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UP FRONT

Strike up the band

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HORTLY after the first of the year, on "deadline day," the day of the week when I don't even have

time to eat, my phone rang.
I usually take every call I receive but as the clock ticks closer to press time, sometimes I ask our office staff to screen my calls.

Who I'm trying to avoid are the salesmen. Ask any person who runs a business. I'm sure they'll tell you they get badgered every day with not one ot two,



Streit

but many unsolicited solications. From temp services, to those who insist they will help me "grow my business, to callers with southern accents selling cheap light bulbs, they all hit me up...constantly.

I run a business that depends on the effectiveness of its sales force so I always feel a tinge of guilt when I don't take calls from "Chris of the National Marketing Group," no matter how pressed I am for time.

The phone beeped that day and Kathy Burr announced it was "Andy about a sponsorship.

"Oh no, not another sports calendar," I thought, as I almost dove under the desk. For a split second, I thought about asking Kathy to tell my good friend Andy that I just

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HISTO

Elks Lodge to get state marker Sat.

By MANDEEP SINGH

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HE first predominantly African American site in the Newark area will receive an historic state marker this Saturday, commemorating 80 years of commu-

The Elks Lodge on 57 West Cleveland Ave. is the first black owned property to be honored with the marker it will receive during the 9:30 a.m. ceremony at the site, said Victoria Owens of the Newark Heritage Alliance.
"This is a trumpeting horn for the Elks," she said. "The Elks Lodge is the social anchor

for the community.'





NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

Members of the Elk Lodge include, from left to right, Shirley Slay, Gary Hayman, Morris Patrick Jr. (Elks Lodge president), Clarence Whigman and Charles Hall.

Temple's 34 members, work with the group in sponsoring community

They sponsor youth programs, fellowship events and benevolent outreach programs, Ownes wrote in a press release.

There are three criteria that a property must meet in order to be nominated by the Newark Heritage Alliance.

The building must be architecturally significant, have someone of local standing con-nected to the building, and contribute to the spirit of the com-

munity, Owens said.

The Elks lodge, she said, is not considered structurally significant. However, the group's involvement and history within

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Council pumps

Council okays higher than expected costs for treatment station

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THITMAN, Requardt and Associates' \$276,178 mistake is going to cost City of Newark residents.

Newark City Council voted 6-1 to pass a motion to increase the contract with Hart Construction Company for the addition of a pump station at the South Wellfield Treatment Plant and to extend construction phase services to Whitman, Requardt and Associates for this phase.

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Security, pot holes hot topics

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

RANSPORTATION, Homeland Security, smoking and even pot holes were some of the topics discussed during Tuesday's Town Meeting hosted by State Representative Tim Boulden and State Senator Liane Sorenson at John R. Downes Elementary School.

Boulden and Sorenson discussed legislative issues and answered questions from about 60 constituents. They also invited representatives from the state department of transportation (DelDOT), the Department of Homeland Security, Newark Police and city government to talk about the community and answer

Tom Myer, Special Project Manager for DelDOT told the audience about

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Two robbed at gunpoint

EWARK police are investigating an armed robbery that Occurred at the rear of the PNC Bank in Newark Shopping Center on Friday, March 21.

Newark Police reported that two victims, robbed at gunpoint, were a 15-year-old boy and a 19-year-old

The first suspect were described as a 17-to-18-year-old Hispanic male, five feet seven inches tall, with a shaved head, wearing a baseball hat and gray pants with white stains. The second suspect is described as a 19-to-20-year-old black man, six feet tall, wearing a black baseball hat, black leather jacket, white shirt and

jeans with white spots.

Police said the suspects fled toward East Main Street.

Identity theft

At 4:26 p.m. on Friday, March 21, Newark police were asked to investigate a case of identity theft when a Florida resident told officers that his Social Security number had been used to open a fradulent charge account.

Collections officials had told the victim that "his" account tallied \$1,800 in sales without any pay-

Police learned that the address on the credit card was listed to a Main Street location. The resident there told police she had received many credit card bills that were not hers and she had alerted U.S. postal officials of the frauds.

Investigation is continuing.

Pastor arrested in bad-check case

The Delaware State Police have arrested a self-proclaimed pastor for writing bad checks.

Troopers arrested Ronald Phillips, also known as Ronald Drakford, 27, of Newark, on March 20. State police were looking for Phillips for writing checks on two accounts from the American Spirit Federal Credit Union.

Police said Phillips allegedly opened the two accounts in December and had been overdrawing the accounts. State police have complaints from seven businesses in New Castle County for a loss totaling more than \$2,700.

He was charged by state police with a felony count of theft by false pretense and issuing a bad check. He was committed to the Department of Correction in default of \$2,600 bail.

Anyone with who may have had fraudulent dealings with Phillips is asked to call the state police at 834-2620 ext. 221.

Two attacked

Newark police reported that they were called to the Emergency Room at Christiana Hospital at 3 a.m. Sunday, March 23, and learned that two 18-year-old men had been ON DRUG CHARGES

middle school students arrested

ELAWARE State Police arrested five Shue-Medill Middle School students recently on drug-related charges.
Police said that on Wednesday,

March 12, a school administrator at Shue-Medill, 1550 Capitol Trail, was contacted by the parent of an eighth-grade student who advised that her son had been acting "different" lately. The parent requested that the school administrator check on the welfare of her son.

The student, a 13-year-old male, of Newark, was summoned to the office. He was found to be in possession of six small plastic bags containing marijuana in his pants pocket. He indicated he intended to sell the marijuana. He was also in possession of \$11 cash. Several additional students

were also implicated and summoned to the administrator's

Among the students summoned, a 16-year-old male was found to be in possession of \$1,736. No drugs were found in

his possession. A 14-year-old male of Newark was also found to be in possession of \$8, and three small plastic bags containing marijuana. It was determined that he had obtained the marijuana from a 15-year-old student from Newark. He was found to be in possession of \$50 and five small plastic bags

containing marijuana, police said. An additional 14-year-old male student, also from Newark, was found to be in possession of a small plastic bag containing mari-juana. It was determined that he had obtained the marijuana from

the first 14-year-old.

Three of the youths were charged with delivery of marijuana, possession of marijuana, and conspiracy.

One youth was charged with

delivery of marijuana and conspir-

acy.
The 14-year-old was charged with possession of marijuana.
Detectives recovered a total of 34 grams of marijuana and \$1,805 cash.

The victims told police they were walking along East Main Street near Academy about 2 a.m. when they were attacked from behind by three assailants. Both men were struck in the head. One of the victims was treated for a laceration of his fore-

The pair told police they did not know of any reason why they would be attacked. The assailants did not ask for money nor did the victims say anything to the suspects prior to the

Investigation is continuing.

PART I OFFENSES

Murder/mansla

Kidnap

Robbery

Burglary

Auto theft

TOTAL PART I

Other assaults

Criminal mischief

Weapons Other sex offenses

Alcohol

Drugs

Trespass

Alarm

PART II OFFENSES

Receiving stolen property

Noise/disorderly premise

Disorderly conduct

TOTAL PART II

MISCELLANEOUS

Recovered property

TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS

Animal control

TOTAL CALLS

Service

Theft

Attempted murder

Unlawful sexual contact

Aggravated assault

Four questioned

Four men were taken into custody at a home in the unit block Renee Court at 5:20 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, by Newark police for questioning after police were alerted of a burglary in progress.

Investigation is continuing, police

Fight on parking lot

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TO DATE TO DATE WEEK

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Weekly crime report

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TO DATE TO DATE WEEK

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STATISTICS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 9-15, 2003 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Newark police said they came upon a large crowd gathered in the rear parking lot of the Ground Floor, 60 N. College Ave., at 1:25 a.m. on

Sunday, March 23. Officers learned that a man had been assaulted during

Witnesses were interviewed and warrant procedures explained, police said. The victim was taken to Christiana Hospital for treatment of a cut above his eye.

Burglary attempt

A burglary apparently was thwarted at 1:38 a.m. on Sunday, March 23, by residents of a home in the 200 block Orchard Road.

Police were told that the residents were upstairs when they heard glass breaking. They yelled and turned on lights to discover that the glass in a rear door had been shattered

Police immediately searched the area but were unable to locate any suspects. Nothing was taken.

Three young teens held for sexual assault

New Castle County Police have arrested three Newark teens for breaking into a girl's home and sexually assaulting her.

Police said that on Monday, March 24, three teens, ranging in age from 12 to 14 years old, forcefully entered a residence located in the 400 block of Feather Drive in Raven Glen. The victim is a 12-year-old girl they knew from the area.

The defendants chased the victim

into her room and secured the door so she could not escape, police said. All three defendants then undressed the victim and sexually assaulted her. The defendants then fled the resi-

Responding officers located and arrested the defendants without incident. The defendants were charged with burglary, unlawful sexual contact, and unlawful imprisonment. All three youths were taken to the juvenile detention facility in lieu of \$7,500 secured bond.

16-year-old dies

A 16-year-old passenger who was riding in a 1993 Acura Vigor has died as a result of injuries he sustained in March 9 crash, according to the Delaware State Police.

Jeffrey Mason, 16, of Newark, died Monday at 9:41 p.m. at

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VOTERS TO DECIDE TAX HIKE ON APRIL 10

Board sets lower rate

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

AST Wednesday the Christina School Board met in a special session at Gauger-Cobbs Middle School in Newark to discuss the referendum that deals with helping to replenish the district's operating budget.

At the meeting, the board unanimously voted in favor of a smaller tax hike than previously proposed, saving residents 4 cents per \$100 of assessed property value.

The April 10 referendum will have two parts. Section One calls for a 36-cent tax increase per \$100 of assessed property value to ensure continuation of current operations and eduational services.

FOR THE RECORD

■ In last week's Newark Post in the article "Finals cause a stir," Newark High School Senior Class President's name should have read Rich Houseal.

Also, the statement about the second offense for walking out of class should have read may possibly lead to expulsion.

Section Two asks for an additional 10 cents increase to fund new programs. Section One must pass in order to influence Section Two.

Income from the additional 10-cent tax would be used for a full-day kindergarten for academically at-risk students and to expand services for gifted and talented students.

The referendum is the first time in 13 years that the district is

asking for a tax increase for its operating expenses, which covers such things as teacher salaries and school supplies.

Increasing taxes would allow the district to maintain programs and replenish its reserve fund, which has been depleted over the last few years. The district needs about \$17.1 million to pay expenses from July 1 to Nov. 1



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ERIC G. STARK

ANTI-WAR PROTEST

In spite of a cold rain, these Newark residents protested the war in Iraq and encouraged peace by asking motorists to honk while driving on Main Street last Friday.

Honored at White House

AROL Antes, a mathematics teacher at John R.
Downes Elementary, was recently honored by the White House at the 2002 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching ceremony that was held on Friday, March 21.

Antes is among 167 teachers recognized for an extraordinary ability to inspire students to learn by bringing challenging concepts to life in the classroom.

"These honored teachers have the gift to kindle excitement in young people about complex ideas that can be intimidating to young learners," said National Science Foundation Director Dr. Rita Colwell. "Educators like these bring contagious enthusiasm into the classroom and weave the essential life skill of critical thinking into the fabric of our rising generations."

The Presidential Award for

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the nation's highest honor for elementary and secondary school math and science teachers.

Antes received a citation signed by President Bush, a \$7,500 cash award from NSF to improve science and mathematics instruction, gifts from donors, and the trip to the presentation.

Newark first again with container law

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ONDAY night Newark City Council, again, took the forefront in the state of Delaware, passing an ordinance that prohibits both the driver and passenger from having open containers of alcohol in their possession in a vehicle.

"Currently in the state of

"Currently in the state of Delaware and in the City of Newark you are allowed to have open containers in the passenger seat," Newark City Manager Carl Luft said. "It's a strong move."

The ordinance passed unani-

mously, meaning no one in the passenger seat is allowed to have open or unsealed bottles, cans, jars, or other receptacles containing alcoholic beverages. This includes the glove compartment or areas commonly called "consoles."

Penalty for first offenses would range between \$100 and \$500. Subsequent offenses would be between \$500 and \$2,000.

This would not apply to passengers in buses, taxis and limousines.

"This is another step in Newark with showing our leadership with alcohol consumption," Newark Mayor Hal Godwin said.

Special club for kids readies for Sunday musical

RIRST Presbyterian Church of Newark hosts Kids' Klub, a seven-week program that runs from January through March. It culminates with a light and lively musical production presented to the congregation and local community at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on March 30.

This year's musical is "Down

by the Creek Bank." It is a musical program with a bit of southern twang.

Children ages 4-12 participate in Kids' Klub at First Presbyterian, which is located at 292 W. Main St. in Newark.. About 25 kids meet every Wednesday for the two-hour program.







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Lizzie Garver, Stephanie Bailey, Henry Cornerll, Emilly Cornell and Matt Hundley.

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On Campus NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

BRIEFLY

Gov. Minner to open breakfast series with budget talk

ELAWARE Gov. Ruth Ann Minner will be the keynote speaker Thursday, April 3, during the University of Delaware's

2002-2003 Leadership Development Breakfast Series. The topic of her talk is the "Proposed 2004 Budget to the Delaware General Assembly." It will con-



Minner

clude with an open question and answer session.

The breakfast will be held at the Goodstay Center on UD's Wilmington Campus, 2600 Pennsylvania Ave. A breakfast buffet will be offered from 7-8 a.m., and the governor's presentation will be held from 8-9 a.m.

Cost of registering for breakfast and the presentation is \$24 per person.

Discounted registration is available for nonprofit organizations/agencies, and for reg-istering a whole or half table from the same corporation, organization or agency.

Minner presented her 2004 budget proposal to a joint session of the Delaware General Assembly in January, a proposal containing \$155 million in budget cuts which still attempts to preserve core state government services.

Leaders in business, finance, nonprofit, and other sectors are invited to attend this discussion to learn more about how the state's financial climate may affect their organizations and the region's economy.

The Leadership Development Breakfast series is cosponsored by the University's Department of Consumer Economics and the Division of Professional and Continuing Studies. For registration or more information, call 571-5239.

Newark man new UD dean

Barnekov to lead College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy

TIMOTHY K. Barnekov, of Newark, acting dean of the University of Delaware's College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy (CHEP) since September 2001, has been named dean of the college effective July 1, Provost Dan Rich announced recently.

"In unanimously recommending Dr. Barnekov's appointment, the search committee noted the widespread support for his appointment within the college and in the communities that the college serves. The search committee commended Dr. Barnekov for his service as acting dean, indicating that faculty and staff have expressed confidence in his ability and in his participatory and effective leadership," Rich

"In the committee's view, he has demonstrated that he understands, accepts and can meet the challenges that CHEP currently faces, and that he is committed to fulfilling the vision and opportunities of the college," Rich added.

"I agree with the search committee," Rich continued, "Dean Barnekov has served the University with distinction for many years, and he is ready and able to lead CHEP to new levels of accomplishment in the years ahead. President Roselle and I believe that CHEP will flourish under Dean Barnekov's leadership. We look forward to continuing to work with him, and we are confident that CHEP's achievements and contributions will be enhanced through his leader-

ship."
Prior to his appointment as acting dean, Barnekov had been director of UD's Center for Community Development and Family Policy since 1992. He joined the UD faculty in 1970 and has served as both acting dean and associate dean of the former College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, as well as director of the urban affairs and public policy graduate program in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy.

He received his bachelor's

degree from the University of California in 1962 and then, after serving two years in the Peace



Barnekov

Corps in Africa, he went on to obtain a master's degree from San Jose State College and a doctorate from Syracuse University, all in political science.

Barnekov's scholarship has focused on the role of the private sector in urban policy and programs. He is the co-author of "Privatism and Urban Policy in Britain and the United States," published by Oxford University Press, and "Neighborhoods: Changing Perspectives and Policies." He also has published many journal articles, book chapters, essays, monographs and technical reports.

As a member of the faculty in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, Barnekov led the development of the specialization in community development and nonprofit leadership that after only a few years achieved recognition as one of the most significant graduate programs in community development in the coun-

Well-known throughout the state, Barnekov has been involved in numerous community projects that have contributed to the efforts of public and non profit agencies in Delaware to serve low- and moderate-income Graduate students citizens. working with Barnekov have helped establish a Boys and Girls Club on Route 40, near Glasgow build a resource center for comorganizations Wilmington and promote urban neighborhood and small town revitalization.



respected leaders and a key player in inter-national peace efforts, George J. Mitchell (left) will deliver the address at the University of Delaware's 154th Commencement. where he will receive an

honorary degree.

The free public ceremony, which will be held outdoors rain or shine, will begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 31, in Delaware Stadium.

'Sen. George Mitchell will bring our graduates and their families the distinctive perspective of an individual whose leadership has had an impact on both our nation and our

director of the Office of Alumni and University Relations, said in making the announcement. "As a man known for his intelligence, commitment and principles, he promises to give the Class of 2003 a thought-provoking and interesting talk."

Appointed to the U.S.
Senate in 1980 to complete

the term of Sen. Edmund S. Muskie when he became secretary of state, Mitchell was elected to a full term in 1982 and had an illustrious career in the Senate until he left in 1995. Highly regarded by senators of both parties, he was voted "the most respected member" of the

of senior congressional aides

for six consecutive years.

After leaving the Senate,
Mitchell was asked by the British and Irish governments to chair peace negotiations in Northern Ireland, and, under his leadership, an historic accord, ending decades of conflict, was agreed to by the governments of Ireland and the United Kingdom and the political parties of Northern Ireland. In May 1998, the agreement was overwhelmingly endorsed by the voters of Ireland-North and Southin a referendum.

Awareness raised, alcohol panel told

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

EMBERS of Building Responsibility Coalition held their annual meeting last Friday to review and evaluate the programs sponsored in the past year to curb underage drinking.

In analyzing results from a survey which was distributed to university students, members of the group agreed that there is an improved insight on the dangers of consuming alcohol.

increased responsibility through the program," Rick Francolino, president of the Delaware Undergraduate Student Council said. "Students are more responsive if the program is used and presented as an educational tool versus something which is going to hinder their freedom.'

According to the survey, there has been a consistent percentage, if not an increase, in the information presented to students at the university. Students have increased knowledge of the legal rules and the physical and emotional effects of the consumption of alcohol.

As stated in the survey, 62 percent of university students know how to recognize a drinking problem in contrast to only 46 percent in 1993.

"Maybe we've taught students to take better care of each other,' John Bishop, co-chair for the group, said.

To further expand their goals of combating underage drinking, the organization is sponsoring two more alcohol-free nights, such as the one held on March 8, at the Stone Balloon.

planned for April 10, and May 17, are going to have more university groups involved, a decreased cover charge, and the possibility of a battle of the bands, Tracy Bachman, the organization's coordinator, said.

The group, in conjunction with M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) is also continuing in their efforts to push for .08 as the legal blood alcohol level in the state of Delaware.

awareness through the program,' Steve Martin, a member of the evaluation team for the Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, said.

In the past year alone, the group has had several victories such as the restriction of happy hour and drink specials from 4-9

"Legislatively," Bishop said, "it's been a busy year for Newark.'

Increased costs a surprise

► COSTS, from 1

Several council members were not happy to have to spend such a significant increase of money for the pump station designed to remove chemicals at the water treatment plant off Rt. 72. The proposal by Construction for the pump station is now \$416,178 and the construction phase services total \$46,000 for the South Wellfield Plant Project. WRA did not update its estimate prior to submitting it to city officials.

"I'm a little concerned with a one page document that says \$446,000," city council member Karl Kalbacher said.

"I understand why you would be uncomfortable," Newark City Manager Carl Luft said. "As your city manager I recommend addi-tional expenditures, because I don't think we have a choice. It is really a matter of timing of the

Newark City Water Director Joseph Dombrowski recommend-

This is a rather uncomfortable position to be in."

JERRY CLIFTON

ed to council to approve the increase so work on the project could continue on its current pace. He said if council decided to use another contractor, the city would have to go through the permit process again. That could potentially take another year, he

The project is scheduled to be completed later this spring. The city is building a \$16 million reservoir and a \$3.1 million water treatment facility.

'This is a rather uncomfortable position to be in," council member Jerry Clifton said. "I would like more detail in the procedure that brought us to this point.

Clifton and Kalbacher were in favor of a motion to table the project until additional paper work could be obtained to explain the increase. The motion failed on a 5-2 vote. Kalbacher still voted against passing the project, saying there was no hurry.
"This is a lot of money," he

said. "We owe it to the citizens of Newark to get all the details.

In November WRA gave an estimate of \$140,000 for construction costs to put in a pump station to remove compounds and improve plant efficiency.

WRA recently informed the city that its original estimate was based on a conceptual plan that was not updated by WRA for construction. WRA has since provided a construction estimate of

"Although I am not happy," Newark Mayor Hal Godwin said, "I respect Joe Dombrowski's opinion. Although I don't have all the details, I know Joe does. I trust Joe and his opinion.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOHN LLERA

SHOOTING CATS & DOGS

Local residents lined up for animal shots and licences last Sunday at the George Wilson Center. There were 112 dogs and 69 cats who received shots and 88 dogs licenses were issued.

Need a speaker?

The staff of the Newark Post is always anxious to get out in their community and meet the members of local clubs and organizations. And we welcome the opportunity to provide a speaker for a program. We could discuss the importance of community journalism today or share an entertaining 20-minute program of unintentional but nonetheless hilarious headlines. Call publisher Jim Streit to set a date with our speakers bureau. Telephone 737-0724.

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By ELBERT CHANCE

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

TEWARK resident Cheryl A. Hamilton, one of the world's topranked gymnastics judges, will lead a small delegation of U.S. athletes and officials to Greece this month to participate in a meet that will help prepare them for the 38th Olympiad in Athens in 2004.

Hamilton made a similar trip to Australia prior to the Olympic Games in Sydney, and the experience the athletes gained proved beneficial.

Though\ the Olympiad is more than a year away, gymnasts throughout the world are already focusing on

this event.

The recent American Cup held at Mason George University in Fairfax, Va., and the U. S. Gymnastics Championships sched-uled June 19, through June 22, in Milwaukee, are regarded as important Chance



opportunities for aspiring Olympians to hone and display their skills. Similar events are being held in other countries, and this month's competition in Athens is especially important because it will give the athletes a feel for the Olympic venue.

Hamilton's involvement in gymnastics began more than 30 years ago during her years at Oakcrest High School in Mays Landing, N. J.

Her participation continued at Fairmont State College in W. Va., from which she graduated in 1972.

Shortly after moving to Delaware, she became a coach at the First State School of Gymnastics and by 1978, she had become owner of the school which she continued to operate until 1988.

During that decade, she was increasingly sought as a judge, and served in that capacity at a number of NCAA National Gymnastics Championships.

She was named an assistant judge for the Women's Artistic Gymnastics World Championships at Fort Worth, Texas, in 1979, and the 1984 Olympics in Los

■ The author recently retired as the familiar voice announcing University of Delaware home football games, a job he had done for five decades. Chance is a long-time Newark resident.

Hamilton's role extends far beyond the judging of national and international events."

From 1986, through 1998, she was regional chairman for the U.S. Age Group Women's Technical Committee, and in 1991, she was named an assistant judge for the World Championships in Indianapolis.

During this period she also was invited to judge international competitions in Brazil, China, Malaysia, New Zealand, Russia, and South Africa.

Her increasing stature was reflected in subsequent assignments as assistant judge for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta; repeated service as judge for the Pan American Games; for the 1998 Goodwill Games; the 17th World Maccabiah Games; and, the 2002 World Championships in Budapest,

She already has been named a judge for World Championships Competition scheduled later this year in Los Angeles.

Hamilton's achievements have been

widely recognized.

She was voted "Judge of the Year" by the United States Elite Coaches Association in 1993, 1996, 1997 and 1999.

In 2001 she represented the U.S. at the International Brevet Course in The Netherlands where she earned the Brevet International License, the highest award given a gymnastics judge.

She ranked among the top ten of the 150 judges participating.

In the same year she was awarded lifetime membership in the National Association of Gymnastics Judges, and received the United States Gymnastics Service Star Award.

Her hometown recognized her in 1997 when her name and photo were added to the Oakcrest High School Athletics Hall of

Hamilton's role extends far beyond the judging of national and international

She has been national chairman of the USA Women's Technical Committee since 1998, and is a member of the board of

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OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, Out of the Attic features an interesting aerial photograph of Newark, provided by the University of Delaware Archives. This bird's eye view of the University of Delaware and central portions of Newark looks north. Alison Hall, built in 1952, is visible, as are the temporary dormitories located in the southeastern corner of South Campus, which were demolished in 1956. According to Ian Janssen, of University Archives, it is believed the photograph was taken at some point between those years and it provides a good portrait of the growth of Newark and the campus during the 1950s. Readers are encouraged to provide historic photos for publication in "Out of the Attic." Special care will be taken. For information, call 737-0724. Send submission to: "Out of the Attic," Newark Post, 153 E. Chestnut Hill Rd., Newark 19713.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post throughout the years

■ March 21, 1928

Women's College Glee Club concert Friday

Newark and University folks will have a treat on Friday evening in Wolf Hall when the Glee Club Women's College will present its annual spring

The club has more than fifty members, and is under the direction of Miss Mary Edith Gillespie.

Hearn Dairy herds make milk records

Mr. C.P. Hearn, of Newark, who now owns and operates three dairy farms in this vicinity, and has just bought the Alfred W. Walker farm where he will establish another herd of cows, has received figures from the farms that take his output, that establish a record for butter fat content for herds of the

type which he maintains. Mr. Hearns's herds are comprised largely of Guernays, The three farms which he is operating now are The Blue Hen Farm, Newark; The White Hall Farm, Elkton, Md.; and The The Belmont Farm. near Wilmington.

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

Fire wrecks Compton Hall, Father Grant's **Recreation Building**

Early this morning, a fire completely demolished Compton Hall, the recreation center of St. John's E.C. parish.

The building, which was near the residence of Father James M. Grant, was an old barn which had been converted into a hall and pavilion.

The inside finishing had not been entirely completed. The loss was roughly estimated at \$12,000.

The Aetna Fire company was the second fire company arriving at the

■ March 25, 1981 Bake, rummage and flea market

On March 26th, there will be a Bake, Rummage

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Well-timed help arrives

From: Betty and Everett Brown

A great big thank you is in order to the City of Newark police officer that came to the rescue of a very distraught woman and her husband the other day. Our day started out normal but quickly we found ourselves in the middle of tying up traffic on Cleveland Avenue in Newark, at the busy noon hour, on trash day-with a car that just decided it didn't want to run anymore and died right then and there! We were trying to direct traffic around us to avoid getting hit and if we weren't nervous enough, it started to snow. Panic was setting in at a rapid pace. Then when I thought it couldn't get any worse, I was in desperate need of a restroom. At that moment, a City of

Newark police officer observed the situation and came to our rescue. After handling the situation with traffic, he drove me in his police car to the nearest fast food restaurant. The experience of riding in the rear of a patrol car was enlightening - no door handles, no cushioned seats. Just imagine when he pulled up at the establishment and let a mature woman out of the car to go inside (and I was moving fast) and the patrons having lunch-the look on their faces was priceless.

I was in such a state of mind that I do not remember the officer's name so I am thanking him by having thousands of readers know what a relief it was that he came along in our hour of need.

Our prayers and thanks to all City of Newark police officers, God bless.

Hamilton top international judge

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directors of Judge Certification

Perhaps her most important responsibility is the training of other officials. She is vice president of Written and Practical Exams, coordinator for the

National Course for the Junior Age Group Program, and liaison to the Junior Olympic Coaches Committee. In addition to overseeing the editing of the Technical Rule Book for Junior Age Group Competition, she is a frequently sought speaker and clinician.

People, memories survive

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and Flea Market. It will benefit the Oblate Sisters of Saint Francis de Sales. It will be on grounds of Mount Aviat Academy, Childs, Maryland. Cream puffs, rice pudding, stuffed cabbage, meat balls, cakes, pies. Bring your own containers.

Short singles to organize

A singles group exclusively for short people who are between the ages of 23-33 is forming in the Newark-Elkton areas.

Activities include: wine and cheese parties, discussion, dining out during weekdays.

■ March 29, 1996 Residents, memories survive fire

The Newark city fire marshal determined that the blaze which left 10 historic rowhouses with extensive structural and fire damage apparently started somewhere in the area of units 125 1/2-127 Cleveland Ave.

According to fire marshal Kenneth Farrall, investigators believe the fire started and burned for some time before discovery. "The first call we got was from unit 125," said Farrall, "but we don't know for sure where it started.

Farrall said the homes built in 1908-09 had no firewalls so the fire "extended into the concealed spaces" between the buildings. 'There were numerous concealed combustible spaces and additions put on later with combustible

spaces" said Farrall. All the buildings and additions communicated with each

'I could hear the fire crackling' victim recalls

The fire that ravaged a row of historic houses on Cleveland Avenue last weekend took with it floors, ceilings, walls and belongings of the people who lived there. In some cases, only memories survived.

'There's a lot replace - the sentimental things,' said Ned Kibler standing outside the burned home of his mother Flora Kibler.

Luckily 73-year-old Flora Kibler was not at home on Saturday, March 23 when her house on 129 E. Cleveland Ave. ignited in a blaze that took over three hours to extinguish.

"I could hear fire crackling

said her son, David room,' Kibler who was at home that morning.

Galleria restaurants: Lose some, win some this week

It was lose some, win some for new Galleria restaurants in Newark this week. On March 21, the Board of Adjustment turned down Saladworks' request for a variance but city council approved a special permit for Grotto Pizza at their regular meeting on Monday night.

According to planning director, Saladworks cannot proceed with their plans to open in the Galleria unless they make some

The easiest thing for them to do, and what they have to decide now, is to change the things that define them as a fast food operation," explained Lopata.

Grotto Pizza was more successful on their second pass at city council for a special permit to operate an arcade/gameroom in their new restaurant on Main

Their application, tabled after much discussion on Feb. 26, was granted this time with a long list of conditions attached.



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OUTLOOK

Spring can mean disaster

By CINDY GENAU

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

O matter who I talk to recently, I am hearing parents and students talk about plans for spring break, senior proms and high school graduation week at the beach. Every spring students celebrate completing a semester in college and graduating from high school. I also know that those same events are

likely to be focused around underage drinking and driving.

The combination of those ingredients - celebrations and alcohol can be disastrous because they



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may lead to car crashes, injuries, and deaths. It is hard to believe that in Delaware in 2001, we lost 10 young drivers between the ages of 16-21 due to alcohol-related crashes. In addition, the same age group suffered 202 alcohol-related crash injuries. Some of these teens were from Newark.

So how can we help avoid these tragedies on our roadways to the young people that we love? We want them to have fun, but we also need for them to make good choices about how they celebrate so that they can be safe, too. Many colleges and high schools have targeted programs to remind young people not to fall into the trap of going along with the crowd and to help them learn to make individual, healthy choices for themselves: Many high schools hold after prom events so that students may celebrate together longer, but in a safe, alcohol-free environment. At a meeting of members of the local high schools and the University Schools Alliance, a sub-committee was making plans on how to combat the abuse of alcohol by high school

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AFTER A CENTURY,

Newark sleuth discovers artist

By CHARLES BALLARD

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

POR almost a century postcard collectors have been captivated with the radiant images of an unknown artist. His clean cut lines, pastel colors and attention for detail brought to life scenes with beautiful women, animals, mystical creatures and meticulous backgrounds.

Luckily, Samuel L.
Schmucker is finally getting his recognition, thanks in part to Dorothy Ryan of Newark. Her persistent detective work helped to put a name to the artwork.

An exhibit at The University Gallery at the University of Delaware offers visitors a chance to see the result of Ryan's hard work. The gallery hosts the first ever exhibit of Schmucker's original pieces.

Ryan has been collecting postcards her entire life and has thousands to display. However, she has always been fascinated with Schmucker's work.

"His pieces have always stood out," she said. "I wanted to know who he was."

Ryan noticed the initials, "SLS" on several of the cards from the Detroit Publishing Co. and the John Winsch Publishing Co. of New York.

She began her research at the federal copyright office which turned up Schmucker's name



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD

Dorothy Ryan's persistent detective work helped identify the artwork Samuel L. Schmucker. She stands next to some of his work.

and a Wilmington address.

"I thought he was a local artist," she said, "so I wanted to learn more about him."

The background work also took her to the local history

records and interviews with Schmucker's nephew in Reading, Pa.

"He told me several antidotes about his uncle," she said. "He even gave me an original painting."

Ryan's research led her to a meeting with Jack and Susan Davis of Bozeman, Mont. who

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STARK RAVING

I met my hero and he blew me off

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

can still remember the song "Borderline" playing on the radio as we pulled out of the parking lot. It was a day I will not forget; it was the day I became a basketball fan.

No, it had nothing to do with Madonna singing on the radio, other than I remember the song and day like it was yesterday, instead of occurring more than 20 years ago.

It wasn't Madonna, but Moses that had me excited. That would be Moses Malone, the newly acquired center, who signed as a free agent with the Sixers. He and the Sixers were at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. for their first practice of the 1982-83 season. I was 10 years old.

I watched as this giant of a man, all 6-foot-10 inches of him, worked hard under the basket. He would have a huge impact on my life.

I told him as much on March 14 when I met him before the Sixers played the Portland Trailblazers. The 1982-83 championship team was honored at halftime of the game. Prior to the game I ran into Moses.

I asked him how he got so good. He said, "Hard work. Practice," and then he walked away. Later, I bumped into him

again. This time I asked for an autograph. I know I was probably pushing it, but he was my favorite player, someone I patterned my game after.

Moses, who has since retired and is

now a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., was cool in my eyes. He played center, when professional basketball actually had big men who could play close to the basket. Instead in today's game there



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is only one legitimate center in Shaquille O'Neil, and he just overpowers people with his only offensive move – the step to the basket and dunk.

No, in the early 80s Moses had some competition and he actually had some moves. But anything he may have lacked in skill, he made up for in hard work. He didn't fly through the air sink long-distance jumpers. Instead, he did the little things. He was relentless at rebounding the ball around the basket, and he had a very smooth fade-away jumper.

Being bigger than most kids my age in fourth grade, I played center, the same position as Moses. 1 started copying his

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'Watching Moses had the biggest impact on me'

► RAVING, from 8

every move. I copied his fadeaway jumper and even slowly jogged up the court like him, and I, too, made up for a lack of cer-tain skills by attempting to outwork and out-hustle my oppo-

I recently received a letter from my former high school basketball coach and journalism teacher, Bob Borden. He helped me break into the newspaper scene and also nurtured me in my basketball playing career, which ended in high school because my lack of size and talent caught up with me

But a lot of the characteristics I copied from Moses stayed with me and carried over into my schooling and later my profes-

I wasn't the most skilled or talented player, but I had a will to win. The same applies today in my work and my career at the newspaper. I try to make up for a lack of skill in certain areas with hard work and strong will to suc-

In Mr. Borden's (I'll still show respect) letter, he mentioned my hard work as a reason why I was successful. This made me feel good. I truly believe by working hard and wanting to be successful, good things will happen.

So while Moses was signing his name on a piece of notebook paper, I told him that my first experience with basketball that I can remember occurred when I saw him practice at F&M, how he inspired me to play the sport.

He nodded and walked away. A thank you would have been nice, or at least he could have

He nodded and walked away. A 'thank you' would have been nice...'

said, "Glad I could help inspire you." Nothing.

I won't allow this to taint my view of Moses. I said what I wanted to say, and how many people actually get to meet their

heroes anyway?
Actually, all the players on the 1982-83 championship team were my heroes when I was younger. These players inspired me to watch and play basketball; it is still my favorite sport. The

team had superstars in Julius Erving (Dr. J), Maurice Cheeks, Andrew Toney and role players like Bobby Jones, Franklin Edwards, Clemon Johnson and Clint Richardson. They all fit together and made it work, compiling a 65-11 record and breezing through the playoffs to sweep the Los Angles Lakers in the

But watching Moses had the biggest impact on me. He instilled in me certain qualities like working hard and being determined, attributes that have stayed with me long after my fade-away jumper failed me.

■ The author was editor of The Hershey Chronicle prior to becoming the Newark Post news editor. A graduate of Penn State, he has been a community journalist for more than a decade.

200 post cards in show

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have the largest collection of Schmucker originals.

Their collaborative efforts helped to create the book on Schmucker. Ryan wrote two chapters of the book titled "Samuel L. Schmucker: The Discovery of His Lost Art."

"I wrote the biography chapter and the art charter at the beginning of the book," she said.

The exhibit, which has the same title as the book, runs through March 28 and features approximately 200 postcards and 90 watercolors from what historians call the "golden age" post-

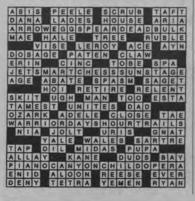
Parents play most critical role

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graduates at the beach in June. But it is not the schools that have the most impact on what decisions young people make, it is the

A 2001 survey of 500 parents and 500 students conducted by SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions/Students Against Drunk Driving) and Liberty Mutual Insurance Group,

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.



indicated that parents play the most critical role in guiding their children's decisions regarding drinking and driving, drug use and sex. The research indicated that parents can take an active role in determining the decision their teen is likely to make. John Connors. Executive Vice-Connors, President of Liberty Mutual, stated, "The most important message for parents is that you do make a difference." The research also supported the following: teens who had open communication with their parents were more likely to say that their parents' method of preventing them from using drugs was effective; teens who had open communication with their parents were significantly more likely to try to live up to their parents expectations; and parents who adopt zero tolerance attitudes about destructive decision making by their teens may be more effective in helping their children avoid trouble.

The teens actually formulated a list of strategies for parents to follow to help their teens in good decision making: staying up late until teens return home; enforc-ing curfews; requiring that teens sleep at home; calling friends' parents to ensure supervision; asking teens to "check in" by phone during the evening; and enforcing consequences for mis-behavior. SADD actually has a prepared "Contract For Life" that parents can use to facilitate communication about destructive decisions related to alcohol, drugs, peer pressure and behav-

By starting communication when our children are young, and continuing those conversations through high school and college, it will better prepare them for the choices they make throughout life. Don't delay any longer, this spring talk to your children about making informed decisions about their safety and it may be a spring to truly celebrate.

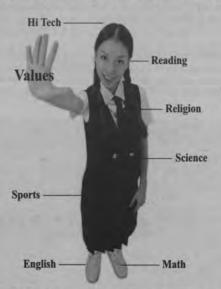
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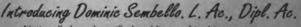


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ART AUCTION 7 p.m. auction to benefit the church building fund at Christ the Teacher School on Route 40. \$10 admission will include wine & cheese and other refreshments, and the auction. For tickets or information, call 832-0627 or 832-9513.

ARMY BLUES 7:15 p.m. concert in Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Rd. Free and open to the public.

BOOK OF DAYS Through April 12. Murder mystery play presented by the Chapel Street Players. Tickets and times 368-2248

THE VIBRANT AND ENERGETIC WORK OF SCARLET Through March 31. Art exhibition featuring Wilmington artist Riva Brown's bold and colorful style at You've Been Framed, 172 E. Main St. Gallery. Info., 366-

RALPH BEGLEITER University of Delaware professor of communication will speak on "The U.S. and the Middle East: Media, Image and Policy from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Arsht Hall on the University's Wilmington campus. 573-

TRICKY TRAY RAFFLE 6:30 p.m. fundraiser also known as a Chinese Auction will feature themed trays filled with merchandise and gift certificates donated by area businesses. The adults-only evening will be held at and benefit The Heritage Elementary School. 633-0454.

THE BOYS CHOIR OF HARLEM 8 p.m.Classical and modern music including popular songs, spirituals, gospel, and jazz at The Grand Opera House in Wilmington. Tickets and times, 652-5577.

FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES Through April 27. Sculpture exhibit by Carrie Gantt Quade at Cecil Community College. Gallery open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info., 410-287-1023.

JANET DIXON & DANIEL LAWRENCE Through tomorrow. Watercolors.

JANET DIXON & DANIEL LAWRENCE Through tomorrow. Watercolors on exhibit at Hardcastle Gallery in Centerville. Info., 655-5230.

MAN AND SUPERMAN Through April 12. Romantic comedic play telling the story of a wealthy social revolutionary who lives by pure reason and plans to remain a bachelor at The Players Club Theatre in Swarthmore, Pa. Tickets and times, 610-328-4271.

BRUCE ANTHONY 6 p.m.Local jazz phenomenon at Home Grown Cafe' &

Gourmet to Go, 126 East Main Street, no cover. 266-6993.

WELCOME SPRING Through April 11. Enjoy the illusion that spring is here. Daffodils, tulips, and other old-fashioned favorites bloom in the palatial Orangery and Exhibition Hall at Longwood Gardens. Info., 610-388-

COMEDY CABARET Through tomorrow. 9:45 p.m. From Comedy Central
Chris Coccia; from HBO and ESPN, the big fat comedy of Jeff Pirrami; with special guest Chip Kettle at Colby & Company, 801 S. College Ave. \$15. Info., 652-6873.

AFRICAN AMERICANS IN CINEMA Through May 16. Exhibition on view in the Information Room on the first floor of the Morris Library on South College Ave., Info., 831-2231.

DEFINING HER LIFE: ADVICE BOOKS FOR WOMEN Through June



On March 30 at 2:30 p.m. Longwood Gardens, located in Kennett Square, Pa, presents The Taming of the Shrew, staged by Shenandoah Shakespeare Express from Stauton, Va. Tickets are now on sale. For more information, call 610-388-1000, ext. 451.

13. Exhibition on view in the Special Collections Gallery at Morris Library on South College Ave. Info., 831-2231.

MEET THE ARTIST Through April 30. Exhibition of jewelry designed by Chadds Ford artist and goldsmith Donald Pywell. Included in the exhibit will be Contemporary rings, bracelets, earrings, necklaces and brooches at the Delaware Art Museum. Info., 571-9590.

MANATEES: THE EDGE OF EXTINCTION Through May 18. Hands-on

educational exhibit telling the story of manatees with interactive displays, specimens and more at the Delaware Museum of Natural History. For more nformation, call 658-9111.

ANNA BRELSFORD MCCOY Through April 5. Watercolor art t exhibit by the granddaughter of N.C. Wyeth's at The Somerville Manning Gallery on Breck's Mill in Greenville. For more information, call 652-0271. A THOUSAND HOUNDS: A WALK WITH THE DOGS THROUGH THE

HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY Through May 4. More than 200 photographs and five photographic sculptures dating from 1840 to the present at the First USA Riverfront Arts Center. Info., 800-228-9933.

MONSTERS, MICKEY, AND MOZART: THE ART OF MAURICE SENDAK Through May 18. Exhibition honoring Sendak's achievements by presenting 60 original drawings at Brandywine River Museum. Info., 610-

 2x4 SQUARE DANCE 8-10:30 p.m. plus level square dance at Shue-Medill school. \$5 per person. Info., 610-255-5449.
 DYNAMIC CONTRASTS 7:30 p.m. Concert featuring The Brass Experience and the Bowman-Braddock Duo at The Wilmington Music School. For tickets, call 762-1132.

SATURDAY

WHITE CLAY CREEK CLEAN-UP 8:30 a.m. annual clean-up campaign along the banks of the White Clay Creek. Meet at the Chambers house Nature Center. Gloves and bags will be provided. Groups welcome! 368-6900.

CRABMEAT 6 p.m. Acoustic Blues & Folk at Home Grown Cafe' & Gourmet to Go, 126 East Main Street, no cover. 266-6993.

SATURDAY TOURS 10 and 11 a.m. Tours on varying exhibits at Delaware Art Museum, Kentmere Pkwy, Wilmington. Free. Info, 571-0220.

HATS OFF TO SPRING 6 p.m. dinner, auction, music and dancing with the Sin City Band to benefit the Epilepsy foundation of Delaware at the Wilmington Country Club. For tickets and reservations, call 999-9313.

CELTIC CELEBRATION 4 p.m. Irish and Welsh Folk music at the Education and Event Center at Wheaton Village in Millville N.J. Info., 856-825-6800

GUIDED WALKS Weekends through June 29. 1:30 p.m. hour-long walks leaving from the Galleries Reception area led by garden guides at Winterthur. \$5 in addition to the Estate Passport, and reservations are suggested. Info., 888-4820.

EDGAR ALLEN POE-ONCE UPON A MIDNIGHT 8 p.m. performance at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington. Tickets and times, 652-5577.

DEGAS AND THE DANCE Through May 11 Comprehensive exhibition of paintings, works on paper, and sculptures by Edgar Degas at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. For info. and tickets, call 215-235-SHOW.

WIND IN THE WILLOWS Saturdays through May 10. Children's theater performance based on the classic children's novel by Kenneth Grahame at the Candlelight Music Theatre. Performances for school groups are offered on most Wednesdays and Fridays. Tickets and times, 475-2313

RESPONSIBLE WATER USE IN THE GARDEN Daylong event offering gardeners information on how to create beautiful landscapes with reduced demands on water supply at Wintherthur. Info., 831-2517.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 28

LONG TERM CARE 8:45 a.m. -1:30 p.m. conference to include workshops and panel discussions with time for questions and answers at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, 737-2336.

STRENGTH TRAINING Fridays and Mondays at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336. INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE Fridays

Through April 11. 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. AARP volunteers available for help at the Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. First come, first served. Info., 737-

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. every

Saturday morning at Greater Grace Church, 30 Blue Hen Dr. \$5 donation goes to missions. Info., 738-1530.

DIVORCECARE Saturdays and Wednesdays. Separated/divorced persons meet at Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark. All welcome.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

JAZZERCIZE Mondays, Tuesdays and

Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info., 737-2336. CHORUS OF BRANDYWINE 7:30 p.m. every Monday. Men's barbershop rehearsals at MBNA Bowman

Conference Center, Ogletown. All are welcome. 655-SING.

Welcome. 653-5ING.

GUARDIANS' SUPPORT 6-8 p.m.

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

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m Mondays at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Avenue, Newark. For information, call 368-2318.

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

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

■ TUESDAY, APRIL 1

WOMEN'S SEDER 7 p.m. spiritually uplifting event for mothers, daughters, and friends at Temple Beth El. Light fare will be served. \$25 per person. 368-9173. DIVORCECARE 6:30-8:30 p.m. support

MEETINGS

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

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

OPEN MIKE/SLAM 8-10 p.m. Poetry

open MIKE/SLAM 8-10 p.m. Poetry reading/competition at Art House, 132 E. Delaware Ave., Newark, \$2, 266-7266. SCRAPBOOKING 7-9 p.m. at Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow. Nursery, \$2/child. Info, call 834-GRPC.

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

SIMPLY JAZZERCIZE 5:30 p.m. and 9

a.m. Wednesdays. Low impact fitness program at Newark Senior Center. Call 737-2336 to register. MOMS CLUB/NEWARK 9:30 a.m. first Tuesday of month at First Church of the Nazarene, 357 Paper Mill Road. 894-

STAMP GROUP 1 p.m. first and third

Tuesday of month at Newark Senior Center. 737-2336.

NEWARK LIONS 6:30 p.m. First and third Tuesday of month. Lions meeting with program at the Holiday Inn, Newark 273/I-95. Call Marvin Quinn at 731-

■ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT

GROUP First Wednesday of the month. 6:30 p.m. meeting for men who are sur-vivors of and newly diagnosed with prostate cancer at the American Cancer Society's New Castle Office, 92 Reads Way, Suite 205. Info., 234-4227.

NEWARK DELTONES 7:20-10 p.m. at Newark United Church of Christ, Main Street. For information, call 737-4544 LA LECHE LEAGUE First Wednesday of

the month. 9:45 a.m. meeting with discussions of the Bible Fellowship Church in Newark. For more information, call 838-

TAI CHI 2:30 p.m. Wednesday or Monday; 11:15 a.m. Friday, at Newark Senior Center. \$20/month. 737-2336. FAMILY CIRCLES 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center. 658-5177.
AT HOME MOTHERS CONNECTION

7:30 p.m. First and third Wednesdays. Meeting for moms only at St. Barnabas Church, Duncan Road. For more infor-mation, call Darlene Regan at 610-274-

C.H.A.D.D. 7:30 p.m., newcomers at 7 p.m. meeting to support the lives of people with attention disorders through educa-tion, advocacy, and support the third Tuesday of month at New Ark United Church of Christ, Main Street. 737-5063.

■ THURSDAY, APRIL 3

WIDOWED SENIORS ALONE 10:30

a.m. - noon support group for men and women who have experienced the death of a spouse at Newark Senior Center, White Chapel Drive. For more information, call Kit or Ginni at 368-5738.

NAMI-DE 7:30 p.m. support group meeting for family members of persons living with mental illness the second Thursday of every month at St. James Episcopal Church on Kirkwood Highway. Info., 427-0787.

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

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■ SUNDAY, MARCH 30

KIDS KLUB 10:30 a.m. lively musical pro-duction at First Presbyterian Church, 292 West Main Street. Fully handicapped and sign language interpretation will be avail-

BASKET BINGO 20 games plus three specials with filled baskets as prizes at Aetna Fire Hall on Ogletown Road beginning at 2 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Food and drink available for purchase. For more information, call 322-5477.

JUNIOR NATURALISTS CLUB Sundays through April 27. 2-4 p.m. program for children 9-12 to learn about the ecological world at White Clay Creek State Park. \$9 per participant. For more information or to register, call 368-6900.

SOMETHING EVERY SUNDAY Through

April 27. Planned family activities geared toward fostering enriching and exciting experiences at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Info., 215-235-7469.

■ MONDAY, MARCH 31

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. Mondays at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Avenue, Newark. For information, call 368-2318.

■ TUESDAY, APRIL 1

THE BLUES Through April 25. Multi-media exhibition featuring works by many local artists at The Elkton Arts Center, 135 E. Main St., Elkton. Info., 410-392-5740. IAAP Dinner 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. First

Tuesday. International Association of Administrative Professionals meets at Christiana Hilton, Continental Drive, Christiana. For information or dinner selection, call 456-6800.

DINNER TRAIN 6:30 p.m. Ride a restored 1929 Pennsylvania Railcar on Wilmir & Western Railroad to restaurant in Red Clay Valley. \$39 per person. Reservations required. 998-1930.

■ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

ART ON THE TOWN Through April 25. 5-8 p.m. art exhibits in the Mezzanine Gallery in the Carvel State Office Building,

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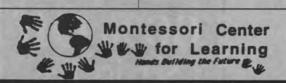


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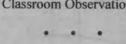


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Signs of success

Newark's top police officials see progress in fight against robberies, other crimes

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NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

OCAL police believe the message is becomling quite clear: if you commit the crime, area police are going to catch you.

Yes, major crimes such as car jackings, commercial break-ins, street robberies and home invasion in Newark have increased recently, but the criminals are being caught, too, Newark Police Department Captain William Nefosky said.

Of the 21 recent major crimes, nine criminals have been arrested; that is a 42 percent arrest ratio.

"I think police officers are more aware of the problem we are having and are getting names, statements and leaving no names unturned," Nefosky said. "Clearing so many says, 'if you commit the crime you are going to be caught.'

Because there has been a spike in crime - more than Nefosky said he's experienced before in his 24 years on Newark's police force - the Newark Police and the Newark

University of Delaware police are teaming up. Both departments are putting extra police on the streets.

We just felt it was a better idea, instead of working independently, we would do better working together," Nefosky said. "Now we have 14 officers working at night and we are much more committed.'

We are putting a lot of extra officers out there on foot and in marked and unmarked cars, especially on weekend nights," Newark Chief of Police Gerald T. Conway said in the University of Delaware publication, Update.

Nefosky said the increase in robberies began last year and picked up momentum as the new year began. Most of the crimes occurred after 9 p.m. The other interesting aspect of these crimes is that they are not in any certain area in Newark, but rather, spread all over town and all the suspects are different.

'It's quite a challenge," he said. "The crimes are all over the charts, from pistols to knives. There are no common threads to put it together.

Meaning they are random and acted upon by different people. One thought for the increase, Nefosky said, was the possible perception that the Newark area is more vulnerable because of college students. There are also a lot of young people hanging out around town, he said.

With this in mind, Nefosky said police will deal with preventive measures with poten-tial victims who are loitering at places and at Newark hangouts. The police task force will have officers visible in their uniforms and also in plain-clothes (undercover) and in unmarked cars. They will also hand out pamphlets with preventive advice and also stop potential victims walking late to warn them that what they are doing could be

risky.

There are 12 Newark and two UD police officers working from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., increasing the police presence in the city and at the college. To reduce the impact on other shifts, the officers will rotate shifts.

Newark and UD working

together is not a new thing. They have always worked together on a day to day basis, Nefosky said. This will give them more of a collation and more resources. UD police, Nefosky said, have the ability to print the pamphlets and Newark has more computer technology and automobiles.

In the publication *Update*, Director of Public Safety at UD Lawrence O. Thornton said the collaborative efforts with the Newark Police Department build on a range of safety efforts already in place. In addition to regular campus patrols by police in vehicles, on bicycles and on foot, preventative patrols are conducted by security officers and student police aides.

A Residential Program began that uses teams of student police aides to patrol the exterior of the residence hall areas during late night hours. These student aides are equipped with two-way radios and wear uniforms and reflective vests that make them easily identifiable.

"These aides are highly visible and look for such



Newark's two police leaders - Gerald Conway, left, Chief of Newark Police Department, and Larry Thornton, director of public safety at UD.

things as doors being propped open, lights out and suspicious activity, as well as serving as an information resource for students,"

Newark's recent crime increase is not unique. Nefosky said other states are experiencing high rates, too. He believes making potential victims aware will help maintain Newark as a safe place to live.

"Overall I still it think is a safe communi-he said. "My daughter attends the University of Delaware and I'm not overly concerned or sitting up at night when she has a night class. It is all about being aware.

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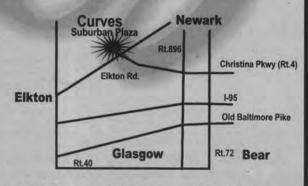
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had a heart attack. But the guilt crept in and soon I was talking to

I'm glad I did.

Andy was an advance guy for the United States Air Force Heritage of America Concert Band. The group likes newspapers to sponsor their concerts so that they don't have to pay for advertising.

Andy told me how the 45piece band's spring tour was end-ing in Atlantic City and they believed Delaware would be a good place for yet another but final concert before the band heads back to its home at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

He had pitched the sponsorship idea to larger papers but they weren't interested, hence his call to the lowly Newark Post.

said "yes" immediately.

Knowing our paper staff sim-ply doesn't have the manpower to provide ushers and ticket-takers, we have joined forces with my friends in the Newark Morning Rotary Club, which sees this event as a natural extension of its community service activities.

The Christina School District quickly threw in its support by offering up the 1,100-seat Glasgow High School auditorium for the 7:30 p.m. show on Friday, May 2.

Tickets are required but they are free.

We have them here at our newspaper office in the beautifully redone "Robscott Office Center," 153 E. Chestnut Hill Rd. across from the new UD lacrosse stadium. Come by during regular business hours and be handed up to four free tix.

We also are accepting mail requests. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: "Concert Tickets," in care of the Newark Post, 153 E. Chestnut Hill Rd., Newark, DE 19713. Limit four, while supplies last. Mail requests must be received by April 21.

The Happy Harry's stores at Suburban Plaza and Four Seasons (right across from Glasgow High) also will soon, if not already have free tickets, while supplies last. Happy Harry's also has kindly picked up the cost of printing the tickets.

Knee Osteoarthritis Research Study

If you have diagnosed knee osteoarthritis and are between the ages of 40 and 75, you may qualify for a study at the University of Delaware, investigating the effects of shoe insoles on knee pain and walking performance over a oneyear period. Subjects receive free walking shoes and up to \$100.

For more information, call Lynn at (302) 831-8521.

There's an ad on Page 28 of this edition with further info.

More details about this large and impressive military band will be printed soon in a profile of the

But if you are so inclined, don't hesitate to be the first to mark Friday, May 2, 7:30 p.m. on your calendar for a wonderful, free evening of light classics, Broadway hits and stirring patriotic pieces. Then go get tickets. Thinking back to January

when this concert was arranged, little did I imagine that the timing would be so appropriate.

■ When not promoting his newspaper and conniving friends to help him, the writer is publisher of this and two other Delaware newspapers. He and his family live in the Cherry Hill neighborhood of Newark.

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Ceremony 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Elks Lodge

MARKER, from 1

the area played a large role in receiving the marker.

"This needs to be done for Newark's future," Owens said. "The vicinity of Cleveland Avenue and New London Road has historically been in the vicinity of the black community for the last 150 years.

"We have taken that community spirit and depended on it, not really knowing why."

The ceremony will take place on the 80-year anniversary of the establishment of the lodge, solidifying the presence of the Elks in the local community.

'The marker says: Stop, and think about the importance of this building (and organization),' Owens said.

The marker will be a large piece of bronze that presents the history of the building and the group and costs approximately \$2,000, Owens said.

The building will also join an elite group of sites, such as Deer Park Tavern, as one of five to receive the marker. The other locations include Foard and Jones Funeral Home, St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, and the Academy Building on Main Street.

'You can't tear down buildings on the National Register," Ownes said. "Buildings in the past have been torn down because of the lack of markers to identify their importance.'

The group, not the building, will be honored for its impor-

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EPA Administrator, Christie Whitman, recognized DuPont, DaimlerChrysler and 20 other

recipients during the third annual Clean Air Excellence Award ceremony held in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, March 20. The Clean Air Excellence Awards honors outstanding, innovative efforts to make progress in achieving cleaner air.

From Kentucky to Colorado, and across the nation, these award winners are using innova-

tive approaches to help make our nation's air cleaner," said Whitman. "I am proud to honor these pioneering individuals and organizations for using creative ideas, showing once again, that government and industry working together can achieve a healthy environment without sacrificing economic growth. The winners of the Clean Air

Excellence Awards are real-life examples of how one person one organization - taking steps to reduce pollution can make our air cleaner."

Winners must directly or indirectly reduce emissions of the Clean Air Act's criteria pollutants or other hazardous pollutants, demonstrate innovation and uniqueness, serve as a role model and achieve positive outcomes that are continuing and sustainable.

DaimlerChrysler has the flexibility to make changes in its operations that not only improve the company's bottom line by saving money but allows it to respond quickly to consumer demands and compete in the global marketplace.

DuPont developed SuperSolids clearcoat technology and proposed using it at DaimlerChrysler's facility. The technology reduced odors from the painting process by 50 percent. By working smarter together, DuPont and DaimlerChrysler came up with an innovative solution that reduced emissions and gave a better quality product for the customer.

motorists that construction has started on Church Road off of Route 40. Work on Church Road will include installing new drainage systems, widening of the existing roadway, installing new railroad signals, as well as new sidewalks and pavement.

Transportation advises

Intermittent lane closures will be needed now through May 1, 2003, to allow for drainage and utility work.

Any complete road closure will not be required until later in the year. Advance notifica-tion will be provided when the road closure occurs.

The entire \$1.6 million project is expected to be com-pleted by mid-November.

For the latest in traffic and related information, visit DelDOT's website at ww.deldot.net or tune in to WTMC-AM, 1380.

ACH year the City of ✓ Newark flushes the water Imain system to remove sediment, check water valve operations and test fire hydrants.

This year's water main flushing program is scheduled for March 31 through April 4, during the University of Delaware's Spring Break.

Water main flushing is performed at this time of low water usage to minimize its impact on water service. As flushing of water mains is conducted in your neighborhoods, you may experience fluctuations in water pressure or changes in water clarity. These changes are temporary.

Residents are advised, howev-

er, to minimize their water usage between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on their scheduled water flushing day and to postpone laundering to prevent possible staining by discolored water.

If your laundry becomes stained, keep the clothes wet and rewash with "Rover Rust" powder. Free powder packets are available from the Water and Wastewater Department on the second floor of the Municipal Building.

For more information, call 366-7055. The following is the schedule for flushing:

March 31 – Area around Chestnut Hill Road, including Yorkshire, Silverbrook, Arbour Park,

Yorkshire Woods and Cobblefield. April 1 — Area bounded by Main Street, South Chapel Street, Apple

Road and Elkton Road.

April 2 – Area west of Apple Road, south of Nottingham Green and west Casho Mill Road, which includes Country Hills, Abbotford, Madison Drive, Cherry Hill and Timbergreek. Timbercreek, Devon and Williamsburg Village.

April 3 – Area of Paper Mill Road, Corbit Street and North Street,

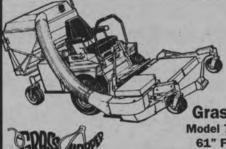
including Main Street, George Read Village, Lumbrook, Ridgewood Glen, Creek Bend, Jenney's Run, Chapel Hill and The Hunt at

April 4 – Area of Fairfield, Evergreen, Woodmere, West Branch, Christianstead, Stone Spring, Nottingham and Oaklands.

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FCCLA up to challe

the Glasgow High School FCCLA chapter is living up to the "challenge" thrown down by the National FCCLA organization to reach out to the community, both in school and out. In a variety of activities from September to the present, the chapter members have addressed some of the most important needs in our area.

Startling statistics, presented at a chapter meeting, underlined the need for assistance to homeless children who tend to lose out academically due to the stress of their situation. Joanne Miro, the state liaison for homeless children, presented several suggestions. These included the donation of school supplies, clothing drives, and the collection of personal hygiene prod-

Putting a Dragon twist on the project, the chapter decided to focus on the district's homeless to try to improve the situation of our own students. First, a school supply drive was initiated, with contributions from classmates and faculty, to be sent to two local shelters in our district.

In addition, a local family was identified that had been the victims of a fire, so a drive was set up to collect contributions specifically for the family mem-

Christina students. Word went out to the community that we were collecting children's books, and a third grade Christina class contributed three boxes of books for various ages. These were wrapped and sent to two local shelters with accompanying activities developed in class. In addition, holiday activities for Halloween Christmas were developed and delivered to the shelters. After Christmas, the idea of developing our own Clothes Closet was discussed, and again contributions flowed in from teens to reach out to help other teens in an emergency.

The closet, located in room 105, is beginning to resemble a typical teenagers closet, with jeans and sweats and hoodies in a variety of sizes and styles waiting for new owners. Bill Conley, assistant principal, donated some official Dragon wear, and Mrs. Hollowell-Clark, director of the Wellness Center contributed plastic bins. The school is continuing to accept new or very clean items, personal hygiene products and school supplies. Individuals may contact Mrs. Hollowell-Clark to be referred to the Clothes Closet on a confidential basis. Donations may be dropped off in room 105, Mrs. Dries' room, or room 108, Mrs. Mann's room.

The needs of the elderly and terminally ill were also addressed by the chapter. The Community Leadership class designed and decorated a Christmas tree for the Delaware Hospice Festival of Trees. This tree serves the community in two ways: first, as a part of the festival to help raise funds for the hospice program; and secondly, as a donation to a community agency over the holi-

days.

The FCCLA students have literacy in also addressed literacy in Delaware. In the fall, Karon Ross from Read Aloud Delaware presented to the chapter. In addition to classroom projects that stress reading to young children in Exploring Childhood I and II and Human Development, FCCLA students also volunteered to work at the Read-Aloud Delaware Conference on March 8, (yes, a Saturday!) While serving as guides and lunch baggers, they also got to peek in on activities designed to support reading in the community. Reading projects designed by FCCLA members will be showcased at the state competition in April.

Glasgow students make semi-finals

ACH year the Delaware Theatre Company runs Ithe Young Playwrights Festival, an incredible opportunity for students in public and private schools throughout the state of Delaware to get first hand experience with the thrills and heartbreaks of writing for the stage. This year 432 students from 19 schools participated. Ultimately three plays were selected to be professionally staged.

At Glasgow High School this writing challenge began in October when the Advanced Placement seniors were introduced to the theme of this year's festival. It comes from William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew:

When people with greatly differing viewpoints or characteristics interact, the results can be dramatic. Write a play in which a person learns about him/herself by encountering someone who challenges his/her view of the world.

Students first decided to work either together or individually to create a play approximately 20 pages in length that addressed the festival theme and had a maximum of five

changes. After a classroom visit by David Stradley, Artist in Residence at Delaware Theatre Company, the drafts were submitted in November. They were returned several weeks later with feedback from theatre professionals. Revision led to the submission of final drafts in February. Then came the exciting news that two out of the seven semi-final plays were from Glasgow High School. This meant that the authors were invited to an interview with a panel including the dramaturage, director, set designer, and others who would help to mount the productions. Selected for this round were Wheat Toast and Black Coffee by Stephanie Dagenhart and Celia Dennis, and Cheeseburgers in Nowhereville by Jenny

The judges for this year's Young Playwrights Festival said that all seven of the semifinal plays were outstanding, well deserving to be staged. Still, only three could win, and one of those three is Benson's Cheeseburgers in Nowhereville.



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POST GAME

Mench's spring interrupted by injury

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Kevin Mench, in preparation for his second year with the Texas Rangers, had an outstanding spring training up until March 20.

Mench has been sidelined since straining his left oblique muscle during batting practice that day and has yet to resume workouts. He batted .347 with 4 homers and 14 RBI in 15 "A" games this

spring.
Mench was the Rangers Rookie of the Year in 2002, hitting .260 with 15 homers and 60 RBI in 110 games

Big things are expected of Valania him this year and his outstanding offensive display this spring hasn't done anything to diminish those high expectations.

The former St. Mark's and University of Delaware star has become somewhat of a cult hero in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

They've made jokes about the size of his head - he reportedly wears one of the biggest caps in the league.

More importantly, fans and team officials alike love the way he plays the game. He hits for power and plays defense – although not gold glove like – with abandon. It would be a surprise to

just about everyone in the sophomore jinx bites Mench this year.

Romanczuk off to great start

Speaking of former St. Mark's baseball players, how about the start to the season that Mark Romanczuk has had with Stanford.

See POST GAME, 19

New faces to lead Newark this season

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Newark began the 2003 baseball campaign last week like many other teams, with lots of optimism, but plenty of ques-

Head coach Curt Bedford said the optimism comes from having a good nucleus of experienced players from which to build a winning team. The Yellowjackets will be led on the field by seniors Drew Kisner and Pete Callahan, both three year varsity starters. Kisner will patrol center

field, while Callahan will handle the catching duties.

'These two are our most experienced players, so we're expect-ing a lot out of them, and we feel confident they will do a great job for us," said Bedford.

The questions marks arise from two factors: the terrible field conditions through much of the early spring, and a handful of new players on the roster, as the Jackets lost eight seniors from last year's team.

"We were only able to get in one scrimmage out of six scheduled due to snow or wet field

BASEBALL

conditions," said Bedford, "We've only been outside three times so far." Bedford said that without getting outside, it was tough to put the team together, "and it will be hard to see how they will perform without the scrimmages," he said.

Newark's roster will be young in experience and will include 12 juniors, five seniors and one soph-

Bedford said he's counting on junior Steve Spiese as the returning starting shortstop and pitcher; junior Dan Perkins, who will play first base and pitch; and Joey Matterer to pitch, and to play third base and occasional shortstop. Left-handed pitcher Dave Solan could also be big surprise for the Yellowjackets mound

Bedford said he anticipates good seasons out of two seniors, outfielder Kyle Walker, and Greg Reed, who will probably see plenty of innings at second base.

Newark will have to get good

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AREA ATHLETES HONORED FOR WINTER PERFORMANCES

Glasgow's Marc Eggerson (right) led a strong group of local winter athletes that were honored.

Eggerson was the state player of the year in boys basketball. He was joined on the first team by Shannon Davis of St. Mark's and Taurean Temple of

Hodgson. Glasgow's Kamilah Salaam was the state's indoor track performer of the year. Christiana's Phylicia Korzeniwsky joined her on the All-State team. korzeniwsky won the state pole vault competition. On the boys side, Alan Pearson of Glasgow was an all-state selection as was Ryan Robinson and Chris Simpson of Christiana. Christy Williams, Amber Walker and Sara Zomchick led the state champion ara Zomchick led the state champion Newark High Yellowjackets on the first-team all-state girls swim team. They were joined by Glasgow's Mallory Onisk, St. Mark's Andrea Denney and St. Mark's Megan Steeves.

Four St. Mark's wrestlers won state championships and were named first team all-state. They included Eddie Quinn, Pat Atkinson, Kyle Sknner and Brian Willis.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGSA

Blue Hens rip UMBC, drop two of three to PSU

Senior Steve Harden went 4for-5 and younger brother, sophomore Dave Harden tied a
University of Delaware baseball
record with three doubles to lead
the Blue Hens to a 15-1 rout of
visiting Maryland-Baltimore
County Monday at Bob Hannah
Stadium. The 15 runs and 17 hits
pounded out by the Delaware
offense are both season highs for
the club.

The victory and the offensive barrage were a welcome sight to the Hens, who had just been shutout by Penn State Sunday.

shutout by Penn State Sunday.
Freshman Todd Davison led off the Blue Hen first with his first collegiate homer to left field. In the second, Dave Harden notched his first double of the game to drive in his brother,

Steve while senior Matt Wimer got his first hit of the season, a single to right that scored two runners and gave Delaware a 4-0 lead.

Steve Harden homered to left in the sixth for his fourth of the season to push the advantage to 6-0. Harden also had two doubles, a single and knocked in four RBI to up his team-leading total to 18.

Wimer added another RBI single in a six-run sixth inning while sophomore Brock Donovan senior Kris Dufner Steve Harden and freshman Joe Coudon each plated a run in the inning.

a run in the inning.

Junior Mike Mihalik picked
up his second win in as many
starts. He scattered seven hits
over 7.0 innings while striking

out nine batters to improve to 2-1 on the season. Steve Harden also saw his first action on the mound this season, working a scoreless ninth inning while getting the final two batters of the game to strikeout looking.

Dave Harden ripped a two RBI double down the left field line in the eighth, scoring senior Nick DeCarlo and, once again, brother Steve with the games final run.

With the offensive outburst, Delaware raised its team batting average for the season from .236 to .248.

The three doubles by Dave Harden is the 10th time a UD player has accomplished that feat, with the last time coming versus Northeastern on April 1, 2001 by infielder Peter Maestrales.

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Senior Jason Rogers pitched a complete game victory for the Blue Hens in Saturday's first game of a non-league double header with Penn State. The Nittany Lions pounded out 12 runs on 14 hits to salvage a 12-6 win in the second game.

Rogers (1-3) went 7.0 innings, allowing only four hits and struck

out five Penn State batters for his first win of the season. Freshman Todd Davison highlighted a three-run second inning with a double to left center scoring senior Doug Eitelman.

In the nightcap, Penn State broke open a 2-2 ball game with three runs in the seventh and seven more runs in the eighth to go ahead 12-2. Zach Smithlin plated two runs in the seventh inning while Clint Eury singled in a run to account for the three runs in the seventh for Penn State (4.7)

Sophomore Brock Donovan led the Blue Hen offense in the nightcap, going 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI. Senior Kris Dufner

New coach leads St. Mark's track

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

It could be a fun and very exciting year for the St. Mark's Spring track team.

The Spartans are led this year by new head coach Tom McCartan, who returns to

his alma mater after graduating in 1985. McCartan ran cross country each fall and ran distance events with the spring track teams.

Previously, he was the head coach at Delcastle High, and an assistant coach at Neuman College in Aston, Pa

McCartan calls this year's boys squad a veteran team. "We do have some fresh-

"We do have some freshman and sophomores who could contribute, but we also have plenty of returning upperclassman who should each have a good year this spring," he said.

Joining McCartan on the coaching staff are Barry Zavislian, John Lanutti, Hilda Christ and Alissa Whitt. McCartan will handle the overall coaching chores and handle the distance runners, while Zavislian will coach the boys and girls sprinters. Christ will be responsible for the girls' team, and Whitt will mentor the boys and girls jumpers.

The top distance runners are seniors Chad Darlington and Zack Golladay. The sprinters are led by juniors Scott Vari and Jake Martin, and senior Rob Milchlovich.

Vari was a consistenttop

ten finisher in the 55-meter dash during winter track, and grabbed fifth in the 200meters in the State Meet last month.

In the field events,
McCartan said senior Jim
Petrocelli should perform
well in the shot put and the
discus throwing events, and
he's counting on juniors Dave
DiNuzo in the triple
jump,Andrew Mosch in the
long and triple jumps, and
Matt Backer in the high
jump

The Spartans opened the spring track season with a dual meet victory against William Penn Saturday afternoon at Ursuline Academy's new Servium Field off of Route 141.

St. Mark's outscored the Colonials 83 1/2 to 46 1/2, by winning 10 of the 17 events.

For the uninitiated, a first place winner earns five points for his or herteam, second place is worth 3 points, and one point is given for a third place finish for most events. For the relay events, only the top team receives five points, winner take all, as no points are given for the other finishers.

McCartan said depth and versatility will help the Spartans this year, with some runners participating in several events.

al events.

"We've got a great bunch
of kids this year, who've
been working very hard in
practices, even in cold weather. So I think we should be
improved over last year," he
said

Newark nine blanks Glasgow

Newark's power hitters delivered big time in a 6-0 home route of Flight A rival Glasgow in Tuesday afternoon's season opener.

The heart of the Yellowjacket order banged out four doubles to account for most of Newark's run production.

Newark held off Glasgow rallies in the first two innings and then pushed across a single run in the bottom of the second.

The Jackets took control of the game in the third, when starting pitcher Dan Perkins slugged a bases-loaded double, driving home two runs. Newark added another run to complete the rally.

Perkins also added two more RBI on the day, and was credited with the victory.

Dave Solan and Drew Kisner pitched in relief for the 1-0

Jackets. The pitchers limited Glasgow to just four hits, while Newark banged out eight hits on the day.

Newark coach Curt Bedford said he was satisfied with the opening day performance.

"We hit the ball well today, and we got some nice pitching for an early season game," he said.

Pete Folke had two hits to lead the Dragon's attack. Glasgow falls to 1-1 after defeating Hodgson 7-6 on Monday.

- by Joe Backer

Pitching a strength for Jackets

► BASEBALL, from 18

pitching in order to challenge Brandywine and William Penn for the Flight A Conference title. Brandywine is the defending state champion, but also lost a fair number of players to graduation.

Bedford said everyone's looking forward to the first part of the season, trying to gauge what the team can accomplish. He said he hopes pitching will be one of the team's strengths this season.

"We not sure if we do have strong pitching, but we have all junior pitchers, so we're hoping that will be one of our strengths by the end of the year," he said.

Romanczuk off to great start at Stanford

► POST GAME, from 18

The freshman, who was a fifth round pick of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, has won six

games without a loss this season for the eighth-ranked Cardinal. His win total includes victories over Arizona State and USC.

Romanczuk was a first team all-state selection and the

Gatorade Player of the Year in the state. He also helped lead the Newark National Senior All-Star team to a third place finish in the Senior League World Series three years ago.

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Christiana Hospital, Mason had been in the hospital since March 9 when the car he was riding in on Rt. 40 turned in front of two other vehicles. police said.

The driver of the Acura was identified by state police at Nolan R. Carr, 16, of Newark. Carr was charged with failing to yield the right

Man arrested

At 1:10 a.m. on Friday, March 21, Newark officers charged Joshua A Baron, 22, of Bear, with disorderly conduct and other charges.

Police said they witnessed a man standing in the roadway of Creek View Road at Margaret Street block-ing traffic. When ordered to clear the street, the man yelled an obscentity at

Baron was summonsed and released pending court appearances, police said.

Alcohol-related arrests

Newark police report that they have continued their strict enforcement of alcohol-related laws. Some of the recent arrests and incidents include

■ Two 19-year-old men were charged with disorderly conduct and underage consumption of alcohol after underage consumption of alcohol after Newark officers were called to the 7-Eleven parking lot, 235 E. Delaware Ave., at 1:56 a.m. on Sunday, March 23, after a motorist flagged down a policeman alerted him of a fight on the 7-Eleven property. Police reported the two were fighting when officers arrived. Charles E. Baker, 19, of Townsend, and Wallace C. Altizer, 19, of Chesapeake City, Md., were summonsed and released pending court appearances, police said.

appearances, police said.

On Sunday, March 23, at 1:25
a.m., Ryan L. Stevens, 23, of Westover, Md., was cited for possession of an open container of alcohol on the lot of Timothy's restaurant, 100 Creek View Road. She was released pending a

court appearance.

On Sunday, March 23, at 1:17 a.m., a Newark officer said he observed a man carrying a beer on the lot outside the Jaalsa restaurant, 99 College Square. Kurshed Khan, 18, of New Castle, was cited for underage consumption of alcohol and released

pending a court appearance.

After repeated responses to complaints of loitering on the Suburban Plaza lot, at 12:54 a.m. on Sunday, March 23, police returned. Two men – Keane T. West, 19, of Woodside, and Raymond D. Jones, 20, of Middletown each were charged with underage consumption of alcohol and released

pending court appearances, police said.

Officers reported that 18-yearold Heather K. Clark, of Newark, was charged with underage consumption of alcohol and released pending court appearance after she was walking at Courtney and Academy streets at 12:56 a.m. on Sunday, March 23.

Plainsclothes police officers stopped two women walking in the 100 block Wilbur Street at 12:25 a.m. on block Wilbur Street at 12:25 a.m. on Sunday, March 23, carrying what police believe were cups of alcoholic beverages. Sarah Ashley Smith, 18, of Babylon, N.Y., and Kristen Marie Cornely, 19, of West Chester, Pa., each were summonsed for underage consumption of alcohol and released pend-

ing court appearances.

Out-of-uniform officers working alcohol enforcement reported they saw two men carrying open bottles on the University Courtyard apartments lot at 10:10 p.m. on Saturday, March 22. Dean Hutchinson Geddes-Key, 21, of Newark, and Richard Carl Bernardo, 21, of Media, Pa., each were cited for sion of an open container of alcohol and were released pending

court appearances.

Police said that Tracy L. Kane. 18, of Bowie, Md., was charged with underage possession of alcohol at 1:36 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, at 1 Scholar Dr. She was released pending a

court appearance.

On Saturday, March 22, at 1:40
a.m., police said Michael D. Melander,
21, of Brick, N.J., was charged with possession of an open container of alcohol after he was seen walking at Wyoming Road and South Chapel Street. He was released pending a court

appearance.

Aaron M. Grindel, 22, of Claymont, was cited for possession of an open container of alcohol by an open container of alcohol by Newark police at 12:42 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, as he was walking near North College and Cleveland avenues. He was released pending a court appearance.

An underage consumption of alcohol charge was issued to Kyle Joseph Moores, 18, of Elkton, Md., at 12:40 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, after he walked into the roadway in the 100 block East Delaware Avenue directly in front of a police patrol car, officers said. He was released pending

a court appearance.

Police were alerted of a disorderly crowd on a parking lot in the 800 block Wharton Drive at 10:46 p.m. on Friday, March 21. Investigating, they charged Aime L. Carrere, 20, of Wilmington, with underage consumption of alcohol. Police said they discovered she was wanted by New Castle County Police. After processing in Newark, she was turned over to

county police.

At 11:11 p.m. on Friday, March 21, police charged Laura J. Begor, 21, of Seaford, with possession of an open container of alcohol at 176 E. Main St. She was released pending a court

appearance.

■ Anthony K. Ndungu, 24, of Newark, was summonsed for possession of an open container of alcohol outside Timothy's restaurant, 100 Creek View Road, at 1:17 a.m. on Friday, March 21. He was released

pending a court appearance.

Three minutes earlier at the same location, Newark police cited Chad R. Thornton, 20, of Wilmington, with underage possession of alcohol. He was released pending a court appear-

A man, who Newark police dis-covered bleeding in the roadway outside the Ground Floor restaurant, 60 N. College Ave., at 12:32 a.m. on Thursday, March 20, was cited for underage consumption of alcohol. Police working the robbery task force said they came upon the man, who was reported to have a bloody nose and swollen right cheek. The victim told police he had been attacked. Bouncers at the Ground Floor where the man had

been were interviewed, police said. Mark W. Thompson, 18, of Wilmington, was issued a summons for underage consumption and released pending a court appearance.

'Cops in shops'

Newark police conducted "cops

in shops" operations here recently.

Officers, sometimes in plain clothes, verify that persons entering liquor stores are age 21 or older.

The following persons were summonsed for underage entry into a liquor store:

Charles D. Holmes, 18, of Severna Park, Md., at 7:23 p.m. on Friday, March 21, at Suburban Liquors, 204 Suburban Dr.;

Kevin M. Carter, 20, of Danbury,

Ct., at 7:16 p.m. on Friday, March 21, at Suburban Liquors, 204 Suburban

Dr.;
Brielle Marie Perelli, 19, of Succasuma, N.J., at 10:38 p.m. on Friday, March 21, at Suburban Liquors, 204 Suburban Dr.;

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Cathryn E. Young, 20, of Dover, at 11:23 p.m. on Friday, March 21, at Peddlers Liquors, 110 College Square;

Brian Michael Shripka, 19, of Newark, at 9:19 p.m. on Friday, March 21, at Park And Shop Liquors, 275 Elkton Road: Elkton Road:

Geoffrey A. Hunter, 20, of Newark, at 9:19 p.m. on Friday, March 21, at Park And Shop Liquors, 275 Elkton Road; and

■ Peter D. Kelso, 20, of Warwick, Md., at 7:50 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, at Park And Shop Liquors, 275 Elkton Road

All were issued summons and released pending court appearances, police said.

During a "cops in shops" opera-tion at 11:05 p.m. on Friday, March 21, at Suburban Liquors, 204 Suburban Dr., officers observed two youths, ages 14 and 16, enter. They were released to the custody of an Elkton, Md., woman pending notice from Family Court, police said.

Beware of flim-flam

On March 13, a resident of the

Lumbrook development Kirkwood Highway near Cleveland Avenue contacted the Newark Police Department.
Officers were told that a male

came to the front door and told the resident that he was a contractor for the City of Newark. The suspect stated that he needed to check the water flow in her sink.

The resident allowed the man to enter the house and turn on the water. The suspect then asked to check the water faucet. The suspect then led the resident farther away from the residence toward the rear of the property.

Police said the resident then remembered that the front door to the house was unlocked and began to walk back towards the house. At this time, the suspect ran away from the yard. The suspect was on a cellular phone the entire time.

Newark City of Department employees wear blue shirts that have the City of Newark logo on them and drive a white city vehicle marked with the city emblem.

Newark Police Department officers believe that this is a scam in order to enter into the residence and burglarize the home. The initial suspect will divert the homeowner's attention while a second suspect enters the house and steals valuables, police said.

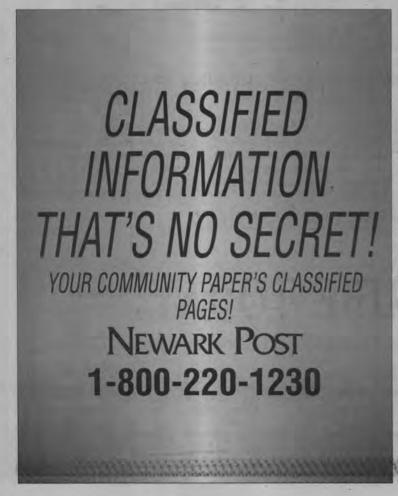
The suspect is described as white male approximately 20-30 years-old, five feet seven to five feet eight inches tall, 150-170 pounds with a medium build and clean shaven. He was wearing dark clothing, black gloves and a black baseball hat possibly with the letter M on

Seniors beware

The Delaware State Police also are warning senior citizens to be careful of flim-flam artists operating similarly in the Newark-Bear area.

State troopers are investigating an incident that occurred March 13 at

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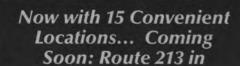
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approximately 10:15 a.m. A 71-year-old resident of the 100 block Salem Church Road noticed a vehicle in her driveway. When she walked out of her home to investigate when a male suspect, who exited the vehicle, confronted her. The suspect told the victim that he was a subcontractor for the local cable company and he was sent to her home to trim the trees in her back yard. The suspect told the victim her cable reception would improve when the trees were

The suspect then asked the victim to walk with him to her back yard so he could show her what he was At one point, the suspect asked the victim to move under the trees because he had cancer on his face and the sunlight bothered him. At the same time the suspect also was talking on a cellular phone to another person in a different language.

Unfortunately, later the victim discovered that cash, a camera and coin collection had been taken from her home.

Troopers theorized that while the suspect was distracting the victim behind her home, a second accomplice entered the residence and removed the items.

The suspect was described as a white, possible Hispanic male, 20 to 30 years-old weighing 160-180 pounds. He had dark hair and was wearing a dark coat and pants.

State police warn any homeowner that if they see a suspicious car or person in their driveway to call and report the incident to police immediately. If they are approached by anyone identifying himself as a subcontractor for a utility they should ask to

see identification and make a followup phone call to the service provider.

27 arrested at party

On Saturday, March 22 at 11:30 p.m., New Castle County Police received a report of a loud party located in the 100 block of Woodland Road in the community of Timber

When police arrived they discovered several subjects, who were under the age of 21, consuming alco-

Officers arrested 27 people for underage drinking. Of those arrested, were juveniles and eight were

under the legal drinking age.
Police issued criminal summons for the violators who will face an arraignment at a later date. The homeowner may also face charges after police consult with the Attorney General's Office.

Pedestrian dies

A pedestrian who was struck by a hit-and-run driver on March 13 on Route 4 near Harmony Road has died

from injuries he sustained.

Wyatt O. Adkins II, 28, of
Wilmington, died March 15 at
Christiana Hospital at about 2 p.m. Adkins had been in the hospital since he was struck.

State police are still investigating. Anyone who may have information concerning the identity of the driver is asked to call the state police at 477-8501.

State police on look-out for gunmen

The Delaware State Police are

searching for two suspects who attempted to rob and then shot a

Maryland man on March 19 at approximately 1:45 a.m.
State police reported that a 48-year-old Maryland man and his wife were driving east on Frazier Road when they experienced mechanical problems with their car.

The couple pulled onto the shoulder of the road and the man opened the hood of the vehicle and began working on it.

As the man was attempting to correct the mechanical problem, a small older model Chevrolet, believed to be maroon, pulled behind the couple. Two males exited the car and walked toward the victim. Police said one of the suspects displayed a handgun and demanded the man turn over his money. The man attempted to run from the robbers and was shot in the back. After the shooting, both suspects returned to their car and sped

The victim's wife drove him to Christiana Hospital where he was admitted for a gunshot wound to the back. He was listed in serious condition, police said.

The suspect was described as a white male, five feet six to five feet eight inches tall with a thin build. The second suspect, also a white male, was described as five feet eight to five feet ten inches tall with a thin build. Both men were dressed in dark

Anyone with information is asked to call the state police at 834-2620

Woman robs motel

State police are investigating a robbery that occurred at the Comfort Suites at 56 S. Old Baltimore Pike, Christiana, on Saturday, March 22 at approximately 10:38 p.m.

Detectives reported that a female suspect entered the motel and confronted the clerk. The suspect demanded cash from the register. The clerk complied and the suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of cur-

The suspect was described as a black female, five feet to five feet two inches tall, weighing 110-155 pounds, wearing a black leather jacket, black pants, and a black stocking over her face.

The same suspect was responsible for a similar robbery at the Comfort Inn in the Macintosh Plaza on March 21, police said.

Anyone with information about this crime is urged to contact Delaware State Police Troop 2 at 834-2620 ext. 4 or Crimestoppers at 800-TIP-3333.

'Most wanted' arrested in string of burglaries

Alberto Coleman, who police described as Delaware's most wanted thief, was arrested by members of the United State's Marshal's Task Force earlier this week

New Castle County Police investigators say they have linked him to over 65 residential burglaries that have occurred in at least 19 different communities. Detectives estimate a total loss at nearly \$500,000 in New

Castle County alone.
On Monday, March 17, members of the marshal's task force conducted a surveillance assignment in the greater Milford area.

At about 2 p.m. the task force members began following a vehicle

after confirming Coleman was a passenger inside. Officers stopped the car near Rehoboth Beach and arrest-

ed him without incident. He was then transported to the Castle County Headquarters where he was booked on three outstanding burglary war-

Over the next few days, the inves-

tigation began to unfold as detectives have linked Coleman to burglaries that have occurred over the past ten months in the following 19 communities: Town Country Christiana Mill; Summit View; Tree Oak Apartments; Square Park; Maple Trailer



Coleman

Water's Edge Perch Creek; Condominiums; Bellwood; Fox Run Apartments; Rockwood Apartments; Brandywine Woods, where more than 30 guns were stolen; School Bell Apartments; Stonebridge Townhomes; Hunter's Run Trailer Park; Meadowood; Summit at Pike Creek; Fox Point Apartments; Drummond North; Fox Point Apartments; Drummond North; Greenville Place Apartments; Thomas Way Townhouses.

Authorities in Pennsylvania have also linked Coleman to countless residential burglaries.

The New Castle County investigation remains active, police said.

Investigators estimate the total number of burglaries could reach

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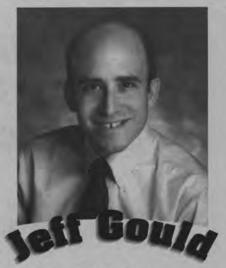
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Lovelace service set

A memorial service is planned for Morton Lovelace, who passed away on Jan. 13, 2003, for Sunday, April 6, 2003 at Lower Brandywine 2003 at Lower Brandywi Presbyterian Church in Wilmington.

Paul N. Houwen, supervisor in security at Christiana Mall

Bear resident Paul N. Houwen died on Friday, Feb. 21, 2003. Houwen, 53, was born in Reading,

Pa., and was a former resident of Bristol Township, Pa. He worked as a machinist in the Navy Shipyard for 26 years and recently as supervisor in the security department at the Christiana Mall. He was an enthusiastic soccer coach and avid fisherman.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia

Vogelsong-Houwen; sons, Paul Houwen Jr., Thomas Houwen and Keith Vogelsong; mother, Eleanor Marcella; four brothers; and, two sis-

Services were held at the Holy Family Church in Newark.

Maxine E. Murphy, assistant director of nursing in New York

Newark resident Maxine E. Murphy died on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003.

James Warner Baxter Sr., 66, president of Delaware Tire Centers

ORMER Newark resident James Warner Baxter Sr. died on Sunday, Feb. 23,

Baxter, 66, was known as "Jim" by his family and friends. He was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and Vietnam War.

For the past 35 years, he was the president of Delaware Tire Centers Inc. in Newark, Dover and Salisbury. Baxter was a mem ber and former vice president of the Better Business Bureau of Delaware. An avid golfer, he was a member of Newark Country Club. He was a present resident of

He is survived by his children, Lucinda B. "Cindi" Repass and her husband David A. of Warrenton, Va., Bonnie L. Deysher and her husband John E. 'Jack" Jr. of Salisbury, Md., James W. "Jay" Baxter Jr. and his wife Kristin C. of Newark,

Matthew D. Baxter and his wife Stacey A. of Newark, and Gabrielle G. Baxter of Wilmington; mother, Elva L Baxter of Newark; brother, Robert Baxter of Southern Pines, N.C.; eight grandchildren; three nieces and four nephews.

Services were held at the Newark United Methodist Church and at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, both in Newark. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery in Wilmington

Murphy, 78, was born in Fredonia,

She was an assistant director of

She was an assistant director of nursing for Brothers of Mercy in Clarence, N.Y., before retiring in 1987. She is survived by her daughters, Marjorie and her husband William McMenamin of Newark, Roxanne Murphy of Alexandria, Va., and Anna Murphy of Southampton, Mass. Service and interment were private.

Mary Wallace Hopkins

Newark resident Mary Wallace Hopkins died on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003

Hopkins was 74. Services were held at the Faries Funeral Chapel in Smyrna. Burial was

Santina M. Palumbo. worked in the textile industry, managed deli

Newark resident Santina M. Palumbo died on Monday, Feb. 24,

Palumbo, 86, was born in Barrington, R.I. She worked in the textile industry for over 30 years and at the Rhode Island Laceworks.

She moved to Delaware in 1963, where she managed the Country Maid deli in Brookside. She retired in 1978.

Palumbo loved cooking and caring for her family. She was a member of Holy Family Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Sandra A. Wolowacki of Johnston, R.I., Toni A. Reed and her husband Kenneth, and Nina C. Reed and her husband Roger, all of Newark; sisters,

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Virginia Tanzi of Johnston, R.I., and Katherine Papa of Barrington, R.I.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. John the Baptist Church and at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, both in Newark. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery in Wilmington.

M. David Coursey, amateur photographer

Newark area resident M. David Coursey died on Monday, Feb. 24,

Coursey, 57, was born in Baltimore, Md.

He worked in the executive trans-portation department of the DuPont Company prior to his retirement.

He was a member of Cornerstone

United Methodist Church and he loved God, people, and animals, especially dogs. Coursey also enjoyed walking at Battery Park in New Castle, traveling, and being on and near the water.

He was a talented amateur photog-

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Charlotte M. "Parks" Coursey; sons, Michael D. Coursey and his wife Mitsuko of Osaka, Japan, and Mark D. Coursey and Jonathan W. Coursey, both of New Castle; brother, Calvin E. Coursey and his wife Mary Ann of Chestertown, Md.; sister, Claire A. Kelley and her husband David of Stevensville, Md.; and, one niece and one nephew.

Services were held at Cornerstone United Methodist Church in Bear and Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in New Castle. Interment was in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

Elizabeth A. Di Tore, executive secretary. accomplished pianist

Newark resident Elizabeth A. Di Tore died on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003. Di Tore, 88, had been a resident of ManorCare Center at Pike Creek for

the past 10 years.

Di Tore was an executive secretary for Atlantic Richfield Company in

for Atlantic Richfield Company in New York City, N.Y., for over 40 years. She was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed knitting, crocheting and traveling throughout the world. She is survived by her sisters, Philomena Chirico of Corning, N.Y., Pam L. Fleck of Lompoc, Calif., and Mary Marshall of Wilmington; numer-cure pieces, and nephews; and one ous nieces and nephews; and one great-nephew.

Services were held at St. John the

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highways and high profile attrac-

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construction plans scheduled for the Newark area for this summer. He also talked about variable speed limit signs on Rt. 495. The signs will be controlled by radio. Myer also announced the state had switched to a more visible traffic signal, one with bulbs that last longer and is easier to see in the fog. He then fielded questions about stop and yield signs and other concerns of Newark residents. Phil Cabaud, a member of the Governor's Homeland Security team, spoke about preventive measures to avoid being a victim in a terrorist attack. Being prepared makes you less vulnerable, he said.

"Every terrorist attack is a local problem," Cabaud said. "Local emergency crews will be the first to arrive and the last to leave. We think it is imperative that all of us in Delaware have a working plan."

He said Delaware is as vulnerable as anywhere, because of its

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tions like beaches and sporting events. The Port of Wilmington is also an attractive location for a potential problem.

Cabaud believes the Iraqi situation could act as a trigger for

cabaud believes the Iraqi situation could act as a trigger for other problems. Every school district in the state is required to have a plan in a case of a problem, which includes having three days of food supplies.

Delaware's Emergency Management Agency web address is www.state.de.us/deman/index/ht

Dealing with security on the

local level, Newark Police Chief Gerald Conway talked about the recent task force formed with the Newark and University of Delaware police to combat the recent increase in robberies.

"There is a spike in robberies," Conway said, "but crime is down 4 percent. We made arrests in the last five robberies. Combining with the University of Delaware puts more officers on the streets. The warm weather brings more people out."

Boulden and Sorenson talked about legislation currently in the senate concerning the smoking ban. Most residents said they liked the smoking ban. Sorenson mentioned that potential tax increase on the cigarettes would be to discourage smoking.

Boulden discussed several issues, but received applause from a few attendees when he said he contacted DelDOT about having the road area replaced on Elkton Road at the turn for Casho Mill Road, an area that has reoccurring pot holes.

Newark City Council member Frank Osborne talked about the city's 318-gallon reservoir which will be completed this spring and also about trash pick-up in the

Newark city officials see no significance in hanging shoes

By CHARLES BALLARD

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The numerous pairs of shoes dangling over the streets of Newark do not imply drug dealer turf war, police said last week.

Detective Kevin Feeney said hanging shoes as markers for dealer's territory are unlikely the case in Newark.

"We definitely do not have any proof that they are drug related," Feeny, of Newark's Police drug division, said. "It is most likely just a rumor."

In most major cities shoes, primarily sneakers, hanging from telephone and electrical lines symbolize drug activity. But Newark City Manager Carl Luft said there is no evidence of this type of behavior and dismissed the connection.

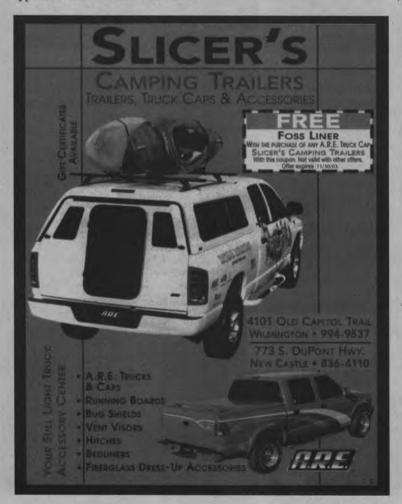
"The shoes are probably just acts of mischief," he said. "It is not a big concern of the city because they do not pose an immediate danger to the community."

City of Newark Fire Marshal Ken Farrall said the fire department does not consider them to be a hazard.

Shoes were hanging in several locations around Newark, including Chapel Street and Haines Street.

"They are as harmless as a bird sitting on the line," he said.

Feeney said the situation is not a big concern for the city, but getting caught discarding your old shoes on power lines can result in a fine for disorderly conduct.



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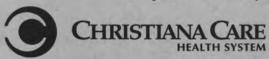
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Marian E. Horan, artist and homemaker

Bear resident Marian E. Horan died

on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003. Horan, 85, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and was formerly of Wayne, Pa. She was a talented home-maker and artist and greatly enjoyed caring for her family.

Horan was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

She is survived by her son, Lawrence R. Horan and his wife Linda of Bear; and three grandchildren. Services were held at St. Elizabeth

Ann Seton Church in Bear.

Naomi M. Irwin

Newark resident Naomi M. Irwin died on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003. Irwin was 75.

She is survived by her sons Lee A. Russykevize and John R. Rusk; brother, Robert W. Miller; sister, Ruth

Buskirk, four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date.

Madelyn Marie Harris

Former Newark area resident Madelyn Marie Harris died on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2003, of congestive heart failure.

Harris, 70, was born in Bartow, Fla., and was presently residing in Lakeland, Fla. She was a member of Providence Progressive in Bartow, Fla., Bethel Pentecostal in Wilmington, Seniors on the Move and

1949 Union Academy Graduates.
She is survived by her husband,
Noel Harris; brother, Myron "Dody"
Anderson of Mira Loma, Calif.; sisters, Edith Miller of Tehachapi, Calif., and Evelyn Walker of Ingelwood, Calif.; son Vincent Burton of Wilmington; and daughter, Daneria

Walker of Wilmington.
Services were held at the Lakeland
Funeral Home in Lakeland, Fla.

Dorothy Mae Harris

Former Newark resident Dorothy Mae Harris died on Thursday, Feb. 27,

Harris, 80, was a resident of Bay Point, Fla. She had been a resident of

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Haven, Fla.; six grandchildren; and
five great-grandchildren.
Services were held at Thirty
Degree Blue Restaurant in Bay Point,

Ann L. McGuirk, 69, physical therapist

Newark resident Ann L. McGuirk died on Saturday, March 1, 2003.
McGuirk, 69, was born in Jessup, Pa., the youngest of 12 children.
She was a 1956 graduate from the University of Maryland at College Park, with a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy. in physical therapy.

She also attended the D. T. Watson

School of Physiatrics in Pittsburgh, Pa., as part of the University of Maryland's physical therapy program.

She began her career as a staff physical therapist with the Lackawanna County Society of Crippled Children and Adults.

She later served as chief physical

therapist at Pocono Medical Center, White Haven Medical Center, and Wyoming Valley Medical Center. Throughout her entire career, she also provided home health care servic-

es to numerous disabled patients.

McGuirk was an avid music lover and taught her children and grandchil-dren how to sing and appreciate all types of music.

She enjoyed cooking, sewing, spending time with her family and traveling within the United States and throughout Europe.

She is survived by her husband, Francis R. McGuirk Sr.; daughters, Dr. Barbara McGuirk and her husband Scott Miller, and Nadine Shaw and her husband Jeff, all of Newark, Judy Clements and her husband Bob of Hanover Township Pagand Norgen Hanover Township, Pa., and Noreen Hecmanczuk and her husband Dave of Arlington, Va.; and her son, Francis R. McGuirk Jr. and his wife Deanna of

Wyoming, Pa.
Services were held at the Louis M. Margotta Funeral Home in Jessup, Pa., and at St. Michael's Church in Scranton, Pa. Interment was in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Jenivy E. Whilby-Watts

Newark resident Jenivy E. Whilby-Watts died on Saturday, March 1,

Whilby-Watts, 86, was known as "Aunt Ivy" by her family and friends. She was the family historian and

the survivor of her siblings.

She was a member of Apostolic Church of God.

She is survived by her husband, John Watts; daughter, Marjorie St. John; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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Thomas Harrison Sr., UD football player, Vietnam veteran

EWARK resident Thomas R. Harrison Sr. died on Monday, March 3, 2003. Harrison, 60, was born in

Wilmington.

He was a football player for the University of Delaware when they won the Lambert Cup.

A Vietnam War veteran, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Throughout his career, Harrison was devoted to helping

He retired from the Colonial School District as a guidance counselor and worked at North Western Consultants as an addictions counselor.

He also did volunteer work for Alcoholics Anonymous.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Margaret "Carney" Harrison; sons, Thomas R. and his wife Annette Harrison of Phillipsburg, N.J., Edward and his wife Tina Harrison of Wilmington, and John and his wife Julie Harrison of Newark; three grand-children; sisters, Barbara and Ann; and mother-in-law, Margaret

"Rentz" Carney. Services were held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Bear. Interment was in the Cathedral Cemetery in Wilmington.

John P. McCloskey, active at senior center

Bear resident John P. McCloskey

died on Saturday, March 1, 2003. McCloskey, 75, was formerly of Philadelphia, Pa.

He was a former tractor trailer driv-er, Navy ship rigger and retired in 1989 from the United States Mint where he

had been a machine operator.

He was a member of Holy Family Church, and participated in their Leisure Group. McCloskey was also an active member of the Newark Senior Center.

He is survived by his wife of 28 1/2 years, Geraldine McCloskey, children, John McCloskey Jr. of Philadelphia, Pa., Daniel McCloskey of Aldan, Pa., and Helen Scarangelli of Woodbury, and Helen Scarangelli of Woodbury, N.J.; brother, James McCloskey of Philadelphia, Pa.; sisters, Mary McGowan of Philadelphia, Pa., Rosemarie O'Toole of Cherry Hill, N.J., Cecilia McGonigle of Pennsauken, N.J., and Sister Regina McCloskey of Philadelphia, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held at Holy Family Church in Newark Interment was in

Church-in Newark. Interment was in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Springfield, Pa.

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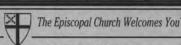
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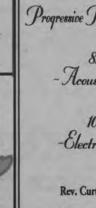
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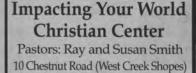
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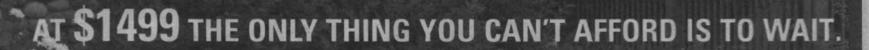
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