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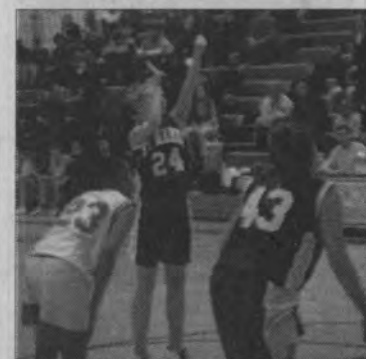
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## UP FRONT

### 'Bored, but I learned something'

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

MY first "real" paycheck came from the coffers of Baltimore County, Md., the county that gave the nation Spiro T. Agnew. At age 15, I became a "page" at the Catonsville public library.

Frankly, it was a boring job. Shelving books seems simple enough at first but it's repetitive and mind numbing after an hour of two. I was paid 75 cents an



Streit

hour, far less than I could have made making Giants and the local Gino's. My salary



Kwanzaa creator Dr. Maulana Karenga (center) was at the University of Delaware on Dec. 3 to help in an early celebration of the non-religious African-American festival with students from the Center for Black Culture and others in the campus community.

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOHN LLERA

## Length of school day could increase

Christina District officials want to hear from public about proposal

By KATY CIAMARICONE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Should school days be 10 minutes longer starting in fall 2002? Christina School District superintendent Dr. Nicholas Fischer wants to hear from members of the public on the issue before board members vote on it next month.

Under the proposed 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 school calendars, up for a first reading at the December board meeting, the school day would be 10 minutes longer.

A committee of parents, district staff and teachers representing every grade level devised the

new calendar that would, in effect, shorten the school year to 176 days - four less than the average school year - leaving enough time to start summer vacation four days earlier in June.

The student accountability law taking effect for the first time this school year is a main cause for the lengthened school days, district officials said. Starting this year, students who do not pass statewide tests will be held accountable and sent to summer school, scheduled to begin June 24.

The four extra days in June would give summer school students who scored low in the Delaware State Test Program that much more time to learn the material before they are retested on it between July 17 and 23.

The retest, among other things, determines whether the student will move on to the next grade level. Summer school is

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## Winter graduation

16. I never did figure out why my time was more valuable after Nov. 15, 1966, then before.

In any case, I've always had a soft spot in my heart for public librarians and have done what I could through the years to promote their importance.

The Newark Free Library is particularly interesting treasure. At first thought, you might think it's a miniature and not-so-vital version of the UD library. But that's not true.

Our public library serves an audience distinct from the university community - it serves us. With the upgrades currently underway, it will become even more important, considering the new community room and greatly expanded children's area.

One of the newer assets at the library already, though, is its staff leader, Charlesa Lowell. I've gotten to know and respect her through our bleary eyed 7 a.m. Rotary club meetings each Thursday. She's capable, enthusiastic and appreciative of Newark's strong support.

Charlesa, who now lives in Windy Hills, clearly is the right person to lead the Newark Free Library into a new era. I just hope she never asks me to shelve books.

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By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**A**frican Americans and others descended from the peoples of Africa are celebrating Kwanzaa through Jan. 1 starting today.

According to Dr. Maulana Karenga, the non-religious holiday, which means "first fruits" in Swahili, is based on the agricultural celebrations of Africa which were times of harvest, ingathering, reverence, commemoration, recommitment and festivity.

"Kwanzaa is a time for African Americans to gather and celebrate their heritage and their achievements, reverence for the Creator and creation, commemoration of the past, recommitment to cultural ideals and celebration of the good," he explained.

Karenga was the guest speaker at an early celebration of the holiday held at the University of

Delaware on Dec. 3 where celebrants shared a feast of fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, corn bread and peach cobbler.

Professor and chair of the department of black studies at California State University-Long Beach, Karenga also chairs the president's Task Force on Multicultural Education and Campus Diversity at the University.

He is director of the Kawaida Institute of Pan-African Studies in Los Angeles, and served on the founding and executive committee of the Black Power Conferences of the 1960s, the National Black United Front, the National African American Leadership Summit, the Black Leadership Retreat and on the national organizing committee of the Million Man March/Day of Absence.

Karenga said he created Kwanzaa and Nguzo Saba (Seven Principles) in 1966 to help in the quest for peace and justice in the world. The

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## YWCA closing on South College

### Childcare program will continue to end of school year

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**S**ummer camps at the Y in Newark have become a thing of the past as the 40-year-old facility on South College Avenue makes plans to close.

A letter sent to YWCA members in early December told them the bad news. The board of directors voted on Dec. 7 to discontinue the fitness programs, the before-and-after school programs at the Newark site, and the summer camps in Newark and Wilmington.

"That's 99 percent of the programs," said Newark resident Annette Shine. "What else is there?"

Shine said she and her family have been members of the Newark branch of the YWCA for about six years. "I started with my children in summer camps," said Shine. "Then we joined the swim team and I enrolled in fitness classes."

Ruth Sokolowski, executive director for the YWCA, said there are many other programs which the New Castle County organization has worked on a number of years and will now expand. "We're going toward a more holistic approach to family

needs," Sokolowski said. "This will focus on economic advancement and housing, as well as leadership development."

Programs in these areas include one for first-time homebuyers and a micro-enterprise program to help people set up their own businesses. "These kind of programs are not 'facility-bound,'" Sokolowski explained. "They can be held anywhere."

Sokolowski said new YWCA programs coming in 2002 include a Young Women's Leadership Academy and a one-day conference for the public on March 23 at the Newark Senior Center offering Political Skills Training. "We want to encourage more women to get into politics and government," she said.

Current programs like the Week Without Violence and Study Circles will expand. "The Study Circles program in New Castle County is the largest interracial dialogue project of its kind in the country," Sokolowski said. "Over 5,000 people participated in New Castle County in the past five years."

According to Sokolowski, there is a long-standing "confusion in the mind of the public" about the goals of the YWCA. "The YWCA has traditionally focused on fitness," she said, "but YWCA's are different - we are not the girls' gym. Our mission has always been the empowerment of woman and families and seeking social justice."

Newark resident Kay Lutz said she is concerned about the Y staff who are losing their jobs. "And doesn't empowerment for women mean providing childcare so they can work?" commented Lutz. "This has been the most cost-effective daycare for children in this area and the summer camps are always full."

Although children are served through the current "latch-key" programs and summer camps, Sokolowski said these are not services to parents. "We will provide the before-and-after-school care through the end of this school year, although it may be at other locations than the Newark Y."

In addition, Sokolowski noted that there are many other organizations in the Newark area offering childcare and summer camps as well as fitness programs. "The George Wilson Community Center on New London Road has programs," she said.

Lutz, who lives near the YWCA in Newark, said there have not been many people there since the swimming pool closed. "The lot hardly has any cars in it when I go past," she said.

In July, the board of directors announced that the YWCA's 34-year-old swimming facility in Newark was closing indefinitely due to the high cost of repairs and maintenance. Almost 1,000 people were affected when the pool shut down in August. YWCA

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at UD will be Jan. 5

## Former Christiana resident, winner of so-called 'genius award,' will be speaker

Special to the Newark Post

**J**acqueline Jones, winner of a prestigious MacArthur Foundation award (the so-called "genius award"), author, and Truman Professor of American Civilization and chairperson of the history department at Brandeis University, will speak at the Winter Commencement at the University of Delaware.

Jones is a Delaware native who graduated from the University of Delaware in 1970 and most recently published "Creek Walking: Growing Up in Delaware in the 1950s."

Winter Commencement, which traditionally features a distinguished UD graduate as speak-

er, recognizes students who complete their degree requirements in August and December.

The ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Bob Carpenter Center in Newark.

An American social historian, Jones has written extensively on the history of labor, focusing on African Americans, women and the South.

Her books include "Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow: Black Women, Work and the Family from Slavery to the Present," which won the Bancroft Prize for American History and was a finalist for the 1985 Pulitzer Prize in history, as well as "The Dispossessed: America's Underclasses from the Civil War to the Present," "American Work: Four Centuries of Black and White Labor" and "A Social History of the Laboring Classes from Colonial Times to the Present."

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## MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KATY CIAMARICONE

The spirits of patriotism and holidays joined forces this season at places like Gamble's floral shop on Main Street in Newark.

## POLICE REPORTS

### Fraud warning

Delaware State Police report a telephone soliciter believed to be a male called a 68-year-old woman on Dec. 19 in Hartly which is five miles west of Dover and asked for a donation for the "Widows and Children of Delaware State Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty."

The State Police are not currently running any campaigns for this cause. Anyone who receives the call and doubts its truth, should call the nearest State Police Troop in their area as this victim did.

### Robbery attempt on New Street

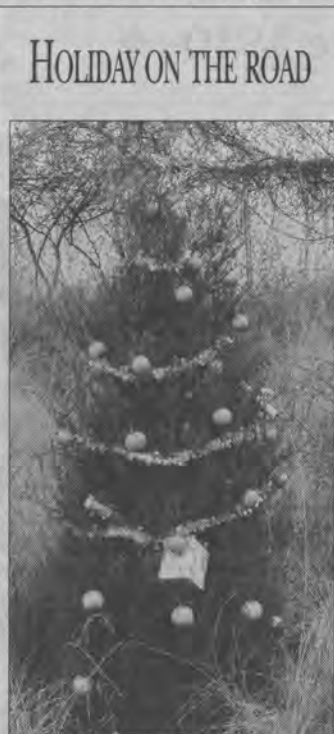
Newark Police report that a 28-year-old man walking in the unit block of New Street around 7 p.m. on Dec. 19 was attacked from behind and slashed on the back with a razor-type instrument.

During the attack, the suspects, described as two black men, both 18-20 years old and each wearing a hooded jacket or sweatshirt and ball cap, one about 6 feet tall, weighing 190 pounds, and the other about 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighing about 130 pounds, unsuccessfully demanded money from the victim. They fled on foot. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 366-7111 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

### Underage drinking charges in Newark

Newark Police charged Christopher David Snyder, 17, with zero tolerance driving under the influence of alcohol after he was pulled over for traffic violations at Delaware and South College avenues around 12:20

a.m. on Dec. 16. David William Halliday 3rd, 18, of Bear was charged with underage consumption and resisting arrest at the Blue Hen Bowling Alley around



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY CHRISTINE SERIO

**Just north of Route 40 on the righthand side of Route 896 sits a small evergreen bearing no name or sign of who may have decked it in balls of holiday cheer. Is it commemorating a lost loved one? Or did a group of elves decide to bring a smile to the faces of the many drivers who pass by each day?**

12:15 a.m. on Dec. 16.

Around 2:15 a.m. on Dec. 15, Derrick R. Robinson, 19, was charged with underage consumption at Delaware Avenue and South Chapel Street. Shortly after midnight on Dec. 14, Erin

## Some patrons of Iron Hill Brewery could be at risk for Hepatitis A infection

The Division of Public Health (DPH) announced that a worker at Iron Hill Brewery restaurant in Newark was confirmed positive

within two weeks of exposure. Therefore individuals who patronized the brewery Dec. 6, Dec. 8 and/or Dec. 9 could bene-

Goldman, 19, of Wilmington was charged with underage consumption on Capitol Trail at Ash Street.

### Attempted robbery at Grass Roots Shoes

An unknown suspect wearing a ski mask and gloves entered the Grass Roots Shoe Store at 92 E. Main St. in Newark around 4:55 p.m. on Dec. 16 and presented a note to the clerk which demanded money and stated that the suspect had a gun.

The clerk screamed at the suspect, described as a male, about five feet, eight inches tall and weighing around 200 pounds, wearing a dark-colored jacket and dark pants, who then ran from the store without receiving any property. He was last seen running east on East Main Street. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call police at 366-7110, extension 132, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

### Death ruled homicide

The Delaware State Medical Examiner has completed an autopsy and ruled the death of Feliciano Saucedo-Lopez is a homicide.

On Dec. 17 at 4:43 p.m., New Castle County Police found Saucedo-Lopez slain inside a silver and gray van that had been parked in the cul-de-sac area of Teal Circle in Brookmont Farms.

Police are seeking witnesses who may have seen the van in the

community of Brookmont Farms on Saturday or Sunday. The vehicle is a silver and gray conversion van with a Pennsylvania registration plate. The van also has a metal ladder tied to the roof and a spare tire mounted on the rear door. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact police at 395-8071.

### One-car crash on I-95

Delaware State Police are investigating a single car crash that tied up traffic on I-95 south of Route 141 for several hours on Dec. 15 around 6:10 p.m. Lauren A. Vierheilg, 21, of Upper Montclair, N.J., was driving a 2000 Nissan Maxima northbound when for unknown reasons her car ran off the right side of the road, struck an embankment and finally struck a tree.

The Christiana and Minquas Fire Companies had to extricate Vierheilg where she was trapped for about an hour. She was taken to the Christiana Hospital where she was listed in serious condition with a fractured leg and a spinal fracture.

The investigation is still ongoing and alcohol does not appear to be involved. Vierheilg was wearing her seatbelt at the time of the crash.

### Home Depot employee charged with theft

Delaware State Police have arrested former Home Depot

## DART service for New Year's Eve

DART First State will operate regular service on New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31. Beginning at 6 p.m., anyone wearing a First Night Button rides free on DART buses.

Service to First Night Wilmington 2002 includes express bus service from the Park & Rides at Brandywine Town Center via Route 2X, Christiana Mall via Route 33X and Prices Corner via Route 6X every 15 minutes from 7 to 11:30 p.m.. The express service resumes after the fireworks at 12:30 a.m.

Bus Routes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 15, 24, 25, 33 and 40 will provide regular night service on Dec. 31 until 10:30 p.m., plus two additional trips leaving downtown Wilmington at 11:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

On New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2002, neither DART First State statewide fixed route and paratransit services, nor SEPTA R2 train service will operate within Delaware. For more information about DART First State services in New Castle County call 1-800-652-DART.

employee David Lind, 36, of Newark on Wednesday, Dec. 12, after an investigation revealed he defrauded the store in People's Plaza of more than \$40,000. Between April and November 2001, Lind allegedly forged over 80 return receipts normally made when customers returned items in exchange for cash. Lind turned in the forged documents and retained the money.

### Shots fired in Hampton Green

On Sunday, Dec. 16, at 9 p.m., New Castle County Police responded to the area of Hampton Green off Route 40 for several reports of "shots-fired." Police found no apparent suspects or victims.

Examination of the crime scene area revealed gunshots were fired from two separate weapons and witnesses reported hearing what sounded like at least two different types of gunshots. Investigators learned of a possible unreported incident where shots may have been fired at the same location on Friday, Dec. 14.

Through the crime scene examination and witness interviews, it appears as though there was a shootout at the New Castle locale. No victims have come forward as of the time of this press release. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact police at 395-8171.

## Holidays are critical time for safety reminders

According to the National Fire Protection Association, four out of seven home fires occur during December, January and February. Using candles and overloading electrical circuits causes about half of these fires.

In November, Red Cross Disaster Action Team volunteers responded to 13 fires, which affected 28 families, in its jurisdiction. Four of those incidents, which disrupted the lives of 13 families, occurred in New Castle County.

So with the holiday upon us, the American Red Cross of the Delmarva Peninsula reminds families how to save lives by following some safety tips.

**Beware of Holiday Lighting** - Take care when burning candles. Be sure they are kept

retardant. If you plan to hang stockings on your fireplace, do not use the fireplace for fires.

**Inspect Fireplaces** - Have your chimney inspected by a professional prior to the start of every heating season and cleaned if necessary. Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns, builds up in chimneys and can cause a chimney fire if not properly cleaned. Always protect never burn paper or pine boughs, which can float out the chimney and ignite a neighboring home. Never use flammable liquids in a fireplace. If you are purchasing a factory-built fireplace, select one listed by a testing laboratory and have it installed according to local codes.

**Watch Your Wood Stoves** - Be sure your wood or coal stove bears the label of a recog-

dles in. Don't store items on the stovetop; they could catch on fire. Keep kitchen appliances clean and in good condition, and turn them off after use. Don't overload electrical outlets, and don't use appliances with frayed or cracked wires.

**Designate a Driver** - When attending a party, always designate a non-drinking driver. If you are the host of a holiday gathering, be sure there are non-alcoholic beverages available for guests who are driving.

**Buckle Up** - During the holiday months, people travel more than ever. Wearing a seat belt is the easiest and best way to prevent injury in a motor vehicle collision. Ensure that all passengers are also wearing safety belts.

**Purchase a Weather Radio** - Stay

Pennsylvania Department of Health. The worker handled food and drinks that were served to patrons, possibly posing a health risk.

Hepatitis A, a non life-threatening viral infection of the liver, can be transmitted by contaminated food, ice or drink handled by an infected individual.

Onset of illness is usually sudden, with fever, loss of appetite, nausea and abdominal discomfort, diarrhea, and dark, tea-colored urine, followed within a few days by jaundice.

Some individuals may not experience every symptom, although severity increases with age. Mild cases can last one to two weeks, with severe cases lasting several months.

DPH has determined that patrons of Iron Hill Brewery who consumed food or drink between Nov. 25 and Dec. 9 may be at risk for Hepatitis A.

Immunoglobulin injections can combat the disease if given

lin injections until Friday, Dec. 21.

As of Dec. 19, there had been no other reported cases of employees or patrons of the restaurant contracting Hepatitis A. "The risk that additional employees or patrons were exposed to the illness is minimal since Iron Hill adheres to strict policies for sanitation, including mandatory Safe Serve Certification for all chefs at our restaurants, food safety education and practices for hourly employees and utilization of the best kitchen equipment available," said Iron Hill partner Kevin Davies.

Those who patronized the brewery before Dec. 6 should consult a physician if they experience symptoms of illness. However, immunoglobulin treatment will not be effective for those individuals.

Anyone with questions or concerns can call the DPH Hotline at 1-888-295-5456.

codes. Don't leave children unattended in a room with lit candles, and always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters, out of reach of children. Never display lighted candles in windows or near exits.

**Test Tree Trimmings** - When decorating with lights, be sure to purchase only those labeled by a testing laboratory. Never use candles to decorate Christmas trees. For outside decorations, use only those lights labeled for outdoor use. Don't overload electrical outlets, and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to bed. Never put electrical lights on a metal Christmas tree.

**Prepare for Holiday Parties** - Decorate only with flame-retardant or noncombustible materials. Avoid using candles during parties. If guests will be smoking, provide them with large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently. After the party, check inside and under upholstery and in trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

**Keep Christmas Trees Fresh** - Choose a fresh Christmas tree and secure it in a sturdy stand. Place the tree away from heat sources and exits, and water it daily. If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-

codes. Follow manufacturers' recommendations for proper use and maintenance. Chimney connections and chimney flues should be inspected at the beginning of each heating season and cleaned if necessary. Follow the same safety rules for wood stoves as you would for space heaters. Burn only wood and be sure the wood stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect the floor from heat and hot coals. Be sure to check with your local fire department and check local codes before having your wood stove installed.

**Be Cautious With Portable and Space Heaters** - Place space heaters at least three feet (one meter) away from anything combustible, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets, and people. Never leave space heaters operating when you are not in the room or when you go to bed. Don't leave children or pets unattended with space heaters, and be sure everyone knows drying wet mittens or other clothes over space heaters is a fire hazard.

**Cook with Care** - When cooking, do not wear loose fitting clothing, which can be ignited by hot burners. Always turn pot han-

purchasing and listening to a NOAA Weather Radio.

For additional information on preparing for an emergency or disaster, please contact the American Red Cross of the Delmarva Peninsula at 302-656-6620 or toll free at 800-777-6620, or visit our website at [www.red-crossdelmarva.org](http://www.red-crossdelmarva.org).

The American Red Cross is dedicated to saving lives, easing suffering and restoring hope at home and around the world. Currently operating on a budget of \$3 billion, the Red cross annually mobilizes relief to the victims of more than 67,000 disasters nationwide and has been the primary supplier of lifesaving blood and blood products in the United States for more than 50 years.

In 2000, the Red cross also trained almost 12 million people in vital lifesaving skills, provided direct health services to nearly 2.6 million people and delivered more than 21 million locally relevant community services.

The organization also assisted international disaster and conflict victims in close to 40 locations around the globe, and its emergency communication centers processed 1.2 million calls in support of U.S. military families.

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## BIRTHS

### Tuesday, December 11

**Brown-** Malia, Newark, son  
**Hall-** Monica and James, Newark, daughter  
**Lpushey-** Amy and Gregory, Bear, son

### Wednesday, December 12

**Raulston-** Jennifer and Scott, Newark, son  
**Williams-** Satrina and Stephen, Bear, son  
**Hansen-** Victoria and Theodore, Newark, son

### Thursday, December 13

**Barr-** Christine and David, Newark, son  
**Robinson-** Lois and George, Newark, son  
**Snook-** Christy Ann and Thomas, Newark, son

### Friday, December 14

**Rekito-** Kimberly and Daniel, Newark, daughter  
**McLellan-** Judith and Mark, Newark, son  
**Fox** Renee and Steven, Newark, daughter  
**Ritter-** Leah and James, Newark, son

### Monday, December 17

**Kendle-** Christine and Albert, Hockessin, daughter  
**Carroll-** Camilla and Henry, Newark, daughter  
**Andoya-** Maria and Arturo, Newark, daughter  
**Kissel-** Heather and Gerald, Bear, daughter

### Tuesday, December 18

**Biscoe-** Cynthia, Newark, son  
**Jernoske-** Jennifer and Martin, Bear, daughter  
**Mote-** Ashley, Bear, son  
**Daniels-** Denise and John, Newark, son

# Gore donates land, \$ to White Clay Creek State Park

## Gift of \$150,000 will go to plan second 'rail-trail' across the park

*Special to the Newark Post*

Three acres of mature woods that form a key link in the White Clay Creek rail-trail system have been donated to the Division of Parks and Recreation by W.L. Gore & Associates, Newark-based manufacturer of advanced technology products for electronics, industrial, fabrics and medical applications.

In addition to the property, Gore also donated \$150,000 to the Division to begin the planning for a second rail-trail connection across the White Clay Creek and for other state park system facilities.

The new addition to White Clay Creek State Park is part of Gore's Paper Mill Road complex and the site of the company's original manufacturing operations.

The mixed hardwood tract contains a railroad bed that can extend the park's existing hiking/biking trail, completing the

loop on both sides of the federally-designated "Wild and Scenic River."

"Gore's generous contribution to the state park system is greatly appreciated," said Division director Charles A. Salkin. "The property is an unspoiled treasure with the added benefit of bordering undeveloped private lands. It will give park users even greater access to some of the state's most beautiful landscapes." Salkin added that the cash donation was especially welcome at a time of slow economic growth and tight budgets in Delaware.

"Our founders, Bill and Vieve Gore, were avid backpackers and hikers," said Gore president and CEO Chuck Carroll, "and our family of 'GORE-TEX' outerwear products is aimed at spreading enjoyment of the outdoors. We appreciate our ready access to White Clay Creek State Park, and are especially pleased to be part of a public-private partnership that will protect these lands for generations to come."

Contributions and purchases through the state's Open Space Program have added 2,225 acres of parkland and natural areas to White Clay Creek State Park since 1988.



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO

W.L. Gore & Associates has donated three acres of land near their Papermill site to White Clay Creek State Park, as well as \$150,000 to plan for a second "rail-trail" in the park.

# Fourth Rhodes Scholar in 10 years at University of Delaware

*Special to the Newark Post*

David A. Kovara, who will graduate from the University of Delaware in May with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and a master's degree in liberal studies, has been named a Rhodes Scholar, making him the fourth UD student to be so honored in the last 10 years, and the 11th Rhodes Scholar from UD since the program began.

Rhodes Scholarships, the oldest international study awards available to American students, were established in 1902 by the estate of Cecil Rhodes, a British

philanthropist. The scholarships provide two or three years of study at Oxford University in England. Kovara intends to do graduate work in Christian ethics at Oxford and take a summer course in international human rights law.

Other winners this year included students at Carnegie-Mellon, Dartmouth, Duke, Harvard, Princeton, Syracuse and Yale universities, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the U.S. Naval Academy and West Point.

Since learning of his honor,

Kovara said he has been busy telling the many individuals who supported him throughout the interview process. "I received support and advice from more than a dozen people, and it's been important to me to contact them, let them know the outcome and thank them for the encouragement they offered me right up to the end," he said.

"The University has a support network that is very strong, with people who show a genuine interest in helping students, informing them of opportunities and then helping them make the most of

them," he said. "That has made a world of difference."

After completing his freshman year and the fall semester of his sophomore year, Kovara found himself still undecided about a major and decided to take some time off to travel.

"It made no sense to burn through a university education in four years without a plan, a concentration," he said.

On a journey of self-discovery, he traveled to Greece and lived in a monastery for three months.

He then traveled to Africa, where he worked in an orphanage for children infected with HIV. Kovara then took a job with Doctors Without Borders and spearheaded a children's rights project in Kenya. "Basically, there weren't a lot of legal options for abused children in Africa. My job was to recruit lawyers for what eventually

Uganda. He also created a web site for the African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect.

That experience helped him realize how often children's rights issues crop up for organizations like Doctors Without Borders. Kovara decided that his career focus would be international human rights law with an emphasis on child rights.

After Oxford, he said he most likely will consider a full-fledged law program in the U.S. using his Truman Scholarship.

Kovara said he considers Lawrence Duggan, UD professor of history, and his wife, Devon Miller Duggan, an adjunct professor who works with the Global Episcopal Missions Network, as mentors and friends.

"The problem with trying to say something about David is that there is so much to say,"

# Original building at YWCA site was built by Newark Post founder

Already  
interest

# In sale of historic property

► YWCA, from 1

officials estimated at that time that it would cost \$250,000 to bring the pool to operational standards.

On Dec. 18, Sokolowski said the YWCA building on South College Avenue is up for sale and some non-profit and profit organizations have already expressed interest in acquiring it.

Newark Mayor Hal Godwin said he had heard rumors that the property was being put up for sale. "I know some community organizations would be hurt by that," said Godwin, "but I'm not aware of any city programs that would be affected."

Among those rumored to be interested in the property are the University of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center. The Newark YWCA, a non-profit organization, receives operational funding from different sources, including private donations, United Way monies, and grants from the city of Newark.



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO

The building currently housing the YWCA on South College Avenue was designed and constructed by *Newark Post* founder Everett Johnson in 1916.

The original part of the building which currently houses the YWCA at South College Avenue and West Park Place was designed and constructed in 1916 by *Newark Post* founder Everett Johnson.

According to Newark resident James B. Owen, Johnson modeled his printing plant after the monastery in the market town of Kells, Ireland, where the "Book of Kells" was published. In his 20th century facility, Johnson printed not only the *Newark Post*, but an edition of the Gospel of St. John and the Sypherd edition of the English Bible by Dr. W.

Owen Sypherd, then chairman of the University of Delaware English Department and later University president.

After her husband's death in February 1926, Louise S. Johnson continued operating the Press of Kells and the *Newark Post*, but an expensive addition to the printing shop and the loss of Everett Johnson's leadership made the task very difficult. The depression years added to the difficulties.

At a considerable loss, the *Newark Post* was sold in 1935 and moved to Thompson's Lane. In 1940, the Press of Kells was

sold at a sacrifice to the E. D. Woodyard Publications, and the machinery was shipped to a plant in West Virginia.

Since there was no sale for the building at that time, the front was converted into three apartments. In 1945, the building was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mote, who added six more apartments, calling it the Kells Apartments.

In 1961 the Motes sold the property to the YWCA. The inside was remodeled, and an indoor swimming pool and a gymnasium were added.

became the Children's Legal Action Network (CLAN)," he said.

In between finishing a year in Germany and returning to UD, he worked in Africa again, establishing a second chapter of CLAN in

himself Duggan says. Essentially, he's kind of radiant. He has a wonderful combination—a really profound seriousness and great whimsy. It's very easy to see him changing the world."

## Celebrations show 'we're more alike than different'

► KWANZAA from 1

seven-day festival emphasizes the role of family and community and each day is dedicated to one of the principles.

"The concepts of Kwanzaa involve cultivating, harvesting and sharing good in the world through the Seven Principles of umoja (unity) kujichagulia (self-determination), ujima (collective work and responsibility), ujamaa (cooperative economics), nia (purpose), kuumba (creativity), and imani (faith)," said Karenga.

Each night, family members light a candle and talk about that day's principle. On the sixth day, Dec. 31, the community gathers for a feast called karamu, at which they talk about their ancestors and discuss their goals for the coming year. There is also music and dancing.

Gifts, wrapped in Kwanzaa colors of black, red and green, are usually exchanged on Jan. 1, the day the seventh candle is lit. Families are encouraged to give each other gifts they have made

themselves. Purchased gifts should represent some aspect of African culture such as carvings, jewelry or art, or fruits and vegetables which are gifts from the earth. Books about the holiday also are very popular, especially for children.

The holiday has entered the mainstream of America in "A Rugrats Kwanzaa" episode which can be seen tonight on Nickelodeon and a show airing throughout December on the Disney channel called "The Proud Family."

Irma P. Hall, the 66-year-old actress who provides the voice of the aunt in the Rugrats episode, said she started celebrating Kwanzaa in the 60's with her children. "One thing that (the events of Sept. 11) taught us is that we really need to know as much as possible about other people's cultures," Hall said. "Getting to know about all these different holidays that people celebrate...helps to reinforce the fact that we are more alike than different."



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## Nothing could stop the season

As the Grinch said, "Christmas came after all." Nothing stopped it: not airplane crashes, not terrorists, not anthrax or other biological hazards, not the economy, not even the sad lack of presents for some people this year.

Shoppers, business owners, store clerks and mail carriers made their rounds despite the September disasters.

It wasn't the best Christmas ever for retailers and many workers laid off or receiving smaller bonuses.

But the spirit of the season was evident on smiling faces and in decorations throughout communities in the Newark area.

Street after street had brilliantly lit homes, side by side with American flags waving at all hours and in all weathers.

Not quite correct, perhaps, but meaningful and hopeful after this unparalleled year.

The holidays still have seven more days to run with many of the season's events yet to come.

Don't worry about meeting a terrorist. Consider the more urgent likelihood of a confrontation with a drunk driver or a mugging in a parking lot.

Water your Christmas tree, check the strings of extension cords powering those lovely lights, and make sure your children are buckled up in their carseats.

More than ever before, the real meaning of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and other winter festivities is what still counts.

Best wishes for safe and happy holidays from the *Newark Post*.

## OUT OF THE ATTIC



This photo taken around 1954 shows the Odd Fellows building, built in 1850 and one of the oldest on Main Street. Still owned by the Odd Fellows Lodge, it presently houses the Newark Camera Shop and the former Scissors Palace. Readers who have an old photo from the Newark area are invited to loan it for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For information, call the *Newark Post*, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

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

### December 22, 1926 Hearn Oil Company robbed

Last Friday about noon, the Hearn Oil Station, on East Main street, was robbed of a sum of money by two men apparently working together.

### December 26, 1979 Who can fight preserving county's agricultural land?

Bill David has a 100-acre farm near Red Lion. He has already given land to three of his six children for homes. But if a new zoning category aimed at preserving

### December 27, 1996 Factory owners reject sales offer

Thomas Ruger, a co-owner of the former Continental Fibre site on South Chapel Street, told a Newark court recently that he had turned down a \$5 million offer

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## LETTER TO EDITOR

**To: Editor**  
**From: Robert Weiner**  
**New Castle County**  
**Council**

"Livable Delaware" is doomed to failure until and unless the state exercises control over the municipal annexation authority in New Castle County.

Just look at the pattern of annexed land by Middletown. It represents the worst examples of sprawl that can be imagined. I also must add that there are many municipalities, like Newark, which do not abuse the annexation authority and Wilmington's authority to annex is subject to approval by New Castle County.

Additionally, there is a double standard applied to New Castle County citizens and the

citizens of Kent and Sussex counties. When annexations occur in the lower two counties, Kent and Sussex counties retain the right to tax the annexed land.

New Castle County, on the other hand, loses its tax base with every annexation.

Ultimately, New Castle County will be forced to increase its tax rates to pay for this irresponsible and unchecked authority.

I propose that municipal annexations be required to obtain state legislative approval. I further propose that the double standard regarding taxation be removed such that New Castle County would also retain the taxing authority in annexed land as does Kent and Sussex counties.

...up to the station and the driver, who was alone, asked Mr. Amos Ely, in charge of the station, to look at the grease in his transmission. At this time a young man, well dressed and carrying a dispatch case, walked in and asked if he might use the lavatory.

On going into the office, Ely, found the till of the cash register empty and ran out, but the car and both men had disappeared; the man in the car apparently picking the other up.

### Auto Crash

Sunday evening about 7 o'clock, at the intersection of Main and Chapel streets, Nathan Knox, of Newark, driving a Chevrolet touring car, ran into a Cleveland sedan, driven by H. A. McDaniel, of Wilmington. McDaniel was going east on Main street when Knox, driving out of Chapel street, collided with him. Both machines were damaged but none of the occupants injured. Knox took full responsibility for the accident.

New Castle County, the other three may not be so lucky.

This new rural-agricultural zone (R-A-1) had been recommended by the county planning department in a revision of the comprehensive development plan. The proposed scale would allow development of two lots for one-family detached units for a farm of 10 to 25 acres; for 25 to 50 acres three lots would be allowed; above 50 acres one additional lot for each 50 acres could be developed.

### Local state legislators jump on Chrysler's bandwagon

Local legislators are coming forward with proposals for the state to aid the Chrysler Corporation in the wake of Congress' approval early Friday of the \$1.5 billion loan guarantee.

President Jimmy Carter is expected to sign the aid package. The measure calls for providing \$3.5 billion in public and private aid but demanded more in wage concessions that the United Auto Workers wanted, which has made local union officials somewhat skeptical.

Ruger claimed that he needed to sell this parcel in order to finance the demolition and renovation which was previously ordered by the Court for the decaying factory site owned by DelChapel Associates.

### Traffic signalization plan delayed again

Newark officials were dismayed this month to learn that a long-promised project to synchronize traffic throughout the community has been delayed once again.

Charles Freel of the Department of Transportation told city council in July that a fully-actuated, computer-linked, and self-correcting network of traffic signals in Newark was supposed to begin as early as September at some intersections.

However, this month DeIDOT told city manager Carl Luft that the project as specified in the Newark-Elkton Intermodal Transportation Short Term Action Plan could not proceed at this time because funding was not available.

## GUEST OPINION

# Casual meetings bring constituents and issues together

By JOSEPH FULGHAM

NEWARK POST GUEST COLUMNIST

Reminiscent of a Norman Rockwell illustration, a group of friends and neighbors gather at a local eatery to chat with a community leader over a cup of steaming coffee. It's a scene that in many places is as dated as the Saturday Evening Post covers that featured Rockwell's work. But for a small group of Delaware lawmakers, casual morning meetings with their constituents over a free cup of java are a part of their weekly routines.

State Representative Stephanie Ulbrich likens her weekly Tuesday morning meetings at the Friendly's restaurant on Delaware 896 to a small town barbershop. "It's a clearinghouse for ideas and what's going on, both locally and in state government. I have about four or five people that are regulars," she said. "Every time I hold a meeting, I can pretty much guarantee that at least one of them will be

there."

At least five New Castle County state representatives hold weekly coffee meetings with constituents. The legislators pick up the tab at their own expense, but consider the minor cost to be money well spent if it helps them stay in touch with their communities.

Since she started holding her coffee meetings seven years ago, Ulbrich said attendance has ranged from as few as one person to nearly a dozen-and-a-half. "I've had people say to me that they really appreciate these gatherings," Ulbrich said. "People have busy lives and it's not always easy for us to hook up on the telephone, so knowing they have a time and place where they can regularly reach me is a real plus."

State Representative Tim Boulden agrees that the meetings are mainly about accessibility. "Even more important than the number of people attending my meetings is the fact that people know they're occurring," he said. "I see people all the time and they

ask me if I still have the breakfast meetings. They know that if there is something they want to talk to me about that every Tuesday, between 7 and 8 a.m., I'll be at the Eagle Diner."

On the odd occasions when she hasn't been able to attend, Ulbrich said she has had someone pinch-hit for her. Past guest hosts have included Newark Mayor Harold Godwin, Newark city councilman Jerry Clifton and State Senator Steve Amick.

"It's been something that has been very good in terms of giving constituents access to me," said Representative Wayne Smith, who has been holding coffee meetings in his Brandywine Hundred district for the last 10 years. "Sometimes people just come in to sit and listen. I've had visitors who don't have a specific issue but wanted to see what issues were on other people's minds."

"I think these types of meetings reach some constituents who otherwise might not try to contact their elected official with an issue or concern," Smith said.

Unlike his colleagues, Boulden said he doesn't often hear from constituents about local issues, like potholes - a fact he attributes to most of his district being within the confines of Newark and a responsive city government. "Most of my meetings are about philosophical issues, about what role government should play in the lives of people. That's helpful in that it gives me a foundation on which to make legislative decisions."

Smith said in the decade since he held his first coffee meeting, the discussion has almost always turned on close-to-home issues. All that changed on September 11th. "Our present war has become the topic of focus," Smith said. "It is often the first thing my constituents reflect on over coffee."

Smith noted the terrorist attacks have even impacted the focus on some local issues. "A source of concern for Brandywine Hundred residents in recent years has been increasing air traffic in and out of Philadelphia International

Airport. It's noisy, dirty and constant. Yet two constituents in recent weeks - both active in the effort to reduce this common annoyance - have said that perhaps now is not the best time to voice concern about airport operations."

"Each Tuesday since Sept. 11th, our discussions have either centered completely on the events connected to that day or else it's been a part of our discussion," Ulbrich said.

She believes the meetings have provided an opportunity for people to talk to each other, helping some to reduce their anxiety level.

"For the first few weeks following the attacks, terrorism and our likely response to it dominated the conversation," Boulden said. "Since then, our discussions have pretty much returned to normal. At my meetings, there doesn't really tend to be any regular, recurring themes - except the coffee is always hot."

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# Charitable giving suffers from poor economy and terrorist attacks

Volunteers stuffing boxes at the Food Bank of Delaware come from all walks of life but all offer the same food for thought: helping others is not just a noble thing, it's the right thing to do.

"It's Christmas time," Ruth Joyce, a senior citizen from Pike Creek, said with a shrug of her shoulders.

Her friend Pat Geyer, 68, of Hockessin agreed. "At this time of year, people get involved," she said.

But for charities like the Food Bank, this holiday season differs from others.

The nation's sluggish economy and generous relief efforts for victims of September's terrorist attacks have made it harder for charities in Delaware and elsewhere to get financial donations.

Donors are finding it easier to dig into their pantries and closets than into their pockets. "The good news is we're bringing in more food," said Patricia Beebe, president of the Food Bank of Delaware.

"But of course it costs us money to get food out to people."

Beebe said her group's annual "Check Out Hunger" grocery store campaign will be lucky to meet half of its \$50,000 fund-raising goal.

The campaign features bar-coded Food Bank coupons available at grocery checkout counters that can be scanned and added to customers' bills at their request.

Last year's campaign took in about \$35,000, but Beebe said a similar campaign started by the American Red Cross hit her agency hard.

"The Red Cross pre-empted us and went in right after Sept. 11," said Beebe. "That hurt us. A lot of people are saying they're not donating because they already donated at the store."

Beebe also expects a drop in foundation grants because of the slow economy.

Andrew Hastings, executive director

of the Delaware Association of Nonprofit Agencies, said foundation giving, which is directly tied to the performance of the stock market, is off about 20 percent.

The irony is that the economy defines both charitable contributions and needs.

"When the economy turns sour, that's the time when nonprofit services are needed more than ever," Hastings said.

Delawareans give about \$300 million annually to charities, but there were signs that giving might be down this year long before the attacks, Hastings said.

Many corporations are downsizing and looking for ways to cut costs, while government funding, which accounts for about third of all nonprofit monies, is off because of tight budgets, he said.

Delaware charities normally receive about \$25 million in state grants-in-aid, but a bare-bones budget means no cost-of-living increase this year.

Meanwhile, many individual donors, who account for about 80 percent of private giving, are concerned about their jobs or already have tapped personal budgets in response to the Sept. 11 attacks.

"This has really created, overall, a very, very difficult and tight environment for giving," Hastings said.

Still, many charity directors say they are heartened by an apparent new sense of volunteerism.

"The silver lining of the Sept. 11th attacks was that ... for many Americans, there was a renewed commitment to community service and to making a difference in other peoples' lives," Hastings said.

Paul Calistro Jr., executive director of the West End Neighborhood House and Cornerstone West in Wilmington, which assists area residents with housing, child care, education and youth programs, also

remains optimistic.

"I'm seeing real strong volunteer support, especially organized at the corporate levels," said Calistro, whose agency has about 8,000 clients and a budget of about \$5 million.

Although he is encouraged by the spirit of volunteerism, Calistro warned there may be trouble ahead.

"I have heard from some large corporations that a significant portion of their 2002 giving has already been pledged toward the 9-11 relief fund," he said.

Even in the short term, Hastings and others say the impact of the economy and terrorist attacks won't be known at least for several more weeks because many charities get most of their donations in the last few weeks of the year.

Hastings said Delaware residents need to be mindful of their resources and mindful of others. "We have to be responsible, but responsive," he said.

## Review of state police tests, written discipline standards recommended

Governor Ruth Ann Minner announced that she will accept and implement the major recommendations of a three-and-a-half month study into the policies and practices of the Delaware State Police regarding equal opportunity and discrimination.

"This is a report and a set of recommendations that has benefited in it for every single trooper in the Delaware State Police Office Director Lisa Blunt-Bradley, included statistical analysis of State Police application, promotion and discipline processes over the last two years, interviews with about 200 State Police members, and a survey sent to all 600 troopers to which 361 responded.

The report found that "the perception of a lack of fairness within DSP is not limited to minority women troopers, but is held, to some extent, by a majority of the organization. Depending on which trooper you are talking to, race, gender, geography, seniority in DSP, family or membership in a 'clique' can be viewed as affecting how one is treated within DSP."

Though the study found no statistically adverse impact on minorities and women overall in the application and promotion processes, certain steps in those processes did have an adverse impact.

The report also noted perceived inequities in the way troopers were disciplined because of lack of written discipline standards.

Gov. Minner said she would accept and ask the State Police to implement the major recommendations of the report, including:

- To professionally review and validate, revise or eliminate the aspects of the application and promo-

tion processes that were found to have a statistically significant adverse impact on minorities or women.

- To create and implement written discipline standards that will better ensure uniformity of discipline practices from Troop to Troop and person to person, so as to eliminate any reality or perception of a lack of fairness in discipline.

- To rework the promotional process of the Delaware State Police, including the creation of a Test Validation Review Board to ensure that promotional tests are in synch with the real-world duties and policies of Delaware State Police.

- To expand recruitment efforts by establishing formal relationships with colleges and universities, creating career paths for current state employees who may be interested in or suited to police work and making the application to Delaware State Police more accessible.

- To clearly identify and strengthen the avenues of appeal for troopers who wish to complain of racial or sexual discrimination.

- To create a Delaware State Police Advisory Council to provide ongoing advice and problem solving.

- To give SPO a monitoring role in the hiring, promotion, transfer and disciplinary process of Delaware State Police.

"This report sets as a goal an organization where troopers feel that they are a valuable and valued part of the State Police," Minner said. "That is the least that we owe to those who keep us safe."

## Wrote book about childhood in Delaware

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to think more broadly about history and to challenge convention-

Visiting Professor of History at Brown University from 1988-90



Students at Newark Charter School are learning that it is their obligation to participate in their community. Each homeroom must develop a service project during the course of the year. Projects so far have ranged from selling lemonade on a cold afternoon, reading to children at the Newark Day Nursery, and litter collection in local parks, to clothing drives, yard sales, bake sales, and even a Spirit Ball where the children danced to raise funds for charities.

## Critics say earlier start in mornings would be difficult for parents, children

Creek walking, published by the University of Delaware Press, describes her childhood in Christiana during that era from both personal and social history points of view.

"Creek Walking" refers to one of Jones' favorite childhood pastimes, going under the bridge over the Christina River (or creek as it was commonly known) on her way home from school to see what treasures she could discover.

Recently revisiting her old elementary school, now named after her father, Albert H. Jones, a longtime president of the state board of education and ex-officio member of UD's board of trustees, she talked to a group of fourth graders.

When one little boy said what he really liked to do was walk by the creek to see what stuff he could find, Jones wrote, "I felt truly at home again, in the company of a soulmate some 40 years my junior."

In her book, she also writes about her experiences at UD and how a course in African-American history was pivotal in her life. She writes, "This single class opened up a whole new world for me. It encouraged me

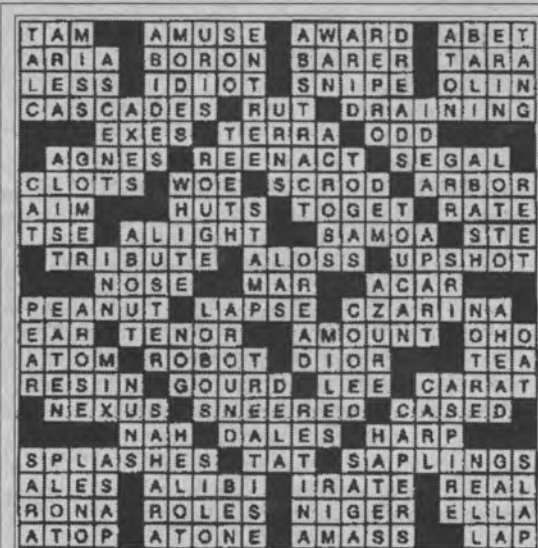
ment, progress. Under the guidance of John Munroe, H. Rodney Sharp Professor Emeritus of History, Jones wrote her senior honors thesis at UD on Quaker schools for black students during the Civil War in Delaware.

She earned her master's and doctoral degrees in American History from the University of Wisconsin. She joined the faculty at Wellesley College and then served as Clare Boothe Luce

ty. She is married to Jeffrey Abramson, who holds the Louis Stulberg Chair in Law and Politics at Brandeis, and they have two daughters.

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over Aug. 1.

Fischer said he wants parents' input on whether the 10 extra minutes each day would be most efficient at the beginning or end of the school day. He said "transportation-wise," it would be easiest for the district to begin school 10 minutes earlier in the morning, because buses are already bringing students to school earlier than they need to.

Parent Bonnie Mucha would prefer that the four days come out of the 10-day spring vacation students get each year around Easter. She went on to say it's hard enough to try to get her middle school student out the door in the morning; starting school

10 minutes earlier would just be that much harder. Board member Constance Merlet agreed that the proposed earlier start times will be hard for students and parents. According to Merlet, there is a growing body of evidence that teenagers are sleep-deprived, and the new schedule would only add to that statistic.

"There is research on biorhythms that says teenagers are not fully functioning until 9 or 10 in the morning," Fischer added.

Fischer said he wants opinions on the proposed calendar, which involves all students and staff in the district. The issue will be on the school board agenda for a second reading and vote at the district's Jan. 8 board meeting.



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### NEWARK OUTLOOK

#### Grandparents raising their grandchildren

As a single mother, my sister Heather relies on our parents to assist with childcare after school and when she works night shift. She and my niece live with "Nana" and "Grand." One evening, my niece kept asking about her father, and in a moment of frustration Heather responded, "Just think of Nana as your father."

This may seem like a silly answer to an important question, but more and more grandparents are finding themselves either assisting with the care of their grandchildren or as the primary caregivers.

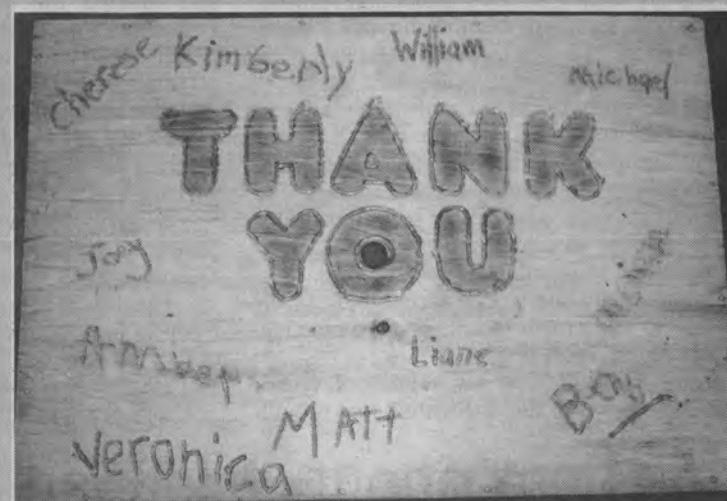


By Mary Slater

The number of grandparents raising grandchildren has almost doubled since 1970. Research indicates that it is affecting all ethnic groups and income levels across the nation.

According to a Children's Defense Fund report, the number of children living in grandparent-headed households increased 66 percent between 1990 and 1997. According to the 1998 U.S. Census report, almost four million children are being raised in 2.5 million grandparent-headed households. Since 1990, every state had some percentage of grandchildren, younger than 18, living with grandparents.

Structural changes in the family, increased life expectancy, maternal employment, and multi-generational households are caus-



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST  
Delmarva Red Cross executive director Marge Prueitt (top holding box) spent a morning with the teachers and students of Woodworks Program at Gauger-Cobb Middle School earlier in December. The students presented Prueitt with a Thank-You box which they had joined together to make (above and right) for the emergency workers at the site of the Sept. 11 disaster in New York.

grandparents raising grandchildren. Other changes contributing to more grandchildren living with grandparents include: death of a parent, unemployment of the parent, or lack of financial resources, homelessness, divorce of parents, parent abandoning children, parents with drug and/or alcohol abuse or addiction, incarcerated parent, teen pregnancy, child abuse/neglect cases and AIDS.

Grandparents have been raising grandchildren for many years, but not in the numbers we see today. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) provides information and resources to help grandparents cope with their primary care roles.

For information contact the AARP Grandparent Information Center at 601 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20049, or call 202-434-2296.

*Newark Outlook is a regular feature, prepared by staff members of the Cooperative Extension Office in Newark.*

Developmentally impaired students ranging in age from 12 to 19 wanted to have a part in honoring those involved in the disasters of Sept. 11.

"Our kids really wanted to do something to acknowledge the devastation of Sept. 11th, and the heroism that has followed," said Miles, a woodwork teacher at Gauger-Cobb Middle School in Newark. "They were very aware of the patriotic efforts of the mainstream kids in the school and felt a little left out."

The kids and the teaching team

their heroes the best way they knew how - with wood.

"We decided to make a lovely wooden box for the firefighters and rescue workers, decorated and signed by each of the students," said teacher's assistant and woodwork designer Val Brothwood.

"The kids were so excited about the project, it was all they spoke of from the moment they entered the woodshop, every day for weeks!"

Each child worked on the wooden box and then the class decided to fill it with money and personal cards and present it to the Red

crossed-curricular program designed for the physically and mentally challenged children of the Christina School District. Other components of the curriculum include landscape-works, auto-works, and print-works.

"This program is designed to get the students work-ready," said Woodworks department head Chuck Downes as he assisted 12-year-old Amber Smith with her small sander. "We teach them to operate as well as they can within their limitations - but often they exceed even our expectations!"

Prueitt graciously received the Thank-You box the students made for their heroes in New York and assured them she would deliver the gift herself.

Prueitt presented the students with a plaque acknowledging their efforts and caring at such a challenging time in American history.

"These kids are marvelous," said Prueitt, "They have really given us all a bit of themselves."

## Dino Days this week

The Delaware Museum of Natural History will host its annual Dino Days festival on Thursday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The Dino Days festival offers dinosaur activities, programs and movies that are both educational and fun. In addition, visitors can see live animals and dig for fossils.

Scheduled events for each day: 10 a.m., 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. - play fun game of Dino bingo; 10:30 a.m. - "Flying Through Time," a presentation comparing flying prehistoric animals to modern

bats and birds; 11 a.m. - hear the songs and see the puppetry of performer Lois Young, including songs from her CD "Dinosaur Diner;" 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. - live turtles from the Townsend Wildlife Rehabilitation Center; 1 p.m. - the Philadelphia Zoo presents their live animal show "Outrageous Reptiles!" and at 9:30 a.m., noon, and 3 p.m. - visit the Museum's live programming animals.

Visitors will also enjoy a variety of activities all day including searching for real fossils at our fossil dig; making a dinosaur tooth necklace; creating a

funny bag hat to wear complete with a streamer tail; and cutting out a dinosaur to hang up in the Museum galleries; (make one to take home, too!); constructing a dinosaur out of ZOOB; going on a scavenger hunt; matching fossils to their modern day equivalents; and creating your own prehistoric story book, "Old Tails."

The Delaware Museum of History is located on Route 52, north of Wilmington. For more information about Dino Days, call 658-9111.

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# Diversions

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26

**PEANUTS HOLIDAY FESTIVAL** 6 p.m. Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas episodes shown at Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington. For more information, call 571-9590.

**CHRISTMAS AT HAGLEY** Through Jan. 1. Tours of Eleutherian Mills, former home of DuPont Company's founder, off Route 141. Holiday Lights evening tours on Dec. 14, 21 and 28 only. Info, 658-2400.

**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.

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

**LONGWOOD CHRISTMAS** Through Jan. 6. Sounds and sights of the season with organ sing-alongs, choral performances, strolling Yuletide Singers, musical fountain displays, thousands of poinsettias and 400,000 tiny lights at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa. Info, call 610-388-3833.

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

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

**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.

**WONDERLAND OF TRAINS AND TOYS** Through Jan 5 at the Old Town Hall, Market Street, Wilmington. For information, call 656-0637.

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

## THURSDAY, DEC. 27

**DINO DAYS** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and tomorrow. Dinosaur activities, programs and movies at Delaware Museum of Natural History, Route 52.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 28

**DIRIGIBLE** Through Jan. 12. Exploration, including new evidence, of the events surrounding crash of the Hindenburg on May 6, 1937 at the Baby

Grand Theatre, Wilmington. Due to mature themes, not recommended for ages under 15. Tickets, \$15. Info, call 1-800-37-GRAND.

**DOO WOP REUNION** 8 p.m. at the Grand Opera House, Wilmington. Tickets and info, call 1-800-37-GRAND.

**DELAWARE COMEDY CABARET** Tonight and tomorrow. Terry Gillespie from HBO and Showtime and John Moyer from The Comedy Store perform at Ground Round Restaurant, South College Avenue, Newark. Info, call 652-6873.

## MONDAY, DEC. 31

**NEW YEARS' EVE IN VIENNA** 7:30 p.m. Delaware Symphony performs at Grand Opera House, Market Street, Wilmington. Tickets, call 1-800-37-GRAND.

**FIRST NIGHT WILMINGTON** 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Dance, crafts, performance art, jazz, blues, gospel and Big Band music and fireworks in downtown Wilmington. Tickets, \$15, at Happy Harry's, Grand Opera House and Playhouse Theatre. Free DART service after 6 p.m. for persons wearing First Night button. For more information, call 1-888-3 CULTURE.

**NEW YEAR'S IN OLD VIENNA** Through Jan. 6. Waltzes and other music on a theatre organ twice each evening at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa. First come, first served in Rose Pavilion.



The painting "in dappled light," done on wood by Claire Owen is among works in a juried exhibit running Jan. 5 through Feb. 2 in the Fleisher Galleries at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. For information, call 215-922-3456, ext. 18.

Info, call 610-388-1000.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA** 2 to 4:30 p.m. Live music, dancing, hors-d'oeuvres, New Year's Toast at Newark Senior Center, White Chapel Drive. Reservations, call 737-2336.

**FIRST NIGHT DOVER** 3 p.m. to midnight. Performing artists, hands-on art, and fireworks in downtown Dover. For more information, call 302-674-4010.

**THE TEMPTATIONS** Tonight only. Motown group perform at the Rollins Center in the Dover Downs Hotel, Route 13, Dover at Exit 104 on Route 1. Tickets, \$75-\$200. Info, 1-800-711-5882.

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## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

**JAZZ CONCERT** 6 p.m. at Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington. Free. For more information, call 571-9590.

**PLATTERS, MARVELETTES AND COASTERS** Tonight and tomorrow at Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre, Foxcroft Drive. Tickets and info, call 368-1616.

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

**ART AFTER HOURS** 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays. Tour and entertainment at Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington. Free. Info, call 571-9590.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 3

**STARVING FOR ART** 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Thursday lunch tours at the Delaware Art Museum, Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington. Adults \$7, seniors \$5, students \$2.50, children 6 and under, free. Reservations requested. 571-9590, ext. 538.

**CHAPTER BY CHAPTER** 4 p.m. Thursdays. Read aloud favorite chapter books for ages 7 to 10 years at New Castle Library, Delaware Street, New Castle. 328-1995.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 4

**COMEDY CABARET** 9:30 p.m. tonight and tomorrow. Pat O'Donnell from A & E and Showtime, and Keith Dunning from Comedy Central perform at Ground Round Restaurant, Route 896, Newark. Info, call 652-6873.

**BRASS QUINTET** 7:30 p.m. Concert with the Brass Experience at Wilmington Music School, Wilmington. Tickets, \$15. Info or tickets, call 762-1132.

**WEE READERS** 10:30 a.m. Second and fourth Fridays. Stories, songs and rhymes for ages 6 months to 3 years at New Castle Library, Delaware Street, New Castle. For more information, call 328-1995.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 5

**HIDING, HIBERNATING, HATCHING** 1 p.m. Find out where all the insects go in the cold weather at Nature Center in White Clay Creek State Park, Wedgewood Road, Newark. For more information or to register, call 368-6900.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 6

**FAIRY TALE TEA PARTY** 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Fantasy-inspired art activities, tea catered by Flavour of Britain, theatrical performance and tours highlighting illustrations of fairytales at Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington. Seatings limited. Reservations required by Dec. 25.

Tickets, \$25/person. Info, call 571-9590. **MASON & DIXON WERE HERE** 1 p.m. Meet at Possum Hill parking lot in White Clay Creek State Park, Newark for guided hike to site where Mason and Dixon camped while surveying in 18th century. For more information or to register, call 368-6900.

## MONDAY, JAN. 7

**ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL** 7-10 p.m. Mondays at Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow. Info, call 834-GRPC.

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

**JAZZ CONCERT** 6 p.m. at Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington. Free. For more information, call 571-9590.

**THE COTTON CLUB** 6:15 p.m. at Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington. 1984 Francis Ford Coppola film about the famed Depression-era nightclub. Contains adult content. Tickets, \$5. For more information, call 571-9590.

## DECEMBER 26

**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. every Wednesday. Men's barbershop rehearsals at MBNA Bowman Conference Center, Ogetown. All are welcome. 655-SING.

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

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

## DECEMBER 27

**BOOK DISCUSSION** 7:30 p.m. Group will discuss "A Bend In The River" by Naipaul at Rainbow Books, Main Street, Newark. New Members welcome. Info, call 368-7738.

**TOASTMASTERS** 7 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday. Greater Elkton chapter

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**COLONIAL STATES KNITTERS** 7:30 p.m. fourth Thursday in the Limestone Medical Center, Room 015, Limestone Road. For information, call Betty at 994-2869.

**YOUNG ADULT DEPRESSION** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware for ages 18-26. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration at 765-9740.

**LET'S DANCE CLUB** 4 to 6 p.m. Thursdays. 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. Thursdays at St. Thomas Episcopal

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**NEWARK MORNING ROTARY** 7-8:15 a.m. every Thursday at the Blue & Gold Club, Newark. For information, call 737-1711 or 737-0724.

**DIVORCECARE** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. 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 28

**LIVING SINGLE** 7-10 p.m. Singles meet second and fourth Fridays at Happy Acres Restaurant, 1876 New London Rd./Route 896. Cash menu, fellowship and live music. For more information, call 610-869-2140.

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

# Free Christmas Tree Recycling Program at state parks until Jan. 21

For the eighth year, the state Division of Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with the state Division of Forestry, will sponsor a Christmas Tree Recycling Program.

Citizens can bring trees to drop-off sites at Bellevue, Brandywine Creek, Lums Pond, White Clay Creek, Killens Pond, Cape Henlopen and Trap Pond state parks during daylight hours between Dec. 26 and Jan. 21.

For the first time, participants will have the opportunity to make a donation to help offset the cost of the recycling program. Donation boxes will be placed at each of the drop-off sites.

Trees should be free of all lights, wire, tinsel, ornaments, nails, stands and other materials that are not part of the natural tree.

Christmas wreaths with wire frames and bindings and flocked trees cannot be recycled and will not be accepted. Trees from commercial haulers will not be accepted.

"Our Recycling Program is

popular because it offers people an easy and environmentally-sensitive way to dispose of their trees after the holidays," said Gary Focht, Killens Pond State Park administrator and statewide tree recycling program coordinator. "Last year, thanks to the program, nearly 7,000 holiday trees were diverted from New Castle County landfills."

Not only do the recycled trees save landfill space, they also provide an aromatic ground cover that reduces soil erosion and deters weed growth.

The mulch will be available to the public free of charge at Bellevue and Lums Pond state parks, starting the week of Feb. 4. Please contact the park office about availability.

"We want to make people aware that once you have used organic material like a Christmas tree, it can be recycled instead of going into a landfill," said Focht.

For more information, contact the Division of Parks and Recreation at 302-739-4702.

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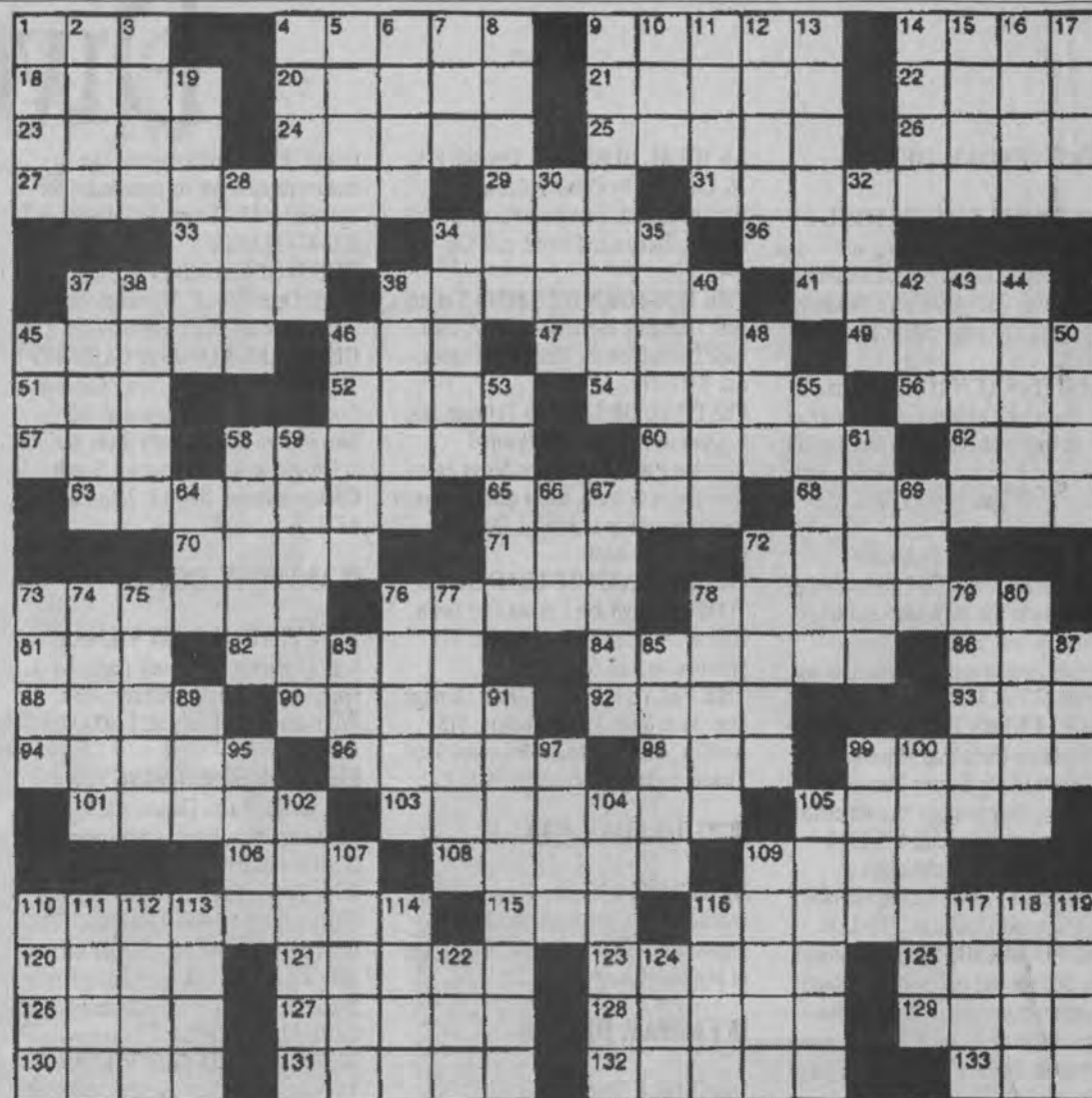
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

## High school Oratorical Contest in January

The American Legion, Post 10, is sponsoring the American Legion High School Oratorical Contest on Jan. 25 at the Holy Family Education Center, Gender and Chestnut Hill (Rt. 4) Roads, Newark, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Snow date is Feb. 1.

All high school students, grades nine through 12 are eligible to compete. The oration must relate to the U.S. Constitution and a script or notes will be permitted at the Post 10 competition only. Nominations for the contest are due by Jan. 22.

Three cash prizes will be awarded at the Post 10 competition, three scholarships at the state level and numerous scholarships at the national competition in Indianapolis on April 13 and 14, topped by \$18,000 to the National Champion. Additional

## Food Network featuring area cook

Newark resident Lynn Clarke will be the featured cook on the Food Network TV-show, "Calling All Cooks" on Jan. 13 at 1:30 p.m. The featured recipes are chicken bot-boi (a chicken stew with noodles), shoo-fly pie, and a cucumber and onion salad which came from Clarke's family Schwenkfelder heritage. The curator of the Schwenkfelder Heritage Museum and Library was also invited to the taping. The show will also air at other times in the week of Jan. 13.

## Rotary continues to collect sweaters

The Newark Morning Rotary Club will continue to collect sweaters for the needy through the month of December. Any size and type of sweater can be

cover lunch for day two is optional. Registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 11. A late fee of \$20 is added for registration after Jan. 11. Upon successful completion of the course and the 50-question exam, the Association will officially certify participants. Certification is good for three years. For more information, call 422-1104.

## Ballroom dance classes offered

VanDeGrift Golf Club, in cooperation with the University of Delaware Ballroom Dance Team, will be offering six weeks of ballroom dance on Tuesdays, Jan. 22 through Feb. 26, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the VanDeGrift facility in Middletown. Cost is \$50 per person. Lessons will include the Cha Cha, Fox Trot, Rumba, Swing, Waltz, and time permitting, the Tango, Samba, and

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Ralph and Catherine Moffett of Bear and Thomas and Judith Murphy of North East, Md, announce the engagement of their daughter, Melinda Murphy. Murphy is a senior at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. She is engaged to Matthew Willey, a senior at Indiana University. Willey is the son of Steve Willey of Noblesville, Ind. and Nancy Redd of Cicero, Ind. Murphy is a 1997 graduate of Caravel Academy in Bear.

required. Each project has to have something to do with construction. In addition to competition prizes, all children will go home with a hard hat, blow pop and a real construction drawing. For information or registration for the flea market or the competition, call 832-0910.

## Financial aid night scheduled

Students and parents are invited to attend a free financial aid night sponsored by the Delaware Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. at Middletown High School, 120 Silver Lake Road in Middletown.

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### Healing Mass planned for Jan. 4

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### Aquatic certification course offered

The National Recreation and Park Association's Aquatic Facility Operator certification course will be held Jan. 29 and 30, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the George Wilson Community Center in Newark.

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### Camp fair at Tower Hill

Tower Hill School will host a free, community-wide Camp Fair, with over 100 representatives from camps and other summer programs, 5 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 24. Several representatives from adventure and travel programs for older students will be on hand. The Fair takes place at the Field House at Tower Hill on Rising Sun Lane in Wilmington. Parking is available at the University of Delaware's Wilmington campus on Route 52. For more information, call 575-0550.

### Tubman coming at UD

The University of Delaware Family Performing Arts Series will present "Are You Ready, My Sister?" a dramatization of the story of the Underground Railroad and Harriet Tubman, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan 20, in Mitchell Hall on South College Avenue. Tickets are \$10 for the general public; \$8 for UD faculty, staff, alumni and senior citizens and \$6 for UD students and children. Call the Hartshorn box office at 831-2204, the University Box Office at UD1-HENS and through Ticketmaster at 984-2000. for tickets. A buffet luncheon will be offered at the Blue and Gold Club on the UD campus for \$12.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children ages 5-11 prior to the play. For menus and lunch reservations, call the Club at 831-2582.

### having reunion

Christiana High School class of 1972 is having their 30th reunion on Aug. 17, 2002, at the Newark Country Club. Class members should call 737-8431.

### Block Kids flea market, competition

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) will sponsor a Block Kids flea market on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, with set up at 7:30 a.m., at the Electrical Union No. 313, I.B.E., located at 814 W. Basin Road in New Castle off Route 141. Rent is \$10. This event will be held at the same time of the Annual Block Kids Building Competition where there will be about 150 adults and children.

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# Sports

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## POST GAME

### Slam Dunk brings out the best

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

One week it's high school wrestling, two weeks later it's high school basketball. Each year now, high school sports fans are treated to the finest the nation has to offer in both sports as Delaware hosts the Beast of the East Wrestling tournament and the Slam Dunk to the Beach basketball tournament.

The Beast already had its successful run at the Carpenter Center, now it's time for the Slam Dunk to take center stage.

Annually held at Cape Henlopen High in Lewes, the Slam Dunk to the Beach has developed into the top high school basketball tournament in the country. This year will be no exception.

Twelve teams with national rankings will be at Cape this week including Inglewood High from Los Angeles, Rainier Beach from Seattle and Arlington Country Day from Jacksonville, Fla.



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## Slam Dunk tournament set for this week

### Sanford, Hodgson lead in-state teams

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

It's easy to see why Bobby Jacobs bills the Slam Dunk to the Beach high school basketball tournament as the 'national tournament.'

The 12th annual Slam Dunk to the Beach Holiday Basketball Invitational will be held Dec. 26 through Dec. 30 at Cape Henlopen High in Lewes. This year's edition is definitely on the

national scope.

The tournament, for the eighth consecutive year, is ranked as the No. 1 high school basketball tournament in the country. Last year over 200 college coaches including Mike Krzyzewski of Duke were in attendance. In addition, representatives from every NBA team were also on hand.

A similar group of scouts is expected this week to see 34 teams from 13 states and the District of Columbia play 45 games over the five-day span.

Nine of the teams are ranked among the USA Today's Top 25 or it's regional rankings.

Germantown Academy (Pa.), St. Vincent-St. Mary (Akron, Ohio), All Hallows (Bronx, Inglewood (Los Angeles), Tabor Academy (Mass.), Ranier Beach

(Seattle), Amityville (N.Y.), Cedar Hill (Texas) and Redondo Union (Cal.) have all received national rankings.

Coaches will also be able to take a look at 23 of the nation's top 100 senior players, six of the top 15 juniors and two top sophomores.

Deangelo Collins, a 6-10 senior from Inglewood, has already declared himself eligible for the NBA draft.

Duke recruits J.J. Redick of Cave Spring Va. And Lee Melchionni of Germantown will be participating. There are also players that have already committed to Michigan, Notre Dame, Villanova, Maryland, Florida, Miami, Penn State, Dayton, Vanderbilt and George Washington.

"Last year," Jacobs said. "We had 11 of our alumni go in the NBA draft. No other tournament has done that."

The eight teams in the main bracket vying to take over two-time champ Willow Ridge (Sugarland, Texas) will be Cedar Hill, Archbishop Carroll (D.C.), Rainier Beach, Inglewood, All Hallows, Redondo Union, Germantown Academy and East High (Memphis, Tenn.).

"You have to be selective or you will just end up having teams instead of the nation's best," Jacobs said. "WE are fortunate to have built the finest competition and reputation in the United States by hard work and providing the atmosphere that gives 'the final four' of high school basketball its proven name."

Delaware teams competing in the tournament include Brandywine, Cape Henlopen, Hodgson, Milford, St. Elizabeth and Sanford.

Hodgson began play Wednesday at 8 a.m. against Brandywine. Sanford plays Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. in the day's marquee matchup against Inglewood.

Games begin daily at 8 a.m. and run all day. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the last game of the day tips off at 9:30 p.m. Saturday's Slam Dunk to the Beach championship game begins at 8 p.m. Sundays slate of games ends with a 6 p.m. start.

Daily tickets are \$25. A tournament pass is \$75.

## St. Mark's girls rally to edge Glasgow



### Tougher defense leads Spartans' comeback

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Glasgow's Lady Dragons basketball squad worked hard, but narrowly missed knocking off undefeated St. Mark's Thursday night at home. The well-played, 57-55 loss to the Lady Spartans leaves the Dragons with a 2-3 mark early in the season, but with hope for the remainder of the season.

Acting coach Dave Battafarano said his girls showed a lot of hustle and desire all night

nation's top 100 seniors and five of the country's top-rated juniors will be on hand.

The tournament runs through Dec. 30 at Cape with games beginning at 8 a.m. and running until at least 10 p.m. at night every day.

If you're a hoop junkie, Cape Henlopen is the place to be this week.

## Girls too

Not to be outdone, the Diamond State Classic will feature some of the best girls high school basketball in the region.

These games will run this week as well and will be held at various sites in New Castle County.

It's amazing how our state can come up with such great tournaments and great teams to fill them.

It's truly a testament to the hard working people that are involved in these events.

## Weighty rules

It's good to see that high school wrestling is taking steps to help the health of its wrestlers.

We've all seen wrestlers doing all kinds of things in an effort to cut weight and wrestle in a lower weight class.

The National Wrestling Coaches Association has produced a plan that is voluntary this season but will be mandatory next year.

Wrestlers are weighed in at the beginning of the season. They also will have their body fat measured. A computer program, based on the two readings, will then produce the lowest legal limit that a wrestler can wrestle during the season. It will also produce a healthy timetable to get to that weight.

In addition, weigh-ins will be changed. No longer will wrestlers be able to weigh in and then do any running. They will only be allowed to step on the scale again.

These are positive steps that should help the wrestlers and enhance the perception of the sport as a whole.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

St. Mark's forward Christina Armstrong shoots a free throw during the last minute of the Spartans' victory over the Dragons Thursday.

See GLASGOW, 11 ►

# Two Blue Hen football players earn All-ECAC

University of Delaware football standouts Sidney Haugabrook and Dan Mulhern have been honored by the Eastern College Athletic Conference for their efforts during the 2001 season.

Haugabrook, a freshman cornerback from Atlanta, GA (Woodward Academy), was named the ECAC Rookie of the Year while Mulhern, a junior linebacker from Wallingford, PA (Strath-Haven HS), was selected to the ECAC All-East first team. The team was selected from a vote of the ECAC Division I-AA member football head coaches.

Delaware has now had at least one player honored on the All-East team for 16 straight years, since 1985. Atlantic 10 Conference players picked up 16 of the 29 first team honors.

Haugabrook picked up his second major honor of the fall as he was named the Atlantic 10 Conference Rookie of the Year back in November. Mulhern, a two-time All-Atlantic 10 selection, including a first-teamer this year, was honored for the first time by the ECAC. Villanova running back Brian Westbrook was named the Player of the Year.

A 5-9, 165 lb. redshirt fresh-

man, Haugabrook became the sixth player in UD history to be named the ECAC Rookie of the Year, joining fullback Chuck Hall in 1968, halfback Vern Roberts in 1972, quarterback Jeff Komlo in 1976, quarterback Rich Gannon in 1984, and quarterback Bill Vergantino in 1989.

Haugabrook (Hog-A-Brook) started all 10 games at cornerback for the Blue Hens in 2001 and ranked second in the league with six interceptions, one shy of the UD freshman record. He ranked second among all Atlantic 10 freshmen with 68 total tackles and paced a secondary that

helped UD rank third in the Atlantic 10 in passing defense. He had a season-high 15 tackles vs. New Hampshire and had nine stops in three other games.

Mulhern, a second team All-Atlantic 10 selection in 2000, led the Blue Hens (4-6, 4-5 Atlantic 10) in tackles for the second straight year as he posted 84 tackles, four sacks, and 11 tackles for loss. He paced a defense that ranked third in the Atlantic 10 in scoring defense and fourth in total defense and allowed just one touchdown in the final three games of the season. His 290 career tackles rank 12th all-time

"The team had a great deal of poise and stayed focus, they really gutted it out on the floor tonight," he said.

Glasgow came out on fire, executing its game plan and hitting its shots in building a 25-13 lead after the first quarter. The Lady Dragons were led by Tinishia Chandler and Lindsey Dyal on both ends of the court.

Early in the second quarter, the tide began to turn, as the Lady Spartans began to find their rhythm on the floor. Gradually, St. Mark's chipped away at the lead, and pulled within 35-31 at the half.

Spartan forward Christine Armstrong, who leads her team in scoring this year, credits Glasgow for nearly pulling off the upset.

"They have some very good players, and we took a while to get over some confusion. But we played well at the end, and hit some big baskets when we really needed them," she said.

In the second half, the story line changed dramatically. St. Mark's played a different, and better game, especially on defense. During the third quarter, the Dragons couldn't buy a basket, and managed only seven points. By the end of the quarter, Glasgow's early 12-point lead had evaporated, and finally turned into a three-point deficit, at 45-42.

Spartan coach John Fiorelli said he didn't change the game plan dramatically at halftime, but instead stressed to his girls the importance of playing better defense.

at Delaware with one season left to play.

The All-ECAC offensive unit consisted of Hofstra quarterback Rocky Butler, running backs Brian Westbrook of Villanova and L.J. McKanas of Northeastern, wide receivers Chas Gessner of Brown, Rich Musinski of William & Mary, and Kahmal Roy of Hofstra; tight end Daryn Plummer of Wagner; and offensive linemen Eamonn of Villanova, Jason Ball of New Hampshire, Jeff Santacrocce of Lehigh, Sean Silvers of St.

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# Rebuilding Spartans get off to an undefeated start

## Defending champs hope to contend

By **MARTY VALANIA**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

With about one-quarter of the 2001-2002 season completed, the St. Mark's girls' basketball team is off to a "perfect" start. The young and inexperienced Lady Spartans are 5-0, and beginning to play better with each game, and are coming together as a team. That's certainly good news for coach John Fiorelli, but definitely not for other teams looking to replace St. Mark's as the state's top team.

Fiorelli, now in his 13th season at St. Mark's, said this is a rebuilding year, after winning the last two state championships.

"We have a lot of new players this year, since we graduated four of our starters, including All-State and Co-Player-of-the-Year Michelle Albanese. So, we only have one returning starter this year, and she's a good one, that's Christine Armstrong," he said.

Armstrong, a junior forward, is a co-captain this season and is averaging nearly 15 points per game. Armstrong's experience and savvy will be a big plus in tight situations.

She'll be helped on the front

line by sophomore Jenna Logan. Fiorelli describes Logan as a "heady player", who has a knack for scoring around the basket, and is rapidly improving with every game.

The center position will be filled this year by Kristen Sullivan, who was injured for part of last year, but come back to make a significant contribution in the Lady Spartans' title run. She's touted as the smartest player on the squad, who plays great defensively and anticipates very well. Sullivan is also chipping in about 8 points per game.

St. Mark's back-court consists of Natalie Bizzarro and Erin Mahoney, Bizzarro is primarily the point guard, but will switch positions with Mahoney as game conditions dictate. Both are good ball handlers and are getting their share of points, about six each, per game, so far. The tandem has succeeded in spreading the potentially potent offense around the floor to prevent defenses from keying on any one player.

Offensively, the Spartans will work the ball around to get an easy basket. Fiorelli said the team has good, but not blazing speed. "We're working on becoming a better transition team, and our strength is to try to beat the other team down the floor for a better shot," he said.

On the defensive side, the team has average height, but a lot of hustle and desire.

Fiorelli says the team will also get a lot of help off the bench. Some of the players who may see plenty of time include Andrea Hochstuhl, a six-foot, sophomore center; Lindsey Olson, a 5'-2" junior guard; as well as sophomore Sarah Sammons and junior Melissa Rucci.

After Christmas the team jumps into its Catholic Conference schedule, with a game Tuesday, January 2nd against St. Elizabeth's in Wilmington, and on Saturday, January 5, against Ursuline.

Fiorelli said the Spartans have already defeated some quality schools, including Arundel, (Md.), Downingtown (Pa.), Drexel Hill (Pa.), Nazareth Academy (Pa.) and Caesar Rodney.

"Hopefully a tougher schedule will make a better team later in the season and give a confidence to play well," he said.

The key now, said Fiorelli, is to get battle-tested for the stretch run.

"We lost a lot of experience through graduation, but we're working hard now, to play our best basketball at tournament time, be competitive in every game, and to do well in our conference," said Fiorelli.

## Glasgow plays St. Mark's tough

► **GLASGOW, from 10**

"We definitely handled the ball better in the second half, and became more efficient on offense," he said.

In the crucial fourth quarter, Glasgow began to take a run at St. Mark's, but couldn't quite catch up to secure the victory, or force an overtime.

With only 32 seconds left, Glasgow trailed 54-52, but fouled several times to conserve the clock. Several Spartans hit on three of six free throws in the last half minute to nail down the vic-

the scoring to make the final 57-55.

Chandler led all scorers with 24 points, while teammates Dyal added 13. Kristen Hines and Jennifer Jones each tossed in eight points for Glasgow.

Armstrong led the 6-0 Spartans with 21 points. She was helped by Natalie Bizzarro and Kristen Sullivan with 10 points each, while Jenna Logan added nine and Erin Mahoney chipped in seven.

Battafarano said the team had a tough schedule before the holiday break, playing three games in

the pressure, so they definitely earned their five days off," he said (humorously).

Battafarano said coach Larry Walker was hospitalized last week, but was resting comfortably and should be home for the holidays.

As for the Lady Spartans, Fiorelli said he's very surprised, but pleased with the team's performance.

"It's been a good start to the season going into the break, and we're gradually getting better, with more consistent on the court," he said.

## LOCAL SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Pickup hoop games

Newark Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Newark Basketball in Action session. The new session will be held Jan. 13-March 31.

Games will be played every Sunday from 10 a.m.-noon at Pearson Hall on the full size basketball court. Teams are formed each day for informal games. All participants must register in advance beginning Jan. 5.

Registration fees are \$25 for residents and \$30 for non-residents.

For more information, call

366-7060.

### Co-rec volleyball scheduled

Newark Parks and Recreation is sponsoring pickup co-rec volleyball games at West Park Elementary. Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday nights from 8-9:30. The games will run from Jan. 15 until April 9. All players must register in advance.

Registration fees are \$39 for residents, \$44 for non-residents.

For more information, call 366-7060.

### Baseball-softball workshop

Newark Parks and Recreation will be sponsoring a baseball/softball workshop for youth ages 6-10 March 9, March 16 and March 23 at Pearson Hall from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Boys and girls will be taught proper fundamentals of hitting, throwing, catching, fielding and base running. Bring your own glove.

Registration fees are \$18 for residents, \$21 for non-residents.

For more information, call 366-7060.

## UD women upset LaSalle

Freshman forward Julie Sailer (Council Rock/Washington's Crossing, PA) led six scorers in double figures with a career-high 21 points as the University of Delaware women's basketball squad cruised to an 83-66 non-league win over La Salle University Tuesday night at the Bob Carpenter Center.

Sailer, a high school All-American at Council Rock High School a year ago, came off the bench to hit on 7 of 10 shots from the field, including three three-pointers, to go with five rebounds and three assists as the Blue Hens (5-2) extended their school record with their 21st straight home win. Sailer hit on all four free throws to remain perfect in her career with 27 straight.

The Hens, who hit on 20 of 23 free throws and committed just 12 turnovers, also won their 14th straight non-league game at home and defeated La Salle for the first time since 1980 after 12 straight losses.

La Salle (2-6), which had four scorers in double figures led by guard Suzanne Keilty with 18 points and guard Chrissy Walker with 12 points, lost despite hitting a Carpenter Center record 11 three-pointers in 27 tries. Keilty hit on 4 of 6 three-pointers. Forward Beth Hudak added 11 points, eight rebounds, and five assists for the Explorers. La Salle shot just 34.6 percent from the field (18 of 52), including just 7 of 25 inside the three-point arc.

Megan Dellegrotti added 11

points for the Blue Hens while freshman Tiara Malcom, making her first career start in place of injured starter Christina Rible (broken finger), recorded her first double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore Tracey Howell also came off the bench to add 11 points and six rebounds to the Blue Hens romp.

A closely fought first half ended with Delaware holding a 42-38 advantage and the Blue Hens stayed in control the entire second half, leading by at least six points the entire way. The Hens held La Salle scoreless for over three minutes at one point to put the game away. Delaware outscored the Explorers 8-2 to go up 65-53 with 7:51 left.

## Two Delaware players named All-ECAC

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Peter's, and Dan Zorger of Hofstra.

The All-ECAC defensive team consisted of defensive linemen Valdamar Brower of Massachusetts, Marc Laborsky of Harvard, and Adam Lord of Bucknell; linebackers Mulhern, Stephen Cooper of Maine, Derrick

Madison, and Kayode Mayowa of Sacred Heart; and defensive backs Jon Ambrose of St. Peter's, Abdul Byron of Lehigh, Aaron Edwards of Monmouth, T.J. Hill of Northeastern, and Lance Small of Rhode Island.

The special teams performers were return specialist Lennard Byrd of Maine, punter Alex Ware of Dartmouth, and kickers Casey Hannon of Villanova and Taylor Northrop of Princeton.

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## NEWARK POST ❖ OBITUARIES

**Olen Reed, retired from Motor Wheel**

Newark resident Olen "Sonny" Reed died on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2001.

Mr. Reed, 72, was born in Elkton, Md., and was a resident there most of his life. He retired from Motor Wheel in Newark in 1981 after 24 years of service. He enjoyed country and western and bluegrass music.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Frances A. Reed; sons, Robert Lee Reed and his wife Marsha and Roger L. Reed and his wife Nina, all of Newark; daughter, Darlene Ferrara and her husband Anthony of Middletown; siblings, Rubin Reed of Red Lion, Francis Reed of Smyrna, and Violet Reed of Wilmington; 12 grandchildren; a great-grandson and a great-grand daughter.

Services were held at the Gee Funeral Home in Elkton, Md.

**Scott H. Simon, self-employed painter**

Bear resident Scott H. Simon died on Friday, Nov. 9, 2001.

Mr. Simon, 41, was a self-employed painter most of his life. He enjoyed NASCAR, surf fishing and his Harley Davidson.

He is survived by his two children, Amanda and Scott, both of Bear; mother, Ann Simon of Newark; brother, Ron Simon and sister-in-law Sharon of Wilmington; Lori Simon of Long Beach, Calif., and Susan Simon of Newark; and three nephews.

Services were held at the Christiana Presbyterian Church in Christiana. Burial was in the adjoining cemetery.

**Herman E. Gray, Aetna Fire officer**

Former Newark resident Herman E. Gray died on Friday, Nov. 9, 2001.

Mr. Gray was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He retired in 1989 after more than 30 years of service to Christina School District, as bus transportation maintenance supervisor. He was a lifetime member of Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company in Newark, where he was an officer and chief engineer.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan G. and her husband Steven M. Courduff Sr. of Ft. Worth, Texas, with whom he lived; son, Robert A. Gray of Kalamazoo, Mich.; brother William T. Gray of Ft. Worth, Texas; three grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Chandler Funeral Home and interment was in Hockessin Friends Cemetery, both located in Hockessin.

**Viola Tori DiVirgilio**

Newark resident Viola Tori DiVirgilio died on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2001.

wife Barbara. At her request, she was a donation to the Humanity Gift Registry. Services were private.

**Carson Maloy Taylor, Mopar parts employee**

Newark area resident Carson Maloy Taylor died on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001.

Mr. Taylor, 86, had been a plant engineer for Chrysler Mopar Parts Plant for 35 years. He was a former Sunday school teacher and deacon for First Baptist Church, and spent time reading his Bible every day. He also enjoyed nature, gardening, reading and fishing.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his wife of 61 years, Norma G. Taylor; children, Duane C. Taylor of Rehoboth Beach, and Cheryl R. Buckalew of New Castle; sisters, Velva Owens of Michigan, and Irene Smith of Florida; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church and interment was in Gracelawn Memorial Park, both located in New Castle.

**John Vincent Johnson, served in WW II**

Newark resident John Vincent Johnson died on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001.

Mr. Johnson, 80, worked for the University of Delaware and for New Castle County, and the Federal government. He also served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Johnson enjoyed traveling and was an avid military historian.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Phyllis "Raab" Johnson; children, Vince Johnson and Vicky Fike, both of Newark; stepchildren, Sandra Harrell of Telford, Pa., and Cynthia Blum of Middletown; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Homes in Newark. Interment was at the Delaware Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

**John H. Ford II, was building contractor**

Bear resident John H. Ford II died on Monday, Nov. 12, 2001.

Mr. Ford, 85, had been a self-employed building contractor for many years. He later worked as a maintenance foreman for the former Delmarva Power and Light Company in Wilmington, where he retired after 35 years of service.

Mr. Ford was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Seton Council #7990 Knights of Columbus in Bear; and Archbishop FitzMaurice Forth Degree Assembly #0148 in Wilmington.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Rose "Lendzioszek" Ford; children, George H. Ford of Orlando, Fla., John H. Ford III of Del Rio,

Wilmington; sister, Anna Mae Tibbit of New Castle; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Bear. Interment was in Gracelawn Memorial Park in New Castle.

**William Hendrickson, Gaylord expediter**

Newark resident William Hendrickson died on Monday, Nov. 12, 2001, of a sudden heart attack.

Mr. Hendrickson, 47, was born in Wilmington. He was an expediter in the maintenance department of Gaylord Container Corporation for 26 years.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Ruby "Moody" Hendrickson; sons, Richard Baxendale of Elkton, Md., and Maurice Hendrickson and his wife Danielle of New Castle; mother, Frances Hendrickson; sisters, Louise Gambill of Nottingham, Pa., and Edith Spong of Tennessee; brother, Richard Hendrickson of Nottingham, Pa.; and three grandchildren.

Services were held at the Mealey Funeral Home in Wilmington. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery in Louisville, Pa.

**Kenneth A. Chantler, WW II Navy officer**

Former Newark resident Kenneth A. Chantler died on Monday, Nov. 12, 2001.

Mr. Chantler, 76, was a graduate of Cornell University and served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a purchasing department manager at the DuPont Company's Louviers site, retiring in 1985 after 27 years of service.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Newark, where he served on the board of trustees, board of elders, and board of Westminster House.

A past master and 50 year member of Solomon Lodge No. 36 A. F. & A. M., he served as secretary for 19 years and was currently serving as treasurer. Mr. Chantler was an avid golfer and a member of the DuPont Country Club. He was an active member of Newark Senior Center and enjoyed playing bridge.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Suzanne "Smyth" Chantler; sons, Paul W. Chantler and Steven V. Chantler, both of Wilmington; sister, Barbara C. Keller of Groveland, N.Y.; and three grandchildren.

Services were held at First Presbyterian Church of Newark and at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home. Interment was private.

**Richard M. Dolinger, worked for Chrysler**

Newark area resident Richard M. Dolinger died on Monday, Nov. 12, 2001.

Mr. Dolinger, 53, was an Army

many honors. He worked for Chrysler as an assembly line worker, retiring in 2000 after 35 years of service.

He is survived by his parents, Jesse and Virginia Dolinger of Mouth of Wilson, Va.; son, Craig Dolinger of Jarrettsville, Md.; daughter, Tami Atkins of Conowingo, Md.; brothers, Kenneth Dolinger of Chesapeake City, Md., Walter Dolinger of Mouth of Wilson, Va., and William Dolinger of Darlington, Md.; sister, Charlotte Wimmer of Bossier City, La.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held at Foard Funeral Home in Maryland. Burial was in Harford Memorial Gardens in Havre de Grace, Md.

**John C. Trembly, Navy veteran of WW II**

Newark resident John C. Trembly died on Monday, Nov. 12, 2001.

Mr. Trembly, 79, was a carpenter for Tim O'Connell and Sons Inc. before his retirement in 1985. A naval veteran of World War II, he served on the USS Bennington.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sue "Fagan" Trembly; daughters, Joanne Gupta of Wilmington, and Elaine Stape Daws and her husband Tom of Newark; son, John J. Trembly of Newark; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; sister, Irene Mitchell and her husband Harvey; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Holy Angels Church in Newark and the Mealey Funeral Home in Wilmington. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery in Wilmington.

**Robert F. Stevens, organized first Delaware Flower Show**

Newark area Robert F. Stevens died on Monday, Nov. 12, 2001.

Mr. Stevens, 87, was born in Boston, Mass. He received his bachelor of science degree in 1936 from the University of New Hampshire and his master of science degree in 1938 from the University of Massachusetts.

Mr. Stevens was an extension horticulturist for the University of Delaware from 1948-1973. He also served as the secretary of the Peninsula Horticultural Society from 1949-1973 and worked with the Vegetable Growers Association, the Potato Growers of Kent County, and the Fruit Growers of Delaware. Mr. Stevens organized the first Delaware Flower Show, in cooperation with the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs. For his outstanding career achievements, he was given the Hall of Fame award by the Delaware Nurserymen Association.

He was a member of the Rosebank Methodist Church in Calvert, Md., and served on the board of directors of The Lokey

dren, John H. Stevens of Richmond, Va., Betty S. Loos of Oley, Pa., and Larry E. Stevens of Hilo, Hawaii; brother, Richard Stevens of Franklin, Tenn.; and two grandchildren.

Services were held at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in Newark. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Belleman's Church in Centre Township, Pa.

**Merritt W. Goodell, worked for DuPont Co.**

Newark resident Merritt W. Goodell died on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001.

Mr. Goodell, 82, was a technical service representative in Textile Fibers at the E. I. DuPont Company's Centre Road Building in Wilmington, retiring in 1982 after 41 years of service. He was a member of Newark United Methodist Church, the Newark Area Welfare Committee, and the American Humane Society. An avid hiker, he was a member of the Horseshoe Trail Club and the Mason Dixon Trail Club.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and a 1947 graduate of Whittier College in California, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elizabeth "Hale" Goodell; children, Elizabeth G. Albright of Baltimore, Md., and Van E. Goodell of Kerrville, Texas; a granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren. Services were held at Newark United Methodist Church. Interment was private.

**Wilhelmina M. Smith, Newark High '41 grad**

Former Newark resident Wilhelmina M. Smith died on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001.

Mrs. Smith graduated from Newark High School in 1941. She worked for the DuPont Company and ICI, before retiring in 1988.

She is survived by her children, Charles H. Smith III, S. Jeffrey Smith, Susan Grant, Juanita Bennett, with whom she lived, Patricia McDonough and Lavina Williams; and seven grandchildren. Service and burial was held at the Gracelawn Memorial Park in New Castle.

**William Blankenship, owned truck company**

Newark resident William J. Blankenship died on Friday, Nov. 16, 2001.

Mr. Blankenship, 48, last worked as a truck driver for Mopar. Previously he owned and operated his own trucking company. Mr. Blankenship was a member of the Victory Baptist Church, enjoyed camping and the outdoors, traveling, woodworking and puzzles. He served his country during the Vietnam War as a member of the

years, Catherine M. Blankenship; son, Shawn Blankenship of Newark; mother, Vida I. Blankenship of Wilmington; brothers, Charles Blankenship of Wilmington, and James Blankenship of Crossplains, Texas; sisters, Darlene Diego of Clayton, and Marcella P. Torres of Elkton, Md.; and two very special boys, Scott Gilfert and Patrick Slider.

Services were held at the Victory Baptist Church in Elsmere. Burial was in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

**Carol Watson, was psychiatric nurse**

Newark resident Carol Watson died on Friday, Nov. 16, 2001.

Ms. Watson, 54, was a psychiatric nurse for the state of Delaware for over 25 years and a neuroscience trainer for Eli Lilly.

She is survived by her daughter, Christine Berna of Raleigh, N.C., and many other family members. Services were held at the Cathedral Church of St. John in Wilmington.

**John D. Oldham Sr., Korean War veteran**

Newark resident John D. Oldham Sr. died on Friday, Nov. 16, 2001, of heart failure.

Mr. Oldham, 70, was born in Cecilton, Md. He worked as a dock master in the Sassafras River basin area for 26 years, retiring in 1989. Mr. Oldham was a Korean War veteran with the United States Marine Corps, receiving a Purple Heart with a Gold Star. He was an avid model train collector and operator, and spent much time building and changing his layouts.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Charlotte Matthews Oldham; sons, John D. Oldham Jr. and his wife Gabrielle of North East, Md., and Michael D. Oldham of Newark; sister, Helen M. Oldham of Elkton, Md.; and his brother, George W. Oldham of Centreville, Md.

Service and burial was in the Galena Cemetery in Galena, Md.

**Alice Joyce Colvin, worked at UD**

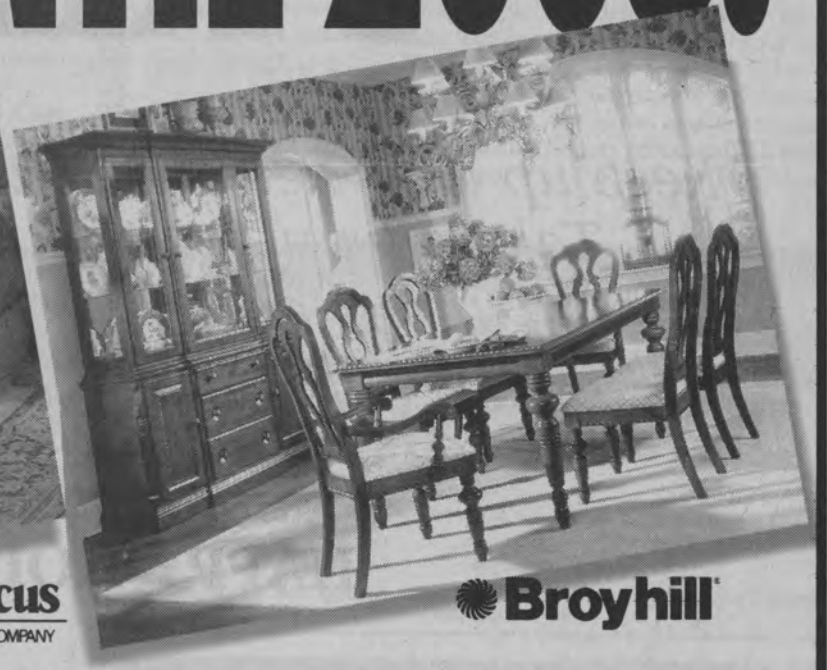
Newark resident Alice Joyce "Kelley" Colvin died on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001.

Mrs. Colvin, 74, was born in Shamokin, Pa. Early in her childhood she was a first string violinist for the Williamsport Area High School. She moved to Newark in 1980. She worked as a medical transcriptionist for St. Francis Hospital. She also worked at the University of Delaware. She retired in 1990.

She is survived by her children, Linda Matassa of Harwood, Md., Mike Kriner and Sean Kriner, both of Newark; and three grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Hockessin. Burial was in the All

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