 there were 1,152 voters, with Reed winning over Dr. Jim Kent and Benton Garrison.

When the Christina Board of Education convenes for its new term on July 12, board members will include Evans, Phillips, Durr, Mackenzie, Howell and Scherer. Nominations are currently being accepted to fill a vacancy due to Merlet's resignation in April. A full board has seven members.

■ Election results

Nominating District A	
George Evans	460
Paul J. Falkowski	127
Brenda Phillips	409

ominating District D	
thur Halprin	259
everly Howell	502
rraine Thomas	184

Additional officers to be funded by property tax hike

▶ POLICE, from 1

glaries. But it was the Bonistall murder that fueled the discussion.

"It is tragically clear that we no longer live in an isolated burg," Councilman Kevin Vonck said. "We need to establish a community police presence. They need to be on Main Street. They need to be with University Police on campus. They need to be in residential areas."

While Vonck, and the rest of council, adamantly supported hiring more officers, there was a push for improving the department in other areas.

"The five new officers is a good start," Vonck said. "And we should plan to increase the number of police over time, but there should be more."

Council members suggested possibly creating a Citizens' Advisory Board, which would increase communication between

officers and residents. Another idea would improve the statistics the Newark Police Department keeps, and would begin listing the number of crimes solved on a weekly release. Council members also suggested a cadet program and staffing some desk jobs to civilians in an effort to allow officers more patrol time.

Mayor Vance Funk supported the idea of seeking new techniques to improve the Newark Police Department.

"When we started using alternative policing methods [in the home invasion investigation], it worked," he said. "We can't ignore that. The proof is the way everything fell into place."

Newark Police began adding new techniques to their bag of tools during the winter's home invasion spree. Investigators patrolled the streets in undercover cars, while the state gave Newark use of a K-9 unit. According to Funk, when officers began using these approaches, the burglaries stopped. Officers have not yet made an arrest in the investigation, but the home invasions seem to have come to an end. The last one occurred on Feb. 24.

Hiring the new officers will not be free. The city needs an

additional \$254,800 per year. Much of that money will likely come from a property tax hike. However, that won't be decided until the fall. Council members and residents at the meeting suggested seeking funding from the

state.

"The city needs to push for legislative accountability," said resident John Kowalko. "We need to go back to Dover and ask for fiscal relief."

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Arts classes readied

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"We didn't sell as many tickets this year," said Administrative Director Susan Logan.

"There was a lot going on that weekend like the Flower Market, Point to Point and the Kentucky Derby, so that affected sales. But anything we can do, we're happy with."

The slightly lower ticket sales spelled bad news for the NAA, which received reduced funding from the City of Newark. In past years, the group typically received \$11,000 for operating costs from the city. This year, that number is \$3,000. That smaller budget will mean some changes at the NAA.

"We've decided to totally change the education programs," Logan said. "We're going to have fewer classes scheduled and a new way of doing things, starting this fall."

The NAA will offer one art class per week, which will cover different topics. Students can sign up for the topics that interest them. This is a major switch from the extensive listing of classes that the NAA has traditionally offered. While the classes will meet less frequently, Logan said that a broad range of art mediums will be covered.

"It may be that for three weeks we'll offer drawing, and then for two weeks, we'll offer mosaics," she said. "We're going to do just as much, but we're going to do it differently."



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UD falls to Towson in CAA title tilt

The No. 16 ranked University of Delaware men's lacrosse team narrowly missed out on its first-ever CAA title Saturday night as Towson's Nick Williams scored the game-winning goal with 5:11 left to play to lift the 11th ranked Tigers to their third straight conference title with a 9-8 win in the CAA championship game at Rullo Stadium.

Delaware, the CAA regular season champion and an 11-5 winner over Towson back on March 26, appeared to have tied the game when Cam Howard scored a goal from close range with 36 seconds left to play but he was whistled for stepping in the crease and the goal was disallowed. Towson (11-4), the tournament's No. 2 seed, then ran out the clock to capture the title and the automatic NCAA Tournament berth. The Tigers will be making their ninth NCAA appearance since 1989.

The Blue Hens (11-5), whose 11 wins is their highest total since the 1999 team won 14 games. Delaware, which has won 20 conference titles all-time but none in four seasons in the CAA, also advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 1984 and

Delaware, which had won four straight and seven of its last eight games, got two goals each from CAA Player of the Year Jordan Hall and freshman Vincent Giordano while Howard scored a goal and dished out two assists and Joe Trentzsch and Chad Holmes each contributed a goal and an assist.

Blue Hen goalkeeper Chris Collins posted 13 saves and Alex Smith, the nation's leading faceoff specialist, won 14 out of 17 faceoffs. Towson, which has now won eight straight conference tournament games, got two goals and an assist each from Bobby Griebe and Jonathan Engelke while Oliver Bacon added a goal and two assists.

Hens lacrosse makes NCAAs

Just 24 hours after suffering a heart-breaking 9-8 loss to Towson in the Colonial Athletic Association championship game Saturday night, the University of Delaware men's lacrosse was ecstatic.

The 16th ranked Blue Hens (11-5) found out Sunday evening that they have earned an at-large berth in next week's NCAA Tournament and will travel to fourth ranked and tournament No. 5 seed Navy (11-3) for an opening round game at Navy-

Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis, Md. The game will be Saturday at noon. Delaware (11-5), the CAA regular season champion, will be making its third trip to the NCAA Tournament and its first since the 1999 season. The Blue Hens fell to eventual national champion Johns Hopkins 10-3 in the opening round in 1984 and defeated UMBC 12-11 in overtime in the opening round in 1999 before

falling to eventual national cham-

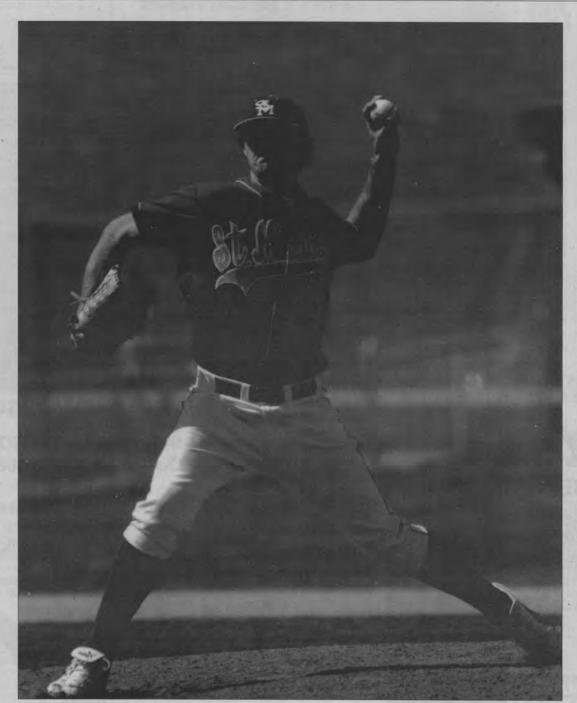
pion Virginia 17-10 in the quarterfinals.

"It doesn't get any better than this," said Delaware head coach Bob Shillinglaw, the 2005 CAA Coach of the Year who is now in his 27th season at the helm of the Blue Hens. "We are excited because we get at least another week to coach this team. This will be a good matchup. We have followed Navy this season and we know they have an outstanding team with some great weapons. We'll be ready to go.

Our selection speaks of how highly our conference is regarded. This is great for our players, especially coming off such a tough loss Saturday night. This will be a terrific experience for them."

In the other first round matchups, Marist (8-7) visits No. 1 seed Johns Hopkins (12-0); defending champion Syracuse (7-5) travels to No. 8 Massachusetts (12-2); Albany (10-5) travels to

See LACROSSE, 17 ▶



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

SPARTANS BLANK JACKETS

St. Mark's pitcher John Dischert pitched a twohiter to help lead the Spartans to a 2-0 victory over Newark last weekend in a non-conference baseball game at newly dedicated Fulgham Field at Newark High. In a pre-game ceremony, the school dedicated the baseball field to Fran Fulgham, who coached the Yellowjacket baseball team from 1967 to 1987. Fulgham led Newark to four state championships.

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

Delaware fell 9-8 to Towson in the CAA title game Saturday night at Rullo Stadium.



Hens to face Navy

► LACROSSE, from 16

No. 4 Virginia (9-3); Penn State (9-5) visits No. 3 seed Maryland (9-5); Army (11-5) travels to No. 6 Georgetown (9-4); No. 2 Duke (14-2) hosts Fairfield (11-4); and No. 7 Towson (11-4) hosts Cornell (10-2).The winner of the Delaware -Navy game will take on the winner of the Virginia-Albany game Saturday, May 21 at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. The semifinals and championship game will be held May 28-30 at Lincoln Financial Field Philadelphia. Delaware's 11 wins are the most for the program since the 1999 squad, led by national player of the year John Grant, went 14-2 on the way to the NCAA quarter-finals. The Hens' 9-8 loss to Towson Saturday night snapped a four-game win streak. Overall the Hens have won seven of their last night games and three of their five losses have been by one-goal, including a 9-8 setback to Georgetown March 16. The highest-scoring team in the CAA at 10.8 goals per game, Delaware features a balanced lineup led by sophomore midfielder Jordan Hall, the CAA Player of the Year who has 28 goals and 17 assists. Also leading the Delaware attack are sophomore Cam Howard (13 goals, 29

assists), senior Dave Powers (27g, 10a), and senior midfielder Joe Trentzsch (23g, 12a). Senior goalkeeper Chris Collins, a threeyear starter, leads the defense with a 7.47 goals against average and .585 save percentage. Sophomore Alex Smith leads the NCAA in faceoff percentage, winning 71.9 percent of his 334 t t e m p t s "All we asked for was an opportunity," said Collins, a second team All-CAA selection who posted 13 saves vs. Towson. "Now this is it. We've talked a lot about being 3-11 a couple of years ago (2002) and now this is the culmination of the hard work to get back from there. The last 24 hours was a long wait but it was worth it. Navy will be a tough test but we are excited." Navy, which lost to Syracuse 14-13 in last year's NCAA championship game, will be making its 22nd NCAA Tournament appear-Head coach Richie Meade's squad, which earned an automatic NCAA bid as champions of the Patriot League, is led offensively by Jon Birsner (11 goals, 31 assists), Ben Horn (23g, 9a), Graham Gill (17g, 14a), and Nick Mirabito (23g, 6a). Chris Pieczonka has won 58.5 percent of his 195 faceoffs while goalkeeper Matt Russell leads the nation's top ranked defens.



New Castle, DE

UD baseball falls on Senior Day

The University of Delaware baseball team honored it's graduating seniors prior to a 7-4 loss to George Mason on Sunday afternoon at Bob Hannah Stadium. The Patriots (30-16, 12-9 CAA) are the first Colonial Athletic Association team to complete a sweep of the Hens (21-25, 9-9 CAA) so far this season.

Among the seniors honored were Kelly Buber (Yuba City, CA/Yuba Community-at right), Chris Garrick (Nesconsent, NY/Smithtown), Ryan Graham (Danville, IL/Triton), Brock Donovan (New Castle, DE/William Penn), and co-captains Dave Harden (Wilmington, DE/Dickinson) and Scott Rambo (Downingtown, PA/Downingtown).

Chris Fournier drove in four runs with three hits including a home run and a double to lead George Mason past Delaware's 10 hits. Byran Hagerich (Somerset, PA/Somerset), Brandon Menchaca (Wilmington, DE/Concord), and Dan Richardson (Bear, DE/Caravel) each tossed in a pair of singles for the Hens

Billy Harris (Bear, DE/Salesianum) drops to 2-2 with the loss after allowing three runs, two earned, on two hits in four innings pitched. Rambo started the game and went five innings and allowed four runs on three hits but walked

Jason Mills claimed the win and improves to an undefeated 4-0 after allowing one hit while striking out five in two innings of scoreless relief. Jared Petrovich started the contest and allowed three runs on six hits in 6.1 innings pitched.

Chris Looze jumped on the Hens early with a solo home run in the top of the first after Rambo had retired the first two Patriot batters. George Mason continued it's assault in the top of the third with three runs on two hits. Rambo walked the bases loaded and with two out Jacobsen drove in a run with a single followed by Fournier who drove in two with a double to make the score 4-0.

Delaware reached hit the board in the bottom of the fifth when Hagerich shot a high fly ball into shallow left that dropped for a single and an advance. He scored when Menchaca singled up the middle and off the bag at second

The Hens tied the game at 4-4 with three runs on five hits in th bottom of the seventh. Five consecutive singles by Hagerich, Menchaca, Richardson, Rogers, and Graham crossed the runs.

George Mason reclaimed the lead in the top of the eighth with a single by Fournier who advanced to second when Youngs reached on an error. Fournier scored on a close play at the plate where Valichka attempted to lay down the tag but dropped the ball as Fournier charged in for the score.

Hodgson falls to Dickinson

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Dickinson's Chris Chance fired a two-hit, complete game shut, in a 3-0 victory over visiting Hodgson Tuesday afternoon. Chance struck out 11 Silver Eagle batters and surrendered three walks in his six innings of

He allowed only two base runners over the last four innnings, on a walk in the fifth and on an infield error in the top of the seventh.

"I felt very confident out there, and I was throwing pretty well today," said Chance, I was attacking with my fast ball, to get ahead of the hitters, and my curve was sharp today, too," he

Hodgson had an opportunity to score some runs early, as they loaded the bases in the top of the

With one out, Eric Cordell started the rally with a walk, moved to second when Chris Emery was hit by a pitch, and Matt Trate lined a single to left. But Chance ended the threat by striking out the next two batters. Dickinson pushed across a run in the bottom of the second off Hodgson starter Richard O'Donnell smacked a double to right center, advanced on a single by Jeremy Cantrell, and scored on a sacrifice fly by freshman Brandon Crist. The Rams added two more runs in the third.

A. J. Subach reached on an infield error, and moved to second on a walk to Chance. Steve DeFroda came in to run for the pitcher. O'Donnell then ripped another double to drive in both baserunners.

Subach, who reached twice on errors, said the injury plagued Rams are getting good produc-tion fron their younger players. "Everyone is stepping up right now. If someone gets hurt, then the next guy comes in and helps the team." he said. Dickinson's victory keeps the team in the hunt for a possible Flight B crown, and a state tournament berth. Senior catcher Frank Vignuli said he likes his team's chances.

"We know we have to keep playing hard the last few games of the season, and if we get everyone healthy, we'll have a good chance to play in the post season," he said.

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Carl Boney Sr., 71

Newark resident Carl H. Boney, Sr., 71, died on Sunday, May 8, 2005,

Mr. Boney was born and raised in Ivanhoe, N.C., son of the late Ernest and Isabel Boney and had made Delaware his home for over 40 years. He served his country proudly as a member of the U.S. Army during the Korean Crisis, where he was stationed in Germany.

He worked for Conrail as a freight conductor for 33 years, retiring in 1996. Carl was a member of United Transportation Workers and the National Rifle Association

He is survivedby his wife, Jean Boney; his son, Carl H. Boney, Jr and his wife, Nanette, of Wilmington; daughters, Diane Owings and her husband, Timothy, of Harriman, Tenn. and Darlene M. Deel and her husband, Charles, of Newark; grandson, Lonnie R. Hash, Jr; brother, Lester Boney, of Townsend; and sisters, Lola Transue, of New Castle, Shirley Dyson, of Aston, Pa., Priscella Baker, of Claymont and Jeanette Dale, of

Wilmington; ten grandchildren.

A Life Celebration was to be on Wednesday May 11 at Beeson Memorial Services. His funeral service was to be at the funeral home on Thursday, May 12. Interment was to be in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Donations in his memory may be made to the American Cancer

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

Carl Boney Jane Carroll Boulden Mary Boyer Margaret Ferry Ralph L. Gamble, Sr. Stella Hall Catherine Hartman Earl Jones Lawrence Keksz Mary Podkul Russell Richardson Sadie Roy Cynthia Smith Kathleen Scott Anita Scotti-Nardo Harold E. Tiffany Peggy Tuggle

Margaret Ferry, 77, NHS grad, longtime NCC member

EWARK resident Margaret M. Ferry, 77, died on Thursday, May 5, 2005. The daughter of the late William W., Sr. and Margaret W. Miller, Mrs. Ferry was born on Nov. 22, 1927 in Haddonfield,

She graduated from Newark High School in 1945 and remained active with the Newark High School Alumni group throughout her life.

A lover of history, she was a charter member of the Newark

Historical Society.

She was also a longtime mem-ber of the Newark Country Club.

She is survived by her son, Thomas B. Ferry and his wife, Elizabeth B., of Hockessin; son, Stephen J. Ferry, of La Jolla, Calif.; daughter, Susan F. Ferry and her companion, Tami Fanelli, of San Francisco, Calif.; daughter-in-law, Beth K. Ferry, of Round Rock, Texas; four grandchildren; and companion, Bill Murray, of Newark. She was predeceased by her husband, Daniel B.; her sons,

Kevin D. Ferry and Brian W. Ferry; and her brother, William W. Miller, Jr.

A service was to be held on Tuesday, May 10, at R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home. Burial was to be in Head of Christiana

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in her name to AIDS Delaware, 100 West 10th Street, Suite 315, Wilmington, Del. 19801; or to the charity of your choice in care of the funeral home.

Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, Del. 19720

Jane Carroll Boulden, 80

Jane Carroll Boulden, 80, of Newark, died on Wednesday, May

Mrs. Boulden was born in Wilmington on Nov. 8, 1924, the daughter of the late Thomas J. Carroll and Mary Jewel Carroll. A homemaker, she also worked in food service in the Colonial School District for 20 years until her retirement in 1989. She was a parishioner at Our Lady of Fatima Church for many years and St. Margaret of Scotland Church for the past five years. She was a former member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Wilmington Manor Fire Company. Her husband, Freal H. Boulden,

died in 1992. She is survived by four children, David F. Boulden and wife, Elaine, of New Castle; Donald J. Boulden and wife, Janet, of New Castle; Mark F. Boulden and wife, Deborah, of Smyrna; and Joanne Frieze-Moore and husband, Patrick, of Newark; brother, Thomas J. Carroll, Jr., of Bear; sister, Ann Figgs, of Newark; 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was to

be offered on Tuesday, May 10 at St. Elizabeth RC Church. Interment was follow in Gracelawn Memorial

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, Del. 19810; or to St. Margaret of Scotland Building Fund, 230 Executive Drive, Ste. 8, Newark, Del. 19702.

Mary Boyer, 81

Mary Boyer, 81, of Newark, died on Friday, May 6, 2005.

Mrs. Boyer graduated from Wilmington High School in 1941 and earned an associate degree from the University of Delaware in 1983. She worked for the DuPont Company and, later, the University

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She is survived by her husband, Rodney; her five children, Jeanne, of Port Townsend, Wash.; John, of Raleigh, N.C.; Matthew, of Wilmington; Alec, of Potomac, Md; and Philip, of Nottingham, Pa.; a brother, Francis Sadowski, of Daytona, Fla.; and seven grandchil-

A memorial mass was to be held on Wednesday, May 11, at St. Ann's Church.

Ralph L. Gamble Sr., 79

Ralph L. Gamble Sr., 79, of Newark, died on Thursday, May 5,

Born in Bayview, Md., on Sep. 16, 1925, Mr. Gamble was the son of the late John Gamble and Martha Williams Gamble.

For over 39 years, he was employed with B&O Railroad and Chessie System in Newark, retiring in 1988 from the signal maintenance department. He later worked for 10 years as a crossing guard for the Christina School District. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was a member of J. Allison O'Daniel Post 475, VFW, in Newark. He was also a member of Moose Lodge 969 and the Chesapeake Beagle Club, both in Elkton, Md.

His wife, Mary R. Nash Gamble, died in 1998. He was also preceded in death by a brother, John Gamble; and sister, Etta Gamble. He is survived by a son, Ralph L. Gamble, Jr. and his wife, Linda K., of North East; daughter, Patricia A. Aikens and her husband, Red, of Newark; stepson, Richard L. Caldeira, of Huntington Beach, Calif.; stepson, Rocky Caldeira, of New Castle; stepdaughter, Deborah Anbarchian, of Burbank, Calif.; brother, Harry B. Gamble, of North East; sister, Marie Grubb, of North East; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A funeral service was to be held on Tuesday, May 10 at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home. Interment was to follow in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Stella Hall, 79

Newark resident Stella Mae Hall, 79, died on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Mrs. Hall was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband Caner N. Hall, Jr.; two sons, John and his wife, Dottie; and Albert and his wife, Beverly; her daughter, Doris; brother, Frank Hill; three sisters Thelma Culves, Edna Nixon and Mary Kearns; 13 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Gloria Baylis; and two sons, Robert and William Hall.

Visitation was to be held in the Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home. A service in celebration of her life was to follow. Burial was to be in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Catherine Hartman, 83

Catherine Marie Hartman, 83, of Newark, died on Saturday, May 7,

Mrs. Hartman was born in North Tonawanda, N.Y., on Feb. 17, 1922, daughter of the late John Pfister and Anna Wentz Pfister. A professional secretary, she worked in banking, law and environmental protection before her retirement. She was a member of St. John's/Holy Angels Parish.

She is survived by her husband, Hugh August Hartman; four sons, Michael Joseph Hartman, of Eugene, Ore., Brian Joseph Hartman, of Newark, Mel Anthony Hartman, of Bellefonte and Clyde Gerard Hartman, of Holly Oak; brother, John Pfister, of Park Ridge, Ill.; two sisters, Eva P. Marzel, of Prescott Valley, Ariz. and Ann Banialis, of Hickory Falls, Ill.; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was to

be on Friday, May 13, at St. John the Baptist RC Church. Interment was to follow in All Saints Cemetery.

Sadie Roy, 86

Sadie Marie Roy, 86, of Newark, died on Wednesday, May 4, 2005. Mrs. Roy was an active member

of Mt. Zion UAME Church.

She is survived by a grand-daughter, Pam Word; a daughter, Ernestine McNair; a sister, Leona Pinkett; devoted godson, Shane Word; six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren. Funeral was to be on Wednesday, May 11, at Mt. Zion UAME Church. Burial was to be at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.



NEWARK POST * POLICE BLOTTER

▶ BLOTTER, from 2

May 7, at 11:49 a.m.

Diners eat and run

Six people who dined at the TGIFriday's restaurant, 650 S. College Ave., left without paying the \$123 tab, police were told on Saturday, May 7, at 12:45 a.m.

Restaurant employees gave police a description of the suspects' vehicle. Investigation is continuing.

Assault report

A 22-year-old University of Delaware student told Newark police on Friday, May 6, at 1:51 a.m., that she had been pushed and punched in the chest.

The attack took place after

The attack took place after the victim saw two men walking in the unit block East Cleveland Avenue.

After one of the men kicked a trash can into the roadway, the victim confronted the pair and was attacked when the pair refused to retrieve the trash container, police said.

Man leaves ATM card

A customer of the PNC Bank at 230 E. Main St., told Newark police on Thursday, May 5, at 9:22 p.m., that \$460 was withdrawn from his ATM account after he left his card in the machine.

The theft was discovered several hours later when the victim realized he had failed to retrieve his card from the ATM.

Bank officials told the victim that the thefts took place one

minute after his final ATM transaction. Police and bank investigations are continuing.

Minibike stolen

A minibike valued at \$400 was stolen from a garage in the unit block Hawthorne Avenue, its 11-year-old owner told Newark police on Thursday, May 5.

Newspapers stolen

A bundle of 25 News Journal newspapers was removed from the front of the Happy Harry's store at 241 College Square, Newark police were told at 3:19 p.m. on Thursday, May 5.

Laptop computer gone

A portable computer valued at \$2,000 disappeared from a table in a home in the unit block Westfield Drive, police were told on Thursday, May 5, at 11:05 a.m.

Nothing missing

No items were reported missing after someone entered a home in the unit block Sue Lane on Wednesday, May 4.

The resident told police he returned home at lunchtime to discover that the knob of a bedroom door had been removed and that a sliding glass door had been opened.

Investigation is continuing.

Former student charged

Newark police said that a former student at Newark High School was charged with trespassing on Wednesday, May 4, at 12:40 p.m.

Vehicles hit

Newark police reported that thieves and vandals targeted a number of vehicles here recently. Some of the reports include: Malin's Market, 812 S. College Ave.,

on Sunday, May 8, at 10:04 a.m.,

someone attempted to steal a tire causing \$120 damage to a vehicle; Academy Street south of Main, on Saturday, May 7, at 6:51 p.m., Chevrolet Venture minivan sprayed

painted with obscentity;
39 Prospect Ave., on Saturday, May
7, at 1:28 p.m., front license tag
stolen from 1994 Ford Explorer;
Unit block Linden Street, on

Unit block Linden Street, on Friday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m., 1995 Volkswagen Passat stolen; Parking lot at Iron Hill Brewery, 147

Parking lot at Iron Hill Brewery, 147
E. Main St., on Thursday, May 5, at 8:46 p.m., a Wilmington man's truck was "keyed" following an earlier dispute over a parking spot; 76 Welsh Tract Road, Villa Belmont

condos, on Thursday, May 5, at 2:30 p.m., passenger vent window of 1989 Chevy van broken and stereo removed;

84 Welsh Tract Road, on Thursday, May 5, at 8:45 a.m., left rear window shattered and stereo in dash of 1996 Ford Thunderbird removed;

60 Welsh Tract Road, on Thursday, May 5, at 7:46 a.m., window of 2004 Hyundai broken; and

815 Lehigh Road, on Thursday, May 5, at 8:50 a.m., front tire stolen from parked 2003 Chevrolet Cavalier.

Alcohol law, noise citations listed

Officers of the Newark Police Department have continued stepped-up enforcement of alcohol-related and noise laws here as the University of Delaware spring semester nears its end. Some of the recent arrests include:

Malcolm W. Wax, 23, of Newark, noise law violation, on Sunday, May 8, at 4:10 a.m., at 2202 Scholar Dr.;

Kevin Thomas Ryan, 19, of Wilmington, disorderly conduct, on Saturday, May 7, at 6:27 p.m.,

at 104 Wilbur St.;

Brian G. Terranova, 22, of
Collingswood, N.J., disorderly
conduct, on Saturday, May 7, at
3:22 p.m., at 110 Wilbur St.; and

Randolph Marriott, 39, of Wendell, N.C., criminal trespassing, on Friday, May 6, at 1 a.m., at TGIFriday's restaurant, 650 S. College Ave.

Police said all were released pending court appearances.



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Olan Thomas witnessed, made history in his 82 years

► UP FRONT, from 1

She was capable but nonetheless apprehensive (read "scared") when she learned she would be covering city council meetings. At college in Morgantown, W. Va., she had been sent to council meetings and Jennifer found the elected officials unfriendly and uncooperative. She feared the same here in Newark.

The morning after her first council meeting, she came to work with a smile

The night before the Newark council had attacked a complicated issue. But her story was comprehensive and gave a perspective of events that had taken place long before she was hired.

"How did you get all this background in one night?" I asked.

"There was this nice man on the council, Mr. Thomas, who spent an hour with me after the meeting. He gave me the full story," she said.

Such efforts apparently were very frequent for Olan Thomas.

After the news of his death broke Tuesday, like many others I recalled my favorite encounter with Thomas.

It came on the back porch of his home. It was a cool summer evening and we met just as he was leaving on his nightly ritual

picnic table and dined as he asked me about paper-related issues and my family.

I responded that my son was eyeing the Air Force Academy for his post-Newark High educa-

It was then that I learned that he had been in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He finished his meal and excused himself to check on his wife. He did not return for several minutes, so many that I eventually went to the door to make sure nothing was wrong.

"Everything's okay," he muffled from another room, "I'll be

A few minutes later, he returned with pictures of his World War II days when he was stationed in Guam. There were photos of him and the B-29 bombers that he worked on. Also in the wad of memorabilia were several yellowed newspaper clippings about the Enola Gay and the first atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima.

Thomas told me that he worked in what he described as mission control, the war room that tracked the bombers stationed in that area of the South Pacific.

He told me that there had been unusual activity, all of it wrapped in great secrecy

On August 6, 1945, the day the

was in the situution room.

We knew something big was up. We just didn't know what," he said.

Thomas remembered that he and others carried reports to offi-cers that day as the B-29 made its way from Tinian Island in the Marianas chain to Japan and on.

"It was amazing to see what was happening as we learned what was going on" through the teletypes he relayed to the gener-

When the full scope of the bomb and its effects became clear,

impressed, sad for the victims but happy that the end of the war was clearly in sight.

Olan Thomas not only witnessed the unfolding of an historic event, he made history during his 82 years here in Newark.





Longtime councilmember, firefighter remembered

► THOMAS, from 3

tion and a year later was elected president of Aetna. During his tenure. Aetna became the first fire company in Delaware to maintain two fire stations simultaneously on a volunteer basis when the Ogletown Road Fire Station was erected in September 1963. Thomas served as president of Aetna through 1964, the year that he was first elected to the Newark City Council.

During the early 1970s, Thomas ws Chairman of the City Hall Site Selection Committee and was instrumental in design and funding of the present Newark

Municipal Building.

He served on Newark City
Council until 1994, a city record for council longevity. His service was honored in 1996 when a park at Cleveland Avenue and Paper Mill Road in Newark was named in his honor.

Thomas served as a frontline fire fighter until 1979 at the age of 56. That year, he became an active member of the Delaware League of Local Governments and for the next 15 years served informally as a lobbyist with the Delaware General Assembly on behalf of Newark and other incorporated communities throughout

Mayor of Newark and also elect-ed Vice President of the Delaware League of Local Governments. In 1993 he became president of the DLLG and was appointed to the Governor's Criminal Justice Council by Governor Thomas Carper. In 1994, Mr. Thomas was elected vice president of Aetna and served in that capacity for the next four years.

Since 1987, Thomas has been a member of the Delaware State Fire Police serving Newark.

Throughout his council and fire service, Thomas worked closely with many government officials including for-mer Governors Elbert Carvel, Caleb Boggs, Sherman Tribett, Attorney General David Buckson and numerous members of the

Delaware General Assembly. He is a life member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Aetna and the Newark Historical Society.

His wife, Lorraine, died in 2002. He is survived by a son, Robert O. Thomas and his wife, Jeanette, of Newark; daughter, Jean M. Thomas of Wilmington; daughter, Mary Louise McDowell and her husband, Robert C., of Newark; three grandchildren, Robert O. Thomas, Jr., Kathryn M. McDowell and Sarah E. McDowell; and a brother, Meredith B. Thomas, Jr. of Newark and his family.

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Thomas identified with district residents, happily mentored new councilmembers

LAN Thomas leaves behind a host of friends and officials, some of whom he helped early in their

Former Newark mayor Hal Godwin praised Thomas for his mentoring of the novice councilmember in 1987.

"When I was elected, Olan immediately took me under his wing," Godwin said, "he gave me advice and counsel. He'd call between meetings and brief me on upcoming issues."

Godwin said Thomas was quick to share his personal experiences with the green councilmember. "He gave me a history of Newark government," Godwin said Tuesday, "and that perspective helped me become a capable councilperson.'

City Secretary Sue Lamblack shared a similar experience.

"Olan was the first councilmember to embrace me," she said, when she began work in the secretary's office in 1964. "I was a high school student at the time,' Lamblack said Tuesday. "He was kind to me then, and he was kind to me until the day he left."

Lamblack became City Secretary in 1984. "Olan's heart was always in the best interests of the City of Newark. was always there for those who needed help the most."

Lamblack "Olan said loved the Memorial Day parade most of all" and recalled the year when parade chief Vernon Steele died suddenly

weeks before the parade date. "Olan came to me and said 'You and I are going to pull this parade off no matter what' and we did." Lamblack said Thomas led the charge as the two hustled to

went off without a hitch.' "I'm really saddened to hear he's gone. I enjoyed our friendship," said former mayor Ronald Gardner.

make many last-minute arrange-

ments. "He was so proud that it

Thomas, in a

photographed

believed to have

been taken in

the 1990s.

"Olan's the one responsible for me getting involved in city government," Gardner said Tuesday.

The two served together in

city posts for more than two decades. "Olan appointed me to the planning commission in 1969. We served together on the city council, and he was there for four of my years as mayor," Gardner said. "We got along well and we worked together well."

Gardner credited Thomas' lon-gevity in elected office to his bond with the constituents. "He lived on Cleveland Avenue for many years. He knew most of the residents of that 6th District, identified with them and wanted to represent their interests in City Hall," the former mayor said.

Longtime Aetna volunteer George Robinson said "Olan knew everybody and he had many friends in the fire service" not only in Newark but at surrounding companies and throughout Delaware.

"I joined Aetna in 1967 just after Olan had been president," Robinson said, "for as long as I knew him, he was involved in every aspect of the fire depart-

Godwin claims one of his proudest achievements in public life was his role in leading the Delaware League of Local Governments to present its first Lifetime Achievement Award to Thomas. "From his World War II service, to his years with the fire service, to his 30 years on council, Olan was committed to service," Godwin said.

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the property and its owners were grandfathered into earlier laws and were able to maintain the license. Then, just this year, liquor laws changed again in the city, removing regulation on businesses near dormitories.

However, many Newarkers welcome the new business with open arms.

'Shaggy's will be a welcome addition to downtown Newark," said Maureen Feeney Roser, chair for the Downtown Newark Partnership. "It will add to the variety and appeal of our culinary offerings for students and residents alike, and will attract new people to our downtown, benefiting both retail and the other restaurants.

Tony Bariglio, property manager of the Galleria on Main Street, agreed with Feeney Roser. "I think they'll do wonderful - there's nothing like it on Main Street," he said.

Reality hits, fair introduces students to menu of life

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HOW much can I expect to make as a pharmacist? What do I need to do to become a financial advisor? A paramedic? A reporter? A histotechnician?

A histotechnician? No, that's not a historian. Histology is the study of tissues. Histotechnicians work in research labs or hospitals to prepare and check slides of tissue samples under a microscope.

There were ooh's and groans when students looked at slides of human brain tissue under a microscope at Gauger-Cobbs Middle School at the Eighth Grade Career Fair sponsored by the Newark Morning Rotary Club and the school's Vocational Department.

To introduce middle school students to the myriad of career opportunities open to them, the Rotary club invited more than 25 local businesses and professionals to have table displays and talk with nearly 500 students about their jobs, responsibilities, benefits, opportunities for advancement, educational requirements and expected beginning salaries.

Parade steps off at 2 p.m.

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ceremony on the University of Delaware's Green. Fallen soldiers will be remembered at Memorial Hall, the university's building built in their honor. Next, follows the parade at 2 p.m. The one-mile route runs the length of Main Street and will end at Delaware Avenue and Academy Street. Seventeen color guards from across the state will march in the parade, as will New Ark Fife and Drum Corps and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Maj. John Fisher and First Sgt. George Pelke of the Delaware Nation Guard, both Bronze Star recipients, will lead the parade. They will represent the 50 men and women from the 249th Battalion, who served in Baghdad last year. In all, the group completed more than 1,000 missions and earned 35 bronze stars.

"This is a great opportunity to come out and honor the sacrifices that the members of the 249th gave," said Councilman Jerry Clifton, who is also a production controller for the Delaware National Guard. "More and more we find that our veterans, particularly those who have given the ultimate sacrifice are honored less and less. We need to keep that fire alive and continue to honor them."

They tried to stress the importance of post-high school education, whether it be two or fouryear college programs, technical training or internships.

Kristen Broomall, of the Histotechnology Lab of the Department of Biomedical Research at the A. I. DuPont Hospital for Children, talked with the attendees who visited her table about the importance of taking many sciences classes in school. There are many opportunities for specializing in medicine, one of the most burgeoning career fields available in the foreseeable future.

Broomall, an graduate of Newark High School and the University of Delaware, has a Bachelor degree in Animal Science and has worked with several veterinarians in the area. When she decided to return to school for a second degree, many of the science courses she had taken previously came in handy. She received an Associates degree from Delaware Technical and Community College in Histology in 2004.

Students came to the fair with a list of questions and had to visit at least five tables, getting signatures from presenters before leaving the room.

There were representatives or owners from State Farm Insurance, The Newark Post, George Weiner and Assoc., Bassett Brosius and Dawson, Happy Harry's, PNC, Zutz Financial, Delaware Orthopaedic Center, UD's Hotel Restaurant Management Department, Prestige Home Improvement, Christina School District, New



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Even though doctors are important, there are many other critical areas of medicine students can consider for careers. Above, Kristen Broomall, a histotechnician at A. I. DuPont Hospital for Children, shows Gauger-Cobbs students slides of human tissues used in the research lab.

Castle County Paramedics and many more.

At the Warren Truss Co. table, owner and Rotarian Doug Warren showed students how the computer is used to design trusses for construction of buildings.

Fiona Tresolini, owner of Dynamic Visions, had students write their dream career on a chart

Engineers from W. L. Gore and Associates had students try on oversized gloves. When compressed air was sprayed onto each side of the glove, students could feel the difference where Windstopper fabric was used.

The school's resource office,

Det. McCloskey, from the Delaware State Police, had some students in handcuffs behind their backs, giving them a real sense of what it's like to be restrained.

At the R. T. Foard and Jones Funeral Home table, students saw how morticians restore the face and hair of a corpse.

Happy Harry's donated bags for students to collect goodies.

"It's really important for students to have an insight of what there is to offer in the job market," said Lilly Turner, director of the school's vocational department. This was the third year for the fair but the first time for the Rotary club to sponsor it. "This also fits into our Rotary club's mission," said Richard Ulbrich, director of Vocational Service. "It's good for kids to see the options they have."

5K here Saturday

Spring is in full swing, and that means it's time to dust off those old Nikes and get ready to run. This Saturday, runners will have the opportunity to take to the streets in the Alpha Xi Delta and Downtown Newark Partnership 5K run/walk.

While it's the fifth annual event for the sorority, this is the first year that the DNP has been involved. "The Partnership saw this a great community event, one that could bridge the university and community," said Andrew Haines, parking administrator for the city. "It's also a good fundraiser."

The two groups will split the proceeds and dedicate them to local causes. The DNP will donate its half to the long-delayed painting of the train tressle at Library Avenue and Capital Trail. The sorority will split its money between Girls, Inc., a group that supports battered women and children, and a scholarship for a student who is fighting cancer.

Registration for the race begins on Saturday, May 14 at 8:30 a.m. and race time is at 9:30 a.m. There is a \$15 pre-registration fee for signing up online at http://newark.de.us/downtown/5K-Run.htm. Same-day registration is \$20. The first 200 registered racers receive a free t-shirt.





Fear knows no age Seminar May 18 offers tips on home security

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

AITLIN Ginley used to walk home alone at night. So did her roommate. Now, neither one walks alone anywhere after dark - not even to Morris Library, which is in clear view of their New Castle dormitory window.

In recent months, crime and safety have become very real concerns for Newark residents. Between the strangling of University of Delaware student Lindsey Bonistall and this past winter's string of burglaries that targeted elderly citizens, residents from all generations have been on hightened alert.

"[Safety] is definitely a concern, more so since the murder," Ginley, a University of Delaware sophomore, admits. "I have a lot of friends who are worried."

Residents from the younger generation - mostly comprised of students and young professionals are seeking solace in protecting their own safety. Ginley is a perfect example. She has never taken a martial arts class, never thrown

a side kick and has never sparred. But that could all change.

"I've never considered takshe says. "But I probably would now. The truth is, [my] genera-tion doesn't know how to defend ourselves." ing a self defense class before,"

Investigator Janet Hedrick of the University of Delaware Police said that Ginley's response is normal. She often sees an increase in the number of people who are interested in self-defense classes after a serious crime, like murder, has been committed.

"You usually see an increase in interest," she said of the uni-versity's self-defense class, Rape Aggression Defense. "We have alumni, staff, and faculty who take the class.

RAD teaches basic crime prevention, focusing on improving self-awareness, securing the home, and remaining alert to one's surroundings. As the class advances, so do the techniques. Eventually students learn evasive self-defense moves. But Hedrick is quick to point out that the class also teaches when - and when not - to use the techniques.

"[RAD] teaches that you do have options, if you choose to use them," she said.

While the class teaches how to prevent an attack and what to do if one occurs, one of the biggest benefits is the restored sense of confidence that participants

"Some of the women who take the class are survivors," she said. 'This helps them get some sense of empowerment back without giving them a false sense of security. It helps them learn that they do have options if they choose to use them.

RAD classes have finished up for the semester, but will reopen to members of the university community in the fall. There is no charge for enrollment. For more information, call 831-2222.

For an older generation of senior citizens and retirees, the concerns are different. It is the string of burglaries that occurred this winter that worry this age group. And with a different concern, this group has a different approach to increasing safety. Many senior residents are seeking comfort through communica-

On Wednesday, May 18, at 3:30 p.m. the Newark Senior Center will host a forum to discuss home security for elderly residents. This program, spon-sored by the Delaware Victim Center and the Newark Police Department, will let residents voice their fears and find a solution to home safety issues.

"Most of crime victims are elderly," said Susan Alfree, representative for the Delaware Victim Center. "This will let them really address the fear that they're feel-

The Senior Victim Services Coordinator from the office of the Attorney General will also be present. For more information, call Susan Alfree at 834-2620 ext. 236.

While the two age groups may not agree on much, they do seem to share the point of view that increasing safety in Newark is paramount. How they do it and why differs in each demographic, but neither group is waiting to be

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Balloon owner welcomes public, closing now expected this fall

ESIDENTS who are interested in the future of the Stone Balloon can learn more about it first hand from Jim Baeurle, owner, and his team of architects and planners on Monday, May 16 at 6 p.m.

The Stone Balloon will open its doors and let residents, members of the city staff and government and anyone else who is curious ask questions and discuss what they would like to see hap-pen at the site.

"All of the concerns that have been expressed so far will be on the table," said Mark Sisk, legal representative for the plan's builders, The Graceland Group, | a disproportionately high density.

Sisk said that having discussion at the site could help the process. "Sometimes it's easier to visualize the plans when you are there," he said.

The current home of the Stone Balloon may be turned into a condominium apartment complex.

The complex, while welcomed for bringing new residents into the downtown, has been criticized for being too big.

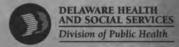
The plans allow for 82 units on a plot of land that is less than three acres - which would give it

Critics argued that the plans should be limited between 54 and 17 units.

The 82-unit plans were to face council at the April 28 council meeting. However, they were pulled from the agenda that day.

Now, the council will not be able to hear the plans until sometime during the summer, far passing the estimated deadline that would have closed the historic nightclub on June 1. New estimates have the Stone Balloon closing its doors in the fall.

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Dig into history

If you have been waiting to make your debut as an archaeologist, this weekend is the time. The folks at the Iron Hill Museum will celebrate Delaware Archaeology Month with their Archaeology festival this Sunday, May 15.

Be sure to bring a shovel. Folks who want to participate in an actual excavation are welcome to learn the tricks of the trade from professionals this weekend.

"People love to dig," said Laura Lee, museum director. "But just like learning to be a doctor or attorney, you need professional guidance. You can't just go out and dig a hole"

This year, novice archeologists will excavate an historic home, believed to be a tenant house, or a Native American jasper quarry.

After the excavation, take advantage of the rest of the day with living history presentations, displays and children's activities. Learn the secrets to blacksmithing, Native American tool manufacture, colonial candle-making and pit cooking.

Participation in excavations requires pre-registration. Admission is \$3.50 per person, children under 4 are admitted for free. Iron Hill Museum is located at 1355 Old Baltimore Pike. For more information, call 368-

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'What faith and hope can do'

By ANDY FRANKUM

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

IKE Futty stepped out onto the back patio of the Ronald McDonald House. "It's kind of like a family reunion in there," he said as he pulled out a cigarette and a lighter and sat in one of the patio chairs. It was the day of the ribbon cutting ceremony that opened the new wing to the Ronald McDonald House. The new facilities included 23 new guest rooms, two new family kitchens and one community kitchen, a 25-seat mini-theater, a first-floor meeting room, five new family lounge areas, a beauty salon, and a new volunteer workspace. The new wing of the Ronald McDonald House can now accommodate hundreds of more families per year who would have otherwise been referred to the hotel subsidization program.

Futty was just one of the many people at the ceremony who was touched by the charity which helped him when his 17-year-old daughter Amanda was hospitalized at the Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children in 2003. Families from all around the country came to support the charity that at one time or another gave them refuge and aloud them to eat, sleep, and bond in a comfortable environment when they would otherwise be alone in a costly hotel rooms.

As groups of people took tours of the new expanded facilities and enjoyed the light buffet lunch, Futty was on the back patio, cigarette in hand, wondering where to begin telling his story.

"We got the call at 11:30 at night," Futty said. "Our daughter had been involved in an accident. We went to the hospital and were told she had a 1 percent chance to live."

Amanda, who was flown from Rehoboth, Del. to Christiana Hospital, fell into a comatose state. Futty was told that any out-of-state family members that wanted to see Amanda alive should fly in immediately.

"There was no escape," he said. "We would be in the hospital for 8 to 10 hours – then basically get kicked out. And back at the hotel room there is nothing to do but sit and think about the accident." Futty was paying \$600 a week in hotel bills alone and was finding no way to avoid the emotional stress of Amanda's condition

Amanda suffered severe shearing, where the body twisted faster than the brain and there was tearing at the base of the spinal cord. Amanda was in critical care for three weeks at Christiana, when doctors told Futty to be prepared for long-term, if not a life-long vegetative state. was around this time that a doctor from A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children saw Amanda and thought there was a chance to help her. Amanda was transplanted to AI DuPont, still in a comatose state, and Mike and his wife were able to stay at the Ronald McDonald House.

"When we got up here we got to sit and talk with a lot of other families and it was almost therapeutic in the fact that you are interacting with other people give you hope, which you don't necessarily get at other hospitals," Futty said, "The people draw you in and welcome

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have that common bond."

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It was the common bond that Futty shared with the other guest that partly made the recovery of his daughter possible. Futty spent nine months in the Ronald McDonald House and received enough inspiration from the relationships he found there to have faith in Amanda's recovery.

Futty worked to keep Amanda's brain functioning through the coma by reading to her. He read stories, lists of facts about her, and the Bible. Finally, during the week of Christmas of 2003, after being in a coma since October, Amanda awoke. She remembered her father reading Cinderella while she was in the coma, and was able to recite the list of facts about herself.

"I would do anything for the Ronald McDonald House," Futty said, "they gave me my daughter back."

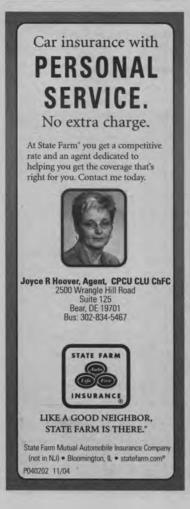
The Ronald McDonald house not only gave Futty hope, but it

Martha Carper, Ronald McDonald, Christopher Ford, Adrienne Ford, Dr. Audrey Vans and Richard J. Gessner cut the ribbon.

also saved him around \$20,000 that would have been spent on hotel costs. The money saved was put toward Amanda's treatment which included making their home in Rehoboth wheelchair accessible. Since her time at the A.I. DuPont Hospital, Amanda has regained the ability to walk and is currently working to finish the last few classes needed to graduate high school.

The Ronald McDonald House gave hope to 1,727 families in the year 2004. With the expanded facilities they hope to serve 591 more families that otherwise would have been turned away due to the lack of space.

Futty said that his daughter had recently wanted to pay a visit to the original doctor that said she only had a 1 percent chance to live. She wants to show that doctor what a little faith and hope can do. Futty laughed as he said, "I kind of want to wait until she cools down a little before we do that."







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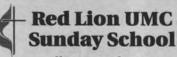
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