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UP FRONT

Stumblin' in on history

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — My wife, Linda, and I are enjoying a wonderful Eastertime visit here, wonderful because any time spent with our U.S. Air Force Academy son is cherished.

The weather has been gray and damp, bright sun has not appeared, and it snowed Saturday morning. But the atmosphere has not dampened our spirits.

We planned this westward venture weeks ago. Our son will not be back in Newark until July so the late spring semester timing of our trip seemed to make sense.

Little did we know what we'd stumble into when we bought our airline tickets from Donna Friswell.

What was not on our radar scope was the fact that the date we arrived here was 50 years to the day from the stroke of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's pen that created the U.S. Air Force Academy in April 1954.

Our son suggested we meet him Thursday afternoon in the lobby of Arnold Hall, the Academy equivalent of Trabant University Center. (All the cadets refer innocently to Arnold Hall as "A-hall" and such utterances startle me every time I hear them.)

What we walked into was the break-up of a VIP recep-

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Streit

Funk is in

With clear message from voters, new mayor all set to tackle reservoir, landlord, student issues

By DARREL W. COLE and KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITERS

IN ONE of the most watched and intensely fought city mayoral elections in recent memory, challenger Vance Funk III soundly defeated two-term mayor and five-term councilman Hal Godwin.

It appears to be the first time that an incumbent mayor lost a re-election bid since the position was created in 1951.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY DARREL W. COLE

Rain Tuesday failed to dampen the determination of candidates or voters. Here, District 6 council candidates Ken Bartholomew, left, and Kevin Vonck stand outside their polling place.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

Mayor Hal Godwin spent most of Tuesday making calls to voters from his home.

Funk, a real estate lawyer and former city Alderman, earned 74 percent of vote, garnering 2,642 votes compared to 925 for Godwin. The 23.3 percent voter turnout was the highest in recent memory, with 3,567 coming out to vote. Typically, around 17 percent vote in a mayoral election.

Meanwhile, 23-year-old UD doctoral student Kevin Vonck won District 6 with 186 votes (44



Funk



The vote tallies

The mayoral race

| Polling Place | Godwin | Funk |
|---------------|------------|--------------|
| District 1 | 340 | 906 |
| District 2 | 79 | 189 |
| District 3 | 170 | 474 |
| District 4 | 96 | 185 |
| District 5 | 152 | 546 |
| District 6 | 88 | 342 |
| TOTAL | 925 | 2,642 |

NOTE: Most votes in bold.

The District 6 council seat

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| Ken Bartholomew | 115 |
| Chris Rewa | 121 |
| Kevin Vonck | 186 |

NOTE: Most votes in bold.

Voter turnout

- Of 15,315 registered city voters, 3,567 turned out to vote for mayor, or 23.3 percent.
- Of 2,727 registered voters in District 6, 422 turned out to vote for council, or 15.5 percent.

percent), compared to 121 for incumbent Chris Rewa and 115 for challenger Ken Bartholomew.

Both winners will be sworn in at a special ceremony Tuesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m. at the city's Municipal Building on Elkton Road. They will serve at their first council meeting April 26.

Funk, 61, said Wednesday

morning that he was surprised at the margin of victory, and that he and supporters expected he would garner closer to 65 percent of the vote. He said he's ready to get to work.

"After you go through an election, you approach the job quiet-

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The transformation begins

Christina okays plan to take schools from good to great

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

By a vote of six to one, the Christina School District Board of Education approved the Christina Transformation proposal that was presented by superintendent Dr. Joseph Wise and his

staff.

The proposal will bring sweeping changes to the district that will get students in schools closer to their homes for longer periods of time, consolidate the administrative and operations departments, and improve academic rigor at all levels for students in the district's portion of the city of Wilmington as well as the suburbs. Some of the components will begin in the 2004 school year while others will need further investigation and future approval by the board.

Building a new high school in Wilmington and developing small centers of specialized learning at the other three high schools will require additional board approval. However, feasibility studies were approved.

The April 7 board meeting was a very emotional one with civic leaders, teachers, parents and community members speaking passionately about their desires for all children in the district to be successful. Some viewed the transformation proposal as the vehicle that would

allow that to happen. Others viewed the plan as one that would destroy equality education for the races and re-segregate the schools.

Members of the board, after hearing a second reading of the proposal, with a few amendments, and having their questions on logistics and finances answered by Wise's staff, each spoke on the difficulty they had in arriving at their decisions. Several of them choked back

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Fast action, police lookout lead to arrests

AT about 2:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 11, Newark Police responded to a call for assistance in the unit block of East Main Street after learning that two male University of Delaware students had been assaulted.

One of the students had his wallet taken during the incident.

Police said that witnesses from a nearby business observed two suspects get into a dark Chevrolet Blazer and leave the area westbound on Main Street. The witnesses provided license-plate information to police and a general broadcast was issued to Newark and University of Delaware police officers on patrol.

About ten minutes later at 2:27 a.m., the suspect's vehicle was located and stopped by a University police officer on Delaware Avenue.

Newark resident Jason Perdue, a 24-year-old male of Wharton Drive, was taken into custody and charged with first degree attempted robbery, conspiracy second degree and assault third degree.

Wilmington resident Joseph Constantino, a 21-year-old man of Richards Drive, was charged with first degree attempted robbery and conspiracy second degree.

Both Perdue and Constantino were arraigned via videophone through Justice of the Peace Court 20.

Newark police reported that one victim received a bloody lip and refused further medical treatment. The second victim received numerous abrasions from being struck in the face, and was transported to the Christiana Emergency Room by Aetna Hook Hose and Ladder Company ambulance for further treatment.

Newark man arrested on rape charges

Newark resident Tony Boyd, 22, was arrested for two counts of second-degree rape and 22 counts of fourth-degree rape, according to Newark Police Department.

The arrest followed an investigation into a report that Boyd had been engaging in sexual intercourse with a 14-year-old female. Police said Boyd, who was known to the victim, had engaged in sexual intercourse over a period of weeks.

Boyd was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution in default of \$520,000 cash bail.

Thief leaves car at crime scene

Jarin Teti, 19, of Newark, was recently arrested by New Castle County Police on charges of burglary and other related offenses, officers said.

Police said Teti parked his car in the driveway of a home that he allegedly attempted to break into,

Man surrenders after alleged kidnap

THE Delaware State Police arrested a 27-year-old Elkton man for allegedly kidnapping his ex-girlfriend from Glasgow and assaulting her current boyfriend.

On Sunday, April 11, at approximately 11:15 p.m. troopers arrested Charles Ringgold after he turned himself in at Troop 2 in Newark. Ringgold was charged with one count of felony second-degree kidnapping and one count of misdemeanor third-degree assault.

Troopers reported that on Saturday, April 10, at approximately 12:57 p.m., a 23-year-old woman and her 36-year-old boyfriend left the Friendly's Restaurant on Pulaski Highway at People's Plaza Shopping Center and walked to the female's vehicle. The two attempted to exit the shopping center when the woman's ex-boyfriend drove his 1995 Chevy Blazer in front of their vehicle

preventing them from leaving.

Police said the driver then exited his vehicle and jumped into the passenger side of the victim's vehicle, and assaulted the boyfriend causing facial cuts and bruises. The woman exited the driver's side and as she attempted to help her boyfriend, the assailant grabbed her around the waist and dragged her into his vehicle against her will, police said.

The assailant then exited the shopping center with the female in his vehicle.

Approximately 30 minutes later, police reported that the attacker released the victim at her residence in Elkton, Md.

Troopers said the woman was unharmed during the incident. The current boyfriend refused medical treatment at the hospital.

Ringgold was arraigned at Magistrate Court 20 and was released after he posted \$4,500 secured bond.

and later fled on foot leaving the car behind.

On Wednesday, April 7 at 9:53 a.m., police responded to a home in the 100 block of DaVinci Court in Hockessin for a report of a suspicious person.

The reporting person stated he witnessed a man park a green Ford Escort in his driveway. The subject then rang his doorbell and walked away leaving his car behind.

Moments later, an additional officer searching the community witnessed the suspect walking a few hundred yards away from the scene. The man immediately ran away when the officer attempted to speak with him. Meanwhile, a 55-year-old female victim reported her nearby home had just been burglarized and prescription medication had been stolen.

Officers conducted a computer inquiry for the abandoned vehicle and determined it was registered to Teti. He later turned himself in at

police headquarters and was ultimately linked to the break-in, police said.

Teti has been charged with burglary, theft, criminal mischief and resisting arrest. Teti has been arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Prison after failing to post \$5,500 secured bail.

Fire in back yard

Police and firefighters were called to the unit block Holton Place shortly after 3 a.m. on Sunday, April 11, after a group of people were seen pouring what appeared to be gasoline onto a pile of burning furniture.

The report was made by a city employee who noticed the fire in a rear yard.

Personnel from the Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Company extinguished the blaze. Police said any crowd had dispersed before their arrival.

Card in wrong hands

A 53-year-old Newark resident told Newark police on Saturday, April 10, at 6:47 p.m. that someone had made more than \$900 in fraudulent purchases using a stolen "check card" from a local bank.

The resident told officers he believed a new card mailed to him by a bank may have been delivered to the wrong address.

The victim told police he learned of the 19 fraudulent transactions when he attempted to use his "old" check card and was told his account did not have sufficient funds.

Investigations by the bank and police are continuing, police said.

Purse, DVDs missing

A woman's purse containing credit and debit cards, a DVD player and 25 DVDs were reported stolen from an apartment in the 100 block Wilbur Street on Saturday, April 10, at 8:11 a.m.

Newark police said the victims believe the theft took place between 1 and 7 a.m. There were no signs of forced entry.

Suspects flee

Newark police were told that five or six suspects were seen looking into cars parked in the unit block North Wynwyd Drive at 3:05 a.m. on Saturday, April 10.

A resident told police he saw the suspects inside a neighbors car while a red Dodge Intrepid, engine running and lights out, waited near by. When the group entered his vehicle, he confronted the group. The suspects jumped into the waiting Intrepid, which fled with lights out.

Nothing was reported missing.

Two Newark seniors victims of scams

New Castle County Police are investigating a lottery scam that duped two Newark senior citizens out of \$12,000 and \$3,300.

In one case, an 83-year-old Newark woman told police she paid \$12,000 to a Canadian company to cover the "costs" associated with winning an unspecified lottery.

The victim's son reported the incident on Wednesday, March 25, due to his mother's failing health. The woman was apparently contacted by an alleged Canadian lottery company in July 2002.

An official of the company advised that she won the lottery.

The victim's son states that after



Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR MARCH 28-APRIL 3, 2004 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

| INVESTIGATIONS | | CRIMINAL CHARGES | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|------------------|------|----------------|---------|--------------|--|
| | 2003 | 2004 | THIS | 2003 | 2004 | THIS | |
| PART I OFFENSES | TO DATE | TO DATE | WEEK | TO DATE | TO DATE | WEEK | |
| Murder/manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Attempted murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Kidnap | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Rape | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Unlawful sexual contact | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Robbery | 20 | 19 | 1 | 21 | 15 | 0 | |
| Aggravated assault | 5 | 9 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 0 | |
| Burglary | 43 | 45 | 5 | 4 | 21 | 1 | |
| Theft | 221 | 233 | 13 | 47 | 76 | 17 | |
| Auto theft | 33 | 26 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | |
| Arson | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| TOTAL PART I | 328 | 344 | 21 | 88 | 124 | 20 | |
| PART II OFFENSES | | | | | | | |
| Other assaults | 66 | 99 | 15 | 62 | 85 | 8 | |
| Receiving stolen property | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 0 | |
| Criminal mischief | 191 | 192 | 27 | 21 | 102 | 2 | |
| Weapons | 4 | 5 | 0 | 31 | 30 | 0 | |
| Other sex offenses | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Alcohol | 156 | 120 | 20 | 231 | 236 | 19 | |
| Drugs | 31 | 25 | 2 | 71 | 79 | 12 | |
| Noise/disorderly premise | 104 | 164 | 10 | 74 | 74 | 3 | |
| Disorderly conduct | 364 | 223 | 7 | 48 | 55 | 5 | |
| Trespass | 28 | 46 | 1 | 3 | 22 | 0 | |
| All other | 203 | 194 | 11 | 131 | 89 | 3 | |
| TOTAL PART II | 1149 | 1070 | 94 | 683 | 774 | 52 | |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | | | |
| Alarm | 374 | 362 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Animal control | 157 | 159 | 9 | 11 | 7 | 2 | |
| Recovered property | 64 | 66 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Service | 2810 | 2306 | 146 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Suspicious person/vehicle | 240 | 262 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS | 3645 | 3155 | 201 | 11 | 7 | 2 | |
| THIS WEEK 2003 | | 2003 TO DATE | | THIS WEEK 2004 | | 2004 TO DATE | |
| TOTAL CALLS | 651 | 8372 | | 614 | 7734 | | |

VOLUNTEERS HEAD TO WATERWAYS HERE SATURDAY

Creeks, streams in line for clean up

By LAUREN GOLDSTEIN

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

REFRIGERATORS, washing machines and shopping carts. While household appliances aren't the typical images associated with a nature park, these were just some of the items pulled from Newark's waterways during previous years of the Christina River Cleanup.

"You name it, we've found it," said Shirley Posey, coordinator for the cleanup.

The annual event, held Saturday, April 17, recruits volunteers from all over the state to help beautify 31 miles of rivers, watersheds and tributaries that

comprise the Christina River Watershed.

Now in its 13th year, the event will coincide with National Youth Service Day, which Posey says could help involve young people. "It's a great way for them to get service hours while volunteering," she said.

Andy Urquhart, president of the Friends of White Clay Creek, said the cleanup helps remove garbage and debris that can become exposed by heavy floodwaters, like those seen this year from Chadds Ford, Pa.

"It creates a much nicer experience for visitors to be able to follow a trail without having to see trash in the creek," Urquhart says.

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ANDY URQUHART

The Christina River Watershed supplies more than 75% of the drinking water for New Castle County and is com-

posed of tributaries such as the Christina Creek/River in southern Newark, and White Clay Creek in the north. The Watershed extends into southeast Pennsylvania, and also incorporates the Brandywine Creek.

Each year, around 700 volunteers dedicate their time to clean up sites located from the Pennsylvania border to the mouth of the Delaware River. Over the years, their combined efforts have helped reduce the annual amount of trash collected from more than 30 tons down to 15-20 tons.

Dorothy Miller, coordinator for the White Clay Creek site, has participated in the event for years as part of the Christina

Conservancy. She says there are many ways for people to get involved in environmental projects.

"There are so many organizations that put out publicity for programs," she said. "It's easy to find one that specializes in your interests."

The Christina River Cleanup will be held from 8 a.m.-noon, and volunteers are advised to wear long sleeves and boots. The event is sponsored by the Christina Conservancy and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, as well as many local businesses.

For information, www.snc-safe-t-works.com.



PHOTO BY DARREL W. COLE

The assembling of the Bruster's Ice Cream store in Glasgow at the corner of Rt. 40 and Glasgow Avenue caused quite a stir last week. But owners and managers (including, right, Manager Elisabeth Hilferty, and, left, co-owner Lorrie Lattari) hope to have everything ready to serve ice cream by the first week of May.

Yummy, yummy, yummy

THE heart of Glasgow will soon be home to one of the East Coast's most popular ice cream stores.

Bruster's Ice Cream on Rt. 40, near People's Plaza, and at the site of a former Cumberland gas station, will be managed by University of Delaware graduate Elisabeth Hilferty, a Newark resident.

While a franchise chain, the 1,000-square-foot building and larger property are owned by Lorrie Lattari and Jennifer Schmidt, whose families were looking for a good business opportunity. They often saw the crowds of people gathered around a Bruster's store on Rt. 202 in Chadds Ford, Pa.

"We had been looking for a site and at different areas," said Lattari. "So we saw this property for sale and that's when it began."

Last week the Bruster's building was hauled in pieces from Georgia and put in place using large cranes. This week, site work will continue and the owners hope to be serving ice cream by the first week of May.

The store will be open year round. Hilferty, a 2003 UD graduate, will be on the site every day. The store is currently looking to hire employees.

Bridgewater, Pa.-based Bruster's is known for its premium homemade ice cream (made fresh daily at each store) and its

unique variety of more than 100 flavors of ice cream, yogurt, sherbets, Italian ices, and custom ice cream cakes and pies. Bruster's was founded in 1989 and began franchising in 1993. It has 160 stores from New Hampshire to Florida, primarily along the East Coast. More than 50 additional stores are being planned over the next year giving Bruster's presence in at least 15 states.

Bruster's corporate philosophy is "to buy only premium products to generously serve our customers," said Bruster's Founder Bruce Reed.

For info., www.brusters.com.

- Darrel W. Cole

MAKE A NOTE

Commuters, beware of road construction

TRAVELERS need to plan ahead before a reconstruction project on Rt. 7 between Rt. 40 and Newtown Road in Bear begins in May, according to the Delaware Department of Transportation.

For this project, A-Del Construction Company of Newark submitted a bid of \$5.6 million, the lowest of five bids.

This 1.4 mile-long project is being done to improve travel and increase capacity through the corridor. Rt. 7 on the south side of Rt. 40 will be increased from its present layout of one dedicated through lane and one dedicated left turn lane to having two through lanes, and one each of dedicated left and right turns. On the north side, Rt. 7 will be widened to have two travel lanes. Advance utility work for this job has been progressing for the past nine months.

While traffic will be maintained throughout the duration of the project, the construction will present significant traffic impacts along Rt. 7 at certain times. No detours are anticipated, but lane closures, and restrictions will cause delays. Commuters will be urged to seek out alternate routes during those times. Any necessary announcements regarding needed lane closures, or other expected conditions will be made when the impacts can be more specifically defined.

Construction is set to begin in May, and will continue for 400 calendar days, with

expected completion in the summer of 2005. The second phase of this project will follow under a separate contract that will begin north of Newtown road and end at Rt. 273. It is currently slated for construction from 2005-2006.

■ Rt. 896 northbound, 500 feet south of Boyd's Corner Road to Summit Bridge, will have intermittent lane restrictions beginning through the end of April. Daisy Construction will be making road repairs between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

■ Reconstruction work on the ramp leading from I-95 southbound to Rt. 273 eastbound and westbound will continue through April 30, requiring the right lane of I-95 near the exit to be closed. Overhead signs will indicate that the ramp from I-95 northbound to Rt. 273 westbound is closed.

Due to ramp closure, motorists should follow the posted detour, which is to take the Rt. 7 northbound exit and immediately take the I-95 southbound exit.

In addition, barriers have been set up on the ramps from I-95 southbound to Rt. 273 eastbound and westbound. The travel lanes in this area are 11 to 12 feet wide, and the speed limit has been reduced to 25 m.p.h.

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

On Campus

NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

BRIEFLY

Registration for summer sessions now under way

THE University of Delaware is now registering students for summer sessions online and at the Student Services Building, on Lovett Avenue, on the Newark campus. Courses are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, and summer class schedules are issued at time of registration.

First summer session classes begin Monday, June 7, ending Saturday, July 10, and a seven-and-a-half-week session runs from June 7 through Thursday, July 29. A second five-week session begins Monday, July 12, and ends Friday, Aug. 13.

Most classes in the five-week session meet for 90 minutes, Monday-Friday. Most classes during the seven-and-a-half-week session meet twice a week for three hours, often in the evening.

Distance learning classes are also being offered during summer session.

Summer registration booklets can be obtained at the Student Services Building and at all college advisement offices, as well as online at www.udel.edu/summer. Also available at those locations are pamphlets that list which summer courses fulfill college and major requirements.

An incentive program that works

TWO UD PROFESSORS BELIEVE

THE Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) used for the last 30 years to shore up working families earning below poverty level wages, is an efficient, effective anti-poverty tool that should be expanded, according to two University of Delaware professors of economics.

In their book, "Helping Working Families: The Earned Income Tax Credit," Saul Hoffman, chairperson of the Alfred Lerner College of Business & Economics Department of Economics and Laurence Seidman, Chaplin Tyler Professor of Economics, detail the history of EITC and data gathered on the effectiveness of the program since its inception in 1975. They conclude that it is an anti-poverty program that reduces poverty by rewarding

families for work and that it should be enhanced.

"The EITC reduced the poverty rate in 1999 by 1.5 percentage points. About 4 million persons were lifted out of poverty as a result of the cash assistance they received from EITC," Hoffman and Seidman write. In addition, they write that in 2000 for a worker with two children receiving EITC, the effective minimum wage was \$7.21, not the statutory \$5.15.

They stress that the EITC is not welfare but an "income transfer policy" administered through the IRS and is only given to those who are working. EITC increases as family income rises to a certain level, then it begins to diminish and ends when the family is

earning a living wage.

Expanding EITC should appeal to liberals because it works and conservatives because it's not a "giveaway" program, Hoffman and Seidman write.

Under the current system, a person with two children earning less than \$10,020 per year receives a maximum credit of 40 percent until his or her income reaches \$10,020, after which the subsidy is reduced 21.06 percent until phase-out at \$32,121.

Hoffman and Seidman have recommendations for making EITC more effective:

■ Expand the phase-in and phase-out portions so that families' incomes would be supple-

mented at a higher rate and for a longer period of time. That same family of four would begin phase-out at \$12,020. Subsidies would end at \$43,178.

■ Institute a more generous benefit schedule for married couples.

■ Increase the benefit for families with three or more children.

These changes would "reduce negative work incentives, reduce the efficiency cost of the EITC, improve fairness and economic opportunity, reduce the marriage penalty and reduce poverty among larger working families," they write.

"Helping Working Families" is published by W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.



Hoffman

Corporate governance series kicks off

THE nation's leading corporate governance experts will visit the University of Delaware for a series of panel discussions this spring in the Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics.

The discussions are part of an undergraduate course offered by Charles Elson, Edgar S. Woolard Jr. Chair and director of the John L. Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance, who himself is a

prominent expert in the field.

Sessions will meet from 9:30-10:45 a.m., on selected Tuesdays and Thursdays in 125 Alfred Lerner Hall. Members of the campus community and the public are invited to attend, and if interested should call the Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance at 831-6157.

"The series will provide UD students and members of the community access to the insights

of corporate executives, nationally recognized academics, business journalists and judges on issues including executive compensation, dissident directors and corporate governance guidelines and reforms," Elson said.

On Thursday, April 29, panelists will discuss Enron and resulting corporate governance reforms.

Panelists include Geoff Colvin; William Crist, former chairman of

California Public Employees Retirement System; Larry Harris, economist for the Securities and Exchange Commission; Justice Jack Jacobs of the Delaware Supreme Court; Jerry Levin, chairman and CEO of American Household; Bob May, interim CEO of HealthSouth; Carl McCall, former comptroller of the State of New York; and Shaun O'Malley, chairman of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

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Algerians study here

FOURTEEN professors and instructors of English from the University of Algeria are in the midst of an intensive five-week course in business English curriculum development at UD's English Language Institute (ELI). The group of 12 women and two men will return to their country April 24.

ELI received a grant in 2003 from the U.S. State Department to help train three different groups of Algerian educators to teach business English techniques to educators throughout their country. This group represents the second year of that program. In the third and final year, teachers from private schools and universities other than the University of Algeria will participate. Then, in December 2005, a nationwide conference on the teaching of English and business English will be held in Algeria.

Scott Stevens, director of ELI, said the State Department hopes to encourage the use of English throughout Algeria to facilitate U.S./Algerian business expansion there.

Joseph Matterer, ELI assistant director, said the group will visit Dover, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and New York City and will end the five-week course with a presentation of papers outlining their ideas for bringing



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Algerian educators attending classes at UD's English Language Institute are (front row, from left) Djamilia Makhoulfi and Aziza Ait Abba; (second row) Chahrazed Messadh, Malika Guernane, Malika Soutou and F. Anissa Sari-Ahmed; (third row) Lynda Ghout, Meriem Fasla, Soumeiya Guebbas and Abdelhakim Ganiberdi; and (fourth row) Imene Hannachi, Mouna Aksil, Assia Kaced and Hichem Melaksou.

FANS of the University of Delaware Marching Band can now enjoy the ensemble's music beyond the confines of Delaware Stadium, with the release of a new compact disk, "Something Happened," now available from the Emphatic Music/Marching Legends label.

The compact disk contains music performed by the band between 1998 and 2002, including a live recording of its exhibition performance at the 2002 Bands of America national championship finals in Indianapolis.

Songs from the exhibition include the "Delaware Fight Song," the "D Fanfare" and "Delaware Forever," the tower chimes and the alma mater and the national anthem.

Also from the exhibition are recordings of "Requiem for Evita," "Oh, What a Circus," "Eva, Beware of the City," "Buenos Aires," "Another Suitcase, Another Hall," "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina," Chick Correa's "One More Time" and "In My Life."

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EDITORIAL

The real winners

IF CHANGE is good for the soul, Newark should enjoy peace of mind. Voters spoke, actually shouted at the polls Tuesday that they wanted change in leadership. Even though two councilmembers were returned unopposed, a long-time councilmember and incumbent mayor and a two-term District 6 council representative were defeated by great margins.

The election boasted one of the largest turn-outs in recent history. Voters made it clear they want their concerns – the reservoir, student housing and conduct, public safety – addressed. The two newcomers, Vance A. Funk III and Kevin Vonck, will not have any honeymoon. They must roll up their sleeves and dive into what have proved to be stormy waters. Luckily, they will be buoyed by the institutional memory and wisdom of veteran councilmembers.

We congratulate Funk and Vonck. They are intelligent, articulate and sincere in their desire to lead city government. They

led clean campaigns that clearly captured both the interest and support of voters. We wish them success. This newspaper will aggressively cover their progress and offer our support as necessary when it is in the best interests of the place we all call “home.”

The real winners Tuesday night were not the new mayor and councilmember. City residents had excellent candidates to choose from and they made their decisions clear. It is the citizens of Newark who won.

■ ■ ■

AS WELL, we congratulate outgoing mayor Hal Godwin and councilmember Chris Rewa on jobs well done. They are devoted public servants who worked hard at thankless jobs. Godwin, notably, never shied away from tough decisions and that trait cost him his gavel. We wish Hal and Chris well as they move on.

AMUSED, CONFUSE, BEMUSED

Two machines, two Messiahs

By MARVIN HUMMEL

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

EMPERORS whose minions and dominions are held together by force and power must always rest nervously.

If they forged their empires out of fire and swords, inevitably, there would be those who would come along with hotter fires and sharper swords.

Often, the external threateners could count on internal palace intrigues to aid and abet their causes.

No emperor was foolish enough to believe that those under him were content to accept the assigned roles he had given them.

Thus, somebody else tasted the emperor's food and wine for him before he took his first sip and mouthful.

The Greek theater invented a reassuring device that “saved the day” on stage: the deus ex machina or “god from a machine.” Just as the Good Guys (the Greeks) were about to be destroyed by the Bad Guys (them), a god would fly down on a crane-like apparatus from a booth at the back of



Hummel

“...Not only great nations but many little, abused ones had their dreams of survival-through-divine-intervention...”

the stage and amazingly kill all the Bad Guys.

Impossible odds? Never fear. The crane will bring down god and we will live to rule another day. (The ruler probably had a good night's sleep after the performance. He may have even had a snack that was not pre-tasted. Ah, theater!)

After the on-stage derring-do did not translate into the offstage realities of Greece, the Romans adopted the crane-and-god device to their own needs and reassurances.

But Rome fell, too. (Shakespeare had not yet written, “All the world's a stage.”)

Not only great nations but many little, abused ones had their dreams of survival-through-divine-intervention, too. Except for the Jewish people who had two. Messiah I and Messiah II.

Messiah I would be a great deliverer of the Jews, and armed with undefeatable powers, he would destroy the Bad Guys

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■ A retired Episcopal clergyman and a teacher since 1972, Hummel has contributed to the Newark Post for more than two decades. He has lived in Delaware since 1959.

OUT OF THE ATTIC



How things change. This week, “Out of the Attic” features a photograph of Newark's infamous Deer Park Tavern discovered in our photo files. The photograph is not dated but judging from the cars in the picture and the newspaper staffer's handwriting on the back of the photo, we estimate it was taken in the 1989-91 era. Bob Ashby's extensive rehab of the Main Street landmark three years ago is quite a contrast to the exterior shown here. “Out of the Attic” features historic photographs from Newark's history, recent and long ago. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post throughout the years

■ April 18, 1929

Frank Collins becomes mayor

At a special organization meeting of the Council of Newark, held Tuesday night, Mayor-elect Frank Collins and the new members of Council were sworn into office and seated. Councilman Hubert, who retired as

president pro tem of the body, swore and seated the three new members of Council: Daniel Stoll, Herbert Henning and Ralph L. Haney.

At the conclusion of the special organization meeting, Mayor Collins called, immediately, another special meeting for the discussion of pertinent business.

Local officers catch and jail hit-run driver

Two Elkton negroes are in the New Castle County Workhouse and two others are held in \$500 bonds as material witnesses as a result of a hit-run accident in Newark, Sunday, in which four people were injured.

The accident occurred shortly after six, Sunday evening, on the Elkton road near the Mackensie and Strickland Garage, when a car driven by Robert L. Hendrickson, of Chester, Pa., was struck by another car passing and cutting in, and forced from the road into a telephone pole.

The driver of the other car put on a burst of speed and disappeared.

There were four persons in the Hendrickson car and all were injured.



“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.

■ April 18, 1979

Firemen demanding more money from co.

New Castle County Fire chiefs are expected to voice their displeasure over the proposed allocation for volunteer fire companies contained in this year's budget when hearings on the matter convene before County Council Wednesday afternoon.

It has also been reported that various companies plan to stage a protest out-

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side the City-County Building while the chiefs present their case to council inside.

Firemen have requested a 100 percent increase in fire companies' operating budgets for the upcoming year. County Executive Mary D. Jorlin's budget recommends only a 10 percent increase.

One fire company official terms the 10 percent figure "totally unacceptable." Volunteer fire companies currently receive a maximum of \$7,500 annually from the county. That amount, the official said, barely covers gas expenditures. The 10 percent increase recommended by Jorlin does not even cover the current inflation rate, he said.

County assessor indicted

A New Castle County assessor was indicted Tuesday by a grand jury on two counts of receiving a bribe from a Wilmington builder.

Indicted was Joseph F. Albano, an assessor I for the county, according to Attorney General Richard Gebelein. Gebelein said the alleged bribes were made in connection with the installation of aluminum siding on the properties of Anthony Vari.

According to the Attorney General's office the alleged scheme worked this way: the assessor allegedly held back the properties from the tax rolls until such time that the properties were sold.

At least six properties were involved, Gebelein said, and some remained off the tax rolls for more than a year. Sources close to the investigation said the

repairs involved as much as \$600.

■ April 16, 1999

Flagg trial begins

Debra Puglisi was working in her garden last spring when a man slipped into the house in Academy Hill near Newark and killed her startled husband. The man then tied her up and stuffed her in the trunk of his car.

Police said she remained a prisoner in Donald Flagg's home in Wellington Woods for four days until he went to work and she managed to loosen her ropes and call police.

For prosecutors selecting the jury this week in Flagg's trial on charges of murder, kidnapping and rape, there is seemingly incontrovertible evidence from the defendant himself: a videotaped confession to police.

But Flagg's defense also may rely on that same videotape, asking the jury to question whether anyone in his right mind could so calmly confess to the details of so gruesome and random a crime.

It's party time

Acting Chief Gerald Conway is hoping there will not be a repeat of the Spring party that turned into chaos for police in Newark a year ago.

On being advised by two local businesses that they were planning large outdoor events this Spring, Conway first decided to get comments from residents in the area.

"This is not something the department has done before," said Conway this week. "We wanted to give the neighbors a heads-up about the party and get

a feel for what they might think." A letter dated April 1 and signed by Conway went out to residents of East Cleveland Avenue, Prospect Avenue, Wilbur Street and North Street. "The Police Department has received a request from the proprietors of the Ground Floor Bar & Grill for a special event permit," stated Conway in the letter, adding the event was characterized as an

"outdoor music concert." Conway further stated the Ground Floor owners wanted to hold the party from 2 to 8 p.m. on May 23 and expected a crowd of "between 2,000 and 5,000."

Glasgow parish named

Driving down Route 40 and looking out at the remains of last year's harvest, it is hard to imagine that a Roman Catholic

church, parish office, school and athletic field will soon be constructed in what is now a corn field.

Last week, the Diocese of Wilmington announced the new parish will be named for St. Margaret of Scotland to honor the area's previous connection with Glasgow, Scotland. The diocese has also moved closer to a temporary worship site.

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OUTLOOK

Puppet training a success

By SORCHA WOOL

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

I was always a huge fan of Jim Henson and the Muppet show growing up in New York City until I was six years old. I remember carrying around a Kermit the Frog doll everywhere I went.

On March 28, my childhood was sprung to life with the "On Applebee Pond Puppet Training," which was designed and implemented by the Behavioral Health Commission Inc. of Mercer County, Pa.

This event was sponsored by University Schools Alliance at the University of Delaware.

There were several school groups that attended, including Caravel Academy, Newark High School and Eastside Charter Elementary School. The puppet training was held at the Methodist Church on Main Street in Newark.

On Applebee Pond is a Life Skills Curriculum which utilizes the power of puppetry to teach life lessons. It is targeted for preschool through high school age groups.

The training teaches youth how to interact with the puppets in order to teach it to other groups of youth.

During this part of the training, we got to actually interact with the puppets, learn about their different personalities and physical characteristics.

Some of the life skills that are taught include self-esteem, drug and alcohol prevention, peacemaking and social skills.

My group at the end of the training had the chance to perform a skit about drug and alcohol prevention. The actual

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

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THEY'VE BEEN FRAMED!

Shop nears quarter-century mark in spite of predictions to contrary

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

LOOKING down the sidewalk of Main Street, it's hard not to wonder how exactly You've Been Framed found success where other businesses found defeat. In an atmosphere where new businesses can sometimes appear to be swallowed up almost overnight, the independently owned frame shop found a way to stay alive and is now celebrating its 24th anniversary.

Store owner Rich Hanel remembers a time when even his own customers doubted the store's staying power. Hanel recalls one jarring incident in 1981 when he thanked two customers for stopping in.

Their reaction? A promise that You've Been Framed's doors would close within the year as long as Schaeffer's, a competing framer, was open for business.

Since then, there have been a few changes. A new shop, improved technology and a gallery have all been added in the past 20 years.

"I just wish that woman would come back and see us at You've Been Framed and check out what's become of us," Hanel said.

Just like a maturing twenty-something student, Main Street's only surviving custom frame shop is just now coming into its golden age. After years of adapting and struggling through sleepless nights, things are finally getting good. Originally, Hanel saw the shop as an escape from his day job — teaching.

But after a decade and a half, the shop found a good rhythm and business began taking off.

More importantly, says Hanel, he fell back in love with teaching. When Cab Calloway School of the Arts opened in 1992, Hanel directed its growth. "It was a turning point in my life," he said. "You've Been Framed suddenly became a sound retirement investment rather than an escape from teaching."

And thank goodness for that. Teaching keeps Hanel light on his toes and his "brain young."

That young brain of his has helped develop You've Been Framed into something more than

While other downtown businesses have come and gone, You've Been Framed and owner Rich Hanel are celebrating 24 years in business. The business' anniversary was last month.

just a service-oriented business. They specialize. As a sort of mission statement, You've Been Framed thrives on the concept that anything worth remembering can find a home in a frame. And they do mean anything. From the golf club that scored the birdie to the fossil uncovered in the backyard, everything is fair game.

Outside of framing the weekend warrior's pride, You've Been Framed is also known for their customized designs. "We can create a frame to go with a room," said store manager Wendy Mitchell. "Rich is really great at that, he's an artist himself."

And Mitchell isn't exaggerating. Hanel truly is an artist, or at least that's what he tells his Visual Arts students at Cab Calloway. Hanel brings his love for art into the shop, another unique trait that separates You've Been Framed from their competitors.

The front half of the store serves more as a gallery showcasing local artists than a sales floor for custom frames. Water colors of the Deer Park, downtown Wilmington and the University of Delaware's campus are for sale.



Reasonable prices, convenience entice opera-goers

THERE are a lot of wonderful things about spring, but the one negative is that it does mark the end of the "regular season" for the performing arts.

The 2003-04 season has been particularly exciting in our tri-state area and perhaps nowhere more so than at our world-class opera company, The Opera Company of Philadelphia (OCP).

Opera boss Robert Driver has selected a Bizet gem to close the season. It is "Les Pecheurs des Perles." It is a new production from the ground up and Robert has turned over the set and costume design to London's renowned Zandra Rhodes. She has been earning accolades for her work on both sides of the Atlantic since the 1970s. Her work with San Diego's "Die Zauberflote" has been placed on a par with Marc Chagall and Maurice Sendak efforts.



Renown French conductor Jacques Lacombe is coming to the Opera Company of Philadelphia to conduct seven performances of Georges Bizet's "Les Pecheurs des Perles" this month at the Academy of Music.

THE ARTS



By PHIL TOMAN

This is a fanciful story with librettists Carre' and Cormon at the top of their form. It involves an age old tale of "the eternal triangle" for two dear friends and a woman they both love. But there are some interesting twists to the plot and, when accompanied by Bizet's melodic inspirations at its finest, we are in store for a great evening of opera at The Academy of Music, site of the performances this month and next.

Back in the Academy pit for "Les Pecheurs des Perles" is French conductor Jacques Lacombe.

The long-time friends whose friendship is severely tested in the opera are tenor William Burden and baritone Nathan Gunn. These were the same two artists chosen by Robert Driver to play the two suitors in Mozart's "Cosi fan tutte" last year. They are not only great singers individually, but together their performances climb to new heights. Mr. Burden will sing the role of Nadir and Mr. Gunn, Zurga.

Both men have been very active vocally since they were on stage at the Grand Old Lady of Locust Street last. Mr. Burden performed with the Munich State Opera and the Santa Fe Opera and Mr. Gunn with the Royal Opera at Covent Garden, Lyric

Opera of Chicago and the San Francisco Opera.

The object of both men's affection, Leila the High Priestess of Brahma, will be offered by soprano Mary Dunleavy. She, too, was a principal in the "Cosi fan tutte" cast last year. Since then she has been performing with the St. Louis Opera, the Lyric Opera of Chicago and the Metropolitan Opera Company.

The opera will be performed at the Academy of Music seven times. It opens on April 23, followed by performances on April 25 (matinee), 28, May 1, 4, 7 and 9 (matinee.) Tuesday and Wednesday performances begin at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

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Puppets at Farm Day

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manipulation of the puppets was much more difficult than I thought it would be, since there is so much mastery involved.

Each character has to have a distinct rhythm in speaking, and the hardest part was remember-

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.



ing to open the puppets mouth when it is speaking and close it when it is not.

The whole experience was quite humbling but also gave us self-respect, team building skills and most of all stirred our sense of humor. This training is one of the best learning experiences I have ever had with youth.

If you are interested in seeing On Applebee Pond performed live, come to the "Day On The Farm" event June 19. The NCC 4-H Cooperative extension will have a tent and stage set up specifically for the puppet show from noon to 1 p.m. at Hoobers Inc. in Middletown.

To find out more about this wonderful opportunity for youth contact Mary Perno from the University Schools Alliance at 302-831-6107 or myself at the 4-H Cooperative Extension, 302-831-4977.

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IMPRESSIONISMS INFLUENCE Through April 18. Three American paintings illustrate shifting approaches to Impressionism, including Mary Cassatt's 'The Reader,' John Singer Sargent's 'Under the Willows' and Alfred Maurer's 'Jeanne.' Delaware Art Museums Downtown Gallery, 919 Market Street, Wilmington. Info., 302-571-9590.

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A GENIUS FOR PLACE: AMERICAN LANDSCAPES OF THE COUNTRY PLACE ERA Through April 25. Seventy black and white photographs and seven color prints showcasing the work of landscape architects at Winterthur, Kennett Pike. Info., 302-888-4600.

SATURDAY

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VIOLIN MASTER CLASS 1:25 - 5 p.m. Class with guest artist Paul Kantor. Free and open to the public. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. Du Pont Music Building, Amstel Ave. and Orchard Rd., Newark. Info., 302-831-2577.

"NOAH'S ARK" 5 - 7 p.m. An opening reception for an all-media open animal themed exhibit. The exhibition will run April 16 - May 8, Elkton Arts Center, 135 E. Main St., Elkton. Info., 410-392-5740.

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HAM AND OYSTER SUPPER 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. supper times. Tickets are \$15 for adults and takeouts; \$7.50 for children 6-12. Salem United Methodist Church, 469 Salem Church Rd., Newark. Info., Joan Reed 302-368-3323 or George Johnson 302-368-1290.

BRANDYWINE RIVER CLEANUP 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Young Friends of the Brandywine Conservancy invite volunteers to help remove debris along the banks of the Brandywine River. Volunteers

should wear long pants, heavy shoes or boots, gloves and bring drinking water. Lunch will be provided following the cleanup. Brandywine River Museum parking lot, U.S. Rt. 1 in Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-8337.



Organ recitalist Paul Jacobs will perform Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 701 South College Ave. in Newark. Jacobs was appointed by the faculty of The Juilliard School in New York in 2003 at the age of 25 after he completed graduate studies at Yale University. His program April 20 will include several works by Bach, Handel, Brahms and Messiaen. The recital is free, and is presented by the Delaware Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

SUNDAY

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United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St., Newark. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors; \$5 for students. Info., 302-368-4946.

NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH TAP ENSEMBLE 2 p.m. Performance will take place at the Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Tickets are \$15, \$17, and \$19.50. Info., 302-654-5577 or 800-37-GRAND.

MONDAY

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CAB CALLOWAY STUDENT SHOWS Through May 7. Mon., Tues. & Wed. 10 - 6 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs. 10 - 8 p.m.; Sat. 10 - 4 p.m. An exhibit of art furniture and ceramic self portrait vessels by the junior class in visual arts. The Gallery at You've Been Framed. Info., 302-366-1403.

THE GREEN WORLD Through May 2. 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri. An exhibit of Bruce Garrity's paintings at the Gallery at the Cecil Community College, Community Cultural Center, 1 Seahawk Dr., North East, Md. Info., 410-287-1023.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

ORGAN RECITAL 7:30 p.m. The Delaware Chapter, American Guild of Organists, will present recitalist, Paul Jacobs, a Juilliard faculty member. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 701 S. College Ave., Newark. Info., 302-831-2199.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

JAZZ 6 - 9 p.m. Performance by Bruce Anthony a local jazz phenomenon. Home Grown Cafe, 126 E. Main St., Newark. Info., 302-266-6993.

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY 7 p.m. April 21 & 22. First State Ballet Theatre presents this performance with principal guest artists Larissa Ponomarenko of Boston Ballet and Alexei Borovik of the Pennsylvania Ballet. Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Tickets are \$20 - \$30 for adults, 17 and under are half price. Info., 800-37-GRAND.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

SPRING FLEA MARKET AND BAZAAR all day. April 22, 23 & 24. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info., 737-2336.

SERAFIN STRING QUARTET 12:30 p.m. This quartet has been heralded around the globe for concerts and recordings. First & Central Presbyterian Church, 1101 Market St., Wilmington. Info., 302-654-5371.

BEGINNER LINE DANCE 6 p.m. Beginner classes at the Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2336.

LATINO MAGAZINE NIGHT 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Never a cover. Always a good time. Come experience sophisticated night life at The Red Room, 550 Madison St., Wilmington. Info., 571-8440.

TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS & SONS TO WORK DAY April 22. 7:30 - 9 a.m. Stop in with your child to meet Sen. Carper and Mayor Baker and enjoy some refreshments before heading to the office. Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, 1201 N. Orange St., Wilmington. Info., 302-655-7221.

LET'S DANCE CLUB 4 to 6 p.m. Thursdays. Bring partner and dance to DJ and Big Band Music at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info., 302-737-2336.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

YMCA DAY CAMP Register now for camp beginning on June 14 through August 27. Serving children ages 3-15. All camps are held at Lums Pond. Info., 302-392-YMCA.

"DUET...QUARTET...QUINTET" April 23. 7:30 p.m. The program will feature pianist Lotus Cheng, violinists Xiang Gao, Kate Ransom, and the Vega String Quartet. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for students. The Wilmington Music School Concert Hall, 4101 Washington St., Wilmington. Info., 302-762-1132.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

SETON SENIORS 6 p.m. Gen. George Washington, a.k.a. Carl Closs will be the featured speaker. Guests are asked to bring a dessert. Monthly meetings are held in Gardiner Hall, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 345 Bear-Christiana Rd., Bear. Info., 302-834-8632.

STRENGTH TRAINING 9 - 10 a.m. Mondays; 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Tues. and Thurs.; 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Wed. and Fri. at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2336.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

FREEDOM TRAIL DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The skills and adventures of local Scouting units will be displayed. Boys and girls up to the age of 21 are encouraged to attend. Kahunaville Restaurant, Wilmington Waterfront. Info., 302-622-3300.

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. every Saturday at Greater Grace Church, 30 Blue Hen Dr. \$5 donation goes to missions. Info., 302-738-1530.

KARAOKE 8 p.m. - midnight every Saturday at the American Legion of Elkton. No cover, all welcome. Info., 410-398-9720.

NATURE VIDEOS 1 p.m. every Saturday. Video and guided walk for all ages at Ashland Nature Center. Info., 239-2334.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

40 DAYS OF PURPOSE 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. worship experiences. This six-week series will help discover our purpose in life. White Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, Intersection of Red Mill Rd. and Polly Drummond Rd. Info., 302-737-2100.

DELAWARE ACCORDION CLUB 2 - 5 p.m. Third Sunday of each month except August. Meeting for an open mic session at the Adria Cafe in the Newark Shopping Center. Open to the public. Info., 302-738-7378.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 9 p.m. Mondays. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration at 302-765-9740.

ESL 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. Classes for English Conversation held every Monday at Newark United Methodist Church, 69 East Main Street. Registration required. Info., 302-292-2091.

SIMPLY JAZZERCIZE 10:15 a.m. Mondays, 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 a.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info., 302-737-2336.

CHORUS OF BRANDYWINE 7:30 p.m. Men's barbershop rehearsals at MBNA

MEETINGS

Bowman Conference Center, Ogdontown. All welcome. Info., 302-655-SING.

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

GUARDIANS' SUPPORT 6 - 8 p.m. Meeting for grandparents and all those raising others' children at Children & Families First, 62 N. Chapel St., Newark. Information and registration, 302-658-5177, ext. 260.

NCCo STROKE CLUB noon at the Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., call Nancy Traub at 302-324-4444.

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info., 302-368-2318.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

CAREGIVER SUPPORT 7 to 9 p.m. third Tuesdays at Newark Senior Center, White Chapel Road, Newark. Free & open to public. Info. 737-2336.

NARFE 11 a.m. third Tuesday of month. Newark Chapter of National Association of Retired Federal Employees meets at the First State Diner & Restaurant, 1108 S.

College Ave. Info. 731-1628 or at 836-3196.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 7 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Liberty Baptist Church, Red Lion Road, Bear. 838-2060.

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 273/1-95. Call Marvin Quinn at 731-1972.

SAFE BOATING 7 - 9 p.m. Tuesdays through April 20. At Bohemia Manor High School. Classes are free; however there is a fee for texts and material. Info., 410-885-2567.

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. every Tuesday. For men who like to sing at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., call Will at 302-368-3052.

DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support group meeting at Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd., Newark. Info., 302-737-7239.

SWEET ADELINES 7:30 - 10 p.m. every Tuesday. Singing group meets at MBNA Bowman Center, Route 4, Newark. Listeners and new members welcome. Info., 302-999-8310.

SCRAPBOOKING 7 - 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow. Nursery, \$2/child. Info., 302-834-GRPC.

MS SUPPORT 4 - 6 p.m. Tuesdays at MS Society Headquarters, 2 Mill Road, Wilmington. Info., 302-655-5610.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

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

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

DIAMOND STATE CROCHETERS 6 p.m. third Wednesdays in the Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Road. Info., call Ann at 324-8585.

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

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD 7 p.m. third Wednesday of each month alternating between Bayard and Keene schools. Info., 454-2500, or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

CONSTITUENT MEETING 7 a.m. first and third Wednesdays of the month. Rep. Melanie George of the 5th District and Rep. John Viola of the 26th District will

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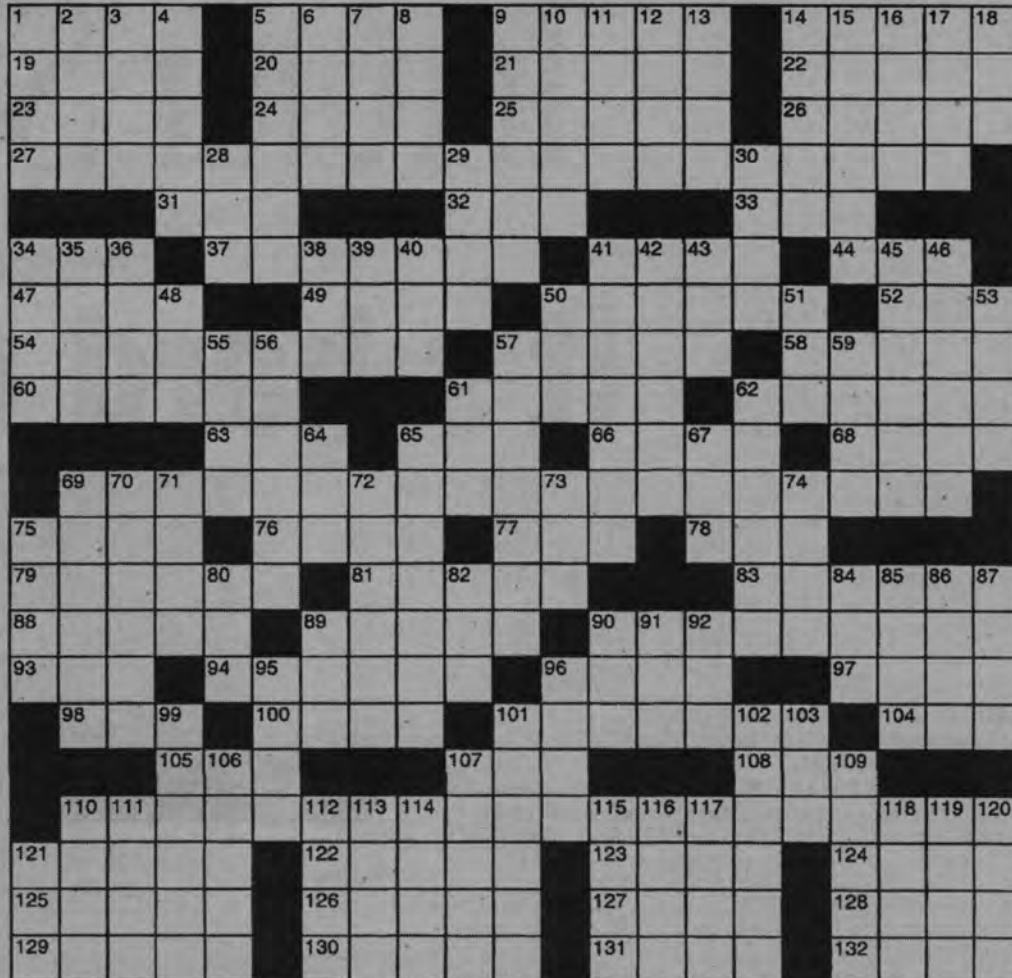
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meet for morning coffee and discuss a wide variety of concerns with constituents at the Bob Evans Restaurant at Governor's Square in Bear.

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

DIVORCECARE 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Separated/divorced persons meet at Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark. All welcome. Info., 302-737-5040.

GRIEF SHARE 7 p.m. Seminar and support group every week for those who have lost someone close to them. At Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info., 302-737-5040.

NEWARK DELTONES 7 - 10 p.m. at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 302-737-4544.

TAI CHI 2:30 p.m. Wednesday or Monday; 11:15 a.m. Friday, at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., \$20/month. Info., 302-737-2336.

FAMILY CIRCLES 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-658-5177.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

COLONIAL STATES KNITTERS 7 p.m. fourth Thursday in the Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Road. Info., 994-2869.

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

TOASTMASTERS 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursday. Greater Elkton chapter meets at Cecil County Department of Aging to develop potential and overcome fear of public speaking. Public welcome. Info. 410-287-3290.

BRIGHT FUTURES 1 p.m. Breast cancer support group meets second and fourth Thursdays at Christiana Hospital in the Medical Arts Pavilion #2. Info. 733-3900.

EVENING YOGA 6:15 p.m. Class to encourage relaxation and improve strength, balance, and peace of mind. \$15 per month at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2336.

STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. every Thursday. Animal stories read by a lively storyteller near the Otter exhibit at Brandywine Zoo. Info., 302-571-7747.

WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7 - 9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration at 302-765-9740.

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

NEWARK MORNING ROTARY 7 - 8:15 a.m. at the Blue & Gold Club, Newark. Info., 302-737-1711 or 302-737-0724.

BLUEGRASS/OLDTIME JAM 7:30 - 10 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave. Any skill level welcome. Bring

your own instrument.
COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS THAT WORK 7 p.m. April 22. Meg Tallman of college Money will reveal a seven step process for designing a successful college savings plan. Bear Library, 101 Governor's Pl., Bear. Info., 302-838-3300.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

RETIREMENT PLANNING 4 - 6 p.m. April 29. This presentation is for those who want to save enough to live comfortably in their retirement. Timothy's on the Waterfront, 930 Pettinaro Dr., Wilmington. Cost is \$35 per person and includes beer, wine, soda, and

heavy hors d'oeuvres. Info., 302-994-7442.
LIVING WITH GRIEF: ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE 1 - 4:30 p.m. April 28. Moderated by Cokie Roberts. Sponsored by Christiana Care/Caring During Loss Committee. Christiana Hospital, Room 1926 - Women's Health Center, Stanton. Info., 302-733-1280.
ORAL HISTORY TRAINING SESSION 6:30 - 9 p.m. April 29. First person recollections of events, memories, and days gone by can greatly enhance the understanding of how things happened in past generations. Learn to capture these important stories on audio tape. Glasgow High School, Rt. 896, Newark. Info., 302-577-5044.

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In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Multicultural event

George Kirk Middle School will hold its annual Diversity Night, Wednesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme is "America, Land of the Free..." There will be live entertainment and a multicultural food festival. The event is free. Kirk is located at 140 Brennan Dr., Todd Estates, Newark. For info., call 454-2164.

WOW bus in Bear

World of Wonders bus, the Christina School District mobile reading lab, will be at Deer Park Plaza, Bear, on Rt. 40 across from People's Plaza on Saturday April 17, and Brookside Plaza, Newark on Saturday April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon. Christina students from kindergarten to sixth grade can visit the bus for 45-minute sessions to read or use computers for language arts and math while parents shop in the area. Parental registration, photo ID is required.

Board meets

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Christina School District Board of Education will be Tuesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Stubbs Intermediate School, 1100 Pine St., Wilmington. Public invited. For info., call 454-2500.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

DELIA Leap, a sixth grader at Elbert Palmer Intermediate School, was selected by Principal Lavina Smith and staff as this week's Student of the Week. Delia has a warm, genuine caring personality and sense of humor. She is on Student Council, has worked on Palmer's Student of the Month program and Wilmington Parks and Recreation Youth in City program. Delia is described by teachers as being "unfailingly kind and positive."



Leap

It's hard work...

Students face the challenges of having jobs

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE bookkeeper at Happy Harry's hustled to keep up with his work. Just as he started writing out checks to Tidewater Utility for electricity and the local radio station for advertising, someone would ask him a question.

"It's a tough job being a bookkeeper. I need to keep up. I can be writing checks and someone comes in and interrupts me. I need a notepad to keep track of what I need to do," said Chris Pinkney, a fifth grader at Drew/Pyle Intermediate School.

Pinkney and his fellow classmates were role playing real jobs for a day in Enterprise Village, Junior Achievement of Delaware's latest program to teach students about the free enterprise system.

After a five week classroom unit that includes understanding budgets, check writing, investing and saving, and profits and losses, the classes visit Enterprise Village for a day where each student has a specific job and responsibilities. Before arriving they complete job applications and compete for specific posi-



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Fifth graders from Drew/Pyle School run Enterprise Village for a day at Junior Achievement in Wilmington. Here Happy Harry's store associate Oneisha Burks, left, helps customer Patrice Emory with items, while bookkeeper Chris Pinkney, front left, and manager Tierra Dorsey, right, work on administrative details of running the business.

tions, such as bookkeeper, manager, store associate, radio station host, banker, attorney or mayor.

The students run businesses, provide goods and services, make purchases, do their banking and hold a town meeting.

A mini-version of a city is

constructed with business and store fronts, sponsored by local companies. Happy Harry's has a small scale store with merchandise on the shelves where students can purchase trinkets. The radio station, sponsored by River 94.7 fm, is run by the students,

playing requests, making announcements and selling advertising time.

The village has an arts center curator, working out of town hall, who sells tickets for a raffle. ID cards and business forms are

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Marshall students meet challenge

WHEN Thurgood Marshall Elementary School takes on a challenge, everyone gets into the act, including all 700 students, the teachers and staff.

On Tuesday, April 6, Lt. Gov. John Carney was at the school to present them with medals for participating in his Lt. Governor's Challenge to become more physically active and fit.

They started his program to get up and get moving for improved health in January keeping daily logs of their physical activity, recording 30-minute segments of activities and tallying points. They walked, ran, played basketball, swam, jumped rope, and rode bikes. Even housecleaning counted toward their points.



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Lt. Gov. John Carney, center, helps Thurgood Marshall principal Elva Brooks, left, and assistant principal Patricia Buchanan, right, cut the yellow ribbon to officially open the school's walking track. 100 percent of the faculty, staff and students participated in the Lt. Governor's Physical Fitness Challenge.

At the end of 12 weeks, they totaled their points. Bronze, silver and gold medals were given out for points earned, worn on yellow ribbons around their necks. More than 200 received medals.

Everyone in the school participated, including the eight students in the REACH program for disabled students and 100 percent of the teachers and staff.

Carney said he was impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment of the staff and students.

"Thurgood Marshall Elementary rocks," said Carney causing loud cheers from the audience.

Carney and the gold medal winners then cut the ribbon to officially open the school's newly

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NEWARK POST ❖ IN OUR SCHOOLS

Choice reopened

WITH the recent changes in grade placements approved by the Board of Education in the Christina Schools for next school year, the application period for Choice has been reopened. Letters have been sent home to parents of all students effected. In addition, parent information meetings will be held to answer questions and complete the applications.

Meetings will be held April 20, 4 - 6 p.m. at Drew/Pyle; April 20, 6 - 8 p.m. at Bancroft; April 21, 6 - 8 p.m. at Bayard; April 22, 4 - 6 p.m. at Elbert/Palmer; April 27, 4:15 - 6:15 p.m. at Keene; April 28, 6 - 8 p.m. at Wilson; and April 29, 4 - 6 p.m. at Shue/Medill. Spanish interpreters will be available at Bayard, Wilson and Shue meetings.

For more information, call

454-2500 or go to the Web site www.christina.k12.de.us.

Top girls honored

Twenty-eight junior girls from local high schools, including three from Christina schools, with outstanding records in science and math will be honored at a luncheon at the University of Delaware Trabant Center on Sunday, April 18. The event is sponsored by Newark AAUW and the UD Office of Women's Affairs.

Included in the honorees are Bhavikam Patel from Christiana High, Mallory Onisk from Glasgow High, and Elizabeth Chamberlain from Newark High.

The speaker is Nasreen F. Haideri, a Newark High School and UD graduate.



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SINGING TO THE FUTURE

More than 300 grandparents, parents and little sisters and brothers were entertained by Maclary Elementary School students at the annual Grandparents/VIP Day, Wednesday, April 7. The students sang songs of patriotism, faith and hope for the future. Above, the youngest Maclarions, the pre-kindergarten class, donned hot colored shades and glitter painted "guitars" as they rocked and rolled and sang ABC Rock.

Learning the real world in school

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"printed" at the Business Forms Center. Throughout the day phones ring in each business center.

"Put some rock and roll on," was the request at the radio station.

"Hello. This is the restaurant. Can I take your order?" asked restaurant manager Cory Stanley.

Bookkeepers write checks to deliver to other businesses. Ads are written and taken to the village newspaper or broadcast over the radio. Sales flyers appear on village walls announcing specials of the hour. Employees are sent

to the health center, sponsored by St. Francis Hospital, where they have their blood pressure and eyes checked.

Paychecks are written three times a day, with students banking at the village branch of WSFS.

Mayor Shatiera Richman prepared to lead the town meeting at the end of the day when business managers would give final reports and the town CPA would give a financial report. Attorney Tawab Nasir had to tell how he solved two cases, one of a stolen teddy bear and another potential liability case. Someone had "slipped on a pickle" in the restaurant.

By the end of the day most students agreed with Josh Hazelwood, one of the bankers.

"It's hard being an adult. This job is very stressful," Hazelwood said.

T'Keyah Alexander said she now understands how her mother feels when she comes home from work. "Now I can appreciate when my mom says her feet hurt," said Alexander.

■ For more information, contact Junior Achievement, 654-4510.

Wellness fair went fairly well

► FAIR, from 12

installed walking track.

The presentation kicked off the school's first Health and Wellness Fair, coordinated by teacher Kelly Stoneman. Last summer Stoneman and several other teachers attended a health leadership conference in Dover and got the idea for the walking track. A \$5,000 grant paid for construction of the track as well as pedometers for the teachers, signs for the track and prizes for the wellness fair. Forty bike helmets were raffled off during the day.

Groups of students visited tables and displays set up by more than 30 community organizations, including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, Bear YMCA, Delaware Fire School, Christiana

Fire Company and Christiana Care. They were fingerprinted, had blood pressure readings, practiced calling 9-1-1 and heard about bike safety. They got computer printouts of body mass index, learned about water safety and how to dress for protection from the sun. There was a display of jars of fat equivalent to the amount in their favorite foods. A "tar jar" showed what your lungs look like after smoking.

State police from Troop 2 brought a helicopter and VW Bug, called Trooper Dan. Students toured a fire engine.

Stoneman thought the program was very beneficial.

"The students got a lot out of it. At the end of the day they could all tell you they learned something new health wise at their level and they could understand it," Stoneman said.



NHS SNAGS FESTIVAL AWARDS

Newark High School Music Department brought home top honors from its recent performance at Music Festival in Orlando. The Wind Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra and Parade Band were judged to be the "Best Overall." Chamber and Symphonic orchestras received the "Sweepstakes Trophy." Outstanding soloists and sections were recognized with 17 awards. Pictured are outstanding soloists for their divisions. Back row, from left: John Choi, Ah-Young Song, Scott Lynch, Stephanie Busch, Sarah Black, Sam Peters and Emily Peterson. Front row, from left: Brent Edmundson, Brittany Taylor, Emily Tan, Kirsten Millford, Sarah Bell and Kurtis Wittman.

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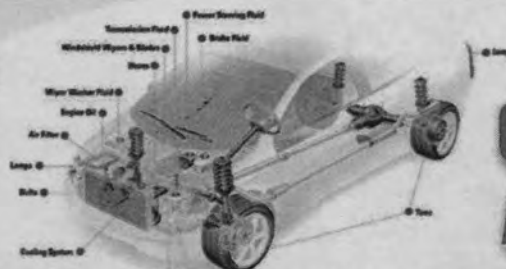
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Hodgson wins in DSC Cup

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Hodgson scored early and late in the game, but not enough in between, as the Silver Eagles fell to Sussex Tech 7-5 Saturday afternoon, in the opening round of the Stenta Cup division of the Delaware Stadium Corporation Cup Baseball Tournament at Frawley Stadium.

Hodgson (2-3), manufactured single runs in the second and third innings to build a 2-0 lead. The Ravens tied the score in the top of the fourth on a Brock Townsend triple. Townsend then put Tech in front 3-2 by stealing home, on the front end of a double steal.

Sussex Tech (6-1), then added four more runs in the fifth inning, knocking out Hodgson starter Eric Cordell in the process.

The Ravens Jake Schirmer and Jay Marsh had key hits in the inning, with Schirmer delivering a key two-run double.

The Silver Eagles rallied for two runs in the bottom half of the fifth, and pushed across one run in the sixth to close the gap, but it would not be enough to catch the Ravens.

Sussex Tech starter James Davis struck out eight in six strong innings on the mound. Addison Mow pitched the seventh to get the save.

Hodgson was scheduled to play Delcastle in the third place game Monday afternoon but Mother Nature would not cooperate.

The Cougars arrived at the consolation round after losing to Howard 5-2 in the Saturday morning contest.

Howard was scheduled to play Sussex Tech Tuesday night at Frawley Stadium in Wilmington for the Stenta Cup title tilt.

Blue Hens finally get a victory



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Delaware junior Kelly Buber has hit three home runs for the Blue Hens this season.

Delaware tops Temple to snap skid

Sophomore Brent Rogers (right) went 2 for 5 with two triples and three RBI as the University of Delaware baseball team ended its 10-game losing streak with a 9-2 win over Temple University Wednesday afternoon at Bob Hannah Stadium.

Junior Kelly Buber also had two RBI for the Hens, who snapped the Owls (13-8) seven-game winning streak while ending a six-game home losing streak of their own to even their 2004 record at 14-14. Delaware also improved to 4-2 when wearing its yellow third-jerseys.

The Blue Hens opened the scoring in the bottom of the second, scoring three times to take a 3-0 lead. Sophomore Todd Davison singled home Buber for the first run of the game and Rogers followed with a triple to score junior Ed McDonnell and Davison.

Delaware tacked on three more in the bottom of the third to extend its lead to 6-0. Buber laced a pitch down the right field line to score senior Steve Van Note and junior Dave Harden before he scored on a passed ball.

The Owls struck back for two in the top of the fifth to cut the deficit to 6-2. Pete Colon doubled to lead off the inning and scored on a fielding error by Davison. Justin Cooper followed with a single up the middle to score Freddy Hillard.

Rogers second triple of the game scored Davison in the bottom of the sixth, giving the Hens a 7-2 lead. Junior Ryan Graham followed with an RBI groundout to score Rogers before Van Note slammed his sixth home run of the season, a solo shot over the centerfield fence that upped Delaware's lead to 9-2.

Senior Jarame Beaupre picked up his third win of the season for Delaware.

Local field hockey teams win at national tournament

The under-14 Strikers I field hockey team went 6-0-1 and outscored their opponents 34-4 at the National Indoor Field Hockey Tournament at Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y. last weekend.

Members of the team include Dana Walker, Taylor Brown,

Heather Stevens, Carole Slacum, Jaclyn White, Lindsey Puckett, Kelly Allaband, Kirsten Walther and Lauren Slacum. The team is coached by Peter Hueberger and Harvey Allaband.

In addition, the under-16 Strikers I team had perfect 7-0-0

record in their pool of the same tournament. The team outscored their opponents by an overwhelming 27-3 margin.

Members of the under-16 team include: Ali Williams, Michelle Drummonds, Nicole Allaband, Michelle Rowe,

Patricia Dean, Katelyn Falgowski, Natalie Lester and Cynthia Wray. The team is coached by William Dean and Ken Falgowski.

Diamond Gymnastics team successful all over the country

Over 700 gymnasts from the East Coast participated in the East Coast Classic on January 30th- February 2nd in Prince George County, Maryland. The top ten scorers in Levels 9 and 10 competed in finals on January 31st. The Diamond Gymnastics Team took 1st place for Level 5 (110.45), Level 6 (109.1), Level 8 (112.825), and Level 9 (111.65). The Level 7 team took second (109.1). The Level 4 team finished 1st at the Starstruck Invitational in Bridgeport, New Jersey with a team score of 111.7.

At the Starstruck Invitational for Level 4 Dominique Tee (age 6-7) finished 2nd all-around. Mariah Anderson (9) finished 4th all-around (35.535). Mariah was 4th on vault (9.45), 5th on bars, and 2nd on floor. Sarah Boothe (10+) was 5th all-around with a 35.35. Sarah scored 9.15 on vault, 9.025 on beam (2nd), and 2nd on floor. Amy Dill (10+) finished 2nd all-around with a 35.9. Amy was 1st on vault (9.5) and 2nd on bars (9.2). Teresa Manniso was 3rd on vault and 3rd on beam.

At the East Coast Classic for Level 5 Danielle Debevec (7-9) finished 4th on bars, 2nd on beam and 4th all-around. Kasey Prettyman (11) finished 1st all-around with a 36.75. Kasey was 1st on bars (9.2), beam (9.0), and floor (9.45) and 2nd on vault (9.1). Lindsay Prettyman (11) was 2nd all-around with a 35.8. Lindsay was 2nd on beam and floor (9.3) and 3rd on vault (9.0) and bars. Emily Smith (11) was 5th all-around and finished 4th on beam. Randi Dahms finished 3rd all-around with a 1st on floor (9.25) and a 2nd on beam. Verena Joerger (10) competed for the Level 5 Team. In Level 6 Alexandra Zimmermann (9) placed 2nd on vault (9.25) and 1st on floor (9.4). Brittney Jones (11) won 1st all-around with a 36.225. Brittney was 2nd on vault (9.45) and 1st on bars (9.1). Stephanie Jones (13) finished 1st on vault (9.375). For Level 7 Sam Wirth (13) scored 9.25 on floor to help her Level 7 Team to their 2nd place finish.

In optionals for Level 8, Patty Pierson (13) finished tied for 4th all-around with a 35.975. Patty was 3rd on vault (9.325) and 4th on bars (9.05). Kelly Strickland (14-15) took 2nd on vault with a 9.2. Christina Jones (14-15) Level 9 took 2nd place all-around with a 37. Christina was first on bars with a 9.5. Christina represented Diamond in the finals in all 4 events. In finals Christina won 1st on bars (9.55), 1st on

beam (9.575), 3rd on floor (9.55) and 4th on vault (9.1).

Diamond dominates at Capital Cup

Diamond Gymnastics' teams for Levels 5, 8, and 9 won 1st place at The Nations 2004 Capital Cup in Washington DC held March 4th-7th. Levels 4, 5, and 6 took 2nd place. Over 800 gymnasts representing 34 different gymnastics associations from the east coast participated in this 3-day event.

Level 9 gymnast Christina Jones qualified for finals in all 4 events by winning 2nd all-around with a 35.6. In finals held on Saturday night Christina won 2nd on vault (9.1), 3rd on beam (8.8), and 2nd on floor (9.3).

Dominique Tee, Amy Dill, Mariah Anderson, Sarah Boothe, Teresa Manniso, and Danielle Debevec all contributed to Level 4's 2nd place finish. Dominique Tee (6-7 years old) finished 2nd all-around with a 2nd place on floor and beam and a 3rd place on bars. Mariah Anderson (9) was 1st on floor

(9.2). Sarah Boothe (9) placed 5th all-around with a 35.1. Sarah was 5th on bars and 4th on beam. Amy Dill (10-11) was 1st all-around with a 36.4. Amy was 1st on vault (9.5), 1st on bars (9.4), and 3rd on beam.

Danielle Debevec, Verena Joerger, Kasey Prettyman, Lindsay Prettyman, and Emily Smith all participated on the Level 5 1st place team. Danielle Debevec (age 8) finished 5th all-around. Danielle was 2nd on bars (9.1), and 4th on vault. Kasey Prettyman (10+) was 1st all-around with a 36.4. Kasey was 1st on vault (9.4), bars (9.5), and floor (9.45). Lindsay Prettyman (10+) was 3rd all-around with a 36.4. Lindsay was 3rd on vault (9.2), 3rd on floor (9.35), and scored 9.05 on bars.

Stephanie Jones, Brittney Jones, and Alexandra Zimmermann helped their Level 6 team to a 2nd place finish. Alexandra Zimmermann (age 7-9) was 2nd all-around with a 35.5. Alexandra was 2nd on vault (9.2), 2nd on bars, 4th on beam, and 1st on floor. Brittney Jones (11+) finished 2nd all-

around. Brittney was 1st on bars with a 9.3.

Samantha Wirth (13+) came in 5th all-around in Level 7 with a 35.225. Samantha was 5th on vault (9.0), 2nd on bars, and 5th on beam.

The Level 8 team took first place with a team high score of 149.625. Kelly Strickland (14+) tied for 1st on vault with a 9.45. Patty Pierson (12-13) finished 3rd all-around with a 35.75. Patty tied for 2nd on vault (9.35), was 2nd on bars (9.25) and finished 4th on beam.

Successful in Arizona

Diamond Level 4 gymnasts competed at the Yurchenco Invitational in Allentown, Pennsylvania on Valentine's weekend, taking first place for the team with a score of 111.75. Newark gymnast Teresa Manniso (12+) placed 1st all-around to help her team to a first place finish. Teresa was 1st on vault, bar, and beam and placed 2nd on floor. Dominique Tee (6-7 years old), Mariah Anderson (9-11yrs., 3rd on vault 9.25, 5th on beam,

2nd floor 9.0 and 4th all-around 35.8), Amy Dill (9-11yrs., 1st vault 9.45, 5th bars 9.05) and Sarah Boothe (9-11yrs., 2nd bars 9.25, 2nd beam 9.1, 5th floor, 3rd all-around 35.95) also contributed to their team's victory.

Levels 5-10 traveled to Phoenix Arizona to compete in the Sweetheart Invitational February 13th-16th. Level 5 (108.375) and Level 9 (109.475) took 1st place, Level 6 (104.8) and Level 8 (112.8) finished 2nd. Level 5 Kasey Prettyman (junior) won 1st all-around with a 35.525. Kasey was 1st on bars (9.45) and 2nd on floor (9.025). Lindsay Prettyman (junior) finished 2nd all-around with a 35.475. Lindsay was 4th on vault and floor and 3rd on bars (9.325).

Patty Pierson (junior) and Kelly Strickland (junior) helped their Level 8 team to a 2nd place finish. Patty won 1st on vault (9.5), 5th on bars (9.3) and placed 4th all-around with a 36.1. Kelly took 3rd place on vault with a 9.3. Christina Jones (junior) competed on the Level 9 team and helped them to their 1st place finish.

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checking his mother's finances, he found she had written 17 checks to the bogus company between July 2002 until February. The son reported his mother was contacted by officials at the alleged company frequently and sent payments as directed.

In another case, an 84-year-old victim paid the money to a Canadian sweepstakes company to cover the "costs" associated with winning \$150,000.

On Tuesday, March 16 at noon, police went to the unit block of Dawes Court in Newark where the victim stated he had been in contact with sweepstakes officials from Sept. 5 through March 16.

County police reported that the "official" advised the victim he won, however he had to send money to collect his prize. The victim complied and immediately sent \$1,500 to Canada by Western Union in September.

In January, the man also sent \$1,800 more as requested.

On March 16, the victim states he

received a call from two males from the company requesting an additional \$2,500. When he refused to cooperate, they got angry. The victim then decided to call police.

This is the third documented case that police have investigated in the past five months involving this type of deception and scam targeting seniors.

County police are asking anyone who has been contacted by a Canadian lottery or sweepstakes company to call the police department at 395-8171.

"Remember, a legitimate lottery official will never call you by phone and certainly not collect money for costs," a police spokesman said.

Dogs bark on Rahway, woman arrested

A 40-year-old Newark woman was charged by Newark police on Saturday, April 10, at 1:21 a.m. after receiving a report from neighbors that barking dogs were disrupting the peace of the Cherry Hill neighborhood.

Police went to a home in the 900 block Rahway Drive after receiving the complaints. At first, they were unable to contact anyone at the home while three dogs continued barking. After 35 minutes, the owner

answered the door and quieted the dogs.

Police said Deborah Ann Uff, 40, of Newark, was charged with failure to quiet her barking dogs. She was released pending a court appearance.

Assault reported on Creek View Road

A 33-year-old Newark woman told Newark police at 12:45 a.m. on Friday, April 9, that she had been punched in the eye by another woman as the two stood near the front door of Timothy's, 100 Creek View Road. A bouncer at the restaurant verified the victim's account for police. Warrant procedures were explained to the victim.

Alcohol, noise violations listed

Officers of the Newark Police Department have continued their stepped-up enforcement of alcohol-related and noise laws though the number of arrests declined during "spring break" week.

Marked units and special plainclothes details operated here during what police describe as "peak party periods." Officers out of uniform also conducted "Cops In Shops" details in Newark liquor outlets.

Some of the recent arrests include:

Alex G. Hense, 20, of Lewes, underage consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, April 11, at 1:22 a.m., in 200 block Beverly Road, University Garden apartments;

Shaun Patrick Baxter, 23, of Newark, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Saturday, April 10, at 10:19 p.m., in parking lot of Ground Floor restaurant, 60 N. College Ave.;

Laurence Todd Blass, 20, of Newark, noise violation, on Saturday, April 10, at 2:07 a.m. in the 100 block Thorn Lane, Towne Court apartments;

Jeffrey K. Hausknect, 20, of Inyland, Pa., maintaining a disorderly premise, on Saturday, April 10, at 1:40 a.m., at 28 Annabelle St.;

Megan Elizabeth Pearce, 20, **Lauren Christy Gambacorta**, 20, and **Jennifer L. Saienni**, 21, all of Newark, maintaining a disorderly premise, on Saturday, April 10, at 12:33 a.m., at 329 E. Main St., Main Street Courtyard apartments;

Emily K. Lichvar, 21, of Newark, noise violation, on Friday, April 9, at 2:26 a.m., at 329 E. Main St., Main Street Courtyard apartments; and

Jonathan Defilippis, 22, of Newark, noise violation, on Wednesday, April 7, at 9:39 p.m., at 12 Wrightstown Lane.

Police said all persons arrested for alcohol and noise violations were released pending court appearances.

Recent DUI arrests

The Newark Police Department has released the names of persons arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol here recently. They include:

George H. Wittig Jr., 22, of Newark, on Monday, April 5, 9:10 p.m., on South College Avenue;

Thomas E. Green, 34, of Wilmington, on Sunday, April 11, 1:29 a.m., on South College Avenue at Ritter Lane;

Michael R. Pickel, 24, of Landenberg, Pa., on Sunday, April 11, 2:42 a.m., at Annabelle and Margaret streets; and

Ron R. Reddell, 53, of Wilmington, on Friday, April 9, 12:07 a.m., on Papermill Road at Creek View.

Police said all were released pending court appearances.

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Sweeping changes underway in Christina

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tears as they struggled to get their words out. None of them took their decision lightly.

Constance Merlet admitted voting against the establishment of the Superintendent's Task Force last fall. But after listening to the pros and cons of the proposal, re-reading the hundreds of e-mails and attending the public meetings, she said this new proposal would be a major transformation.

"It will change our district drastically," said Merlet. "The heart of our district lies in the heart of our children. And if we're not doing the very best for our children, then our district has no heart at all."

Board member Brenda Phillips was equally passionate about "doing what's right in my heart." She said Wise and his staff answered every question with plans and assurances.

"I have faith and trust in Dr. Wise, his staff, the teachers, the bus drivers, the custodians, everyone who works with our children everyday to do what's right for the kids."

Phillips said, however, she was sad that she was in opposition with her mentor and long-

time board member George Evans.

Evans questioned the viability of the plan in helping student achievement and was afraid it would cause re-segregation. He was the lone dissenter.

Other board members were optimistic this plan was the right thing for all children and for the future of the Christina District.

Dr. John Mackenzie felt it was "finally going to bring equity to our school system."

James Durr recognized change is difficult for most people to accept. He said, "We are failing our children miserably. Let's put our children first."

Cecilia Scherer said she struggled with her decision but felt comforted that it was not etched in stone and trusted her fellow board members to be doing what was right for the children.

Before calling for the vote, board President Christopher Reed thanked Charles Hughes, a former district principal, for getting Reed into the position where he was helping to make a difference in the district.

■ Wise responds

"I've probably worked harder on this than anything else in my

career," Dr. Joseph Wise said of the Christina Transformation proposal.

Wise assumed the position as superintendent of the Christina School District in July 2003. Shortly after arriving and doing a thorough analysis of student achievement, finances and business procedures of the largest district in the state, Wise said he realized things needed to change quickly and drastically in order to get this district "to be the flagship it once was."

He hired CTAC, a Boston-based consulting firm, to assess every aspect of the district, called for a thorough state audit to get the financial situation under control and requested the Christina Board of Education to approve establishment of a Superintendent's Task Force to develop a direction for the district.

The eight proposals in the Christina Transformation were developed by Wise and his staff based on the vision created by the 10-member task force in January.

Dozens of public meetings, interviews and city council meetings in Wilmington and Newark were held to seek input.

Suggestions and ideas were continuously worked into the

proposal before the final reading.

"I'd put this school board up against any in the country. They asked tough questions," Wise said. He also commended his staff for their hard work and diligence saying they were "phenomenal" in crunching numbers and working out details.

"This gives us a blueprint that really does work for all kids and all families," Wise said.

"If we get this done right, watch out. Here comes Christina."

■ First step

Parts of the Christina Transformation approved by the Board of Education will begin implementation now in order for students and teachers to be in place for the opening of schools in August 2004.

Relocation of administrative and support services cannot begin until students at Drew/Pyle and other elementary schools are reassigned.

Letters to parents were mailed April 8. Parent information meetings have been scheduled.

The district Web site has a complete explanation of the change in school assignments, who is eligible to change and

Choice application procedures.

■ Need more study

Other parts of the plan will require more details before the board approves them. A downtown Newark pedestrian-retail site for NETworks, the district's vocational training program for special needs students, needs to be found.

Assuming Colonial School District's portion of Wilmington will require further study. On April 5, the Colonial Board of Education "authorized their administration to move forward with a response to the Christina School District's proposal regarding changes in the boundaries and service areas of the districts."

Specialized learning at the high schools, such as Culinary Arts and Hotel Management, Visual and Performing Arts or International Baccalaureate will require further study.

Conversion of the entire district to new grade configurations will not take place until a new middle school is opened.

■ The complete Christina Transformation proposal is available at www.christina.k12.de.us.

The Christina transformation

| | Staff recommendation | What does it mean? | When? |
|---------|--|--------------------|--|
| One | Temporary relocate administration and support offices to Drew/Pyle complex ■ Administration would move to Drew/Pyle school complex in Wilmington, consolidating most district administration and support facilities in one location ■ Reassign Drew/Pyle grades 4 and 5 to Bayard, grade 6 to Shue/Medill if feed to that school, others go to Bayard ■ Relocate NETworks to downtown Newark (site to be determined) | | 2004-05 2004-05 2004-05 |
| Two * | Redesign Christina's high schools ■ Pursue specialized learning communities in each high school (possibly Culinary Arts, Visual and Performing Arts, International Baccalaureate) ■ Continuation of study of new high school in Wilmington (including discussions with Wilmington city, state officials, business leaders) ■ School-wide Advanced Placement certification for each high school | | 2005-06 2006-07 |
| Three | Limited expanded grade configuration ■ Phase-in of district wide grade reconfigurations (fifth to elementary, sixth to middle schools) ■ 60-seat expansion for fifth graders in Brader, Brookside, Downes, Keene, Maclary, Marshall, Smith and Wilson ■ Kindergarten and first graders at Elbert Palmer ■ 60-seat expansion for second graders at Bancroft, Bayard and Elbert Palmer ■ 60-seat expansion for third graders at Pulaski and Stubbs ■ Establish two sixth grade teams (240 seats) at Shue/Medill ■ Choice reopening for all affected students | | 2004-05 2004-05 2004-05 2004-05 2004-05 2004-05 April 8 - May 12, 2004 |
| Four * | Reconfigure schools to Pre-K or K - 5, Grades 6 - 8, Grades 9 - 12 ■ Implement with opening of new middle school ■ Provide extra staffing and funding for schools with higher number of students on free/reduced lunch | | |
| Five * | Explore feasibility and design work to replace traditional feeder patterns with expanded choice plan ■ Consider weighted lottery and walk-zones to balance diversity | | |
| Six | Expand services for English language learners ■ One additional site, possibly Brader or West Park | | 2004-05 |
| Seven * | Expand Early Education program ■ Budget seed money to jumpstart planning and design for future three and four-year-old programs ■ Current portable classrooms at Brader replaced with newer units | | 2005-06 2004-05 |
| Eight * | Pursue approval associated with Christina assuming ownership of Colonial's portion of Wilmington ■ Meetings continue with Colonial District, state legislators ■ Implementation of state-of-art Pre-K center at Martin Luther King Elementary School ■ Current MLK students Choice other Christina or Colonial schools or graduate from that school | | |

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Showy Stryax, better known as snowbells, cascades with pendulous clusters of delicate bell-shaped white flowers. The small tree is one of the featured plants

in the event.

A variety of out-of-the-ordinary perennials — from trees to flowering plants — will be available.

For people who want to pre-order, a list of sale plants is available on the Web at <http://ag.udel.edu/udbg>. Just print out the order form and mail it with a check.

Pre-ordered plants, which are processed in the order received and available on a first-come, first-served basis, can be picked up Friday, April 23, between 2 and 8 p.m.

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Up in the air

► HUMMEL, from 6

with one fell swoop. He would be triumphantly violent in a world of violence; and Messiah I would do it in "real" life, the here-and-now.

But Isaiah and other prophets envisioned another kind of Messiah: a suffering one who would "save" rather than destroy. Painfully aware that this century's hero would be next century's fading memory, Isaiah predicted a despised and rejected Messiah.

Both "strands" of Messianic belief were part of the great Jewish traditions that came down to the time of Jesus, who at first seemed to demonstrate the powers of Messiah I, but he kept acting like Messiah II. And, he was openly critical of all the world's leaders, not just the most justly hated "Bad Guys," the "thems."

He apparently wasn't going to stop stepping on the "wrong" sandals until something drastic had to be done about him. By somebody and by everybody.

It is both ironic and realistic that in the Roman Empire, Jesus (whom many call God) ended up where the Greek and Roman actor-gods began: up in the air.



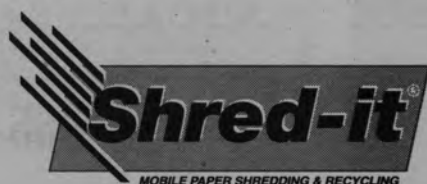
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By **BETSY LEHNDORFF**

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Glenn Aaron glues colorful pieces of natural wood together to make other-worldly furniture. A three-legged, plank-back chair

is decorated with mountains and a lake under an orange sky. A shrine-like bookshelf is full of knotholes that seem to peek out from behind pottery. A two-door chest comes with a face and green-glowing eyes, framed by

woods in all kinds of textures and colors.

Aaron's creations mix Arts and Crafts style with 15th-century Zen concepts — along with his own ideas — to produce a distinctive look.

The Arts and Crafts style advocated simplicity, functionality, natural materials and craftsmanship.

"It had integrity. It was honest," says Aaron, who teaches furniture design and history at Metropolitan State College of Denver. "The philosophy was that it didn't matter what man made; nature was by far the most beautiful product."

Exploring the foundations of the style, Aaron also came across some 15th-century Asian ideas, which, he says, "were really about learning to see." That meant learning to appreciate the knots, bumps, splits and streaks in wood that most furniture manufacturers discard.

Sometimes the flaws even form pictures, Aaron says.

"If I see an image of a dog in some of the grain, I cut it out and use it."

But his furniture requires more than a few boards and some imagination. Aaron also is a structural engineer who understands the strengths and weaknesses of wood, and knows how to build sturdy furniture that's

functional as well as artistic.

Besides earning an engineering degree, he minored in timber design at Oregon State University. But he wasn't able to pursue woodworking until 1983, when he sold an engineering company that he had founded.

At first Aaron restored and refinished antiques, which led to a period building Southwestern-style furniture. Then he immersed himself in the Arts and Crafts philosophy.

These days, when Aaron isn't teaching at the Metro State wood shop, he is building furniture in his studio, Pilgrim's Pride.

The green-eyed cabinet is made of exotic hardwoods such as Australian lace, purple heart, bubinga and butternut, as well as cherry, alder and oak in an assortment of textures. The eyes are squares of glass.

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New mayor hopes to 'bury hatchet and move on'

► ELECTION, from 1

ly and sincerely because you need to bring the town together," he said. "There are so many factions, so you need to find common goals. Obviously everyone wants the reservoir solved and I think with me being mayor and my background in law, it will be reviewed more quickly. Then, the landlord student laws, and I need to see what's going on with that lawsuit ... maybe it's time to bury the hatchet and move on."

Also, Funk wants to promote the city and downtown area as a great place to visit, shop and eat, and do more to entice new businesses. In general, Funk is sincere when he talks about encouraging residents to come together.

"I want people to say hello to one another on the street, that when they see litter, to pick it up. We need more of that."

The scene at Funk's home on Beverly Road was one of celebration among supporters and friends. Although Funk did not allow a *Newark Post* reporter into his home for interviews prior to the results being announced Tuesday evening, his election night party was expected to be such a large event that he even hired a city police officer (off-duty, but in uniform and with a city cruiser parked outside) to handle possible party-crashers. Such off-duty hiring is allowed in the city.

Godwin faces defeat

MEANWHILE, earlier in the afternoon, Godwin, 54, spent the final hours before polls closed on the phone, reminding voters it was election day. Hunched over his kitchen table, equipped with a pencil, telephone, a list of registered voters and a ruler, the mayor worked by himself. Early on, two hours before the polls closed, Godwin was convinced he would win.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

While others celebrated, Newark Mayor Hal Godwin, accompanied by long-time friend Robert Thomas, traveled around the city removing his campaign lawn signs.

There were other things pointing him in that direction, most notably a building crescendo of support and the return of long-forgotten volunteers.

His confidence was not something he would lose, even as the night progressed.

Just before polls closed before 8 p.m. he cast his vote and, along with close friend Robert Thomas, piled into Godwin's SUV. They were off to pull campaign signs from supporters' yards. Behind the wheel, Godwin seemed relaxed. With a task to wrap his attention around, he appeared to have no cares in the world.

A little after 8 p.m. and with results soon to be announced, Godwin grew no more outwardly anxious than he had been at home. Between bouts of whistling he explained that, "If this is the end, that's OK. This is part time for me. I have a lot of other things to do, opportunities to investigate."

While Thomas struggled to pull out another one of countless signs from a soaked yard, Godwin's cell phone rang. It was 8:15 p.m. The mayor answered the phone and quickly grabbed his clipboard. He scribbled down a few numbers and let out a sigh. "That's not good," he said.

It was the results from District 5, and the first to be counted, showing Godwin with 152 votes to 546 for Funk. With that one phone call, Godwin was down nearly 400 voters, almost the same margin he won with in the 2001 election.

The deficit, Godwin acknowledged, was nearly insurmountable.

More election result calls came in after that, each with bad news. A loss in District One was followed by a loss in District Six. As the turnout became more obvious (he would lose every district by large margins), Godwin never let on if he was upset.

"I gave it my best shot," he said. And with that, Godwin knew his six-year reign was over.

The rundown

THE outwardly cordial nature of the contest belied the heated debate between supporters of each candidate behind the scenes. It was also an election where both candidates were well known.

Funk talked about how his experience in law, business and negotiating is needed to move the city to the "next level," including beyond the problems with the on-hold reservoir project. Part of his strategy was to reach out to everyone, let them know who he was and that they should go out and vote.

Godwin was preaching that voters needed to continue the progress he's made in areas like increasing the city water supply,

alcohol enforcement and parking. His strategy was to reach out to targeted voters.

It all began in October 2003, when Godwin took the unusual step of filing his nominating petition at least four months before when the forms are typically filed. He also delivered the first message to his challenger, saying he filed only because Funk was telling people the mayor might not run again. Funk denied it, and at some point the two talked about it on the phone. That conversation turned into an argument, further inciting Funk to formally announce what he'd been considering all along.

From then on, the two rarely spoke, but also refused to directly attack one other through the press.

In saying why voters should toss out the mayor, Funk responded one time that "It doesn't have anything to do with Hal. It's my time now. He had his time."

Funk had also dominated Godwin in fund raising, taking in \$21,000 since January compared to Godwin's \$5,000. It also became clear that Funk had a huge volunteer organization. On election day, Funk supporters braved hours of rain at the polls to promote their candidate.

Where they've come from

GODWIN was first elected mayor in 1998, then re-elected in 2001. He was a councilman from 1987 until he won the mayoral race.

Funk has never run for political office but did serve as city Alderman from 1972-1986, and has been a real estate lawyer in downtown Newark since 1975, befriending thousands of people along the way. Also earning him recognition is his work with several community groups, and through coaching youth sports.

Funk has been the university's real estate attorney since 1968, with his last real estate transaction with the university occurring on Jan. 30, 2003, according to a campaign brochure. He said if elected he would terminate his work with the university to eliminate any conflict of interest.

District 6 election

VONCK is a research assistant for the Water Resources Agency, and doctoral candidate in urban affairs and public policy at UD. He billed himself as a different kind of student candidate (one with background in local government) and promised to be more active in proposing and initiating plans important to the district.

After winning, Vonck said, "Honestly, I am a bit surprised," as well-wishers and councilmembers congratulated him at City Hall Tuesday where results were announced. It probably won't kick in until later this week. "I think people were excited about the campaign and the message we sent."

Rewa had been challenged only when she was a first-time candidate in 2000, when she won



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY DARREL W. COLE

Kevin Vonck spoke to reporters Tuesday night at the municipal building shortly after he learned that he became the new District 6 city councilmember.

34-33. In 2002, Rewa went unchallenged.

At City Hall Tuesday, Rewa congratulated Vonck.

"District 6 is all about change and, OK, let's go with change," she said. "It's very, very cool. If this young man can bring the same energy to City Council that he did in the campaign, then he'll do well."

Districts 3 and 5

Meanwhile, Councilmen Karl Kalbacher (District 3) and Frank Osborne (District 5) were automatically re-elected to their seats because they had no challengers take them on.

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Doris Virginia Dill, worked at Strawbridge's

Newark resident Doris Virginia (Broadbent) Dill died on Sunday, April 4, 2004 at the Christiana Hospital.

Mrs. Dill, 82, a talented home-maker, had worked for Strawbridge and Clothier in the 1950s and Delaware Park in the 1970s. Mrs. Dill was a member of Red Lion United Methodist Church and Cornerstone Senior Center.

She is survived by her son, Richard W. Dill and his wife, Barbara, of New Castle; sister, Betty M. Rich of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three grandchildren, Walter V. Dill of New Castle, Tina M. Steele of Bear and Lisa A. Dill of New Castle; and

Norris L. Smith, Sr., '52 NHS grad, retired assembler

NEWARK resident Norris L. Smith, Sr. died Friday, April 9, 2004, at Christiana Hospital in Newark.

Mr. Smith, 69, was a 1952 graduate of Newark High School, he worked for the former Atlantic Aviation for 35 years, retiring as an assembler in 1994.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Port Penn.

Active in volunteer fire service throughout his life, Mr. Smith was a member of the Odessa Fire Company and its fire police.

Previously, he had been a member and past president of the Port Penn Fire Company.

He was a member of both the New Castle County Fire Police Association and the Delaware State Fire Police Association.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Ruth M. (Carpenter) Smith; four children, Rob Smith and Tina Smith, both of Port Penn, Norris L. Smith, Jr. and Diane Mooney, both of Newark; brother, Paul Smith and his wife, Sandy, of Elkton, Md.; three grandsons, John

Mooney, Norris L. Smith III and Kyle Mooney; and two nephews, Ernie Smith and David Smith.

A service was scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, Delaware City.

Burial is in Hickory Grove Cemetery, Port Penn.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1096 Old Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE 19713.

in the Christiana Hospital.

Mrs. Maloney retired from Dupont in 1991 after 15 years.

In the 1970s and early 1980s she was active in the Wilmington Woman's Bowling Association.

She is survived by her sons, James Maloney and his wife, Maureen, Douglas Maloney and his wife, Pamela; her daughter, Anne Marie Hoosier and her husband, Gary with whom she lived for 20 years; seven grandsons; two grand-

See OBITUARIES, 25 ►

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

Doris Virginia Dill (Broadbent)
Helen Elizabeth Ferguson
Edith C. Maloney
Francis J. Shema
Virgie Mae Crabtree
Freda Virginia Taylor

eight great grandchildren.

A service was scheduled for Thursday, April 8 at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, New Castle.

Helen Ferguson, 80

Newark resident Helen Elizabeth Ferguson died Monday, April 5, 2004 at Millcroft Nursing Home.

Mrs. Ferguson, 80, is survived by her two children, George C.

Ferguson and his wife, Deborah, of Newark and Susan E. Todd of Nottingham, England; two brothers, Bernard J. Nolan of Berlin, Md. and William M. Nolan of Millsboro; three sisters, C. Jane DePrisco of New Castle, Patricia A. Matarese of Landenberg, Pa. and Shirley L. Renzi of Lincoln; and two grandchildren, Ian Todd and Laura Adcock, both of Nottingham, England.

A service was scheduled for

Saturday, April 10 at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, Newark.

Burial is in Gracelawn Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to Red Lion United Methodist Church, 1545 Church Road, Bear, DE 19701.

Edith C. Maloney, longtime bowler

Newark resident Edith C. Maloney died Monday, April 5, 2004

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tion in Arnold that followed earlier on-campus ceremonies honoring the golden anniversary milestone.

As we waited for our son to arrive, we seated ourselves outside the reception room. It was interesting to listen as the attendees, obviously many of whom were long-ago Academy graduates or former officials at the school, offered good-byes to friends.

Some recounted a favorite story. Others wondered "remember when..." as they shuffled away with an acquaintance not seen in many years.

I was unable to eavesdrop on any complete conversation but the bits and pieces we heard were fascinating.

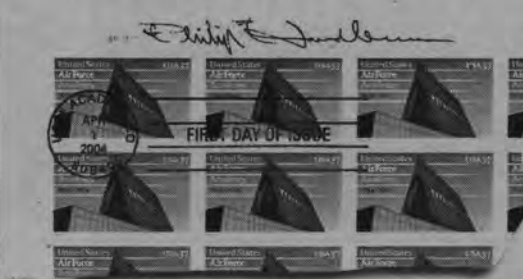
One of the events celebrating the 50-year mark was when Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks in the U.S. Department of Interior, and a 1976 USAF Academy graduate, signed the formal documentation bestowing National Historic Landmark status upon the Academy's cadet area in Colorado Springs. These

resources include A-Hall, dormitory and classroom buildings Harmon, Fairchild and Vandenberg Halls, the aerospace laboratory, planetarium, immense physical education building, the well-known Cadet Chapel, Terrazzo, Court of Honor, and parade grounds, all of which were constructed between 1958 and 1968.

But the most widespread acknowledgement of the Academy's half-century milestone came with the first day issue of a new 37-cent postage stamp.

Photographer Philip Handleman's awe-inspiring and unusual photo of the Cadet Chapel was chosen by the U. S. Postal Service to be featured this year. The photo selected for the 37-cent stamp features the Cadet Chapel towering into the Colorado morning sky. As one of the most recognizable structures in the nation, the Cadet Chapel draws more tourists annually than any other manmade attraction in Colorado. In Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak is the only other National Historical Landmark site.

The ceremony here is nothing new to Handleman. A pilot and owner of vintage aircraft, an Emmy-winning documentary



filmmaker, an aviation photographer, and the author of numerous aviation books, he had his work featured on a postal stamp in 1997. That stamp features four U.S. Air Force Thunderbird aerial demonstration planes in flight, forming a classic diamond position. The 32-cent stamp commemorated the 50th anniversary of the establishment in 1947 of the U. S. Air Force as a separate service from the Army.

As our son arrived and we were off to classes with him, a queue formed in the lobby. Celebrants would wait many minutes, if not hours to get a stamped "first of issue" cancella-

tion in Colorado Springs. We abandoned any thoughts of joining the line and rationalized that the less-special "first day" package we had ordered would suffice.

Later during our first day here, when it was time for us to leave the base and head to our hotel in "the Springs," we returned to Arnold Hall, just as the postal people were packing up.

With no wait at all, we were able to buy the "first day" blocks and have them cancelled.

Then came the bonus we stumbled into. A cheery man seated at the table asked if I "wanted them signed?"

The man was Handleman, the photographer. Even after what I'd guess had been four hours of hand-shaking and signatures, this man still exuded exuberance.

Not weary at all, he questioned our son — probably the 1,000th Cadet he'd encountered that day — about his Academy experiences. He thanked Tyler, not once but repeatedly, for his willingness to serve our country in the Air Force.

I couldn't restrain the reporter

in me. I asked Handleman how it felt to have his art work displayed in a medium that arguably might bring his photo the widest possible exposure possible.

The Michigan resident smiled and mumbled a few humble words, then quickly praised us for the work that our son is doing, stating "He and the other Cadets are much more noteworthy than my stamp."

Handleman will be nearby on May 25 when he speaks at noon at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. about his new book, "Brassey's Air Combat Reader." The volume is described as a comprehensive history of military aviation from the first World War up to the Persian Gulf War.

■ Always attempting to throw a rock-and-roll reference into his column ("Stumblin' In," a 1979 one-hit-wonder recording by Suzi Quatro and Chris Norman), the author is publisher of this and two other Delaware newspapers headquartered in Newark. He and his wife have returned to the family home in the Cherry Hill neighborhood of Newark.

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daughters; and one great granddaughter. Service and burial was private.

Francis J. Shema, longtime UAW member, 40 years at Chrysler

Newark resident Francis Shema died Monday, March 29, 2004 at his residence.

Mr. Shema, 71, was a member of Holy Family Church, Newark and a proud member of United Autoworker's Union Local 1183.

He was a 1951 graduate of West Hazleton High School.

He retired from Chrysler Corporation in Newark, where he was employed for 40 years.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Jerome "Maria" Grega Weatherly; a son, Francis E. of Sugarloaf; a granddaughter, Stephanie Grega; sisters, Irene Makowiec of Trescow, Mrs. Robert "Veronica" Honis of McAdoo; a brother, Joseph and his wife, Ann Marie, of Allentown; and several nieces and nephews.

A service was scheduled for Saturday, April 3 at St. Kunegunda's R.C. Church, McAdoo, Pa.

Burial followed in Immaculate Conception Cemetery.

Virgie Mae Crabtree, 66, cared for others

Newark resident Virgie Mae Crabtree died Wednesday, April 7, 2004 in the Wilmington Hospital.

Mrs. Crabtree, 66, worked for several years at the manufacturing plant of the Delaware Luggage Co.

She was a hardworking individual and was always doing for others.

She was a member of the Middletown Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Edgar C. Crabtree; son, Larry W. Crabtree and his wife, Brenda; brothers, James and Ray Cardwell; and two grandchildren, Felicia and Jodi.

A service was scheduled for Tuesday, April 13 at the Gebhart Funeral Home, Olde New Castle.

Burial is in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Freda Virginia Taylor,

crossing guard 27 years

Newark resident Freda Virginia Taylor died Friday, April 9, 2004, at Christiana Hospital.

Mrs. Taylor, 73, was a founding member of the Newark Church of Christ and her strong Christian faith carried her through her life.

Due to her love of children, she spent over 27 years as a crossing guard with New Castle County.

She is survived by her children, Mark Taylor of Hockessin and Linda West of Newark; her daughter-in-law, Loren Taylor; as well as her much loved grandchildren, Ronnie Caldeira of Newark and Devon Taylor of Hockessin.

Also surviving is her mother, Sally Patrick of Bluefield, Va.; three sisters, Vivian Atwell of Winston Salem, N.C., Billie Davidson of Greensboro, N.C. and Sandra

Bowman of Bluefield, Va.; and her brother, Lowell Patrick of Bluefield, Va.

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