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## UP FRONT

### Surfacing to the top

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**Y**ESTERDAY, my home Boy Scout Troop 306 celebrated National Boy Scout Month with its annual dinner. I wish I could have been there.

Each year now for more than 90 years, parents whip up a roast beef and green beans dinner, merit badges and rank patches are handed out, and the annual Scout of the Year winner is announced. (I was the first recipient in 1966. The plaque hangs on my office wall here in Newark.)



Streit

My idea of camping these days must involve a Sheraton or Ramada. But it was camping and hiking and outdoors hooks...and throwing up...that lured me into the program beginning at age 11.

I had been a Cub Scout and, frankly, didn't like Scouting all that much. My den mother was...errr...how do I say this nicely?...well, she was mean. Plus I didn't really get a kick out of gluing macaroni letters on Christmas ornaments and other such useless projects.

When I grew too old for the blue-and-gold uniform, I didn't plan to join Boy Scouts but my father, a former Scout, asked me to attend just one Boy Scout meeting and give it a try.

I did and I was hooked.

The man who drove the

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**M**embers of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association at the University of Delaware celebrated the start of the year of the rooster with traditional Chinese festivities on Saturday, Feb. 12.

The celebration, which ran from 7-9:30 p.m. in Mitchell Hall, included a kung fu demonstration by students, regional piano and dulcimer music, a choral performance,

a Chinese opera and traditional dances.

Originally a religious ceremony, the Chinese New Year is the most important holiday in the Chinese calendar. Traditional ceremonies last 15 days and honor household gods and family ancestors, as well as the union of heaven and earth.



Newark Post photos by Scott McAllister

## Project okayed, finally

Construction to begin on apartment complex, with one restriction

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**A**FTER three years of delay in litigation and negotiations, building plans for a 12-apartment subdivision on South Chapel Street have received the go-ahead from the Newark City Council.

The plans once again faced a vote before council on Monday, Feb. 14, and for the first time, the tally favored the start of construction. However, it does so with one condition - if construction is completed on the building before a court can make a final ruling on a hotly debated topic, no alcohol can be sold, distributed or consumed on the property.

During the past three years, the city and Delta Eta, the company overseeing building and construction on the property, have been in and out of courts trying to reach a compromise. The city

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## Unsettling noises

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**S**ETTLING in for the evening around 9 p.m., the last thing that Newark resident Ann Butler expected was a knock on her door. Alarm bells were going off in her head. After several months of a series of home invasions and burglaries here, home security had become a predominant thought in her mind. And suddenly, late in the evening, someone was knocking on her door.

Butler opened the door just enough to peer out and see who was there. "That was when I started shaking, when

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## Foot patrol leads to graffiti arrest

**W**HILE walking foot patrol in the unit block East Main Street at 5 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, a Newark police officer noticed a man standing in an alleyway between two buildings.

The officer reported that when the man noticed the patrolman, he began to walk away.

Police said they discovered wet spray paint on a building wall. The man was stopped, searched and arrested.

Police said they charged Derek Summers Jr., 23, of Middleburg, Va., with graffiti. He was released pending a March 18 court appearance.

## Bottle breaks window

The resident of a home in the 300 block East Main Street told Newark police that someone threw a bottle through his living room window.

The victim told police the vandalism took place between 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, and 11 a.m. Sunday.

Damage was estimated to be \$200.

## Thrown from 4th floor

Newark police received a tip on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 1:45 a.m. that items were being thrown from a 4th floor balcony at an apartment building at 329 E. Main St.

The suspects fled before police arrived but officers reported that a chair was heaved and broke a front window.

## Shattered windows

A rock was hurled through the storm and front windows of a home in the 200 block Sunset Road, it was reported to police on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 12:49 a.m.

The resident told officers she was in an upstairs bedroom when she heard a loud crash. Thinking someone was breaking into the home, the resident immediately called 9-1-1 and summoned police.

An immediate search failed to locate any suspects. Damage was estimated to be \$200.

## Man slashed at dance

Investigation of incidents following the conclusion of a dance early Saturday morning at the University of Delaware's Trabant University Center are continuing.

According to Capt. James Flatley, of the UD Police

## Serial robber arrested

**M**ICHAEL J. Anderson, 22, was arrested on Wednesday, Feb. 9, in connection with a string of eight commercial robberies during the past three weeks in this area.

Delaware State Police said that Anderson has been connected to or charged with the following robberies:

■ Cumberland Farms store, 3310 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington on Jan. 20

■ 7-Eleven store, 2409 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington on Jan. 21

■ Cumberland Farms store, 3310 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington on Jan. 23

■ Arby's Restaurant, 4004 Concord Pike, Wilmington on Jan. 24

■ Citizens Bank, 2084 Naamans Road, Wilmington on Jan. 26

■ Commerce Bank, 40101 Concord Pike, Wilmington on Jan. 28

■ Citizens Bank, 1 University Plaza, Newark on Feb. 4

■ Newark police also charged Anderson for the robbery of the Citizens Bank, 100 Suburban Drive, Newark on Feb. 5.

Detectives received information

from an anonymous caller who had observed the suspect's photo on television. After viewing the photo, the man contacted State Police Detectives.

Police located Anderson at his residence in Marcus Hook, Pa. He was apprehended without incident. He was then extradited to Delaware for the robbery charges, police said.

He was arraigned at Magistrate Court 2 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Facility in default of \$184,500 secured bond.

The arrest was made possible by cooperation between members of the Delaware State Police, Newark Police, Mt. Holly Police, and Pennsylvania State Police.



Shortly after the Feb. 5 robbery of the Citizens Bank branch inside the Acme store at Suburban Plaza, Newark police released this photo of the suspect. The photo comes from a bank surveillance camera.

Department, a large crowd became disorderly as attendees were leaving a dance.

Flatley said UD officers were on duty inside the center and learned at 1:20 a.m. on Feb. 12 that a man, who was not a uni-

versity student, was slashed by a box cutter on his cheek and lip. The attack took place inside the TUC.

Police were able to identify a suspect and Alfred McCullough, 21, of Willingboro, N.J. was

arrested. He was charged with assault, possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony, and carrying a concealed deadly weapon, Flatley said. McCullough was arraigned and transferred to the Young Correctional Center after failing to post \$21,000 bond.

Shortly after the attack, a City of Newark police officer assisted a UD patrolman with the arrest of a 22-year-old UD student on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 1:39 a.m.

The UD officer reported he attempted to arrest a man as a disorderly crowd was leaving the Trabant center but the man refused. The Newark officer arrived to assist as the suspect broke free and began to run away. The Newark police officer gave pursuit and wrestled the suspect to the ground in the fire lane outside McDowell Hall on North College Avenue.

Flatley said the second incident remains under investigation but that charges are expected soon. Flatley was unable to identify the sponsor of the dance at the Main Street student center.

## Traffic stop yields 31 pounds of marijuana, two trafficking arrests

On Friday, Feb. 11, state police arrested Fernando Flores and Jesus Leon Perez on Kirkwood Highway and charged them with possession of marijuana.

Police reported that a state trooper stopped a 1994 red Pontiac Grand Prix, with Michigan registration after the officer observed a traffic violation on Kirkwood Highway, just east of Harmony Road. The vehicle was occupied



## Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR JAN. 23-29, 2005 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PART I OFFENSES	INVESTIGATIONS			CRIMINAL CHARGES		
	2004 TO DATE	2005 TO DATE	THIS WEEK	2004 TO DATE	2005 TO DATE	THIS WEEK
Murder/manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rape	3	4	1	0	0	0
Unlawful sexual contact	0	0	0	0	2	0
Robbery	12	5	2	5	4	4
Aggravated assault	5	2	0	4	0	0
Burglary	19	31	5	5	4	2
Theft	75	77	20	15	36	2
Auto theft	14	11	5	2	2	1
Arson	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PART I</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>PART II OFFENSES</b>						
Other assaults	34	43	8	37	28	6
Receiving stolen property	0	0	0	1	0	0
Criminal mischief	55	54	7	13	7	2
Weapons	3	3	2	9	12	4
Other sex offenses	1	3	0	0	4	0
Alcohol	14	7	2	53	25	6
Drugs	11	8	3	12	19	9
Noise/disorderly premise	53	53	16	20	36	9
Disorderly conduct	72	61	3	15	7	3
Trespass	18	14	5	5	6	3
All other	77	63	9	35	22	6
<b>TOTAL PART II</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>						
Alarm	136	149	25	0	0	0
Animal control	46	37	5	0	0	0
Recovered property	17	20	3	0	0	0
Service	894	877	170	0	0	0
Suspicious person/vehicle	94	310	49	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>1393</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**TOTAL CALLS** THIS WEEK 2004 591 2004 TO DATE 2943 THIS WEEK 2005 559 2005 TO DATE 2939



# Cleveland Heights project could be razed

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE Newark Housing Authority submitted plans to its parent U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on Feb. 8 for the demolition of the rent-subsidized Cleveland Heights apartment complex, citing crime, environmental concerns and outdated facilities.

The demolition application came after a troubled year for Cleveland Heights. In the past six months, residents have rallied the Newark City Council to address ignored maintenance issues while the Newark Housing Authority has been held partially financially responsible for investigating environmental concerns at the property.

The plan for demolition, which was not discussed with the recently formed resident's council or Newark City Council, came as a surprise to many at the Feb. 9 Newark Housing Authority meeting.

John Kowalko, a local activist, was appalled at the announcement. "You have not consulted with the recognized residents

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*... we have 115 families waiting to move into subsidized housing ... and here we are with a property that is not all that obsolete and we want to tear it down.”*

**COUNCILMEMBER KEVIN VONCK**

council,” he said to the NHA board. “That’s not an option, that’s an obligation. You have to do that. You are proceeding in haste and that worries me.”

He argued that the demolition process should not begin until residents are informed and an investigation to environmental quality has been performed.

“You have no idea of the severity of the pollution at the site,” he said. “Don’t you think it’s a little premature to say that you want to demolish the complex before you know what the actual environmental quality is?”

The complex was built on a previous dump site. At the time of construction, everything - includ-

ing pollution levels - met the code of the day, a recent study by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control questioned the site’s safety. While officials did not find levels of pollutants high enough to require the eviction of residents, the city and NHA were required to do a more comprehensive study.

If the property is demolished, residents would relocate to another NHA housing complex or receive rent vouchers for another location.

Newark City Council voted to investigate the argument for

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PHOTO BY MATT BASHAM

## PROHIBITION OVER

Bartenders at Timothy's Restaurant are once again serving alcohol after a month-long hiatus. The restaurant's liquor license was suspended after being cited by state officials for serving alcohol to minors.

# Christina hikes Wise's salary

Board approves pay raise to \$162,000

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

WITH less than two full years into his five-year contract, the superintendent of the largest school district in the state got a raise that now makes him one of the highest paid chiefs in Delaware.

At its Feb. 8 meeting, the Board of Education of the Christina School District voted unanimously to grant a ten percent raise, retroactive to July 1, 2004, to Dr. Joseph Wise. The raise will make his salary approximately \$162,000 a year.

Wise was hired in June 2003 with a three-year contract that would have expired in 2006. In October 2004, the Board extended his contract by an additional two years, through June 2008. At that time he was given a raise - not in dollars but in the number of minutes for his cell phone use.

Since Wise came to the district he has introduced a plan designed get the schools back to



Wise

the “flagship” district it was in the 1960s

Approved by the Christina Board of Education in April 2004, each part of the Transformation Plan is designed to enhance the educational experiences

offered to its students and families, including revolutionary thinking in almost all aspects of the educational process, re-evaluating programs and business processes that have been in place for years and breaking paradigms. Changes include establishing small learning communities in the form of 9th-grade academies at our high schools; exploring the possibility of introducing specialty programs; aligning grade configurations; and strengthening the curriculum in many key areas.

An integrated mathematics instructional program, more Advanced Placement and Honors courses, software-enhanced diagnostic and enrichment programs have been introduced.

Christina District was the first in the state to require every ninth, tenth, and eleventh grader in the district to take the Preliminary SAT exam in October, using it as a diagnostic tool to encourage students to take more challenging courses.

A non-profit organization, Christina Partners for Excellence, was formed to accept grant monies and gifts that can be channeled to programs that will directly impact student achievement. Local businesses have partnered with the district to support the transformation process. In one year more than \$2 million has been received.

By evaluating practices in the district's business services office, changing contracts with outside vendors, conserving energy, and improving the process of purchasing supplies, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been saved in less than one year - money that is directly going back into the academic program.

It is commonly agreed that Wise's boldness and serious business approach to leading the largest urban school district in Delaware is breaking ground for other districts to follow suit.

# NSC opens Health and Wellness Center

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

MEMBERS of the Newark Senior Center can focus on fitness and well being now that the center has opened its Health and Wellness Center on the property.

The center will focus on maintaining and improving physical as well as the mental health of members, said Lee Perkins, social director at NSC.

“This is a comprehensive, holistic health approach,” she said. “Mental health is just as important as taking care of your body.”

The center will offer depression screenings and one-on-one counseling when necessary. There will also be workshops, hosted by Perkins, focusing on mental health. They include topics such as “What are Mood Disorders,” and “The Joys and Stressors of Grandparenting.”

One of the main concerns for the center will be increas-

ing men's awareness for their own health.

One male NSC member recently had a stroke. But through his own physical fitness battle, which included changing daily habits such as diet and exercise, he made a dramatic recovery. “He wants to let other men know that they can do this, too - that men can survive strokes and do well after them,” Perkins said.

The center also offers a library on wellness topics. Books focusing on nutrition, preventing strokes and controlling cholesterol will all be available.

Monthly speakers will address different health topics. This month, which is dedicated to heart health, will host Dave Hall who will speak about “Fit Stop” and Karen Lenhoff who will discuss nutrition. There will also be health screenings, including monitoring cholesterol and blood sugar levels.

The center will be headed up by Warren Vanderslice. Contact Warren or the NSC staff at 737-2336.



# In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

## NOTE PAD

### Recommended February reading

**F**EBRUARY is I Love to Read Month. Visit the Christina Schools Superintendent Joseph Wise's book list of recommended reading for elementary through high school students. The 39-book list includes a variety of titles, from wintertime, to sports, to science topics and more. Both fiction and non-fiction books, all are available in the school libraries.

Visit [www.christina.k12.de.us](http://www.christina.k12.de.us) for the complete list.

### Schools close

Elementary and middle schools in the Christina School District will be closed Friday, Feb. 18 for parent conferences.

All schools and offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 21 for President's Day.

### Board meets

A special public work session with the Christina Board of Education will be held Tuesday, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m. at Maclary Elementary School, 300 St. Regis Dr., Chapel Hill. Check [www.christina.k12.de.us](http://www.christina.k12.de.us) for the agenda.

### Student of Week

Angela Zavala, a fourth grader at Brookside Elementary School, has been chosen by Principal Marlene James as this week's Student of the Week. Angela is a reporter for the school's newspaper, We Do. She is very

dependable and always meets her article deadlines. She also helps the Spanish speaking families and is

often called on to interpret for the office staff. Angela serves as a member of the Safety Patrol and is also a Brookside Scholar.



Zavala

# Where koalaty counts

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**C**LOSING the achievement gap. Buzz words for education in the 21st century.

In schools across the country, and right here in the Christina District, closing the achievement gap between Whites and non-Whites and the upper and lower income groups has become the biggest target of educators since statistics were first kept.

But at William B. Keene Elementary School, where the koala bear mascot says "Koalaty counts," they are asking "What achievement gap?"

Keene, a school of nearly 800 students from pre-k to grade 5, is showing that students of lower income families can learn as well as students from more affluent families and just being Hispanic or African-American is no reason for doing poorly in school.

Located off Rt. 40 near Glasgow, Keene is one of eight schools in the Christina School District that is considered a Standard Bearer and has been working to become a model for other schools in the district. Working with Boston-based consultants CTAC since September, the schools have become data-driven, relying on hard numbers to evaluate where they are and where they need to improve so that every child can meet or exceed expected standards.

With statistics compiled from extensive questionnaires

completed by teachers, administrators, parents, staff and non-staff members, CTAC looked at Keene's school climate, planning, teaching and learning strategies, curriculum and instruction, assessment and testing, principal effectiveness, parent and student involvement and district office support.

It also looked at student performance, comparing second grade standardized test scores to the same students now in third grade.

In a comparison of 13 of the district's elementary schools, Keene has the fifth largest percentage of low-income students and the fifth highest percentage of non-White students. Yet, Keene's third graders identified as low-income and those non-White scored the highest in the district in reading.

CTAC concluded there is no achievement gap between income groups or between White and non-White students at the school. In 2004, all groups achieved at approximately the 80th percentile in reading.

In reading, low-income African-American students at Keene scored in the 82nd percentile, outperforming the district average by more than 13 percentile points. The gap between Keene's African-American and White peers is negligible. In fact, African-American students outperformed their White peers in both income groups by several percentile points.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

The second grade teaching team at Keene gets together every Wednesday afternoon to share ideas, review planning, coordinate their schedules and solve problems. Above, team leader Kim Sherwood Dixon, on left, updates team members on a recycling program. From Left: Abraham Jones, Kathy Kelly, Rene Stimmel, Danielle DelDuco, Donna Chushing, Keri Newman and Jennifer Frasher. Not included in the photo are Heather Murray-ManRakhan, Tyler Wells, Kim Georgette and Kathy Joos.

In math, the results were similar. Third grade African-American students performed nine percentile points above the district average.

Going from second to third grade, both income groups improved their reading and math scores dramatically, but low-income and non-White students improved at a higher rate than the other two groups.

CTAC concluded that at Keene all income groups and White as well as non-White groups were accelerating at an impres-

sive rate.

### Collaborative effort

Having grown up in South America, Principal Beatrice Speir is bi-lingual and speaks easily with parents who are non-English speaking. It certainly helps when nearly 10 percent of your school population is Hispanic. Less than half of Keene's students are White and an equal percentage are African-American.

But being able to communi-

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## Bonding like sisters

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**N**ONE of them stands much more than three feet high. In a class where the boys outnumber the girls nearly two to one, the petite females could easily get lost in the shuffle.

But these seven girls have a secret ingredient that will help them get over the typical hurdles of schoolwork and growing up.

The girls in Andrew Oliver's first grade class at Bayard Elementary School have formed a sorority, a bond of sisterhood that can last for many years.

Like their older counterparts, these girls understand that a soror-

ity means caring for someone like they are part of your family.

"A sorority is when you help your sisters and be kind to them," said Yuasinia Robinson. Help might come in the form of cheering up a sister when she feels sad or helping explain some homework that seems undaunting.

They've pledged to stand by each other, work together in class and keep each other on the right road. They follow Bayard's "Fab Four" of respect, responsibility, caring and trustworthiness.

"We're hoping the group can offer an incentive to the other students for being respectful and responsible," said Mr. Oliver. "I feel this will lead to success and achievement in the classroom."



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Sorority sisters pledge to stand by each other, help whenever they can and keep each other on the right road. Bayard's sorority sisters are, front, from left: Yuasinia Robinson, Kiara Richards, Brooklyn Bailey, Wynter McLaughlin. Back row: Silvia Diaz, Tamia Pritchett and Julia Jones.



# CSD administrator to attend training

**C**HRESTINA School District Executive Director Andrew Hegedus has been accepted to study at The Broad Center for Management of School Systems, in Los Angeles.

Only 20 business executives, military leaders, and career educators have been accepted into the

10-month 2005 class of the Broad Academy for Superintendents.

Hegedus, director of organizational development for Christina schools, will attend seven extended weekend training session covering CEO-level skills in finance, management, operations, organizational systems and education.

The Broad Academy trains top executives from business, military, non-profit, government and education backgrounds to lead urban public school systems.

A former senior manager with Exelon Corporation, Hegedus has been with the Christina School District for approximately 18

months.

Christina's superintendent Joseph Wise is a 2003 graduate of the Broad Academy for Superintendents. Laverne Terry, assistant superintendent is currently enrolled in the same program. Last summer Board of Education members Dr. John Mackenzie and Jim Durr participated in an intense week-long training for board of education members. In March 2005 the remaining five members of Christina's Board of Education will participate in Broad training.

In addition, as a result of

Wise's graduation, over the past 18 months, the Christina schools have benefited from Broad consultants and additional funds directed toward academic achievement.

The Broad Academy and Center for Management are funded by The Broad Foundation, a Los-Angeles-based venture philanthropic organization, established in 1999 by Eli and Edythe Broad, to "dramatically improve k-12 urban public education through better governance, management, labor relations and competition.

## Keene proves achievement gap can be closed

▶ KEENE, from 4

cate easily with parents is only part of the equation to helping create a school environment that encourages students to learn.

Spir says it is a collaborative effort of all the teachers, specialists, volunteers and staff members, along with the indefatigable data that is making a difference.

Teams of teachers are required to meet weekly to create common lesson plans, share teaching techniques and problem solve. They bounce ideas off each other, looking for ways to handle different situations, while keeping all students at each grade level on the same lessons. Talking about issues that impact their whole grade level makes their instruction better, Speirs said.

Spir makes sure every student who needs extra help gets it, whether it be with a reading specialist or a HOST volunteer or working in an intervention group.

With the Standards Mastery

School population by ethnicity



tests that are given four times a year, teachers can see the next day how their classes performed, what questions they missed or had trouble with and adjust their teaching techniques immediately.

Admittedly a data-junkie, Spir turns out computer results and statistics daily.

Accelerated Reader program was purchased this school year to give students a boost in their reading skill levels.

Teachers are working with five

or six grants for program support at any one time, Spir said.

For the third year in a row, Keene was named a STAR school for its Positive Behavior Support program, teaching behavioral expectations to the students. Where an 80 percent score is needed to achieve that level, Keene scored 96 percent.

When you put it all together, the formula for closing the achievement gap at Keene balances out.

## Awards named to Cab Calloway School

**T**HE following Newark residents and Cab Calloway School for the Arts juniors have been nominated for the Summer 2005 National Young Leaders Conference: Josh Bartel, Karl Conner, Jessica Cross, Angela Johnson, Leigh Kimble, Jessica Johnstone, Katie Keough, Chelsea Zaldivar, Kristen LaPorte, and Cordelia Harris.

Aloysius Butler and Clark, a

Wilmington public relations firm, has announced the winner of its Smoke Free TV contest is David Ruth, a student at Cab.

Cab senior Monika Szalewicz, of Newark, was selected as a candidate for the U.S. Presidential Scholars program, recognizing a distinguished graduating senior who demonstrate exceptional scholarship and talent in the visual and performing arts.

The National Championship of High School A Cappella has announced that Cab Calloway High School's vocal music program, under the direction of Newark resident and teacher Marji Eldreth, has been elected as one of the Delaware State finalists, competing in Drexel Hill on Feb. 19.

## The Postman cometh



By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**M**AIL carriers are a welcomed sight, especially when they bring greetings of affection and not the dreaded bills. Preschoolers at Maclary Elementary School spent several days creating Valentines for special people. Then on Monday, they dressed as postal

deliverymen and distributed their friendship cards throughout the school, delivering messages of "Be Mine." Above, three-year-olds group for a photo before setting off on their appointed rounds. Front row, from left: Brenden Haywood, Julia Famiglietti, Rashaun Junious, Emma-Lee Furrowh. Back row: Jacob Jordan, Sasha Porter, MacAdoo Harrison-Dixon Jr., Saul Rosilesi and Ross Madden.

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PER CHANCE

## Recalling a classic

By ELBERT CHANCE

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

IT was during the Christmas holidays that my wife and I shared an unanticipated moment of nostalgia.

We had turned on the television set during the afternoon and were surfing for something entertaining when an announcer declared that this station was about to present the film classic "Casablanca". We were hooked.

Almost every member of our generation saw and loved "Casablanca" when it was released in 1942 and it has continued to win admirers for more than six decades.

Its plot was especially timely for the World War II era. Rick Blaine, an American expatriate who operated a popular nightclub in Paris, barely escaped the invading Nazi armies, and had moved to French controlled Morocco. Casablanca's local police, led by Captain Louis Renault, were increasingly pressured by German occupiers and the city was a hotbed of conflicting loyalties.

Ilsa Lund Laszlo, the fascinating woman from whom Rick had been separated when he left Paris, suddenly arrives with her husband, Victor, a leader of underground resistance forces.

Both are sought by the Nazis and will surely be apprehended unless they obtain documents from the Vichy authorities that will enable them to escape to America.

Humphrey Bogart as Rick, Ingrid Bergman as Ilsa, Paul Henreid as Victor and Claude Rains as Captain Renault head a superb cast that includes Sidney Greenstreet (a villain with a heart) and Peter Lorre.

Director Michael Curtiz, producer Hal B. Wallis and a trio of writers received Academy Awards for their work and

■ The author, who for five decades was the familiar voice announcing University of Delaware home football games, now is retired and has authored a number of books. Chance is a long-time Newark resident and has written this column for a decade.



Chance

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Bogart and Rains were nominees for best leading actor and best supporting actor. Casablanca also was nominated for best black and white cinematography, best film editing and best music for a drama or comedy film.

Speaking of music, the hit song, "As Time Goes By," so closely identified with the film, first was sung in a 1931 Broadway show.

After the release of the film in 1942, it was featured on the popular radio show, "The Hit Parade," for 21 consecutive weeks.

In 1988, "Casablanca" was among the first films included in the registry of the National Film Preservation Board founded in that year by the Library of Congress.

Others on that prestigious list are Citizen Kane, Gone With the Wind, The Grapes of Wrath, High Noon and The Maltese Falcon.

A personal postscript undoubtedly influences my affection for "Casablanca". In the mid-1950s, when Pulitzer Prize winning poet Dr. Robert S. Hillyer was a member of the University of Delaware faculty, a group of his colleagues honored him at a black tie dinner.

Owing to the kindness of a professor never known to me, I was the only non-faculty member and by far the youngest person invited to attend this prestigious function.

Imagine my delight when I arrived for the dinner and found that the guest speaker would be Dr. Hillyer's old friend, Claude Rains, who spoke briefly and read several of his poems.

It was a moment I will never forget.

## OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, "Out of the Attic" features a photograph from the University of Delaware Archives. According to UD archivist Ian Janssen, this photo shows the Delaware College Cadets standing at attention on a field in circa 1892. The field on which the cadets are drilling probably is Frazer Field (note the railroad running behind the field), so the photograph would have been taken looking northeast, demonstrating the lack of the town's development in this region at that time. The Delaware Cadets were the forerunners of the modern Army ROTC program at the university. Janssen said "note the Civil War era uniforms (kepis, dragoon helmets, etc.); these uniforms were 'cadet gray' and according to the course catalog for 1892, cost between \$13.50 and \$15.50." "Out of the Attic" features historic photographs from Newark's history, recent and long ago. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space.

## PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

■ Feb. 20, 1930

### Inspection service has increased

W.T. Derickson, Director of the Bureau of Markets of the State Board of Agriculture, reports that during the 1929 shipping season, 981 cars of perishable fruits and vegetables from Delaware were officially inspected and certified. This work is done jointly by the State Board of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A charge of \$4.00 per car for inspection and certification was made and during the past season. This service was self-supporting.

The 981 cars inspected included not only the cars shipped by rail, but also truck shipments and inspections made at cold storage warehouses. There were 622 cars of early apples, 151 cars of peaches, 2 cars of grapes, and 206 cars of late apples

inspected. In addition to this, official inspection was provided on canning house tomatoes at one cannery.

### Women will visit college

Every class from the pioneer class of 1918 to the June graduates of 1929 will be represented among the guests at the Feb. 11 reunion of the Alumni Association of

the Women's College, University of Delaware, which will be held on Saturday at the college.

An interesting program has been prepared for the dinner meeting at 6 o'clock in Kent hall. Mrs. Frederick J. Manning, the former Mss Helen Taft, dean and acting president of Bryn Mawr College, will be honor guest and will give a short address.

### Highway deaths show decrease

A marked decrease in the number of automobile accidents; the number of persons killed and the number injured on state highways last month is indicated in the report of the State Highway Police made public this week. In the number of fatalities the decrease was 300 percent less than in Jan. 1929. This is due, C.C. Reynolds, superintendent of the State Police, believes,



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

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## Certain resumé items attract attention

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ambulance to the hospital when my mother gave seriously premature birth to me was a Boy Scout leader. That night he was teaching a first aid class on poisoning. He taught me and the other wide-eyed boys how to make a person vomit. That was valuable information, a skill I later used several times to get myself out of hairy predicaments (like tests I hadn't studied for).

I joined Troop 306 that night. For the next seven years, I did everything that Boy Scouts had to offer and benefited greatly, not so much from the camping and hiking which I loved, but rather from the character building the program quietly instills in young men who take advantage of the program. There isn't a day that

goes by that I do not use some leadership technique that had its genesis in my Boy Scout experiences. Not every Scout milks Scouting for its full benefits, but those who do usually surface to the top.

Witness the son of one of our contributors. Joe Backer, a familiar voice to many Delawareans through his role as a reporter for WILM Newsradio, also does a fair amount of sports reporting for this newspaper. Joe sends word that his son, Matthew, will receive his Eagle Scout award this Sunday.

Earning that distinction is no small honor. Garnering enough merit badges to fill a sash and the design and completion of a major service project takes dozens of hours of a teen's free time. When I was a kid, it was demanding enough but today's youth has many more distractions and diversions grabbing their diminishing free time. This fact makes Matthew's accomplishment all that more significant.

It is well known that there is a standing order at a major Delaware employer to not let an

Eagle Scout (or the Girl Scout equivalent) or military academy graduate get out of the building without a job offer. The honchos know that it takes a special kind of discipline and devotion to become an Eagle Scout, a feat that must be accomplished prior to reaching age 18; graduating from West Point, Annapolis and Colorado Springs requires similar drive.

Joe and his family must be proud, as they should be. Congratulations to Matthew and all other young men who earn this distinction. (Give me a call and I'll tell you where to go job hunting when you finish at Wesley.)

■ *When not being amazed that, years ago as a Boy Scout camp staffer, he led young Scouts on 10-mile hikes a minimum of four times a week, the writer is publisher of this and three other newspaper headquartered in Newark. Today, he huffs and puffs at High Energy The gym, then collapses at the Streit family home in the Cherry Hill neighborhood of Newark.*

## Delaware State Police Citizen's Police Academy to begin soon

THE next Delaware State Police Citizens' Police Academy will begin on Tuesday March 1, 2005, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and continue to meet on Tuesday nights for eight consecutive weeks.

The academy will take place at the Delaware State Police Museum and Education Center located on DuPont Highway in Dover.

Participants will gain knowledge in a wide variety of police activities reminiscent of what a Delaware Trooper experiences today. Presentations will be provided in such law enforcement topics as: Crime prevention, Domestic violence, School based programs, Homicide investigation, RADAR, Firearms training, Aviation, and Recruitment/Hiring

process.

Additionally, participants will take part in a "ride-a-long" with a patrol officer.

The academy provides the opportunity to gain insight into the complex world of law enforcement. Past participants have included students, potential applicants, politicians, media, civic association members, and individuals who want a better understanding of police operations and services.

If interested in attending, contact Lt. Joseph P. Aviola, Jr. at [joseph.aviola@state.de.us](mailto:joseph.aviola@state.de.us) or 598-5188.

Background checks will be administered on all applicants and class size is limited to 30 students.

## 1980: Christiana High School sets goal: Get rid of drugs at school

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to care exercised by motorists during the icy and snowy conditions that prevailed in January.

The number of persons killed during January was two, as against six for the same period last year. The number of accidents was 52, as against 61, and the total number injured 39, as compared with 41. There was more property damage, the total being \$9,809, as against \$8,699.

■ Feb. 20, 1980

### Free Newark bus gets green light

Free city buses could be rolling as early as Feb. 25 in Newark, following a decision Tuesday by State Transportation Secretary Kermit Justice to license the University of Delaware to run a local bus system for the city.

Robert Dowling, operator of the Newark Transit Company and opponent of the University-city venture, said he will appeal the Transportation Department decision in Superior Court - but added he and his fellow stockholders have decided to get out of the transportation business in Newark.

### Advisor: Get drugs out of Christiana High

A student advisor at Christiana High School says she is "frustrated... sick to my stomach" because of the availability and usage of drugs on the Newark school's campus.

"My goal," says advisor Carol Rockafellow, "is to rid Christiana High School of all controlled substances. I have a gut-level feeling that the percentage of use is very high."

Since November, Rockafellow has attempted to start a parent group, which would begin taking a closer look at the problem and the ways it might be dealt with.

### County police under discrimination probe

Following an investigation by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, the New Castle County Police Department is under investigation again for alleged discrimination and promotion of minorities.

The Office of Revenue Sharing is currently investigating the police department on the same charges. The LEAA concluded that there was no cause for the allegations, the Weekly Post has

learned.

The LEAA, however, did suggest the police department validate its promotion testing and require that within six months the department submit its own equal opportunity employment program to the LEAA.

■ Feb. 18, 2000

### UD gets huge valentine

The whopping \$25 million pledged to the University of Delaware by MBNA America was a very sweet Valentine's Day gift.

According to University president David Roselle, more than half of the money, \$15 million, will be used to support scholarships for students, many economically disadvantaged.

"MBNA support has benefited programs in several of UD's colleges... greatly increasing the amount of scholarship assistance

available to our students," said Roselle.

Another \$7 million will be used for graduate and undergraduate programs in College of Business and Economics and in the Delaware Center for Teacher Education which supports state effort to enhance education and professional development for teachers in public schools.

### Incinerator ignites outcry

Residents living near a proposed incinerator site have made it abundantly clear that they do not want it operating on Porter Road in Bear.

This week, the Bear/Glasgow Council of Civic Organizations voted unanimously to oppose the application of PhilPower Corporation to build the trash-burning facility.

On Feb. 7, about 90 civic leaders of the 7&40 Alliance leaders

voted 23-0 to oppose the plan citing health and safety concerns.

And nearly 150 people attended a Feb. 2 meeting at the Rose Hill Community Center in New Castle, to state their opposition to the incinerator plan.

### Christiana redrawing lines

For the third time in four years, the Christina School District is embarking on a realignment of some feeder patterns and assigned schools in the district.

District officials announced this week the staff is considering adjustments in the K-4 suburban attendance boundaries to create a feeder pattern for the new William B. Keene Elementary School in Glasgow.

Keene Elementary is scheduled to open in September 2001 with 840 students on approximately 29 acres near the intersection of Routes 896 and 40.



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## OUTLOOK

### Are your loved ones protected?

By CINDY GENAU

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

**C**HILDREN bring so much joy to our lives. I think that is why they are featured in commercials, even when commercials cost the most to air, as is the case during the Super Bowl. People pay attention when children are involved. I believe every parent, grandparent, or child-care provider wants the best for their loved ones, especially for their children. The best way to ensure their protection is to make sure everyone is buckled up appropriately in a car safety seat, booster seat or a seat belt.

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

Delaware's Child Restraint Law requires child safety seat restraint usage for all children through 6 years of age or 60 pounds. From the age of 7 or 60 pounds through 16, seat belt use is required. National Child Passenger Safety Week is February 13-19, 2005. During this week, police agencies will be focusing extra efforts on enforcing this law. But even the law cannot fully protect our children.

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of children ages 2-14. According to statistics reported by the Office of Highway Safety, last year in Delaware two children aged 1 and 4 were killed and 409 children were injured in motor vehicle crashes. Twenty-two percent of children under age 4 were not restrained in car safety seats as is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and mandated by Delaware law. Children ages 4 through 8 are best protected by booster seats, but fewer than 50 percent of children in this age range injured in crashes

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## Hear this!

Deaf actress challenges audience and misconceptions

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**S**TANDING on the stage, Alexandria Wailes knows the audience is rewarding her with thunderous applause. She can see the appreciation in their eyes and the fury of two thousand hands beating together. But she can't hear it.

She's deaf.

It doesn't matter in the least that her ears won't register the audience's thanks for a show well done. She can see it in their smiles.

Wailes is one of the deaf cast members of Deaf West's "Big River," a play that unites hearing, deaf and hard-of-hearing actors to tell the story of Huckleberry Finn. The unique musical combines song, spoken word and American Sign Language to translate Mark Twain's tale of adventure into one that everyone can understand.

Wailes' journey with the acting troupe began in an unlikely way. She was studying at Deaf West's Summer School in July of 2002. While she was there, she came across an interesting bit of information - the character of Joanna Wilkes would have an opening soon. She tried out, even though her training was in dance, not acting. Just a month later, the role was hers.

"I was in need of a change in my artistic aspirations," she said, explaining her transformation from dancer to actress. She had dedicated years to studying classical dance, starting at the age of 3. And while she had a lifetime in front of an audience, switching to acting gave Wailes a new, fulfilling opportunity to encourage reflection in the arts.

"For me, the stage is a neutral forum where ideas and stories that are reflections of the mind and of life challenge those who attend," she said.

Wailes has one idea that she hopes to challenge through this production - the misconception that deaf actors are not suited for the entertainment industry. Too often deaf actors in need of a translator are seen as cumbersome choices to fill a role. They're often pigeon holed into playing only deaf characters. That translates into a limited demand for a great talent pool.

"Being a realist, I'm aware of my limitations," she said. "But I know that there are plenty of jobs in TV, commercials and print that do not involve speaking. Then it becomes about a look and a specific talent or ability."

That, Wailes argues, is something that any actor can provide, regardless of their hearing ability.



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Alexandria Wailes and Melissa Van der Schyff perform "You Oughta Be Here With Me," in "Big River, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn". Tyrone Giordano in foreground.

But ability is something she has in great supply. Equipped with years of studying dance, Wailes has the experience and talent to offer guidance in stage blocking. She fills the role of ASL captain. That means that she works in the same capacity that a dance captain might in a dance production. She monitors and corrects blocking, a crucial element in the show's success.

"The unique part of 'Big River' is the choreography of the language," she said. Because the entire show is signed, if a character is blocked during a line, audience members may not know what was just said. Keeping track of where every character is on stage at all times has never been as important as in this show.

And that, combined with her humble suc-

cess, is all the inspiration that any deaf would-be-actor could need. But as if her own story weren't enough, she offers these words of advice: "Choose your battles," she said. "And remind yourself that if your heart is its happiest when you're being creative, then listen to it."

Performances of Big River at the DuPont Theatre are Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., and Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$47 to \$65. To purchase tickets or for more information about group rates, call the DuPont Theatre Box Office at 302-656-4401 or 800-338-0881 or visit [www.duponttheatre.com](http://www.duponttheatre.com)



# Photographers open an 'Eye on the World'

**T**HE current exhibit in the Newark Arts Alliance's Main Gallery is a journey into the photographer's vision with work by 27 artists covering a range of approaches and styles.

Adriana Daniels of Newark is the featured artist. Her photographs for the show were taken in the high Himalaya of Nepal.

An active photographer since 1965, Daniels studied with Sol Liebsohn at Princeton University and Kristie Eisenberg at Cecil

Community College. Her interest in photography and travel has taken her on many trips to Asia.

This show also includes work by JoAnn Balingit, Elisabeth Bard, Nancy Breslin, Kyle S. Bryan, Dot Clark, Simon Cleghorn, Lindsey S. Coombs, Chuck Cover, Doris Crowley, Julia Dooley, Brea Dunn, Mark Houlday, Lawrence Inocencio, Bob Kortvelesky, Carla Koss, Ray Magnani, Even Marquisee, Dot Milson, Richard R. Ortolano,

Peggy Schultz, Dain Simmons, Heather Siple, Pamela Skwish, Nicole Thomas, Robert Tuttle, and Bruce Vogel.

The exhibit runs through Feb. 26.

The Newark Arts Alliance is a locally supported cultural non-

profit organization dedicated to developing community through the arts. For more information on the NAA's events, exhibits, and classes, and gift shop, visit the Web site ([www.newarkartsalliance.org](http://www.newarkartsalliance.org)), e-mail [info@newarkartsalliance.org](mailto:info@newarkartsalliance.org), or

call 302-266-7266.

The NAA is located at 100 Elkton Road, Newark, DE, in the Grainery Station. Hours are Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; closed Monday.

## Keep children safe in car

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were only restrained by seat belts. Seat belts do not always adequately fit or restrain children in crashes. Studies show that children aged 2 through 5 who graduate to seat belts too soon are four times more likely to suffer from head injury in a crash. A booster seat improves the fit of a seat belt for children so that the seat belt can protect your child from being ejected from the vehicle, or tossed around in the vehicle during a crash.

Even parents, who do use car seats and booster seats instead of seat belts, may not have these car seats installed correctly. Incorrect use of car seats, booster seats and seatbelts puts children at risk for injury. Misuse of car seats in Delaware has been reduced by 6 percent state wide in the last year, but is still at 79percent.

Parents can receive free education on how to properly place their children in their car seat, booster seat, or vehicle seat belt at community car seat check-up events or by visiting one of the permanent fitting stations. The Delaware Office of Highway Safety, The Delaware SAFE KIDS Coalition, the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Office, and the New Castle County Emergency Medical Services Unit are collaborating to hold events throughout Child Passenger Safety Week. All car seat check-up events and appointments at the fitting stations are free and open to the public. For a list of the fitting stations and upcoming car seat check-up events, you can contact the New Castle County Extension Office at 302-831-2506 or visit their website:

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## Youth and adult classes offered

**N**EWARK Parks and Recreation is offering both youth and adult classes in various areas.

**Young Rembrandts Pastel Drawing** 9 - 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 - March 19. Cost for class is: Newark residents \$40, non-residents \$45. Fee includes all supplies.

Ages 6-9. George Wilson Center, 303 New London Rd., Newark. For registration information, call 366-7060.

**Drawing & Painting Animals** 9 - 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 12-April 30 (no class March 26). Cost for class is: Newark residents \$65, non-residents \$70. Fee includes all supplies.

Ages 9-14. George Wilson Center, 303 New London Rd., Newark. For registration information, call 366-7060.

**Watercolor Painting** 7 - 9 p.m. Monday, March 28-May 9. Cost for class is: Newark residents \$70, non-residents \$75, plus supplies.

Ages 18 and over. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. For registration information,

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**How to Write a Biography** 7 - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Cost for class is: Newark residents \$5, non-residents \$30.

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**Time Management** 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2 & 9. Cost for class is: Newark residents \$19, non-residents \$23.

Ages 18 and over. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. For registration information, call 366-7060.

**Ballroom Dancing** 7 - 8 p.m. Thursday, March 10-April 14. Cost for class is: Newark residents \$65 per couple, non-residents \$70.

Ages 18 and over. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. For registration information, call 366-7060.

**Swing & Rhythm Dance** 8 - 9 p.m. Thursday, March 10-April 14. Cost for class is: Newark residents \$65 per couple, non-residents \$70.

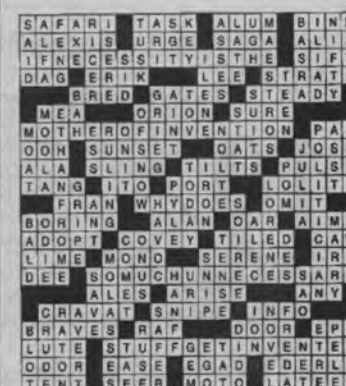
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**SOCK HOP: FABULOUS 50s** 1 - 4 p.m. A fun afternoon of conversation, feasting and dance. Dress appropriately for a sock hop. Lunch will be included. The Terrace at Greenhill Restaurant, 800 N. Dupont Rd., Wilmington. Info., 655-5610.

**FOLK MUSIC CONCERT** 7 - 10 p.m. Melissa Cox will perform an acoustic set of her original songs. All are welcome, no cover charge. Joe's Restaurant, 4345 Kirkwood Hwy. Info., 992-9191 or visit [www.joestheunchain.com](http://www.joestheunchain.com).

**FOLK MUSIC CONCERT** 8 p.m. Ginny Hawker & Tracy Schwarz will play a concert. Tickets are available at the door only. General Public \$10. Members \$9. Seniors \$8. Students 12-16 \$5. Kids under 12 Free. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 420 Willa Rd., Newark.

**THE REPUBLIC OF LOVE** 7 p.m. Presentation of a film based on the novel by Pulitzer Prize winner Carol Shields. The Newark Library, 750 Library Ave. Info., 731-7550.

**LIVE MUSIC AT HOME GROWN CAFÉ** 7 - 10 p.m. Bill Belcher, a flamenco guitarist, will perform live. Home Grown Café and Gourmet to Go, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or visit [www.homegrowncafe.com](http://www.homegrowncafe.com).

**5 STEPS TO LIVING AN OUTRAGEOUSLY HEALTHY LIFE** 12 p.m. Workshop will last about 45 minutes. Genesis, Kennett Square. Info., (601) 234-1115.

**CARTOONS AND CARICATURES FROM THE COLLECTION** 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Through Feb. 21. A collection of cartoon works compiled from various artists as early as the mid-1800s. \$8 adults, \$5 seniors, students with ID, children 6-12. Free to children under 6. Brandywine River Museum and Environmental Management Center, Route 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit [www.brandywinemuseum.org](http://www.brandywinemuseum.org) & [www.brandywineconservancy.org](http://www.brandywineconservancy.org).

SATURDAY

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**ANTIQUA ROAD SHOW & AUCTION** 12 - 5 p.m. certified appraisers available; 5 p.m. the social hours begin; live auction begins at 6 p.m. Silent auction items will be available throughout the day for bidding. Items are donated by local artists and businesses. Credit cards will be accepted. \$2 entry. Appraisals are \$5. Elkton Social Hall, 100 Railroad Ave., 2nd floor. Info., 410-398-5076.

**BOATING SAFETY COURSE** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Delaware Safety Council will be offering this official course. \$30. Pre-registration is required. Delaware Safety Council Training Facility, 3 Old Barley Mill Road, Wilmington. Info., 654-7786.

**FRAMED TIN PUNCHING** 2 - 5 p.m. Come learn an exciting new craft that you can take home and display. Each participant will make their punch design on their piece of tin, which will then be placed in a frame. \$6. NCC



## FROM FINLAND WITH LOVE

Lahjan Tytöt, a Finnish dance and rhythm gymnastics club from Turku, Finland, will perform their program *From Finland with Love*, at Longwood Gardens on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 2:30 pm. Their performance features a variety of exciting rhythmic gymnastics routines, as well as traditional Finnish folk dances and songs. For more information call Longwood Gardens at (610) 388-1000

Extension Office, 910 S. Chapel St. Info., 831-2507.

**RE-ENTRY AND OFFENDER MENTORING CONFERENCE** 8:30 a.m. All day conference focusing on the re-entry of offenders and their families. Prison Fellowship Ministries, Newark. Info., 731-1884.

**COMEDY CABARET OF DELAWARE** 9:30 p.m. Joe Bolster, Mary Ann Nichols and Chip Chantry will perform. \$17.50. Air Transport Command, 143 N. Dupont Hwy., New Castle. Info., 652-6873 or visit [www.comedy-cabaret.com](http://www.comedy-cabaret.com).

**WINTER WEEKENDS FOR FAMILIES** 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Weekends only. Through Feb. 27. Enjoy an interactive museum journey using the new audio tours and the "Museum Discovery Game". Designed for children 6-12. \$8 adults, \$5 seniors, students with ID, children 6-12. Free to children under 6. Brandywine River Museum and Environmental Management Center, US Route 1, 141 Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit [www.brandywinemuseum.org](http://www.brandywinemuseum.org) or [www.brandywineconservancy.org](http://www.brandywineconservancy.org).

**MYSTERY MINERALS** 1 p.m. Come in from the cold and explore the mysterious world of minerals. Learn how to identify them. \$2. Call office to register. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd. Info., 368-6900.

**CRAFTS IN THE WINTER** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Celebrate President's Day weekend with the region's top craftspeople. Cape May Convention Hall, Beach Drive at Stockton Place, Cape May, N.J. Info., 609-884-5404.

**SHRIMP FEAST** 8 - 12 p.m. Live music, shrimp, roast beef, beverages and more. \$40 per couple. \$25 per person. Purchase ticket before event. St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 230 Executive Dr., Pencader Industrial Park, Glasgow. Info., 836-6333.

SUNDAY

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**A CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT** 3 p.m. Please join us for an uplifting blend of original and popular Christian music. Featuring Christian rock group Isaiah's Fool and acoustic vocal group Margaret's Song. Free. St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, 230 Executive Dr., Pencader Industrial Park, Glasgow. Info., 836-3672 or 410-398-7719.

**SAXOPHONIST ANDERS LUNDEGARD** 2 p.m. Winner of a Fulbright Award, he has performed throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, as well as in his native Sweden. Free. The Newark Library, 750 Library Ave. Info., 731-7550.

**DELAWARE COMIC CONVENTION** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. More than 60 tables of the area's finest comic book toy and non-sports card dealers. Millcreek Memorial Hall, 3900 Kirkwood Hwy. Info., 559-7962.

**RECONNECTING WITH NATURE** 2 p.m. Spend these brisk afternoons reconnecting with nature through relaxing activities which are sure to awaken your senses to the beautiful winter wilderness. Pre-registration required. \$8. White Clay Creek State Park, 426 Wedgewood Rd. Info., 368-6900.

**BASKET BINGO** 1 - 2 p.m. Food, drinks and door prizes. Proceeds benefit the Delaware City Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary. Must be 18 or older to enter. The New Delaware City Fire Hall. Info., 834-7681.

MONDAY

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**BEST TRAVEL DEALS CLASS** 11 a.m. This 30 minute class will teach to search the web effectively to find deals on travel. New Castle Library, 424 Delaware St. Info., 328-1995 or visit [www.newcastlepublic.lib.de.us](http://www.newcastlepublic.lib.de.us).

**CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE** 6:30 p.m. cocktails. 7 p.m. meatloaf dinner. Steve Newton will be the guest speaker for the Central Delaware Civil War Round Table. \$14. Palmer Room of the Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Ave., Dover. Info., (302) 697-1050.

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### FRIDAY, FEB. 18

**STRENGTH TRAINING** Fridays and Mondays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 19

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

**KARAOKE** 8 p.m. - midnight. Saturdays. The American Legion of Elkton. Info., call 410-398-9720.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 20

**DELAWARE ACCORDION CLUB** 2 - 5 p.m. Third Sunday. Meeting for an open mic session. Open to the public. Bear Diner & Restaurant, Route 40 and School Bell Road. Info., 738-7378.

### MONDAY, FEB. 21

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

### FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES

1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays. Classes for English Conversation. Registration required. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 East Main St. Info., 368-4942 OR 368-8774.

**SIMPLY JAZZERCISE** 10:15 a.m. Mondays, 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m. Wednesdays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

**CHORUS OF BRANDYWINE** 7:30 p.m. Mondays. Men's barbershop rehearsals. All welcome. MBNA Bowman Conference Center, Ogleton. Info., 655-SING.

**GUARDIANS' SUPPORT** 6 - 8 p.m. Mondays. Meeting for grandparents and all those raising others' children. Children & Families First, 62 N. Chapel St. Info., 658-5177, ext. 260.

**NEWARK ROTARY CLUB** 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Mondays. The Holiday Inn, Rt. 273. Info., 453-8853.

**NCCo STROKE CLUB** Noon. Mondays. The Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., call Nancy Traub at 324-4444.

**SCOTTISH DANCING** 7:30 p.m. Mondays. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Avenue. Info., 368-2318.

**TAI CHI** 2:30 p.m. Monday or Wednesday; 11:15 a.m. Friday. \$20 per month.

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Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 22

**STORYCRAFTS** 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. For children 3-6. Program runs until May 13. The New Castle Public Library, 424 Delaware St. Info., 328-1995.

**BUT YOU LOOK SO GOOD!** 7 - 9 p.m. Fourth Tuesday. Grace Lutheran Church, Graves Road, Newport Gap Pike, Hockessin. Info., 994-3897.

**NEWARK DELTONES** 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays. For men who like to sing. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 East Main St. Info., 368-3052.

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

**SWEET ADELINES** 7:30 - 10 p.m. Tuesdays. Singing group. Listeners and new members welcome. MBNA Bowman Center, Ogleton. Info., 999-8310.

**SCRAPBOOKING** 7 - 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Nursery, \$2. Glasgow Reformed

Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow. Info., 834-GRPC.

**MS SUPPORT** 4 - 6 p.m. Tuesdays. MS Society Headquarters, 2 Mill Rd., Wilmington. Info., 655-5610.

**EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP** 7 - 8:30 p.m. Fourth Tuesday. Free and open to the public. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Naaman's and Darley Roads, Wilmington. Info., 475-1880.

**CANCER SUPPORT** 6:30 p.m. Second and fourth Tuesday. 405 Silverside/Carr Executive Center, Wilmington. Info., 733-3900.

**ADULTS WITH AD/HD** 7:30 p.m. Fourth Tuesday. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 737-5063.

**UNSCHOOLERS & OTHERS** 7 p.m. Fourth Tuesday. Parents meet. Group also holds activities for home-schooled families. Kirkwood Library. Info., 322-5950.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23

**DIVORCECARE** 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Separated/divorced people meet. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info., 737-3544.

**ANXIETY DISORDER** 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Second & fourth Wednesday. Support group sponsored by Mental Health

Association in Delaware To maintain the privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740.

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

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

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

### THURSDAY, FEB. 24

**STORYTIME** 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Animal stories read by a lively storyteller. Near the Otter exhibit, Brandywine Zoo. Info., 571-7747.

**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., 765-9740.

**EVENING YOGA** 6:15 p.m. Thursdays. Class to encourage relaxation and improve strength, balance, and peace

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  - 15 Predicament
  - 19 Model Kim
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  - 22 "Inter —"
  - 23 Start of a remark
  - 26 Fluff the flour
  - 27 Mr. Hammar-skjold
  - 28 Composer Satie
  - 29 Majors or Marvin
  - 30 Layers
  - 32 Had kittens?
  - 33 Postern and portcullis
  - 36 Main squeeze
  - 37 "— culpa"
  - 39 Heavenly hunter
  - 40 "I bet!"
  - 41 Part 2 of remark
  - 46 Faux —
  - 49 Fireworks reaction
  - 50 "— Boulevard" ('50 film)
  - 51 They may be rolled
  - 52 Billings or Mostel
  - 53 Neighbor of Miss.
  - 54 "— Blade" ('96 film)
  - 55 Leans
  - 57 It's taken by nurses
  - 58 Sharp taste
  - 60 Skater Midori
  - 61 Wine choice
  - 62 Nabokov novel
  - 63 Kukla's colleague
  - 65 Part 3 of remark
  - 68 Fail to mention
  - 69 Tedious
  - 71 Sues or Shepard
  - 72 Boathouse item
  - 74 Objectives
  - 77 Take on
  - 78 Pack of partridges
  - 80 Like many gyms
  - 82 Cornfield cry
  - 83 Calcium oxide
  - 84 Non-stereo
  - 85 Peaceful
  - 86 Chemist Remsen
  - 87 Singer Joey
  - 88 Part 4 of remark
  - 92 Heady quaffs
  - 93 Respond to an alarm?
  - 94 "Ask — Girl" ('59 film)
  - 95 Fop's neckwear
  - 98 Marsh bird
  - 99 Facts, for short
  - 102 Georgia athletes
  - 103 Brit. fliers
  - 104 Way to go?
  - 105 Clean-air org.
  - 108 Serenade accompaniment
  - 109 End of remark
  - 115 Fragrance
  - 116 Peace of mind
  - 117 "My word!"
  - 118 Swimmer Gertrude
  - 119 "Circus Boy" prop
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  - 12 — bloomer
  - 13 "Yuck!"
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  - 17 Cool
  - 18 Base stuff?
  - 24 Bream of baseball
  - 25 Actress Graff
  - 31 "— Angel" ('60 smash)
  - 32 "Pshaw!"
  - 33 "Peer Gynt" composer
  - 34 Non-standard contraction
  - 35 "Mazel —!"
  - 36 Fills the bill
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  - 38 Wharton work
  - 39 "Smilla's Sense —" ('97 film)
  - 40 Actuary's fig.
  - 41 Ditch under a drawbridge
  - 42 Road curve
  - 43 Decree
  - 44 Step — (hurry)
  - 45 Nick of "The Deep"
  - 46 Party animal?
  - 47 Guy Fri.
  - 48 Queens stadium
  - 52 Raul of "The Addams Family"
  - 55 At present
  - 56 Rock's — Butterfly
  - 57 Petite pooch
  - 59 Bellyache
  - 61 Journalist Ernie
  - 62 Mime Yarnell
  - 64 Picnic crusher?
  - 66 Devastation
  - 67 Fashionable event
  - 69 Like Mus-sorgsky's mountain
  - 70 Garfield's pal
  - 73 Actor Guinness
  - 75 Tie the knot
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  - 90 Psychic Geller
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**HOW THE UNIVERSE MOVES** 8 p.m. The general public is invited to visit the observatory. It's an opportunity to view the planets, moon and other sky objects through binoculars and telescopes. Admission by reservation only. Mt. Cuba Astronomical Observatory, 1610 Hillside Mill Rd., Greenville. Info., 654-6407.

**SENSING THE SEASON NATURE WALKS** 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. This walk, guided by staff members, will explore nature's signs of the season. The hike will last 45 minutes to an hour. \$11 adults. \$9 students. Hagley Museum and Library, Route 141, Wilmington. Info., 658-9111 or visit www.delmnh.com.

■ **TUESDAY, FEB. 22**

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** 7 p.m. This month the book group will discuss the book "The Last Girls." The Rodney Room, New Castle Library, 424 Delaware Street. Info., 328-1995 or visit www.newcastle-public.lib.de.us.

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE PT. I** 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Class will earn 10 percent reduction on car insurance. Course is a total of six hours long. Part II will follow on Thursday. Delaware Safety Council, 3 Old Barley Mill Rd. Info., 654-7786.

**REIKI CLINIC** 7 - 9 p.m. All are welcome. Free. Illuminata Studio, Woodmill Corporate Center, 5161 W. Woodmill Dr., Suite 15, Wilmington. Info., 996-0222.

**EFFECTIVE BUSINESS PLAN WRITING MADE EASY PT. II** 5:45 - 8:45 p.m. The Delaware chapter of the Service Corps of Retired Executives offers the second in a series of three workshops. \$35 for one workshop, \$105 for three. Registration and fee payment is required in advance. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 573-6552 or visit www.scoredelaware.org.

■ **WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23**

**ITALIAN CUISINE** 6 - 8:30 p.m. The edi-

tors at Saver Magazine show you how to put together a first-class Italian meal. It's dinner and a show combined into one event. Reservations a must. Celebrity Kitchens, Independence Mall, 1601 Concord Pike. Info., www.celebritykitchens.com.

**BRUCE ANTHONY AT HOME GROWN CAFE** 8 - 11 p.m. Bruce Anthony will perform jazz music that has made him a local phenomenon. Home Grown Cafe and Gourmet to Go, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or visit www.homegrowncafe.com.

**ISRAELI DANCING** 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sharon Kleban and Howard Wachtel will host event. \$4. Arden Guild Hall, 2406 Granby Rd., Wilmington. Info., 478-7257.

■ **THURSDAY, FEB. 24**

**A DOLL'S HOUSE** 8 p.m. School's theater company stages play. \$7 adults. \$6 students. Laird Theater, Tatnall School, 1501 Barley Mill Rd., Wilmington. Info., 892-4343.

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE PT. II** 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Class will earn 10 percent reduction on car insurance. Course is a total of six hours long. Class follows session on Tuesday. Delaware Safety Council, 3 Old Barley Mill Rd. Info., 654-7786. Registration Required

**WINDOW TOUR AT THE JUDGE MORRIS ESTATE** 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. Come to the Judge Morris Estate for a house tour. Learn about the estate as it has existed over time in the broader historical and cultural context of the landscape and community. \$8. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd. Info., 368-6900.

**YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY** Program runs from June 20-24. The Newark Police Department will host a program that will give young people insight into the duties of an officer or emergency worker. Pre-registration required. Cost pending. Registration runs till April 30. Newark Police Dept., 220 Elkton Rd. Info., 366-7110 ext. 125 or visit http://newark.de.us/docs/departments/youth\_academy.html.

**PREVENTION HEALTH SCREENINGS** February 28. Offers area residents several

life saving tests. \$25-40, varying with tests. Must call to set appointment. Space limited to 50 people. Parish Center, St. John Holy Angels Catholic Church, 82 Possum Park Rd. Info., 1-800-446-0925.

**HAM AND OYSTER DINNER** 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. March 19. Open to public. Pre-registration required. \$15 adults. \$6 children 2-12. Take-outs available. The Christiana United Methodist Church, 21 W. Main St. Info., 456-0567.

▶ **MEETINGS, from 10**

of mind. \$15 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

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

**DIVORCECARE** 7 - 8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Separated/divorced persons meet. Southern Chester County YMCA, East Baltimore Pike, Jennersville, Pa. Info., 610-869-2140.

**NEWARK MORNING ROTARY** 7 - 8:15 a.m. Thursdays. Meeting and breakfast. The Blue & Gold Club, Newark. Info., 737-1711 or 737-0724.

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

**TOASTMASTERS** 7 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday. Greater Elkton chapter. Cecil County Department of Aging to develop potential and overcome fear of public speaking. Public welcome. Check info desk for room location. Union Hospital, 106 Bow St. Info., 443-553-5358.

**BRIGHT FUTURES** 1 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday. Breast cancer support group. Medical Arts Pavilion 2, Christiana Hospital. Info., 733-3900.

**COLONIAL STATES KNITTERS** 7 p.m. Fourth Thursday. Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Rd. Info., 994-2869.

# Boy Scouts honored

**T**HE Del-Mar-Va Council of Boy Scouts of America has been recognized by its national Council with the 2004 Quality Council Recognition. Only 40 percent of councils nation-wide receive this designation. The award recognizes quality programs for youth, training for adult leaders, growth in young members, financial stewardship and long range planning. Achievement of this recognition was announced at the council's Executive Board meeting in January. A celebration will

be held at the Council's Annual Dinner on June 23. When the announcement of the award was made, Council President R. Bruce Swayze commented, "We have been delivering the best character development programs available to over 10,00 youths on the peninsula and our board has assured the council operates by sound business practices. It is rewarding to see the council's growth and our volunteer's efforts recognized by our national organization."

# Blind athlete brings story of success to Newark

**W**ITH 103 gold medals in sports that include water skiing, golf, track and field, and ice-skating, Craig MacFarlane has achieved more in 41 years than most people achieve in a lifetime. MacFarlane's accomplishments become even more impressive when you consider that he is blind. Since age 2, this Canadian native has used his other senses to "see" the world around him. At age 6, while attending a national school for the blind, MacFarlane began wrestling. He won his first blind national wrestling championship at age 13. His achievements earned

him speaking roles at three Republican National Conventions, and he has been profiled by Bob Costas. Hear his story in his own words in Newark on Feb. 22 at the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce at 11:30. The thrust of MacFarlane's speech is that people can overcome adversity by not giving up on their goals. "Without perseverance and an intense desire to succeed, I wouldn't have gotten to where I am today," he said. "Believe in yourself and your dreams, and you can see them become reality."



# 'I love to read' month

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the school, and the Christiana Rotary Club. Rep. John Viola and Sen. Melanie George, as well as the governor, also read to students.

The PTA also presented each student at Marshall with a new book that day to jump start their reading challenge.

Before Gov. Minner left to return to Dover, she presented the first graders with a copy of one of her favorite books, *The Robins in Your Backyard*.

First grader Kharrin Gale would like to have the governor return to read again.

"Because the books have lots of details and I like how she acts them out, like an explanation," Kharrin said.

## McVey readers

"This was definitely the best part of my day," said Debbie Rodenhouser, an administrator for the Christina School District. She had just finished reading to a first grade class at McVey Elementary

School for their I Love to Read day on Monday, Feb. 14.

"There is so much learning going on in these classrooms. They're so proud of their hard work and accomplishment," Rodenhouser said. Her class had invited her back in the spring to share their journal writing.

Students at McVey School were treated to 23 guest readers, including Rep. Mike Castle, Attorney General Jane Brady, Sen. Steve Amick and Antoine Oakley from Sen. Joseph Biden's office.

After being greeted in the library, each guest reader was personally escorted to a classroom where they talked a few minutes about the responsibilities of their jobs before reading a story.

Rep. Castle tested his third graders' knowledge of the number of congressmen and senators from Delaware and the total in Washington D.C., while Attn. Gen. Brady got caught up in a conversation about who was older, her or her first grade listeners' parents and grandparents.

# No minutes wasted at Christiana High School

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**F**IRST it was study hall, now it's homeroom. Gone are the good ol' days where a high school student could fritter away his hours in school sleeping through study hall or chatting with friends in homeroom.

At the start of the school year in September, all study halls were eliminated in the three Christina District high schools.

As of Jan. 31, at Christiana High School the ten-minute homeroom period at the start of the day was eliminated, giving extra time for classes.

Sixteen minutes a day are saved, equating to 22 hours of additional instruction time for the year.

In the past students would arrive at school, milling around in the hallways before the start of

the 7:30 a.m. homeroom period. Ten minutes later the hallways would be filled with students again going to their first period classes.

Now when the students arrive at school, they report directly to their first period class at 7:30. Three minutes are added onto the first period to allow attendance to be taken and the students to watch Viking Video for their daily announcements before starting the lesson for the day. An additional two minutes has been added to each class throughout the day.

The time saved has also turned into a benefit for the students. The calendar has been arranged so that they can have four half days off following taking the DSTP tests.

Board President Brenda Phillips said this was a good idea, realizing the testing period can be exhausting for some students.

Another benefit already seen has been a decrease in tardiness, said Assistant Principal Joseph Jones.

Where students would not hurry to school for homeroom period, they now see that they will be counted tardy for their first period. There is more of a sense of urgency to get into the school on time.

"Most parents don't see the need for homerooms," Jones told the Board of Education. "It's become obsolete."

The Board was informed on Feb. 8 of the changes in Christiana's scheduling.

Now the State Department of Education must give its approval, however, Superintendent Dr. Joseph Wise told the Board he had an unofficial support already and did not see it to be a problem.

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## Councilman concerned

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demolition at the council meeting on Feb. 14. Council has asked for a copy of the NHA demolition application, a list of Newark Police Department calls of service to the area and an external audit of the NHA. Funding for an environmental investigation has already been granted.

"It concerns me that we have 115 families waiting to move into subsidized housing in Newark," said Councilman Kevin Vonck, whose district includes Cleveland Heights. "And here we are with a property that is not all that obsolete and we want to tear it down."

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# Report card shock: Stop the downward spiral of poor grades, build confidence

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**N**OW that the second marking period has ended, and the report cards are coming home, many parents will suffer from "report card shock."

Just when you thought your child was doing well in school, you see grades that prove otherwise.

Many parents find themselves in the same situation each year about this time, but with some simple techniques they can make a reversal in the downward trend of grades and help their child develop confidence in themselves.

The most important thing a parent can do to help their child be more successful in schoolwork is to get involved, with their child, their teacher and the school,

said Amy Llewellyn, of Sylvan Learning Center in Glasgow.

■ **Keep an open dialog with your child.** Talk about their homework, upcoming tests and projects. Ask them about specific activities about their day.

■ **Talk to teachers.** Be proactive in contacting teachers by e-mail or leaving voice messages. Attend open-houses and classroom activities.

■ **Set a schedule and after-school routine for doing homework.** Set up an area with necessary supplies and no distractions. Be involved with homework, reviewing work, asking questions.

■ **Read with your child.** Have fun learning together.

■ **Support your child.** Give them encouragement when the work seems daunting and praise them for doing well.

■ **Be a role model.** Show your

child you are still learning by sharing your reading, writing and continuing education activities. Talk about how learning plays a role in your job or at home.

Sometimes a parent's help just isn't enough.

"All the threatening, rewards, bribery and sitting at the kitchen table doing homework will not help," said Carl Sheran, of Huntington Learning Center in Newark. "You might put a Band-aid on it today, but next year the problems will resurface."

"Every child wants to get good grades," Sheran said. "If they have the functioning ability to get good grades, they can get them."

Sheran said it takes intervention to diagnose the issues that prevent the student from succeeding.

That's when it's time to go

professional.

Learning centers, such as Sylvan and Huntington, have trained teachers who assess a child's grade level and style of learning, and then can develop an individualized plan of instruction. They coordinate the tutoring plan with the classroom teacher to assure the instruction is on the right track.

Even though after-school study programs have a strong emphasis on reading comprehension and the core areas of math, centers like these cover the gamut on tutoring, ranging from beginning reading to pre-calculus. In advanced reading classes, eye exercises train the student to read quickly but stay within a time portion. SAT classes teach strategies on how to handle questions and when to move on if you don't know the answer.

"Because of the change in academics overall nationwide, there is now an emphasis on writing which was neglected in the past," said Llewellyn. "We're here to support the higher level thinking skills."

Sometimes it's not the subject matter that is a problem. Some students need time management, note taking and overall management instruction to make them more successful.

Or it's a lack of confidence.

A well-designed tutoring program is not just about academics. It's also about building the confidence and self-esteem of the students.

"Our motto is learning feels good," said Llewellyn. "When students build their confidence, then they will feel good about their academics."

## Additional tutoring resources

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### Talk on tiny stars

**“T**INY Stars: White Dwarfs and Brown Dwarfs Shine Feebly in the Dark Sky” will be the subject of a presentation by Harry L. Shipman, Annie Jump Cannon Professor of Astronomy, at noon, Wednesday, March 9, in the Morris Library Class of 1941



Shipman

Lecture Room, South College Avenue, in Newark.

The free public event is part of UD's Scholar in the Library Series, which is sponsored by the Professional Development Committee of the University of Delaware Library Assembly of Professional Staff (UDLAPS). Light refreshments will be served and brown bag lunches are welcome at the presentation.

### Opera virtuosos in concert

“Catch the Stars of the ‘Met’!” an evening of arias and art songs, the next concert in UD's Master Players Chamber Series, is set for 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, in Mitchell Hall.

The concert features Ian Greenlaw, baritone with the Metropolitan Opera; Alexandra Deshorties, soprano with the Metropolitan Opera; Howard Watkins, piano coach and accompanist with the Metropolitan Opera; and Marie Robinson, University of Delaware faculty soprano. The program will include art songs of Francis Poulenc, Hugo Wolf, Maurice Ravel, John Carter and Kurt Weill, as well as gems from the operatic repertoire of Wagner, Tchaikovsky, Handel, Gounod and Puccini.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens/UDstaff and alumni and \$5 for students and are on sale at UD box offices, through TicketMaster, by calling (302) 984-2000, and at the door. For more information, call (302) 831-2677.

## Students design new recycling bin

A new recycling container designed by a team of University of Delaware mechanical engineering seniors may become the standard throughout Delaware if testing on the prototype is completed successfully, a state official said.

The new, bright red container was designed by a team of four students in collaboration with the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) with the aim of increasing the recycling rate in the state by attracting more site sponsors statewide and providing greater recycling accessibility to Delawareans under the voluntary recycling program, Recycle Delaware.

The state agency is planning to replace the current containers--box-shaped “front end” steel containers painted different colors and modified with openings on their fronts to accommodate recyclables--with more attractive containers that meet industry standards and can be hoisted by any generic front-loading compactor trash truck, Pat Canzano, chief operating officer at DSWA, said.

The task was presented to Seth Charna, Matt King, Matt McDonald and Addie Spencer, who met with Canzano to discuss the project and DSWA's goal, before they created the new design under the supervision of



PHOTO BY TYLER JACOBSON

Senior design team members (from left) Matt McDonald, Matt King and Addie Spicer flanked by their new recycling bin prototype (left) and the model currently in use statewide. Team member Seth Charna is not shown.

adviser Michael Keefe, associate professor of mechanical engineering. The team met regularly, often for hours at a time, in the basement of Spencer Laboratory, King said.

“On some occasions we had to get up pretty early to complete validation tests and, on several occasions, we had to drive to Baltimore to meet with Fabricators Steel,” Charna said.

“For me, the toughest part was putting all the information we gathered down onto paper. There was so much information, and we had to ensure we presented it accurately. Good communication is extremely important to ensure project completion.”

After redesigning the mechanics of the container, the team discussed and made decisions on

painting schemes, locking mechanisms and lid design for the prototype. The project earned the team top place in UD's senior mechanical engineering design presentations Dec. 13.

The presentations are the results of a required capstone engineering practice course, in which student teams develop real engineering system designs based on specific customer requirements, develop engineering specifications and generate concepts that they can justify. The teams then design, fabricate, assemble, test and improve an actual prototype.

In the final report, the team wrote that it chose the new container shape--a rounded triangular front profile--based on the recycling symbol and integrated the hoist sleeves into the front profile of the body for improved aesthetics, ability to be recognized, structural integrity and cost effectiveness.

The new design includes plastic lids because of their quietness while being emptied and for their cost-effectiveness. Side-mounted automatic locks were chosen for their low profile, unobtrusive aesthetics, cost-effectiveness and the ease with which they can be locked and unlocked. Several changes were made based on

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## University of Delaware awards ‘Have A Heart’ trophy

**W**INNING the Colonial Athletic Association's annual blood drive is getting to be a habit for the University of Delaware--a habit that helps to save lives.

During the Nov. 17 “Have A Heart” blood drive, some 857 UD students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends teamed up to donate 558 units and give UD its third consecutive CAA Blood Challenge title.

The 2004 “Have A Heart” blood drive broke all previous records, with 2,929 attempted donors contributing 2,114 productive units of blood across all the participating CAA schools. The totals represent a 50 percent increase over the previous year and an 81.5 percent increase over the initial campaign in 2002.

“The CAA Challenge is a happy combination of an important public service, a competition and fun,” UD President David P. Roselle said. “It's wonderful that staff and students of the CAA

institutions are enthusiastic about a competition in which the real winners are persons in need in our communities.”

On Saturday, Feb. 5, CAA Commissioner Tom Yeager joined representatives from Blood Bank of Delmarva at the Bob Carpenter Center to present the award to UD during halftime festivities in a CAA men's hoop contest between the Blue Hens and William and Mary.

Accepting the award for UD were representatives from student groups who sponsored the CAA Blood Challenge, including Kappa Alpha Theta, the Resident Student Association and HOLA.

The CAA Blood Challenge began in 2002, when Roselle suggested to his peers at conference institutions that a friendly competition might be a good way to get the message out about the importance of donating blood. CAA institutions work with their local blood service centers to set aside one day during the fall



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Senior Michelle Koslow, junior Adam Rosen, junior Megan Graham and sophomore Donald Jermain Taylor accept the trophy on behalf of the student groups who sponsored the CAA Blood Challenge at UD, including Kappa Alpha Theta, the Resident Student Association and HOLA.

to conduct a campuswide blood drive. Student groups, faculty, staff and alumni are all encouraged to participate.

Joining UD in the CAA Blood Challenge were UNC

Wilmington, Drexel, George Mason, Hofstra, James Madison, Old Dominion, Towson and Virginia Commonwealth universities and the College of William and Mary.



# DuPont Scholars Lecture Series set

**T**WO lectures certain to stir debate will constitute the University of Delaware's spring Du Pont Scholars Lecture Series.

The first, "News--Can It Be Fair, Accurate and Objective?" is set for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 3, in 127 Memorial Hall, The Green, in Newark. Given by Marcy McGinnis, senior vice president of CBS News Coverage,

the lecture will examine how news is "displayed" by the media. McGinnis oversees news gathering and coverage worldwide and was one of the primary architects of CBS News' award-winning coverage of the Iraq War. She also won three Emmy Awards for CBS News' coverage of Princess Diana's death.

The second, "The End of Truth: Power, the News Media

and the People's Right to Know," is set for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 16, in 104 Gore Hall, The Green. The lecture, which will be given by Charles Lewis, will further expand on the theme of the first lecture in examining the

importance of balanced reportage. Lewis, a UD graduate, founded and directed the Center for Public Integrity, a top nonpartisan government watchdog organization in Washington. He is known for his investigative reports regard-

ing political, corporate and media corruption across America and the world.

For more information about the lectures and the series, call (302) 831-1195.

## DSWA please with new design

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feedback from DSWA officials, and the design can be tweaked before it becomes final, the report stated.

"DSWA is extremely pleased with the design team's final concept and presentation," Canzano said. "The design process is well-suited to projects of this type and it is a credit to the University, its faculty and senior mechanical engineering design students. We are currently field-testing the new design at the Laird Campus and the plan is to convert all of the containers at Laird to the new design. Ultimately, if the field testing results are positive, all the Recycle Delaware containers may be converted."

DSWA has about 140 Recycle Delaware centers throughout the state, with an average of seven containers per center. The locations of the centers are available on the agency's web site, [www.dswa.com].

"I was really excited about the project," Charna said. "I knew that if we succeeded, the outcome would be visible for years to come. Also, it was possible for the new containers to go nationwide, which increased my excitement. We had a great team, and I had no doubt it would be a success, but I never would have guessed we would be rated as the top project."

Besides fulfilling academic requirements, the design project was an excellent lesson on teamwork, King said. "Each one of us brought a specific gift to the team. It's amazing how so many different people are wired differently, and it all seems to work out the best that way," he said.

## Oscar Wilde's grandson to speak at UD

**O**N Friday, March 4, the University of Delaware Library will celebrate the opening of a major collection of Victorian literature and art with a lecture by Oscar Wilde's grandson, Merlin Holland.

Associated with the Special Collections Department of the University of Delaware Library, and housed in the Morris Library, the Mark Samuels Lasner Collection is one of the country's premier private gatherings of British literature and art of the period 1850 to 1900. Focusing on the Pre-Raphaelites and the writers and illustrators of the 1890s, the collection encompasses more than 2,500 first and other editions (including many signed and association copies), manuscripts, letters, works on paper, photographs, and ephemera.

Holland's lecture,

"Confounding the Critics, Surviving the Scandal: The Remarkable Reputation of Oscar Wilde," will take place at 4 p.m., Friday, March 4, in the Reserve Room, Morris Library. The lecture, which is open to the public, is sponsored by the President, the Provost, and the Director of Libraries of the University of Delaware. A reception will follow the program.

Merlin Holland, a journalist and author, has spent 20 years researching the life of his grandfather Oscar Wilde (1854-1900). The result has been *The Wilde Album* (1997), based on family photographs and rare printed material; *Irish Peacock and Scarlet Marquess: The Real Trial of Oscar Wilde* (2003), an edition of the 1895 court transcripts; and *The Complete Letters of Oscar Wilde*, a defini-

tive collection, co-edited with Sir Rupert Hart-Davis and published in 2000.

"Confounding the Critics, Surviving the Scandal: The Remarkable Reputation of Oscar Wilde," is derived in part from his current work, tentatively titled *After Oscar*, which reflects on what happened to Wilde in the 20th Century at the hands of family, editors, critics, biographers, collectors and squabbling surviving friends in the British literary world.

Members of the public are invited to the program and reception. The library requests acceptances be made, which can be done via e-mail at [librarysvp@winsor.lib.udel.edu] or by telephone to the Office of the Director of Libraries, (302) 831-2231. Interested persons can also request a printed invitation.

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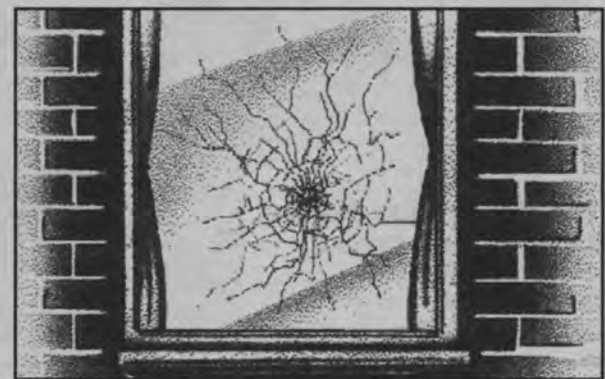
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## Shelley graduates basic training

Air Force Airman First Class **Henry J. Shelly** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Shelly is the son of Jeanne Shelly of Winterhaven Drive, Newark, Del.

In 2003, the airman received a bachelor's degree from King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

## Slater completes training in Illinois

Navy Seaman Recruit **Michael A. Slater**, son of Virginia B. Slater of Englewood, Colo. and Gregory L. Slater of Newark, Del., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Slater completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

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Slater is a 2001 graduate of Glasgow High School of Newark, Del.

## Ruberto ends training

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## Sturgis deployed out of Norfolk

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **Lawrence A. Sturgis, Jr.**, son

of Cynthia Y. and Lawrence A. Sturgis of New Castle, is currently in the middle of a routine scheduled deployment, while assigned to the guided-missile cruiser USS Monterey, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Sturgis and more than 7,600 of his fellow shipmates of the USS Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group (CSG), are deployed in support of the global war on terrorism.

Sturgis is one of more than 350 Sailors serving aboard USS Monterey, an Aegis equipped cruiser able to engage in offensive actions against the enemy through employment of long-range anti-ship missiles, land attack missiles and naval gunfire.

Sturgis joined the Navy in August 1986.

## Sen. Carper to speak at rail forum here

The Institute for Public Administration will host a day-long forum centered around the future of the area's rail policy.

"Moving People and Goods" will be held at Clayton Hall Conference Center on Feb. 22.

The conference will feature officials from the Institute for Public Administration, the National Corridors Initiative and U.S. Sen. Tom Carper.

Carper will speak at 10 a.m.,

giving an overview of rail services and prospects. He will be followed by James RePass of the National Corridors Initiative who will comment on the planning the future of the local rail system.

In the afternoon, Rick Crawford will present issues facing area's railways. After that, there will be a panel presentation and discussion on setting an agenda.

## Get out of town on City of Newark trips

The City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring several trips this spring.

The first trip, to Luray Caverns, Va., and Berkeley Springs, W.V., is on Saturday, May 21. Enjoy the amazing underground formations, the great Stalacpipe Organ, Dream Lake, Frozen Fountain and many more formations. The bus departs and returns from the City Municipal building at 220 Elkton Road.

Next, take a trip to New York City on Wednesday, June 8. The trip drops participants off near Radio City Music Hall for easy

access to all parts of Manhattan. The bus departs and returns from Suburban Plaza, West Elkton Road at 7 a.m. and returns at approximately 9 p.m.

Then, on June 11, visit Annapolis, Md., for a day in the beautiful capital of Maryland and the home of the U.S. Naval Academy. The tour begins with a 90 minute narrated cruise of the Severn River. After that, you will be on your own in the maritime community.

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# Sports

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## Wrestling takes over center stage

By **MARTY VALANIA**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

High school wrestling moves front and center over the next two weekends.

Actually, it started Wednesday with the Delaware High School Dual Meet Championships. Top-seeded Caesar Rodney squared off with No. 4 Salesianum in one of the Division I semifinals while No. 2 St. Mark's faced No. 3 William Penn in the other. CR entered the tournament as one of the top teams in the East.

Hodgson earned the top seed in Division II while Caravel Academy was the No. 3 seed.

Quality wrestling action continues this weekend with the Blue Hen Conference and Independent Schools state qualifying tournaments. The individual state tournament will be held Feb. 25-26 at Delaware State University.

In addition to those teams that qualified for the dual meet state tournaments, there are several others that have the opportunity to send a sizable contingent of wrestlers to next weekend's state tournament.

Newark High is one of them. The Yellowjackets have had a very good season and could have a good number of its wrestlers participating next weekend. Scott Gardner, the team's 215-pounder, is ranked No. 6 in the state and certainly a favorite to get to the state tournament.

### Big night for UD women

Any time the University

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## Record crowd watches UD win



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY DAVID HOWELL

### 4,772 see Blue Hens beat ODU

The University of Delaware women's basketball team jumped out to a 16-point second half lead and held off a furious comeback by Old Dominion to defeat the Monarchs, 62-58, Friday night before a school-record crowd at the Bob Carpenter Center.

The Blue Hens improved to 19-2 overall and 12-0 in the Colonial Athletic Association by posting their school record-tying 17th straight victory, tied with Gonzaga for the longest streak in Division I. Delaware increased its lead in the conference to two games and a half games over second place Old Dominion, which fell to 13-7 overall and 9-2 in the league.

Delaware, which defeated Old Dominion, 73-70, last month in Norfolk to snap the Monarchs' 122-game CAA home winning streak, became the first conference opponent to sweep ODU since Richmond in the 1991-92 season. The Blue Hens also won their 11th straight home game while playing before 4,772 fans, the largest home women's basketball crowd in school history.

The Blue Hens jumped out to a 33-22 halftime lead, and after Old Dominion closed to within eight at 33-25 with 18:59 remaining, Delaware went on a 10-2 run and took its largest advantage of the game at 43-27 with 12:08 left when Tyresa Smith hit a lay-up. UD still led 47-33 with 9:06 to play, but the Monarchs' TJ Jordan, who fin-

Former Caravel Academy star Tiara Malcom led the Hens with 18 points against Old Dominion.

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## Scott retires as St. Mark's football coach

### Will stay on as teacher and assistant coach

Vinnie Scott will step down as St. Mark's head football coach but will continue teaching at the school and assist with the football program.

Scott has led the Spartans to an 83-49-2 record in his 13 years at the helm of the Spartans foot-

ball program.

"Vinnie is an outstanding football coach and an exceptional role model for players, students, faculty and staff," said St. Mark's principal Mark Freund. "Everyone looks up to Vinnie and his leadership of our football team will be missed. We are delighted that he plans to continue working here at St. Marks."

He was the longest serving head football coach in the history of the school and led the Spartans

to the Division I state championship game in 1999, 2002 and 2003.

"I really enjoy coaching and it was a difficult decision to step down as head coach," Scott said. "But I am looking forward to working with the football team next season in a new capacity. I began my coaching career in 1961 and it has never mattered if I was the head coach or the assistant, I love sports and enjoy working with the kids."

Tom Rosa, athletic director at St. Mark's echoed Scott's comments.

"It's quite evident that what's important to Vinnie is working with students both on the field and in the classroom," Rosa said. "Vinnie is a terrific teacher and coach."

According to Rosa, candidates for the head coaching position are being evaluated and a decision will be made in the near future.

See **SCOTT, 18** ▶



# Blue Hen men get to .500 mark in CAA with win

## UD avenges earlier defeat at Towson

Junior guard Andrew Washington sparked the Blue Hens with 16 points and five assists off the bench and Harding Nana registered his 15th double-double of the season with 11 points and team-high 11 rebounds as the University of Delaware moved back to .500 in league play with a 65-55 Colonial Athletic Association win over Towson Saturday night at the Bob Carpenter Center.

The Blue Hens (10-15, 7-7 CAA) won for the third time in the last four games while Towson (5-19, 2-12 CAA) suffered its

eighth straight loss and lost its 25th straight CAA road game. Delaware has now won 10 of the last 11 meetings vs. Towson at the BCC.

Calvin Smith added 10 points and nine rebounds, Mike Slattery contributed eight points and five assists, and Rulon Washington chipped in with eight points to lead a balanced effort. Delaware shot 47.1 percent from the field (24 of 51) and turned the ball over just nine times but connected on just 11 of 25 free throws.

Guard Cantrell Fletcher paced Towson with 13 points off the bench while Lawrence Hamm added nine points and a game-high 13 rebounds and Winstonn Tubbs, Trevan Jackson, and

Lafayette Dublin each recorded eight points.

Delaware, which held its third straight opponent under 60 points, avenged an 86-66 setback to Towson back on Jan. 5. The victory gave the Hens 10 wins for the 23rd straight season, the second longest current streak of double-figure victories among CAA schools.

Although Delaware had several double-digit leads in the first half, including a 32-19 advantage with 3:27 remaining, Towson fought back and cut the Blue Hen lead to 32-27 at the half.

Delaware remained on top for the first nine minutes of the second stanza before Towson tied things at 43-43 with 11:49 left on

a jumper by Fletcher. Towson was still in the game four minutes later when Fletcher hit another jumper with 7:15 left to cut the lead to 53-51.

But Washington sparked a decisive 8-0 Blue Hen run with a baseline dunk with 6:36 left and Nana added another slam minutes later to up the lead to 10 points at 61-51 with 3:49 remaining. Towson never got closer than seven points the rest of the way.

## Another road test

The University of Delaware men's basketball team, which had won three of its last four games, traveled to Virginia Commonwealth Wednesday for a

crucial late-season Colonial Athletic Association matchup.

The Blue Hens entered the game 10-15 overall and are in seventh place in the league with a 7-7 record. Delaware, which is led by Harding Nana who is averaging 18.4 points and 10.0 rebounds a game, is just one game behind Hofstra for sixth place in the conference.

The Rams, who posted an 89-81 home win over George Mason on Monday, are 14-10 overall and sit in third place in the CAA with a 10-5 mark. VCU defeated the Blue Hens, 66-57, at the Carpenter Center last month.

Delaware has one remaining home game - against Hofstra Feb. 19 at 2 p.m.

## St. Mark's seeking a new football coach

### ▶ SCOTT, from 17

Scott grew up in Wilmington and is a 1957 graduate of Salesianum where he excelled in the classroom and athletics. He

later played football for the University of Maryland and played briefly in the NFL for the Baltimore Colts. Before joining the St. Mark's staff in 1991, he coached a variety of sports for 30

years at numerous Delaware high schools including Conrad, Delcastle, Glasgow, Hodgson, McKean and Salesianum.

### ▶ CROWD, from 17

of Delaware women's basketball team can beat perennial power Old Dominion, it's a big night.

## Delaware women knock off Old Dominion again

### ▶ WOMEN, from 17

ished with a career-high 28 points, nailed consecutive three-pointers to cut the lead to 47-39 with 8:28 on the clock.

Delaware senior Tiara Malcom (right), who finished with a team-high 18 points, drained two free throws to put the Blue Hens back up 10, but Lawona Davis converted a three-point play and Jordan again hit back-to-back three-pointers to bring Old Dominion within 49-48 with 5:36 remaining. After

Malcom and Jordan each hit two free throws, Julie Sailer hit a baseline jumper and Smith made two foul shots to extend Delaware's lead to 55-50 with 2:49 to play.

The Monarchs' Jen Nuzzo answered with a three-pointer, and after Tiffany Young hit two free throws for the Blue Hens at the 1:19 mark, Lyons grabbed an offensive rebound and scored to make it 57-55 with 25 seconds left. However Liz Hayes drained two free throws and, following a miss by Jordan, Alena Koshansky hit two more foul shots to put the

Blue Hens up 61-55 with 11 seconds remaining. Jordan hit her seventh and final three-pointer with six seconds left, but Koshansky put the game away by hitting one of two from the charity stripe with three seconds to play.

Delaware, which got 15 points and five rebounds off the bench from Young, went 28-of-34 from the free throw line while the Monarchs were just 6-of-8 from the charity stripe. Sailer finished with eight points and four assists, while Smith added six points and a pair of steals. Green had 12

points and a game-high eight rebounds for Old Dominion but except for Jordan no other Monarch had more than five points.

The Blue Hens used an early 8-0 run to take a 10-4 lead with 13:44 remaining in the first half, and extended the margin to 25-14 with 4:32 remaining on a jumper by Malcom. Old Dominion got within nine twice late in the period, but Young scored with 27 seconds on the clock to send Delaware to the half up 11 points.

The Blue Hens, in fact, have beaten the Monarchs three times.

It's only been one time, however, that the Hens played in front of a full Carpenter Center. Last Friday, Delaware knocked off Old Dominion before 4,772 people. It was the Hens' 17th straight victory. The win streak was halted after the inevitable letdown on Sunday, but the impact was already made.

Hopefully, many in that large crowd will come back and see the Hen again. The program is successful and this team, in particular, is very successful. It has earned the support it received last week.

Delaware has two home games remaining. The Hens face Towson Feb. 20 and Hofstra Feb. 27. There's no question the team would appreciate two more big crowds.

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# Newark boys fall to Middletown

Jackets still hope to get a state tournament bid

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Middletown nailed a series of clutch free throws down the stretch to help preserve a 66-53 Flight A victory host Newark Thursday night.

The Cavalier's Mike Shipman lead all scores with 22 points for the contest. The senior was also perfect from the charity stripe for the night, hitting all ten free throw attempts.

Newark (7-9), came out very strong defensively, holding the top-ranked Cavs to one field goal and a total of six points in the first quarter.

After the near disastrous first period, Middletown began to play its free-wheeling style of offense and smothering defense.

In the second period, the Cavs outscored the Yellowjackets by 11 points, to take a 23-18 lead into the locker room at the half.

The Jackets' Terrence

Williams had a very good first half, scoring a total of ten points, and single-handedly keeping his team in the contest.

Early in the third period, Newark got back into the game, and eventually tied the score at 25-25 on a shot by Kimphus Daniels, Jr.

The defending state champions responded by hitting three consecutive three-pointers by Shipman and Paul Gibbs to build a nine-point lead. From there, Newark stayed close, but was unable to take the lead or draw even for the rest of the game.

Over the last four minutes of the fourth quarter, Middletown only got one basket, but the Cavs calmly sank 12 of 13 free throws to clinch the victory.

Middletown coach Charles Robinson said his team depth was one of the keys to victory.

"We demand a lot from our bench. We mix them in with the starters during practice, and they know we need that depth to be successful," he said.

Terrence Williams finished the game with 17 points for Newark, while teammate Steve Williams added 13, and Daniels chipped in with 7 points.



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Newark's Steve Williams charges down the lane for a basket in the Jackets' game against Middletown.

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## Newarkers honored

**T**HE following Delaware State University students from Newark were named to the prestigious President's List by maintaining an overall 4.0 GPA: **Stephani A. Marshall; Carolyne N. Nienga; Khairat M. Onaney;** and **Kevin W. Thomas.**

**Michael Thomas Zaucha** and **Brian David Chandler**, both of Newark, were honored for their exceptional studies at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Zaucha was named to the Dean's List for maintaining a 3.0 or higher and Chandler was named to the Faculty Honor's list for maintaining a 4.0.

**William Nelson** and **Wendy Brasefield**, Liberty University students from Newark, were named to the Dean's List for the 2004 fall semester. Both students maintained a 3.5 grade point average or better.

### Births announced

**Robert Matthew Allen** was born at Christiana Hospital on Feb. 10 to Newark parents Robert and Ryan Allen.

**Kyle David Skelly** was born on Jan. 31 at 5:06 p.m. to parents David and Michelle Skelly. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 and a half inches long at his birth.

### Newark resident elected president of Aviation Hall of Fame

**Harry Van Den Heuvel** of Newark has been elected president of the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame.

He currently serves as a member of the DAHF board of trustees.

He will succeed **David A. Moffitt** of Greenville, a founding trustee of the organization.

**Van Den Heuvel**, a pilot, retired last year as administrator of the Office of Delaware Aeronautics. He was an Air Force flight engineer in the Korean and Vietnamese Wars, has held top posts in the Delaware Wing Civil Air Patrol and heads the Brig. Gen. Bill Spruance chapter of the Air Force Association.



Van Den Heuvel

### Newark resident will study at Drew

Newark resident, **Laura Methvin**, 17, has accepted an invitation to study at New Jersey's Drew University, where she will play women's basketball in the fall of 2005.

Laura is a senior at Wilmington Charter School and is a captain for the varsity basketball team. She has also earned varsity letters in basketball and soccer.

### Mukhatyar named to dean's list

**Vivek J. Mukhatyar**, a resident of Newark, has been named to the dean's list at Boston University.

### Newark residents earn Master's degrees

Master's degrees were awarded to the following Newark residents at McDaniel College: **Karen Marie Boulden, Joyce Snider Crumlish, Stacy Taylor Poplos** and **Mary Jo Reighart.**

### Locals place in carpentry competition

**Arno Kissell**, of Newark, a 2004 graduate of Delcastle Technical High School, has competed in the local and state Skills USA/ VICA contests.

He placed first in the state competition for cabinet making. He received a scholarship, power tools, and a week-long trip to the national competition held in Kansas City, Missouri.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Kissell of Newark.

**Bill James**, of Millcreek Hundred, won the state competition in carpentry. Both are students in the same class of Mr. Gary Peterson of nearby Cecil County, Md.

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America is a national organization for students studying vocational technical courses.

## Backer to receive Eagle award Sunday

**M**atthew Backer, 18, a resident of Linden Hill Village in Pike Creek, will receive his Eagle Scout Award this Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Martin Center, at St. Catherine of Siena Church near Greenville.

Backer is a member of Boy Scout Troop 919, and is a 2004 graduate of St. Marks High School.

His Eagle project consisted of reorganizing the choir Room at St. Catherine's and computerizing the songbooks and sheet music for the choir director.

He completed his requirements in August and his Eagle Board of Review in November.

Backer is a freshman at Wesley College in Dover, where he is a physical education major and a member of the Wolverine football team.



### Locals honored at Johnson and Wales

The following Johnson & Wales University students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2004-2005 fall term:

**Timothy Gilbert** is pursuing a bachelor of science in Network Engineering from the School of Technology at the Providence, R.I. campus.

**Janice Grimm** is pursuing an associate degree in Hotel Management from the Hospitality College at the Charleston, S.C. campus.

**Aaron Moorman** is pursuing an associate degree in Restaurant Management from the Hospitality College at the Providence, R.I. campus.

**Justin Harrigan** is pursuing an associate degree in Baking & Pastry Arts from the College of Culinary Arts at the Providence, R.I. campus.

**C. Derek Schwalbauch** is pursuing a bachelor of science in Culinary Arts from the College of Culinary Arts at the Providence, R.I. Campus.

To receive Dean's List commendation, students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or above.

### Coombs named to list at Davis & Elkins

**Jessica Coombs**, of Newark, was named to the Dean's List for the 2004 fall semester at Davis & Elkins College.

Coombs is majoring in Communications and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Coombs.

### Standarowski cited

**Derek Standarowski** has been named to the Fall 2004 Distinguished Dean's List of Outstanding Students

for earning a semester grade point average of 4.0 at the University of Maryland College of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

He is a 2003 graduate of Newark High School. He is the son of Robert and Mary Lou Standarowski, of Newark.

### Seage wins Legion oratorical contest

**Edward Seage**, of St. Mark's High School, won the American Legion's High School Oratorical Contest of Post 10, Newark, at the Holy Family Education Centre on Friday Feb. 4.

Seage, a sophomore from Hockessin, won the right to represent District Two in the statewide competition on Feb. 24 in Dover.

The state winner will travel to Indianapolis in April for national competition and a chance at \$18,000 in tuition assistance.

**Jon Hall**, of Wilmington Christian, took second place. **Charles McKinney**, of Concord High School, took third place. Newark Toastmasters International judged the competition.

### Young selected Presidential Scholar

**Sharon Young**, a senior at St. Marks High School, has been named as a candidate in the 2005 Presidential Scholars Program.

She is among an elite group of 2,600 candidates who were selected from the nearly 2.8 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools this year.

Candidates were chosen based on their exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT or the ACT Assessment.

Young is the daughter of Teng-Shau and Silian Young of Wilmington.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

## SWINGING IN NEWARK

More than 100 members and their guests enjoyed refreshments, fun, fellowship and dancing at the Newark Senior Center's recent Valentine's Dance. Here, Margot Kulp and Bill Harris swing to the music of Al Santoro and the Highlighters. The party was sponsored by the Newark Morning Rotary Club.



# Bridal show may be the easiest way to plan your day

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Here are a few tips to the brides as well as the grooms on how to get the most out of your local bridal shows.

First of all, you will need to have a budget plan. Make a list of what you need the most and what your budget will allow for this particular item or service.

When you go to the bridal show, go first to those service

providers who have what you need the most.

Remember, some wedding professionals can only do one or two weddings a day. They will be the ones who will fill up their date books first. Some professionals who can only do one or two weddings a day are videographers, DJ's, banquet facilities, balloon decorators, photographers, and wedding consultants.

Plan to spend the day at the show. The more time you can spend, the more you can plan.

Some shows offer up to six hours to shop. Also, be prepared to make decisions. Bring some of the major decision makers with you.

If you are the major deci-

sion maker, bring someone who you can "bounce" ideas off of.

Other important items to bring are swatches of material and ribbon in the colors of your wedding. This will assist the florist, balloonist, baker, and many of the other professionals in helping you plan your event.

A checkbook and datebook are also necessary. If you are going to book that perfect photographer, you will need to give them a deposit.

A datebook is needed to schedule appointments with potential service providers.

Remember to wear comfortable shoes. There is no doubt that you will be doing a

lot of walking.

Often times, the exhibitors will have drawing boxes available for you to enter for a chance to win prizes. To avoid having to write your name, address, phone number, and wedding date 50 times, it would be a good idea to have some address labels or a rubber stamp made up.

Most of your local print shops can do address labels and rubber stamps or you can look in the phone book. You may want to just have your name, address, and phone number printed so you can use them after the show as well.

When you find the right professional to hire, ask if

they offer a show special. If they do, it may benefit you to give them a deposit then. The more you can book at the show, the less you will need later.

The important thing to remember is that the show is there to assist the bride in every aspect of planning her wedding. When used to the fullest extent, you can plan your entire wedding in just a few hours without having to fight traffic and drive all over town.


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# Counting down: Are your plans still on track

The countdown is on to your big day. Here's a rundown of how to plan the next couple of months.

## Eight weeks and counting

By this time, you should have the dresses ordered and, hopefully, in hand. If you've not started

alterations, make an appointment right away.

Tuxedos should also be chosen and ready for pick-up. Make sure your cake is ordered to your satisfaction.

Double-check that the reception site, the photographer and the caterer are still booked as planned.

It is time to mail your invita-

tions. Your maid of honor can help you address them, but be sure the return address is that of the person paying for and planning the reception. Also, this is the party to whom the RSVP will go.

Start making plans for the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.

Talk with the officiant of your ceremony. Inform your bridal party as to the date and time of the rehearsal. Also let them know how they should dress for this event. If you're planning a cook-out, jeans will be acceptable attire for the evening. If you've reserved a room in a nice restaurant, you might suggest dresses and/or business casual attire.

Schedule the bridesmaids' luncheon. This is a time for you and your bridesmaids to relax and enjoy a peaceful meal together amidst the hurry and scurry of wedding plans. Plan a meal that is not a lot of work or expense for you. A good setting for your

bridesmaids' luncheon may be where you usually meet with friends or a place where you will all be comfortable.

Now would be a great time to "prod" your maid of honor about a shower if you haven't had that event yet.

It is also time to talk with the maid of honor and best man about the bachelor and bachelorette parties. The current trend is to have fairly mild get-togethers several weeks before the wedding date. More and more couples opt to forego wild and crazy bashes for quiet, simple getaways with special friends. If you choose to have an all-out fiesta, make sure you have a designated driver.

## Five weeks and counting

It's time to solidify plans for transportation from home to the wedding site and from the wed-

ding site to the reception site.

Buy the gifts for your attendants.

Purchase your wedding rings if that has not been done, and double-check the amount of time it will take to size those rings.

You should also have your engagement portrait taken and submit it to local newspapers.

## Four weeks and counting

Now is the time to get that final dress fitting.

Talk with your hair stylist and nail technician about makeup, colors and hairstyles. Try them out. See what you like.

Hand out checklists to friends and family members helping with the wedding. They will appreciate the help and your organizational skills.

Once you have your final guest list, contact the caterer with the count, and plan the seating arrangements.

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# More couples are saying 'I do' to off-season weddings

(NAPSI) Whether the site is a snow-carpeted meadow in Utah, a ski resort in Vermont, or a rustic cabin in California's Sierra Nevada, more couples are discovering the magic of a winter wedding. One advantage of tying the knot in the "off-season" is the potential for cost savings due to less competition for wedding services.

Another appeal is simply the natural beauty of the season that presents a spectacular backdrop for the occasion. Imagine exchanging vows surrounded by towering, fragrant pine trees in a forest glistening with snow.

For winter weddings, flowers play a particularly important role, says Tom Bowling, American

Institute of Floral Design (AIFD), Fairfield, Ohio. Their color and texture bring warmth and richness to the celebration.

"For winter weddings, it is important that we bring out the color palette," says Bowling, a member of the outreach and education team of the California Cut Flower Commission in

Watsonville, Calif. "Jewel tones are a big influence with the richness of cranberry, aubergene, and deep amber tones."

New varieties of red roses are bringing rich color to winter weddings in some regions.

In Seattle, for example, a large, red rose bouquet for the bride is a strong trend, says Raul Ramirez, AIFD, Seattle. Attendees wear wine-colored dresses and carry bouquets of dark red roses.

Whatever color theme the bride chooses to light up her win-

ter wedding, there are many flowers to carry it out, says Bowling. In fact, many flowers are grown year-round, so it is possible your favorite flowers are available. Some, especially roses, lilies, and gerberas, are grown in a wide range of colors.

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# Police offer safety tips, announce task force

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I realized I didn't know who this man was," she said. While it turned out that he was just a door-to-door salesman working late hours, the sight of a stranger

walking around the neighborhood, knocking on doors, was enough for one of the neighbors to call the police. It was at Butler's house that the officer caught up to the salesman.

While Butler was relieved to see the police car outside of her

home, she was disturbed with what happened next. "The officer talked to that man, maybe wrote him a ticket," she said. "But he never came up to my house and told me that things were OK."

Butler brought her grievance up at a meeting on Thursday, Jan.

“Whoever is doing this is just like a giant oversized cockroach...and you know what happens when you turn on the lights when a cockroach is around. They run. And that's what will happen if you keep your house lit up.”

### CPL. TRACY SIMPSON

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10. The meeting, which brought out nearly 300 residents and three different police agencies, told residents how to protect themselves and let residents vent their concerns.

At the meeting, Cpl. Tracy Simpson detailed plans for a task force uniting Delaware State, Newark, New Castle County and University of Delaware officers. This plan would increase communication between the four agencies and lend resources to the city's police department. The city will have part-time use of a canine unit and helicopter, in addition to more officers on Newark streets.

Newark Mayor Vance Funk, who was also at the meeting, explained the logic behind the task force.

"We've assembled the largest group of law enforcement that was possible," he said. "We're taking [the burglaries] very, very seriously, you can be sure of that."

In addition to discussing the task force, Simpson also tried to ease the public's fears. While

there have been more than 100 burglaries within Newark since October, she reminded the audience that not all of those have been at residences. That figure includes both residential and commercial burglaries. In addition to the increase in home break-ins, downtown businesses have seen a lot of crime as well. Businesses including Grottos, National 5 and 10, Minster's Jewelers and Lettuce Feed You have been victims of break-ins and burglaries.

Simpson also offered some basic tips for protecting your house. They include: trimming shrubbery near windows and doors; investing in an alarm system and windows that lock; and keeping the house well-lit.

"Whoever is doing this is just like a giant oversized cockroach," she said. "And you know what happens when you turn on the lights when a cockroach is around. They run. And that's what will happen if you keep your house lit up."

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nect you to the appropriate office. During that process, you may hear a click on the line that sounds like you've been disconnected. If that happens, do not hang up. It just means you are being transferred.

- Once you've been transferred to the correct branch, you will be speaking with a new person who may or may not have information about your situation. Don't be surprised if you have to restate your emergency.

### Dawson named to Raymond James Leader's Council

Frederick J. Dawson ChFC, CLU, vice president of Bassett, Brosius & Dawson, Inc. and financial advisor of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., has been named to the firm's 2005 Leader's Council in recognition of "outstanding client ser-

vice and exemplary professional growth." Leader's Council honors are presented only to those financial advisors who have demonstrated an exemplary high level of commitment to clients through personal service and professional integrity.



# Property would be leased to UD fraternity

## ▶ OKAYED, from 1

originally hoped to see a list of 13 conditions met, one of which said that if used by a fraternity, no one in the complex, regardless of age, could consume alcohol.

Delta Eta, which plans on leasing the property in part or in whole to the University of

Delaware fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha, found this point to be contentious and again brought the case before court. It was decided there that the two parties should try to reach an agreement through their own negotiations. And for the past year or so, that's what the two parties attempted to do.

However, the city and Delta Eta have not been able to reach

agreement about alcohol and who can consume, sell or distribute it on the property. They have left that decision in the hands of Superior Court. A final decision is expected within the year.

After much debate, the council voted 5-1 to approve the start of construction.

Councilman John Farrell voted against the plans. "We suggested the limitations for the good of the neighborhood," he explained.

"And I see no reason to vote for this now. We are not the ones who have held up construction. They could have started [with the deed restrictions] a long time ago."

However, the rest of council voted in favor of starting construction, with the condition that no alcohol could be consumed, distributed or sold on the property until the Superior Court's decision has been heard.

Richard Cross, attorney for Delta Eta, said that this amendment should not affect the property much. "It only affects the sale of alcohol until a decision is heard," he said. "Even if that decision is appealed and went before Delaware Supreme Court, there would be a decision by the end of 2005. That would be six to 10 months before construction is even finished."

## Public invited to 'world wisdom' lectures here

The public is invited to a series of free lectures in Newark given by University of Delaware Associate Professor Alan Fox.

This 10-week, Monday night series, that began Feb. 7, will address Vedic Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Hebrew, Christian and Islamic traditions.

There will be no lectures March 14 or March 21.

Snacks will be provided. Lectures are 7 to 9 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 420 Willa Rd.

For more information and a map visit [www.uufn.org](http://www.uufn.org) or call

368-2984.

The series includes:

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March 7 - Chinese Religions-Daoism (Taoism)

March 28 - Hebrew Tradition-Myths and Origins

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April 11 - Christian Tradition-Context

April 18 - Christian Tradition-Divergence from Judaism

April 25 - Islam and the People of the Book.

## Solid waste authority looking for sponsors

Delaware Solid Waste Authority continues to look for sponsors interested in hosting new Recycle Delaware centers.

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DSWA is extremely proud of the Recycle Delaware Program and the enthusiastic participation from Delaware residents.

DSWA feels it is crucial to provide a convenient and positive recycling experience for the residents.

The additional locations that

are made available to the public will help to accomplish this goal as well as make it easier for everyone to participate.

Rich Von Stetten, manager of Recycling, stated, "DSWA's success in recycling is attributed directly to the residents of Delaware. We certainly would appreciate any assistance that residents can provide in locating new recycling opportunities."

DSWA would like to thank Delaware residents for their participation and encourage them to continue in their recycling efforts, he said.

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## Alfonso Garbayo, MD, practiced 25 years

Retired Psychiatrist & Hispanic Community Leader Dr. Alfonso Garbayo, M.D., 76, of Newark, died on Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Christiana Hospital.

Born in Tudela, Spain on Jan. 11, 1929, Dr. Garbayo was the son of the late Julio Garbayo and Mercedes Abascal Garbayo.

He moved to the United States in 1956. He held a private practice for over 25 years.

He also offered his services at the Westside Mental Health Clinic in Wilmington. He was a longtime member of the Medical Society of Delaware.

He retired from active practice in 1996. He was a member of Holy Family parish in Newark.

He is survived by his wife, Maria M. Juarbe Garbayo; two

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Helen Stafford Koelig  
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Alice I. Miller  
Joseph Vincent Zucco

## Casimir J. Chiczewski, 86, WWII army veteran

NEWARK resident Casimir J. Chiczewski, 86, died at Christiana Hospital on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005.

Mr. Chiczewski was born in 1918 in Bayonne, N.J. He retired from the Getty Refinery as a general services operator after 37 years.

He was an army veteran of World War II and was a gunner of the 97th coast artillery,

serving in the Pacific.

He was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivor Association, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, and the Getty retirement group.

He is survived by his wife, Victoria; his son, Charles Jr., of Houston, Texas; his three daughters, Donna Baer, of Smyrna; Blanche Massey and Ann Wharton, both of

Newark; his brother, Stanley, of Bayonne, N.J.; and six grandchildren.

A Christian Burial was scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 15, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 345 Bear-Christiana Rd.

Burial was scheduled to be in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Bear.

sons, Alfonso E. Garbayo and his wife, Kathleen, of Middletown; and Julio Frederico Garbayo and his wife, Karen, of Leonardo, N.J.; six siblings, MariCarmen Escandon, of Deal, N.J.; Anna Mari Garbayo, of Belgium; and Maria Jose Garbayo, Maria Victoria Garbayo, Javier Garbayo and Juan Pedro Garbayo, all of Spain; six grandchildren, Evan, Alec, Trevor, Carly, Nikita and Ashley Garbayo; many nieces and nephews; and his best friend, Antonio Sacre and his wife, Mary, of Wilmington.

He was preceded in death by four siblings, Antonio Garbayo, Jos, Ignacio Garbayo, Rafael Garbayo and Maria Ines Garbayo.

A memorial mass was scheduled for Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Holy Family R.C. Church.

Interment was scheduled to be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 E. 33rd Street, Ste. 1100, New York, N.Y. 10016; or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

## Regina F. Christman

Newark resident Regina F. Christman, 81, formerly of North

Versailles, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005.

Survivors include daughters, Regina F. Bolga, of North Huntingdon, Pa.; Pat A. Werkmeister, of Newark; 3 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 5 brothers, Donald, Norman, Regis, Bernie and Lloyd Tamewitz; and nieces and nephews.

Visitation was scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Forgie-Snyder Funeral Home, 1032 Broadway, East McKeesport, Pa. 15035.

Funeral mass and interment was scheduled for Friday, Feb. 11.

## Catherine Lawson

Catherine M. Lawson, 64, of Newark, died on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005.

Mrs. Lawson was born Jan. 31, 1941 in the Panama Canal Zone, daughter of the late Rudolph F. and Dorothy L. Basta.

She worked as a licensed practical nurse and was a member of St. John-Holy Angels Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Richard I. Lawson; a son, R. Mike Lawson, of Newark and his fiancée, Danielle Martin, of Dover; and 2 daughters, Tish and Kelly Lawson, both of Newark. She is also survived by a sister,

Pat Persoleo, of Newark; and was preceded in death by her sister, "Honey" McGuckin.

Services were scheduled to be private at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Juvenile Diabetes Association, c/o R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, 122 W. Main St., Newark.

## Rafaela Pietronuto

Newark resident Rafaela A. Pietronuto, 49, died on Friday, Feb. 4, 2005.

Graveside service was scheduled for Friday, Feb. 11, in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna.

## Ruth Ann Barnes

Ruth Ann Barnes, 60, of Newark, died on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005.

Mrs. Barnes was born on April 2, 1944 in Bryson City, N.C. to Minnie Belle Cook and the late Pink Jesse Cook, Sr.

Along with her mother, she is survived by her husband of 23 years, James Verdon Barnes; five sons, Joseph Barnes, of Las Vegas, Nev.; James Barnes and wife Dorraine, of Middletown; Brian Keith Pinder, of Md.; Stacy Pinder and wife Jennifer,

of Newark; Shaun Barnes and wife Christine, of Newark; six grandchildren; four sisters, and two brothers.

A life celebration was scheduled for Monday, Feb. 14, 2005 to be followed by her funeral service at Beeson Memorial Services, Pulaski Hwy.

Interment was scheduled to follow in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Ruth's name may be made to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Rd., Wilmington, DE 19801.

## Stacy M. Connell

Stacy M. Sylvina Connell, 27, of Newark, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005 at the Christiana Hospital in Newark.

She was the wife of James R. Connell.

Born in Wilmington, she was the daughter of Michael A. and Suzanne Finnen Sylvina.

She was a graduate of Avon Grove High School and West Chester University and was employed by Endo Pharmaceutical Company in Chadds Ford.

Survivors include a brother, John Sylvina; a sister, Julie Sylvina; her maternal grandparents, William and Jane Finnen of West Grove; her paternal grandmother, Jeanne E. Sylvina of West Grove; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at the Assumption BVM Catholic Church, 300 State Road, West Grove. Interment was scheduled to be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Gift of Life Program, 401 North 3rd Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19123.

## Frances L. Arzinger

Frances L. Arzinger, 75, of Newark, died on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, of complications from Multiple Sclerosis.

She was born Aug. 31, 1929 in Irvington, N.J., the only child of Frank and Bridget (Frye) Giver.

She graduated from Lyndhurst (N.J.) High School and The Berkley School of East Orange, N.J.

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, she was a private secretary for Fieldcrest Mills, Union Carbide, and G.D. Searle & Co.

Since that time, she was a homemaker. She and her husband, Ray, were married during the hurricane of Nov. 25, 1950.

They moved to Texas in 1951. They moved to Delaware in 1955, where Ray would later become the vice president of Getty Refining and Marketing Company in Delaware City before retiring in 1983.

Her husband, Ray, died April 21, 2004.

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Raymond F. Arzinger and his wife, Pamela, of Wilmington; and two granddaughters, Katrina Arzinger and Stephanie Arzinger.

A Mass of Christian Burial was scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at Holy Angels R.C. Church, 82 Possum Park Rd.

Entombment was scheduled to follow in All Saints Cemetery, 6001 Kirkwood Hwy., Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Delaware Chapter, 2 Mill Rd., Ste. 106, Wilmington, 655-5610.

### Julia E. Bonner, nurse for 49 years

Newark resident Julia E. Bonner, 75, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005.

Mrs. Bonner was a graduate of the St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing and spent 49 years as a nurse at St. Francis, retiring in 1997.

She was a volunteer for the St. Clair Outreach Van and attended the Academy of Lifelong Learning.

She is survived by her children, Maureen Gonzalez, of Bermuda; Michael Bonner, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Sheila Sharbaugh, of Wilmington; and Kathy Gildea and Karen Duke, both of Middletown; her brothers, Martin Leonard, of Boston, Mass.; Edmund Leonard, of Falls Church, Va.; and Joseph Leonard of Bethany Beach; and her grandchildren, Brian, Clare and Michael Gonzalez, Beau and Devin Bonner, Matt and Kelly Sharbaugh, Mick and Zach Gildea and Hannah Duke.

She was predeceased by her husband, James Bonner, in 2000.

A Mass of Christian Burial was scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 16, at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church, 10 Old Church Rd., Greenville.

Burial was scheduled to be in the adjoining cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the St. Clair Outreach Van, PO Box 2500, Wilmington.

### Norma E. Hartman

Norma E. Hartman, 87, of Smyrna, formerly of Newark, died at Kent General Hospital on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005.

Mrs. Hartman retired as office manager in 1978 from Wilmington Suburban Water Company after 22 years of service.

She was a former member of the House of Praise Church in Elsmere. She was also a Tri-Chem member.

Her husband, Kenneth Hartman, predeceased her in 1977.

She is survived by her daughters Nancy C. Dwyer, Judy M. Schultz and her husband, John,

of Sun City Center, Fla.; and Kathy M. Clough and her husband, Herman, of Smyrna; her son, Jerry G. Myers, of Owings Mills, Md.; seven grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

Also surviving are two stepdaughters, Sandy Gast and Linda Clarke.

Visitation was scheduled to be held on Thursday, Feb. 17 at the Mealey Funeral Home, Limestone and Milltown Roads, Wilmington.

Interment was scheduled to take place on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 11 a.m. in Silverbrook Cemetery in Niles, MI.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Kent General Hospital Building Fund, 640 S. State Street, Dover, 19901; or to the Alzheimer's Association, 2306 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, 19805.

### Helen S. Koelig, 89, operated Stafford's Market in Newark

Newark resident Helen Stafford Koelig, 89, died on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at her home.

Daughter of the late William and Anna Register, Mrs. Koelig was born on Aug. 21, 1915 in Newark.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Allen Stafford, in 1981. Together, they owned and operated the former Stafford's Market on South College Avenue in Newark for 19 years.

Her second husband, Oliver Koelig, died in 1991.

She was an active member of the Newark United Methodist Church. Beyond her church activities, Mrs. Koelig had been a member and officer of the Newark Soroptimist Club.

She also held the position of treasurer on the board for Housing for Senior Citizens.

She is survived by three children, Marilyn Neaves, of Newark; Roy Stafford, of Newark, and Joseph Stafford, of Greenwich, Conn.; five grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

A funeral service was scheduled to be held on Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main Street.

Interment was scheduled to be private in Newark Methodist Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main Street, Newark, 19711.

### Everett T. Meredith

Newark resident Everett Thomas Meredith, 79, formerly of Maplewood, N.J., died on Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Meredith was born in Fairmont, Md. on Oct. 29, 1925, son of the late Everett Wesley Meredith and Margaret Jones Meredith.

A tool and die maker by profession, he worked for Wallace and Tiernan, makers of scientific and industrial gauges, in Belleville, N.J., until his retirement in 1983.

He was very active in St. George's Episcopal Church in Maplewood, N.J. and after moving to Delaware, joined St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Newark.

He was also greatly involved with Boy Scouts of America, both in N.J. and in the local Del-Mar-Va Council.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Williams Meredith; two sons, Walter E. Meredith and his wife, Adele, of Newark; and George T. Meredith and his wife, Jennifer, of New Castle; four grandchildren, Michael Meredith, Crystal Meredith, Kelsey Meredith and Wesley Meredith; a brother, Martin Meredith, of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; a sister, Janice Pennstrom, of Florence, SC; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was scheduled to be held on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 10 Old Newark Road.

Interment will follow in Gracelawn Memorial Park, 2220 N. DuPont Parkway, New Castle.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Nicholas Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, 10 Old Newark Road; or to the Del-Mar-Va Council, BSA, 801 N. Washington St., Wilmington, DE 19801

### Alice I. Miller

Alice I. Miller, 88, of Newark, died on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005.

Mrs. Miller was born in Coatesville, Pa. to the late George F. and Roberta Dunlap. She was a member of the Cornerstone United Methodist Church, and she was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother.

Her husband, George Russell Miller, Sr., passed away March 25, 1997.

Alice is survived by her daughter, Janice M. Bonsall and her husband, Roland; and her son, G. Russell Miller, Jr. and his wife, Linda, of Coatesville, Pa.; three brothers, George F. Jr., C. Ira and J. Gordon Dunlap, all of Wagontown, Pa.; six grandchildren, Russell and Richard Miller, Deborah deCento, David, Dennis and Douglas Bonsall; 18 great grandchildren; and seven great-great grandchildren.

A Life Celebration was scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, and for Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, at Beeson Memorial Services.

Her funeral service was scheduled to follow on Thursday at the funeral home. Interment was scheduled to be held in Fairview Cemetery in Coatesville, Pa.

Memorial contributions in Alice's name may be made to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810.

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by Perez, and Flores, both from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Police reported that the driver did not have a license in his possession and the two persons made inconsistent statements to the trooper that aroused his suspicion of illegal activity.

Police said a state police drug detection canine that was in the area was called to the scene of the traffic stop. Troopers said the operator gave the troopers con-

sent to search the vehicle and the K-9 made what police described as "an aggressive alert for the presence of drugs" in the trunk.

A search of the trunk yielded 31 pounds of marijuana that was packaged in 31 clear plastic bags and concealed inside of two black garbage bags, police said.

The seized marijuana has a street value of more than \$26,000, troopers said.

The two suspects were charged with trafficking in marijuana, possession with the intent to deliver marijuana, maintaining a vehicle

for drugs and conspiracy. Both were committed to the Young Correctional Institution in default of \$19,000 cash bond, police said.

**Disorderly arrest**

Newark police were called to the sidewalk outside Klondike Kate's, 158 E. Main St., on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 12:24 a.m. Officers reported they found a large, disorderly crowd, which they ordered to disperse.

One man, who earlier had been

removed from Kate's, employees told police, failed to leave the area, attempted to re-enter the restaurant, and began yelling, police said.

Gary Robert Reinhart Jr., 24, of Bear, was charged with disorderly conduct and released pending a court appearance, police reported.

In a separate incident, police reported at 12:05 a.m., two men, 21 and 22, told Newark police that they had been assaulted by another restaurant patron. No immediate arrest was made.

**Turned away**

After being denied entry into a party at a home in the 100 block Wilbur Street on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 12:55 a.m., the rejected visitor hurled a rock through a front window, breaking two panes of glass, Newark police said.

Damage was estimated to be \$300.

**Vehicles hit**

Newark police reported that thieves and vandals targeted a number of vehicles here recently. Some of the reports include:

**17 Park Dr.**, on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 6:15 a.m., prescription drugs and eight compact discs stolen from a 2005 Dodge Magnum. Police reported there were no signs of forced entry;

**120 Wilbur St.**, on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 12:58 a.m., two large dents discovered on a 2002 Hyundai Sonata;

**Library Avenue north of Farm Lane**, on Friday, Feb. 11, at 7:21 p.m., unknown object hurled at a Toyota Camry as it was moving;

**329 E. Main St.**, on Friday, Feb. 11, at 5:15 p.m., rear window of 2005 Honda Civic shattered;

**3108 Scholar Dr., University Courtyard apartments**, on Friday, Feb. 11, at 3:30 p.m., beer bottle used to damage a 1998 Infiniti; and

**1102 Wharton Dr.**, on Friday, Feb. 11, at 12:09 p.m., CD player, amplifier, equalizer and subwoofers removed from a Dodge Neon. There were no signs of forced entry, police said.

**Alcohol, noise law violations listed**

Officers of the Newark Police Department have continued stepped-up enforcement of alcohol-related and noise laws here as the spring semester at the University of Delaware enters its third week.

Some of the recent arrests include:

**Michael Brendan Loftus**, 20, of Kennett Square, Pa., underage consumption of alcohol, driving the wrong way on a one-way street and driving under the influence of alcohol, on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 2:20 a.m., after police observed a blue Ford F150 driving the wrong way on McKees Lane;

**Jacob Lee Kamen**, 22, of Jenkintown, Pa., noise violation, on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 1:40 a.m., at 3104 Woolen Way;

**Amanda C. Savage**, 22, of Wilmington noise violation, on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 12:35 a.m., at 129 S. Chapel St.;

**Alexander Frederick Smith**, 20, of Timonium, Md., underage consumption of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol, and disregarding a stop sign, on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 12:07 a.m., on South Chapel Street at Wyoming Road, after a Newark officer working Drunk Driver Interdiction Patrol saw a SUV roll through a stop sign;

**Zachary William Sansone**, 19, of Port Jefferson, N.Y. underage consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 12:23 a.m., at 306 E. Park Place;

**Rachid Stoury**, 21, of Upper Darby, Pa., possession of an open container of alcohol, on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 12:25 a.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave., Ivy Hall apartments;

**Jill Agnes McKenna**, 20, of West Chester, N.Y., underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 2 a.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave.;

**Evan Yablonsky**, 22, of Upper Montclair, N.J., noise violation, on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 1:25 a.m., after police dispersed a gathering of 60 to 80 persons;

**Curtis Mitchell Fournier**, 21, of North Hampton, N.H., noise violation, on Saturday, Feb. 12, 12:55 a.m., at 202 E. Park Place;

**Chelsay Ferguson Pernic**, 20, of Wilmington, noise violation, and **Rebecca Robinson Neaton**, 19, of Dover, noise violation, on Friday, Feb. 11, at 9:22 p.m., at 1009 Wharton Dr., Pinebrook apartments; and

**Ross David Tesoriero**, 20, of Greenvale, N.Y., underage consumption of alcohol, on Thursday, Feb. 10, at 11:03 p.m., at 65 W. Delaware Ave.

Police said all were released pending court appearances.

**Shotgun blasts lead to drug arrests**

New Castle County Police arrested two Newark men after officers learned more than 40 marijuana plants were growing in the basement of a home.

Police reported that on Sunday, Feb. 13, officers went to a home in the unit block of Jefferson Boulevard after receiving a report that a shooting had just occurred. When police arrived, they discovered two cars that had damage caused by several gun shots. The officers found a home had been shot as well, police said.

The officers attempted to contact the residents, who were believed to be inside the home, but no one answered the door.

After speaking with neighbors, who also believed the home

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## No arrest in shooting

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was occupied, the officers repeatedly phoned the residence and received no answer. As a last resort, the officers kicked in the front door to see if anyone inside may have been injured or killed from the gunfire.

Inside the home, officers found two men, unharmed, and what police described as a clandestine marijuana lab in the basement. Officers obtained a search warrant for the residence and detectives seized 45 individual marijuana plants that were growing underneath fluorescent lamps, 79 additional grams of the drug, a stolen handgun and \$5,419 in cash.

Police have charged the resident, Jason Guerri, with possession with the intent to deliver, manufacturing marijuana, maintaining a vehicle for keeping a controlled substance, maintaining a dwelling for keeping a controlled substance, conspiracy, possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of possession of a non narcotic. Guerri has been arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Prison after failing to post \$9,000 secured bail.

Raymond White was charged with possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, manufacturing marijuana, receiving a stolen firearm, maintaining a dwelling for keeping a controlled substance, conspiracy and possession of a non-narcotic. He has been arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Prison after failing to post a \$24,500 secured bail.

No arrests have been made in the shooting investigation, police said.

### Teens arrested at disorderly party

New Castle County Police arrested four teenagers for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and drug violations after officers broke up a large, disorderly party on Friday, Feb. 11.

County police went to the Prides Court Apartments to assist an officer who had received information regarding a large, disorderly party.

When officers arrived, they discovered approximately 25 to 30 people packed into a small apartment. Many of the occupants were high school-age students who were in the presence of alcohol and marijuana, police said.

Officers reported that the crowd of partygoers became extremely disorderly as additional officers were summoned to assist with the combative crowd. Four individuals were arrested after they pushed and spit on the officers during the party's end.

Police have arrested Bertram

Hodges, a 19-year-old male who resides at the party's location. He has been charged with offensive touching, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and menacing.

A 16-year-old was arrested and charged with three counts of offensive touching, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

A 17-year-old female who resides in New Castle was arrested and charged with three counts of terroristic threatening for threatening to shoot the officers, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and offensive touching.

A 14-year-old female was also arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and menacing.

### Newark man arrested on drug charges

On Feb. 14, Newark resident James C. Colmery was arrested at his Newark home for a list of drug-related charges.

Members of the Newark Police Department Special Investigations Unit executed a search warrant at the home on Chaucer Drive Monday. The warrant was the result of what police described as an extensive investigation into the distribution of marijuana in the Newark area.

As officers entered the residence, Colmery attempted to flee via a bathroom window, police said. He was apprehended in the back yard of the residence. A search yielded approximately 1,487 grams of marijuana and over \$4,600 in cash.

Colmery was charged with possession with intent to deliver a schedule I non-narcotic, maintaining a dwelling for keeping controlled substances, drugs not in original container, possession of a non-narcotic schedule I controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest, possession of a non-narcotic schedule I controlled substance and possession of a schedule IV controlled substance.

He was committed to the Young Correction Institution in lieu of \$18,000 cash bond.

Kelley Coleman was also charged with maintaining a vehicle for keeping controlled substances, possession of a schedule I non-narcotic within 1000 feet of a school, possession of a schedule I non-narcotic and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released on an unsecured bond, police said.

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### GRADUATION LAST WEEK IN DOVER

## Class grads head to Newark

**D**YLAN K. Wiggins and Mark DiFrancesco are the two newest members of the Newark Police Department.

They completed police training along with 30 new state and 21 municipal officers on Thursday, Feb. 10.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Delaware State

Police and 62<sup>nd</sup> Municipal Recruit Class graduation ceremony was held at Delaware State University, Education Humanities Building in Dover.

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Police Acting Superintendent Lieutenant Colonel Thomas F. MacLeish, and Attorney General M. Jane Brady, addressed the class.

The keynote speaker was United States Attorney for the District of Delaware Colm F. Connelly.

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County Executive Chris Coons and the new members of County Council invite you to participate in a "Listening Campaign" taking place in these Council districts. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet and speak with the County Executive, the Council President, and your new Councilperson. Please consult the schedule below for the date and location of the meeting in your district. Take an active role in county government by planning to attend the session in your area.

### Listening Campaign Schedule

All meetings begin at 5:30 PM

Join County Executive Chris Coons  
and Council President Paul Clark on:

February 14 <sup>th</sup>	with 7 <sup>th</sup> District Councilman <b>George Smiley</b> at the Bear Library
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	with 10 <sup>th</sup> District Councilman <b>Jea P. Street</b> at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	with 12 <sup>th</sup> District Councilman <b>Bill Bell</b> at the Delaware City Fire Hall
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	with 9 <sup>th</sup> District Councilman <b>Timothy Sheldon</b> at Shue Middle School
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	with 11 <sup>th</sup> District Councilman <b>David L. Tackett</b> at the Glasgow High School.
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	with 1 <sup>st</sup> District Councilman <b>Joseph Reda</b> at the Cranston Heights Fire Hall

Watch for future **Listening Sessions** scheduled in your district.



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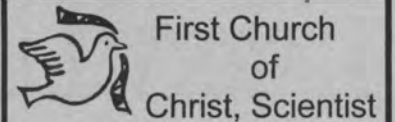
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# GUEST READERS CELEBRATE I LOVE TO READ MONTH

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

“**K**ERCHOO,” the governor sneezed, not just once but several times.

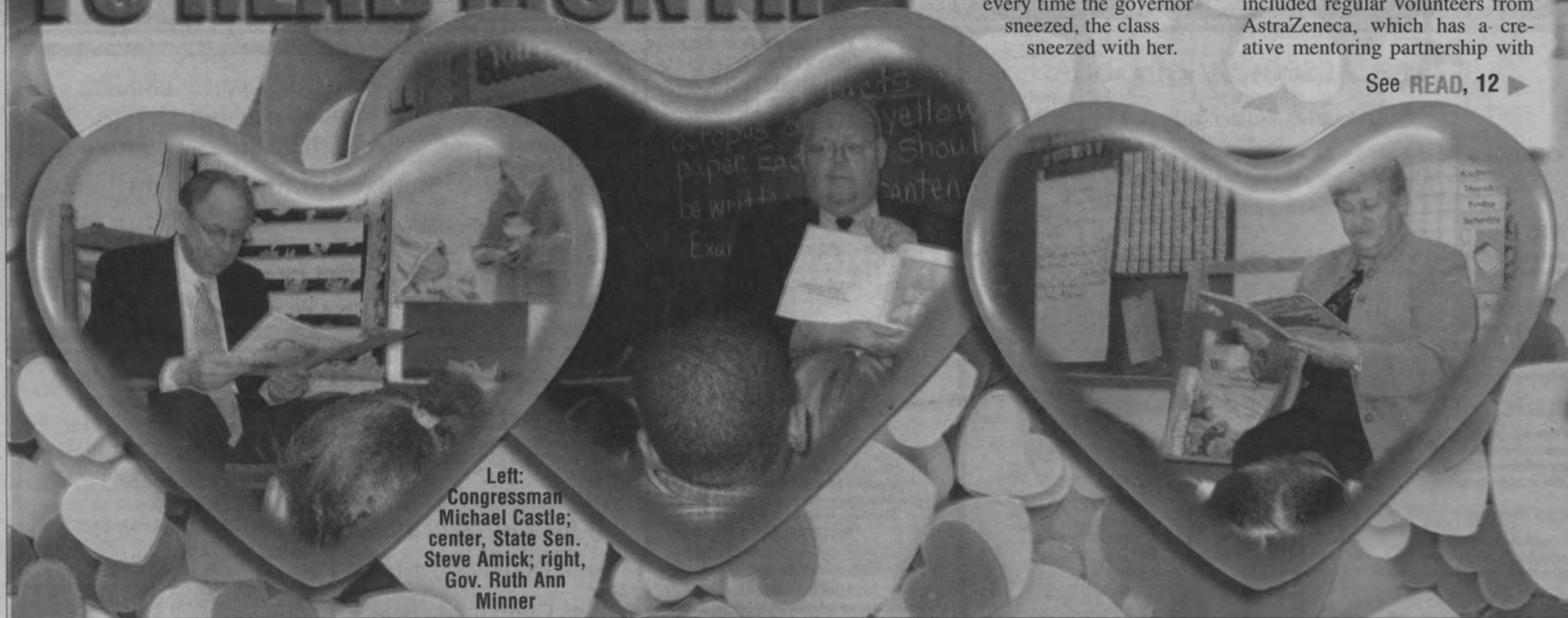
Gov. Ruth Ann Minner was reading one of her favorite books to the first grade class at Marshall Elementary School about Robert, the horse who had an allergy to roses. And every time the governor sneezed, the class sneezed with her.

Gov. Minner was among more than 30 guest readers at Marshall on Wednesday, Feb. 9 for the school’s kick-off to I Love to Read month.

With a special emphasis on reading during the month of February, many local schools have invited dignitaries, administrators, community leaders, volunteers and family members to read their favorite books in the classrooms.

At Marshall the guest readers included regular volunteers from AstraZeneca, which has a creative mentoring partnership with

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Left: Congressman Michael Castle; center, State Sen. Steve Amick; right, Gov. Ruth Ann Minner

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## Bigger, more modern, more upscale Taurus with benefits

By **RICHARD RUSSELL**  
FOR WHEELBASE COMMUNICATIONS

**T**he Five Hundred is the new face of Ford family transportation, but just the tip of company's fast-moving automotive iceberg.

Yes, your local Ford store will be a happening place by the end of the year as almost every car there will be either brand new or heavily revised. Ford is calling 2004, its 100th anniversary, "the year of the car", during which time it will unveil a brand new family sedan, a new wagon, an all-new Mustang platform and a heavily revised entry-level Focus.

The most significant of these in many ways is the front-/all-wheel-drive 2005 Ford Five Hundred sedan, a car that Ford hopes will re-invent the family hauler when it arrives this fall alongside a wagon sibling called Freestyle. As the company's flagship sedan, and an indication of future design direction, the Five Hundred will carry significant burden on its four rubber contact patches, especially after the Taurus's eventual phase-out.

With a tall and blocky physique, a big part of the design goal was to maximize interior passenger and cargo space. Key is the 'H' point, the pivot point of the human hip. In the Five Hundred, occupants sit as much as four inches higher off the floor than in traditional mid-size cars. The vertical distance between the 'H' point and the heel point — where the foot rests on the floor — has been raised to 12.7 inches, which not only improves comfort, but provides better visibility.

At 128 cubic feet, the Five Hundred offers 25 cubic feet more room inside than the Taurus and 17 more than the Crown Victoria with notable improvements in rear legroom (but slightly less front legroom) over both. The trunk offers a whopping 21 cubic feet of room, more than even the Crown Vic.

Make no mistake, The Five Hundred is a big car. Outwardly sized between the Taurus and the Crown Vic, the wheelbase measures 113 inches (close to that of the Crown Vic), which tips you off as to where all that interior space comes from.

It's also a heavier car, weighing about 300 pounds more than a similarly equipped Taurus. Lugging around the extra 10 per cent in weight, however, is a revised version of the of the double-overhead-cam 3.0-liter Duratec unit that's used in the Taurus. It's rated at just 200-horsepower.

However, the Five Hundred will receive significant

upgrades in the remainder of the drivetrain — including available all-wheel-drive — with two all-new transmissions.

Front-drive variants will get a six-speed automatic, while all-wheel-drive versions will come with a continuously variable transmission (optional on front-drive models). The all-wheel-drive system is a proven Volvo design (Volvo falls under the Ford umbrella).

To complement the fully independent suspension, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock and standard traction control, the 'base' Five Hundred SE will ride on 17-inch wheels and tires while the SEL and Limited will come with 18s.

Even the SE comes fully equipped including a six-way power-adjustable driver's seat, tilt wheel, cruise, power folding mirrors, remote keyless entry, air and power windows.

You'll also find distinctly upscale appointments with heavy emphasis on texture and tone. Interior surface treatments range from smooth metal to soft-touch plastics, wood accents and carbon-fiber-look materials on some models.

Making the most of the expertise and testing facilities of its wholly-owned Volvo subsidiary, Ford engineers say they have developed a complete safety package that ranges from a new energy channeling frame and body structure, to leading-edge side-impact and roll-over airbag protection.

But the Five Hundred and its features shouldn't really come as a surprise to anyone.

Ford has a history breaking new ground, from the Model T early in the last century to the then-radical Taurus in 1986. The company appears set to equal those performances with a big new package firmly planted on a new architecture and in its 100-year-deep roots in automaking.



Taller, wider and offering more wheelbase than a Taurus, the new Ford Five Hundred will also have more standard equipment and optional all-wheel drive.

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# President's Day SAVINGS



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Rebate - \$1,000

Auto Show - \$500

Discount - \$704

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## 2005 Chevy Malibu

#25C190, Auto, 4Dr, AC and More

MSRP - \$20,330

Rebate - \$2,000

Bonus - \$1,000

Auto Show - \$500

Discount - \$1,367

SALE...\$15,463

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## 2005 Chevy Equinox

#25T648, AWD, and More

MSRP - \$25,970

Rebate - \$1,000

Auto Show - \$500

Discount - \$1,608

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## 2005 Chevy Tahoe LT

#25T301, 4x4, Loaded, Lthr, XM

MSRP - \$45,720

Rebate - \$3,000

Bonus - \$2,000

Auto Show - \$500

Discount - \$5,209

SALE...\$35,511

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## 2005 Chevy Silverado

#B25T434, Crew Cab, 2500 HD

Diesel, Loaded and More

MSRP - \$43,365

Rebate - \$1,000

Bonus - \$1,500

Auto Show - \$500

Discount - \$4,983

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MSRP - \$21,045

Rebate - \$2,000

Bonus - \$1,000

Auto Show - \$500

Discount - \$1,671

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Koiphia Brown PETITIONER(S)

TO Kasaiphia Brown NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Koiphia Brown 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 Kasaiphia Brown.

Sharon Brown-James  
Petitioner

DATED: 2/4/05  
np 2/11,18,25

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF Ebony S. White PETITIONER(S)

TO Ebony S. Glover NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ebony S. White 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 Ebony S. Glover.

Angela Glover  
Petitioner

DATED: 2/2/05  
np 2/11,18,25

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Public Hearing Notice**  
The Delaware Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner

The Commissioner will hold a Public Protest Hearing on February 24, 2005 at the Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Wilmington, DE 19801. This hearing is being held for the purpose of reviewing the protested applications of: #1 American Dining Corporation T/A Shaggy's, 45 East Main Street, Newark, Delaware. This applicant is requesting a restaurant liquor license that includes Sunday sales and a patio permit. **Time: 5:00 PM**  
np 2/4,11

**CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

February 28, 2005-7:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 402.2 of the City Charter and Section 32-79 of the Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, notice is hereby given of a public hearing at a regular meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Road, Newark, Delaware, on Monday, February 28, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., at which time the Council will consider for Final Action and Passage the following proposed Ordinance:

**Bill No. 05-2 - Ordinance Annexing and Zoning to RH (Single-Family, Detached) Properties Located at 1003, 1004 & 1005 Lakeside Drive and the Adjoining .6729 Acre Lakeside Drive (R/W)**

Susan A. Lamblack, MMC  
City Secretary

np 2/4,18

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public auction on 3/25/05 at 2:00 p.m. at:

**PUBLIC STORAGE 201 BELLEVUE RD. NEWARK, DE 19713**

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C049 - Masheba Jennings - big screen, bench, 2 chairs, curio cabinet, 50 boxes  
C052 - Anna Hughes - sofa, dresser, trunk, totes, clothing  
E095 - John Voytilla - axes & blade, 3 trunks, 12 boxes, tools  
np 2/18,25

## LEGAL NOTICE

Summons Docket No.: NN-2552-04  
Family Unit #: 7353

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO THE RESPONDENT, Lawrence Mills

A Petition under Article 10 of the Family Court Act have been filed with this Court, and YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this Court at 175 Arsenal Street, 5th Floor, Watertown, New York, on **March 17, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.** in the afternoon of that day. You have the right to appear and participate in this proceeding as an interested party for the purpose of seeking temporary/permanent custody/visitation of your child(ren) and enforcing any visitation rights you may have by reason of a prior order of a court or written agreement. You have the right to be represented by a lawyer. If you cannot afford a private lawyer, you have the right to ask the Court to assign a lawyer.

Dated: January 25, 2005

Tanice Gebo, Clerk of the Court  
Jefferson County Family Court  
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np 2/4,11,18,25

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Good Shot Bar Inc. has on February 8, 2005 applied with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner for a transfer and change of classification from a restaurant to a taproom which permits the sales, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premise where sold located at 105 Kirkwood Square Wilmington. 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 this application, the Commissioner must receive one or more 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 protests must be filed with the Alcoholic Beverage control Commissioners office on or before March 10, 2005. Failure to file such 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 Commissioners Office.  
np 2/11,18,25

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The appeal of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Epsilon Rho Chapter, 153 Courtney Street, from a decision of the Director of Building to evict the members of said fraternity pursuant to Section 32-51 (b) of the Newark Zoning Code. The University of Delaware has suspended appellant until 2009 as a result of certain University disciplinary proceedings. Section 32-51(b) requires that the members of a fraternity or sorority suspended for in excess of one year shall vacate the premises and the permitted fraternity or sorority use at such location shall cease.

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

Clayton S. Foster  
Chairman

np 2/18

## PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at Public Auction on 3/25/05 at 12:00 p.m. at:

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B028 - Bernadette Stewart - boxspring & mattress, 10+ boxes, clothing, electronics, misc. furniture

B020 - Steve Butler - boxes, assorted car parts, car bumper, 2 tires

F068 - Diane Hoffman - misc. household items, bed frame, couch, boxes, table, bike, chairs

F145 - Robert Crothers - TV, totes, vacuum, microwave

G004 - Kimberly Green - TV, misc. household items, boxes

C176 - Ikisha Crawford - table, entertainment center, chairs, dresser, headboard, misc. household items

C063 - Ebony Roots - loveseat, nightstand, table, misc. household items

F063 - Moira Washington - dresser, fan, misc. items, boxes, bags

E055 - Victoria Andreachio - sofa bed, speakers, desk, 12 boxes

D051 - Michael Rivers - bedroom set, sofa bed, bed frames, lamp, computer desk

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**Bill No. 05-3** - An Ordinance Amending Ch. 20, Motor Vehicle & Traffic, by Adding a New Subsection to Establish a Traffic Light Signal Violation Monitoring Program

**Bill No. 05-4** - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Peddlers, Vendors, and Solicitors, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, by Revising the Vending Regulations on Sidewalks

**Bill No. 05-5** - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Motor Vehicles & Traffic, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Designating Various Stop Sign Locations in the Subdivision Known as Woods at Louviers

**Bill No. 05-6** - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Motor Vehicles & Traffic, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Establishing a No Left Turn from the University of Delaware Center for the Arts Garage onto Elkton Road

Susan A. Lamblack, MMC  
City Secretary

np 2/18,25

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public auction, on 03/25/05 at 3801 Dupont Parkway, New Castle, DE 19720 at 1:00 p.m., the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

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A132 - Bernette Congo - 5 bags, 8 boxes, lamp, portable TV, 3 totes

A207 - Troy Heyward, Sr. - mattress, sofa, dresser, microwave, stereo

B322 - Berry Pitts - dresser, chest, hutch/base, 50 boxes, misc. items

B337 - Lakisha Bloodsworth - mattress, chair, sofa, entertainment center, 1 tote

B347 - Shantai Terry - 20 boxes, computer, microwave

B434 - Janice Stevens - boxes, bags, carpet, desk, misc. household

C501 - Lawrence Peterson - bed frame, 7 boxes, monitor, coffee table, TV

C641 - Roger Miller - 6 boxes, toys

D700 - Shevawn Thomas - bedding, tables, microwave, boxes

D710 - Howard Porter - 3 boxes, chair, table, vacuum, 3 totes

D718 - Iris Diaz - boxes, dresser, totes

D731 - Kimberly Cooper - bags, mattress, boxes, sofa, dresser, pictures, mirrors, entertainment ctr., TV

D800 - Michelle Terry - baby crib, dresser, chair

D806 - Carla Hopes - boxes, totes, misc. household

E1011 - Michael Johnson - boxes, computer, sofa, dresser, table

E1014 - Elizabeth Cooke - mattress, chair, sofa, fan, lamp, vacuum

E1024 - Casandra Norton - dresser, chair, misc. bags

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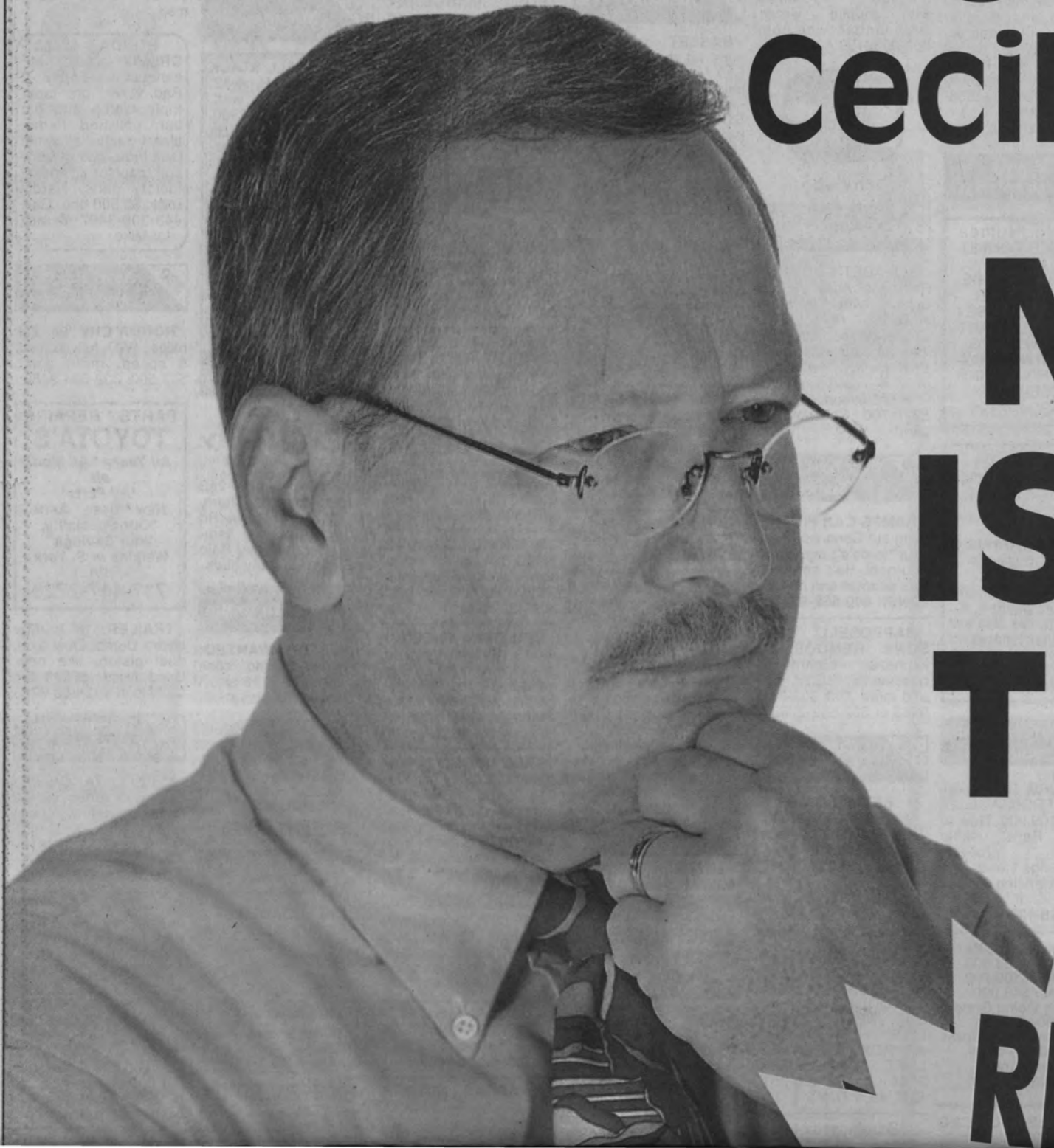
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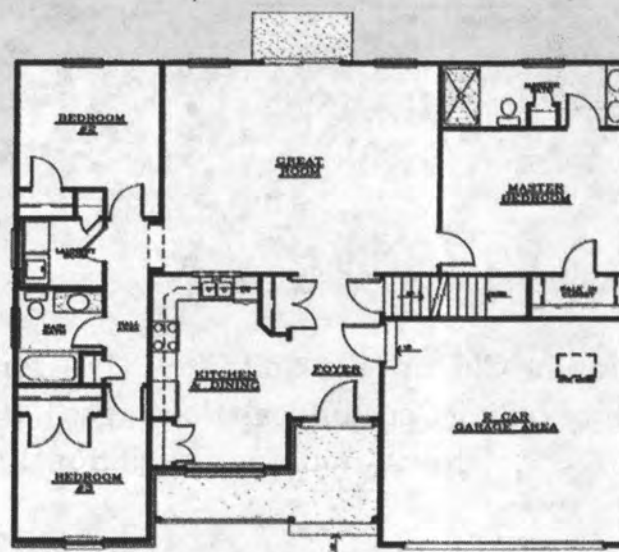
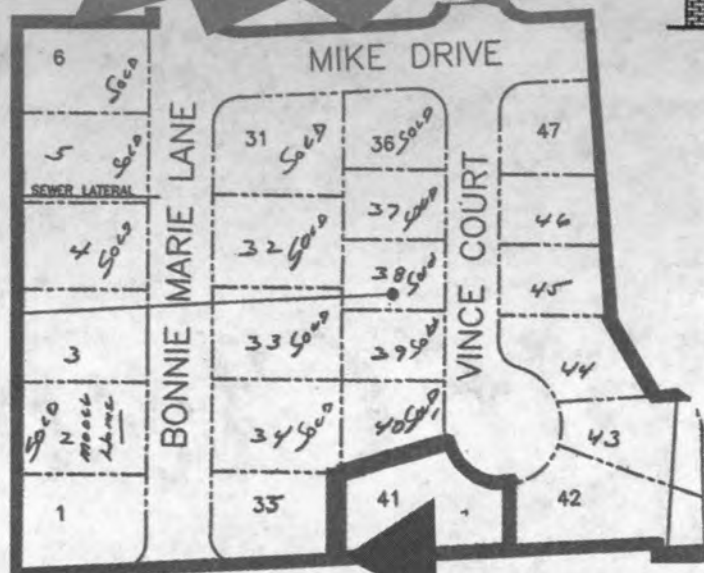
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# Try to include universal design in remodeling plans

By David Bradley  
AP Weekly Features

With the U.S. population graying, why are so many homes so unfriendly to older homeowners?

Constant trudging up and down stairs, forced stooping to retrieve pots and pans, slippery bathtubs and dimly lit rooms are but a few of the issues older homeowners deal with on a repetitive basis.

But there are encouraging signs of the continued emergence of a design approach called universal design or UD. Universal design holds that homes and many home products ought to be designed for ease of use. With many seniors insistent on remaining in their home as long as possible, the notion of universal design and accessibility takes on added significance.

Many home designers and product makers are well down the path to universal design adherence. But the movement still has far to go to be considered mainstream by most homeowners. In fact, universal design is seen in commercial buildings to a far greater degree than is found in most homes.

This is especially true when it comes to room makeovers. While

designers are particularly keen to meld in UD themes in new construction, most homeowners don't give ease of use and movement a second thought when planning improvements.

Typical improvements associated

*... many experts now say universal design is simply a better and more thoughtful way of designing for all ages.*

with universal design include low (or no) thresholds between rooms, handrails in hallways, baths and shower stalls, elevated kitchen counters with cutouts to bring sinks closer, and transition from knobs to levers that open with a nudge rather than a twist. Yet those are the most visible of changes. Universal design has many subtler aspects, too.

So what's a homeowner to do?

First, brush up on universal design. Some resources include the Center for Universal Design at North Carolina State University ([www.design.ncsu.edu/cud](http://www.design.ncsu.edu/cud)) and Kansas State University's department of apparel, textiles and interior design at [www.ksu.edu/humec/atid/UDF](http://www.ksu.edu/humec/atid/UDF).

Next, examine your own living situation as you undertake a remodeling or makeover project.

Does anyone in the household have back, leg or arm pains that inhibit movement? Are stairs a hurdle rather than a help? Is your storage accessible

hands better than ever before.

Yet universal design doesn't necessarily mean higher cost in renovations, nor does it mean giving up fine esthetic design in favor of functionality. Many manufacturers routinely incorporate these concepts into their products.

It's a good idea to traipse through home stores to look at varied products inspired by universal design. You'll be surprised at the everyday products that are easier to grip, walk on, lift, push or pull and open.

If you won't personally do the work on your project, make sure to communicate your accessibility needs clearly to your architect, interior designer and contractors.

As you select professionals to help you from the design stage on through construction, ask about their experience in universal design. Some interested bidders may use the novel approaches of universal design as an excuse to charge more, but savvy homeowners should resist the impulse to pay more.

And adult children who care for aging parents from afar should consider a universal design-oriented review of the parents' home during their next visit.

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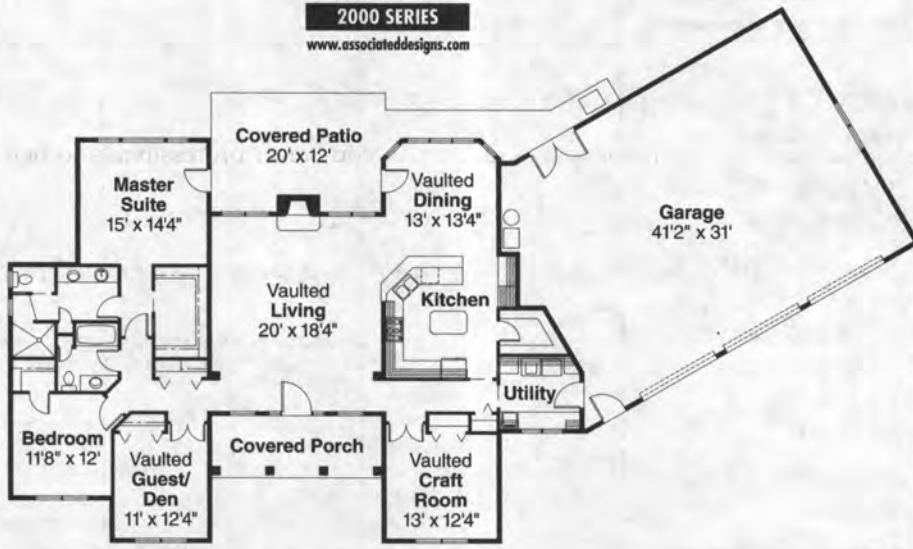
# Burnham

A vaulted living room is at the core of the Burnham, a ranch-style home with a neoclassical flavor.

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windows flank the door, creating a foyer awash with light.

From the foyer, you can step directly into the vaulted living room, or follow hallways to the right or left. A large gas fireplace serves as a central focal point in the living room. Wide windows fill most of the wall on both sides of the fireplace.

Bay windows expand the large vaulted dining room, which is linked to the living room and totally open to the kitchen. A long, raised, wraparound eating bar defines the kitchen, and makes a great place for doing homework, snacking, or chatting with whoever is working in the kitchen.

Other kitchen amenities include a large work island and an extra-large walk-in pantry. The nearby utility room is also above average in size, and has a built-in utility sink. This pass-through space provides direct access to the deep three-car garage, plus a window-bright folding area that makes an ideal location

for a sewing machine.

High, arched windows grace the front rooms to the right and left of the front door. These vaulted rooms could be bedrooms, a home office, craft room, guest room, study, or you-name-it. The choice is yours. Another bedroom is to the left, along with a good-sized bathroom.

The Burnham's master suite boasts a huge walk-in closet and direct patio access, plus a luxurious private bathroom. Features here include dual vanity, private toilet and walk-in shower.

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## Garden advice

By Dean Fosdick, Associated Press



# Birdsong provides the perfect accompaniment for gardeners

Many gardeners like having a radio for company while they weed and seed or putter. Others wear headsets as they do their yard work. A growing number, however, are tuning in to birdsong.

And for good reason.

The programming comes commercial-free and the songs, calls and whistles are performed by some of the finest soloists in nature.

Composers and poets have tried capturing the melody and meter of birdsong. There's Vivaldi in "The Four Seasons," Beethoven with "Pastoral Symphony," and Stravinsky's "The Nightingale," among others. For birdsong in poetry, read Shelley or Keats.

To the practiced ear, there is birdsong and there are birdcalls. Scientists say they differ.

"Birdsong is what people may typically hear — longer vocalizations used in courtship and territoriality," says Greg Budney, curator of the audio collection at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Macaulay Library in Ithaca, N.Y. "Calls are vocalizations that parents might make to communicate with juveniles. There also are the intimate calls adults give one another as they make an exchange at their nest. A flush call would be the squawk of a great blue heron if you surprise one near a swamp."

Deer hunters who try making themselves invisible to their prey from tree stands know all about alarm calls. Blue jays, for example, serve as one of the best early warning systems in the forest, delivering a series of piercing shrieks whenever they come across something or someone that doesn't belong.

"That's different from their normal sounds," Budney says. "And it's understood by many species other than blue jays. It tells them there's trouble in the area."

Cornell University has gathered what is reputed to be the world's largest collection of wildlife sounds, with about 165,000 individual recordings.

Some 6,700 species of birds are included in the audio mix along with another thousand amphibians, "singing insects" and mammals.

That makes Budney, who helps oversee the university's collection, a good person to ask just why it is that birds sing.

"It's much more sophisticated than we imagine on the surface," he says. "We tend to imagine a bird on a branch spilling forth all these sounds, willing to be heard. But there's a message in all this: One bird may be telling another 'this territory is occupied. Don't come in here unless you want a confrontation.'"

Battles between birds of the same species often are acoustic. "They're assessing one another's strengths by the way they sing — the size of their repertoire."

Mating is involved, too. "Females lis-

tening in are trying to obtain the best quality resources for raising their young," Budney says. "One more song in a male's arsenal can be indicative of better genetics."

It's one thing to identify birds by sight; it's quite another to ID them by sound. That takes familiarization.

"By learning the bird sounds, you kind of force yourself to become a field ecologist in a lot of ways," says Dave Sumpter, executive director of PEER Inc., a non-profit environmental research firm in Tampa, Fla.

"If you're a gardener and that's the perspective you want to use for your birding, study your pocket guides," Sumpter says. "Spend a little time up front learning what species frequent your area."

In remarks prepared for a recent Florida Birding & Nature Festival in St.



Petersburg, Sumpter suggested that people start small if they're new to birding by ear. "Concentrate on the most difficult-to-see birds," Sumpter says. That could mean warblers and vireos that prefer perching high in the tree canopy. That also might mean marsh birds like rails, adept at hiding in reeds and rushes.

Meadow birds like bobolinks, sparrows and meadowlarks also qualify because they like hunkering down in brush piles and tangles. You can make the sorting job easier by familiarizing yourself with birds according to their range and seasons, habitat preferences, the time they feed and their structural distribution.

A variety of aids are available to help match the sound with the bird. That includes audio CDs, hand-held identifiers that play back the sounds certain birds make, and books. You might also seek out other, more experienced birders and take nature walks.

Stop, look and listen while you garden or during meanders around your neighborhood.

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