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By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

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That led to a great pre-

December 21, 2007

Newark, Del.

He's making his list... See Santa at Lieberman's

before the big day

By PATRICIA E. LANG

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NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

66 S anta, Santa," the young red-haired boy cried as he came into Lieberman's Bookstore.

Santa (also known as Dan Slipetsky) laughed, and raised his hands in welcome as the boy ran across the floor.

"You've gotten so tall since last year,"

he said, as he took the boy's hand. For the second year now, Lieberman's Bookstore at 45 E. Main Street in Newark has held Santa's Workshop on weekends in December.

In December. The workshop will be open a few more days before the holiday, on Thursday, Dec. 20, and Friday, Dec. 21, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., as well as Saturday, Dec. 22 and Sunday, Dec, 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Children of all ages were welcome to sit on Santa's knee and get their pictures taken free by Santa's #1 Elf, Alex, who has been working at Lieberman's for a little over a year. Children can make spiral paintings and create their own glitter stockings. They are given bags of reindeer food (birdseed) to leave outside for Santa's team.

We are eager to be more involved in the community and create special



Santa's Workshop at Lieberman's Bookstore on Main Street continues this weekend

UD police to expand force

Enhancements, including armed patrols, meant to increase security

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

rmed officers on foot patrol and enhanced outdoor lighting are A among upgrades being made by the University of Delaware to increase safety and security on campus during the next years.

Chief James Flatley, director of UD's Public Safety, said the university will hire five police officers, increasing the number of sworn officers to 48. The new officers will be assigned to patrol on foot after dusk and during the late-night hours, he said.

"Right now, we have officers out on patrol in vehicles because they need to See FORCE, 12

School financing studied here

Delaware not spending enough to raise student scores

BY MARY E. PETZAK

..... NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

study of the adequacy of public school financing released in November by the Delaware Public Policy Institute concludes that it will take a significant increase in perpupil spending in Delaware to achieve high achievement levels.

Specifically, Delaware would have to spend an additional \$5,588 to \$6,526 per-pupil to bring 95 percent of all students to Level Four or Level Five on the DSTP, including low-income, special education and English Language Learner students. As of 2003, the study concluded that school districts in Delaware with approximately 3,300 students spent an average of \$8,123 per pupil; districts with approximately 6,500 students spent an average of \$9,266 per pupil; and the four largest districts in the state, Colonial, Brandywine, Red Clay and Christina, spent an average of \$8,585 per pupil. High levels of achievement for students statewide requires spending See FINANCING, 30



where the football parties are normally in the stadium parking lot. Friday night in town, though, had that buzz that usually is reserved for places like State College, Baton Rouge and Gainesville. The enthusiasm and, hence, the night - kind of went downhill after Omar Cuff's touchdown was over-

- if you

turned by the officials. By the way, is anyone other than Sean McDonough and I baffled as to why the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) officials were work-ing the game? Who cares if it was their turn or not, they haven't had a whole lot of success over the years in work-ing NCAA playoff games. Delaware's post-season his-tory is dotted with MEAC

officiating gaffes. McDonough, the ESPN2 announcer for the game, after

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Juveniles arrested in school robbery

Newark Police officers arrested three juvenile males during a robbery at Downes Elementary School on Casho Mill Road on Thursday, Dec. 13. Police said evidence links the suspects to other school burglaries being investigated by the Delaware State Police.

Newark Police responded to Downes school after a burglary alarm activated around 1:04 a.m. on Thursday. While checking the building, officers discovered an open window and open door and could hear people inside the building, said police.

Three people ran from a back door of the school but were captured and taken into custody by officers who had formed a perimeter around the school, said police.

The investigation revealed that the suspects were in the process of stealing computers when they were interrupted by the officers' arrival. Police found a large multi-purpose tool and a box cutter on one of the suspects. A small bag of suspected marijuana was found in a car belonging to one of the suspects parked nearby, said police.

A 17-year-old male from the 100 block of Aspen Drive in Newark was arrested and charged with burglary, felony theft, conspiracy, possession of marijuana, resisting arrest and underage consumption of alcohol, said police.

A 17-year-old male of the 3400 block of Pebble Beach Drive in Wilmington was arrested and charged with burglary, possession of burglar tools, felony theft, conspiracy, resisting arrest and carrying a concealed dangerous instrument. Both boys were commit-

POLICE BLOTTER

Apartment fire ruled accidental

Smoking material accidentally started the fire in Park Place Apartments that displaced residents and injured one woman last week, Newark Fire Marshal Matthew Schumacher has determined.

Firefighters were called to the scene at 610 Lehigh Road about 10:15 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company was first on scene and reported fire showing from a ground-floor apartment of the three-story building.

Crews from six fire departments had the blaze under control by 10:45 p.m., however they remained on scene until after midnight. The building was re-opened that evening, but residents were relocated to other apartments in the complex, pending an investigation by the fire marshal.

On Friday, Schumacher said the injured woman was treated for smoke inhalation and minor burns and released from Christiana Medical Center.

ted to the New Castle County Detention Center in default of \$14,000 bail.

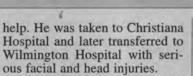
A 16-year-old male of the 1100 block of Sheldon Drive in Newark was arrested and charged with burglary, felony theft, conspiracy and resisting arrest. He was committed to the New Castle County Detention Center in default of \$12,000 bail.

Assault results in serious injuries

An employee of a car dealership in the 200 block of E. Cleveland Avenue was the victim of a serious assault on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 9:15 p.m., said Newark Police. The assault occurred in the parking lot of the Martin Auto Dealerships as the male employee was leaving work at the end of the day.

The employee said he bent over to fix a flat tire on his car and was suddenly attacked by an unknown number of assailants. He was punched and kicked all over his head and face and was knocked to the ground. He could not provide a description of the suspect or suspects.

After the attacked stopped, the victim called police for



The suspect or suspects did not take anything from the victim, said police.

The Newark Police Department asks anyone with information to call the department at 366-7111 or Delaware. Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

More copper swiped

Three sections of copper downspouts were stolen from home in the unit block of Winslow Road, police were told on Friday, Dec. 14, at 8:53 a.m. Another length of cooper downspout was reported missing from a second home in the unit block of Winslow Road on Monday, Dec. 10, at 8:13 a.m.

Scrap copper was stolen from garage in the 1000 block of Old Cooches Bridge Road by an unknown suspect who damaged the garage rollup door to gain entry, police were told on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 4:36 p.m.

19-year-olds caught with alcohol, marijuana

Police caught two 19-year-old men sitting in car parked in the 1100 block of Wharton Drive with open containers of alcohol, marijuana and brass knuckles on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 12:30 a.m., said police. Ryan Edward Burg of Wilmington was cited for resisting arrest and carrying a concealed weapon, said police. Joshua Smith of Newark was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Both were cited for underage consumption of alcohol, having an open container and resisting arrest.

Other incidents

A front window of a home in the unit block of Blue Jay Drive was damaged by a BB gun bullet, police were told on

and a state of the .



The fire was contained to the original apartment, said Schumacher. Damage to the building is estimated at \$30,000.

Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2:13 p.m.

A shopper at a supermarket in the 100 block of College Square had her wallet snatched from her purse, which was left unattended in a shopping cart, police were told on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 11:52 a.m. A 27-year-old Newark woman

was issued a criminal summons for assault after she allegedly struck a 51-year-old woman in the head during a card game on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 3:06 a.m., in the unit block of Country Club Drive, said police. Cheryl Cook of the unit block of Corbit Street was released pending a court appearance.

A laptop computer was stolen from a home in the unit block of Church Road during a party there, police were told on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 1:16 p.m.

A stranger who was asked to take a picture of a 20-yearold woman and her friends in the 100 block of Elkton Road then stole the woman's camera, police were told on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 3:31 a.m.

A teacher at Newark High School in the 700 block of E. Delaware Avenue found a 14year-old female student to be in possession of a folding knife with a three-inch blade, police were told on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 12:10 p.m. The student said the knife belonged to a 14-yearold male student who brought it to school. Investigation will continue.

An unknown suspect threw a glass bottle through an apartment window in the 400 block of Wollaston Avenue, causing it to break, police were told on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 11:18

Computers and DVD-writers valued at more than \$1,000 were stolen from a business in the 200 block of E. Main Street by a suspect who pried open the door, police were told on Monday. Dec. 10, at 10:14 p.m.

Police and the Newark Fire Marshal investigated fireworks being set off at an apartment in





New Alderman takes the bench

Hatfield is first female to serve

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

rewark's newest Alderman took her oath of office on Tuesday, Dec. 11, before a crowd of family and friends in city council chambers.

Lisa Roberson Hatfield, Newark's first female Alderman, assumed judge's duties the next day at Alderman's Court.

"This is a special night for

me," said Funk, noting how he, too, became a city Alderman early in his career. "I see a lot of the same qualities in Lisa, and I know she has a lot of potential,' he said.

Hatfield, a Newark native, graduated from Newark High School in 1987. She received her bachelor's degree at the University of Delaware and her law degree from the University of Tennessee. From 2000 until now, she served in the Cecil County, Md., State's Attorneys' Office.

Hatfield thanked her coworkers from that office who attended the swearing-in ceremony, as well

as the many family members and friends that came to the event. Her two daughters, Emily and Aneige, joined her on stage.

Hatfield replaces Alderman Anthony Forcina who resigned after five years on the bench. She will serve with Deputy Alderman Malcolm Cobin.

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY CHRISTINE NEFF Alderman Lisa Roberson Hatfield was joined by her daughters, Emily and Aneige, at a swearing-in ceremony.

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Newark native in fatal crash, husband killed

Newark native and her soldier husband were involved in a fatal car collision in North Fort Myers, Fla., on Saturday, Dec. 8. Lauren (Witmer) Beougher,

23, remains in critical condition at Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers. She suffers from a punctured lung, fractured neck and broken nose.

Her husband, Daniel Beougher, a soldier who had returned home from Iraq in October, was killed in the crash.

The Beoughers were in Florida from Fort Bragg, N.C., visiting Daniel's family for the holidays. Police continue to investigate the accident, which happened when someone driving a Ford F-350 crossed the median and hit the Beougher's Jeep Cherokee. The driver fled the scene after the accident.

Lauren is a 2002 graduate of Newark High School. Her family still lives in Newark. Her mother, Lynne Witmer, is with her in Fort Myers as she recovers in the Intensive Care Unit.

Family and fellow soldiers attended a funeral service for Daniel on Saturday.

NPD distributes Toys for Tots



Newark native Lauren (Witmer) Beougher and her husband, Daniel, were involved in a fatal car crash in Fort Myers, Fla., earlier this month. Daniel was killed in the collision. Lauren remains in critical condition.

Contract approved to assess landfill

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

former city-owned landfill on Cleveland Avenue in Newark near the Cleveland Heights apartments will be the site of an investigation to assess any environmental risks posed by the property. Newark City Council

approved a bid last week from the engineering firm, Tetra Tech. The firm will provide technical support for a remedial investigation and feasibility study at the cost of about \$64,000, taken from

the city's Capital Reserve. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) required the investigation several years ago. The city hired Tetra Tech, at the time, to perform the engineering services for a Brownfield Investigation Work Plan, which has since been approved by DNREC.

New work at the site will include a field investigation consisting of 20 to 25 test pit excavations to determine if buried waste is present. Surface and below-surface

soils will be sampled, and four groundwater monitor-ing wells will be installed.

Results will be screened to determine if any contaminants detected in the soil, surface water, sediments or groundwater pose a risk to human health or ecology. Depending on the results, a more detailed risk assessment and cleanup may be required of the city. The study will apply

only to the part of the for-mer landfill owned by the city of Newark. The Newark Housing Authority's Cleveland Heights apartments sit on a portion of the landfill. The apartments have been approved for disposition and will go to auction next month.

More than a year ago, the city approved a grant to assist the NHA with the remediation, but the proj-ect never came to fruition. Public Works Director Rich Lapointe said the NHA opted not to partner with the city in order to receive full funding from the state of Delaware.

Work at the site should begin in the next two months

Newark, and rather than in his reindeer sleigh, he Toys not yet distributed will be donated to the Emmaus House, Holy Angels Church and made his rounds around town in a fire truck from the Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company of the Hockessin Clothes Closet. On the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 12, the Newark Police

Department participated in its annual Toys for Tots gift distribution campaign. Santa appeared in several neighborhoods, his arrival announced by flashing lights and roaring sirens. He visited

Newark.

children in College Park, Cherry Hill Manor, Williamsburg Hill Manor, Williamsburg Village, Cleveland Heights, White Chapel, George Read Village and Victoria Mews.

His sack filled with gifts collected by the United States Marine Corps Reserve and others donated by Newark residents, Santa was able to give a present to nearly 300 children during the night. Members of Newark Police Explorers Post 993 served as Santa's helpers, shuttling an appropriate toy to Santa Claus each time a child

anta Claus arrived early in sat on his lap.





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In Our Schools EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Castle notes success of Head Start program

MS Society Scholarship Program

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society Delaware Chapter supports the education of Delaware scholars with connections to multiple sclerosis thanks to the Mrs. Robert Tunnell Scholarship and the Arthur Stapler Memorial Scholarship. Eligible candidates must be high school seniors, high school graduates, or GED-earners of any age, who have MS. Also eligible are high school seniors, graduates, and GED-earn-ers without MS if they are the children of people with the disease. The application deadline for 2008 educational exclusional in Lan 15, 2008 scholarships is Jan.15, 2008. For more information as well as directions for applying for a 2008 scholarship visit www. MSdelaware.org.

Reminder: Christina District holidays

Schools in the Christina District will be closed for the Winter Holiday and Professional Development from Monday, Dec. 24, to Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008. District offices will be closed on Dec. 24-25, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1, 2008. For more info, visit www.Christina.k12. de.us.

Reminder: 2008-09 **School Choice**

Deadlines for applications for School Choice without Good Cause for students applying for grades 1-12 and full-day kindergarten in Christina District must be received in the District office by Wednesday, Jan.9, 2008. Check with the school district to determine other kindergarten information.

Separate applications are required for each student; one application for each student and for each different school

district. Parent, guardian or Relative Caregiver acceptance of an invitation to enroll in a school of your choice commits the student to remain in that school for two years, or until the program or grade level configuration is completed, unless released by the district.

Late applications may be accepted for Good Cause. For more info, visit www. Christina.k12.de.us.

Congressman elaware Diaware Congressman Mike Castle, senior Republican of the House subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, recently noted the success of Head Start that provides low-income children with access to educational, health, nutritional, social, and other services.

Congressman Castle, an author of this Head Start Early Childhood Development and Education legislation, talked at the enrollment ceremony about key aspects of the bill and discussed his recent visits to Head Start centers throughout Delaware. "Head Start is a program which lives up to its name and gives disadvantaged chil-dren the 'head start' they need to enroll in school and succeed," said Castle. "With the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act, we are building upon the success of the Head Start program by increasing the focus on academic development, reinforcing program integrity, and improving the coordination between Head Start and state and local early childhood programs.

Castle was able to witness the success of the Head Start program first-hand at recent visits to Head Start Centers in Delaware, including the Bear Head Start Center in New Castle County, the Colonial Gardens Head Start Center in Kent County, and the Stockley Center's Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Sussex County. "This legis-lation bolsters Head Start and allows it to better serve over 900,000 children, parents, and neighborhoods, such as those I visited in Delaware, as well as 0.0 10 Loid 1 105 ber

U.S. Congressman Mike Castle (R,Del.) helped children at the Bear Head Start Center learn about animals.

those around the nation."

The legislation was sent to President Bush for his signa-ture. Specifically, the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act will:

Strengthen Head Start's Academic Components by:

• Emphasizing "what works" in preparing disadvan-taged children for school;

Improving Head Start teacher quality;

• Strengthening academic quality standards;

· Ensuring that early childhood education programs are based on scientifically-valid research; and

• Requiring no new testing. Improve Fiscal and Program Management by:

• Creating more competi-tion in the Head Start system; · Seeking better safeguards

against financial abuse; Limiting excessive salaries and perks, as proposed by Republicans during a motion to instruct negotiators on the final legislation; and

 Improving program disclosure and transparency.

Centreville School received 'Green' grant

tudents at Centreville School received a \$5,000 grant from Coca-Cola and The RecycleBank's Green Schools Program for their recycling efforts. The grant money will be used for signs, recycling products, shredders and outdoor compost bins.

"A group of environmentally aware students have formed the Green Team which meets weekly to collect recyclable trash at our school," said Victoria Yatzus, head of school. "Their goal is to protect the environment and make the earth a cleaner place for everyone."

Centreville School provides an educational program that produces academic success and social development for children with learning disabilities. The student Green Team at Centreville collects junk mail, newspapers, glass, paper, cardboard and aluminum cans. The materials are sorted, weighed, and then deposited into the

school recycling bins. The RecycleBank and Coca-Cola formed the Recycle Bank Green Schools program to help fund environmental initiatives at schools. Their goal is to inspire students to improve their environment. Further information on The RecycleBank is available at www.recyclebank.com.



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Christiana student chosen for Disney Dreamers Academy

Rahjae Cooper, a 10th grade student at Christiana High School, was among 100 high school students chosen from across the nation to participate in the first-ever Disney's Dreamers Academy with syndicated radio personality Steve Harvey. The Christina District student was one of three students from Delaware who were chosen from among thousands nominated during Disney's Year of a Million Dreams. Brandon Ross of the Cab Calloway High School of the Arts in Red Clay Consolidated School District and Brine Hutchins, a student at Pencader Charter High School, are also attending the Academy.

Walt Disney World Resort started the competition to find students with a "spark" who wished to be part of an experience that will immerse them in creative, non-conventional careers. Teens in grades 9-12 from across the nation were given the opportunity to go as far as their dreams and their imaginations will take them.



As part of the Dreamers Academy experience, students will go behind the scenes at Walt Disney World to participate in interactive workshops focusing on a variety of subjects including Imagineering techniques, entertainment, the business of sports, culinary arts, and more. Disney cast members, executives and celebrities like actress Monique Coleman will share their blueprints for success.

The participants were selected by a panel of judges including: Harvey; Dr. Emma Epps, president of the National Alliance of Black School Educators; Ernie Suggs, vice president of the National Association of Black Journalists; CNN anchor Tony Harris; Terrence J., host of BET 106 & Park; Rushion McDonald, executive producer of the Steve Harvey Morning Show; Xiomara Wiley, vice president of Disneyland marketing and vice president of Walt Disney World Multicultural Marketing; and Eugene Campbell, director of Community Relations, Walt Disney World Resort.



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AMUSED, BEMUSED, CONFUSED An iconic figure in pop culture history

By MARVIN HUMMEL

...... NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

ick Wilson died in November 2007. Who was he? Ask anybody in the advertising biz – he was Mr. Whipple of the Charmin toilet tissue commercials!

In 1964, toilet tissue was used by most of us - but NEVER discussed. (On shopping lists it was discreetly noted in lower case initials as "t. p.") Then along came Mr. Whipple, and toile tissue came out of the closets and bathrooms and hit the TV screens.

For 22 years, we watched as Mr. Whipple fretted over his custom-ers' sensuously squeezing the Charmin. Program after program was interrupted by Mr. Whipple's "Please don't squeeze the Charmin!"

The customers in the ads didn't just BUY stuff – against their better judgment, they were giving the Charmin a



Hummel

sensuous, clandestine squeeze in the grocery store! They couldn't even wait to get home and squeeze it in their own kitchens - as the frozen foods thawed. Poor Mr. Whipple didn't dare to leave the Charmin display even once and check out the rest of his store. He had to stand there as a losing, harried sentinel next to the Charmin display, admonishing the otherwise normal customers. For 22 years!

Today, the advertising biz calls the Charmin campaign "iconic," and Mr. Whipple/Wilson a man vital to pop culture and justly famous in advertising history. Why? The advertising moguls accurately reasoned: now that the unmentionable "t. p." is "cute," what other under-advertised and previously taboo subjects and products can now be peddled without demurral?

The industry's answer to its own question: Just about anything and everything. In the year of Whipple/Wilson's immor-tal/mortal demise, a commercial featured a kindergarten teacher instructing the kiddies on their A B C's. "A" is for abdominal pain; "B" is for bloating; "C" is for constipation. Thank you, Mr. Whipple! Now there are two gas crises!

In a conference room, the director is giv-ing a quarterly report and commits intestinal slips throughout her entire presentation. "Our sales are flatulent" is the first one. (The at-home audience wonders if they heard correctly. They did.) A man at the conference table writhes as she continues to mention other words that suggest his problem and bring him ever nearer to running out of the room to do YOU KNOW WHAT! (Kids giggle while adding to their vocabularies.) Now, everything from adult bladder prob-

lems to enjoying love in spite of genital herpes hits the small screen - while the kids are still up. All the problems the human flesh is

heir to is paraded past the family. Then this video virus spread to other commercial areas. Violence is now "cute." The baby in the stroller bops his mother on the head because she "could have had a V-8!" Older adults get mad at their expensive hear-

ing aids and smash them into a meaningless metallic mess. In a fury, a young man takes his fancy new computer and throws it out a second-story window. (It is not suggested that he read the directions – just smash it and get a new one!) Grandma takes a piece of your fired chicken? Slap her! What started with a public squeeze is turning into commercial mayhem.

Since kids are easy targets but must endure parental restraints on their multi-billion dollar spending, the "old folks" have to be undermined. Voila! Parents are stupid! Dad keeps insisting that 5 times 5 equals 26! The kids roll their eyes and mother counsels them, "Stay in school!" And another Dad won't let his son have any cereal from the full box; the son persists, so Dad feigns the beginnings of a heart attack. After the young-ster leaves, Dad intones, "Some things are just too good to share!"

Commercial after commercial, sleaziness after sleaziness is offered: the first time he sees her apartment, the young man checks out her TV set which is as long as a casket and deep as a grave. All kinds of electronic bling-bling are in view around the room. Entranced, the young man goes down on one knee and says, "Will you marry me?" He really doesn't know her at all, but she's his kind of woman! Just look around her apartment! (He doesn't even need to give her a squeeze.)

Adults complain that kids don't know American history. Sure they do! George Washington is on the one dollar bill! And Abraham Lincoln shares a commercial with a ground hog! These kids know their stuff! Ask them what 1776 represents and they are 'pretty sure" it's the down payment on a new video game. Madison Avenue is the new history teacher.

And Charmin itself has a new commercial which is obviously for children. Two adorable bear cubs, one a pastel pink and the other a pastel blue, are trotting with unperturbed pace toward color-matching portable potties. (Structurally, they obviously aren't "bath-rooms" - they are potties!) And there is the Charmin just waiting for them! You listen to their "traveling music" and recognize it! It's Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, a pivotal part of churches' Christmas Eve services (And the bear cubs' relief stations)!

Somewhere at some church, some little kid will hear the music and shout, "Mom! Dad! They're singing the Charmin song!" My question: How will the parents Handel it?

We and our kids are also treated to a classic Christmas song being performed by a robed choir, replete with a little lamb in the arms of a bearded chorister. The familiar Christmas lyrics have been replaced by one word: "Duh!" repeated in chant form. Why? What car should you buy? It's a "nobrainer!" Duh! Duh! Duh!

It all started with a squeeze. Where will it end up? DUH!

A retired 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.

)UT OF THE ATTIC

This week's Out of the Attic features a postcard of the Campus View at the University of Delaware showing Residence Hall and Science Hall, published around 1915. The postcard is part of the University of Delaware Library Postcard Collection, which contains more than 2,000 postcards of Delaware and nearby areas. The cards date mainly from the very end of the 19th century to the mid 20th The application can be viewed applied at where the week 20th. The collection can be viewed online at www.lib.udel.edu. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in these space. Special care will be taken. For more information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

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Dec. 22, 1932

Contract for electric current signed by **Mayor Collins**

At a special meeting of Town Council last Monday evening the Council authorized Mayor Collins to sign a five-year contract with the Delaware Power & Light Company to furnish the town with electric current. The old contract expired on December 8.

The Council and Mayor Collins are to be congratulated on making this move since it was demonstrated at the town meeting held recently and the sentiment throughout the town was for renewing the contract regardless of several outsiders trying to suggest that they put in their own plant. This new contract means a saving to the town of about \$8,000 or \$9,000 a year.

Red Cross asks for cooperation in knitting 400 sweaters

The Delaware Chapter, American Red Cross, is asking members of all

its branches in the State, members of other organizations, and any volunteer knitters to assist in making at least 400 sweaters for school children and



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women, before January 15, to be given to the needy in the State.

Dec. 21, 1977

Re-railing a train wreck

At first glance, the railroad track looked like it had been hit by a tornado.

Railroad cars, some cracked and dented, lay scattered along the tracks. One bashed-up car rested on its side. Not too far away lay a wheel caked in mud.

But the damage done to this 1,200-foot section of the Chessie System (Baltimore & Ohio) rail-road track behind Old Mill Manor wasn't the work of a tornado.

It was the aftermath of a derailment, early Thursday morning, of a 27-car

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COMMENTARY

In favor of offshore wind power

To: the Editor From: State Rep. John Kowalko Newark

ecent arguments being offered in the debate regarding the efficacy and cost effectiveness of offshore wind power generation as compared to purchase of land based wind power can be somewhat misleading and result in inaccurate interpretations being drawn by the public.

Some of the particular points offered center on the unrealistic proposal that there is sufficient "land based wind power" available in this region today, or that enough will be available to satisfy the increasing demand for alternative, renewable energy generation in the future. The speculation being proffered is that there is significantly cheaper land based wind power available. Currently there is only 362 MGW of land based wind power available to the multistate regional grid. The Bluewater Wind proposal would generate 450 MGW upon completion.

The reality is that insufficient supply and increased demand will drive the price of land based wind much higher than today's prices and higher than the cost of the



home based Delaware Offshore Wind Farm supply when it comes online in 2014. Competitively bidding, with the rest of the region, for the limited megawatts available could not possibly be more advantageous than having access to 450 MGW at a fixed and stable price guaranteed for the life of the 25-year contract.

Any comparison must also consider the fact that Delaware's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards Alternative percentage requirements for retail electric suppliers could result in significant penalties for noncompliant energy used. This would be a direct pass through to the ratepayer. Combining this type of penalty with the consequences of any "carbon tax," cap and trade costs (also a rate pass through) could skyrocket the bidding price of alternative energy throughout the entire regional market ensuring that buying land based wind power would cost dramatically more than the proposed local merchant-based supply available with a successful offshore wind farm off the coast of Delaware.

Questions about prototype car

To: the Editor From: William Day Newark

The article in the Dec. 7, Newark Post headlined "New prototype vehicle generates electricity - and cash" contains major misstatements, which may delude readers.

[•] This battery-powered vehicle does not "generate" electricity – it only stores power that has been generated by a conventional nuclear or fossil-fueled power plant. In addition, it cannot "generate

cash." And electricity returned to the power grid came from the grid in the first place, and has to be paid for. Because it is unlikely that its energy transfer efficiency will be 100 percent, less power will be returned to the grid than was drawn from it, so any credit earned will be less than the cost.

Finally, peak power demand in Delaware during most of the year occurs in mid-afternoon, when most vehicles are parked at their owner's workplace, not at home. So any power transfer back to the grid would require a separate dedicated and metered electric outlet and parking space for each vehicle, a very expensive proposition for the employer or employee.



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freight train carrying auto parts to the General Motors Boxwood road assembly plant - a derailment whose causes are still being probed by Chessie officials.

The derailment forced the evacuation of nearby homes, since one tank car carried a highly-flammable chemical - and also caused minor injuries to a man hitching a ride on the train, police said.

Newark 'junkets' cost over \$9.000

The City of Newark has spent \$9,900 this year to send city employees to conferences and for job training, according to Manager Peter Marshall.

The figure was contained in a report Marshall sent two weeks ago to City Council, outlining the information city employees had obtained at several conferences. The conferences were held at different locations, including New Orleans, La., Atlanta, Toronto, Ontario, Pontiac, Mich., Dover, Baltimore and Los Angeles, Calif.

Dec. 20, 2002

Santa makes house calls Usually when kids hear police and fire sirens they run away from the noise. Monday night they ran to it. Children in three different neighborhoods came running to the sound of sirens because they knew Santa Claus was coming on the fire truck and he was bringing presents.

For at least the last seven years the United States Marine reserves has been the main toy contributor, the Newark City Police as been the deliver of these toys, and Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder and provided Santa's transportation to area neighborhoods.

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Olympic star visits Newark gym

OUTLOOK

Keep it green

By CARRIE MURPHY

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

inter is an excellent time to step back and assess the impact of your landscape on the envi-ronment. Evaluate the design of your landscape and identify simple ways in which you can create a low maintenance, environmentally friendly space that supports and improves the environment.

Adopt a set of land-

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is a weekly

scaping practices that prepared by the New Castle improves the health and appearance of your landscape, while protecting and preserving

natural resources.

Gardeners impact the environment directly when they make decisions to design and maintain their green spaces.

In your landscape, choose and site plants carefully. Practice integrated pest management. Reduce the use of supplemental water, fertilizers, and pesticides. Reduce the size of your lawn. Create a wildlife habitat and maintain a compost pile.

There are several techniques a gardener can employ to develop an environmentally friendly garden.

This year, make it your New Year's pledge to "Keep it Green" with the New Castle County Master Gardeners and Delaware Cooperative Extension. In January and February the New Castle County Master Gardeners will be hosting a series of environmentally beneficial workshops for the

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Kerri Strug encourages young gymnasts to work hard, listen to coaches

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

wo-time Olympian and gold medallist Kerri Strug visited a gymnastics facil-ity in Newark last week, telling students there that hard work and

dedication to the sport would help them reach their goals. Strug, who competed in the 1992 Games in Barcelona, Spain, and the 1996 Games in Atlanta, Ga., won a gold medal in 1996 for the American team when she landed her second vault on one leg. She had hurt her ankle in a missed landing on the first one.

The moment captured America's heart and made Strug a star of the games.

Retelling the story Wednesday to her young audience at First State Gymnastics, Strug said, "It seems like many of you weren't even born when I won my medal."

Though, the students may not have remembered Strug's Olympic moment, they were awed to meet an Olympic gymnast. They asked her questions, got her autograph and took pictures with her.

"Do you still do gymnastics?," asked one young gymnast. "Oh, no," Strug replied, laughing. Now 30, Strug said she works out and maintains a healthy lifestyle but has not kept in shape enough to

monitored how much she ate and Getting into Olympic-shape required four-hour practices, twice a day, and a lot of sacrifice, slept in order to get her in peak condition, she said.

"Everybody has to work really hard," she said. "It doesn't matter how talented you are."



State Gymnastics in Newark.

she told the students. Her coach, the legendary Bela Karolyi, even

do gymnastics moves.

Strug with the First State Gymnastics' gymnasts.



Kerri Strug, two-time Olympic gymnast, signs autographs and poses for pictures with students at First

In the end, sacrifice and perseverance helped her achieve a goal she held since she was 6-years old, watching Olympic o-years old, watching Olympic great Mary Lou Retton on vid-eotape. "I always envisioned myself being kind of like her," said Strug. "Twelve years later, it did happen to me, but not without a lot of hard work and sacrifica" sacrifice."

In closing, Strug encouraged the young gymnasts to listen to their coaches, set goals for themselves and have fun training in "this gorgeous facility."

She was in town to promote the Olympics trials that will be held in Philadelphia, June 19 - 22, at the Wachovia Center. She encouraged the students to attend the event and see "the best of the best gymnasts" compete.

First State Gymnastics is located next to The Pond in Newark. For more information, visit www.firststategymnastics. com.

LIFESTYLE

Redefining Newark – a resolution to live by

By NIC DECAIRE

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

ew Year's is right around the corner and everyone's resolution is usually to improve their health by losing weight and exercising. But until then-it's an excuse to throw caution to the wind and eat and drink as if you are about to go into hibernation.

During the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's

Day, the average American usually gains 3 to 5 pounds-or more.

With tongue firmly planted in cheek, I offer you the following guide to packing on the pounds in record time:

Portion Control. Eat as 1. much as you want at holiday parties. Stand next to the buffet, grab a fork and start grazing, no plate required. Don't forget to go back for seconds! By the end of the night, you'll have that wonderful bloated feeling and no idea how much you've consumed. But it's

OK, because once the New Year arrives, you are going to burn all these calories when you start your diet. And you deserve it.

2. Sugar and fat are your friends. You're

Ignore the vegetable and fruit platters and fill up on the cheese fondue and chocolate peanut butter balls. You deserve it. And, remember, once the New



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Year arrives, you will cancel out all that sugar and fat-because of your new diet.

Drink plenty of spirits. A holiday party without adult beverages is just not fun. Empty calories and no nutritional value? Who cares! Raise your glass, because once the New Year arrives, you are going to burn all these calories when you start your diet.

4. Exercise? No way! Just lie on the sofa and watch "It's a Wonderful Life." Couch potatoes have feelings too! Just kick back,

Local kids help Grotto's decorate

relax and don't worry. You are going to burn all those accumulating calories when you start exercising in January.

Sense some sarcasm here? If you follow this plan, you will most definitely pack on extra pounds. Do you really want to begin 2008 this way? Start your resolution today by making a conscious effort to enjoy the holidays responsibly. Make sensible eating and consistent exercise a priority all year long. You deserve it. Happy Holidays!

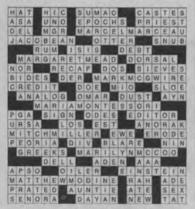
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home gardener.

This series of workshops tackles a variety of topics including backyard composting, healthy soils, native plants, water conservation, and gardening for wildlife. Each session will equip the home gardener with a set of environmentally beneficial

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gardening techniques that aim to keep your garden "green."

Evaluate your gardening techniques and the decisions you have made in creating your current landscape to determine whether or not your garden is environmentally beneficial. Identify aspects of your garden that need improvement and let us help you to determine simple ways, such as those mentioned above, in which you can begin to create a well-balanced, environmentally beneficial space. The "Keep it Green" work-

shop series begins on Jan. 29, 2008, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. with an overview of landscaping for the environment, continues on Feb. 5, with healthy soils and native plants, on Feb. 12, water conservation, and finally on Feb. 19, creating a backyard habitat.

The series will take place at the New Castle County Cooperative Extension Office, 461 Wyoming Road, in Newark. To request a brochure, please call 831-2506.

rotto Pizza on Main Street in Newark invited par-ticipants from local youth programs to help decorate for the holiday season.

"Every year," said manager Karyn Harned, "we go all out. We love to decorate for the holidays. Also, we're involved in many ways with the local community. For instance, we have a program to help local non-profit organizations with fundraisers. This year, we invited children from local programs to help us."

This year's participants included adoptive children in the recreation and respite program at Upper Bay Adoption and Counseling Services in Wilmington and children in the therapeutic day programs and community after-school programs managed by Upper Bay Counseling and Support Services in Cecil County, Md.

During the past few weeks, the children in these programs created paper chains, snowflakes, snow people, winter posters, holiday decorations, cards to Santa and ornaments.

Then on Monday, Dec. 3, children and staff members from



Pictured back row, left to right, Christopher Holmes, Jessica Murphy and Rick Potts; middle row, left to right, Amanda Frick, Sheila Murphy, Karyn Harned, Kim Mesceda, Bobby Rhodes, Carl Sheetz and Ryan Hobbs; and front row, left to right, Jim Hoffman, Meredith Grabek, Katrina Laury-Webb and Jory Burbank.

spent the morning at Grotto Pizza decorating the entire location.

For their creative efforts

one of Upper Bay's day programs the participating children were treated to a pizza party hosted of course by Grotto Pizza of Newark.





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FRIDAY

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DANCE PARTY 9:30 p.m. Awesome 80s. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-

LIVE MUSIC 9 p.m. Featuring Gene Shepphard. Homegrown Café, 126 E. Main, Newark. Info, 266-6993.

FULL MOON FRIDAY 7 p.m. Hike followed by hot chocolate. Free. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info, 368-6900. BOOK SALE 3 – 4:30 p.m. "Histories of Newark" for sale. Lobby of Downes Elementary School.

for sale. Lobby of Downes Elementary School. Also Saturday, Dec. 22. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the George Wilson Center. \$50 per book. Check or cash. Checks payable to Wallflowers Press. LUNCHTIME CONCERT 12 p.m. Featuring the UD Vocal Synthesis. Winterthur Visitor Center, Wilmington. Info, 888-4600. THEATER 7 p.m. Also Dec. 22 and 23. Three casts perform songs from Company, Pippin, Annie and more. \$6. Premier Centre for the Arts, 27 Anderson St., Middletown. Info, 378-1384.

SINGLES DANCE 8 p.m. - midnight. Sponsored by Parents Without Partners. \$10. Nur Shrine Temple, Rt. 13 & Rt. 40, Elkton, Md. Info, 998-3115.

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

- LIVE MUSIC Featuring "Long Walk Home." Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-9414. LIVE MUSIC 9 p.m. Featuring "The Casting Out." Homegrown Café, 126 E. Main, Newark. Info, 266-6993.
- BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 9 11:30 a.m. Children \$15, Adults \$18 \$25, Reservations required. Winterthur Visitor Center, Wilmington. Info, 888-4600.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26

LIVE MUSIC 9 p.m. Featuring John Pollard. Homegrown Café, 126 E. Main, Newark. Info, 266-6993. HOLIDAY ART CAMP 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Through Friday, Dec. 28. For kids ages 6 – 10. \$120. Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington. Info, 571-9590.

THURSDAY, DEC. 27

THE CASTING OUT



The Newark-based Indie/Rock band, The Casting Out, will perform at Homegrown Café on Main Street in Newark on Saturday, Dec. 22. Show starts at 10 p.m. Band members are Nathan Gray, vocals, Dana DiLullo, keys, Joshua Latshaw, guitars, Lee Dickerson, guitars, Kevin Spacht, guitars, Chris Rakus, bass, and Pat Cook, drums. The band names as some of its musical influences, Elvis Costello, The Clash, Talking Heads, Violent Femmes and DEVO. For more information, visit www.thecastingout.com.

MUG NIGHT Featuring Burnt Sienna. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-9414.

MUSEUM FESTIVAL 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Also Friday, Dec. 28. "Dino Days." Dig deeper into the world of dinosaurs. Adults \$8, children \$7. Delaware Museum of Natural History, 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington. Info, 658-9111.

FRIDAY, DEC. 28

- DANCE PARTY 9:30 p.m. "Awesome 80s." Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-9414.
 LIVE MUSIC 9 p.m. Featuring Patricks Head. Homegrown Café, 126 E. Main, Newark. Info, 266-6993.

SATURDAY, DEC. 29

- LIVE MUSIC Featuring "SoulOH." Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-9414. LIVE MUSIC Featuring "Joel." Homegrown Café, 126 E. Main, Newark. Info, 266-6993.

SUNDAY, DEC. 30

FILM SERIES 7:30 p.m. Featuring "Heartbreak Kid" – the Original 1972 release. Sponsored by Beth Shalom. \$12. Theater N, 11th & Tatnall, Wilmington. Info, 576-2137.

FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL 2 p.m. Featuring "Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey." Free, does not include admission to museum. Winterthur Museum, Copeland Lecture Hall, Wilmington. Info, 888-4600.

MONDAY, DEC. 31

NEW YEARS PARTY Featuring Fat Daddy Has Been. Tickets available. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-9414. NEW YEARS EVE DINNER With "Venom Blues." Homegrown Café, 126 E. Main, Newark. Info, 266-6993.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 7:30 p.m. Party Mardi Gras Style with a Buffet, Dancing, and Midnight Breakfast Buffet. Adults 21 and over only. \$40 ind/\$75 per couple. Elsmere Fire Hall, 1107 Kirkwood Hwy, Elsmere.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 22

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. Saturday. \$5 donation goes to missions. Life Community Church, 750 Otts Chapel Rd. Info, 738-1530.

POST-POLIO SUPPORT 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Fourth Saturday. Easter Seals of Delaware, 61 Corporate Circle, New Castle. Info, 324-4444.

MONDAY, DEC. 24

- CALL AHEAD FOR HOLIDAY HOURS **THA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP** 7 - 9 p.m. Mondays. Sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware.
- To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info, 654-6833. NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15 - 7:30

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 p.m. Mondays. Timothy's, 100 Creek
 View Rd, Newark. Info, 453-8853.
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2310 TAI CHI 3 - 4 p.m. Monday (Advanced); or Wednesday, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. (Beg/ Intermediate). \$20 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. 737-2336.

TAI CHI 10 - 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. \$70/ month. Shaolin Martial Monks School, 181 Main St., Newark. Info, 373-2918.

JAZZERCISE LITE 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Mondays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 – 10 a.m. Wednesdays, and 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Fridays. Low Impact, modified ver-sion for Seniors. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info, 737-2336. JAZZERCISE 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays of Therefore 8.45

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

STRENGTH & FLEADILITY CLASS Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays; 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. \$4 per session/\$50 for 6 weeks. First Presbyterian Church, 292 W. Main, Newark. Info, 731-5644.
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Street, Newark. Info, 373-2918. KUNG FU 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; 10 a.m.

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Saturdays. \$100/month unlimited sessions. Shao Lin Tiger and Crane Kung Fu Academy, Market East Plaza, 280 E. Main, Newark. Info, 737-4696. PANIC RELIEF 7 p.m. Mondays and

Wednesdays. Phone workshop. Programs available. Overcome fears, anxiety and agoraphobia, and achieve positive self-

image. Info, 732-940-9658. **TUESDAY, DEC. 25**

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26

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

577-8476 BINGO 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays. Lunch available for \$2.25 a platter at 11:45 a.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info, 737-2336.

EVENING YOGA 5:30 - 7 and 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Sponsored by Newark Parks & Rec. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 366-7060.

TAI CHI 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Free for people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.

DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Support group meeting. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd. Info, 737-2300.

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

RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION GROUP 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Current events and religious discussions led

by Rev. Bruce Gillette. Limestone Presbyterian Church, 2301 Limestone Rd., Wilmington. Info, 994-5646. ANXIETY DISORDER 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Second and fourth Wednesday. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. To maintain the

privacy of members, support group loca-tions not published. Info, 654-6833. ADULTS WITH ADHD SUPPORT GROUP 7:30 p.m. Fourth Wednesday, Newcomers meet at 7 p.m. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St.,

Newark. Info, 737-5063.

THURSDAY, DEC. 27

YOGA 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Thursdays. Free, pre-registration is required. For people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.

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- LET'S DANCE CLUB 4 6 p.m. Thursdays. Features ballroom and line dancing. Free. Meets at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info 737-2336
- WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7 9 p.m. Thursdays. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info, 654-6833.

DIVORCECARE FOR KIDS 6:30 p.m. Thursdays. For children ages 5 – 12 of families experiencing divorce and separation. Berea Presbyterian Church, 957 Old Lancaster Pike, Hockessin. Info, 737-7239

- NEWARK MORNING ROTARY 7 8:15 a.m. Thursdays. Meeting and breakfast. The Blue & Gold Club, Newark. Info, 738-9943
- BLUEGRASS/OLDTIME JAM 7:20 10 p.m. Thursdays. Any skill level welcome. Bring your own instrument. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info, 368-4644.
- DSI THUMBS UP 1 p.m. Second & fourth Thursday. Support group sponsored by Delaware Stroke Initiative. Free. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr.,

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Officers will receive additional training

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cover a large area," said Flatley. "The officers on foot patrol will be able to respond in a more timely manner." In the future, he said, the department hopes to have officers trained for bicycle patrols, as well. All UD police are sworn

All UD police are sworn officers who are trained in the Delaware State Police Academy, the New Castle County Police Academy and the Wilmington Police Academy, and certified to handle weapons. Additionally, in preparation for the new policy, all UD officers will receive additional training.

Currently, UD is conducting a survey of campus lighting to determine areas that need more lights. Additional blue light emergency phones and surveillance cameras will be installed on campus, and entrances to some academic buildings will gain electronic locks, said Flatley. All of the residence halls on campus already use electronic access systems. In addition, the university has been working on emergency preparedness and successfully tested a text and e-mail messaging system. Emergency alerts can be sent out through telephone calls, the campus television network, on-screen projectors in more than 160 classrooms and via outdoor loudspeakers.

Flatley thinks the enhancements will improve on-campus security. "That's the direction we're heading in," he said.

But, security depends on the community, as well, said Flatley.

"We need the cooperation of the university community to make this an environment conducive to them to study. Without cooperation, it's extremely difficult to do," he said.

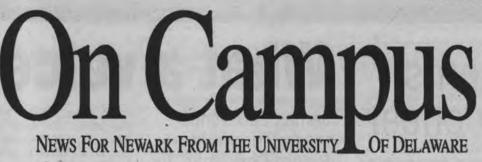
He encouraged students and community members to call the department if they see anything out of the ordinary, lock their doors, not allow strangers in residence halls and read crime alerts available through e-mail.

Anyone can receive campus crime alerts by e-mail. To subscribe, visit http://www.udel.edu/ PR/UDaily/subscription/.

The UD department recently received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, the same organization that accredits the Newark Police Department. "We're very proud of that," said Flatley.

He said a team of staff and student workers completed the three-year assessment. "They did a fantastic job," he said.





NOTE PAD

Documentary film series starts in January

The University of Delaware's "More Than Moore: Winter Film Series" will feature six documentary films, to be shown at 7:30 p.m., every Wednesday, starting Jan. 2, in the Trabant University Center Theatre, Main Street and South College Avenue, on UD's Newark campus.

The entire series is free and open to the public, but seating is limited and tickets will not be available in advance.

The schedule is:

• Jan. 2, "Grey Gardens" depicts the lives of two affluent women who live at Grey Gardens, a crumbling mansion in a wealthy neighborhood in East Hampton, N.Y.

• Jan. 9, "Hands on a Hardbody" documents a lively competition between 24 contestants in an endurance/sleep deprivation contest to win a new Nissan hardbody truck.

hardbody truck. • Jan. 16, "Mr. Death: The Rise and Fall of Fred A. Leuchter Jr." portrays the life and career of the man who designed American execution devices. • Jan. 23, "Grizzly Man"

• Jan. 23, "Grizzly Man" examines the controversial grizzly bear activists who spend 13 summers living among bears in the Alaskan wilderness.

• Jan. 30, "The Bridge" looks at the Golden Gate Bridge's role as the most popular suicide location in the world with director, Eric Steel giving a short lecture on his film, which has been described as controversial, powerful, haunting, brave and mysterious, and answering questions from the audience.

• Feb. 6, "Hearts of Darkness: A Filmmaker's Apocalypse" focusing on events of the making of the film, "Apocalypse Now" and the struggles of Francis Ford Coppola.

The series is sponsored by the UD Student Centers.

UD students give donated books to kids in need

n Thursday, Dec. 13, UD students got together with children they have been tutoring and their families in the kitchen of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Newark, to hand out teddy bears and books, pizza and cupcakes, for the culmination of the annual McNair/La Raza Children's Book Drive.

Sponsored by UD's McNair and University Undergraduate Scholars Program, HOLA, UD's Hispanic Student Association, and Campus Alliance de La Raza, the book drive has collected more than 1,000 books this year to be distributed to children who typically do not own a book. The book drive began three years ago after a McNair discussion on the correlation between owning a book as a child and academic achievement as a young adult.

Besides handing out books on Thursday, the group has sent a boxful of books to a school in Panama and gave 100 books to children last week during a holiday party at the Latin American Community Center in Wilmington. They also have delivered a box of books for distribution to children at the Newark Food Bank.

The McNair and University scholars have been tutoring children each Thursday all semester, and Shawneila Pierre, a McNair scholar and a senior human services, education and public policy major, said that the most rewarding part of working with the kids was, "seeing the progress" that the students made from the tutoring sessions and "giving them the tools that will last them a lifetime."

Amanda Strickland, a McNair scholar and a senior English major who took turns reading passages from a book with a student while he enjoyed his pizza, said that her favorite part about being a tutor was, "getting to help kids and see them grow and see them finally getting things that they haven't understood before."

The night began with pizza and cupcakes, and after that, the kids listened to a reading of the book Snow Bear by Piers Harper. Fittingly, after hearing Snow Bear, each student was able to walk over to a table and select a teddy bear.

For more information on the McNair and University Scholars Newark-wide tutoring program, e-mail mpalacas@aip.udel.edu.

UD receives \$80,000 grant to enhance Jewish Studies

The University of Delaware's Jewish Studies Program has

L Studies Program has received a two-year grant of \$80,000 from the Foundation for Jewish Culture and the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation to fund a postdoctoral teaching fellowship, according to David Silver, associate professor of philosophy and director of the Frank and Yetta Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies Program, who was instrumental in applying for the grant.

UD was one of the six schools selected for the Jewish Studies Expansion Project, aimed at improving and diversifying Jewish studies course offerings at colleges and universities nationwide, providing both Jewish and non-Jewish undergraduates opportunities to learn about Jewish religion, history and culture through courses and scholarly events. The other schools are American, Northeastern, Ohio, Towson and Tulane universities.

A study carried out a few years ago indicated that 40 percent of students who identified themselves as Jewish were interested in Jewish studies courses, which are in relatively short supply at Delaware, Silver said. The Schusterman Foundation, which already supported Hillel, the Jewish student campus organization, became interested in supporting the academic mission, as well, to bolster this interest.

Silver, who primarily teaches ethics classes, also teaches a Jewish studies course and said the course attracts a spectrum of students from those who fully or partly self-identify as Jewish to those who are not Jewish but have an interest in learning more about Jewish theology and culture. Having a scholar on campus whose academic focus is in Jewish studies will broaden this effort, and several well-qualified persons have already applied for the position, he said, and the hope is that after the two-year pilot program, the local Jewish community will help continue the effort.

Silver joined the UD Department of Philosophy in 1997. He is a graduate of Stanford University and has his doctorate from the University of Arizona. He served as a visiting associate professor of legal studies and business ethics at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania from 2003-04.



UD students bear books and bears for the kids they tutor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Newark.

Nursing students bring holiday cheer

n Wednesday, Dec. 12, nursing students and faculty of the Beta Xi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the Nursing Honor Society from University of Delaware, brightened the holidays for adult clients who attend the rehabilitation programs at Upper Bay Counseling and Support Services.

The honor society members brought 35 holiday gift bags, each stuffed with gifts and a greeting card, for clients in the Sunrise Residential Program. They also served snacks and treats, including a holiday cake, to 50 clients who attended the SHARE Day Program that day.

In turn, a few SHARE clients took some of the nursing students on a tour of the rehab side at the Booth Street location. During the tour, they discussed some basic principles about treating mental illness.

reads 'The Night Before Christmas' to mall crowd

The legendary actor James Earl Jones visited the Christiana Mall in the Newark area last Thursday, Dec. 13, to spread a little holiday cheer with a reading of "The Night Before Christmas."

A crowd of children and their parents turned out for the

event. Parents came to see the man behind the voice of one of Jones' most well-known characters, Darth Vader from the "Star Wars" trilogy. Their children knew Jones from Verizon commercials and as the voice of King Mufasa in Disney's animated "Lion King."

The audience cheered as Jones, now 76, took to the microphone wearing a black suit. Giving little introduction, he opened his copy of Clement Clarke Moore's holiday tale and began reading in that characteristic voice. And, what a voice it is!

Audience members excitedly took pictures with their cameras and cellphones, keeping quiet so as to hear the tale, which ended with the famous line "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."

After the reading, Jones answered questions from children in the audience. "You have an awesome voice," said one little boy, to which Jones replied with a deep "Thank you."

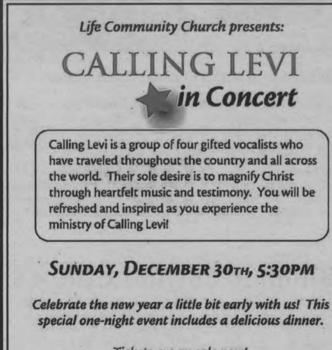
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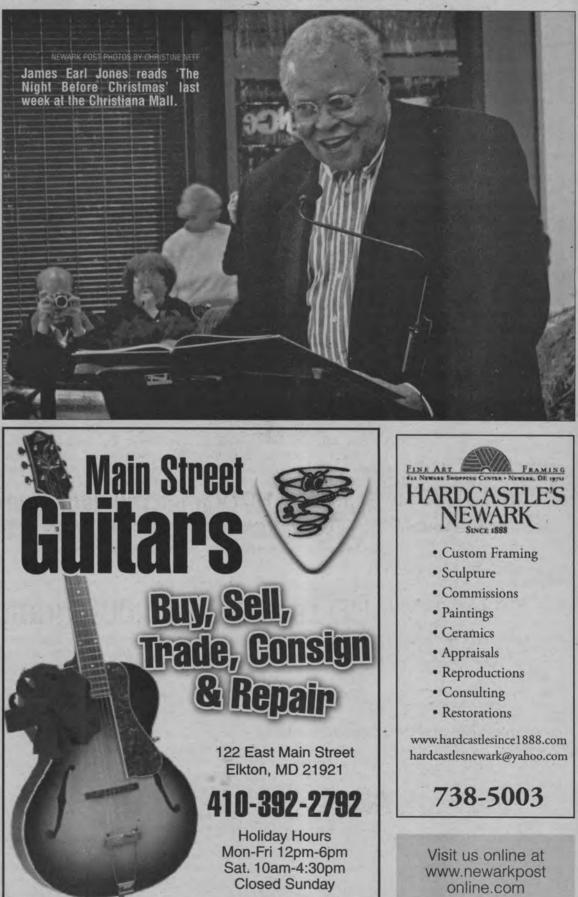
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Standing, left to right, are Billy Woolman, Mike Amodei, Tom Desper, Jennie Coughlan, David Brown, Kathy Schell, Cynthia Diefenbeck, Evelyn Hayes and Michelle Criel, and kneeling left to right, Marianne Skinner, Mary Jaindl, Cathy Peiffer, Sheila Murphy, Aprilee Lawson and Bonney Borden.



<u>Tickets are on sale now!</u> Adults: \$10.00 per person, includes dinner and concert Children (ages 5-12): \$5.00 per child To reserve your tickets, please call the church office.

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Kids can take pictures with Santa

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Street," said Daniel Lieberman, the owner and director of Lieberman's Bookstore. "We give away free pictures of Santa to give the community a fun alternative to waiting in a long line and paying for the same pictures in the mall."

It also helps that Lieberman's Santa looks and acts "like the real thing."

"I've been doing this in the community," he said, "for seven years now. After I retired I grew my beard and discovered I look like Santa Claus!"

Slipetzky (who has a Web site, santababy.org) works at the Concord Mall, as well as Lieberman's Bookstore in December. He also does independent work in the community, including parties.

"I like the reaction I get from children of all ages," he said, "young and old. When you look like this, you're public domain!"

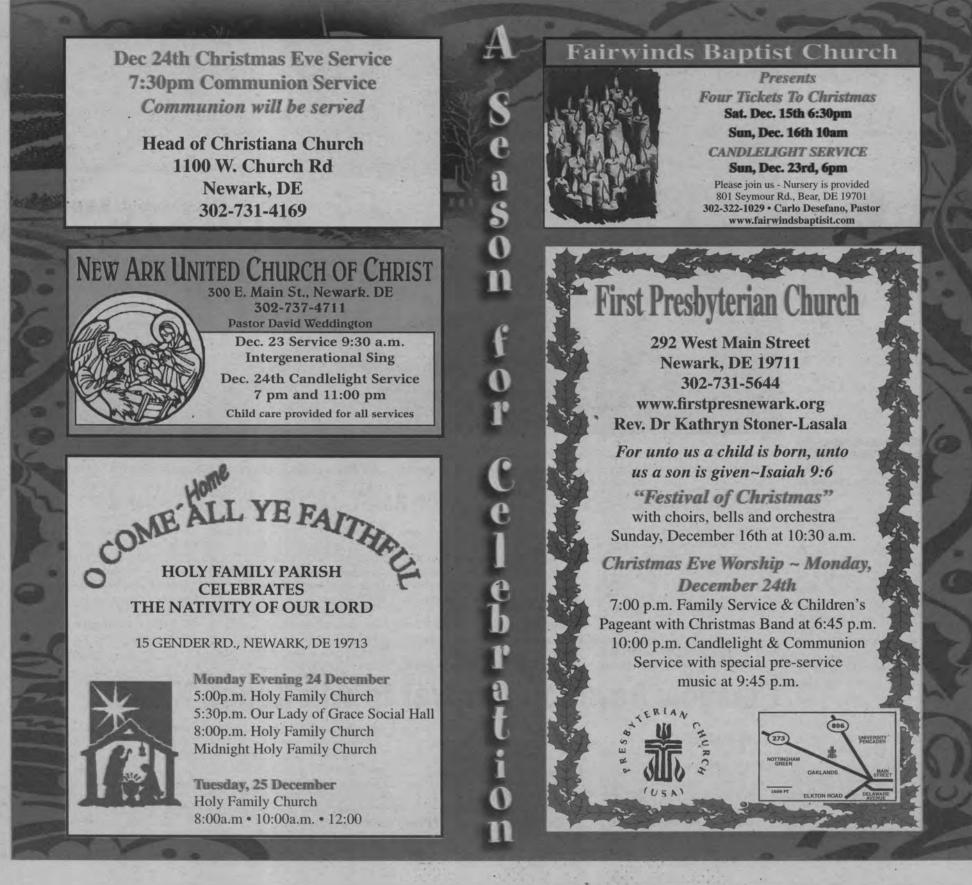
When kids visit with him, he tries to put them at their ease, asking them questions about school, what they do for fun and what Christmas carols they like. "Sometimes they get tongue-tied," he said. "I ask them if they have a list of things they want for Christmas. If they can't think of anything, I'll ask if I can surprise them. When I get brothers, and sisters, I like to ask who has the messiest room. Sometimes I'll say, 'You don't fight anymore?' They'll go, 'No, no, no,' and their parents raise their eyebrows at that!"

At this time of year, Lieberman's Bookstore also holds a canned food drive to benefit the Delaware Food Bank. "We are trying to encourage the community to bring down canned items to donate to those in need," said Lieberman.

The bookstore routinely sponsors children's reading hours and special author visits. "Many people in the community don't realize we sell general reading books in addition to the college textbooks," he said.

The store is also involved in several poetry readings and script writing contests, as well as fundraisers for local community groups.





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way to end season?

By TOM TOMASHEK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

One need not wonder who was happier Monday morning, members of the Jackson State team that finished its season defeating Grambling State for Southwestern Athletic Conference football title or the University of Delaware players who lost to Appalachian State in Friday night's NCAA Football Championship final in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Maybe more relevant, do you think members of this 11-4 Blue Hen team - second in the nation are happier at season's end

than the 1968 Blue Hens who finished the regular season 7 and defeated Indiana State of Pennsylvania in the Boardwalk Bowl?



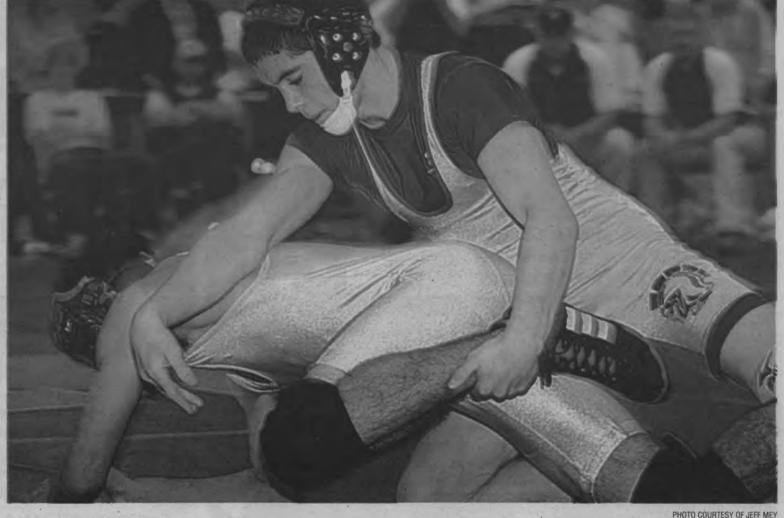
Not to diminish what the 2007 Blue Hens accomplished. They electrified the state from beginning to end. They defeated major college Navy that later defeated Notre Dame, finished the regular season 8-3 and after receiving an invita-tion into the NCAA's 16-team field defeated Delaware State in a landmark contest, upset previously undefeated and No. 1 Northern Iowa, and outlasted outstanding Southern Illinois before losing 49-21 to Appalachian State which began its season by defeating nationally-ranked and Big Ten runner-up Michigan?

"I want to make this perfectly clear," Blue Hen coach K.C. Keeler said to begin his final 2007 Monday noon press conference, "it was not a great season, BUT it was a great season. I'm so proud of our kids, our staff, of what we did. In 28 years of 1-AA football at the University of Delaware we've played for three national championships and this was one of them."

Since the NCAA playoff format was implemented in 1973, Delaware has played for six national championships, three in Division II and three in Division I-AA. But let's not forget that from 1968 through 1971, the Blue Hens completed their seasons with Boardwalk Bowl victories

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Is playoff best Spartans shine at Beast way to end



St. Mark's sophomore Sean Boylan won the 103-pound championship at the Beast of the East wrestling tournament at the Carpenter Center.

Boylan wins title, two others place as St. Mark's wins Governor's Cup

After a good start to the season on a regional level, the St. Mark's High wrestling team made an impact on the national level.

The Spartans, now ranked among the top 25 teams in the country, placed three wrestlers and finished seventh in the 15th annual Beast of the East tournament at the Carpenter Center last weekend. The Beast, which had

82 teams from 15 states, is ranked as the top high school wrestling tournament in the country.

Leading the way for St. Mark's was 103-pound champion Sean Boylan. Boylan, a sophomore, defeated Christianburg's (Va.) Devon Carter 10-4 in the final and became the Spartans first Beast champ in eight years. Fellow sophomore Sean Dolan

finished second at 112. After pum-meling nationally ranked Shane Gentry of Colonial Forge 12-1 in the semifinals, Dolan fell 8-4 to Blair Academy's Sean Boyle in the title match.

Boylan and Dolan wrestled well all weekend," said St. Mark's coach Jay Bastianelli. "Specifically, they blew everyone in the arenas socks off in the

semifinals destroying two nationally recognized opponents. To have both of them side by side wrestling so well really impressed college coaches, opposing coaches, the fans, as well as the state of Delaware.

Junior 215-pounder Cory Olsen also placed for St. Mark's. See WRESTLE, 19 ▶

to win Kappa Klassic **Glasgow boys top Caravel**

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A strong second half surge helped Glasgow to a 64-60 victory over top-seeded Caravel Academy in the championship game of the Kappa Klassic Basketball Tournament held at Glasgow High School.

Newark won the third place trophy with a commanding 66-38 victory over defending state champion Christiana.

Glasgow earned the title for the second year in a row, and third in the last six years.

The Dragons' Travon O'Brien led all scorers with 32 points including a clutch three-pointer and a pair of free throws in the waning moments of the exciting contest.

"My teammates gave me the confidence to stay strong," said O'Brien. "My teammates and my coaches trusted me to play well when they gave me the ball in those situations."

The Buccaneers controlled the game early, building a 16-11 lead after the first quarter on the

shooting of Tyler Niggebrugge, Dominic Morris and Jason Hayward.

Caravel continued its momentum throughout the second quarter and ended the first half with a 30-24 lead.

Glasgow fought back in the third quarter both offensively

SPORTS

Keeler still likes playoff format Spartans finish seventh in Beast

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Olsen defeated Jamie Reitzi 5-3 to finish seventh in the bracket. Olsen's win clinched the seventh spot ahead of Christiansburg and Great Bridge (Va.), both of whom will be in the Virginia Duals bracket next month.

"Cory Olsen had a great tour-ney," Bastianelli said. "To go 4-1 with a tough draw and placing 7th from the 10 seed is incredibly impressive.

In all, 13 of the 14 wrestlers won matches and scored points for the Spartans, who were missing starting 171-pounder Robbie DeMasi, who is out for the season with a shoulder injury and start-ing 189-pounder Bobby Telford, who had a broken finger. Despite missing those two starters, St. Mark's was just seven points out of a fifth place finish.

"Overall the team had a fantastic effort and there were so many accomplishments we achieved for the first time in a while," Bastianelli said. "Boylan won the first championship in eight years. St. Mark's placing in the top 10 was a first in the last eight years and we earned the Governor's trophy for the first time in 4 years, and beating Christiansburg and Great Bridge to wrap up a high seed at the Virginia Duals and such a great finish really

symbolizes where this team is going.

Blair Academy (N.J.) won its eighth straight Beast crown, finishing ahead of Central Dauphin (Pa.), Colonial Forge (Va.), Jackson Memorial (N.J.), Northampton (Pa.) and Wyoming Seminary (Pa.).

St. Mark's finished seven places and 33 points ahead of Caesar Rodney, the next highest Delaware finisher. Sussex Central finished 21st and Hodgson 22nd, 11 and 11.5 points further back of CR respectively.

Other local wrestlers that placed in tournament were Caravel senior Vinnie Ranauto, who was third at 189 pounds and Hodgson's Nick Tiberi, who was fourth at 145 pounds.

Ranauto, seeded third at 189, lost a hard fought 3-2 decision in the semifinal before wrestling back and winning a 10-5 decision in the third place match.

Tiberi, the fifth seed at 145, got all the way to the semifi-nal before falling to top seed-ed Walter Peppelman (Central Dauphin). Tiberi, though, battled bis way back to the consolition his way back to the consolation final before dropping a tight 4-2 decision to third seeded Joey Napoli of Cumberland Valley.

CR's Alex Meade won his second straight Beast of the East crown by winning the 152-pound championship.

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and could have played for a fifth if they hadn't gone undefeated and turned down an invitation, figuring that they really had nothing to prove.

The point? The Blue Hens began their 2007 season in mid-August and played through mid-December, ending their season on a losing note and certainly a bitter taste considering the decisiveness of the defeat. What was wrong with the former system, one in which a team was rewarded with a post-season bowl for an excellent season. If they won, they proudly walked away knowing they were a bowl champion. If they lost, they still knew they had a good enough season to be considered bowl-worthy. The Southwestern Athletic Conference has continued to shun the playoffs and let the divisional winners play for the conference title.

The 1968, 1969, 1970, and 1971 Blue Hens completed their regular seasons no later than November 23, had several weeks to concentrate on academics, and played in the Boardwalk Bowl no later than December 14 and didn't spend half final examination time on the road. They were rewarded for outstanding seasons going a combined 32-8 - and walked away with a profound respect of all who followed the program.

Keeler understands the prem-

ise, but despite a 2-7 record in national championship games as a player or coach at three different levels, he said Monday that he wouldn't trade a thing for the opportunity to compete for a national title. "I'm not a gambling man, but I'd rather roll the bling man, but I'd rather foil the dice with the chance to win one of these," he said pointing at his 2003 I-AA championship ring. One can't fault Keeler. He's

playing with the format the NCAA adopted 35 years ago. He also didn't dismiss this team's accomplishments after Friday night's loss, telling his Blue Hens how much he loved and respected them. And based on the system, his goal should be to give every bit of his time and energy to sculpting a national championship team.

BUT, one can question the NCAA's motives and practicality of the playoff system for colleges and universities beneath the major college level. It cannot be a major money maker, and even if it were, the system doesn't complement the academic pursuits of the student-athlete. And sports junkies certainly have more than enough other high school, college, and professional action to fill their needs.

Some coaches and fans even use the FCS playoff system in their support for a major-college football championship, but the NCAA has declined to implement a big-time playoff, perhaps appease big business and its ties to the bowls, all 32 of them.

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Some emphasize that if a playoff system is good for the lower divisions, why not employ it at the highest level? The opposite could be asked: if it's not in the best interests of the big-time schools, what redeeming qualities does it offer to the smaller colleges and universities?

Former Blue Hen coach Tubby Raymond concedes that the Blue Hens championship season in the 1979 season was "very special," but he was never a major advocate of the system and still isn't. Even Keeler admits that the playoffs places some academic pressure on the athletes and sets a program behind in such areas as personnel assessment and recruiting.

There is, however, no going back. For much of Divisions I-AA, II, and III, the playoff system is here to stay, for better or worse. But just imagine what this season might have been for Delaware had the former college-division bowl system been in place. Let's say the 8-3 Blue Hens had been invited to finish their season playing Northern Iowa in the Tundra Bowl around December 1 in the UNI-Dome.

You can be certain that the Blue Hens wouldn't have been battling those Monday morning Blues after defeating the Panthers 39-27. And while Appalachian State won its third consecutive national title, the 2007 season will be much longer remembered as the year the Mountaineers defeated nationally-ranked Michigan.

Dragons edge Bucs in Kappa final

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and defensively, outscoring the Buccaneers 20-11, to take a 44-41 lead heading into the final period.

O'Brien was huge for the Dragons in the second half, at one point scoring 15 consecutive points from midway through the third quarter until early in the fourth

Caravel regained the lead, 60-59, late in the fourth quarter when O'Brien hit his key three-pointer. Niggebrugge had a long shot for the lead, but the ball rimmed out. Niggebrugge led the Bucs with

16 points In addition to O'Brien's 32, Lou Burton added 19 points. Both Morris and Hayward had 12 points apiece for Glasgow.

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and a pair of tree throws in the lead after the tirst quarter on the

crossies 12 . Clasgow High School,



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ollege students residing in the University of Delaware's Warner Hall invited the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay and their leaders (see photo, left) to a Halloween Gala. The UD students provided arts and crafts (see photo, below), taught the Scouts about Halloween safety and about how the Day of the Dead is celebrated in different parts of the world.

"They even took the Scouts

trick or treating and then welcomed us to a table full of Halloween snacks!" said Scout leader Jayne Mitchell-Werbrich. "This was the third year in a row that these U of D students have done this for the Girl Scouts and I thought they should be recognized for being so kind and thoughtful!"

Werbrich said her Brownie Troop is still talking about how much fun they had at the event.

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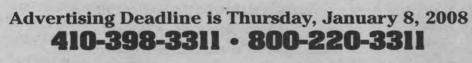
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CAMPUS NEWS

Delmarva donates \$250K to support vehicle-to-grid technology

Innovative research may address environmental challenges

epco Holdings Inc., Delmarva Power's parent company, has donated \$250,000 to the University of Delaware in support of further researching the technology of an all-electric, emission-free vehi-cle, which also has the capacity to feed power back to the regional electric grid.

The technology – known as V2G, for vehicle-to-grid – lets electricity flow from the car's battery to power lines and back. When the car is in the V2G setting, the battery's charge goes up or down depending on the needs of the grid operator, which sometimes must store surplus power and other times requires extra power to respond to surges in usage.

The ability of the V2G car's battery to act like a sponge may provide a solution for utilities, which pay millions to generating stations that help balance the grid.

The university's lead researcher Willett Kempton, an associate professor in the College of Marine and Earth Studies, estimates the value for utilities could be up to \$4,000 a year for the service, part of which could be paid to drivers.

The regional electric grid is managed and operated by PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM). PHI's support of the project, called the Vehicle-to-Grid initiative (V2G), is for the evaluation and research of new technologies that will reduce carbon monoxide

emissions as well as contribute to the nation's national security. "By investing in the vehicle-togrid concept, Pepco Holdings supports a cost-effective, innovative research and development project that will help to address

our nation's future energy challenges," said Barbara Gonzalez, PHI's senior business process consultant. Gonzalez presented the check on behalf of PHI to Kempton.

This initiative certainly com-

plements PHI's efforts aimed at exploring several technologies as part of its Fleet Technology Advisory Board," Gonzalez said. "I'm pleased to say that V2G is

PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE POST BY WILLETT KEMPTON



The car, which has no exhaust system, runs on electricity alone.

one of those technologies."



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IN THE NEWS



Herr's lights up the holiday season

Free light display just 30 minutes away

S till looking for holiday spirit? Consider taking a 30-minute drive out of the Newark area to Herr Foods Inc. in Nottingham, Pa., which has a vibrant light display showing now through Jan. 2, from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. nightly.

The company headquarters has been transformed into a winter wonderland of gleaming lights. The free driving tour, now in its 19th year, incorporates more than 300,000 sparkling lights. This year's presentation features a traditional Christmas theme. Classic favorites include oversized falling snowflakes, delightfully hung Christmas balls, and the famous 12-foot wreath and giant bow adorning the snack factory warehouse. Another highlight of the tour is an illuminated nativity scene.

One of the most recognized features of the light display is the Norway Spruce that stands more than 60-feet high at the entrance to Herr's. Bearing more than 4,200 multi-color LED (light-emitting diode) lights, the enormous Spruce can be seen for miles.

Herr's has chosen to use LED lights for approximately 50 percent of its display, said event organizers. Next year Herr's expects to use LED lights, which typically use 90 percent less energy, for the entire display.

A dedicated team of four fulltime employees worked day and night starting in September to set the scene. The Herr's light team was aided by Oatman's Tree Service of Oxford, Pa., to trim and decorate trees that exceeded 60 feet in height.

Herr Foods Inc. is located at the intersection of U.S. Route 1 and Route 272. For more information, call 1-800-63-SNACK or visit www.herrs.com.

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Letters to Santa

achweek, the Newark Post's office manager Sondra McKeever, compiles the historical headline review that appears on the Opinion page in the "Pages From The Past" section. This week, she shares letters from Newark youngsters to Santa as they were printed 75 years ago in the Dec. 22, 1932, issue of the Newark Post.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am ten years old. I am in the fifth grade. For Christmas I want a toy tractor, two Phonograph records, a book, and a mouth organ. That is all I want this year.

Your friend, Walter Campbell

Dear Santa,

I am a boy in sixth grade. I wantverylittleforChristmas. I will tell you some of the things I want. A football, a pair of stocking and a pair of four buckle artics. I wish vou would save some of the rest for the poor boys and girls.

Your friend, Marvin Atkinson Dear Santa,

Just a few lines to let and editorial assistant, you no what I want for Christmas, I want a doll baby, a chinchilla coat, a pair skates a piano and that is all good-by.

> Your little friend, Pearl Asbury

Dear Santa,

I will be glad to see you. I want an two wheel bicycle, an a wagon for my little friend.

Your little friend, Charles Badson

Dear Santa,

I was down to Jackson's hardware store Saturday to see you. You gave Mildred and I a stick of candy. You ask us what did we want for Christmas? We also bought a surprise box for ten-cent's. I received a story book. Santa I hope you will bring many children things for Christmas. I don't want much for Christmas.

Your's Friendly, Sadie Roy

Dear Santa Claus,

I have a great many toys; but I would like you to bring me this year, a large roll top desk like I saw into Mr. Well here's what I want. I

Lovett's Store with a desk light and chair, also a bridge for my electric train, a fish pond, gun, some water colors and pictures to paint, and some puzzles. I would like a large fire truck; but mother says I am asking for some thing to expensive when so many little children are in need. So I will hope to get that next Christmas. Santa please remember all the dear little poor children and be sure not to miss a one of them.

With love and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain

Your little friend, R. Francis Nichols Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a train for Christmas. I also would like some candy and nuts. I want a new suit and some shoes. In my stocking I want an orange and an apple. Your friend, Zane Galyen.

Dear Santa Claus.

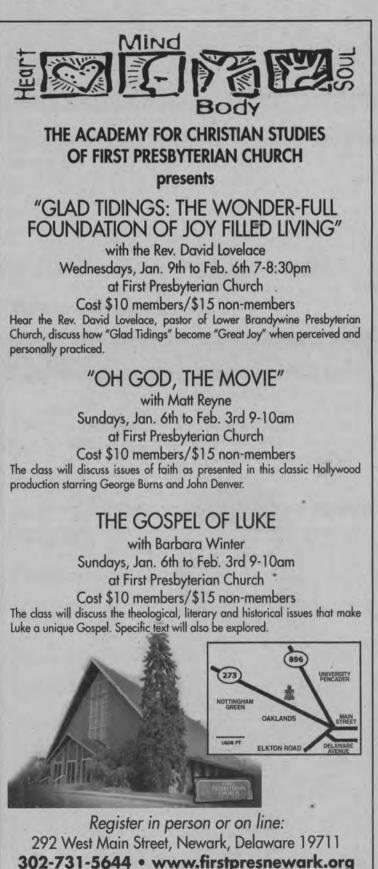
How are you I hope you are fine. It is so near Cristmas and you know I want something, don't you?

want a rubber doll bath tub, a school bag, a pair of mittens, and a lead pencil. I am writing this letter in school. I know you will come to our house on Cristmas night to fill our stockings tight with goodies and to bring us our toys.

Love. Barbara Ritz Dear Santa Claus,

I want a pair of gloves, a printing set, & four books. I am going to hang my stocking, please fill it. I hope my Christmas tree is pretty. Don't make a noise and waken me. I want some candy and a nice Christmas dinner.

Pauline Ferguson





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of charge as space permits. Information usually is supplied

to the newspaper by the funeral director. Additional local obitu-

aries are posted each week on

the Newark Post web site. The

web address appears at the top

Ju Hwan Cho, 14, of Newark,

died on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007. He was an eighth grade stu-dent at Shue Middle School. He

is the son of Sang Jin Cho and Kyung Hye Cho; and brother of

A funeral service was held on

Saturday, Dec. 15, in the Strano

& Feeley Family Funeral Home,

635 Churchmans Rd., Newark. Burial followed in All Saints

Richard Lee Criss, 74, of

Newark, died on Saturday, Dec.

Born in Newburg, W.Va., on Oct. 27, 1933, to the late Henry and Lillian Criss, the eldest of six

children, he served in the U.S.

Coast Guard during the Korean

War. Soon after his discharge, he

married Jeannine Rose Rogers.

In 1959, he moved his family to

Delaware where he worked first

for the Chrysler Corporation,

then for 28 years as an area supervisor for McDonalds.

Cemetery, Wilmington.

Richard Lee Criss

of every right-hand page.

Ju Hwan Cho

Yoon Ji Cho.

15, 2007.

Andrew E. Hickey, 94, founding member of Holy Family Catholic Church

ndrew "Andy" E. Hickey, 94, of Newark, died on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007.

He was born at Thunder Hill, New London, Pa., on May 19, 1913, the son of the late Eugene P. and Ella Desmond Hickey. He operated a grocery store in Oxford, Pa., from 1945-1966 and was innkeeper of the Holiday Inn in Newark, from 1966-1983. He was a founding member of Holy Family

Catholic Church, a life member of the Oxford Eagles Aerie #2666, the Newark Lions Club and the Newark Touchdown Club.

He is survived by five chil-dren, Thomas and his wife, Gloria, of Newark, Dr. Andrew E. Jr. and his wife, Linda, of Dallastown, Pa., Elaine of Wilmington, John of Ashboro, N.C., and Dr. Anne Smith and her, husband, Doug Lance, of her husband, Doug Lance, of Dublin, Ohio; sister, Dorothy

Lyons of Downingtown, Pa.; sister-in-law, Helen Brown of Kemblesville, Pa.; brotherin-law, Walter Anderson of Wilmington; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one stepgrandson and two stepgreat-grandsons. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Margaret Anderson Hickey, who died in 1998; as well as his brothers, Thomas and John.

A Mass of Christian Burial

will be celebrated at Holy Family Catholic Church, 15 Gender Road, Newark, on Friday, Dec. 21, at 11 a.m. Friends and family called at R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home in Newark on Thursday

Dec. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in Rosebank Cemetery in Calvert, Md.

Contributions may be made to Compassionate Care Hospice or Holy Family Church c/o the funeral home.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jeannine Rose Criss; his children, Stephanie Criss, Terri Lineback, Toni Wilkers, Kathy Legg and Richard L. Criss II; their spouses, Don Lehman, Gary Simpkins, Robert Legg and Arlene Criss; his grandchildren, Billy-Joe and Jeremiah Charles, Bernadette and Michael Kerr, Aaron and Amber Bass; Samantha and Ryan Legg, Amanda Criss and his namesake, Richard Lee Criss III. He was preceded in death by his son-inlaw, Michael John Lineback.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in Newark. Interment followed in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear.

Contributions may be sent to

the American Heart Association, 1501 Casho Mill Rd., Ste. 1, Newark, DE 19711

Pamela Ann Dixon

Pamela Ann Dixon, 46, of Newark, died on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007, at Christiana Hospital.

Hospital. She is survived by her fiance, Lee Howell; mother, Patricia Dixon; goddaughter, Sarina Spinelli; nieces, Josie, Marietta, Hailey, Quie, Madeline, Payton and Pheby; nephews, Kyle, Matthew and Patrick; broth-ers, Joseph Cordero, and wife ers, Joseph Cordero and wife, Melissa, Michael Cordero and his companion, Nicolette Shuhart; sisters, Patricia Newell and husband, Clark, Jaclyn Dixon and best friend and "sister" Donna-Lee Stillerman. She was preceded in death by her father, John Dixon; and brother, Kevin Cordero.

A memorial service was held

on Thursday, Dec. 13, at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 10 Old Newark Road, Newark. Burial was private.

Contributions may be made to Faithful Friends, 12 Germay Drive, Wilmington, DE 19804.

Nancy Virginia Kennedy

Nancy Virginia Kennedy, 63, of Newark, died on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007, at Christiana Hospital.

Born in Oak Park, Ill., in 1944 to the late Sidney R. Wirth and Anna Wirth, she resided during her childhood in River Forrest, Ill. A graduate of Oak Park and River Forest High School and Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, she worked for a time in the Chicago area before moving to Delaware in 1990. Upon joining her mother in Newark, she began her career at the University of Delaware. She undertook several positions at that institution and retired in 2001.

She is survived by her daughter, Kristin Kennedy Price; and her son, Scott E. Kennedy both of whom live in the area; her brothers, Donald F. Wirth of Tucson, Ariz. and John G. Wirth of Galena, Md.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Doherty Funeral Home, 3200 Limestone Rd., Pike Creek.

Ronald E. Malkin

Ronald E. Malkin, 74, of Newark, died on Friday, Dec. 14, at home after a long battle with cancer.

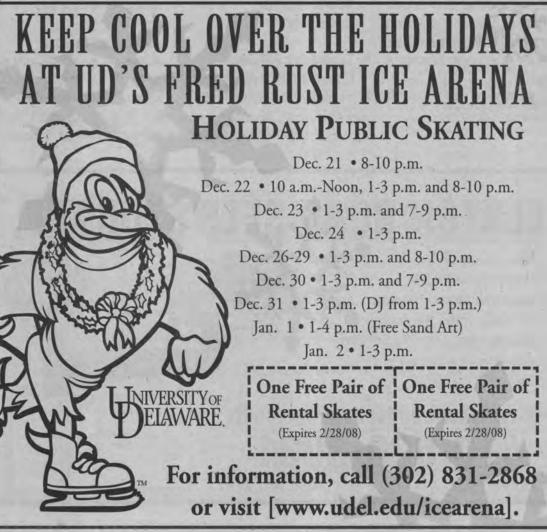
He was born on Nov. 14, 1933, the son of the late Mark and Rita (Link) Malkin. He graduated from St. Vincent College and

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was ordained Brother Bonifaceat Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Priory, Pecos, New Mexico in 1958. When he left the order in 1965, he married Vilma Mendoza. He lived in El Salvador for 17 years, where his three sons were born. Upon returning to the states, he settled in Johnstown, Pa., and worked many years at the State School for the Mentally Challenged in Ebensburg.

He is survived by his children, Karl and Donna Malkin of Newark, Mark and Michele Malkin of Johnstown, Pa., and Ronald and Carol Malkin of Wilmington; grandchildren, Austin Malkin, Derek and Marlea Malkin. He is also survived by his brothers, Karl Malkin of Hazelton, Pa., Mark and Mary Malkin of Connellsville, Pa. and Gary and Pam Malkin of Baltimore, Md.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass was held on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Patton, by Benedictine Fathers. Committal was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Patton.

Donations may be sent to St. Catherine of Sienna Roman Catholic Church, 2501 Centerville Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808.

Cyion M. J. Matthews

Cyion M. J. Matthews, infant son of Sabrina Brown and Curtis Matthews, was born on October 22, 2007, in Newark. He died on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007.

He is survived by two sisters, Dar'Inna Matthews and Jai'dah Matthews; and three brothers, Sabri Miller, Curtis Matthews Jr. and Sincere Matthews.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at The House of Wright Mortuary in Wilmington.

Marie Joan Prodgers

Marie Joan Prodgers, 80, of Newark, died on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at Christiana Hospital.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on Jan. 9, 1927, daughter of the late John S. Opet and Mary Van Cheske Opet.

Her husband, William Prodgers, died in 1998. She is

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Ju Hwan Cho Richard Lee Criss Pamela Dixon Andrew E. Hickey Nancy Virginia Kennedy Ronald E. Malkin Cyion M. J. Matthews Marie Joan Prodgers Dreama Caroline Roberts Matthew P. Skibinski Virginia Frances Stiles survived by her three children, Wayne T. Prodgers of Newark, Cynthia L. Doucette of Elkton, Md. and William J. Prodgers of Newark; a sister, Bernadine Young of North Carolina; seven grandchildren, Jason Prodgers, Ashley Conway, Jarrod Doucette, Jeremy Doucette, Alisa Prodgers, Emilie Prodgers and Kyle Prodgers; and two great-grandchildren, Chase Conway and Caydence Guns.

A funeral service was held on Monday, Dec. 17, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in Newark. Interment followed in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

Contributions may be made to the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center, c/o Christiana Care Foundation, PO Box 1668 Wilmington, DE 19899

Dreama Caroline Roberts

Dreama Caroline Roberts, 75, of Newark, died on Friday, Dec. 14, 2007, at Christiana Hospital.

She was born in East Rainelle, W.Va., on Jan. 22, 1932, daughter of the late Leatha and Arthur Wyatt.

Her husband, Lorenzo D.

Roberts, died in 2003. She is survived by her son, Stanley L. Roberts and his fiancée, Paula Palandrani, of Newark; four siblings, Junior Wyatt, Jackie Mann and Jody Wyatt all of Rockville, Md., and Carol Owens of Bethel; and granddaughter, Rachel N.C. Roberts of Elkton, Md.

The funeral service and interment were private.

Contributions may be sent to Heartland Hospice, 261 Chapman Rd., Ste. 100, Newark, DE 19702.

Matthew P. Skibinski

Matthew P. Skibinski, 39, died suddenly on Dec. 2, 2007, in Bradenton, Fla.

He was the son of Jean P. and the late Paul J. Skibinski of Newark. He spent most of his life in the Newark/Elkton area working as a craftsman and operating Absolute General Contracting. He served six years in the Army Reserves.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by two brothers, David of Warwick, Md., and Paul of Hockessin; his former wife, Saber; two stepchildren; four nieces and one nephew.

A memorial service was

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held on Monday, Dec. 17, at St. James Episcopal Church, 2 S. Augustine St., Newport.

Contributions may be sent to the Cecil County SPCA, PO Box 665, Chesapeake City, MD 21915; or to the Elkton Men's Shelter, 168 W. Main St., Elkton MD 21921.

Virginia Frances Stiles

Virginia Frances Stiles, 76, of Newark, died on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007, after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease.

After receiving her teaching certificate in 1966, Stiles was a middle school librarian in the Chelmsford, Mass., school dis-

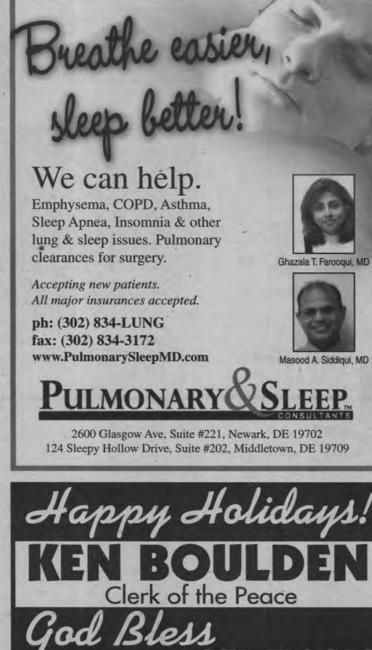
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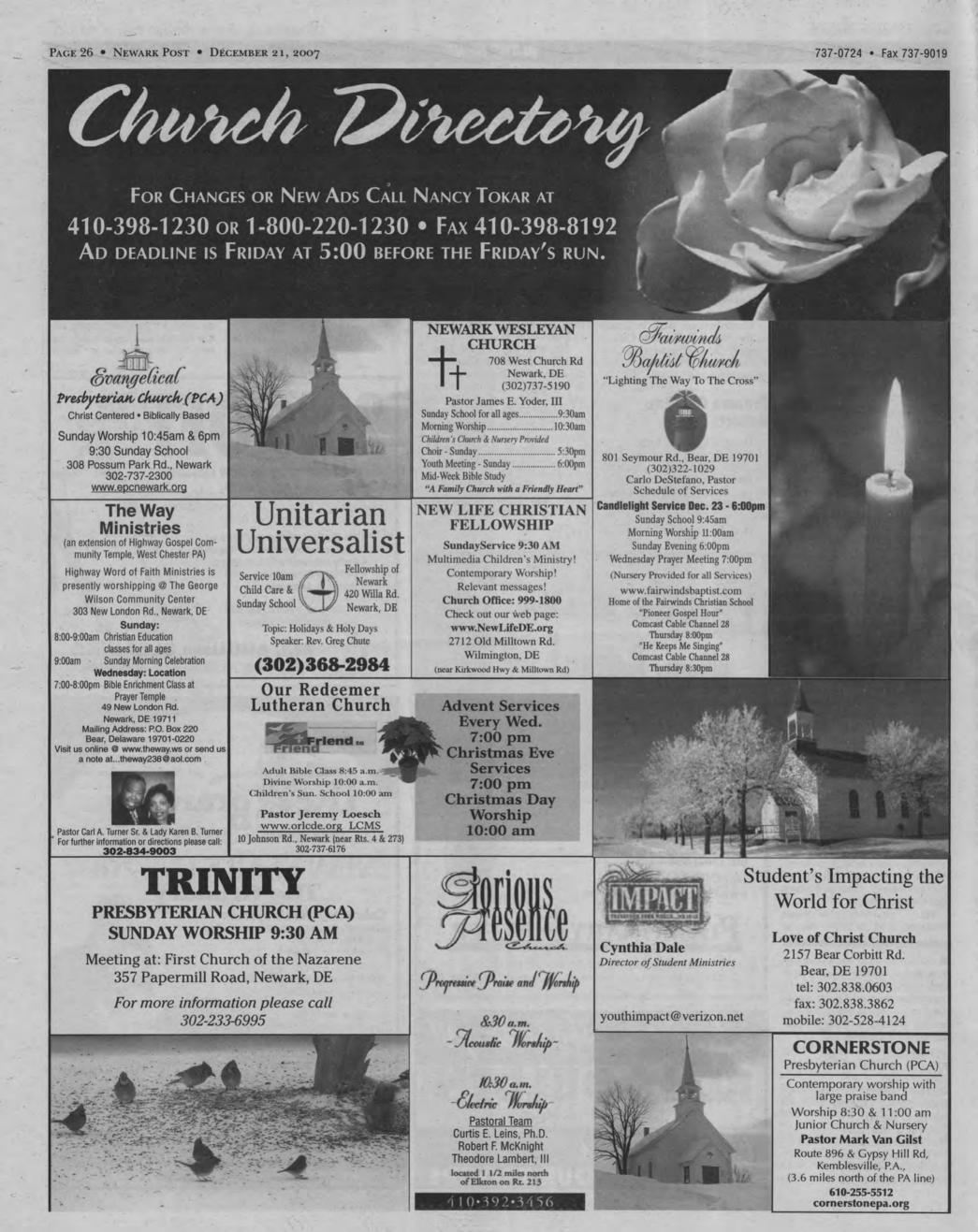
ew, Peter Stiles and his wife, Carol, of Newark; niece, Jennifer Stiles Augustat and her husband, Michael, of Fort Worth, Texas; niece, Judy Stiles of White River Junction, Vt.; niece, Cheryl Stiles of Chino Valley, Ariz.; and a great-nephew and greatniece. She is also survived by her brother, Lewis Stiles and his wife, Chanthong, of Casa Grande, Ariz.

A memorial service will be held in January 2008 in her hometown of Newton, Mass.

Donations may be made to Wilmington Christian School, 825 Loveville Road, Hockessin, DE 19707. All contributions will be used to purchase books for the library and each book will have an inscription in her honor.







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Despite loss, Delaware remains a top program

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some questionable rulings, rightfully questioned why that group of officials was assigned to the game.

Let me be perfectly clear – the officials didn't determine the outcome of the game. They were, however, bad.

After Appalachian State took a 7-0 lead, the crowd in the bar cheered loudly as the Hens answered with an apparent touchdown drive of their own. After initially ruling that Cuff had scored, a replay official overturned the call.

Delaware had two more chances to score from inside the one-yard line so I really wasn't worried. However, a running play that lost yardage and a messed-uppass-play later, the Mountaineers were celebrating and the bar was frustrated.

Well, at least App State was pinned deep in its own territory. Right? Wrong. A few plays and about 90 seconds later, though, the Mountaineers had scored again. 14-0.

The frustration grew as Delaware drove deep into App State territory again only to miss a field goal.

Another touchdown and it was 21-0 and fans in the bars began thanking higher powers that they didn't spend the time and money on a trip to Chattanooga.

The game really never got any better and the festiveness dis-

sipated.

That being said, it was really nice to see the support and enthusiasm for the team and the game throughout town.

I had the good fortune of attending the 2003 national championship game so I didn't have the opportunity to soak in the atmosphere here in Newark. That game – a 40-0 Delaware romp – was completely different and I assume so was the celebrating.

Delaware is one of the few non-big-time schools that could

even remotely approach the atmosphere of those big schools.

atmosphere of those big schools. Despite the loss, it was plainly evident why Delaware will always be one of the top football programs in I-AA. It has the support and commitment that is matched by only a small few other schools in the country.

Unfortunately, Appalachian State is one of them as well.



► BLOTTER, from 2

the **unit block of E. Main Street** on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 2:52 a.m. The fireworks caused burns to the sofa, loveseat and carpet. Investigation will continue.

Graffiti was found in several boys' bathrooms at Newark High School in the **unit block of E. Delaware Avenue** on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 8 a.m., said police.

An unknown suspect jumped out of a car parked along a sidewalk in the **200 block of E. Delaware Avenue** and punched a 29-year-old man walking by in the face, police were told on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 1:33 a.m. The suspect chased the man briefly and then fled in his car, police were told.

Vehicles targeted

The front tire of a Pontiac Sunfire parked in the **300 block** of College Square was slashed by an unknown suspect on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 9:31 p.m., said police.

A hydraulic jack and stereo system were stolen from two cars parked in the **700 block of Colgate Lane**, police were told on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7:17 p.m.

An unknown suspect damaged the windshield and antenna of a Hyundai Elantra parked in the **unit block of Cleveland Avenue** and stole the two side view mirrors, police were told on Thursday Dec 13 at 5:14 a m

Thursday, Dec. 13, at 5:14 a.m. Several pieces of computer equipment were stolen from a work van parked in the **unit block of Washington Street**, police were told on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 2:23 p.m.

An unknown suspect stole a Honda Accord from in front of a home in the **800 block of Rock Lane**, police were told on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 8:54 a.m.

Stereo speakers, amplifiers and CDs were taken from a Chevrolet Blazer parked in the 700 block of Colgate Lane, police were told on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 8:25 a.m.

A BB gun pellet damaged the windshield of a city-owned truck driving on **New London Road at Corbit Street**, police were told on Monday, Dec. 10, at 3:22 p.m.

Alcohol, noise law violations detailed

The Alcohol Enforcement Unit and other officers of the Newark Police Department continued their stepped-up, strict enforcement of alcohol and noise related laws last week.

Some of the recent violations include:

Bret Harbison, 18, of Wilmington, underage consumption of alcohol and offensive touching, on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 2:15 a.m., in the 200 block of E. Delaware Avenue;

Ashleigh Pitts, 26, of Newark, noise law violation, on Friday,

Dec. 14, at 2:16 a.m., in the 200 block of Beverly Road; Benjamin Rousak, 20, of

Benjamin Kousak, 20, of Wilmington, and Brian Kessler, 21, of Wilmington, noise law violation, on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 11:26 p.m., in the 600 block of Lehigh Road;

Kevin Lally, 18, of Kendall Park, N.J., underage consumption of alcohol, on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 6:55 p.m., in the 100 block of W. Main Street;

Police said all were released pending court appearances.

Checkpoint dedicated to deceased teens

The Office of Highway Safety and the Newark Police Department dedicated an alcohol checkpoint on Friday, Dec. 14, to four teens who lost their lives in a tragic car collision in the Newark area in March 2001.

The two-vehicle collision occurred on Otts Chapel Road. Five teens, three from Elkton and two from Newark, were riding in a car that collided with a Jeep Cherokee driven by 26-year-old James Gaylen.

Gaylen and four of the teenagers, Laura Kauffman, 17, Chad Stein, 18, and Shaun Loomis, 16, all of Elkton, and Aaron Stahl, 15, of Newark, were killed in the crash. Toxicology tests later revealed Gaylen had alcohol in his system.

Police determined that Gaylen, an impaired driver, had crossed the centerline and hit the teenagers' car head on, causing a tragedy that affected two communities.

In an effort to remember the lives lost and prevent further deaths due to drunk driving, the Newark Police Department performed a checkpoint at the site of the accident.

Family of the deceased was invited to attend a dedication ceremony held before the checkpoint at the Newark Municipal Building.



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in excess of \$14,500 per pupil, according to the study.

Augenblich, Palaich & Associates (AP&A) of Denver, Colo., was charged with determining what it would cost to bring all students to Level Four or above on the Delaware Student Testing Program (DSTP), regardless of their needs or where they go to school.

AP&A defined "high levels of student achievement" as 95 percent of Delaware's students reaching Level Four (exceeds standards) or Level Five (distinguished) on the state's reading and math tests.

The study evaluated the adequacy of resources and the level and types of funding compared to current levels. AP&A used commonly accepted models to determine Delaware's current per-pupil costs in small, medium and large districts and to project how those costs would change in order to reach "modest" and "high" levels of student achievement assuming the current system of funding remains unchanged.

According to John H. Taylor Jr., DPPI's executive director, this high level was chosen because policymakers believe this is what it will take to prepare Delaware students for 21st century opportunities. "Anything less will not prepare our students to succeed," he stated.

The study, "How Good Is Good Enough, Student Achievement, Spending and Delaware's Future," poses some tough questions for Delawareans, according to Taylor. He notes that Delaware is in the top 10 in the nation in education per pupil spending but student achievement results are in the middle of the pack.

Taylor pointed out that the study found several ways schools could get better achievement results without significant increases in funding. "But the fact remains, that if we want excellence, it will cost more money." The study also noted that

The study also noted that Delaware, ranked eighth nationally in spending in 2003, but only 27th in performance, does not appear to be getting an adequate return on its educational investment. "Unfortunately," the study notes, "the current [funding] system is so complex that a return-on-investment analysis is not possible."

The study concluded Delaware's school finance data are not easily accessible, understandable or comparable, adding, "The education finance system is simply not organized with the goal of knowing whether how money is spent produces results or whether alternate allocations of resources would increase student achievement."

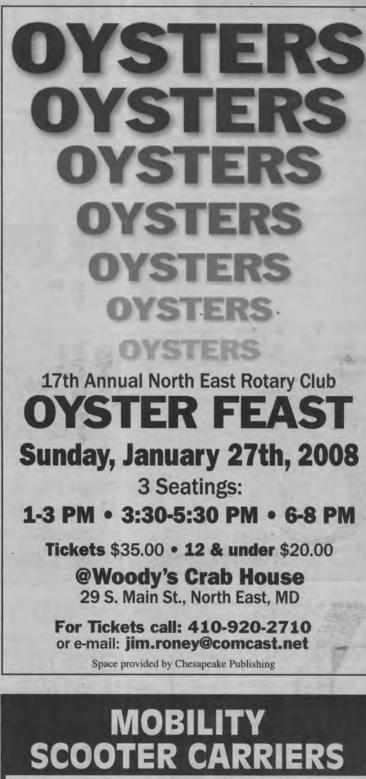
In addition to DPPI, Vision 2015, the Longwood Foundation, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Pepco Holdings, Bank of America and WSFS Financial Corporation also supported the research for this study.

Vision 2015 is an unprecedented commitment to provide a world-class education to every Delaware student by the year 2015. According to information provided on the Vision 2015 Website, the 2015 plan was developed by a broad-based, 28person Steering Committee. Their work was informed substantially by expert counsel from nearly 80 Work Group members, representing education, community organizations, and businesses. Over the course of an 11-month process, nearly 500 citizens in all three Delaware counties participated in community meetings, focus groups, and special interest forums.

While the DPPI report and Vision 2015 are not based on the same research or recommendations, both urge a detailed examination of what Delaware spends today on education and how those dollars could be allocated more effectively to support improved achievement for all Delaware's students. Both reports recommend a weighted student funding formula as well as a more transparent and efficient funding process.

The DPPI is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental public policy research organization and an affiliate of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce. The Institute identifies emerging issues that drive Delaware's future agenda. Created in 1990, the organization conducts research to offer real solutions for problems affecting all Delawareans.

To access the study, go to DPPI's Website at www.dppi. org, or to the Rodel Foundation of Delaware's Web site, www. rodelfoundationde.org. For information about Vision 2015, visit www.vision2015delaware.org.





COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Delaware's fire crew seeks volunteers

Anyone interested in becoming a wildland firefighter can sign up for training when the Delaware Forest Service offers "S-130 Firefighter Training" at the Delaware State Fire School on Jan. 19 and 20, 2008.

The two-day class, one of four "core" certification courses, will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day. Lunch is included.

The Delaware State Fire School is located at 1461 Chestnut Grove Rd., Dover. Participants can call 739-4773 to register for the wildland fire training classes.

Residents urged to join Americorps

As the holiday season brings thoughts of giving back, a new public service campaign was launched today to enlist Delaware residents to "fight poverty with passion" by joining VISTA, the AmeriCorps program that fights poverty.

The campaign draws attention to the 37 million Americans who live in poverty. It encourgages Americans to dedicate a year of their lives to fight poverty by joining VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America).

For more information or to apply visit their website at AmeriCorps.gov or call 800-942-2677.

Shorter hours at post office Dec. 24

Post offices in Delaware will close at noon on Monday, Dec. 24, with the exception of two locations. The Main Office window located at 147 Quiqley Blvd. in New Castle and the Dover Post Office located at 55 The Plaza.

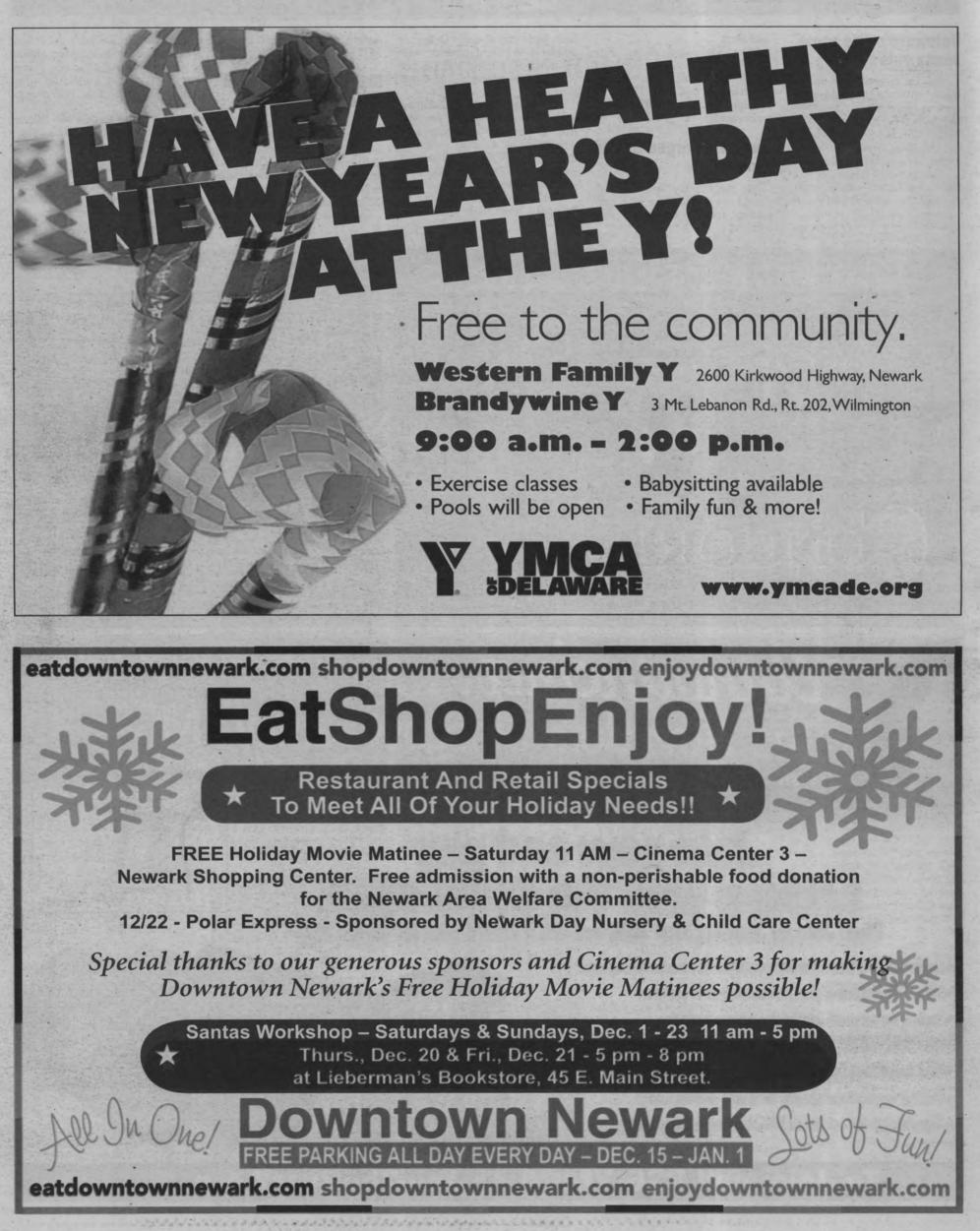
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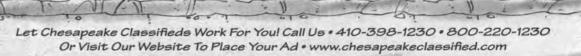
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the undersigned by: 5014 - Deborah Johnston - 50+ boxes, rocking

chair, clothing, scooter 1094 - Donae A. Woodards - 15 bags, box spring, mattress, bicycle, microwave, sports equipment,

10 totes, vacuum

2045 - Lillian Y. Richards - air conditioner, 15 bags, clothing, VHS

2049 - Marilyn McAllister - bags, 10+ boxes, 4

kitchen chairs, portable TV 4011 - Lester L. Lippy - beach chair, clothing, computer, ladder, floor lamp, kitchen table,

portable TV 1082 - Valerie H. Hales - books, 10 boxes, re-

frigerator 4069 - Julie A. Owens - 10 boxes, table lamp,

stereo, 5 totes 5078 - William E. Short - boxes, sofa, ladder,

stereo

5039 - John Lippy - 3 bicycles, sports equip-ment, tool box, grill 1077 - Debera A. Blackwell - 2 bags, ironing

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public sale on January 21, 2008 at PS ORANGECO INC./PUBLIC STORAGE, 201 Bellevue Rd., Newark, DE 19713 at 12:00 p.m., the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by: A004 - Harry Roberts - bed, mattress, couch, tool box, grill, tools A010 - William Murphy - 20 bags, 20 boxes, ironing board, stereo, TV, toys A014 - Evelyn Bagley - 30 bags, bed, mattress, 20 boxes, dresser, 2 TV's 8020 - Tara Kriebel - bed, 3 end tables, 5 totes, B023 - Juan Hocker - bags, fish tank, dresser, couch B025 - David Clough - boxes, dresser D015 - John Exum Jr. - bed, 20 boxes, fan, toys, suitcase, stereo E092 - Dawn McGinn - books, boxes, bed, totes, vacuum E112 - Rebecca Vanderslice - 10 bags, 10 boxes, chair, lamp E113 - Alana Thomas - freezer, refrigerator G022 - Sandra Massey - 10 bags, 10 boxes, bookcase, couch, chair, stroller, shoes np 12/14.21

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed placement of two (2) microwave dish antennas on an existing lattice tower located at 1325 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark, De 19702. In addition, all associated equipment will be located within the existing 12' x 30' equipment shelter within the existing fenced compound. Comments regarding potential effects to historic properties should be submitted to Frank DeFeo by email to fdefeo@cmxengineering.com, by mail to 127-A Gaither Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ 07054, or phone 856-231-0800.

np 12/21

LEGAL NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS OF SELF TV, INCORPORATED NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

OF SELF TV, INCORPORATED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SELF TV, IN-CORPORATED, which maintains its principal office at 1462 Elmhurst Road, Elk Grove Village, Illi-nois 60007 was dissolved on October 10, 2007. Any claim against SELF TV, INCORPORATED, its directors, officers, employees, or agents, or its shareholders or their transferees must be in writing and must contain sufficient information reasonably to inform the corporation of the identity of the claimant and the substance of the claim. Such a claim shall be mailed to The Law Office of Marc J. Lane, A Professional Corporation, 180 N. LaSalle Street Suite 2100, Chicago, Illinois 60601 and be received on or before March 1, 2008.

Your claim must set forth the following information:

1. A statement of the amount of your claim;

2. The legal name, address and phone number of the entity asserting the claim;

3. Identification or brief description of the agree ment or other circumstances under which the claim arose, including copies of any relevant documents

FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN CLAIM BY THAT DATE WILL RESULT IN YOUR CLAIM BEING BARRED. The corporation or a successor entity may make distributions to other claimants and the corporation's stockholders or persons in-terested as having been such without further notice to the claimant. The aggregate amount, on an annual basis, of all distributions made by the corporation to its stockholders was \$0 for 2006, \$0 for 2005 and \$0 for 2004.

SELF TV, INCORPORATED By: Kevin Trudeau, Its President

np 12/21,28

PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public auction, on January 21, 2008 at 4:30 p.m., at PS ORANGECO INC./PUBLIC STORAGE, 3801 Dupont Parkway, New Castle, DE 19720, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

- A156 Priscilla Goodson clothes, bags, boxes A142 - Rosemary Mullins - TV, stereo, lamp, totes
- A247 Shawn Black water cooler, ladder, totes A266 - Sidibe Fanta - refrigerator, shelving,
- boxes B308 - Diane Greer - vacuum, stereo, ladder
- B329 Lakesha Jeter microwave, totes, sofa
- B345 Scott Campbell tools, sports equipment, fish tank
- B349 Shon Smith mini bike, record collection, sports equipment
- C503 Marlene Owens suitcases, hat boxes, totes
- C606 Hermalee Laylor-Christie clothes, kitchen chairs, toys
- C608 Saquan Reaves kitchen table, vacuum, monitor
- C614 Hayes Fountain Jr. tool box, clothes, lamp D711 - Monique Henry - kitchen table, TV,
- monitor D800 - Dawn Stroup - totes, vacuum, lamp
- E928 Joseph Cook TV, pictures, clothes
- E931 Jason Santos TV, suitcase, bags, boxes E1034 - Melvin Shade - bags, boxes
- B401 Earnest Giles stereo, suitcase
- np 12/14,21

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

Delaware City Brew House and Grill, Inc. T/A Delaware City Brew House and Grill have on No-vember 29, 2007 applied with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner seeking approval of a 522 square foot extension of the currently licensed premise. Extension includes a game room with a pool table, arcade games and additional seating. Premises is located at 92 Clinton Street, Delaware City, DE 19706.

Persons who are against this application should provide written notice of their objections to the Commissioner. For the Commissioner to be re-quired to hold a hearing to consider additional input from persons against the application, the Commissioner must receive one or more documents containing a total of at least 10 signatures of residents or property owners located within one mile of the premises or in any incorporated areas located within one mile of the premise. The protest must be filed with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner at the 3rd floor, Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The protest(s) must be received by the Commissioner's office on or before January 4, 2008. Failure to file such a protest may result in the Commissioner considering the application without further notice, input, or hearing. If you have questions regarding this matter please Con-tact the Commissioner's office at (302) 577-5222. np 12/7,14,21

LEGAL NOTICE

COMPADRES, INC. t/a LA TONALTECA, has on December 14, 2007, applied with the Office of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner to relocate an existing restaurant liquor license to include Sunday, to a premises located at 60 N. COLLEGE AVE., NEWARK, DE 19711.

Persons who are against this application should provide written notice of their objections to the Commissioner. For the Commissioner to be required to hold a hearing to consider additional input from persons against the application, the Commissioner must receive one or more documents containing a total of at least 10 signatures of residents of property owners located within 1 mile of the premises or in any incorporated areas located within 1 mile of the premises. The protest(s) must be filed with the Office of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner at the 3rd floor, Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The protest(s) must be received by the Commissioner's office on or before January 14, 2008. Failure to file such a protest may result in the Commissioner considering the application without further notice, input, or hearing. If you have questions regarding this matter please contact the Commissioner's office. np 12/14,21,28

LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at a lien sale on 1/21/08 at 3:00 p.m. at: PS ORANGE CO PUBLIC STORAGE 425 NEW CHURCHMANS ROAD NEW CASTLE, DE 19720 The personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by: D057 - Sasha Seymour - box spring, mattress, bed frames, ironing board C004 - Quentin Rojas - misc. household goods D004 - Walter Lafferty - 2 box springs, 2 mattresses, microwave, sofa D012 - Paul Tackett - box spring, mattress, 10 boxes, 5 totes, toys F027 - Rita Townsend - 50 bags, air conditioner, box spring, mattress, 10 totes F052 - Paul Lyons - rocking chair, sofa C173 - Rick Mathewsson - misc. household goods E030 - David Gordy - 3 bicycles, 10 boxes, washer, dryer G026 - Anthony Sohhonog - sofa G044 - Shalynn Rogers - 20 boxes, washer, dryer, tires F001 - Walter Cuellich - bicycle, 30 boxes, tool box, vacuum G024 - Shontae DeShields - misc. household goods C040 - Stacy Tomme - box spring, mattress, 50 boxes, 20 totes C139 - Wendye Kane - misc. household goods C039 - Stanley Sharp - kitchen chair, sofa, 2 floor lamps, upholstered chair np 12/14,21

LEGAL NOTICE Estate of ALFRED J. BRESLIN, aka AL-FRED JOHN BRES-LIN. Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the estate of ALFRED J. BRE-SLIN, aka ALFRED JOHN BRESLIN who departed this life on the 12th day of October, A.D. 2007, late of 237 Cheltenham Road, Newark, DE 19711, were duly granted unto Nancy Breslin on the 3rd day of December, A.D. 2007, and all per-sons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make payments to the Personal Representative without delay, and all persons having demands against the deceased are required to exhibit and present the same duly probated to the said **Personal** Representative on or before the 12th day of June, A.D. 2008, or abide by the law in this behalf.

Personal Representative Nancy Breslin Address

Nancy Breslin 237 Cheltenham Road Newark, DE 19711 np 12/21,28,1/4

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE **OF DELAWARE** IN AND FOR

NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Emily Anne Keyser Mathay PETITIONER(S) TO

Anne Keyser Mathay NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Emily Anne Keyser Mathay intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to Anne Keyser Mathay. E. Anne Keyser Mathay

Petitioner Dated: 11/29/2007 np 12/7.14.21

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COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Jennifer Marconi PETITIONER(S) TO Jennifer Cid NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jennifer Marconi intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change

Petitioner Dated: 12/4/07 Jennifer Marconi np 12/14,21,28

his/her name to Jennifer

Cid.

THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Vincent McDonald PETITIONER(S) TO Vincent R. Miller

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Vincent Robbert McDonald intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to Vincent Robbert Miller. Vincent Miller

Petitioner Dated: 12/11/07 np 12/21.28.1/4

THE COURT OF **COMMON PLEAS** FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Jenny Rebecca Casper PETITIONER(S) TO

Jenny Rebecca Wanner-Casper NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jenny Rebecca Casper intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to Jenny Rebecca Wanner-Casper.

Petitioner Dated: 12/7/07 Jenny Casper

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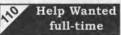
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COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE **OF DELAWARE** IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Amy L. Romero PETITIONER(S) TO Aimee L. Romero

THE COURT OF

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Amy L. Romero intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change his/her name to Aimee L. Romero.

Amy L. Romero Petitioner Dated: 12/10/07 np 12/14,21,28



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