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UP FRONT

Bell ringing

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE holidays bring out the best and worst in people, not that the ugly American doesn't surface frequently throughout the year.

Two weeks ago, I joined fellow Rotarians to ring the Salvation Army bell outside the Sears

Hardware store in College Square. I've volunteered for this duty a number of years because it gives me a sense of doing something good at holiday time.



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There's another motivator: ringing the bell offers me the rare opportunity to stand and shoot the breeze with Rotary friends that busy Thursday morning schedules after our weekly meetings do not allow.

Again this year, two impressions surfaced.

First, the people who appear to be least able to throw big bucks into the red kettle are the ones that do. Shoppers who got out of Mercedes, BMWs and Volvos were polite but they would throw in some change or a single or nothing at all.

Scruffy guys who exited dented and muddy pick-up trucks and baggy-pantsed young men who drove souped-up Neons with shiny spinners and booming bass often would throw in \$20

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Country club draws a crowd

Residents meet to show concern, interest in club move

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE Newark Country Club and its members have long enjoyed the rolling hills that make up its golf course.

But if a proposed development goes through, the country club would be moved into Maryland, and as many as 200 houses could be built on the 119-acre Newark property.

For that reason, nearly 170 area Newark and Cecil County

residents gathered Thursday, Dec. 9 to investigate possible futures for the site on West Main Street.

Residents have been split on the issue. Some argue that the area can't handle more development, traffic or storm runoff.

Others say the new development would breathe new life into the golf course, increasing the city's budget with new taxpayers and provide an opportunity to change a dangerous intersection on Rt. 896.

Residents on both sides gathered in the Newark City Council chambers last week to learn about options prior to an upcoming vote at the Newark Country Club that could decide the future of the property. However, the issue is

State rep, country club board president correspond. See Letters to the Editor, page 7

one that has been discussed since the spring of 2003.

In the end, the future of the site rests in the hands of two different institutions.

Before the property could be developed, country club members would have to vote to sell it to the developer, Bill Stritzinger. After that happens, Newark City Council could limit building rights on the property.

Opponents fear that the country club members would welcome the move after years of

dwindling membership.

"I hope that the golf course doesn't go anywhere," Dicken Greene, a resident and Nottingham representative, said. "But financially it's an impossibility for the country club to continue how they are, no matter how you slice it."

For that reason, Greene said he hopes all other avenues that could support the golf course are pursued. That includes having the University of Delaware purchase the property.

But, if that is the case, the space could easily be developed as well. The university does not have to go through the City of Newark process for approval to

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CANDY CHUCKING

A unique final exam

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

IT'S not usually a good idea to throw food in class. That is, unless it's part of a final exam. University of Delaware Professor Dick Wilkins made it a point of pride to grade his mechanical engineering students on just how well they can catapult pieces of candy across the Sharp Laboratory lecture hall. Wilkins' students built simple contraptions, pow-

ered by the spring of a mouse trap, to launch a Reese's Bite 10 meters in exchange for an A.

Some students chose to give their candy catapult a bit more power, so they connected small battery-powered motors or magnetically charged fuses to their devices. Any ingenious idea was fair game, as long as it complied with two rules. Rule One - no chemical reactions allowed. Rule Two - all supplies must cost less

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Council extends time for Shaggy's

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE Newark City Council extended grandfathering rights to the Brandywine Brewing Company's newest restaurant, Shaggy's, until mid-summer, but did so with a catch.

While this allows the owners of the restaurant more time to pursue licensing on the Main Street Galleria property, the council stipulated that they must petition the Delaware Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission to limit Shaggy's liquor license to certain hours.

The council will ask the DABCC to restrict hours allowed on the outdoor patio, which is next door to a dormitory, to 11 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday and until 1 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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Newark man arrested for robberies

THE Delaware State Police have arrested a 25-year-old Newark man in connection with several liquor store robberies, which have occurred over the past few weeks.

On Friday, Dec. 10, at approximately 9:51 p.m., troopers were advised of an attempted robbery at Chelsea Liquors, 8 Morris Road, New Castle.

Police said the armed masked suspect entered the business and approached the 52-year-old male victim. The suspect fled when he observed that the victim possessed a gun.

Troopers patrolling the area observed a fleeing vehicle, a dark colored Acura with Pennsylvania registration, traveling on Morris Road. The suspect was pursued into the development of Roselle, where the driver fled from the vehicle. Law enforcement officers from the State Police and New Castle County Police saturated the area and established a perimeter.

During the search, the suspect was located under a porch of a home in the first block of Roselawn Avenue, Wilmington. He was taken into custody without incident. Also found during the search was the gun and the mask that the suspect had used in the robbery, police said.

Investigation revealed that the suspect's vehicle was taken in a carjacking reported by New Castle County Police in November.

Through investigation, detectives linked the defendant to the robberies of the Texaco Gas Station, 505 N. Dupont Highway, New Castle, on Oct. 22; Fairwinds Liquors, 633 Pulaski Highway, Bear, on Nov. 26; the Pencader Liquors, 927 S. Chapel Street, Newark, on Dec. 3; and the attempted robbery of the Chelsea Liquors on Dec. 10.

Detectives have charged Michael A. Brown, 25, of Newark, with three counts of robbery first degree, one count of attempted robbery first degree, three counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, two counts of aggravated menacing, and two counts of wearing a disguise during the commission of a felony.

Police reported Brown was arraigned at Magistrate Court 11 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institute in default of \$160,000 secured bond.

Broken window

A resident in the 100 block of E. Cleveland Avenue awoke on Monday, Dec. 13, at 4 a.m. to a loud noise in her home. A cinder block had been thrown through the living room window, causing \$200 damage, according to the Newark Police Department.

Car stolen

The driver of a 95 Subaru Impreza left the engine running and

Six-month operation nets arrests, cash, cars

A consortium of local law enforcement troops combined efforts in the arrest of suspected drug traffickers along Kirkwood Highway neighborhoods, putting an end to a chain of marijuana dealers, police said.

The six-month investigation known as "Operation Kirkweed" resulted in 10 arrests, seizure of property and currency worth \$372,000 and 120 pounds of marijuana.

"This will have a significant impact on trafficking in New Castle County," Lieutenant Joseph P. Aviola, Jr., said.

Craig Clough, of Elsmere, is believed to be one of the major suppliers of marijuana in the area. He is believed to have sold 50 to 100 pounds per week, bringing in a profit of approximately \$100,000 per week in cash, police said. "He was moving almost 100 pounds a week, making \$3,000 to \$4,000 on each one," Aviola said, "Clough was the major supplier from Elsmere to Newark."

Clough has been charged with



Officers seized more than \$156,000 in cash, shown here, in addition to 120 pounds of marijuana, a dozen vehicles worth \$177,000 and other property worth \$36,000.

the keys in the ignition while she ran into the 7-Eleven on Elkton Road, Monday, Dec. 13, at 4:20 a.m. to purchase a cup of coffee. While paying for her drink, she noticed her vehicle, which was parked right in front of the store doors, was gone, according to police reports.

The description of an earlier customer was supplied to police, who recognized the suspect, they said. After going to the suspect's residence, the stolen vehicle, valued at \$4,500, was found and a warrant for the suspect was issued, police said.

Trespasser arrested

A 55-year-old Newark woman was arrested for trespassing when she returned to a condemned property where she had previously lived.

Newark Police were called to the unit block of Center Street on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 9 p.m. when the woman was seen entering a residence that police had previously warned her not to enter or she would be arrested, police reports said.

Joan Yapasuga was arrested for trespassing and resisting arrest when she struggled with the arresting officer. She was taken to police headquarters, given an arraignment date and released.

Rash of break-ins

Newark Police said suspects entered a residence in the unit block of Fremont Road, Fairfield, by cutting a screen and prying open a window.

When the owner of the home returned after a grocery shopping trip on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 7:20 p.m., he noticed the opened kitchen window. The interior of the home was partially ransacked although nothing

criminal racketeering, conspiracy, trafficking and the delivery of marijuana, maintaining a dwelling and maintaining a vehicle.

Police said Clough is believed to have supplied a network of small dealers. Those arrested and charged include: his nephew Michael Dernowski; Nicholas Lingo; Mark Kassees; Shawn Belinge; Michael Carlton; Charles Merritt; Leonard Brinsfield; and Jacqueline Miller.

In all, 94 felony charges were filed.

"Almost none of these guys were first time offenders," Delaware State Police Maj. Joseph Pipilli said.

"Most of them were in the system before."

The arrests were made after an around-the-clock investigation made by Delaware and Pennsylvania State Police, the Delaware National Guard Counter Drug Unit, Delaware Attorney General's office and Delaware Probation and Parole.

"This is cooperation and hard work at its finest," Sec. David B. Mitchell said. "Criminals don't respect state lines. So we need to find a way to deal with that."

The investigation began in early July when Delaware State Police received several tips that a dealer was moving a substantial amount of marijuana. The tips sparked an intense investigation where officers watched a suspect sell to several smaller dealers. Then, in the last week of November, officers made their arrests.

appeared to be missing, the police reported.

This is a similar M.O. to a rash of recent burglaries throughout the city, Newark Police said. It appeared the suspect used a plastic table from a backyard porch to aid in reaching the kitchen window, then left through a rear sliding door.

Another break-in was reported to police in the unit block of Ethan Allen Court, Cherry Hill Manor, on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 6:05 a.m. The owner of a vacant residence said intruders apparently broke in through a rear storage room door and then turned up the thermostat to 95 degrees. Damage to two doors was approximately \$50.

Thieves pried open a bedroom window, entered a residence in the 300 block of Dallam Road and took several pieces of antique jewelry, it was reported to police on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7:25 a.m. Value of the stolen property was \$1,500 and damages to the window and screens at \$150.

Another intruder attempted to gain access to a residence in the unit block of Renee Street through a pried rear door, on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 10:27 p.m., while the owner slept on a couch, it was reported to Newark Police. A barking dog apparently scared the intruder away.

Delivery man assaulted

A donut delivery man to the Acme in Suburban Plaza Shopping Center was verbally and physically assaulted when returning to his truck on Monday, Dec. 13 at 1:46 a.m.

A 21-year-old man supposedly yelled at and threw punches to the delivery man outside the main entrance of the store because the delivery man was wearing a

Philadelphia Eagles cap, the police report stated.

When the donut man went inside to call police, the defendant started running northbound on Elkton Road. Newark Police apprehended the man along the road, however, when ordered to stop, he turned and started running the opposite way.

Woodrow D. Dougherty, of New Castle, was issued a criminal summons for resisting arrest and given a date to appear in Aldermans Court.

Instant cash

One bank customer learned how expensive it can be to leave a debit card in the ATM machine.

Police were called to the Citizen's Bank at 117 E. Main St. on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 2:50 p.m. A customer told police she had made a deposit at the automated machine, then forgot to remove her debit Mastercard after ending the transaction.

Apparently someone performed three withdrawals from her account, using the debit card, totaling \$440, police said.

Gifts missing

Unknown suspects removed a CD player, walkie-talkie and costume jewelry from a locked storage unit in the basement of an apartment building in the unit block of Marvin Drive, it was reported to police on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 12:57 p.m.

The items, valued at \$105, were Christmas gifts for the owner's family members.

Missing stamps

An employee of Subway, at 165

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Safe environment a district priority

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HAVING a safe school environment is conducive to students' learning. The Christina Schools will now have an enhanced level of security with the creation of 29 new personnel positions in its eight secondary schools.

At its Tuesday, Dec. 14 meeting, the Christina Board of Education unanimously approved nine security associate positions, three special assistants to principals, and an additional two School Resource Officers. The district will also employ 15 trained bus drivers as part-time campus monitors.

Currently a contract security service provides basic security, however, those security guards are not able to engage students one on one as is needed, Jeff

Edmison, chief operations officer for the district, explained to the Board. Having nine full-time security associates who are employees of the district, with three in each of the high schools, will enable them to develop relationships with the students and gain their trust.

The bus drivers would be trained as monitors who can interface with students, with five assigned to each of the high schools, Newark, Christiana and Glasgow.

Two additional resource officers would assure that each high school and middle school, Shue-Medill, Gauger-Cobbs, and Kirk, would be covered. Currently there are four SRO's in the schools.

Special assistants to the high school principals would coordinate and lead the security and safety efforts.

The cost for the additional services would be approximately \$220,000 in the 2004-2005 school year and an additional \$115,000 added in 2005-2006 for the SRO positions. Funding would all come from local dollars.

The Office of Safety and Security was created in March with the hiring of Richard Strickland as its director.

In November, Strickland announced the Save-A-Friend Hotline, a toll-free number, dedicated to the Christina School District, that can be used by students, parents, staff, school personnel and Christina community members to report anonymous tips on any issue related to safety and security of the schools or individuals. That number is 1-866-776-4494. The school district is the first in the state and

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Main Street restaurant removes holiday art

GROTTO Pizza on Main Street removed art work from its window Friday morning that critics said encouraged binge drinking.

The holiday art depicted Santa Claus pumping a beer keg for a reindeer that was doing a "keg stand."

Tracy Downs, director of the Building Responsibility Coalition, said that a keg stand is a binge-drinking party staple.

"It's a popular way amongst students to get drunk fast," she said.

And because of that fact, Downs says the window display was unsuitable, even if it was done in jest.

"The whole keg stand promotes excessive consumption," she said. I just wonder who approved it in the first place. Why would they even think it's appropriate?



This art of Santa standing by a reindeer doing a kegstand was removed after the business received complaints.

The art was removed after a series of complaints were made to the store.

The coalition is the university-based group of administrators, local officials, law enforcement leaders and businesspeople who are leading the fight against binge drinking among students and young adults.

Christmas in Newark

Newark-themed items make perfect holiday gifts

FINDING the perfect present during the holiday season can be an overwhelming task. There is no ultimate formula that dictates what to buy for the cousin, the boss or the nephew.

But there is hope at the end of the tunnel. This year, Newark shopkeepers

understand the agony of the season and have gotten a bit ingenious. They've put together a whole host of Newark-themed gifts. Here's a sampling of the best:

Minster's Jewelers, in the Newark Shopping Center, offers a series of

charms, for bracelets or necklaces, that showcase important Newark landmarks. The Deer Park, R.T. Foard and Jones funeral home, the Washington House (better known as the Stone Balloon) and St. John the Baptist Church are among the 10 Newark landmarks that have been immortalized in sterling silver. The charms range between \$35 and \$70, with 10 percent of the profits benefiting the Newark Heritage Alliance.

"These are pretty popular," Rick Fernandes, who works at the shop, said. "They're local places and there's a lot of people interested in the things that they represent."

At You've Been Framed, 172 E.

Main St., Newark prints, paintings and pottery are all popular gift ideas. One of the seasonal best sellers is a print featuring the corner of Main Street and Academy covered in snow. Painted by Delawarean James McGlynn, this hot framed item sells for \$199. But there are smaller, more affordable Newark prints, too. Everything from "the hot dog lady," who once sold her wares in front of the National 5 and 10, to the Deer Park have found their way into the art and framing store.

"We have lots of Newark prints," Wendy Mitchell, manager, said. "But

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Members of the Newark Morning Rotary Club, Jim Kent, past president, and Jo Wilkins, rang the bell for the Salvation Army Kettle Drive outside Sears Hardware in the College Square Shopping Center, Saturday, Dec. 4. Wilkins was in the holiday spirit wearing her Santa hat and Rudolph nose, much to the delight of children passing by.

Newark dancers offer holiday show

By **KAYTIE DOWLING**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

IT will be all sugar plums and dancing fairies at the Mid-Atlantic Ballet's holiday production of "Sweet Dreams" on Dec. 18 and 19. It will feature highlights from two Tchaikovsky favorites - The Nutcracker and Sleeping Beauty.

This year's show will break tradition for the Newark dancers, who have done "Fantastic Toy Shop" for the past five years.

"After five years, I felt it was just time to give it a rest," Artistic Director Sara Taylor Warner said. "And The Nutcracker is an institution. I couldn't deny my dancers any longer."

The show will begin with the Fairy Dance from Sleeping Beauty and roll into The Nutcracker's second act. "The climax will be the Waltz of the Flowers [from The Nutcracker]," Warner said.

The group was ready to put the holiday classic into action on their stage. "The dancers really wanted to do this," Warner said. "It's a magical tradition." Before Warner began producing, she herself danced scenes from The Nutcracker several hundred times.

For Warner, "Sweet Dreams" is a way to celebrate the holiday season, without pushing one holiday over another. "This is more about candy than Christmas," she said with a laugh.

And it's a show that's designed for the

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On Campus

NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

BRIEFLY

Free movies at UD in Jan.

STEVEN Soderbergh's film, "Sex, Lies, and Videotape," will kick off a series of four films that will be screened during the University of Delaware's Winter Session in the Trabant University Center, in Newark, beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

The films, which are free and open to the public, will be shown every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Trabant Theater.

Seating is limited and tickets will not be available in advance.

Kevin Smith's "Clerks" will be shown Jan. 12 and Jon Favreau's "Swingers" will be screened Jan. 19. The series will close with the Coen Brothers' "Blood Simple" Jan. 26.

Considered among the films that shaped the development of modern independent cinema, the four films, have launched the talent involved to critical and commercial success while expanding opinion on modern film.

Brian O'Halloran, who appeared as Dante in "Clerks," will attend the screening of the film Jan. 12 and then participate in a question-and-answer session.



UD PHOTO BY KATHY ATKINSON

Newark Mayor Vance Funk helped the UD Laboratory Preschool celebrate national Children's Book Week by visiting the school on Wyoming Road recently. The mayor spent time, reading to and looking at books with toddlers and then visited the kindergarten to see their enactment of the book, "Stone Soup," followed by his reading a story to the class.

Students fuel Fund for Delaware

FORTY University of Delaware students were honored at an awards dinner Thursday, Dec. 9, in the Trabant University Center, in Newark, for their work on the Fund for Delaware fund-raising campaign.

Exceeding the \$543,441 goal set by the Office of Annual Giving by 4 percent, the cadre of callers secured \$565,475.97 in pledges and payments over the course of the semester.

Kate Harding, phone program manager in the Office of Annual Giving, said that goals are set a little higher each semester, based on the total amount raised in the previous three months. The showing this semester, she added, exceeded expectations.

"We've just had a phenomenal year," she said, "and that's due to our students' commitment to the University."

"These are students who enjoy talking on the phone with alumni and parents and others who care about the University, and who can share their enthusiasm," Harding said.

This motivation, she said, remains high because many student fund-raisers receive financial aid and therefore see firsthand how some of the money is used. But it also stems, she said, from a genuine commitment to, and interest in, the University.

"Eighty-five percent of students in the call center receive financial aid, so they are directly affected and have a vested interest in raising funds," Harding



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Student fund-raisers, from left, freshman Chevonne Baylor, senior Jason Gordon, junior Philip Chorney and sophomore Courtney Bordino.

said. "But, another reason our callers enjoy the work is because they like speaking with alumni and parents and learning about how the campus was 10 or 20 years ago."

Julia Eslinger, a senior who has assisted with the Fund for Delaware campaign for two and a half years, said that making connections with people is the high-point of every call and the motivating factor that never loses its appeal.

"Raising funds by phone definitely is a really tough job," she said, "but a great part about it is

talking to alumni—especially older alumni—who have good memories and a long-standing love for the University."

Eslinger, who has been a call supervisor for the past year and a half, said that her leadership role has enabled her to forge bonds and share experiences with current students, as well. "As a supervisor, I've had a chance to make friends with other students who feel motivated by the same experiences," she said.

Sophomore Yolande McAllister, also a call supervisor, said that a major challenge to the

job is keeping the work fun and keeping peers motivated. He inspires others, and draws his own inspiration, he said, from staying focused on the rewards and perpetual nature of giving.

"You have to believe in what you're raising the money for," he said. "I feel inspired because of the fact that I'm here because of the work of previous callers, and through my work I'm making it possible for future students to attend the university."

All winners also received a gift certificate and diploma of recognition.

UD web site has oil-spill information

THE University of Delaware's Sea Grant Marine Advisory Service and Marine Public Education staff have created a web site www.ocean.udel.edu/oil-spill to help address public questions and concerns about the Athos I oil spill that occurred in the Delaware River near Paulsboro, N.J., on Friday, Nov. 26.

The web site includes information about various aspects of the spill by UD faculty and includes a list of resources.

Links to information about the Delaware River and Bay, the oil and its path, impact on wildlife, natural resources, shipping and other industries, public safety and what citizens can do to help also are included.

Historical markers installed at UD

SEVERAL new markers have been installed near major buildings on the University of Delaware's Newark campus in an ongoing project to erect permanent markers, giving a brief history of the building and the achievements and contributions to UD by the person for whom it is named.

The markers consist of brass plaques mounted on brick columns and were designed by Thomas Taylor, right, UD landscape engineer.

Hullihen Hall's was the first marker installed in August, followed by two identical markers at Memorial Hall, one on the South Green and one on the North Green. This week, markers were installed at Gore, Mitchell, Wolf, Du Pont and Evans halls and Sharp Laboratory. Brown Laboratory will be undergoing remodeling and a marker will be installed after that project is completed.



PHOTO BY KATHY ATKINSON

Parks try to fight booming population with a hunt

By **KAYTIE DOWLING**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THROUGH the bare branches that line White Clay Creek State Park, it's not hard to pick out a doe. She stands silently, nibbling at a mid-day snack. But whatever she's gnawing on, it's barely enough. Her body is a bit leaner than her predecessors. Her fur lacks the luster it should have. But her hearing is still fine tuned, and her reactions quick. She darts off at the slightest noise.

It's a common sight for Park Ranger Rob Line. Just about every day that he roams the park, Line runs into a doe. That's because the 35,000-acre park maintains the highest rate of deer occupancy in the state, about 200 deer per square mile.

That's ten times higher than what the area should be supporting.

"Deer had never been hunted at White Clay Creek," Line said, explaining one of the many reasons the deer population has exploded in the area in recent years. "This park kind of became a refuge. In fact, the deer are very used to people because of the joggers and bikers."

In addition to the site serving as a safe haven, deer populations have exploded because they've lost their predators. With no animals out hunting the deer, old age has become the most common cause of death. But this has not always been the case.

"At one point, deer were almost hunted out of this region. When I was a kid, you never saw deer walking around the park," Line said.

"But now, their only predator is an occasional hunter or Mercedes Benz."

Vegetation in the park and sur-

rounding area is showing the battle scars of the skewed ecosystem.

Gardens are being mauled and indigenous shrubbery is becoming scarce. Because the local populations have become so adapted to the region, their taste buds actually prefer indigenous plant species, leaving aggressive invasive species to dominate fields.

"There are a lot of ecological issues involved here," Line said.

"Our efforts at reforestation plantings and invasive plant species control can't work until we get the deer population under control."

In an effort to regain the balance the area once sustained, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control opened White Clay Creek and Brandywine State Parks to limited hunting on select days this month.

While neither hunt will bring

the levels back down to where they should be - about 20 deer per square mile - they have helped.

For Line, the first concern was to encourage hunters to break tradition and pursue does instead of bucks. "A doe will go after a buck until she becomes pregnant," he said. And when females outnumber males by 2 to 1, the stage is set for even high population numbers.

At the first day of the White Clay Creek hunt, things seemed

to be turning around. While only about half of the 23 hunters brought back a catch, many of them were does, a fact that Line considers critical.

Newark resident and deer hunter Robert Scott agreed with Line about the increasing herd size.

He watched 12 deer stroll by his stand before hunting opened at 6:30 a.m. "That's a lot of deer," he said.

A season of traditions

Bancroft students spread joy to local travelers

By **JOHN LLERA**

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ON Friday, Dec. 3, early morning passengers at the Wilmington Amtrak Station were pleasantly startled when students marched into the lobby bearing boxes of Christmas tree ornaments and proceeded to decorate a bare evergreen tree sitting in the middle of the concourse.

In a matter of minutes, art teacher Margo Johnson climbed a red ladder and directed her elves from there. An hour and a half later, the spruced-up tree glittered and glistened with holiday spirit.

The ten fifth and sixth-grade students from Bancroft Elementary School were following a more than 30-year tradition of decorating trees at the train station.

During the 35 years Johnson has been teaching at Bancroft, her students have done a variety of community outreach projects, including window painting at the pediatrics wards of both Christiana and Wilmington hos-



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOHN LLERA

Bancroft students decorated the tree at the Amtrak station in Wilmington as their teacher, Margo Johnson, gave orders from the ladder.

pitals, tree decorating at the City/County building, decorating the holiday trees in the Wilmington offices of both Governors Carper and Minner

and for Delaware Hospice. They also donated student-created art work to a local senior center.

In past years, themes for the trees were adapted from the exhibits at the Riverfront Art Center where Johnson was a volunteer. Previous themes for decorations included Fabrege, Nicholas and Alexandra and Meiji.

Eleven-year-old Ana Culpepper, as she hung golden stars on this year's tree, said, "This is my first time decorating the tree here and it's really a lot of fun, but I'm going to miss Ms. Johnson." Johnson will be retiring at the end of January.

Johnson, as well as former Bancroft principals Maurice Pritchett and Peter Vassos, was born and educated in Wilmington, then spent more than 35 years there educating youngsters. The school, formerly known as Bancroft Academy, became part of the Christina School District in the early 70s.

"We all have a strong sense of community and feel that our school should be an integral part of the community in which it is located," said Johnson. Principal Meg Mason shares that same sentiment and hopes to continue the tradition.

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AMUSED, CONFUSED, BEMUSED

All gummed up

By **MARVIN HUMMEL**

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

Lily Benson, six feet tall; sleeps in the kitchen with her feet in the hall." Lyrics by Vivian Noonan and Alice Johnson, performed by the fourth grade boys' schoolyard chorus.

Miss Benson probably wasn't six feet tall, but she looked it to us fourth grade boys.

She was also ungainly; and her glasses kept sliding down her nose, rescued at the last nanosecond by her long, skinny middle finger. (Years later, when crude drivers would give me the "bird," I would always think of Lily Benson — and my being a "literalist.")

For a teacher, I guess she was all right, but she once told a parent that boys made her "nervous," which went a long way to explain our own male antipathy toward her.

She and I had only one "incident," but it was a bad one. It still annoys me.

Bob Willis and I were late for her class, but we had a note of absolution - our gym teacher had asked us to stay behind and help him put away the mats. And, Mr. Derr gave us a reward for our work - a stick of Wrigley's Spearmint apiece.

The moment we got into the hall, we opened them and started chewing away, and that was a big mistake. The moment Miss Benson saw our jaws moving on our cuds, she shouted, "You two. Take that gum out of your mouths. And don't stick it behind your ears." Then she added the fatal admonition: "Until you have enough for everybody in this class, don't come in here with chewing gum."

Later in the week, as I was mowing Mr. Cook's lawn, I ruminated on what to do with the considerable money he would pay me. Comic books? Hmm. And then I had an inspiration - a piece of gum for every kid in the class. (Remember what she had said to me and Bob Willis.)

I bought five five-packs and excitedly waited for the next morning when I would not only be the class hero - but would show Miss Benson how generous a boy I was. Great.

Before class started, I had Bob Willis pass out gum to the class - and, we would

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



Hummel

“... 'I gather, Mr. Hummel, you are a literalist.' I thought I had better tell the truth. "No m'am. I'm a Methodist."

have two pieces left - so I decided I'd give them to Miss Benson herself. Brilliant. A stroke of genius. I waited just inside the door for her, two sticks of gum in my outstretched hand.

She looked at my hand as if the gum were a two-headed serpent. She backed up in a frenzy and shouted: "Oh, you boys. You. Go to the principal's office."

I tried to explain, even quoted her exact words to her. Her glasses almost made it off her nose, she was that exercised, but at the last nano of a nano-second, that old finger did its job. "Out."

I got out. Miss Patterson, the kindly old principal, asked me to "explain" my unscheduled visit. And, I did - in Miss Benson's exact words - and my own, righteous, even philanthropic response to her admonition.

And, I added, "I even saved two pieces for Miss Benson. She's really a very nice lady." (I know, I know. I was playing "kissy-kissy." But I was in shock. You try to do something nice, and what do you get for it?)

Miss Patterson's considerable jowls started to quiver, her face began to "work," and her Santa-like tummy went into spasms.

She was choking back either laughter or anger. And, being a principal, she was probably suppressing anger. I had never heard a teacher or a principal laugh. What had I done???

Her body parts under temporary control, she responded with, "I gather, Mr. Hummel, you are a literalist!"

I thought I had better tell the truth: "No m'am. I'm a Methodist."

But, willing to curry favor and unwilling to offend further, I added, "But I hear Literalists are very nice."

If only Vesuvius and Mount Etna should erupt so kindly. She shook, she quavered, she lost it. Miss Patterson's "Ho! Ho!" was followed by about a thousand more seismic explosions of incredulous delight. As she took off her glasses to wipe her eyes, I left.

OUT OF THE ATTIC



We went rummaging through our limited photo files (most stored materials were lost during a series of ownership changes in the 1970s) in search of an old snow scene in this space to salute the arrival of winter next week. Though unidentified in our files, we believe this is an undated photo of Delaware Avenue taken in the days of horse-drawn sleighs. "Out of the Attic" features historic photographs from Newark's history, recent and long ago. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post throughout the years

■ Dec. 19, 1929 New property at university

Permanent buildings involving a total expenditure of \$685,000 are either in course of construction or will be started in a short time at the University of Delaware.

Dr. Walter Hullihen, president of the University, reviews the progress that is being made in this construction work in a report he has just submitted to the Board of Trustees.

This includes the new auditorium to be known as Mitchell Hall, in honor of Dr. Samuel Chiles Mitchell, former president of the University; the addition to the engineering building to be known as Evans Hall in memory of the late George G. Evans who was trustee of the board for many years; in addition to the heating plant, all three of which buildings are now in

course of construction, and the proposed new gymnasium at the Women's College, bids for which will be opened and the contract awarded in a short time.

Seek data for state airport

H. Belin du Pont and Angus Eckles, both of the du Pont Company, and James R. Morford, Wilmington attorney, have

been appointed members of a commission by Governor Buck to study the progress of aviation in Delaware and the need for airports.

The commission, from time to time, will submit a report on its findings to the Governor in time for presentation to the 1931 Legislature.

The Governor has asked the commission to make such recommendations as they deem best and to survey the State for airport sites which the commission believes to be needed. The Governor feels that since the entire State is becoming air-minded a Statewide project should be mapped out.

■ Dec. 19, 1979 Parents angry over cuts in administration

Anger and disappointment were expressed this week by parents and teach-

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

Letters follow informational session on country club plan

To: The editor

From: John A. Worton

As a 20-year resident of Newark, I have always considered the Newark Country Club to be a fixture of this region. Its vistas and relatively unspoiled landscape provide a beautiful oasis in the surrounding, heavily developed areas.

At Thursday evening's informational meeting held at City Hall, Newark residents were informed that: the country club property was already in a residential zone; and club members and/or shareholders were scheduled to vote early next month on accepting a developer's proposal to acquire the property for purposes of residential development.

Acceptance of the developer's

offer would have a terrible impact on the region. Once the deal is accepted, the open space would be lost forever. Since it is already zoned residential, it seems to me that the only issues that may be subject to community input will be how many houses, details for access to highways, sections to be reserved for wetlands, and other refinements. The big issue, development, will be a done deal.

Is it possible for the Newark Country Club members and/or shareholders to postpone their decision? To provide the community an opportunity to explore and present an alternative to development of this property?

There are many possibilities, but it will take time to pursue them.

Given the large attendance at

Thursday night's meeting, held on short notice and on a rainy evening, there appears to be very strong interest by many residents in supporting an alternative proposition.

Any realistic alternative should, in my opinion, provide an equivalent economic benefit to those club members and/or shareholders who favor the developer's proposal.

Postponing their decision for a few months ought not harm them financially, but they would have the benefit of providing for the retention of the club property as "open space" for posterity.

Intercepted letters

To: Ronald Gardner, president, board of directors of the Newark Country Club

From: Teresa L. Schooley, State Representative, 23rd District

I would call upon you to postpone the vote of the country club membership on the land swap with Aston Pointe so the City, County, State and University may look to other alternatives.

Traffic in Newark is a nightmare as it is and any additional development will only increase the problem.

There are already drainage

problems on the property and again these would be increased with further development.

This open space is too valuable to the residents of Newark.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Gardner responds

To: Teresa L. Schooley, State Representative, 23rd District

From: Ronald Gardner, president, board of directors of the Newark Country Club

I cannot believe the letter dated Dec. 10 is from the same person who called me for information about "what was happening at Newark Country Club" prior to this week's neighborhood meeting at City Hall, and then called the day after the meeting to inform me of the meeting results.

None of the points made in your letter were mentioned during our conversations.

I provided you with factual information as to why we are considering a "land swap." It is a strictly financial dilemma. The club has been losing members for years and, without additional members, we cannot afford to invest millions to upgrade a 50+ year-old facility to attract the necessary new members.

The Newark Country Club is not for sale. The desire of the Board of Directors, and hopefully the majority of the stockholders, is to continue to function as a private country club.

There are two constants that I have learned during my 30 years in elected or appointed positions in the City of Newark:

(1) Most everyone opposes change, no matter how positive it may be for the greater good; and

(2) Those who have nothing invested nor have any financial responsibility believe they should control the property in which owners have invested millions of dollars.

NCC is a private, non-profit, country club established in 1921 when all the developments which now oppose any proposed change were open farmland. The land on which NCC is located is private property zoned for residential development. Why are NCC's rights any less than those who purchased the farmland and built the developments whose residents now believe they have rights for which they have paid nothing?

If indeed Newark Country Club is considered to be the residents' Central Park, possibly NCC has been taxed at an excessive rate for the past 83 years and is due a substantial refund. We would be pleased to accept that.

Shoppers are conservative

► PAGES, from 6

ers reacting to the announced cut in the New Castle County School District administrators.

A district teacher who asked not to be named protested that "the people they're dropping are the people who are good with the kids, and that's too bad because the kids are what counts."

Area III parent Judy Baker, unhappy at the inclusion of Palmer principal Joseph DiBartola on the list, said, it's time they started looking at quality, not just seniority. They need to set standards for evaluating," she said.

Newark stores feeling pinch

"People aren't going as crazy as they used to - they're being more conservative."

That assessment by Ron Brown, co-owner of the Stockpile clothing store on Main Street in Newark, seems to sum up the Christmas shopping season in Newark from a business standpoint.

"The big sellers are the classic looks - well-made items in classic styles - that people can get a few seasons of wear out of," Brown said. And other merchants back up Brown's feeling that customers are shopping more carefully and buying more conservatively this year.

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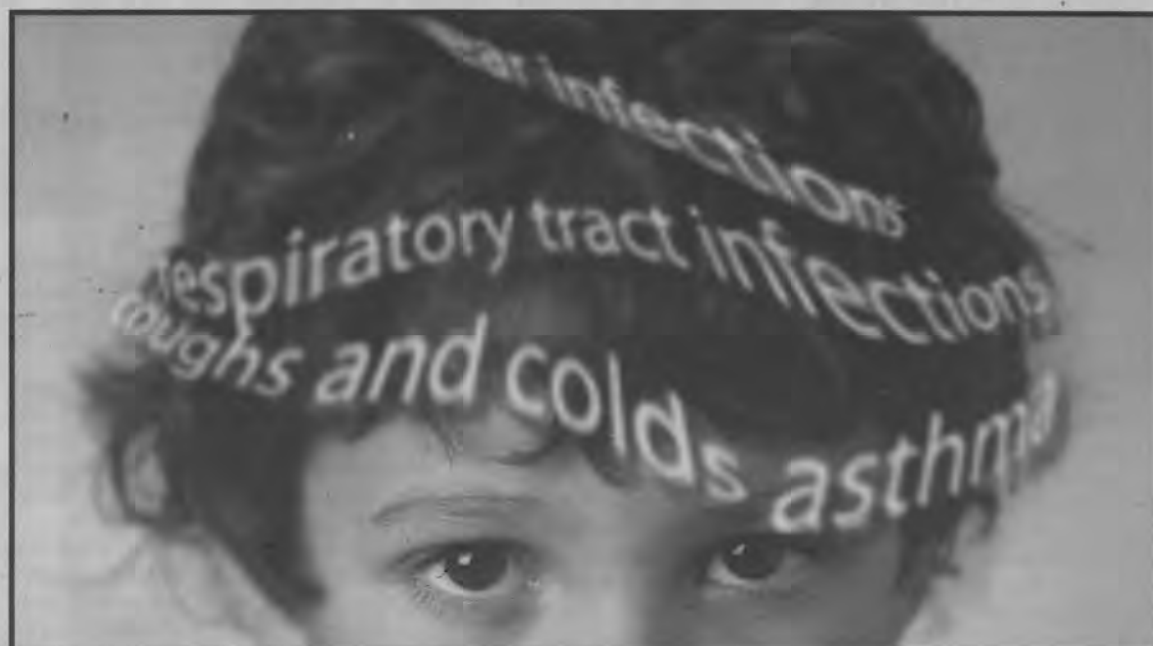
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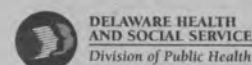
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OUTLOOK

Holiday budgeting

By MARIA PIPPIDIS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

EVERY year during the holidays I spend more money than I should." Does this sound familiar? I get so many calls in January from people who are trying to manage to pay off what they spent in November and December.

You might be gratified to learn that you're not alone. The average consumer spending during the holidays is about \$1,300. Twenty percent of families headed by people 30 to 44 years old spent more than \$1,000. How can you prevent this from happening?

It's easy to overspend during the holidays. Besides shopping, extra expenses during the holidays include long distance calls, extra travel, mailing holiday greetings, decorating for the celebrations, and the cost of extra special meals.

Santa had the right idea. Make a list and check it twice. Start by making a list of all the people and other items you need to buy. Write down the amount of money you'd like to spend for each person and the gift ideas. Also list expected expenditures on other holiday items.

Double check your list to be sure you have included everyone and everything. To be sure you stay within your means, don't spend a dime until you compare your anticipated expenses with your anticipated income. Add up your expected spending and compare it to how much money you have to spend on the holidays.

If you're like most and use your credit card, try to set a limit on how much you want to charge. If you use your list this will be easy to stay within a set amount. For example, limit your amount to \$1,000

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

Hanging up his marching shoes

Lloyd Ross directs farewell concert

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

MATH teacher or music teacher? Lloyd Ross couldn't decide. But when he attended his first calculus class, the decision was made. The rest is music history.

After more than 34 years at Newark High School, leading students through band camps, marching drills, music festivals, concerts and parades, music director Ross will conduct his final concert at the school on Tuesday, Dec. 21. He will be retiring from public education at the end of December.

Ross graduated from Susquehanna (Pa.) University in 1970 with a BS in Music Education and immediately began his teaching career at NHS. In 1974 he earned a Masters Degree from West Chester University and has done postgraduate work at numerous conservatories and universities.

For his first three years at NHS, he was assistant band director under Jon Woods, then became director when Woods left for Ohio State University.

Coming from a small high school with a sparse music program, Ross developed a philosophy of always including as many students in the band experience as possible, not just good musicians but students who could grow into leadership roles. More than 5,800 students sat in his concert chairs or learned to march "heel-toe" in his bands.

From their first days in band camp in August, they quickly learned to live by the posters prominently plastering the band room walls.

"To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late. To be late is not to be" was adopted by the music students years ago and continues to be their motto.

There was sweat equity in being a member of Ross' bands. When trips were scheduled, everyone went, not just one or two ensembles. Students raised dollars, selling just about everything they could so that everyone would be included. On 37 election days they made 129,000 subs and delivered most of them to homes or nearby businesses. The music boosters helped

purchase instruments, chairs, stands, music, awards and student scholarships.

"The key to our successful program has been the parent help," Ross said. "They might even work harder than the football boosters."

Students and parents were often caught up in the excitement of competition and performing.

Ross and his bands have performed in approximately 105 field show festivals, 107 parades, 385 football games, 148 concerts, 193 jazz festivals, 158 pep assemblies, 144 special performances and 34 graduations. For 10 years, Ross directed the First State Symphonic Band in more than 110 concerts and 500 rehearsals. The music department won more than 925 trophies, many of which are on display throughout the band room and in the library.

Bands have performed in music festivals from Florida to Canada and marched in parades from Newark's Halloween parade to Cherry Blossom Festivals in Washington D.C. and Thanksgiving parades in Philadelphia. When casinos opened in Atlantic City, they stopped going to the Miss America parade.

Because he did not want to compete in festivals with single-point systems, Ross started the New Castle Band festival which hosts local schools every fall.

NHS has traditionally had the highest number of students accepted into All-State bands and orchestras every year.

"I've been blessed to have good kids, good people to work with, good parent support. That makes all the difference," Ross said.

His fondest memories?

"The kids," he said.

His best experience?

One particular kid. He had asked a junior to prepare Rhapsody In Blue for a concert in her senior year. She memorized the whole thing.

What will he miss the most?

"The kids," he said. "I'll have no one to pick on," he added with



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY: ROBIN BROOMALL

Lloyd Ross has been known to show his students a thing or two about music, usually with a smile. After 34 years at Newark High School, Ross has seen more than 5,800 students walk through his band room door.

a smile.

What will the students miss most?

Mr. Ross' humor.

Since his retirement was announced earlier this fall, students have tried everything possible to get him to change his mind, at least until they graduate.

"He's inspired me to be a music teacher," said Brooke Humfeld, a senior drum major in this year's marching band. "He has such a way to get kids interested. People really want to do well in his band. He's a great teacher. He enjoys it and makes everyone else have fun, too."

Ross plans on working with student teachers in music at the University of Delaware, traveling

to visit a son in Hollywood and a daughter in Phoenix, brushing up on his photography, spending time in his woodworking shop and spending time with his dog, Honey, and his wife, Joan.

Even though Ross won't be returning to wave his magical baton over another ensemble in the NHS band room, his legacy will live on for many years to come.

"The band is part our family," Ross said. "We have friendships that have grown and continue for years."

■ For information on plans for a retirement gift for Lloyd Ross, e-mail musicboosterspres@comcast.net.

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Locomotive fun for train buffs

YOU can almost hear the reindeer prancing on the roof. If that makes you nervous because you haven't completed your Christmas shopping, perhaps I can help. As I don my "Santa's Helper" cap, I can offer suggestions for those who are train, history, or photography buffs.

First to the train buffs. If asked, most of these people would tell you the thing they would enjoy most is a ride in a locomotive cab on a busy rail line. Well you can help them with that wish — almost, anyway.

Imagine every visitor to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania having the opportunity to run a freight train from Lancaster to Harrisburg. No, the Museum has not purchased the Keystone Corridor from Amtrak, but it has the next best thing. Thanks to the North American Railway Foundation, the Norfolk Southern Corporation and Amtrak, an interactive cab simulator is now in place, and it is great!

The cab of Norfolk Southern No. 2598, an EMD GP-38 built in 1969 for Penn Central, has been equipped with a new flat-screen monitor and computer hardware. The Railroad Museum's restoration crew has made the wheelchair-accessible cab look as good as it did the day it left the factory. Your gift recipient can take the throttle on a simulated run, complete with signals, grade crossings and radio transmissions. The



This is the entrance to the new locomotive cab simulator at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania in nearby Strasburg. It gives those interested a chance to "operate" a giant Diesel locomotive on the Amtrak main line.

cab simulator is as close as most individuals will ever come to being an engineer, and will be an experience remembered for a lifetime.

The cab simulator operation consists of a six-minute orientation video and a six-minute simulation program. The orientation video describes all the components on the control stand, throttle, brake, horn, speedometer, dead man's pedal and power indicator, which must be operated in sequence.

The Railroad Museum's restoration crew accomplished all the body work, fabrication, welding, painting and lettering on this

stunning black-and-white locomotive cab, complete with Norfolk Southern's distinctive "thoroughbred of transportation" logo.

The photo with my column today shows the entrance to the new simulator. You may give someone a ticket to the museum for Christmas and the cab ride is included in the price. For more information on the Museum's collections, events or operations, call 717-687-8628 or visit the Railroad Museum's web site at www.rrmuseumpa.org. The

museum is an easy drive from this area.

Next to the history buffs on your list. The Asgard Press of Wilmington is offering a new set of photographs called "Vintage Delaware." I wrote about this series last Christmas but this is an entirely new set. This year the photos range in age from 1910 to 1950. We are so close in the tri-state area that no matter where you live I think you will find these interesting and some of you may remember the era in which the photos were taken.

The sepia tones include an early fire truck, trolley car, a DNG encampment near Bethany Beach, the Manhaden fishing fleet and so much more. They are all ready to be framed and fit an 8 x 10 standard frame perfectly, keeping framing costs down. You may buy them as individual prints at \$5 each or twelve of them, also sepia tones on high quality paper, as a 2005 calendar for \$16.95.

For the photography fans on your list, I suggest another Asgard product, "Image Gallery." There are also 12 photos in this set but they are all in full color by Bill Talarowski.

These photographs are truly remarkable. I like the Rusty Rudder with multi-color sails on boats as evening approaches, Cape Henlopen in the snow, The Wilmington and Western Railroad steam train in a fall woodland setting, and a spectacular view of the new St. George's

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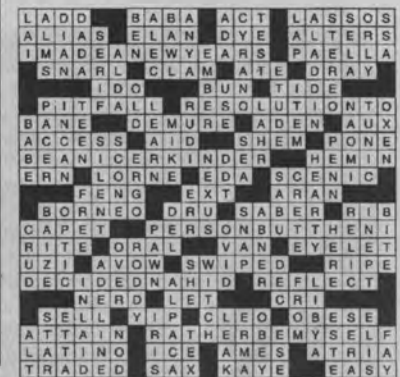


By PHIL TOMAN

Bridge over the C&D canal. As I sit here looking at them I must confess I like them all. They are also available in the same formats and prices as the history photographs.

Well, I hope "Santa's Helper" has been of some help to you. I also hope you and your family and friends have a very merry Christmas and a peace filled 2005. Enjoy.

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.



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POKER NIGHT 7 p.m. third Friday of month at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Public welcome. Info., 302-737-2336.

A BRANDYWINE CHRISTMAS Open daily, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Nov. 26 - Jan. 9. Family favorites on display include an extensive model train layout, a Victorian dollhouse, an antique doll display and "critter" ornaments made by the museum's volunteers. This year's event is complemented by the special exhibition, Story Time: Children's Book Illustrations. From Thomas Nast's early drawings of Santa Claus for "Christmas Drawings for the Human Race" in 1890 to Charles Santore's interpretations of Beatrix Potter's "The Complete Tales of Peter Rabbit" in 1986, this exhibition features over 40 excellent and delightful works from the museum's important and growing collection of children's book illustrations. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors ages 65 and over and students; free for children under six and members. Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit the web site at www.brandywinemuseum.org.

6TH ANNUAL OPEN PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW Nov. 20 - Dec. 23 gallery hours: Mon - Fri., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the second Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The free opening reception will be catered and open to the public. This photography reception will feature live music and poetry readings. The photography exhibition will feature awards sponsored by cameras etc. of Newark and Wilmington. Elkton Arts Center, 135 E. Main St., Elkton, Md. Info., 410-392-5740 or visit www.CecilCountyArtsCouncil.org.

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THE LOIS YOUNG HOLIDAY SHOW Two shows: 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. One hour children's production which features puppets, songs, interactive stories, live music, and audience participation. Each month children learn a different style of music. Each month there is a different theme which invites the children to wear a special color and bring a stuffed animal to join in the fun. December's theme: "Holiday Cheer and Rockin' Reindeer". Kids dress up as a sugar plum fairy, reindeer or elf, or a red and green outfit you make up yourself. Bring your

favorite doll or teddy bear. Tickets are \$6 and are purchased at the door. The New Century Club of Newark, Delaware Ave. and Haines St. No reservations. Info., 302-456-9227 or www.loisyoung.com.

CARTOONS AND CARICATURES Open daily, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Through February 13, 2005. Exhibition features illustrations that examine and illuminate a variety of social, political and cultural issues from the 19th and 20th centuries. Included are approximately 45 watercolors and pen



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and ink drawings by 33 well-known humorists. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors ages 65 and over, students with I.D., and children ages 6 to 12; and free for children under six and Brandywine Conservancy members. Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org.

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STITCHES OF ART AND COMFORT: DELAWARE QUILTS, 1740-2002. Through May 31. Celebrate the American tradition of quilting by viewing a comprehensive display of 100 unique Delaware-made quilts featured at the Delaware State Museums Visitor Center and Galleries in Dover and in three other state museums. See an array of colors and quilt patterns reflected in this textile art form that visually provide clues to the history and culture of the state, the region and the nation from the 18th century to the present. The Delaware State Museums Visitor Center, 406 Federal Street, Dover. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. Hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Info., 302-739-4266 or visit www.delaware.gov.

LINE DANCING 1 p.m. beginner class; and 2 p.m. advanced class every Monday at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info., 302-737-2336.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 23
BEGINNER LINE DANCE 6 p.m. Beginner classes at the Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2336.

LATINO MAGAZINE NIGHT 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Never a cover. Always a good time. Come experience sophisticated night life at The Red Room, 550 Madison St., Wilmington. Info., 302-571-8440.

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



HOLIDAY EVENTS

FRIDAY, DEC. 17

HAPPY HOLIDAYS 7:30 p.m., Dec. 17; 2 & 7:30 p.m., Dec. 18; 2 p.m., Dec. 19. Featured in this 2004 Holiday Spectacular will be over 80 of Wilmington's most talented singers and dancers. Program includes excerpts from The Nutcracker, Christmas in Oz, Tap Dancing Santas and more. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 senior citizens and children 12 and under. Baby Grand Theatre, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Info. and tickets, 302-652-5577.

CANS FOR A CAUSE Nov. 26 - Dec. 22, 2004. Get into the spirit of giving as the season of giving begins. Cans for a Cause Downtown Newark's Canned Food Drive benefiting the Newark Area Welfare Committee begins. The goal is to collect 2,500 items. Items can be donated at: Brunswick Blue Hen Lanes; Cameras, Etc; Captain Blue Hen; Crystal Concepts; Copy Maven; Delaware Book Exchange; Downtown Parking Office; Edward Jones Investments, Happy Harry's; Hollywood Tan; National 5 & 10; Newark Natural Foods; The Days of Knights; Lieberman Books; Mid-Atlantic Ballet; and Village Imports. While all nonperishable items will be appreciated, the Newark Area Welfare Committee indicates a particular need for vegetables, fruit, cereal, desserts, peanut butter, jelly, soup, juice, pasta and sauce.

SATURDAY, DEC. 18

SWEET DREAMS 1 & 4 p.m. Dec. 18 and 2 p.m. Dec. 19. Mid-Atlantic Ballet will dance several shows highlighting scenes from two of the world's most loved ballets. Featuring a cast of more than 60 dancers, the performances include variations from both The Sleeping Beauty and The Nutcracker. Tickets are \$15 per person. University of Delaware, Mitchell Hall, Newark.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 17

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

SATURDAY, DEC. 18

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

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

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 19

DELAWARE ACCORDION CLUB 2 - 5 p.m. Third Sunday of each month. Meeting for an open mic session at the Bear Diner & Restaurant on Rt. 40 at School Bell Road. Open to the public. Info., 302-738-7378.

MONDAY, DEC. 20

FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES Mondays at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Newark United Methodist Church, 69 East Main Street, Newark. Classes begin on September 20 for beginners and intermediate level. Info., 302-368-4942 or 302-368-8774.

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

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

CHORUS OF BRANDYWINE 7:30 p.m. Men's barbershop rehearsals at MBNA Bowman Conference Center, Ogletown. All welcome. Info., 302-655-SING.

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

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

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Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., call Nancy Traub at 302-324-4444.
SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info., 302-368-2318.

TUESDAY, DEC. 21

CAREGIVER SUPPORT 7 - 9 p.m. third Tuesdays at Newark Senior Center, White Chapel Dr., Newark. Free & open to public. Info., 302-737-2336.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 7 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Liberty Baptist Church, Red Lion Rd., Bear. Info., 302-838-2060.

STAMP GROUP 1 p.m. first and third Tuesday of month at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 302-737-2336.

NEWARK LIONS 6:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of month. Lions meeting with program at the Holiday Inn, Newark Rt. 273/I-95. Call Marvin Quinn at 302-731-1972.

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. every Tuesday. For men who like to sing at

New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., call Will at 302-368-3052.
DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support group meeting at Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd., Newark. Info., 302-737-7239.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

ANXIETY DISORDER 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware To maintain the privacy of members, support group locations not published. To register, call 302-765-9740.

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

COLONIAL STATES KNITTERS 7 p.m. fourth Thursday in the Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Rd. Info., call Betty at 302-994-2869.

DSI THUMBS UP 7 - 8 p.m. 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Stroke support group meeting offering educational topics, peer support and guests who are experts in rehabilitative services at the Newark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Sponsored by Delaware Stroke Initiative. Free. Info., 302-633-9313.

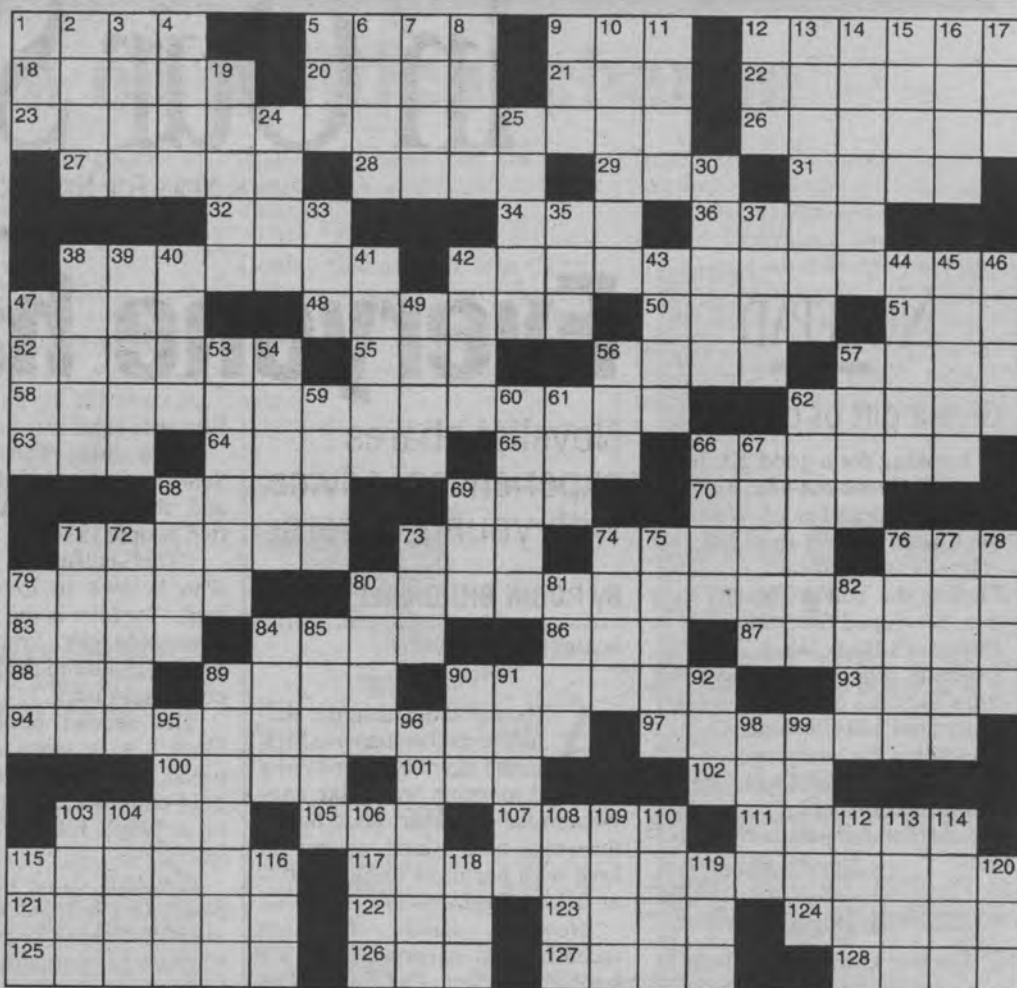
TOASTMASTERS 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursday. Greater Elkton chapter meets at Cecil County Department of Aging to develop potential and overcome fear of public speaking. Public welcome. Info., 443-553-5358.

BRIGHT FUTURES 1 p.m. Breast cancer

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 - 38 Dad-to-be, often
 - 39 Like Machu Picchu
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 - 41 Find out
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 - 73 Singer Shannon
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 - 78 — the bullet
 - 79 Muck
 - 80 Dupe
 - 81 Roman poet
 - 82 Present
 - 84 Mind — matter
 - 85 Actor McDowall
 - 89 "Sweet —" (1903 song)
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 - 95 Like mother-of-pearl, often
 - 96 Lama kin
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Info. and tickets, call 302-266-6362.

GOVERNOR'S WOODBURN HOME HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Noon - 2 p.m. The public is invited to meet Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner in her home during the annual holiday open house at Woodburn. The Governor's Mansion will be festively decorated for the season with Christmas trees in every room. Listen to holiday music throughout your tour. See Santa and Mrs. Claus and Miss Delaware Linda Kurtz. Enjoy some complimentary punch and cookies with the Governor and her staff. Woodburn Mansion, 151 Kings Highway, Dover. Info., 302-739-5656.

STROLLING SANTA Noon - 3 p.m. On Saturday afternoons in December, Santa will be in the Newark Shopping Center, greeting shoppers, giving goodies to children and spreading the joy of the season. Stop by and wish Santa Happy Holidays!

SANTA HAYRIDE EXPRESS Take a hayride to visit Santa every Saturday and Sunday, starting Dec. 4. Hayrides depart every hour between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00

p.m. No reservations are required. Cost is \$5 per person. Carousel Park, Pike Creek. Info., 302-995-7670.

▶ **TUESDAY, DEC. 21**

WINTER CONCERT 7 p.m. This musical performance will take place at Newark High School. Open to the public. Info., 302-454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

WINTER CONCERT 7 p.m. This musical performance will take place at Pulaski Elementary. Open to the public. Info., 302-454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

▶ **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22**

WINTER CONCERT 7 p.m. This musical performance will take place at Bancroft Elementary School. Open to the public. Info., 302-454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

WINTER CONCERT 7 p.m. This musical performance will take place at Bayard Elementary. Open to the public. Info., 302-454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

▶ **MEETINGS, from 10**

support group meets second and fourth Thursdays at Christiana Hospital in the Medical Arts Pavilion 2. 302-733-3900.

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

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

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

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In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Give a gift of books

Looking for a good gift for a child? Check out Christina's Superintendent Joseph Wise's book club list. His third list, "Heroes and Heroines - Finding the You in Unique," was developed for National Children's Book Week. The selection of recommended titles includes a diverse group of authors and illustrators, something for every age group and reading level. See www.christina.k12.de.us for the current and past book club lists.

Explaining the holidays

Do you know how to help your family understand the true meaning of the holidays? Author Cheryl Coon recommends three books for ages 4 to 12: Silver Packages, an Appalachian Christmas Story, by Cynthia Rylant; The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree, by Gloria Houston; and Mama Had to Work on Christmas, by Carolyn Marsden.

Choice deadline

Deadline for submitting applications to the Christina School's Choice Program is Friday, Jan. 14. For an overview of the program, a brochure in English or Spanish, and an application visit www.christina.k12.de.us

Student of the Week

Alexander Pagan, a fourth grader at May B. Leasure Elementary School, was selected by Principal Linda Ochenrider as this week's Student of the Week. Pagan is a prime example of how perseverance can help you become a better student. He has a mentor everyday to help with math skills and takes time out of class two or three times a week to work in small groups, always without complaining and always wearing a smile, said Ochenrider. He works so hard that he has brought his math grade up two letter grades.



Pagan

Everyone has a story to tell

Novelist shares experiences, advice with young writers

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A rooster crowed in the distance, as the sun rose high in the sky. The sounds of a Trinidad morning are unlike anywhere else on earth. Thus began the story of a island woman in love with her most unlikely suitor from Canada.

Novelist Linda Edwards recently read excerpts from her book, "The Sun, The Snow, The Sea," to nearly 100 students packed into the library of Christiana High School.

Edwards, from Houston, was invited by guidance counselor Judith Wiley, to share her experiences as a writer, traveler and teacher with students in AP English and literature classes.

Originally from Trinidad, Edwards has written two books, both love stories with historical backgrounds. She said English literature and history are closely blended.

"You could not read and understand Othello or the Merchant of Venice without understanding European history,"

Edwards said.

"The Sun, The Snow, The Sea" is a story of the Americas and the cultural differences of two people in love.

"This is for all the women who believe in love," Edwards said, "for love is the world's only renewable gift. You can give it away a thousand times and it will come right back."

Her second book, "Coin of Gold," is a story of love and greed, centered around a Spanish gold coin that is found by a child on a beach following a tropical storm.

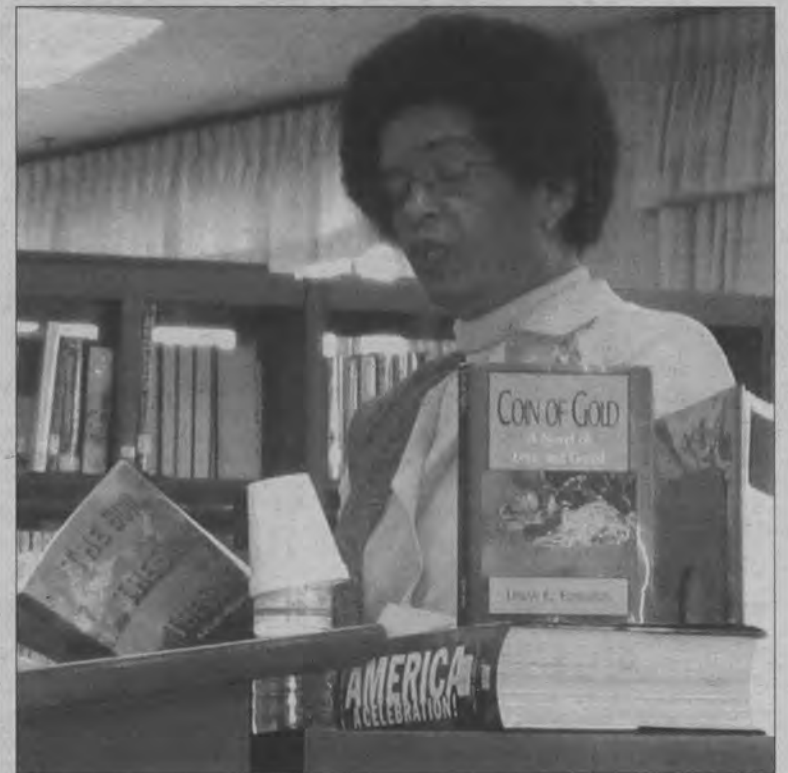
Edwards came to the United States in 1969 as a consultant to the U.S. Peace Corps. She taught English in a middle school in Oxford, Pa., and Wilmington High School before becoming assistant principal of Wilmington High from 1977 until 1983.

She received her masters degree from the University of Delaware in 1977. Her two sons graduated from Christiana High School.

She currently teaches AP English and literature classes at a high school in Houston.

Edwards began writing her first novel in 1972. She encouraged the CHS students to read and write every opportunity they had.

One place they can get material for their writing is from their own mothers and grandmothers,



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

There is a story in everyone, novelist Linda Edwards told students at Christiana High School. She encouraged them to gather stories from their mothers and grandmothers to use as "rich background" for their own writings.

she said. Those stories can be used as rich background for their writing.

"Women our age know stories, we can write a book about who

we know. Collect stories from your grandmothers and hold them until you are ready to

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Rhythm and movement tell a story

Storytellers use music for inspiration at Downes Elementary School

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HANDS were clapping in rhythmic patterns. Feet were moving to the cha-cha-cha as Downes Elementary School students learned to use movement and music to tell stories.

A percussionist and a storyteller, from the Delaware Institute for Art in Education, helped the students see how the use of adjectives, expression, emotion, inflection and imagination could make their writing more interesting.

With direction from Helen Carnevale, the students listened to the sounds created by various percussion instruments, then used those sounds to write a story.

In one session the students "told" a story of a hunter chasing a jaguar through the forest. The jaguar was frightening the village people. But when the wild animal was captured, they rejoiced with a festival.

First there was the sound of the castanets, symbolizing the sound of a jaguar running through the forest. Then the African a-go-go bell signaled the cage door shutting and trapping the jaguar. With the bongos playing, people were running through the forest. Finally, the tamborine and sekere were signs of a festival taking place in the village.

At a follow-up session the students listened to storyteller and musician David Gonzoles as he sang a series of South American stories, often about weird or strange birds and animals, using body movement to add depth to the story.

A native of Puerto Rico, Gonzoles started singing stories at seven years old. His songs are



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Downes students used South American percussion instruments to "write" a story. The unique sound created by each instrument represented a different part of the story. Adding detail and expression to students' writing is part of the standards for the language arts curriculum.

often about his own experiences growing up in New York City.

In one story he relates how his uncle once told him trees can sing, then he proceeded to make a guitar with six strings from

spruce, rosewood and ebony. It was Gonzoles' first guitar as a kid. His message to the Downes' students was to "watch, listen and learn" just as he did from his uncle.

Stars in reading program

Brader students log 83,000 minutes in two weeks

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

WHEN students at Brader Elementary School were challenged to read this fall, they went above and beyond what was asked of them.

From kindergarten to fifth grade, 126 students participated in their first Reach For the Stars reading incentive program for a two-week period in October and November. They were challenged to reach a goal of reading at least 300 minutes. A total of 82,918 minutes were logged in. That's 1382 hours.

In addition, sponsorship efforts collected nearly \$6,000.

The participating students earned back nearly \$3,000 in books for themselves and \$3547 in books for the school library.

The event was sponsored by



Forty of the 126 students in the Brader Reach for the Stars read-a-thon received medallions for reading more than 1,000 minutes each. They earned \$3547 in new books for the school's library as well as nearly \$3,000 in new books for themselves.

the Brader library and Kathi Waters of Usbourne Books.

"We are rewarding the students' reading with additional

books," said Waters. "It encourages them to continue habits developed in intense periods of reading. Even kids who did not

participate benefit."

The top reader was Cassidy Edmondson who read for a total of 2025 minutes. The following students read for more than 1,000 minutes each:

Gabrielle Robinson, Olivia Tharp, Kye Anderson, Serena Sachar, Brendon Jones, David Walczak, Cassi Rossi, Daniel Inerfield, Curtis Johnson, Michael Tharp, Beata Biro, Connor Pickering, Kacy Pringle, Kaitlyn Kanich, Danielle Jacoby, Maddie Mulligan, Joseph Myslinski, Fae Purnells, Justin Tekfe, Eric Walker, Taylor Cook, Sean Peden, Venessa Paulacholk, Tiddy Mauti, Nicole Anacay, Kary Pringle, William Detterline, Ryan Upchurch, Samantha Myslinski, Josie Bryant, Shrey Desai, Nathan Carrier, Joseph Xu, Morgan Rhudy, Anastasia Baluk, Victoria Althoff, Juliann Emory, Emily Waters, and James Brubaker.

Advice to writers:
read, read, read

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write," Edwards said.

The most important advice she could give to prepare students for AP literature classes is for them to "read, read, read," Edwards said.

"Read editorials, contemporary essays, look at structure," she suggested. "You are expected to be above Three Little Pigs and Ugly Ducklings."

If they wanted to become published authors, they should start keeping a notebook of observations or thoughts they have throughout the day.

"When you get up in the morning and have an idea, write it down," Edwards said. "There is a story in everybody and only you can tell your story."

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they're so popular that we have trouble keeping them framed and on the wall."

Cindy's Hallmark Gift Shop, 255 Elkton Road, has kept up the theme of Newark gifts. Every year, the shop sells Newark ornaments. This year's glass ornament features the Aetna fire station. Previous years have included Bing's Bakery, Sharp Hall and Klondike Kates, among many others. Shop owner Cindy

DeEmedio said the ornaments are a personal favorite. "I hang them all on my own tree at home," she said. The ornaments sell for \$6.50 and the money directly benefits the Newark Historical Society.

The University of Delaware's Book Store also offers an assortment of gift ideas. Manager Jennifer Galt said the hooded sweatshirts are popular presents. Other must-haves are football jerseys and holiday ornaments. The store sells eight porcelain ornaments showcasing every-

thing that represents the university from YoUDee to Memorial Hall. But the ornaments are moving fast. "We already don't have any more of YouDee," Galt said, "and we won't get any more in before Christmas."

And if all of these options are still too much to choose from, the Downtown Newark Partnership's gift certificate can be used in most Newark shops and restaurants. It is accepted at 70 different businesses, ranging from the useful (Happy Harry's) to the tasteful (Iron Hill) to the fanciful

(Hyacinths and Dragonflies). Certificates are sold in \$5, \$10 and \$25 denominations and can be purchased at Formal Affairs, the City of Newark municipal building, and from the Downtown Newark parking office in the Galleria. And they seem to have been a success this year as stocking stuffers. "People really seem to enjoy the flexibility of them," said Andrew Haines, who helps oversee the program. "The consumer can use them where ever they'd like and that's what's so attractive."

Arts alliance members display work in Main Street stores

THE Newark Arts Alliance is encouraging art lovers to get out and go downtown with their December Art Loop.

The loop places NAA members' art in shops and restaurants along Main Street for the viewing pleasure of all.

Art includes watercolors by Laura Tuttle, photographs by Bill Carter, stained glass by Dragonfly Leathrum-Simons and many others.

The art will be displayed through the end of the month.

Participating shops include: Studio 91, Adria Cafe, You've Been Framed; Sinclair's Cafe; The Copy Maven; Main Street Florist; Hardcastle Gallery, Hyacinths and Dragonflies; Bloom; Cafe Gelato; and Brewed Awakenings.

'Sweet Dreams' this weekend

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whole family. "Children and adults will know the music, even if they're not big ballet fans," Kathleen Nadolny, administrative director for Mid-Atlantic, said.

Over the years, some of the favorite songs have become classics in their own right, especially after the Disney version of Sleeping Beauty used the

Tchaikovsky score.

"Children and adults, even who have never seen the full production before, will find it wonderful," Nadolny said.

The cast of more than 60 dancers will present their show at Gore Hall over the weekend. The shows begin at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18 and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 per person.

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The Beast is the best

By **MARTY VALANIA**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Growing up in upstate Pennsylvania, wrestling was more than just a winter sport — it was a way of life.

It still is throughout many of the small towns across Pennsylvania. Local wrestling fans get to taste that culture this weekend as the top teams in Pennsylvania and, indeed, from across the country converge on Newark for the country's No. 1 rated high school wrestling tournament — the Beast of the East.

Ten of the top 20 teams in the country will be in the Carpenter Center Saturday and Sunday. In addition, over 100 nationally ranked individual wrestlers will also be competing.

The Carpenter Center turns into a wrestling Mecca and hundreds will make the pilgrimage from wrestling hotbeds to take in the action.

Delaware isn't a wrestling hotbed. However, there is a growing community of wrestlers, fans, coaches and kids that have grown up with the Beast and have a passion that matches those from wrestling areas.

As a matter of fact, there are up to 10 Delaware wrestlers that have a chance to place in this year's tournament. A handful of them have a good opportunity to win it.

There's no question the Beast has played a big part in the rising talent level of Delaware wrestlers. The current high school wrestlers have grown up with the tournament. Many have worked at tables or help set up. It's a tradition among the youth wrestlers. They help out and get to watch the best. They also learn and they also dream.

Wrestling will never be a way of life all winter here like it is in other places, but it will be this weekend.



Valania

Top wrestlers come to Newark

Some of nation's best to compete in Beast of the East

By **MARTY VALANIA**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The eyes of the wrestling world will be focused on Newark this weekend as the nation's No. 1 high school wrestling tournament comes to the Carpenter Center.

Ten of the country's top 20 teams will compete in the Brute Beast of the East Wrestling

Tournament Saturday and Sunday. In addition to the country's top teams, over 100 individually ranked wrestlers will be vying for coveted Beast titles.

For seven of the last eight years, we've been ranked the top wrestling tournament in the country," said tournament director Bob Shaw. "And eight of the last nine years, the No. 1 team in the country has come from the Beast team champion."

This year, 83 teams from 15 states — including newcomers Florida and Texas — will be competing. Nationally ranked teams include Blair Academy (N.J.), Great Bridge (Va.), St. Paris

Graham (Ohio), Brandon (Fla.), St. Edward (Ohio), Nazareth (Pa.), Northampton (Pa.), Massillon (Ohio), Absegami (N.J.) and Walsh Jesuit (Ohio).

The tournament, which will be visited by over 50 Division I college coaches to scout the wrestlers, annually gives out large sums of scholarship money to Delaware wrestlers. Last year, the Beast gave over \$50,000 to college bound students.

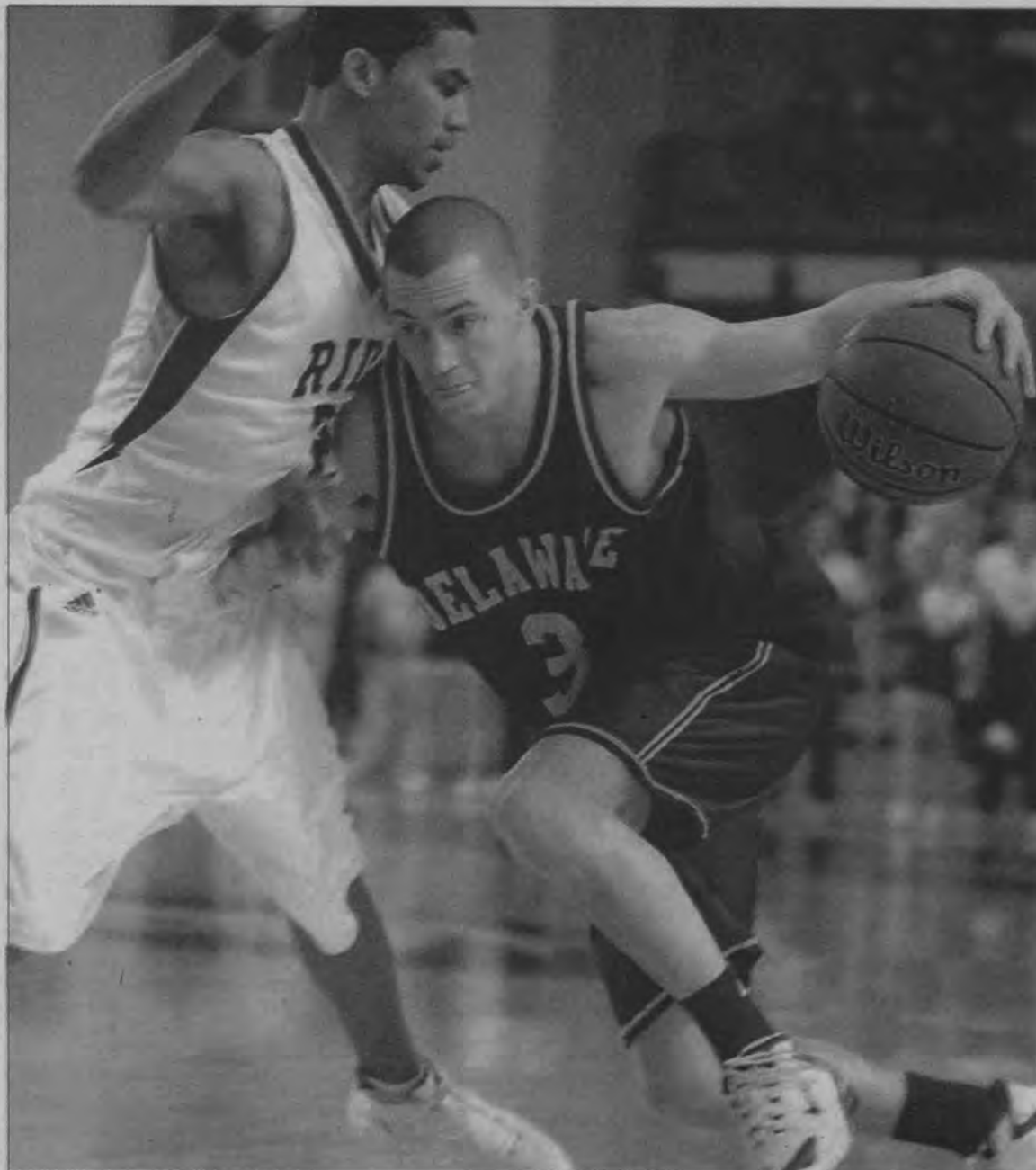
Locally, St. Mark's, Hodgson and Caravel will have wrestlers competing against the nation's best. In addition, top-ranked Caesar Rodney will also be competing.

"For the first time in awhile, we have some Delaware kids that have a shot at winning," Shaw said. "There could be as many as 8-10 kids that have a chance to place."

The last Beast champ from in state was Bobby Shaw of St. Mark's in 1999.

Tommy Abbott of St. Mark's placed sixth last year as a freshman at 103 pounds and is hoping to better that this year at 119 pounds. Caravel's Luke Rebertus finished seventh last year and will look to climb the ladder at 145 pounds this year.

See **WRESTLE, 16** ▶



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

Starting guard Mike Slattery broke his thumb against Rider and will miss three weeks of the season.

Hens have big week

It was a week of good news and bad news for the University of Delaware men's basketball team.

The good news was the Blue Hens earned two tough wins — one over CAA rival Drexel and the other over Rider, a team they hadn't beaten in four years. The bad news was that starting point guard Mike Slattery broke his thumb and could miss up to three weeks.

The Hens battled back from a 10-point halftime deficit to take the lead midway through the second half then had to hold on as Rider missed two chances to win the game in the final seconds for a 68-66 non-league men's basketball victory Saturday night at the Bob Carpenter Center.

Delaware (4-3, 1-0 CAA) won its second straight game and ended a personal three-game losing streak to Rider as forward Harding Nana (right) recorded his third straight double-double with 19 points and 12 rebounds, guard Rulon Washington came off the bench to spark the Hens by hitting five three-pointers and scoring 14 of his season-high 19 points in the second half, and Andrew Washington added 17 points. Slattery, who was injured in the first half, did not attempt a shot but dished out a game-high

See **HENS, 16** ▶

Newark falls to Glasgow in Kappa Klassic

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Newark fell to cross-town rival Glasgow 65-46 in the opening round of the 16th annual Kappa Klassic Basketball Tournament Tuesday night on the Yellowjackets home court.

Dragon senior Khyle Nelson scored 13 points, all in the second half to lead Glasgow to its first victory of the season.

Cory Lemons and Steve Cooper each added 11 points for Glasgow, while Mike Ingramm added 8, and Cartier Johnson chipped in with seven points.

"I just try to come out and execute, and do what I did in practice, because I wanted to help our coach get his first win," said Nelson. "That loss to Middletown last season, (in the state semifinals), will definitely make me work a lot harder this season," he said.

The Yellowjackets played sound, fundamental basketball during the first half. Newark hung with their taller and more experienced opponents for the first 16 minutes, and only trailed 26-22 at the break.

Glasgow's first-year coach Shahid Perkins said the team came out a little sluggish at the

start.

"In the second half, I told the players to come out more aggressive, and then we started doing the things we've been practicing for the past few weeks," he said.

In the decisive third quarter, Glasgow turned up its defense, and turned loose Nelson and Johnson. The pair combined for 15 points as the Dragons outran and outscored the Jackets by a 23-8 margin.

Perkins said the seniors led the way.

"When you have three players, Nelson, Lemons and Ingramm, who have experience, and were on a championship

team, a lot of weight is on their shoulders, and we'll go as far as they will go this year," said Perkins.

Newark junior Alfred Weelfolk topped all scorers with 15 points.

Lee Warren added 10 and Terrance Williams had 9 points for the 0-1 Yellowjackets.

In Tuesday's first game,

Sanford defeated Howard 56-50.

Other teams participating in the tournament include Christiana, A.I. DuPont, Concord, and St. Mark's.

The Kappa Klassic continues at Newark High school throughout the week. The championship battle and consolation games are scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

Hens knock off Drexel

► **HENS, from 15**

nine assists and pulled six rebounds.

UD tops Drexel

Junior forward Harding Nana posted game-highs of 21 points and 12 rebounds as the Hens held off rival Drexel for a 67-65 men's basketball victory in the Colonial Athletic Association opener for both teams last Wednesday.

Delaware snapped a two-game losing streak as the Blue Hens held Drexel to just 6 of 26 shooting from the field in the second half but didn't clinch the win until Dragon guard Bashir Mason missed a layup under pressure with one second left to

Phoenix women's hockey team starts season

The Delaware Phoenix women's hockey team tied the Blades 3-3 Saturday and fell 5-0 to the Bobcats on Sunday.

The Phoenix goals were scored by Jen Smith (2) and PJ Johnson. Andy Nonne had two

end the game.

The Blue Hens, who now hold a slim all-time advantage of 67-62 in this fierce rivalry, also got 15 points from guard Andrew Washington while Rulon Washington came off the bench to add 10 points, including two three-pointers, and Slattery dished out a game-high eight assists.

Slattery injured

Slattery will miss a minimum of three weeks with a broken right thumb injured in the Blue Hens' 68-66 win over Rider.

Slattery injured his thumb in the first half on Saturday, but still dished out nine assists and committed just one turnover while pulling down six rebounds in 34 minutes of action.

assists while BC Beisinger and MaryAnne Doll-Johnson each had one.

In earlier season games the Phoenix played the UWHL Predators to a scoreless tie and they fell 3-0 to the Flames.

Local wrestlers have shot against best

► **WRESTLE, from 15**

Andrew Bradley of St. Mark's is another wrestler that will have a good chance to be among the place winners at 140 if he is able to compete. Bradley missed last week's Milford Tournament due to illness and the Spartans were unsure of his status for this week.

"We have some kids that have a chance to do well," said St. Mark's coach Jason Bastianelli, who saw his team win four individual titles at Milford. "Abbott has a good shot and Bradley could too."

Kenny Zell (215), Zack Frederick (145), Jeremy Shaw (125) and Andrew Riley (130) are other wrestlers that Bastianelli pointed to as having the potential for doing well.

Joining Rebertus from Caravel will be freshman 103 pounder Jarrod Garnett and freshman 152 pounder Vinnie Ranauto.

Rebertus won a national title in Fargo last summer while Ranauto nearly placed in the state tournament as an eighth grader last season. Garnett has had a stellar youth record and could be a factor at 103.

"It depends on his draw," said Caravel coach Matt Zambanini of Garnett. "He's wrestled a lot of kids that are ranked in the top 10 and top 20 in the country and he's beaten some of them. [Rebertus] will go deep. He placed last year and should be seeded this year. He looks good and should have a good shot.

"Ranauto has only had a week

or so of practice because of football, but he's looked good while he's been in the room."

Hodgson may not have any predicted place winners, but it has a young team that can gain valuable experience.

"We're very young," said Hodgson coach Stan Spoor. "A lot of our kids have grown up watching the Beast, working the tables and hanging around the tournament. Our challenge is to get them to realize they're wrestling in it now. It should be a great experience for them."

Other Delaware wrestlers that have legitimate chances of winning include Sussex Central sophomore Connor McDonald at 103 and Caesar Rodney's Ian Moser at 112 and Steve Bilbrough at 215..

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Newark church hosts forum on political change

By JOE OLIVIERI

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PANELISTS touted the importance of coalition building around specific issues at "Whither Progressive Politics in Delaware? A Forum for the Faithful," a two-hour discussion at New Ark United Church of Christ on Sunday, Dec. 12.

The five-person panel responded to two questions posed by moderator Phillip Bannowsky to frame the discussion: "What coherent united message can progressive politicians and activists pose?" and "What can progressives do to unite in resistance to the right wing juggernaut?" Responses varied regarding the strategies needed to build coalitions and where activist energy should be focused to forward efforts.

Secretary of Common Cause of Delaware Maryanne McGonegal emphasized generating change through politics and policy incrementally.

"What we need to do is to make concrete steps on a local level to come together," she said, citing successful efforts to influence politicians' opinions through vocalizing their opinions in large numbers.

Tom Vincent, a convener of The 48% Club, said that political problems do not need one single approach just as other choices people face are confronted in sev-

eral ways.

"We vote with our feet and our wallets," he said. "Why is it that the only place we can't vote individually is the voting booth?"

Mark Brunswick, Educational Director of the Delaware A. Philip Randolph Institute, said that the majority of issues are addressed are through coalitions, so criteria must be established for entry to make a coalition as effective as possible. He used the A. Philip

Randolph Institution's policies as an example.

"Ours are written so that it is not exclusive, but that you have to buy in," he said.

Delaware State Green Party Coordinating Council Chair J. Roy Cannon said progressives need to focus on movement building instead of elections as well as building solidarity.

He said that absolute unification never occurred in the civil

rights movement, but that there was enough unification to make change.

8th District New Castle County Councilman John Cartier said being in touch with the community is key to being effective.

"That is how you get credibility in the eyes of the people," he said.

Panelists fielded questions

from the approximately 30 person audience from topics ranging from electoral fraud and holding elected Democrats and progressives accountable to possible issues to collectively pursue.

Panelists' suggestions for possible causes included full-day kindergarten, the peace movement, health care and local environmental issues.

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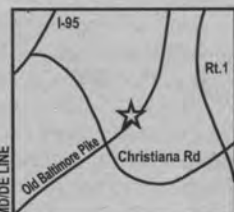
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Despite pleas, board expells student, 'we cannot put staff in jeopardy'

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surrounding areas to have such a hotline.

Parents and family members will also be notified of emergencies in the schools through the AlertNow emergency broadcast system. It will not announce closings of schools due to snow, but will notify them of lock downs or evacuations.

The first monitor was put in place this week in Newark High School in connection with the Web-based camera monitoring system that provides round the clock observation of school facilities by authorized school personnel.

■ Zero tolerance

The Christina Board of Education approved the expulsion of a high school student for striking a teacher, despite pleas from two individuals represent-

ing the girl to delay the action until the student could officially withdraw from the district.

Board members George Evans and Jim Durr both expressed concern that the student could reapply for admission to a Christina school at a later time.

"We cannot put our staff in jeopardy," Durr said. "They need our support."

The vote was 4 to 2 with Constance Merlet and Cecilia Scherer voting against immediate expulsion and John Mackenzie, Brenda Phillips, Evans and Durr voting for the motion.

■ Announcement postponed

The announcement of the newest Christina Board of Education member was postponed until the Jan. 11 meeting. Board President Brenda Phillips said the Board did not have enough time to adequately interview the candidates for the position vacated by Christopher Reed

in October. One of the candidates was on a trip out of the country.

■ Task force announced

The members of a task force to advise on the design and success factors for a new high school in the City of Wilmington, within the Christina School District, were announced.

They include: William Montgomery, chief of staff for Mayor's office in Wilmington; Lynn Howard, chief of staff for Wilmington City Council; H. Raye Jones-Avery, director of Christina Cultural Arts Center; Maurice Pritchett, director of Family and Community Engagement for Christina Schools; Deborah Rodenhouse, executive director of Education Options and Student Services for CSD; Joseph Jones, assistant principal; and Donald Patton, principal of Kirk Middle School.

Ex-officio members include: Shinekqua L. Baines, director of development for WCCNPAC; Wilmington Mayor James Baker; Frank McIntosh, executive director of Junior Achievement of Delaware; and Dr. Joseph Wise, superintendent.

The task force is to investigate whether there exists a need for a newly created and constructed preparatory high school to be wholly owned and operated by the Christina School district in Wilmington and if there is sufficient support from the business and philanthropic community to support a "premier" urban high school in the city.

New after-school academies proposed

A program to combine after-school care and academics, the first of its kind in the nation, is scheduled to open here Jan. 31.

Sparked by a growing number of children requiring after school care and the need to support their academic development, structured after-school learning academies are proposed for the Christina and Red Clay school districts.

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, more than 50 representatives of the two districts and community-based organizations met to hear about the model for creating partnerships that will align their strengths.

"Teachers are exhausted after a full day of teaching. Pulling together teams of individuals to support after-school learning is very difficult," said Richard Kapolka, executive director of Christina Partners For Excellence (CPE), the district's non-profit organization. "I don't think the school districts do a good job of after-school enrichment." Kapolka is a former principal of Christiana High School.

On the other hand, Kapolka said the community-based organizations, such as Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA, do a great job in supplying child care, snacks and activities, but they are not focused on academics.

The proposed academies would align the services of the community-based organizations with the specific academic needs of each child who attends.

In addition, when the academic needs of the students are met, the schools will see improvement in their test scores, Kapolka said.

There are currently four Christina elementary schools and two Red Clay schools that are

rated "under improvement" by the federally mandated No Child Left Behind Act.

Under the direction of CPE and Options For Education, a Portland, Oregon-based company, the first academies will serve Title I students from Bancroft, Pulaski, Stubbs and Wilson schools in Christina and Warner and Marbrook schools in Red Clay.

Title I students are those who receive free or reduced lunch. Research shows a direct link between poverty and low academic achievement.

The academies will be held from after-school until 6 p.m., with snacks, recreation or enrichment activities and homework help. A 40-minute session would be held with one-on-one tutoring and mentoring by HOSTS.

The HOSTS organization, already in many of the Christina schools, develops a specific academic program for individual needs, aligned with their classroom studies.

The locations of the proposed academies have not yet been determined.

Funding will come from a variety of sources, including federal, state and local dollars. Options For Education is providing start-up money.

Currently 1,000 students in the Christina district qualify for federal supplemental education dollars but fewer than 50 are now involved, Kapolka said.

Letters of interest are now being mailed to parents and applications from community-based organizations are being accepted. The six academies are expected to open Jan. 31, with approximately 75 students at each location.

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bills.

My second observation is one of human behavior. Even when there wasn't a Sears customer in sight, coming or going, we'd stand there and keep ringing the bell while we talked. We'd change arms when we tired, but we rang the bell continuously during our two-hour shift. Why we didn't stop ringing when no one was around is unknown to me.

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I've worked retail during this season and I understand how worn down clerks and salespeo-

ple become when they encounter one mean, nasty shopper after another.

When I worked in a camera shop, we strategically placed strings of metal film cans along the clerk side of the sales counter. Whenever one of us encountered a particularly nasty, demanding or clueless customer, we'd accidentally bang into the string of cans. The resulting rattle would draw co-workers to observe the conversation and often be amused by the absurdity. It was our way of dealing with the stress.

On Black Friday, I witnessed an interesting incident outside a Newark pizza shop that is located

in a strip shopping center. The parking lot was jammed and people were stalking people heading to their cars to grab vacated spaces.

As I approached the sidewalk, I saw the owner of the pizzeria (the dusty white apron was the give-away) was loading what appeared to be Christmas gifts into a Mercedes minivan parked directly in front of his store.

A tall man ahead of me, clearly frustrated by the traffic and search for a parking space, asked the pizza man why he was not loading his van from a rear door thus opening the prime parking space to a customer.

The short pizza man barked back, "I pay the rent here. I'll park where I want." A not so pleasant "mind your own business" response.

I found this encounter interesting because I never patronize that business, even though many rave

about the Italian specialties and its convenience to the newspaper office.

I didn't confront the owner. I choose to not do business with stores where the employees grab the prime parking spaces.

My bank is nearby and I always look to see if the Mercedes minivan is directly in front of the pizzeria door. Nine out of ten times it is. To me, this shows a lack of respect for customers and arrogance. And pizza is not in short supply in Newark so I spend my money elsewhere.

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Writing of spending money – and aren't we all this time of year – if you haven't already supported Val Nardo's humanitarian efforts, I hope you will.

Val's Needy Family Fund, working in conjunction with the Newark Area Welfare Committee, is expected to deliver holiday food baskets this year to

1,200 deserving families in our midst.

The retired barber's efforts have been year-round since 1968 but it's the holidays when Val's army of volunteers serve the greatest number of needy families.

Warehouse stock of food diminished earlier this year when Nardo offered help to families flooded out of their homes.

So what Val's Needy Family Fund needs right now is cash. I hope that you will consider a holiday gift to this worthy and local charity.

■ *Donations can be sent to Nardo's son's barber shop, Hair Taker, at 423 New London Ave., Fairfield Shopping Center, Newark, DE 19711. Make checks payable to: Val's Needy Family Fund, a registered non-profit agency.*

Local company donates \$22,000

DELAWARE charities fighting domestic abuse have gotten a helping hand from Avon this month.

The Avon Products Foundation donated \$22,000 to local organizations in an effort to better serve area women.

The YWCA of New Castle County received \$7,000 to fund the Domestic Abuse Outreach Center, which provides comprehensive case management and therapeutic services for direct and indirect victims of domestic violence,

sexual assault, child abuse and traditionally underserved populations.

Diamond State Classic, a local basketball tradition that helps raise scholarships for women, received \$5,000.

And the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County and Schylkill Women in Crisis both received \$5,000 for their programs that work towards ending violence against women.

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E. Main St., notified police on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 12:34 p.m., when a roll of postage stamps, valued at \$1,700, was discovered missing from behind the store's service counter. Surveillance tapes were to be retrieved by the district management to view suspect information, police said.

Autos damaged

Newark Police were notified on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 10:34 a.m. that the driver's side front window of a 2004 Honda Accord, parked under the bridge in the 400 block of S. College Avenue, was smashed and the cover to a rear mirror on the door was broken off. Nothing appeared to be missing from the vehicle. Damages were \$150.

At about the same time, police were notified of a 91 Chevrolet Cavalier, parked in the unit block of Woodshaw Road, that had "D-Unit" spray painted on the rear driver's side door. Damages were \$200.

The passenger side, plastic window of a 91 Jeep, parked in the 200 block of Beverly Road, was cut and the stereo, valued at \$150, was stolen, it was reported to police on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 11:12 p.m. Damages were \$150.

A speaker and amplifier were removed from the trunk of a 93 Honda Accord while it was in the Martin Dealership at 298 E. Cleveland Ave., it was reported to police on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 10:31 a.m. Value of the missing items was \$600.

Bah humbug

Someone removed a holiday wreath, valued at \$75, from the front doorway of a residence in the 100 block of Radcliffe Drive, it was reported to police on Friday, Dec. 10, at 1:40 p.m.

A white plastic Santa Claus, decorated with lights, was reported missing from a front yard of a residence in the unit block of Vassar Drive, on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m., police said. Value of the decoration was \$20.

Cash missing

It was reported to Newark Police on Friday, Dec. 10, at 10:35 a.m. that a large, undisclosed amount of cash was missing from the cashier's safe at The Pond, an ice skating rink at 101 John Campbell Dr.

Chair stolen

Over a period of eight weeks, owners of a residence in the 200 block of East Park Place, have had several items removed or damaged in the front yard, it was reported to police on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 11:20 a.m.

Damages included a broken front door handle, missing wicker chair and smashed flower pots. Total damages were \$45 and stolen items were \$85.

Alcohol, noise law violations listed

Newark Police Department officers have continued stepped-up enforcement of the alcohol-related and noise laws here during the holiday party season.

Some of the recent arrests include:
Steven Patrick Henn, 19, of Newark, disorderly

premise and underage consumption, and Robert T. Brandos, 19, of Newark, underage consumption, on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 1:46 a.m., in 400 block of Wollaston Ave., Ivy Hall;

Olushola Samba, 22, of Norristown, Pa., giving liquor to persons underage, and Lindsay P. Twilley, 19, of Newark, underage possession, on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 11:29 p.m., in 200 block of Suburban Dr.;

David Mensch, 18, of Holmdel, N.J., underage consumption, on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 8:41 p.m., in 600 block of S. College Ave.;

Beverly Mintora Roberts, 34, of Wilmington, open container in a motor vehicle, on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m., on S. College Ave. at W. Chestnut Hill Rd.;

Carelis Marquez, 28, of Wilmington, sale of alcohol to a minor, on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 6:15 p.m., at LaTolteca, 200 block of E. Main St.;

Lionell Maurice Flamer, 24, of Newark, noise violation, on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 4:02 a.m., in the unit block of Madison Dr.;

Amy Lynn Coverdale, 21, of Bear, and Cara Marie Vucchi, 21, of Middletown, noise violation, on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 1:40 a.m., in the 2000 block of Scholar Dr., University Courtyard Apts.;

Benjamin Y. Fauer and Christopher Allen Kirk, both 21, of Newark, disorderly premise, on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 1:02 a.m., in the 300 block of S. College Ave.;

Carin V. Cramer, 21, Mohnton, Pa., noise violation, on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 12:16 a.m., in the unit block of E. Main St.;

Steven Griffith, 19, of Rehoboth Beach, noise violation, on Friday, Dec. 10, at 11:53 p.m., in the 200 block of Elkton Rd., West Knoll;

Sarah Marcus, 19, of Newark, noise violation, on Friday, Dec. 10, at 11:38 p.m., in the 100 block of Thorn Lane;

Daniel Bickford, 19, of Middletown, noise violation, on Friday, Dec. 10, at 11:57 p.m., in the 100 block of Thorn Lane;

Megan Courtney Boyle, 19, of Lake Hopatcong, N.J., underage possession of alcohol, on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2:17 a.m., in the 300 block of Scholar Drive, University Courtyard Apartment parking lot;

Oscar Garcia, 20, of Newark, underage possession of alcohol, on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 11:40 p.m., at 40 Whitechapel Dr.;

Christopher Potter, 20, of Dover, underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 2 a.m., at 83 E. Main St.;

Bryan M. Wolchok, 20, of Newark, unlawful entry for a minor and presenting an altered license, on Friday, Dec. 3, at 10:46 p.m., at Timothy's, 100 Creek View Rd.;

Christa M. Smedile, 20, of Newark, misrepresenting age, on Friday, Dec. 3, at 10:10 p.m.,

at Timothy's, 100 Creek View Rd.; Ashley E. Menzoni, 20, of Newark, misrepresenting age, on Friday, Dec. 3, at 9:42 p.m., at Timothy's, 100 Creek View Rd.;

James Jason Marino, 26, of Middletown, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 8:50 p.m., at 230 E. Main St.;

Michael H. Carroll, 21, of Newark, noise violation, on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2:37 a.m., in the unit block of Annabella Street;

Dennis Smith, 21, of Newark, noise violation, on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 2:51 a.m., in the 2400 block of Scholar Drive;

Brian Friedman, 21, of North Wales, Pa., noise violation, on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 1:34 a.m., in the 3400 block of Scholar Drive;

Robert Sannelli, 21, of Sprongfield, Pa., maintaining a disorderly premise, on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 1:05 a.m., in the unit block of Prospect Avenue; and

Megan Leigh Wake, 21, of Gambrills, Md., and Danielle Junior, 22, of E. Hanover, N.J., both noise violation, on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 12:06 a.m., in the 100 block of N. College Avenue.

Police said all were released pending court appearances.

Bear man killed in car accident

The Delaware State Police are investigating an early morning fatal crash that occurred on Rt. 896, South College Avenue, at the intersection of Four Seasons Parkway, at approximately 6:20 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Police reported that a 2002 Jeep Cherokee, operated by Rhonda Walker, 40, of Newark, was traveling southbound on 896 approaching the intersection of Four Seasons Parkway.

A 2003 Hyundai Sonata, operated by Deana Ferns, 28, of Bear, was traveling northbound on 896 preparing to make a left turn onto Four Seasons Parkway. Police said that as the Jeep neared the intersection, the Hyundai attempted to make a left turn. The front end of the Jeep struck the passenger side of the Hyundai.

Ferns was transported by ambulance to Christiana Hospital. Ferns was admitted to the hospital with a fractured pelvis. The 39-year-old male passenger in the Hyundai, Steven Dixon, of Bear, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Rhonda Walker and her son, 16, who was the front-seat passenger, were transported to Christiana Hospital where they were treated and released with minor injuries, police said.

The crash remains under investigation by the Fatal Accident, Investigation and Reconstruction Team, however detectives have said that alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

Hit and run ends at Newark library

New Castle County Police are investigating a hit and run accident that started in Brookside and ended at the New Castle County Library in Newark. The driver was a 14-year-old female who took the family car.

On Sunday, Dec. 12 at 11 p.m., county police responded to the unit block of Carlisle Road after hearing of an accident involving an SUV and a tree. While responding, the officers were advised that the Dodge Durango was leaving the scene of the accident. Officers were able to locate the SUV on Marrows Road and tried unsuccessfully to get the vehicle to stop.

Police said the Durango continued on Marrows Road and turned left on to Rte. 273 without stopping. The vehicle eventually crashed while trying to negotiate a left turn on to Rte. 72. Police reported the vehicle was traveling at a high speed at that point, struck the curb and came to a stop. The vehicle sustained heavy damage.

Police said the driver had taken her father's Durango without his permission. The driver was transported to the Christiana Hospital for treatment for minor injuries.

Upon her release, warrants are on file for her arrest for theft and numerous traffic violations, police said.

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University students chuck candy for a grade

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than \$5. The result was a collection of battered binders, bottle caps and pieces of scrap wood transformed into several high-tech food fight weapons, battling to prove which was the best.

The challenge required groups to set a Reese's Bite sailing into a styrofoam cup. While no team was able to accomplish the feat within the allotted three chances, students were still successful, Wilkins said. "[The launching] was a way to show off what the students have been up to for the past couple of weeks," he said.

"But what they were actually graded on was the part that lead up to that."

Students had to brainstorm, develop a design and show how it would work. That meant lots of nights grading papers for Wilkins. "They had about three homeworks a week for this," he said.

Michael Gilbert and his group took whatever materials they could scrape together the night before to create their masterpiece.

"The store was closed by the time we got together to make it," Gilbert said. If you ask just when that was, he'll unabashedly tell

you, "ten o'clock."

But the group showed a bit of ingenuity. They ran into a few issues since they couldn't get all the materials they had originally wanted, so their project was crafted out of what was laying around their dorm rooms. The most important of which became a contorted wire hanger attached to a Coca-Cola bottle cap. The cap, attached to the end of the somewhat straightened hanger, held the candy in place. The piece of bent metal was attached to the

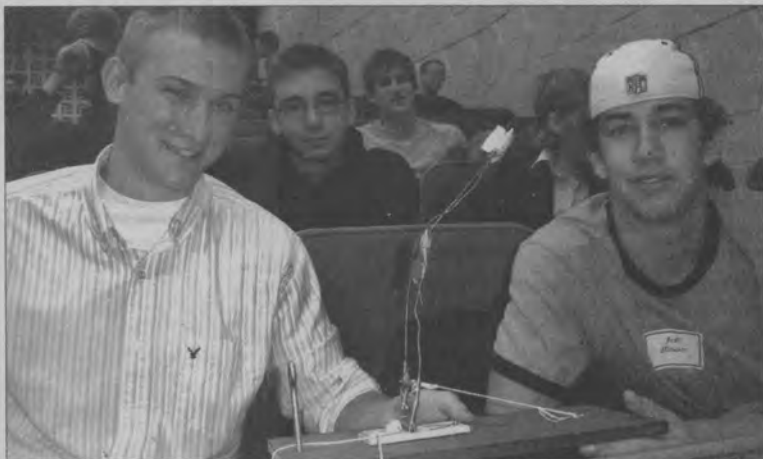
mouse trap, and when things worked right, flung the candy across the room. "The hanger really helps with the trajectory," Gilbert said. But there was a problem with the duct tape-rigged mouse trap. "The tape keeps ripping off," he said.

Other groups that arranged for a shopping trip had more involved machines. One group attached several feet of wire, which when connected sparked a fuse and set off the mouse trap. Another group used a tiny rubber

alien as an aiming device. Amazingly, despite 30 groups sharing the same set of rules and the same goal, each team developed a unique approach.

But the inherent creativity involved was part of the appeal to the project. "It's nice because it's something different," Wilkins said.

And the students seemed to agree. "This beats taking a test," Gilbert admitted.



Michael Gilbert (left), Brendan Sweeney (back, middle) and Jeff Binder show off their catapult, which uses a wire hanger to chuck candy.

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Dorothy R. Beckett

Newark resident Dorothy R. Beckett died Dec. 4, 2004 in Christiana Hospital. Mrs. Beckett, 88, was a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, William Beckett Jr.; four grandchildren, Bill, Scott, Robbin and Bill; and 11 great grandchildren, Jessica, William, Matthew, Emily, Katelyn, Megan, Erin, David, Matthew, Elizabeth and William.

A service was scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 9 at Bethel Baptist Church, Wilmington. Burial is in Gracelawn Memorial Park. Contributions may be sent to Bethel Baptist Church memorial fund in Dorothy's memory.

Mary Margaret Truman

Newark resident Mary Margaret Truman died at her

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- Dorothy R. Beckett
- Mary Margaret Truman
- Dorothy Grahl Updyke
- Marion C. Barrow
- Joseph G. West Jr.
- Zoraida Garrido
- Benito Perez
- Frank J. Backle Sr.
- Kenneth Colin MacKenzie
- William N. Robinson Jr.
- John W. Balling
- LaVerda M. Calvert

Joseph G. West Jr., 69, life member of Aetna

NEWARK resident Joseph G. West Jr. died Wednesday Dec. 8, 2004 at Christiana Hospital.

Mr. West, 69, worked for 31 years at the Elsmere VA Hospital as a powerhouse engineer and also operated heavy equipment for Paul Schlosser Plumbing and Heating.

He was a U.S. Navy Korean War veteran, a life member of the Veterans of

Foreign Wars and a member of the Moose Lodge in Elkton.

In addition, he was a life member of Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Co.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Vivian West of Newark., two sons, Rusty West of Newark and James Paxton of Middletown; four daughters, Lorraine Gainey of Newark, Anna Mears of Millsboro, Judy Carlin of Phoenix, Ariz. and Deborah

Linden also of Phoenix. He also leaves behind 12 grandchildren.

A service was scheduled for Monday, Dec. 13, at R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, Newark.

Burial is in Kemblesville Cemetery, Kemblesville, Pa.

Memorial contributions may be made to Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Co., c/o the funeral home.

home Dec. 5, 2004 after a courageous and inspiring battle with cancer.

Mrs. Truman, was retired from the U.S. Attorney's Office District of Delaware and was a financial litigator and paralegal specialist.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Donald; a daughter, Catherine Anthony; a son, Scott Truman; two grandsons, Michael and Christopher Anthony; and a granddaughter, Kylie Truman.

Survivors also include a brother, Fred Ferance and his wife, Sherry; and a niece, Heather.

A service was scheduled for Friday, Dec. 10 at the McCrery Memorial Chapel.

Burial is in Gracelawn Memorial Park.

Contributions may be made in Margie's memory to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810.

Dorothy Grahl Updyke

Dorothy Grahl Updyke of Wilmington died Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004.

Mrs. Updyke, 92, worked for Ronson Corp. as a line worker for 20 years.

She is survived by her daugh-

ter, Patricia S. Anderson of Newark; sons, James L. Updyke of Wilmington and Richard B. Updyke Sr. and his wife, Joan, of Elkton, Md.; 10 grandchildren, Sue A. Werb, Michael W. Anderson, Letitia J. Tirabassi, Tricia Jenkins, Victoria Feeley, Megan Updyke and Richard B. Updyke Jr., Beverly Neal and Geoffrey L. Wikel and Jeannette Wikel; 16 great grandchildren, Jennifer L. Good and Rebecca S. Good, Peter J. Good, III, Allison L. Werb and Lindsay A. Werb, Michael W. Anderson Jr., Jillian M. Jock and Andrew Updyke, Evan Updyke and Gavin Updyke and Dylan Updyke and Alexis Feeley, Lauren Neal and Nicholas Neal and Kelsey Jenkins and Scott Jenkins.

A service was scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Gracelawn Memorial Park Chapel, New Castle. Burial is in the adjoining memorial park.

Contributions may be made to Compassionate Care Hospice; or to the Delaware Humane Association.

Marion C. Barrow

Newark resident Marion C. Barrow died Dec. 5, 2004 at Millcroft Nursing Home.

Mrs. Barrow, 93, was a member of the Newark United Methodist Church.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

A service was scheduled for Friday, Dec. 10 at R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, Newark.

Burial is at St. Georges Cemetery.

Zoraida Garrido

Newark resident Zoraida Garrido, formerly of Penbreke Pines, Fla. died Friday, Dec. 3, 2004.

Mrs. Garrido, 80, settled in Florida in 1962 where she worked as a beautician for many years. In January of this year, Mrs. Garrido relocated to Delaware.

She is survived by her daughters, Marta Garrido and Gisela DiDonato and her husband, Richard; her grandson, Brian Preston and his wife, Myra; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held privately for her family.

Benito Perez, 44, served with Marines

Newark resident Benito Perez "Benny" died suddenly and

unexpectedly on Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004.

Mr. Perez, 44, graduated from Delcastle High School in 1978, and was a life long resident of Delaware.

He served his country proudly as a tank mechanic in the U.S. Marine Corps, upon graduation from high school in 1978 until 1982, where he earned the rank of Corporal.

He was employed as a machinist by Wilmington Fibre Company, New Castle, for many years.

Mr. Perez was a member of the Police and Fire Rod and Gun Club.

He is survived by his beloved family, Angela; and son, Benito William Perez; father, Juan A. Perez, of Newark; mother, Luz E. Perez-Oyola, of Newark; brother, Juan A. Perez Jr., of Thailand.

He is also survived by his sisters, Lillian Perez-Viera, of Wilmington, Doris Perez-Velez, of Wilmington, Charlene Perez-Rodriguez, of New Castle, Lori C. Perez, of Newark, and Evelyn Chaparro, of Rochester, N.Y.; grandmother, Gladys Correa, of New Castle; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

A service was scheduled for Friday, Dec. 10 at Beeson Memorial Services of Newark, Fox Run.

Burial is in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, with military honors.

A contribution is asked to the Benito William Perez Education Fund, c/o Wilmington Trust Company, 10 Fox Hunt Drive, Bear, DE 19701.

Frank J. Backle Sr.

Frank J. Backle Sr. of Brick, N.J. died Dec. 7, 2004 at the Jersey Shore Medical Center.

Mr. Backle, 78, had lived in Brick for 27 years, and was a WWII Navy veteran.

He had been the head custodian for the Brick Township Board of Education at the Veterans Middle School for 12 years, retiring in 1990.

Formerly, he had worked in the dairy industry.

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and the Borden's Ice Cream Corp. as a foreman in their Newark plants.

Mr. Backle was a member of St. Dominic's R.C. Church in Brick.

He is survived by his son, Frank J. Jr. and his wife, Helen, of Bear; grandchildren, Frank J. III and his wife, Carol, of Toms River, N.J., David and his wife, Kelly, of Toms River, N.J., and Jason and Matthew, both of Bear;

and great grandchildren, Frank IV, Joseph, Sarah, Sabrina and Samantha.

A service was scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11, at St. Dominic's R.C. Church in Brick.

Burial is in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Englewood, N.J.

Kenneth C. MacKenzie

Newark resident Kenneth Colin MacKenzie died suddenly at his home on Friday Dec. 10, 2004.

Mr. MacKenzie, 73, Colin was

born in Londonderry, Northern Ireland. He was a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and the Newark Senior Center. For several years he was a piper with the Delmar and District Pipe Band.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Doris MacKenzie of Newark, a son Ian MacKenzie and Michele; and grandson Brayden MacKenzie, all of Newark. He is also survived by his sister Rosalie Atkinson and her husband Jack of Millsboro, brother Ross Mackenzie and his

wife Dorothy, sister Ann Henderson and sister in law Lorna MacKenzie, all of Northern Ireland and sister Heather Leech and husband Gordon of France.

A service was scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 18 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Newark.

Burial is private.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart and Lung Association c/o R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, 122 West Main St., Newark, DE, 19711.

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William N. Robinson Jr.

Newark resident William N. Robinson Jr., 62, died Dec. 8, 2004 after a long illness.

He is survived by his sons, Beau Robinson of Wilmington and William Michael and daughter, Dawn Marie; and his brother, David Robinson and his wife, Marie of Middletown.

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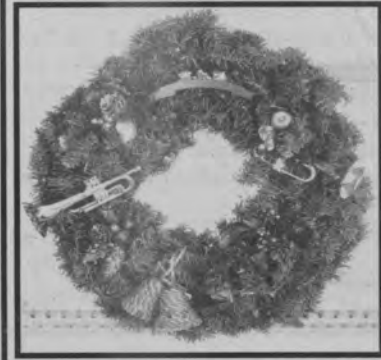
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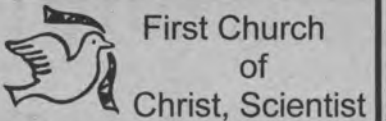
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Council okays time extension

► COUNCIL, from 1

However, several council members pushed for greater time restrictions, saying that students who might be studying on Friday evening deserve to do so without distraction.

"If you're going to restrict them, restrict them," Councilman Karl Kalbacher said. "It seems that being open till one on the weekends isn't a restriction at all."

However, the council decided not to ask for weekend hour restrictions in order to keep the business a profitable one.

"For this business to be financially viable, it will be important to use on weekends," Mayor Vance Funk IV said, "or else we will end up with a huge empty space on Main Street again."

The council approved grandfathering rights for a final extension, the fourth one for the property. By the time the extension is

over, more than a year will have passed since the council changed laws forbidding liquor sales in close proximity to dorms.

"I wonder how long these extensions can be made," Newark resident Jean White said.

But in the end, the council granted another extension because the owners had demonstrated a good faith effort in turning the property into a business.

David Dietz, a representative for the restaurant, gave a time line for the ongoing construction.

"We hope to be done in April and open as soon as humanly possible," he said. "We've already invested a large amount of money and man hours. We need to get this up and running as soon as we can," Dietz said.

In a previous council appearance, restaurant officials said Shaggy's will be different from previous tenants in the Galleria space, Dietz said, attracting an upscale clientele and not primarily a "bar crowd." Previous ten-

ants, the Brickyard and Main Street Tavern, sometimes were characterized as bars masquerading as restaurants.

Much interest shown in country club proposal

► CLUB, from 1

develop its own property. "It's a catch-22," Greene said.

However, the property could be worth a lot of money to the university as a golf course.

"The university could use it as a golf course to support the big hotel they just built," Greene said. "And they could also let their students manage it, [like they do at the hotel]. It could be a big fringe benefit for school."

Other options include pursuing federal grants to protect the property and changing management practices at the country club to open it to all Newarkers - not just members.

But no one at the country club has made up their minds, at least not for a few weeks, according to the country club's manager Joe Burden. An upcoming vote by all of the shareholders will decide how to proceed.

"Our members are certainly weighing the options," he said. "We'll know by the third week of January. But that's only a vote. What a lot of the neighbors are up in arms about is still years away."

Resident Paul Pomeroy understands that there could be some advantages in developing the property. Increased taxes, more residents supporting local businesses and a potentially increased property value could all come from the development.

"Every option needs to be considered," he said. "There is no easy answer. There are multiple sides to the story."

But he is quick to point out the benefits to keeping the property a golf course.

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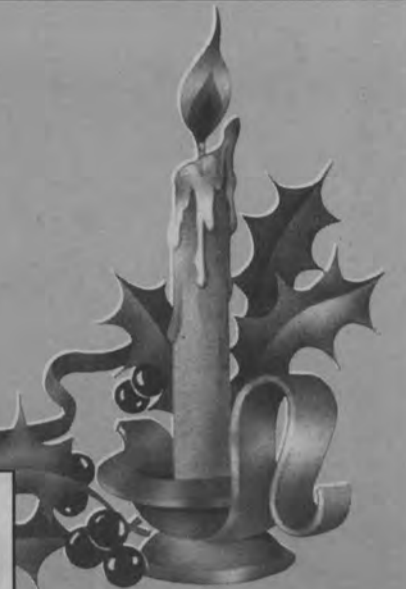
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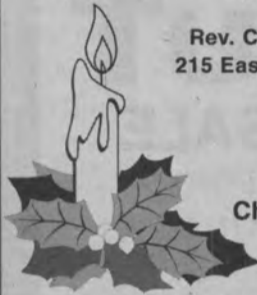


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