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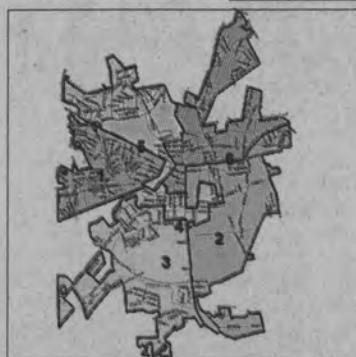
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New city council districts in Newark.

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Newark wins fifth straight state title.

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UP FRONT

Newarker off to 'big time' in NYC

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

JUST about two years ago, I wrote about my 15 seconds of fame on "The Late Show With David Letterman."

You may recall that I and my friend, Jeff Mezza-testa, were singled out by Dave in his opening monologue. He proclaimed, "Ladies and gentlemen. The president and comptroller of the Mustache Club of America," as the camera focused on us



Streit

Holidays ding-a-ling, jing-a-ling in downtown Newark



Donna Hegge (foreground) and Valerie Bonk, who returned to Newark during Thanksgiving week to visit the University of Delaware, their alma mater, also spent time shopping for gifts at Grass Roots on Main Street.

Winterfest brings sparkle and fun to Main Street area on Friday night

Downtown Newark already is welcoming the community for shopping and fun during the holidays. Tidings of sales and ample parking drew hundreds of shoppers to Main Street on Black Friday, the official start of the Christmas shopping season.

And on Friday, Dec. 7, the city of Newark will hold the seventh annual Winterfest celebration, offering Santa and his helpers a chance to pick up a few more gifts.

The day after Thanksgiving sidewalks were lined with people in a gift-buying mood. Laden with plastic bags, rolls of brightly colored wrapping paper, and of course, their checkbooks, they scoped out which sweaters were the most trendy this year, which Harry Potter books were on sale

and which place to go first.

The job was made a little easier without the extra burden of heavy winter coats, as temperatures were in the mid-60s most of the day.

"It feels like Easter, not Christmas time!" said Amber Bosche of western Pennsylvania, where the weather "feels more like it's supposed to at this time of year."

Bosche was getting some holiday shopping done while visiting her aunt in Newark for the holidays. "No taxes - that's a plus," she said, while juggling a bag from Rainbow Books and Music, one from CVS, and two blue and white plastic Gap bags. "But it's getting me into trouble because so far I've only bought things for myself," she said.

Lynda Burman of Hockessin and her sister-in-law, Jean Hudson of Portland, Tenn., also did their share of shopping on the day after Thanksgiving. "(Main Street) is really neat; I like the quaintness of it," Hudson said.

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Council delays action

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KATY CIAMARICONE

camera frequently would return to split-second glimpses of us giggling in the audience.

I'm a Letterman fan and have been since his early NBC days. In fact, I'm on his list for "Stupid Human Tricks." (Don't ask; I won't reveal my speciality.)

I think I know the reason I like Dave so much. He's the smart Alec that I want to be...but the rules of life don't permit.

One of the calls I received after one of my early Letterman "appearances" was from a then-Newark High School student, the son of friends. He told me how much he wanted to be a writer some day for Dave.

Fast forward to 2001. Now a senior at the University of Delaware, he told me he's delaying his graduation a semester so that he can intern on the Letterman staff. He'll be an entry-level bean counter, not a writer, but it's a foot in the door of a dream.

He asked me not to publish his name; he doesn't want to be deluged with ticket requests from "friends." But he promised I can write about his CBS experiences after his stint in the Ed Sullivan Theater building is complete.

So, please, stay tuned.

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DelDot promises Casho Mill tunnel to be complete in April

Revisions must get OK from CSX Railroad, DelDOT engineers

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The Casho Mill Road pedestrian tunnel, on the A list of most-wanted local traffic improvements, is no closer to completion.

In August, Delaware Department of Transportation spokesperson Mike Williams said the contractor for the project at the CSX Railroad underpass near Barksdale Road requested a Value Engineering Evaluation. At that time, Williams said DelDOT was projecting a December finish for the overall project.

This week, Williams said the evaluation process to achieve

\$100,000 in savings by using a steelplate liner for the tunnel instead of a concrete prefab pipe is moving very slowly.

"It would not take so long if only DelDOT had to review it," said Williams. "It's more complicated because it has to go

through consultants at CSX Railroad and DelDOT and then be approved by DelDOT's bridge engineer as well."

The Value Engineering Evaluation is 99 percent com-

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KATY CIAMARICONE

Traffic meets coming and going at the CSX Railroad underpass on Casho Mill Road where interrupted construction is seen at left.

Newark business has innovative tool for recovery from addictions

'Are you one of us?' welcomes those in need of support to log on

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

One day at a time is not a new idea for those recovering from addiction. But a Newark man, himself in recovery from an addiction to the pain reliever Percoset, believes he has designed an innovative program that can help.

"It's called SOBER24," said Greg Wright. "It's a virtual after-care business which markets to people who are in recovery or just coming out of rehab. That's a very scary time when you have lived your life 'in a certain way' and wonder what your social life

will be like without drinking, for instance."

Wright started SOBER24 in his basement after going through rehabilitation at Father Martin's Ashley Rehabilitation Center in Maryland.

"The online program called SoberFuse provides a secure and personal site where the members can monitor their own recovery with the help of a daily checklist, a journal, readings and contact with other members like themselves," explained Wright. "Every day they log on and answer questions like 'have you called your sponsor, have you helped someone else today, have you been to an AA or NA (Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous) meeting, etc.'"

Wright said the program keeps a tally of the responses daily and over time and tells the member how they are doing. "It keeps score, if you will, and if a mem-

ber's score starts to drop, the program can intervene for them."

Members provide the program with a recovery list of people they rely on to help them. "If they have a crisis or feel they are going to take a drink, for instance, they can push a 'panic button' which notifies all the people on their personal recovery list," said Wright. "Those people then call the person in crisis and hopefully are able to prevent a relapse - maybe even save his or her life ultimately."

When a member's score starts dropping, because they are not calling their sponsor, not attending meetings, not doing other things they need to do, the program automatically notifies all the people on the member's recovery list.

The online site also holds recovery meetings three nights a week at 10 p.m. as well as meet-

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on alcohol ordinances

Plan to wait for policy recommendations of Alcohol Commission

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Despite some comments suggesting urgency at past meetings, city council has voted to delay action on alcohol ordinances which would affect bars and related businesses in Newark.

At council's Nov. 12 meeting, councilmember Jerry Clifton expressed some concern at delays in putting any legislation into effect if council did not act soon.

In particular, Clifton questioned the schedule for hiring three additional police officers to

patrol businesses targeted in the proposed ordinances.

"We couldn't just pull three people out of the division and put them in this program - it would take some time to get new officers through the academy and training," explained city manager Carl Luft.

Police Chief Gerald Conway said this week that the city could still take advantage of the next academy at the end of March if the new positions were approved by then. This is not possible if council waits until April to consider the legislation.

Conway said it would be "hard to say" when another academy would start in 2002, but that State Police generally have one in July. "We could have new officers attend that one," he said.

On Nov. 26, Clifton again expressed concern and stated, "I

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AN EVERGREEN MEMORY



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JAMES PETZAK

City and state officials, members of the military, Boy Scouts, and the Newark High School Band held a ceremony on Nov. 29 to place a plaque (center foreground) at Olan Thomas Park where the city has planted three trees, a sugar maple for New York, an eastern hemlock for Pennsylvania, and a dogwood for Virginia, in memory of the plane crash victims on Sept. 11.

POLICE REPORTS

Newark Police get grant for drunk driving patrols

The Newark Police Department has been awarded a grant from Delaware's Office of Highway Safety to conduct drunk driving patrols throughout this holiday season.

Beginning this Dec. 1 and running through the new year, Newark Police officers will conduct roving patrols on weekend nights to arrest impaired drivers as part of the statewide "You

Drink and Drive, You Lose" campaign.

The Newark Police Department encourages motorists to drink responsibly this holiday season and throughout the year.

Police urge those drinking or those with a friend who has been drinking, to please call a cab or ask a sober friend to drive them home.

Fatal crash on Paper Mill Road

Delaware State Police investigated a fatal motor vehicle crash Saturday Dec. 1, which occurred around 9:13 p.m. on Paper Mill Road, south of Possum Park Road in Newark.

A 1998 Isuzu Rodeo was traveling south on Paper Mill Road when the vehicle exited the west edge of the roadway, struck a speed limit sign and traveled back onto the road and across the north lane. The vehicle then sideswiped a light pole and went off an embankment into a construction site where it came to rest after striking a backhoe.

The driver, Lindsey Peak, 21, of Newark sustained fatal head trauma and died 37 minutes later at the hospital. Passenger Douglas Li, 21, of

Newark was ejected from the vehicle and sustained multiple fractures to his back and face. Li was taken to Christiana Hospital where he was listed in critical condition.

A preliminary State Police investigation suggests alcohol was a factor in the fatal crash. State Police are continuing their investigation.

Robber may have struck twice on same night in Bear area

Delaware State Police are searching for a 25-to-30-year-old white male approximately 5 feet, 9 inches tall, 160 to 170 pounds, with blue eyes who may be responsible for two robberies on Nov. 28.

A suspect entered the store and demanded cigarettes and money

from the clerk in the Cumberland Farms convenience store located on Wilmington Road in New Castle just after 8 p.m. He implied that he had a weapon. A second robbery happened at the Domino's Pizza located at 713 Pulaski Highway/Route 40 in Bear at 9:23 p.m. In the second robbery, the suspect also implied he had a weapon.

Anyone with information is asked to call the state police at 323-4411 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

Teens cause car chase in two states

Delaware State Police arrested two teens from Baltimore, Md., after they lead police in a chase in two states on Tuesday, Nov. 27. Delaware State Police assisted the Maryland State Police after the car they were chasing entered the state of Delaware at approximately 3:05 a.m. Maryland State Police believed the 1993 Chrysler LeBaron they were pursuing was involved in a robbery or carjacking in Cecil County, Md. Delaware State Troopers picked up the pursuit along Route 40 and the Maryland State Line. The Chrysler LeBaron proceeded east on Route 40 for several miles and then north on US 13. The fleeing vehicle eventually became disabled on the ramp from US 13 to Interstate 295.

The driver of the car, Christopher Wolfman, 15, and his passenger, Lamar Williams, 14, both of Baltimore, Md., were taken into custody by Maryland State Troopers after a brief foot chase.

Both teens were charged with receiving stolen property, conspiracy and resisting arrest. Wolfman will also face numerous traffic charges since he was driving the car. Police later discovered that the car was stolen sometime on Nov. 26 or early in the morning on Nov. 27, and the owner was not aware of it.

Employee menaced with knife in MBNA lot

Delaware State Police arrested an Joshua Schmitz, 18, of the 700 block of Harmony Road after he taunted and pulled a knife on a MBNA employee.

Schmitz allegedly was with two other individuals in the rear parking area of the MBNA site located on Samoset Drive just before 6 p.m. on Nov. 28, when he started taunting a 38-year-old MBNA employee walking through the parking lot. When Schmitz saw the victim reporting the trespassers on a cell phone to MBNA Security, he pulled a knife and threatened the employee. Schmitz and his two associates fled the MBNA facility. The employee and MBNA Security followed Schmitz until state police arrived to take him into custody.

Schmitz was charged with aggravated menacing, criminal trespass, conspiracy, underage consumption and disorderly conduct.

Troopers questioned one of Schmitz associates and are looking for the third individual. No one was injured in the incident.

Newark man missing

New Castle County Police are searching for a missing Newark man who suffers from a medical condition that requires daily medication. Mark Watson, 44, who resides in the unit block of Knickerbocker Drive in Brookside Park, has not been seen since Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 9 a.m., when he attended a workshop located in the 500 block of West 10th Street in Wilmington.

Watson failed to return home and has not taken his medication since. He is known to use DART buses as his primary means of transportation.

Anyone with information is asked to contact New Castle County Police at 395-8171.

Robbery at Dollar General store

Delaware State Police investigated a robbery which occurred at the

Dollar General Store located at 1679 Pulaski Highway/Route 40 in Bear around 7:57 p.m. on Dec. 2.

A black male suspect entered the business and obtained items, which he eventually brought to the store counter.

The clerk was ringing up the merchandise when the suspect displayed a handgun and demanded cash. The suspect fled the scene after obtaining cash from the register.

The suspect is described as a black male, 27 to 29 years of age, approximately 6 feet in height and weighing about 220 pounds. The suspect has a thin mustache and was wearing a puffy black coat and a blue ball cap with either black or red additional coloring.

Anyone having information regarding this robbery is asked to call State Police at 323-4410 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

Delaware man's illness was not a case of anthrax

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) announced on Nov. 30 that the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reclassified a Delaware man suspected of having cutaneous (skin) anthrax as not a case.

CDC identified the northern New Castle County man as a suspected anthrax case on Oct. 31 because he had a suspicious lesion on his wrist and a blood

test that suggested exposure to anthrax.

The man, who is employed as a mail processor at the Bellmawr, N.J. post office, had his lesion removed and tested.

Further tests by CDC did not confirm the initial suspicions. Now recovering, he received antibiotic treatment and his physician and DPH epidemiologist monitored his health.

Website has connections to others at on-line meetings, e-mail

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ings for family or friends of recovering addicts on two other nights at 10 p.m. "We have them at 10 p.m. eastern standard time so people on the West Coast can participate," said Wright.

The program resulted from Wright's own experience in recovery. "When I first came out of rehab, I made a list of things I should be working on in recovery and put notes up on my mirror to remind me," he said. "I thought, 'wouldn't it be great if there was a program that would organize all this?'"

Wright, an acquisitions manager at MBNA for 15 years, worked on the program at nights in his spare time. "When I started to share it, I did both for a while, but finally went to my company

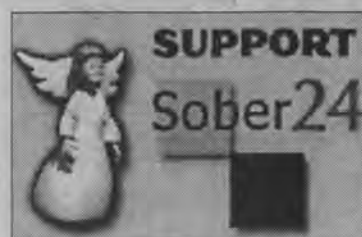
to see if I could make a go of this."

Wright and several others currently operate the business out of an office at the Mill at White Clay on Paper Mill Road. "Some highly-skilled technological people end up in recovery," said Wright. "You'd be surprised. And helping others is one basis for recovery."

Becoming a member of SOBER24 costs \$24 a year, but Wright said many people have hit bottom when they need the program the most, so the program is free to those who can't afford it.

"Most of the funding has come from my savings," he said. "We also have some other investors who feel this is a good business move and a philanthropic move."

He is also working on getting



with people at places like Ashley about having them purchase the first year's membership for persons coming out of rehab," said Wright. "It would be a place the recovering addicts could graduate to instead of just leaving them on their own."

Wright is also working on getting a federal grant for innovative treatment of alcoholism. "That would really set us up," he said. "There aren't that many new ideas for alcohol treatment, but this is one."

ally track recovery rates after a year or over time and provide statistics to reduce insurance costs, for instance."

Wright said most members come to them "by word of mouth" or through the Internet. "We currently have over 4,000 members from all over," he said. "We have 100 in the military in Germany."

About 58 percent of the members are women. Wright said information provided by the members indicates 44 percent are in AA, 26 percent are in NA, 16 percent are family and friends in Al-Anon, and the rest are undeclared. "No one ever has to know you are a member," Wright said. "You can use a nickname, if you want."

Interested persons can join and pay anonymously online at

City staff will implement any new alcohol program 'as best they can'

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think we should move forward on this."

Luft told council at the earlier November meeting that his staff would do their best to get the alcohol program going whenever council put regulations in place.

"We will do the best we can and implement any regulations as we go along," Luft said, "but not to the fullest extent until we have a full staff."

Following the creation of the Alcohol Commission, Luft said waiting for the committee's recommendations would help both police and other city staff.

ing either funding by business license fees and property taxes or hiring personnel to support any new alcohol program. "That's all on hold until council takes action on this issue," said Luft.

A draft of the proposed ordinances would institute fines up to \$1,000 for instances where liquor is sold to underage, inebriated or otherwise prohibited persons for consumption on or off the premises. In addition, the draft proposes fines for offering drink specials which induce customers to drink alcohol to excess or induce minors to purchase or consumer alcohol. Targeted businesses would be required to

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of issues and deals with a major new area (of regulation) for the city," explained Luft in making the comment.

At the last council meeting, Luft also reminded council that no action was in progress regard-

ing and other disorderly conduct at their sites, as well as require all alcoholic beverage servers to go through a training program approved by the Delaware Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.



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Taylor- Sabrina Ann, Newark, daughter
Deppish- Dena and Graig, Bear, son

Friday, November 23

Bower- Melane and Michael, Bear, daughter
Divan- Myrna and Praxedis Sanchez, Bear, son

Saturday, November 24

Hazel- Kimberly and Stephen, Newark, son

Sunday, November 25

De Luca- Diana and Mark, Newark, daughter

Monday, November 26

Johnson- Andrea and Richard, Newark, daughter

Cimino- Stephanie and Saverio, Newark, daughter

Rodriguez- Dena, Newark, son

Gray- Cher Lyn, Newark, son

Harris- Lynn, Newark, son

Keene- Terri and Mike, Newark, son

Tuesday, November 27

Bowen- Shane, Newark, daughter

Frederick- Wendy, Newark, son

Strickland- Tracy L., Newark, son

Murphy- Lori Ann, Newark, daughter

Ward- Stephanie and George, Bear, daughter

Cross- Danielle and William, Newark, daughter

Townsend- Megan and Lexington, Bear, daughter

Will- Marci and William Colon, Newark, daughter

Albright- Lynn, Newark, daughter

Shanahan- Melissa and Christopher, Newark, son

Tree lighting at 7 p.m.

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Burman, who moved to Delaware 10 years ago, agreed. "It's definitely better than going to the mall," she said. "Everyone is just so friendly here."

The spirit of buying – no matter who for – was obvious all along the street. Half-priced gems twinkled in the Jewelry Studio window and shiny new bicycles decked the halls of Wooden Wheels.

Harry Potter paraphernalia filled Rainbow Books and Music where Marianne Carter of Fair Hill, Md., was browsing through the well-known wizardry books. She had just taken her three children to see the Harry Potter movie. "It's really good," she said.

John Corradin, owner of Days of Knights magic and wizardry store on East Main Street, said interest in fantasy is definitely greater this holiday season than in the past. At least five people said the words "Harry Potter" during the three minutes spent checking out that store.

"There have been more kids interested in fantasy as a general rule than in the past," Corradin said. "And surprisingly, because of Harry Potter, a lot of youngsters are reading 'Lord of the Rings,'" the sequel to "The Hobbit," he said.

From 6 until 9 p.m. on Friday,

Santa, carolers, carriage rides, roasted chestnuts and plenty of bargains will be found along Main Street.

Academy Street will be closed to vehicles during Winterfest between Main Street and Delaware Avenue. An ice carver will be giving demonstrations in that area and people can line up to take an old-fashioned ride past the centuries old buildings and lawns of the University and the town.

Starting at 6 p.m. the Newark Deltones, the Newark Community Band Brass Ensemble, and Alfie Moss & the Dexter Koonce Group will provide musical entertainment for three hours on the Academy Building lawn.

Santa arrives at 6:30 p.m. and at 7 p.m. there will be a tree-lighting ceremony and caroling at the Academy Building.

Winterfest is a joint effort of the Newark Parks and Recreation Department and the Downtown Newark Partnership. This year's event is being sponsored by Fleet Credit Card Services, Citizens Bank and DuPont/DuPont Dow.

Rain date is Saturday, Dec. 8. For weather status of event, call 366-7147.

Katy Ciamaricone and Mary E. Petzak contributed to this story.

Contractor Merco Inc. will not be charged for delays

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plete, said Williams, with agreement by all parties expected by the end of 2001.

Meanwhile, contractor Merco Incorporated of Lebanon, N.J., encountered obstacles requiring a plan revision. "They found huge rocks, boulders really, in the berm where the tunnel is supposed to go," explained Williams. "They have to be removed before the project can continue. Since they were covered with dirt, they were not evident when the project started."

Williams said the procedures for revising a plan are not as

the roadway, and other necessary work, is on target now for April," Williams said on Nov. 27.

Williams said the contractor will not be charged for the delays in the \$1.28 million project since they were not caused by him. "In fact, we're saving the \$100,000 by changing the tunnel design at his suggestion," said Williams.

Fairfield resident Bruce Diehl inquired about the tunnel construction at a recent city council meeting in Newark.

Williams said that, contrary to comments made at the meeting, the contractor had not been fired. "This is the same contractor we've had for this project since it

TRAGEDY FROM ANOTHER TIME NOT FORGOTTEN



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY JOHN LLERA

A young girl, three generations removed from the young sailors who perished 60 years ago this Friday at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, gazed sadly at the remains of that December day's sunken ships before casting flowers into the waters to join thousands of other such memorials on July 4, 2001.

Tri-State hawk found alive and well in Pennsylvania

Katea, the red-tailed hawk that was taken from her aviary at Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research on Nov. 16 was found on Nov. 30 in a field in Lancaster County, Pa. Retrieved by staff of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, she has lost a little weight, but appears uninjured.

in community outreach programs under permit by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, delighting children and adults alike.

"We are thrilled to have her back and know she is safe," said Chris Motoyoshi, executive director for Tri-State. "We are grateful to the public for their

PAPER OFFICE TO CLOSE EARLY

The offices of this newspaper will close at noon this Friday, Dec. 7, so that employees can attend Chesapeake Publishing Company's annual holiday event.

Callers can leave messages on company voice-mail on Friday afternoon. The offices

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than usual since both CSX and DelDOT must review and approve the changes.

"The completion of the whole job, including the tunnel and paving, constructing walls to separate the tunnel approach from

Diem also asked about safety and snow-plowing at the interrupted worksite. City public works director Richard Lapointe said the city of Newark voluntarily plows the state roadway with a plow mounted on a pickup to accommodate the narrow lanes.

since 1992 when she was originally brought to the clinic with a broken wing. Unfortunately, her injuries were so severe that she could not survive on her own in the wild, and was non-releasable. Since that time she has served as an educational bird

Castle County Police, DNREC, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission."

Motoyoshi said Tri-State will be stepping up security measures to ensure such a theft does not happen again.

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Celebrating in the heart

Doesn't feel like, doesn't look like, won't be winter officially for two more weeks, but Newark is celebrating the season this week.

The fifth annual Winterfest starts at 6 p.m. on Friday night with Santa and roasted chestnuts, as well as carriage rides around decorated downtown streets.

Carolers will stroll past shops and restaurants open with specials and gift ideas along Delaware Avenue, Main Street and in the Newark Shopping Center.

An ice carver will be demonstrating his art on Academy Street and kids can confide their hearts' desires to Santa in the heart of Newark.

Volunteers from the city staff and organizations throughout the community work hard to make it all look easy once a year.

Even the most downhearted of us this year will get a lift from the warm glow in Newark on this night.

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OUT OF THE ATTIC



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To: Editor
From: Steven Dentel
Newark

An ordinance to abolish the Conservation Advisory Commission (CAC) is on the agenda for a public hearing and vote by city council at their meeting of Dec. 10.

I am the current chair of the CAC and I find it difficult to understand why anyone would want to eliminate a voluntary commission that has worked very hard over the past 24 years to advise the city on conservation and environmental concerns.

The CAC is responsible for determining recipients of the Better Newark Award, assists with the city's annual

Community Cleanup, and informs the public about conservation and environmental concerns affecting our area. It publicizes these concerns annually at Community Days and issues an Annual Report which is available at Newark's web site.

Issues that the CAC has addressed include curbside recycling, beautification of common areas, erosion and runoff problems in area streams, protection of designated wetlands in the area, anti-litter projects and control, and alternatives to fossil fuel for Newark electric customers. There is no other entity specifically chartered to examine and advise on such concerns in the city.

For the Record

The Redman's Home was formerly on the corner of West Park Place and South College Avenue. The location was incorrect in the information with the Out Of The Attic picture in the issue of Nov. 28.

By JACK BARTLEY

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

"What did you just say?" The CEO of the Enlightened Methodological Elementary Academy, a "for profit" charter school, stared unblinking at his school manager.

The manager cringed at the tone of the CEO's voice. The manager tried again. "All I said was that the scores in recent testing seemed to indicate..."

"Seemed to indicate WHAT?" Um, seemed to indicate that the students in our, uh, academies, are not doing as well as the students in comparable public schools. In fact, we're far below the levels they achieved. Far below even the levels of," he gulped, "Philadelphia public schools." The manager looked around as if all modes of escape were denied to him. They were.

"WHO ALLOWED THIS INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED?"

It was a demand as much as a question.

"The, the, the state of Pe, Pe, Pe, Pennsylvania. They hired the people who did the testing. Then they told everyone." His voice

sounded as if the testing agency Pennsylvania employed was to be blamed for the failure of the academy students. "It was in the newspaper," the manager sighed. "They just told everybody."

The CEO absorbed the manager's comments as he paced back and forth on the Oriental rug in front of his large, imported rosewood desk. "I assume you have a plan to reverse this 'information.' I'm SURE we can convince people that these so-called testing results are invalid, or at least misleading. Our plans to reap a tidy profit from the taxpayers could be ruined!"

The manager glanced furtively from side to side, like a gerbil confronted with the corner of a cage. "I, we, I mean, no, we don't have a plan because I thought we, um, WE would do BETTER than public schools! It wasn't supposed to be like this! I thought we would be like the knights in shin-

Professor Ira Brinser, Superintendent of Schools, has just announced that the Newark High School has had its constitution approved and a charter granted for forming a chapter of the National Honor Society. This is the third charter to be granted in Delaware, one other is held by the Wilmington High School and one by the Lewes High School.

Jaquette Improving

Paul Jaquette, the Newark High School player who was thought to be seriously injured in the Thanksgiving Day game, is improving rapidly and is able to walk. Jaquette was carried from the field with what was thought to be a broken hip. Dr. Downs, who was present at the game, had him taken to the Milford Hospital, where X-ray pictures showed no fracture.

December 5, 1979 School thefts on increase

Theft of personal property is a

At Newark High School, stealing has increased, "but so has the student population," says Dr. Richard C. Musseiman, director of secondary education. Two hall monitors have recently been hired to cut down the problem, and a cage has been installed to separate two areas of the boys' locker room where many items were stolen, according to Principal James R. McIntosh.

Newark police chief seeks auxiliary force

Police Chief William Brierley is proposing that the city expand its police protection by creating a 25-member volunteer police force.

The proposal, which was outlined to council members by City Manager Peter Marshall at Monday night's budget hearing, met with a lukewarm response; Councilman Ted Nutter expressed "extreme reservations" about the plan. None of the council members have yet received a detailed account of the proposal.

mark is getting a new occupant who promises to make it a show-place again.

Marilyn Dickey, owner of Grassroots at 46 East Main Street, has struck a deal to take over the entire ground floor of the old Newark Opera House at the corner of Main and Academy streets.

"It has these great windows on two sides," said Dickey. "We can make 'little stories' with each window display."

Vacant lot may get development

After only four designs, six years, and a one hour meeting, the city planning commission and local developers hope a subdivision plan recommended for a long vacant downtown corner will be a keeper.

Known as "Astra Plaza Main Street," the plan for the corner of Chapel and Main streets proposes approximately 30,000 square feet of retail space and apartments in a two-story building.

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EDUCATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

How to make a profit (with a clean getaway)

ing armor, riding in at the critical moment to pull the dying remnants of public education from the smoldering embers of..."

"SHUT UP, you fool! Here's how we were SUPPOSED to do better. The whole idea was to make us LOOK better to begin with. Then, the better students would be attracted to us. They would continue to do well. Conventional wisdom says that good students will flourish no matter what the educational environment is like.

We pay teachers less. We pay administrators less. And even though we can barely find the staff to implement curriculum projects, let alone develop ones to do better than the public schools, our STUDENTS were supposed to pull us through. With better scores and lower salaries, we could skim the rest off the top and claim it as profit."

The manager shrugged his shoulders. "So what are we going to do? Maybe we could come up with some really innovative educational plans that ..."

The CEO cut him off abruptly. "Will you shut up and let me think? Real education reform? Too expensive! We have some serious reorganization to do here

and it starts with public relations. Maybe some better names for our schools."

"PR? Names? Maybe if we had some good educational programs with a dedicated staff we could..."

"HAHAHAHAHAHAHA! What dream world do you live in? The public schools with their inflated salaries can't do the job. Do you think the paltry sums we offer are going to pull in the caliber of people we actually need to reverse current trends in education?"

"Well, I don't think public school teachers' salaries are inflated. I mean, the schools can't even find enough qualified teachers, or administrators, to staff the schools now."

The manager paused. "Come to think of it, I know I could get more money on a regular salary in a public school system, but I thought, you know, with bonuses, profit sharing, stock options, I could..."

"GET OUT! Your're FIRED!" The CEO pointed to the door.

"I don't think you want to do that. In case you forgot, I'm one of the few people you have that is actually certified to teach. I'm even on my way to an adminis-

trative certificate. I can..."

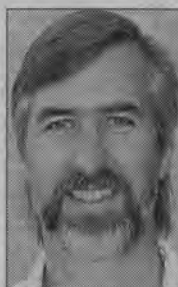
"No, you can't. Those that can, do. Those that can't, teach. You must be one of THEM. I'll simply hire a PR person to put a good spin on the testing news. It'll cost me a lot less than actually hiring qualified educators."

"That won't change the test scores," the manager said over his shoulder on his way to the door.

"So, Does 'New And Improved' on a laundry detergent box actually deliver cleaner clothes?"

"No, it doesn't." The manager paused at the door on his way out. "I just hate to see the public get taken to the cleaners when it comes to education."

The author, previously a winner of the State Chamber of Commerce Superstars in Education award and a \$750,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for education reform, was named Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year for Delaware 2000 by the Delaware Association of Biology teachers. He currently works for the University of Delaware's Wilmington Parallel Program.



BARTLEY



Newark gets new boundaries for council districts

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Pursuant to Newark's City Charter, city council has reapportioned the six council districts following the completion of the Federal Decennial Census. The last reapportionment was 10 years ago.

A committee of local residents, chaired by Rick Armitage, met to review the census numbers for Newark and prepare the new district boundaries.

"The committee has done a great job," said city councilmember Thomas Wampler. "This kind of levels the playing field. It's like magic — makes it work where the city was beginning to grow out of boundaries in some districts."

Armitage said the job was made easier by the use of computer software, provided by Howard Sholl of the Department of Elections, which did most of

the arithmetic. "Non-partisan government also made a big difference in having this happen so quickly," said Armitage, who noted he was the only member of the committee who would be living in a new council district.

East Park Place resident Albert Porach complained that the new districts are constructed to dis-

tribute college students living off-campus throughout the city. "A community of interest should be the basis for the population in districts," said Porach. "If one dis-

trict was for students, it would generate more of their interest in voting." Councilmember Karl Kalbacher disagreed and said the committee had done exactly what they were asked to do. "There's nothing in the Charter about community of interest," said Kalbacher. "Your comments sug-

gest we somehow subverted the process."

territory and not favor unduly any person or group of persons. City planning director Roy Lopata said the committee did try to balance the student numbers in the districts. "We did this because of the low voter turnout that has plagued us in the past in some districts," Lopata said.

Christine Rewa of District 6 said residents should realize each councilmember represents a population or section of the city. "We don't think of it as a huge voter block," Rewa said. "When you call on us for help, whether you voted for us or not is not important. Our district is an area for us to watch over and pay attention."

City staff noted these reapportioned district numbers and boundaries are for voting in Newark elections only. They are different than the district numbers and boundaries used in elections for school board members, county officials and/or state legislators.

Reapportionment in Newark:

District 1	4,799 residents	.86%
District 2	4,681 residents	- 1.62%
District 3	4,841 residents	1.74%
District 4	4,981 residents	4.69%
District 5	4,580 residents	- 3.74%
District 6	4,665 residents	- 1.95%

Boundaries for Newark's reapportioned districts:

District One: All that part of the city bounded on the east by Hillside Road from Nottingham Road to its intersection with Barksdale Road at the Apple Road bridge; then east along Apple Road to the CSX Railroad; on the south by the CSX Railroad to the present city limits; on the west by the present city limits; and, on the north by Nottingham Road from the present city limits easterly to Hillside Road.

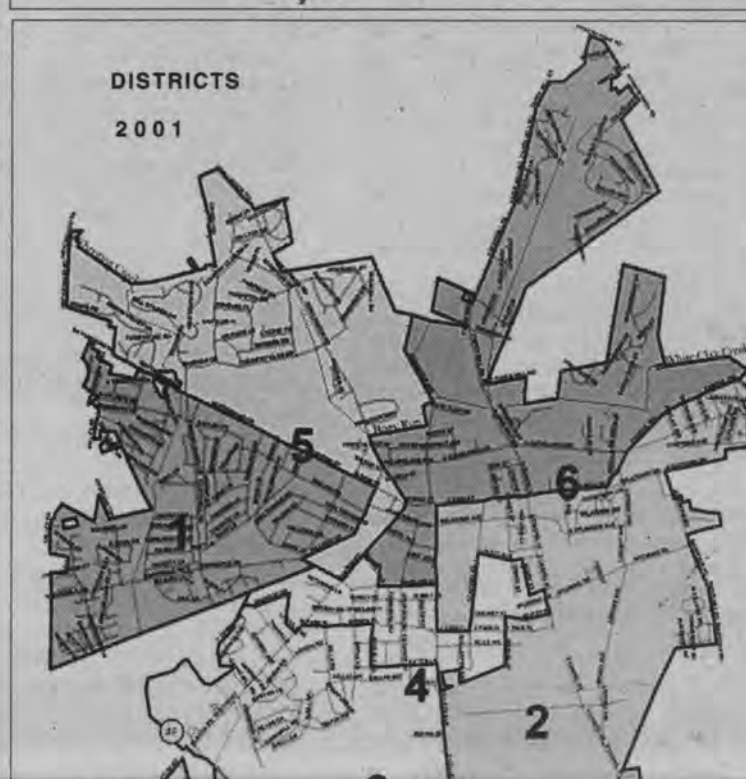
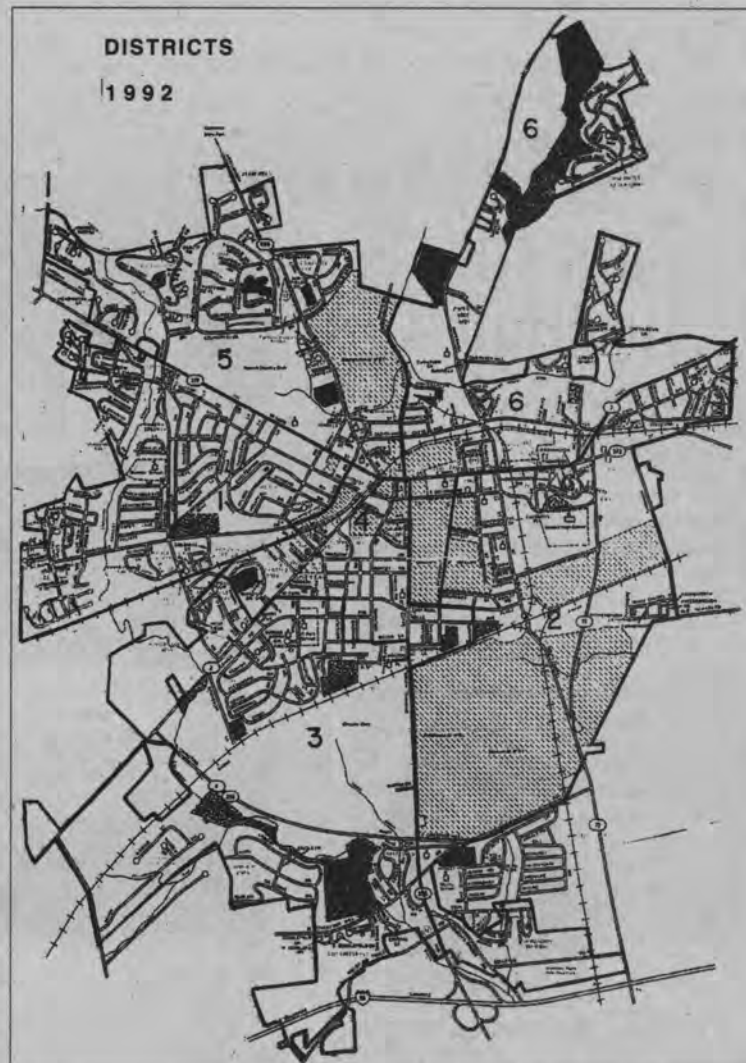
District Two: All that part of the city bounded on the east by the present city limits; on the north by Capitol Trail and East Main Street from the present city limits west to South College Avenue; on the west by South College Avenue from East Main Street south to East Park Place; then east on East Park Place to its intersection with Academy Street; then north on Academy Street to Lovett Avenue; then east along Lovett Avenue to Benny Street; then south on Benny Street to Chambers Street; then east on Chambers Street to South Chapel Street; then south on South Chapel Street to Ashley Road; then west on Ashley Road to where it changes to Courtney Street and continues on Courtney Street west to Manuel Street; then south on Manuel Street to the Amtrak railroad right-of-way; then west along the Amtrak railroad right-of-way to a point where Wollaston Avenue (extended) would intersect the Amtrak railroad right-of-way and including the entire subdivision of what is presently known as Ivy Hall Apartments; then returning to the Amtrak right-of-way; then west to the intersection of the right-of-way and South College Avenue; then south on South College Avenue to the present city limits; and on the south by the present city limits.

District Three: All that part of the city bounded on the east by South College Avenue from the present city limits north to Ritter Lane; on the north by Ritter Lane from South College Avenue west to its intersection with Beverly Road; then north on Beverly Road to its intersection with West Park Place; then west on West Park Place to its intersection with Elkton Road; then southwest by Elkton Road from West Park Place to its intersection with Lincoln Drive; then northwest on the south side of Lincoln Drive, to Madison Drive, following the south side of Madison Drive to its intersection with Thorn Lane; then west on the south side of

Street west] to Manuel Street; then south on Manuel Street to the Amtrak railroad right-of-way; on the south by the Amtrak railroad right-of-way to South College Avenue excluding the development known as Ivy Hall Apartments; then north on South College Avenue to Ritter Lane; then west along Ritter Lane to its intersection with Beverly Road; then north along Beverly Road to its intersection with West Park Place; then west along West Park Place to Elkton Road; then southwest on Elkton Road to Lincoln Drive; then northwest on the north side of Lincoln Drive to Madison Drive, following Madison Drive on the north side to its intersection with Thom Lane; then west on Thom Lane on its north side to the present city limits; then northeast along the present city limits to the B&O Railroad right-of-way; then northeast along the B&O Railroad right-of-way to its intersection with old Barksdale Road; then southeast along old Barksdale Road to its intersection with Elkton Road; then north along Elkton Road to its intersection with Beverly Road; then east and south along Beverly Road to its intersection with Winslow Road; then east along Winslow Road to its intersection with South College Avenue.

District Five: All that part of the city bounded on the east of North College Avenue from its intersection with the present city limits; and then south to its intersection with Bogy Run; then generally southwest along Bogy Run to its intersection with New London Road; then south along New London Road to its intersection with Elkton Road; then south along Elkton Road to its intersection with Old Barksdale Road; then west along old Barksdale Road to its intersection with Hillside Road; then northeast along Hillside Road to its intersection with West Main Street; then northwest along West Main Street until such street becomes Nottingham Road; then further northwest along Nottingham Road to the present city limits; then north and then east along the present city limits to the intersection of said city limits and North College Avenue.

District Six: All that part of the city bounded on the east of South College Avenue from its intersection with Winslow Road north to the



Avenue.
District Four: All that part of the city bounded on the east by South College Avenue from Winslow Road south to its intersection with East Park Place; then east along East Park Place to its intersection with Academy Street; then north on Academy Street to Lovett Avenue; then east on Lovett Avenue to Benny Street; then south on Benny Street to Chambers Street; then east on Chambers Street to South Chapel Street; then south on South Chapel Street to Ashley Road; then west on Ashley Road to where it changes to Courtney Street and on Courtney

its intersection with the present city limits; then north and west along the present city limits to the intersection with North College Avenue; then south along North College Avenue to its intersection with Boggy Run; then south and west along Boggy Run to its intersection with New London Road; then south along New London Road to its intersection with Elkton Road; then south along Elkton Road to its intersection with Beverly Road; then east and south along Beverly Road to its intersection with Winslow Road; then east along Winslow Road to its intersection with South College Avenue.



Opera diva Denyce Graves appearing in title role of 'La Perichole'

Thank goodness that the general director of the world-class opera company in our area is not given to conventional wisdom. I refer to Robert Driver of the Opera Company of Philadelphia. When Robert arrived 10 years ago there was a total of eight OCP performances a year at the Academy of Music with plenty of empty seats. This season there will be 35 performances with few empty seats.

Case in point, the first opera of the year 2002 will be Jacques Offenbach's "La Perichole," a frothy French romp with a fairy tale ending. Imagine that, fun at the opera AND it will be sung in English. What a great way to begin the new year. Aren't you glad Robert Driver doesn't listen to conventional wisdom? I am.

This new production of "La Perichole" spins the story of a beautiful Peruvian street singer who spurns the attentions of a Viceroy in favor of her handsome but impoverished young lover. Plans indicate a charming pro-

THE
ARTS



By PHIL TOMAN

duction is in store. The OCP pros are in charge. The costume designer is Richard St. Clair, sets and lighting are in the hands of Boyd Ostroff and the director is Dorothy Danner. Their OCP laurels could easily fill this newspaper page. Stephen Lord, music director of both the Boston Lyric Opera and the Opera Theater of St. Louis, will be on the podium.

Opera lovers from around the world will have their eyes and ears on the Delaware Valley anx-

iously awaiting the debut of megastar Denyce Graves in this role. I must admit that includes me. Graves has been thrilling audiences in some of the more serious roles, but this will be a first for her. We in this area are very fortunate to be able to see her in this performance.

Her love interest, Paquillo, will be played by Richard Troxell who thrilled us all four seasons ago on the Academy stage. He will be making this his debut role in the opus too.

Robert Orth will sing the role of Viceroy of Peru. Others in the cast include Karen Slack as Guadalupe, Carol T. Luck as Virginella, Susan Lance as Brambilla and Heather L. Lockard as Ninetta.

This three act Offenbach gem is supposedly based on Proper Merimee's play "La Carosse du Saint Sacrement." The adverb is the key word in the previous sentence. "La Perichole" is a long way from the Merimee play, a very long way. The composer's

librettists, Meilhac and Halevy, really drifted far afield and decided to make the work a satire on the Second Empire. The important thing is that they did a great job. Unless you are a real fan of Offenbach, you probably won't know the score well. With the delightful music, happy story, Denyce Graves, et al., I think you will become a fan of the opus and may even leave the Grand Old Lady of Locust Street humming some of the music. If not, at least you will leave happy.

This would be a great opera to introduce the teenagers in your family, or anyone else not familiar with this form of music, to opera. For the adults, it will make a great break in the winter doldrums which will be in full force by January.

"La Perichole" will open Jan. 18 and be repeated Jan. 20 (matinee) 23, 25, 27 (matinee) 30 and close on Feb. 2 (matinee.) For more information, tickets, or a full color brochure of the entire season, call the Opera Company of Philadelphia at 215-732-8400.

The Academy of Music, site of all performances, is located at Broad and Locust Streets in Philadelphia and is about an hour drive from this newspaper.

Enjoy!

Toman has been a columnist for the Newark Post since 1969. An enthusiastic supporter of the arts locally, he has a vast knowledge of the arts in the mid-Atlantic region. He and his wife, Marie, are longtime residents of Newark. Toman hosts a weekly radio program on WNRK.



International opera sensation Denyce Graves will sing the title role in Offenbach's delightful "La Perichole" to be presented by the Opera Company of Philadelphia next month.

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NEWARK OUTLOOK

Tips for holiday safety

The winter holidays are a time for celebration, and that means more cooking, home decorating, entertaining, and an increased risk of fire due to heating equipment. Along with visiting family and friends, decorating and exchanging gifts, holidays also can bring special hazards.

Hazardous travel, crowded stores, dangerous decorations and holiday parties combined with higher stress can result in accidents and injuries that can be avoided by taking a more cautious approach.



By Cynthia Antoine

To help employers encourage safety when planning business-related holiday parties, decorating the workplace, or when sending employees on business-related travel, Delaware State University Cooperative Extension has developed an outline of holiday safety tips.

Facts & Figures:

- In 2000, there were 300 Christmas trees fires in U.S. homes, resulting in 11 injuries and \$8 million in direct property damage.

- Decorating with lit candles can also be a fire hazard. Between 1996 and 2000, there were 9,930 home fires per year caused by candles, with an annual average of 119 deaths, 1,043 injuries and \$144.5 million in property damage associated.

Holiday Decorating & Lighting:

- Use caution with holiday decorations and whenever possible, choose those made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant or non-combustible materials.

- Keep candles away from decorations and other combustible materials, and do not use candles to decorate Christmas trees.

- Carefully inspect new and previously used light strings and replace damaged items before plugging lights in. Do not overload extension cords.



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Brookside Lions Ken Beam and Bob Strohl, along with son, Bobby, volunteered to construct a ramp so Angel Orrostieta could go outside under his own power.

When the Brookside Lions Club heard that Angel Orrostieta, who lives in Todd Estates, had a special need they were quick to respond.

Angel, son of Jose Orrostieta and Diana Soto, has cerebral palsy and uses his motorized wheelchair very effectively around the house and elsewhere, except when he has to go from inside to outside and back again.

Clearly, the 9-year-old needed a ramp — a sturdy and permanent one that would serve his need for many years. Brookside Lions Ken Beam and Bob Strohl, along with son, Bobby, determined that a concrete ramp would provide the best and most longlasting solution.

And, it was decided that cast iron railings should be installed for added security and appearance. The entire project was completed at a cost of \$965 and required 70 man-hours.

The Brookside Lions Club recently celebrated 46 years of service in Brookside and surrounding communities. Membership is made up of men and women from throughout the greater Newark area.

The club's major fund-raiser is the annual Christmas Tree Sale now being

held on Chestnut Hill Road across from Shop Rite.

Lions will be selling trees through Dec. 24 and all profits raised will go to the Sight First or the local community. The Lion Mascot will be there on the weekends and Lion volunteers also expect a surprise visit from Santa.

Other fundraisers include selling funnel cakes at the Liberty Day Festival, parking cars at University of Delaware events, raffles and their famous crab cake sale at Newark's Community Day in September.

Each year the club contributes more than \$12,000 to activities such as sight and hearing needs, The Sterck School For The Deaf, The Leader Dog Program, vision research, the YMCA, diabetes awareness, holiday baskets, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts and the Special Olympics.

In addition, the Brookside Lions have a wide variety of medical equipment available for loan to those in need such as wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, canes and crutches.

For more information about Lions International and how to become a member, contact Brookside Lions president Fred Williamson at 738-4724.



Keep children and pets away from light strings and electrical decorations.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving the house or going to bed.

Holiday Entertaining:

- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. When cooking for holiday visitors, remember to keep an eye on the range.

- Provide plenty of large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently. Cigarette butts can smolder in the trash and cause a fire.

- After a party, always check on, between and under upholstery and cushions and inside trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

- Offer an assortment of beverages and limit the amount of alcoholic beverages served

- Ensure that areas where food is served are kept clean and free of contaminants

- Call a taxi or encourage designated drivers for guests who drink alcoholic beverages

While driving during the holidays:

- Make sure that vehicle is winterized
- Carry a winter survival kit; including warm gear, energy foods and first-aid items

- Plan the trip to include adequate rest stops

- Buckle safety belts

More safety tips for the holidays are available at the New Castle County Cooperative Extension office. Visit them at <http://bluehen.ags.udel.edu/ncc>.

At-risk girls can find new opportunities for life at Avalon

By CHRISTINE E. SERIO

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A Delaware City home and stables in a serene setting on 13 acres of land is anything but quiet these days after the staff of Diamond State Youth opened the doors to the state-funded Avalon A Home for Girls.

Inside, the walls are decorated with old-fashioned room signs, crafty hats and paintings and 12 beds with bedspreads in different patterns.

A similar facility for boys, Camelot A Home for Boys a home to 24 boys in Wilmington, was opened in 1972. "Camelot A Home for Boys has the major purpose of housing 'lightweight' youths who have been charged with low-end of the spectrum charges," said Joe Conaway, regional contract administrator with the state of Delaware. "There is also a need for pretrial detention for females. There is a staff of wonderful people who are not out for the almighty dollar but out for almighty service and really love children."

Russell Fiske, the founder and executive director of Diamond State Youth, saw the need for such a facility during his years as a probation officer. "(I found) many of them had to go to jail and that there was no chance for them at that point," he said. "(These young people) just need someone to redirect them and get them back on the road so they can have a successful life."

Girls between the ages of 11 and 18 years old who face minor charges, such as shoplifting and assault to a parent, stay at Avalon during the court proceedings. "If this new program didn't exist the girls would go to a

detention center," Sandra Brisiel, program manager at Avalon, said. "When children feel like all they are getting is punishment and that there is no hope they give up on you, they give up on themselves, they give up on their families and they give up on society."

Girls who are not at Avalon for school related offenses will continue to attend their regular school. Those who are unable to go to school will participate in the



Avalon A Home for Girls, with 13 acres of land and stables, is looking for horses to add to the activities.

education program at Avalon provided by Girls Inc.

The grounds of the home already had horse stables, and the staff at the home is looking for horses and people who know how to take care of them. "We have enough land to have horses," Fiske said. "We are hoping to be able to put a pier in for fishing and crabbing for the girls."

Avalon will also provide counseling and staff will work with the girls and their families to reunite them at the end of their stay.

Among the organizations which have already made contributions to the facility is the University of Delaware which donated beds and other furnishings.

Fiske and the staff also appreciated the efforts of officials in Delaware City in approving a zoning change for the site. "We helped them work through a zoning issue of whether or not this type of facility was permitted in a low density residential area," said Paul Morrill, city manager of Delaware City. "We didn't want to say 'we know this type of program is needed but let it go somewhere else.' We felt we have a responsibility and the organization has an excellent record."

Fiske has helped more than 3,000 boys through the Camelot A Home for Boys and looks forward to providing a homelike atmosphere for girls and to help "turn them around in a tough time."

"People have said to me 'Russ, you are making this place too homey, the girls won't want to leave,'" Fiske said. "But I know that is not true. Give a kid a choice between going home and staying anywhere else and they will always choose home."

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BACH'S LUNCH 12:10-12:50 p.m. Caroling with the University at Bayard Sharp Hall, Delaware Avenue and Elkton Road, Newark. Free, but seating limited. 831-2791.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS Through Jan. 6. Dusk to 10 p.m. at Rockwood Mansion Park, Washington Street extension. Drive or walk. Santa and carolers at mansion weekends through Dec. 23. Info, call 761-4340.

BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER Through Dec. 29. Children's theatre with pizza luncheon on Saturdays and Sundays at Candlelight Dinner Theatre in Ardentown. Reservations and information, call 475-2313.

NUNCRACKERS Through Dec. 29. The Nunsense Christmas Musical at the Candlelight Music Dinner Theatre in Ardentown. Reservations recommended. For tickets and times, call 475-2313.

TRAINS AND TOYS Through Jan. 5. Display at the Old Town Hall, Market Street, Wilmington. Info, call 656-0637.

THE VELVETEEN RABBIT Through Dec. 31 at Mum Puppettheatre, 115 Arch St., Philadelphia. Admission, \$10. Tickets and times, 215-925-8686.

BINGO 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center. Lunch available for \$2/platter at 11:45 a.m. 737-2336.

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■ THURSDAY, DEC. 6

HOLIDAY POTTERY SALE Through Saturday at the University of Delaware Ceramics Studio, corner of North College and Cleveland avenues. Info, call 831-2706.

GO FOR BAROQUE Through Saturday. Classical music by Delaware's Symphony Orchestra at the Grand Opera



Vocalist Kathy Phillips is among performers who will be appearing in the Black Potatoe Acoustic Jam at the East End Cafe in Newark at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6.

Church, Wilmington. Tickets, \$25. Call 427-8307.

JOHN LILLY 8 p.m. Country music concert at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 420 Willa Rd., Newark. Call 475-3454 for tickets and times.

BASKET BINGO 7 p.m. Games, raffles at Mill Creek Fire Company. Proceeds to go to the 9-11 New York Fire Fighters and EMS Personnel Families' Fund. Info, call 368-1177 or 996-0620.

COMEDY CABARET 9:30 p.m. Mary Frances Connelly and others perform tonight and tomorrow at the Ground Round Restaurant, South Chapel Street/Route 896. Tickets \$15. Info, 652-6873

VIOLIN & PIANO RECITAL 7:30 p.m. Regional artists perform at the Wilmington Music School, 4101 Washington St., Wilmington. Tickets \$10 (\$5 for students and seniors) and can be purchased by calling 762-1132.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Through Sunday at St. Joseph's Church, 1012 French St., Wilmington. Gifts, food, photo with Santa on Saturday, & Secret Gift shop for children. 571-5307.

■ SATURDAY, DEC. 8

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THE DOCTOR'S DILEMMA Through Feb. 16. Satire at Hartshorn Hall, East Park Place, Newark. Tickets and times, call 831-1418.

HOLIDAY FAIR 3 to 7 p.m. Sale and Roast Beef Dinner at Elsmere Presbyterian Church, Ohio Avenue and New Road, Elsmere. Dinner \$10; 8-12 years old, \$5; 7 and under free. For more information, call 998-6365.

CHRISTMAS CHORALE 7 p.m. Chorus of the Brandywine performs at Concord High School, Wilmington. Afterglow party with food and entertainment following the event is \$8/person. For more information, call 655-7464.

HONKYTONK HOLIDAY 8 p.m. Dance concert featuring the Sin City Band at the West Grove Friends Meetinghouse in West Grove, Pa. Info,

call 1-866-TURTLE-D.

HAYRIDE WITH SANTA 2 p.m. at Fair Hill Nature Stables, Fair Hill, Md. Members free; non-members \$3. For more information, call 410-398-4909.

TICKET TO CHRISTMAS Today and tomorrow. Musical production at the New London Presbyterian Church, Route 896. Free tickets must be reserved in advance by calling 610-869-2140.

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

■ SUNDAY, DEC. 9

WINTER CONCERT 3 p.m. Students in four choirs and two orchestras at Newark High School will perform selec-

tions from Bach to the Beatles. Free and open to public. For more information, call 454-2151.

HOLIDAY CONCERT 7:30 p.m. Newark Symphony performs at Loudis Recital Hall, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road. Adults, \$12; seniors, \$10. Students eighth grade and under free. For more information, call 369-3466.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 6:30 p.m. Christmas pageant with chancel and children's choirs at Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd. A free will offering will be taken.

DISTANT VOICES 6 p.m. Drama based on the Japanese-American internment experience through the diary of Hiroaki Nishimura at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Broom Street, Wilmington. Free and open to the public. Info, call 656-2721.

THE MAGNIFICAT 3 p.m.

Performance by the Delaware Valley Chorale at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Wilmington. Info, call 762-5248.

CONCERT 3 p.m. Chancel Choir performs seasonal music by Haydn and Rutter and a new piece by Bruce Neswick at First & Central Presbyterian Church, 1101 Market St., Wilmington. For more information, call 654-5371.

SANKTA LUCIA FEST 3 p.m. Celebration of Lucia Festival at Old Swedes Church, 606 Church St., Wilmington. Info, call 652-5629.

CANDLELIGHT TOUR 4 to 8 p.m. Tours, shopping, and restaurants in Historic Havre De Grace, Md. Donation for tours, \$10. For more information, call 410-939-3947.

DECEMBER 5

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

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

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

JAZZERCISE 'LIGHT' 9 a.m. at Newark Senior Center. \$15/month. To register, call 737-2336.

FAMILY CIRCLES 5:30 p.m. at Newark Senior Center. 658-5177.

DECEMBER 6

ART OF SPIRITUAL DREAMING 7 to 8 p.m. Free workshop based on teachings of Eckankar at Bear Library, Governors Square, Routes 40 and 7. Info, 322-7673.

ADOPTIONS FROM VIETNAM 7 p.m. Informational meeting at 18-A Trolley Square, Wilmington. Free. Info, 658-8883.

MERGING ART & TECHNOLOGY 6-9 p.m. tonight and tomorrow. Exhibit of local artists and demonstration of modern tools and techniques at Delaware Center for Horticulture, North Dupont Street, Wilmington. Includes entertainment and light refreshments. Info, call 658-6262.

DUAL DISORDERS 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays. Mental Health Ass'n sponsors support group meeting in Wilmington for those recovering from addiction to alcohol or other drugs in addition to treatment

for depression or anxiety disorder. Locations provided only with registration at 765-9740.

LET'S DANCE CLUB 4 to 6 p.m. Bring partner and dance to DJ and Big Band Music at Newark Senior Center. Info, call 737-2336.

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

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

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

DECEMBER 7

SQUARE DANCE 8 to 10:30 p.m. at Shue-Medill School, Kirkwood Highway, for the 2x4 Square Dance Club. Cost: \$5 per person. 731-4147.

CARDIO POWER 9 a.m. Fridays and Mondays at Newark Senior Ctr. 737-2336.

DECEMBER 8

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

MEETINGS

DECEMBER 9

ADVENTURES IN CHEMISTRY 2 to 3 p.m. See a banana hammer, an Alka Seltzer rocket and more during this chemistry demo for kids ages 6 to 11 at Newark Free Library. Free but space limited. Register at 731-7550.

DECEMBER 10

OPEN LIFE PAINTING 7-10 p.m. at Art WareHouse, Market East Plaza, 280 E. Main St., #16, Newark. Bring own supplies and easel. Painters split models fee. 266-7266.

NEWARK DELTONES 7:30 p.m. at Newark United Church of Christ, Main Street. For information, call 368-1749.

GUARDIANS' SUPPORT 6-8 p.m. Meeting for grandparents and all those raising others' children at Children & Families First, 62 N. Chapel St., Newark. For information or to register, call 658-5177, ext. 260.

SINGLES CIRCLE 7 p.m. at New London Presbyterian Church, 1986 Newark Road (Route 896) in New London, Pa. 610-869-2140.

LINE DANCING 1 and 2:30 p.m. at Newark Senior Center. 737-2336.

SCOTTISH DANCING 8 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Avenue, Newark. For information, call 368-2318. (new number)

NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday at the Holiday Inn, Route 273. 368-7707

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

DECEMBER 11

ADOPTIONS FROM CHINA 7 p.m. Informational meeting at 18-A Trolley Square, Wilmington. Free. Info, 658-8883.

BEATING THE WINTER BLUES Noon-2 p.m. Ways to handle depression that often accompanies chronic illness at Christiana Hospital, Room 1100 or Free. Register at 733-2610.

BOOKSIGNING 5-7 p.m. Meet the local author of book about artists and cooperatives and listen to music from the Andes at Village Imports, 170 E. Main St., Newark. 368-9923.

CHRISTINA SCHOOL BOARD 7:30 p.m. at Maclary Elementary School, Newark.

COLONIAL SCHOOL BOARD 7:30 p.m. at George Read Middle School, New Castle.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT 7 p.m. at the Easter Seal Center Conference Room, Corporate Circle, New Castle. 324-4455.

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

SIMPLY JAZZERCISE 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m. Wednesdays. Low impact fitness program at Newark Senior Center. Call 737-2336 to register.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND Through Feb. 16. Comedy by Oscar Wilde at Hartshorn Hall, East Park Place, Newark. Tickets and times, call 831-1418.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

WINTERFEST 6 to 9 p.m. Santa, carriage rides, caroling, shopping and food in downtown Newark. Free parking. Raindate tomorrow.

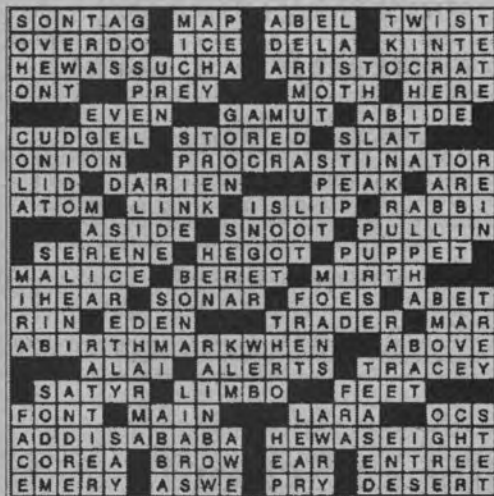
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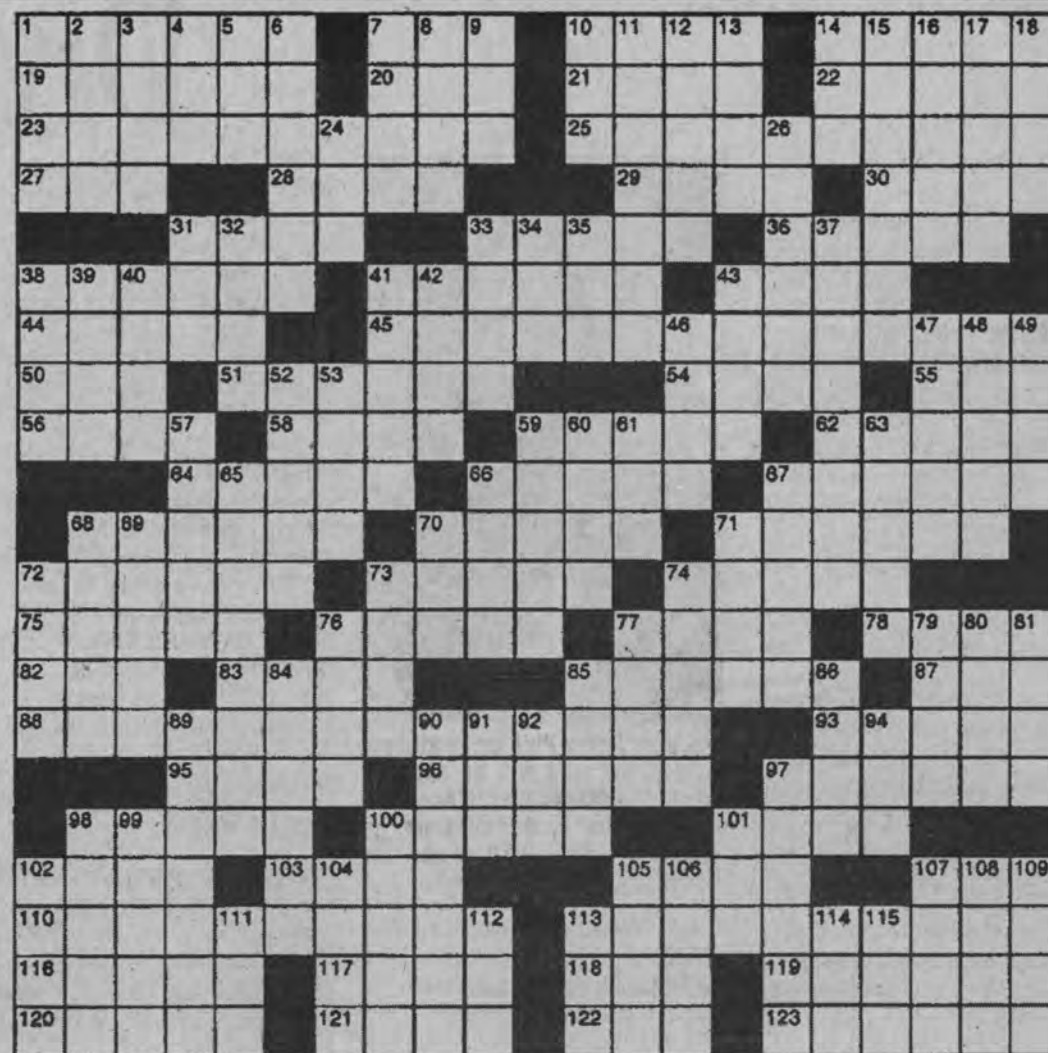
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Healing Mass planned on Dec. 7

Rev. Msgr. John O. Barres, chancellor for the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, will be presider and homilist at the Diocese's monthly Healing Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church located at 7200 Lancaster Pike in Hockessin, on Friday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. For information, call Jeanne Casey at 239-5982.

PNC open houses and food bank donations

PNC Bank is hosting holiday open houses at all its branch offices through Dec. 7. For every new checking account opened with direct deposit, PNC will give \$25 to the customer and \$25 to the Food Bank of Delaware Inc. PNC will also give the food bank \$25 for every new checking account by a small business. PNC has kicked off the effort with a \$2,500 donation to the Food Bank.

Each day of the open house, PNC also will award one new or existing customer in the Delaware Valley area \$1,000 in cash. Ten additional customers will be selected to receive

activities at some branches will include visits from Santa, holiday crafts and coloring contests for children, tree decorating, singing provided by local youth groups and refreshments.

Winter concert Newark High School

The Newark High School Choirs and Orchestras will present a Winter Concert on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m. in the Newark High School Auditorium.

Admission is free and the concert is open to the public. Approximately 150 student musicians from four choirs and two orchestras will perform a variety of selections from Bach to the Beatles. For more information, call 454-2151.

Snack with Santa and Secret Shoppe

Parents and kids can join Santa for juice or milk and donuts at the George Wilson Center on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The fee for "Snack with Santa" is \$2 per person (adult or child). Parents must stay with their children and may bring cameras.

gifts at Santa's Secret Shoppe from 9:30 a.m. until noon. All items will be priced between \$.75 and \$5 and will be gift wrapped for free. Volunteers will be on hand to assist children with shopping. For more information, call 366-7060.

Caregiver Resource Center open in Newark

The Caregiver Resource Center has opened at the Newark Senior Center at 200 White Chapel Drive. This center will serve as a comprehensive resource directory and lending library with books, videos, pamphlets, and other materials on topics caregivers are facing.

Assistance, referrals, and individual support will also be offered by the coordinator, Joyce Shore. The Resource Center will be open Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information, call 737-2336, ext. 21.

New Years Eve Gala at Newark Senior Center

Come celebrate the New Year at the Newark Senior Center's New Year's Eve Gala at 200 White Chapel Drive on Monday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m.

4 p.m. Enjoy the music of the Carl Rehrig Quartet, hors d'oeuvres, dancing, New Years Toast, and party favors. Tickets, \$7. For information, call 737-2336.

Mentoring Hotline opens

Any adult who wants to become a mentor for a child in Delaware now can call 1-866-DE-MENTOR, the new hotline for the Delaware Mentoring Council. The toll-free call will direct potential volunteers to mentoring opportunities at schools, churches and community organizations near their homes or businesses. At least 10,000 children could benefit from a one-on-one relationship with a caring mentor volunteer.

Temptations in Dover on New Year's Eve

On New Year's Eve, The Temptations will become the first act to step on stage at the Dover Downs Hotel and Conference Center's new entertainment facility, the Rollins Center. Limited tickets are available to the public, and prices range from

The Temptations' 26 recordings are the most by any individual or group on the Motown label.

The hotel's 232 rooms and suites and Michele's, a 120-seat gourmet restaurant, will open in mid-February. Dover Downs is located on Route 13 in Dover, off of Route 1, Exit 104. For more information, call Dover Downs Entertainment at 1-800-711-5882.

Financial aid nights scheduled

Representatives from college financial aid offices and the Delaware Higher Education Commission will provide parents with information about what financial aid is and isn't; applying for need-based and merit-based aid; applying for state and federal financial aid; learn about potential savings with the Academic Common Market; how colleges determine financial need; and the role of the college financial aid office.

Financial aid nights are scheduled: Thursday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. at Brandywine High School, 1400 Foulk road in Wilmington; and on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's High School on Pike Creek

Thursday, January 10, at 7 p.m. at Middletown High School, 120 Silver Lake road in Middletown.

Tri-State Bird has Wing & A Prayer campaign

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POST GAME

Will to win makes Newark football great

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

If there was a better way for the Newark High football team to cap its "Drive for Five," then I can't think of it.

Saturday night's come-from-behind classic at Baynard Stadium against an outstanding Dover team displayed this program's biggest asset — the absolute refusal to lose.

This team showed that against William Penn in the semifinals and again in the title game. The two games were completely different. The two opponents were completely different. The challenge, however, was the same — find a way to win.

That's what Newark High football teams have done for the last five years. During this remarkable streak, the Jackets have won 59 of the 60 contests they've played. They've won 34 straight.



Valania

In addition, Newark has won 79 of its last 84 games and appeared in seven straight title games.

FIVE IN A ROW!

Jackets rally to beat Dover

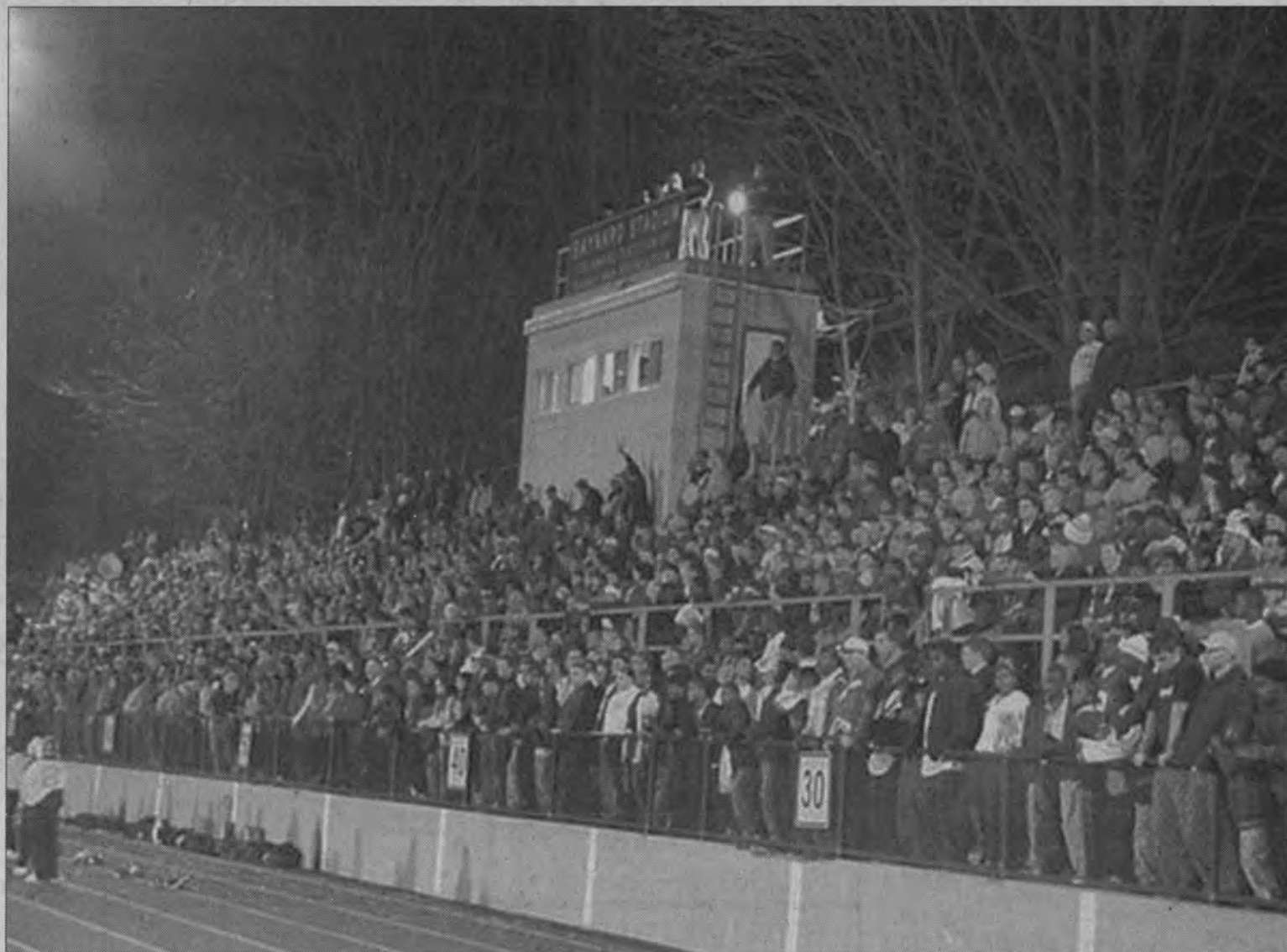
By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The battle cry "No losing tonight" began with mere seconds on the clock, began building louder and louder, and eventually filtered from the sidelines to the Newark side of the stands late into the evening.

Once the clock reached double zeroes, players and fans together rejoiced and cheered even louder, as the Yellowjackets' dream of winning a fifth straight Delaware High School Division I football championship became a reality, following Newark's amazing 28-24 victory over Dover Saturday night at Baynard Stadium in Wilmington.

Newark has now won a record eight championships in football, and has participated in the title game for seven consecutive years. Saturday's victory was also the Yellowjackets' 34th in a row. Newark completed a perfect 12-0 season, while Dover finished with an impressive 11-1



An overflow crowd of over 6,500 fans jammed into Wilmington's Baynard Stadium for the Division I state championship game Saturday night. Newark rallied for a 28-24 victory and its fifth straight state championship.

under three minutes to play.

team was confident going into the

session near the 45-yard line.

Drew Kisner said he was elat-

to players, from team to team, from upperclassman to underclassman – and in some cases from brother to brother.

It's something Newark needed against Dover.

The Senators were the most explosive of Newark's state championship opponents over the past five years.

They had an outstanding running back in Pierre Bowers and a receiver (Jason Lilly) that is one of the most highly recruited split ends in the country.

They entered the game with a ton of confidence and took control of the game. It takes a special character to withstand that kind of onslaught and Newark showed it.

Like a title fight (an old title fight like Ali-Frazier), these two teams slugged it out with roundhouses.

Newark rebounded from an early deficit to pull ahead 21-13. Dover countered with a field goal and a touchdown of its own to regain the lead 24-21.

Newark again answered on a beautifully design pass play that left Austin Kisner wide open for Erec Spiese's touchdown pass.

It was the type of game that football fans always hope for and seldom get. It's the rare game that both teams deserve to win. It's in those cases that the desire to win means most.

It's in those cases that teams – and in this case an era – are defined.

Huge crowd

Over 6,500 fans jammed their way into Baynard Stadium for the championship game Saturday night.

That certainly provided a great atmosphere. But that atmosphere was no greater than it would've been if the game had been played at Delaware Stadium.

In the past I've been critical of the Delaware Secondary School Athletic Association (DSSAA) for not having the game in the state's best football facility.

This year, though, the state football committee

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Newark coach Butch Simpson called the game a "48-minute highlight reel", one that he wants to view many times again, "to remember all of the tremendous plays and turning points during the game."

Senior tailback Drew Kisner ran for 156 yards and three touchdowns on 25 carries to lead the Yellowjacket offense. He also made one of the key defensive plays of the game late in the fourth quarter by intercepting an errant pass from Dover quarterback Collins Evans. The interception prevented the Senators from completing a potentially game-winning drive that started at the Dover 10-yard line with

Kisner was held to just under 40 yards on the ground, but caught two passes, including the game-winning 31-yard touchdown reception with 6:43 left in the wildly exciting contest.

The state's leading scorer, Dover tailback Pierre Bowers ran for 197 yards on 28 carries against the usually stingy Newark defense. But Bowers scored only one touchdown on the night, an electrifying 55-yard run midway through the second quarter. His fourth-quarter fumble with 6:37 left in the game, didn't cost his team any points, but did cost the Senators about four minutes of precious time off the clock.

Bowers said he and the Dover

beat them, but we just didn't get it done tonight," he said.

Dover coach Darwin Manges said the game was a great battle, one that went down to the wire. "We were expecting a great game, and that's what we saw. Their defense just made the plays at the critical times in the game," he said.

Newark's eventual game-winning drive was set up by a wayward kickoff attempt.

After Dover grabbed a 24-21 lead on Evans 15-yard touchdown run and two-point conversion by Bowers, the Senators tried an on-sides kick, but the ball rolled out of

bounds, giving Newark pos-

terback Erec Spiese found Austin Kisner behind the Dover secondary for the game's final touchdown.

Dover made a statement early, by scoring on the game's first possession.

The Senators crafted a well-designed, 66-yard drive in nine plays. Dover scored on a 25-yard pass from Evans to senior receiver Jason Lilly, who out-jumped two defenders to make the reception.

The two teams battled to a 13-13 tie at the half, thanks to two of Drew Kisner's touchdown scrampers, and Bowers's long run. Both teams's also had extra-point kicks blocked on their second touchdowns.

again, especially since he got to play with his brother Austin on the team.

"There's no feeling like it," he said. "We knew it would be the toughest game of the year, it was really an offensive game, that's all you have to say," he said.

Newark's senior fullback Brandon Snow echoed his teammates' happy sentiments.

"We had a goal to win the championship again this year. It took a lot of hard work, but we did it, we are the champions," he said, hoisting the coveted trophy high over his head, for his fellow Yellowjackets and the entire world to see.



Austin Kisner returns a punt up the right sideline against Dover.

Jacket players look ahead

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Following the Yellowjackets thrilling 28-24 victory over Dover Saturday night, Newark coach Butch Simpson lauded his group of seniors on going out champions not only this season, but also all four years in high school.

Simpson praised the Dover coaching staff, players and community for supporting the Senators throughout the season.

"That kind of support is what helps get teams to the championship games, and that's what we've had," he said.

The Yellowjackets were led offensively by a number of seniors, including Erec Spiese, tailback Drew Kisner, fullback Brandon Snow, and receivers Steve Selk and John Parkinson. The line was anchored by co-captains Greg Moore and Kevin

Wiggins.

These players all contributed to Newark's success, and all will be missed next season.

Defensively, Kisner and his brother, junior Austin Kisner were two of the mainstays that helped Newark to an undefeated (10-0) regular season record.

The team only gave up 92 points during the season, and recorded two shutouts. During the four previous championship games, the defense gave up 154 yards rushing, or less than 40 yards per game.

Simpson said before the game, the 2001 squad was being compared to previous teams, but this year's team has made it's own history.

"This senior group has done outrageous things for their three years playing varsity football, with many of them playing big parts in the last three championships," he said.

Spiese said he's headed for the

University of Delaware, where he hopes to continue his varsity career.

"They have a great program over there, and I hope to playing for the Blue Hens in another year or two," he said confidently.

Drew Kisner and Snow both said they hope to play football somewhere on the college level next year, but their plans are uncertain at this time. Major college programs have scouted Snow and several other starters.

For the rest of the Delaware high school football teams, it's 'wait until next year' time again. For Simpson and the Yellowjackets, the next group of eager players will be looking to prove themselves all over again next September. Right now, it's time to celebrate for awhile, then retool for the 2002 season, and begin the quest for a sixth straight championship.

No. 19 St. Joseph's easily runs past Delaware

All-American senior guard Marvin O'Connor scored a game-high points and senior guard Na'im Crenshaw added 16 points as No. 19 ranked St. Joseph's overwhelmed the University of Delaware for an 84-57 basketball victory Wednesday night at the Carpenter Center.

The Hawks (3-1) broke a tie two minutes into the game and rolled to the victory, expanding on a 20-point halftime lead to post their third straight victory.

Sophomore guard Jameer Nelson added 12 points and six assists as the St. Joseph's starters outscored the Delaware starters 64-19.

Delaware (2-3), which remained winless in 24 tries all-time against Top 25 opponents, got 11 points and six rebounds off the bench from sophomore forward Sean Knitter and 10 more from sophomore guard Mike Ames. No Blue Hen starter scored more than nine points. The Hens also got a solid effort

off the bench from junior college transfer Ioannis Xenakis, who hit on four of five shots from the field for eight points and pulled two rebounds in 15 minutes of action.

"We were prepared, we did everything we were supposed to do," said Delaware coach David Henderson. "But at tip-off we just weren't ready to play. I'm disappointed in the effort. But positive that came out of this was that other guys got an opportuni-

ty and I thought they made statements."

The Blue Hens, who lost at home for just the seventh time in the last 60 games, pulled to within four points at 22-18 with 8:26 to play in the first half, but the Hawks exploded on a 15-3 run on the way to a 48-28 halftime cushion.

Crenshaw, O'Connor and Nelson combined for 36 of those points to send St. Joseph's on its way.

O'Connor hit on 7-of-11 shots from the field, including three of six pointers to lead the way for the Hawks, who downed the Hens for the 16th time in the last 17 meetings.

Delaware, which as playing its first nationally-ranked opponent at home since facing No. 3 Virginia Jan. 5, 1981, was hurt by 39.3 percent shooting and 19 turnovers.

NEWARK POST ❖ SPORTS

Unlike other sports, football gets seeding process correct

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voted 11-0 to have the game there. It was the University of Delaware, however, that decided to make the venue unavailable so that it could begin work on the field.

That's too bad.

The game would've easily

drawn over 8,000 fans at Delaware. It was a beautiful day and night and parking and seating wouldn't have been a problem.

It would've been an added treat to have the game at Delaware Stadium. It makes sense that the state's biggest high school event should be held

in the state's best facility.

It would also be a public relations plus for the university.

Hopefully, some day we will again see a state championship game at Delaware Stadium.

Football gets it right

Seedings have been a problem for many of the state tournaments that have been conducted over the past several years.

Soccer has had goofy seedings as has softball, basketball and just about every sport.

Football, though, with its point system seems to work just fine.

This year, the four best teams

in Division I made the tournament. The two best teams were the top two seeds and the two best teams went to the championship game where the top seeded team won a great game.

In Division II the top two seeds – and clearly the best two teams in Division II all year –

made it to the title game.

In general, I'm still in favor of using some human input to seed tournaments. But the football committee has shown it can get it right without any human element.



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CITY OF NEWARK
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COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
DECEMBER 10, 2001 - 7:30 p.m.

1. **SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 2. **CITY SECRETARY'S MINUTES FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL:**
 - A. Regular Council Meeting of November 26, 2001
 - *3. **ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA:**
 - A. Public (5 minutes per speaker)
 - B. University
 - C. Council Members
 4. **ITEMS NOT FINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING:**
 - A. Approval of Wording of Section 15-44(b), Ordinance No. 01-22, Granting a Franchise to Comcast Cablevision
 5. **RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTRACTS & BIDS:**
 - A. Construction Engineering Services Contract - South Wellfield Water Treatment Plant
 - B. Contract 01-18, Purchase of Electrical Conductors, Transformers & Street Lighting Material
 - *6. **ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:**
 - A. Bill-01-33 - An Ordinance Amend. Ch. 2, Administration, By Deleting Article X, Newark Conservation Advisory Commission, In Its Entirety
 - *7. **PLANNING COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** None
 8. **ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:** None
 9. **ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLISHED AGENDA:**
 - A. **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** None
 - B. **COMMITTEES, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** None
 - C. **OTHERS:** None
 10. **SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
 - A. Special Reports from Manager & Staff:
 1. Pension Plan Performance Report - 3rd Quarter, 2001
 - B. Alderman's Report & Magistrate's Report
- *OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
- The above agenda is intended to be followed, but is subject to changes, deletions, additions & modifications, as permitted under the Freedom of Information Act of the State of Delaware. Copies may be obtained at the City Secretary's Office, 220 Elkton Road.
- np 12/5

CITY OF NEWARK, DELAWARE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE DECEMBER 20, 2001 - 7:30 PM

Pursuant to Chapter 32, Article XIX of the Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, notice is hereby given of a public hearing at a regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment on Thursday, December 20, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Newark Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Road, Newark, Delaware, to hear the following appeals.

1. The appeal of Kathleen W. Barr, for the property at 9 North Wynwyd Drive, for a variance to Chapter 32, Section 32-9(c)(7), which requires a side yard of ten feet with a minimum aggregate width of the two side yards of 25 feet. The location of existing shed leaves a side yard of 4.5 feet. (CONTINUED FROM 11/15/01 MEETING.)

ZONING CLASSIFICATION: RS

2. The appeal of Harold B. Prettyman III, for a variance to 38-38.5 North Chapel Street, where applicant proposes to add 31% to the cubical content of existing house. Because this is a nonconforming property (lot size is less than 6,250 square feet and lot coverage is more than 20%), Section 32-51(a) limits an addition to 20% of the cubical content of the existing structure.

ZONING CLASSIFICATION: RM

Any questions regarding the above appeals may be directed to the City Secretary's Office at 366-7070 prior to the meeting.

Clayton S. Foster
Chairman

np 12/5

CITY OF NEWARK, DELAWARE PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the City of Newark, at its regular meeting held November 26, 2001, adopted Ordinance No. 01-25, Amending Chapter 10, Elections, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware. By Reapportioning the Election Districts of the City of Newark. See related information & maps on Page 5.

Susan A. Lamblack, MMC
City Secretary

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**Dale Frank Bray, 79,
insect collection
in Smithsonian**

Former Newark resident Dale Frank Bray died on Friday, Oct. 26, 2001. Mr. Bray, 79, was born in Michigan. He graduated from Northville High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in forestry and a master of science degree in entomology from Michigan State University. He earned a Ph.D. in entomology from Rutgers University.

Dr. Bray served in the Medical Corps during World War II in the South Pacific. He was married in 1947. He was chairman of the entomology-ecology department at the University of Delaware. He was active in the Delaware Pest Control Association, being one of its founders. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, an official in the World Sheep Dog Trials and a judge for the Delaware Sports Club.

His professional accomplishments included Phi Kappa Phi (Emeritus Life Member), Sigma Xi National Science Honorary, Xi Sigma Pi National Forestry Honorary, Alpha Zeta National Agricultural Honorary. He is listed in Who's Who in America, American Man of Science and the Outstanding Educator of America. His private insect collection is housed in the Smithsonian Institute and includes three insects he discovered that were also named after him. In 1991, Mr. Bray and wife moved to their cabin in northern Pennsylvania.

He is survived by his wife, Polly; children, Jane Bray Yacoe, (an actress primarily on the West coast) and her husband Paul of Coatesville, Pa., and James Dale Bray DPM and his wife Jo of Newark; and two grandchildren. Services were held at the Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church. Burial was private.

**George C. Wilkie Sr.,
great-grandfather**

Bear resident George C. Wilkie Sr. died on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001.

Mr. Wilkie, 85, is survived by his son, George C. Wilkie Jr. and his wife Sandra; three grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Services were private.

**Anthony J. Pizzi, 73,
worked for PECO**

Newark resident Anthony J. Pizzi died on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001.

Mr. Pizzi, 73, was born in West Chester, Pa., and also lived in Kennett Square, Pa. In 1974, Mr. Pizzi moved to Newark.

He served in the U.S. Army from

1949-1951 and was a professional musician in the 1950s, traveling with "The Twin Tunes" throughout the United States. Mr. Pizzi was a customer service analyst for PECO Energy Company in Chester, Pa., retiring in 1991 after 25 years of service. He enjoyed gardening, movies, and his large music collection of big bands and Frank Sinatra.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Sue S. Baker Pizzi; daughter, Linda G. Katchur of Newark; siblings, Elmer Pizzi of Wayne, Pa., Albert "Butch" Pizzi of West Chester, Pa., Evelyn "Lynn" Trump of Radnor, Pa., and Helen Waldron of Seffner, Fla.; two grandsons; and one great-granddaughter. Services were held at the Kuzo and Gofus Funeral Home and interment was in the Union Hill Cemetery, both located in Kennett Square, Pa.

**Norval M. Coale Jr.,
Chrysler plant worker**

Newark area resident Norval "Buddy" M. Coale Jr. died on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001.

Mr. Coale, 55, was a 1964 graduate of Rising Sun High School in Maryland. He was member of the Janes United Methodist Church, where he coached the women's softball team, and was involved in the Rising Sun Little League Association. He worked for Chrysler auto assembly plant in Newark, retiring in 1998 after 34 years of service. He was an avid auto-racing fan and a street rod enthusiast.

He is survived by his wife, Mary J. Coale of North East, Md.; sons, John M. Coale and Matthew J. Coale, both of Rising Sun, Md.; daughters, Kimberly R. Coale of Rising Sun, Md., Gina Sylvestro of Elkton, Md., and Lori Channel of North Carolina; siblings, Harvey S. Coale of Rising Sun, Md., Harriett Rea of Elkton, Md. and Ruth Delp of Rising Sun, Md., and seven grandchildren. Services were held at Janes United Methodist Church in Rising Sun, Md. Burial was in Brookview Cemetery.

Sylvia Rifkin, 88

Former Newark resident Sylvia Rifkin died on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001. Mrs. Rifkin, 88, was a resident of Potomac Valley Nursing Home in Rockville, Md.

She is survived by her sister, Anna Kesselman of California; four nephews; and two nieces.

Service and burial was at the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road in Wilmington.

**Robert Sperl, founder
of engineering firm**

Former Hockessin resident

Robert J. Sperl died on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001.

Mr. Sperl, 88, was born in Carbondale, Pa. He was a graduate of Carbondale High School and Tri-State University in Angola, Ind., where he received his chemical engineering degree. He resided in Clifton Park, N.Y. for the past six weeks and had been a longtime resident of Hockessin. Mr. Sperl retired in 1979 as president of the Standard Engineering and Machine Co. Inc. in Wilmington, a company he founded 27 years earlier.

He is survived by his daughter, Ann Gay and her husband Stanley of Clifton Park, N.Y. Services were held at the Gordon C. Emerick Funeral Home in Clifton Park, N.Y.

**Helen V. Pingree, 67,
taught school here**

Newark resident Helen V. Pingree died on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001.

Mrs. Pingree, 67, was a homemaker. She was a graduate of Lake Erie College in Paynesville, Ohio, and a resident of Newark for 45 years. Mrs. Pingree continued her college interests: she was her class scribe for Lake Erie College and was a past president of the AAUW. She also taught grade school in New Castle County.

She is survived by her husband, John D. Pingree of Newark; son, John D. Pingree Jr. of Broadkill Beach; daughter, Anne P. Smith and her husband Frank A. Smith of Elkton, Md.; and two grandchildren both of Elkton, Md. Services were held at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in Newark. Interment was in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

**Josephine M. Ischia,
Goldey-Beacom grad**

Newark resident Josephine M. Ischia died on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2001.

Mrs. "Jo" Ischia, 80, was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and moved to Elkton, Md., in 1955 and then to Newark in 1962. She graduated from Goldey-Beacom College in 1967. She worked for Thiokol Chemical in Elkton where she was a security administrator, retiring in 1974. Following her retirement, she worked as a florist at the Castle Mall until 1982. She was a member of the Holy Family Church in Newark. She enjoyed cooking, old movies and playing the lottery.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, R. Frank Ischia; daughter, Janet I. Brown of Newark; son-in-law, James A. Brown Sr. and his wife, Betsy of Wilmington; daughter-in-law, Melinda J. Ischia of Townsend; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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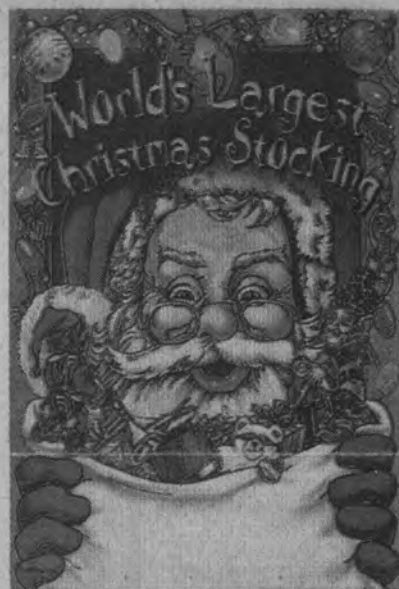
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