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UP FRONT

Mark Fuhrman doesn't work in Newark

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A COUPLE of weeks ago, we reported on the graduation of 20 residents who completed the Newark Police Department's fourth Citizens Police Academy. If you looked closely at the "firing squad"-like group photo of graduates lined up against a wall, you would have noticed me.



Streit

I was one of the recruits. In fact, these days around the newspaper office I'm known as "the pistol-packing publisher." I'll explain later.

The NPD offers this annual look into their world because they want the public — people like you and me — to know what it's really like to view every day life in Newark from a police officer's perspective.

In abbreviated form, they taught us civilians most of what real police recruits learn about the workings, standards and policies of law enforcement in Newark. They convinced us that TV cop shows, Rodney King news footage and Mark Furman's TV commentaries do not portray (hardly at all, in any way) real police work in Newark.

My observations:

It's one of, if not the coolest thing I've ever done.

I have been blessed, through my profession and

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THIS YEAR, IT REALLY WAS A WINTERFEST



Event kicks off holiday season

Above: Santa Claus listens to what twin sisters Jasmine and Dakota Edwards want for Christmas at last Friday's Winterfest.

Bottom left: Ice carver Kirk Clemens of Newark uses a chainsaw to sculpt an ice Christmas tree at Winterfest.

Bottom right: Standing in front of Newark's Christmas Tree at the Academy Building just after the tree lighting ceremony at Winterfest are, from left to right, Sharon Bruen, the Newark Parks and Recreation supervisor of community events; Hal Godwin, mayor of Newark; and Kim Wegman, whose husband, Jerry, donated the 22-foot pine tree.

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Fischer's contract buy out vetoed

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ONE THING can be said about Christina School Board meetings, they are never boring.

In a two-hour span Tuesday night at Wilson Elementary (the meeting started 25 minutes late because the Board's executive session ran over) one board member walked out mad, a previous motion was rescinded (the second time in three months a vote was rescinded), and Superintendent Dr. Nickalus Fischer's contract was mentioned (again).

This time the discussion centered around buying out the remaining six months of Fischer's contract, which will not be renewed when it expires in June. The board voted 5-2 last month not to

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Council approves project

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE LONG, drawn out debate never happened, because it was the event that never took place.

Residents filled the Newark Municipal Building for the anticipated request for a major subdivision of a 1.24 acre parcel on the east side of the South Chapel Street cul-de-sac for a 14-unit townhouse apartment complex. They soon learned that the request was lifted from the agenda earlier in the day Monday, thus making for a relatively brief city council meeting by Newark's standards.

The apartments, which were to be

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Females robbed at gunpoint

NEWARK police are investigating the armed robbery of two students here.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, shortly after midnight, two female University of Delaware students were walking south on North Chapel Street under the CSX railroad overpass when they were approached from the opposite direction by a black male wearing a black or dark green jacket and a camo hat over a white "doo-rag."

Police said the suspect produced a black handgun and pushed it into the stomach of one of the victims and demanded they turn over their purses.

The suspect fled on foot with a \$24 in cash, ordering the victims to wait five minutes before leaving.

The suspect is described as a black male, 20-to-25-years-old with dark skin, between 6' and 6'2" and clean shaven.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact Detective Keld at 366-7110, ext. 136, or Crime Stoppers at TIP-3333.

Gun pointed here at woman emptying trash at Southgate

A startled Newark woman was confronted at gunpoint while taking trash to the dumpster at Southgate Apartments on Marvin Drive, on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 9:30 p.m., according to the Newark Police Department.

When an unknown white male pointed a silver handgun at her, she fled and contacted police.

The suspect is described as a white male, 5'8", 160 pounds, 20-25 years old. It was not known in which direction the suspect fled, police said.

Pie not safe in the refrigerator

Unknown suspects entered an unlocked apartment at Main Street Court Apartments in the 200 block of E. Delaware Ave., on Saturday, Dec. 7, around 2:10 a.m. and removed a pie from the refrigerator.

Nothing else was taken, according to Newark Police.

Fight ends in arrest

Four defendants were arrested after engaging in a fight and tumultuous behavior in the roadway in the 400 block of Ogletown Road, on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 9:47 p.m., according to Newark Police.

After exchanging some horn honking and giving the finger, occupants of two vehicles got out and started fighting in the middle of the roadway, police said.

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Employee shot in both legs

DELAWARE State Police are investigating an attempted robbery in which an employee was shot in both legs.

The incident occurred on Monday, Dec. 2, at about 10:15 p.m.

Police said a 32-year-old employee of the Glasgow Farms Store had left the business and entered his car parked nearby. As he was attempting to start his vehicle, he was approached by two

suspects with handguns. The suspects forced the victim out of his vehicle at gun point and attempted to make him return to the store and unlock it.

The victim did not comply and attempted to flee from the armed men, when he was shot in both knees.

The suspects fled and the victim was able to summon help. Police said he was taken to Christiana Hospital where he was admitted with a gunshot wound in both knees.

State police are looking for two black male suspects between 25 and 35 years of age, both about five feet, eight inches to six feet tall. The first suspect was described as weighing 160 to 180 pounds. The second was described as weighing 150 to 200 pounds. Both suspects were dressed in black.

Anyone with information is asked to call the state police at 302-323-4411, ext. 4.

Eggs, oranges hurled

Raw eggs and clementine oranges were thrown at a residence and vehicles parked in the unit block of Choate Street on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 2:30 a.m., it was reported by Newark Police.

Only superficial damage was reported, police said.

Main Street store hit by intruders

Unknown suspects forced open a rear door and entered Beyond The Wall, 48 E. Main St., sometime between Friday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7, at 10:30 a.m., according to Newark Police Department.

Damage was done to the building while forcing entry. Nothing was reported missing, according to police.

Scrooge attempts to steal tree

An unknown male attempted to remove a five-foot, decorated Christmas tree from the lobby of Timothy's Restaurant, 100 Creekview Dr., on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 12:40 a.m. according to Newark Police Department.

When the door closed on the tree and it got stuck, the suspect dropped it and ran, police said.

Counterfeit bills

A white male purchased merchandise at the 7-Eleven on E. Delaware Ave., on Friday, Dec. 6, at approximately 8 p.m., with three \$10 bills, according to police.

When the management of the store later realized the bills might be counterfeit, they reported it to the Newark Police Department.

Officers were unable to obtain the surveillance tape until the next day, police said.

Snowfall followed by snowballs here

The season's first snowfall brought snowball damage to a bedroom window and screen in the 7300 block of Scholar Drive, it was reported to Newark Police on Friday, Dec. 6, at 6:28 p.m.

Damage was estimated at \$70. Another incident occurred on Hillside Road when a vehicle was struck by a snowball-throwing group of youths.

Police reported that when the driver got out of her car to confront the group, she was struck by another snowball, causing her offense and alarm, police said.

No damage was reported.

Two guns used on Elkton Road

Newark police reported that on Saturday night, Dec. 7, at 10:30 p.m., four victims were robbed at gunpoint at the Sunoco Food Mart, 287 Elkton Rd.

Police reported that one of the victims had gone into the store while the others remained in the car. As the first victim returned to the car, two black males approached and both suspects pointed semi-automatic handguns at the victims demanding money.

The suspect on the passenger side of the car struck the 18-year-old passenger across the nose with the pistol.

A cell phone valued at \$175 and \$240 in cash was taken from the victims.

The suspects fled in a dark green Ford Taurus.

The victims were all males, two were 18, one 17 and one 16, and all were from Elkton, Md.

One suspect is described by police as a black male, tall, weighing about 300 pounds, wearing a black leather jacket, and armed with a silver semi-auto pistol. The second gunman is described as a black male, shorter than suspect one, and armed with a silver-and-black semi-auto handgun.

Anyone with information about this crime should contact Detective Keld at 366-7110, ext. 136 or Crime Stoppers at TIP-3333.

Four arrested soon after carjacking

New Castle County Police have arrested four suspects for an armed robbery and carjacking that occurred near Elsmere.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, at 5:50 p.m. county police responded to the area of South Clifton Avenue near Kirkwood Highway to investigate a carjacking that had just occurred.

Officers contacted the three victims who reported they were just robbed at gunpoint while waiting for a traffic light. The victims said at least two men pointed handguns at them and forced them to exit their 1994 Ford Escort. The suspects then entered the car and drove away. Officers immediately relayed the description and tag number of the

stolen car to police dispatch.

Police dispatchers notified the surrounding police agencies of the description of the stolen car and the direction of travel.

Within 15 minutes, a Delaware State Trooper stopped the stolen car and detained the four occupants near the Red Mill Shopping Center.

A subsequent search of the vehicle netted several handguns. All four suspects were turned over to county officers.

Police have charged the following suspects with carjacking, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, and conspiracy: Fabian Lopez, 18, of 700 block of Robinson Lane in Wilmington; a 15-year-old male who resides in the 100 block of North DuPont Highway in New Castle; a 16-year-old male who resides in the unit block of Beech Avenue in Wilmington; and Jose Campos-Esparza, 20, of the unit block of Fairway Road in Newark.

Shoplifting makeup

A female minor was caught removing lip gloss and pink blush without paying from the Happy Harry's Drug Store in Suburban Plaza on Friday, Dec. 6, at 3:57 p.m., according to Newark police.

Criminal mischief at Downes School

While custodians were outside shoveling snow, two males entered the unlocked front door of Downes Elementary School on Casho Mill Road, on Friday, Dec. 6, between 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m., Newark police said.

When the suspects left the school, they told the custodians they went inside to use the bathroom. One was carrying a can of orange soda, police said.

Upon further investigation, the custodians found a pumpkin had been smashed on the boiler room floor, soda had been stolen from the refrigerator, and the boiler and circuit breakers to the school had been turned off, according to the police report.

Spiderman stopped

A male juvenile concealed a Spiderman DVD on his person and attempted to exit Happy Harry's in the College Square Shopping Center without paying. The attempted shoplifting occurred on Friday, Dec. 6, at 12:58 p.m., according to

It's a groundbreaking experience for Newark Charter

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Gregory Meece believes it was only fitting that Tuesday morning a group of politicians, community and school officials and parents would be standing in the snow and ice with a speaker system plugged into someone's car battery.

"Truly, anything that is worthwhile doesn't come easy," Meece said. "It comes because it is needed."

Meece, the Newark Charter School Director was standing at the future site of the school for the groundbreaking. Behind him construction vehicles were moving dirt on the project which is set to be completed by Sept. 2, the opening of next school year.

With the large amount of rain in November and now snow, Meece said the weather has not been cooperating, but that is about the only thing that has not been cooperating for the Newark's new building, which grows closer to being a reality. Meece said the footers will be poured before Christmas, and he

believes they are still on schedule to be in their new home in time for the next school year. The state recently extended the school's certificate of occupancy from June 1 to July 31.

Tuesday, many of the state legislators and city officials that have helped the two-year-old school find a permanent home were at the ground breaking ceremony. In attendance were U.S. Sen. Thomas Carper, state legislators Steve Amick, Liane Sorenson, Tim Boulden, Karen Venezky and city officials Mayor Hal Godwin and city manager Carl Luft.

"This is an important milestone," Meece said. "I think the most significant is the wide approval and wide support, which is evident from the politicians that are here today. It wouldn't be possible without their help."

"We can never forget what this is about; this is about the children," said Gary Fredericks, chairman of the school's board of directors and a parent of a student at the school.

Sen. Carper, who was instrumental in passing charter school



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ERIC G. STARK

Members of the Newark Charter School, and local government officials, break ground for the new school building.

legislation while he was governor of Delaware, said the reason for charter schools is to provide options, to provide a better education for students.

"We are really getting great results at this charter school," Carper said. "We're happy to be a partner with all of you. It takes a village to raise a child, and this is

more than a village. This is going to be great, and it already is."

Local veterinarian helps rescue oily birds

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Always packed and ready to leave at a minute's notice, a Newark veterinarian left on Sunday for Spain to help with rescuing birds caught in the oil spill.

Dr. Heidi Stout, director of oil programs for the Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research Inc. joined an international team of experts to help wildlife affected by the Prestige oil spill.

The tanker, carrying about 20 million gallons of fuel oil ruptured in a storm and sank on Nov. 19 off the North West Coast.

About one million gallons of oil so far have washed on shore, killing birds and wildlife and destroying the fishing industry.

"There has been a tremendous outpouring of assistance," Stout said. "An initial team of 15 experts from all over the world showed up almost immediately."

Most organizations can spare staff for only so long, so a team of "relief veterinarians" will go over now. Stout will be part of that team until the end of December.

Stout did not need to pack for any formal banquets or sight seeing trips. This trip will be all work. Old jeans and shirts to wear under vet scrubs along with

personal toiletries are all she needed to pack.

When her plane landed in Madrid on Monday, Stout expected to be picked up at the airport and taken to a primary care facility in Pontevedra. She would "hit the ground running", doing whatever is necessary.

"The challenge is making sure you integrate into the ongoing response appropriately," Stout said, "working with the local resources and government agencies."

The other challenge with going internationally is having all your communications lined up before leaving and having everything you need. No time for trips

to the local stores for toothpaste and other necessities.

"You need to be self-contained," Stout said. "Our primary request is to help the animals."

Stout has over 13 years of experience in responding to oil-spills on both the national and international level. She started working at Tri-State in 1988, even before graduating from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

She has a commitment to wildlife.

"Success with the animals depends on a team of people with skills and talents to work with

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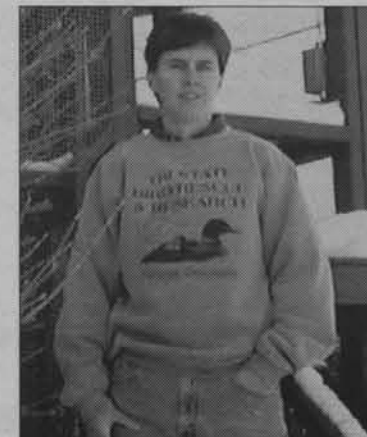


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Dr. Heidi Stout inspects one of the aviaries before leaving for Spain to help clean the birds and other wildlife caught in the oil spill from the tanker Prestige.



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Cooking traditional Jewish latkas is a challenge in a University dorm kitchen that is not kosher, but Rebecca Kirzner (left) and Stacy Shertok try their hand at frying latkas in oil.

University students celebrate Hanukkah

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Tears streamed down Stacy Shertok's cheeks as she peeled onions to add to the shredded potatoes to make the traditional latkas for Hanukkah.

About 25 University of Delaware students gathered in the lounge of the Ray Street dorm to celebrate one night of the eight-day Jewish holiday.

Maura Lew, a senior and active member of the Hillel Student Center, organized a "Latkapalousa" for campus Jewish students, with games, stories of Hanukkah, latkas, and the

traditional lighting of the Menorah.

As the other students were involved in games, Shertok, a sophomore, and Amanda Beck, a junior, were peeling and shredding potatoes for the latkas. Latkas are similar to hash browns but fried in oil.

"Lots of oil," Beck explained.

This was the first time both girls had ever prepared the latkas themselves, even though they have eaten them many times. Usually someone else in the family had that honor.

Upholding very traditional customs can be a challenge while living in a college dorm.

"Our kitchen is not kosher,"

Lew said, "so we needed to buy a few things."

Because the dorm regulations strictly prohibit real candles, the Menorah was made of felt with flames that were attached by velcro.

The University has about 1,500-2,000 Jewish students on campus, according to Susan Detweiler, director of the Hillel Center.

"We're here to serve as many Jewish students as possible," Detweiler explained.

"This 'Latkapalousa' is a combination of religious observance, education, and social experience for the students," she added.

On Campus

NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

BRIEFLY

Pottery sale at UD through Dec. 14

FIND unique and beautiful holiday gifts when the University of Delaware's ceramics department holds its semi-annual pottery sale from noon-6 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 13, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 14.

The sale will be held in the New Art Building, located on the corner of North College and Cleveland avenues in Newark.

Proceeds from the sale will fund the department's annual trip to the National Council on the Education for the Ceramic Arts. Call 831-2706 for more information.

Physics open house Dec. 14

The Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Delaware is hosting a special High School Day/Open House from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, in 130 Sharp Laboratory, located at the corner of South College and East Delaware avenues in Newark.

The free, public event is open to all high school students interested in a career in science and technology.

To register, call 831-1034.

2003 UD calendar features The Green

People looking to get organized next year may want to consider purchasing the new 2003 University of Delaware calendar.

Featuring color photos of The Green, the 13-month calendar features historical perspectives on UD's classic natural and architectural beauty and contains important University dates and information. The full color 11x13-inch format allows plenty of room for noting personal appointments.

Cost is \$9.99 and calendars can be ordered by phone, by calling 831-3077; on line at www.udel.edu/bookstore or in person at the University Bookstore in the Perkins Student Center, Academy Street, or the Campus Shop in the Trabant University Center.

Crabs use their 'night vision'

THE CRABS that inhabit vents found deep on the ocean floor have developed a form of eyesight similar to that of night vision goggles used by the military, according to University of Delaware researcher Charles E. Epifanio.

Epifanio, a professor in UD's College of Marine Studies who has done extensive work with the larvae of the blue crab that inhabits the shallow waters of the Mid-Atlantic coast, was part of a collaborative team involved in a three-year study of the larvae of the vent crab, *Bythograea thermydron*.

The team's findings were published recently in the science journal *Nature* and have generated interest internationally.

Epifanio said the project, which was funded by the National Science Foundation, was designed to look at the dispersal of crab larvae from one vent site to another.

The volcanic vents, which spew hot water at temperatures of up to 350 degrees Centigrade, are found more than 1.5 miles deep along the Pacific Ocean's mid-ocean ridge, are far flung and have a life span that is relatively short on the geologic scale, lasting decades rather than centuries.

"The big scientific question," Epifanio said, "was how are these vents populated by organisms?"

"The vents are extremely unique and the community of



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University of Delaware researcher and professor in the College of Marine Studies Charles E. Epifanio.

organisms that lives there has evolved to live there and only there," he said. "We wanted to look at how the communities are established and maintained. We have done similar work on the larval distribution of the blue crab in shallow waters and, with NSF support, wanted to look at the vent crabs."

In the course of the study, Epifanio found something unusual about the vent crab larvae—unlike almost any other creature in the vent community, they could survive the extreme changes in light, temperature and water pressure on the trip from the vents to the research ship.

"Generally when we bring organisms up to the surface, they

die of depressurization or temperature shock," Epifanio said. "These larvae were not susceptible to that, so we were able to handle them in the laboratory."

The UD team found it could culture the vent crab larvae through the first several juvenile stages, keeping them alive for

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Web site helps children cope with death

PARENTS, teachers, school nurses and counselors, social workers and anyone else trying to help a child or teen-ager cope with the loss of a loved one have a new, online resource to help them.

The "Supporting Grieving Children and Families" web site, [www.udel.edu/dsp/sgcf], is designed to be a comprehensive directory of books, articles, newsletters, videos, CD-ROMs, web links, support groups, summer camps, hospice services and speakers available in the Delaware area.

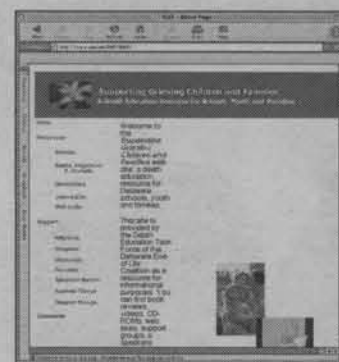
The site was created by the Death Education Task Force of the Delaware End-of-Life Coalition, which is chaired by Madeline E. Lambrecht, director of the College of Health and Nursing Sciences' Division of Special Programs and professor of nursing at the University of Delaware. Developed over an 18-month period, the site is hosted on the University's server. It became active in late October and has been introduced to teachers statewide, from kindergarten through 12th grade, at in-service sessions

this fall.

"We wanted to create a resource for teachers who are trying to be supportive to students who are grieving," Lambrecht said. "Teachers and other school personnel welcome these kinds of resources. Even if they find it personally a difficult subject to discuss, they're caring people who want to support the children as much as they can."

The task force members were from a variety of backgrounds, including professors, nurses, schoolteachers and counselors. The resources listed on the web site cover such topics as the death of a parent or grandparent, having a terminally ill sibling and grieving the loss of a pet.

"Even though the site was developed for teachers and school personnel, it's going to be helpful for anyone, including parents," Lambrecht said. "Children are often the forgotten mourners. This is even more true at holiday time, when bereaved adults are trying to cope with personal losses in the midst of a world aglow with holiday decorations and festivities."



Historian receives UD's highest honor

By BETH THOMAS

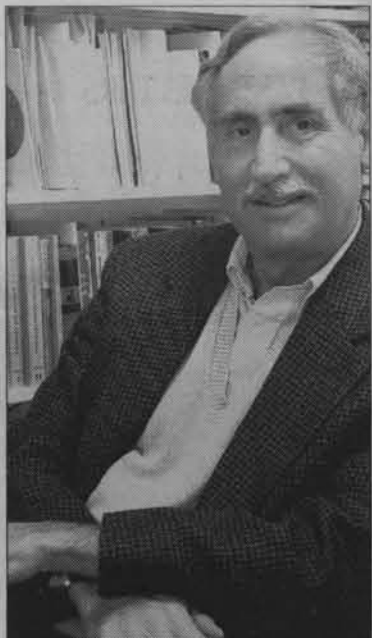
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AN HISTORIAN with a deep-seated passion for his area of research and a long-time enthusiasm for teaching, Peter R. Kolchin of Newark, Henry Clay Reed Professor of History at the University of Delaware, has been named the 2002 winner of the Francis Alison Award, the University's highest faculty honor.

The award, which includes \$6,000 and a medal, was established by the University's Board of Trustees in 1978 to recognize the scholarship, professional achievements and dedication of the UD faculty.

President David P. Roselle announced the award at the annual Named Professors Dinner. As is custom, previous Alison Award winners—all members of the Francis Alison Society—then hosted a luncheon for Kolchin. This spring he will help establish a new tradition as he becomes the first recipient to deliver what will be known as the annual Alison Lecture.

In announcing the award President Roselle said, "Peter Kolchin is an accomplished historian and the author of numerous books and articles on American



Kolchin

slavery, the Civil War and emancipation. He is the winner of Columbia University's Bancroft Prize, the Organization of American Historians' Avery Craven Award and the Southern Historical Association's Charles Sydnor Award. He is a 2002-03 Distinguished Lecturer of the Organization of American Historians. We hold Peter and his scholarship in the highest regard."

Provost Dan Rich also praised Kolchin saying, "Dr. Kolchin continues the legacy of scholarship and mentorship begun by Dr. Alison, as he is recognized as one of the nation's leading historians and an esteemed scholar in the history of slavery. Peter Kolchin is equally adept at translating his scholarly insights into lessons in his classroom, where he demonstrates exceptional skills as a teacher."

Inspired by undergraduate and graduate professors and the climate of the 1960s, Kolchin said he became fascinated with Southern history during his days as a student at Columbia and Johns Hopkins universities.

Always the scholar, he is, of course, careful to point out that something is only "Southern" if it is compared to things "not Southern."

In explaining his early interest

he said, "In some ways, the civil rights movement of the 1960s was a second period of reconstruction for the South. It was a very exciting period that held the possibility for major change. Setting up a more integrated society held all sorts of possibilities, all kinds of drama."

At the same time Kolchin was marching on Washington and

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Others jump at chance to assist research

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several months. "We found we could get through five stages, each punctuated by a molt," Epifanio said.

Discovering this, the UD researchers put out the word to colleagues. "We have these unique animals, and you can't get them anywhere else," Epifanio said. "Other researchers jumped at the chance. We took the samples and cultured the larvae, and they did the physiology."

Robert N. Jinks headed a research team at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., and Thomas W. Cronin did work at the University of

Maryland Baltimore County. Assisting Epifanio in the UD laboratories were Gina Perovich, a graduate student who earned a master of science degree in 2001, and Ana I. Dittel, an associate scientist.

What the physiologists found was that in the early larval forms, the eyes of the vent crabs appeared normal externally and were much like those of shallow water crabs. But upon metamorphosis, the eyes were highly degenerative and, in the end, became naked retinas.

"The eyes changed dramatically to deal with different wavelengths of light," Epifanio said. "Vents produce light in the infrared wavelengths and the bot-

tom line is, they basically have night vision as can be found in night vision goggles."

Nature reports that the "planktonic zoea larvae of the vent crab possess image-forming compound eyes with a visual pigment sensitive to the blue light of mesopelagic waters. As they metamorphose and begin to descend to and settle at the vents, they lose their image-forming optics and develop high-sensitivity naked-retina eyes."

Epifanio and Dittel were joined by UD's Craig Cary, associate professor of marine studies, as co-investigators for the NSF grant that supported the study reported in Nature.

A New Years Eve Gala Event

Rock and Die Laughing

8:30 pm - 12:30 am

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Adding insult to injury

AFTER failing to renew Dr. Nicholas Fischer's contract last month, the Christina School Board added insult to injury Tuesday night when a motion to buy out the rest of the superintendent's contract failed on a tie vote.

Why? Because the board's newest member Cecilia Scherer left the meeting before it started. It was reported that she discovered that she had missed her daughter's chorus concert while in executive session with other board members.

We agree that a buy out of Fischer's contract is the right thing to do. It removes him from uncomfortable lame duck status and gives him a financial cushion as he moves on. At the same time, it similarly removes the cloud of confusion that would hover above any of the superintendent's actions and responses by school system personnel from now until his contract expires June 30.

We like his idea but relative newcomer Christopher Reed needs to quickly tone down his loose cannon approach to board business. His failure to alert fellow board members of his buy-out motion shocked his peers and led to an embarrassing mess Tuesday night. And we're still trying to interpret his "no" vote to rescind the first decision on Fischer's contract, an action taken after the public made it clear they felt left out of the future-of-Fischer process. Elected officials who spring surprise attacks often get surprised the next election day.

What's most disturbing and demands scrutiny by voters is the commitment and expertise of school board members. Scherer couldn't get her schedule straight Tuesday night and barely voted the way she intended at the Nov. 12 vote to terminate the superintendent's employment. Her absence this week caused more pain and suffering for Fischer, embarrassment for the board, and affirmation to those who believe the Christina School Board doesn't know what it's doing these days.

An angry parent, usually one who doesn't get his or her way, is not always the best candidate to vote onto a school board. Instead, you need persons with expertise about education, a scope of vision that extends far beyond the PTA meeting at their child's school. Finding the answers to the problems — not simply identifying them — is the charge to school board members.

Equally important, though, is the commitment. Scherer clearly falls short here. Family comes first and should in any person's life. But when one accepts the responsibilities of being on the school board, they also acknowledge that careful scheduling and understanding of family members will be necessary. It's time for her to get her Daytimer in order and be a positive, contributing part of the process to advance education in the Christina School District.

Now more than ever before, the Christina School Board needs to pull together. The voters demand this; the children deserve nothing less.

It is our mission to inform readers of local government activity that touches the lives of the citizens it serves; to celebrate the freedom of speech granted all of us by the Founding Fathers of our Constitution by publishing statements of opinion and matters of record; and, most importantly, to offer news of people, places and events that chronicles the greater Newark community.

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, in light of last week's weather. This is a dark photo but a decade after it was torn down, many maintain the demolition of the State Theater on Main Street was a dark day in Newark's history. This photo is undated but we believe it was taken in the winter of 1990-91. "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. 14, 1927 \$18,000 damages paid George Hendrickson

Litigation was halted abruptly Monday in the \$100,000 damage suit of George A. Hendrickson against the Continental Fibre Company, of Newark, for alleged loss of sight, taste and smell while an employee of the firm, with agreement of amicable settlement out of court of \$18,000, the largest amount ever to have been given as the result of action in the State courts for personal injuries as an employee.

A&P Co. reflects 30 years of progress

Last Friday morning, thirty years after their representative sold baking powder from door to door in Newark, driving a little

green wagon which held his cans of powder and the kitchen utensils which were given free as premiums, the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company opened, here, their largest store south of New York City.



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Newark schools to close next Friday

The Christmas holiday for the Newark schools will commence on Friday, December 23, and last until Tuesday, January 3. The Christmas program in the schools will be initiated next Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock when the primary department will present a playette, "In Santa Claus Land."

■ Dec. 17, 1990 Buffet and program at Hodgson

The annual Christmas buffet and program will be presented today, at the Hodgson Vo-Tech School on Del. 896, Glasgow. There will be two programs at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

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AN INTERN-AL PERSPECTIVE

How young is too young to marry?

By APRIL R. SMITH

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

SINCE becoming engaged at the ripe age of 21, I have spent the last two months combatting people here and there who seem to think I am just "too young" to get married.

When I am in my smart Alec mood, I simply tell them I know that I am way too young. Therefore, I will not be getting married until next year, when I am 22.

When I am in the mood for defending myself to complete strangers who shouldn't be delving into my life in the first place, I tell them that there is no appropriate age for marriage.

My parents were married at 19. Thirty-five years later, they are still happily married. Do you think they knew more about marriage at 19 than I do at 21?

Here's the proof for you. I saw my Dad's report card in high school. He didn't seem to know much about anything at that point and I am pretty sure he knew nothing about marriage either.

When I asked my mom why she got married so young, she said that was what was expected of her. She said the common thing to do was graduate high school and marry whoever your current boyfriend happen to be.

Thankful for me, it was Dad and not that long-haired motorcycle freak with whom she had a fling with previously.

So it sounds to me like marriage was kind of a weird ritual that everyone was expected to go through after they finished high school.

My grandparents' generation was even better. When I asked my grandmother why she married Gramps at sound the tender age of 17 back in 1936, she answered with the utmost sincerity.

"I was knocked up," she said. Times have changed since my grandparents and my parents' generations. Nowadays, some people just don't take marriage as



Smith

seriously. I think this is what is leading to an increase in divorce rates and an overall fear of commitment among singles.

But I'm not scared. I believe any two people can stay married as long as they can always be faithful to each other.

It's not about always feeling like you're floating on clouds every time you are together, it's about companionship and having someone to share your life with.

Some of us get too caught up in passion and romance and forget that a lot of times, emotions like those fade.

All you really need is to marry someone who is a friend.

I think I am pretty lucky. I am marrying my best friend. He knows all of my deepest, darkest secrets and is still voluntarily

seen with me in public.

Could I ask for more?

I'm thankful I have a little more choice than my parents and grandparents did when it comes to marriage and choosing a mate.

I'm also thankful I never got picked up from any school dances on the back of a Harley (that could have been my dad, after all).

■ Through a competition for journalism students run by the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association, Smith was selected for a summer internship at the Newark Post. A native of Cornish, Maine, she is in her senior year as a communications major at the University of Delaware.

Pages from the past: Indictments issued in baby death

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Holiday celebration at Downes School

The Downes Elementary School P.T.A. of Newark will present a Holiday Celebration Dec. 18 and 19 in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m.

The children of Downes will sing carols and perform "Jake Snyders Christmas" written and directed by Preston Powell of Mary C.I. Williams Elementary School in Wilmington.

■ Dec. 13, 1996

Tower zoning passes in the heat of battle

After several hours of meticulous, confusing and sometimes tedious tinkering at its last meeting, the Newark City Council passed a zoning ordinance regulating telecommunications towers in the city.

"These towers will not be permitted in residential districts unless city council grants an exception for a city facility like the one on Windy Hills water

tower," said Roy Lopata, city planning director.

Grand jury indicts in baby's death case here

A New Castle County grand jury has returned murder indictments against two New Jersey teenagers accused in the death of their newborn son at a Newark motel.

On Monday, the grand jury charged Amy Grossberg and Brian Peterson with first degree

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murder alleging deliberate intent in the Nov. 12 death of the baby.

Because of the age of the child, state prosecutors have already announced that they will seek the death penalty in the

event of a first degree murder conviction.

Free or not to be free?

Visitors to Winterfest who parked in the Newark Parking Authority lots were unpleasantly surprised to discover they had to pay. Parking was free in the NPA lots last year. Members of the Newark Business Association, which helped organize the event, said it was supposed to be free again this year.

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OUTLOOK

Holding on to our teens

By MARY SLATER

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Research suggests that American parents are letting go of their children too soon.

This perspective is evident in this mother's comments about her teenager: "I sure worry about him. I know he is facing a lot of difficult choices in his life. The peer pressure is amazing. But, I know that I have to sit back and watch. He needs to make his own decisions. I only hope I have done my best to help him through this phase."

On one hand, this mother is showing a great deal of control in her parenting. She acknowledges the struggles and difficulties that are common in teenagers. However, she has seriously undermined herself and the powerful role that she could still be playing in her son's life.

Because parents are afraid of interfering with their teen's life, they often take a hands-off approach that leaves youth with less direction and guidance. Ironically, it is at this time when youth need their parents' support.

The first step is to make a change in our attitude about parenting teens, and put aside the popular conception that the teen years are a time of rebellion and conflict. Taking the time to be actively involved with teens will be more useful and rewarding than worrying about them.

Another common mistake that parents of teens make is in their interpretation of being available. At all stages of a child's life, parents need to model the behavior they expect from children. If parents want their teens to behave a certain way, they need to make sure their behaviors support the desired outcome.

By giving full, undivided attention, parents send a strong message that we care about our teens and that we are willing to make our relationship a priority.

At all stages of a child's

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New book chronicles Girl Scouts

By BEN SCHNEIDER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

It is not just about the cookies. Yes, the Girl Scouts of America are best-known to most of the community as pleasant door-to-door salespersons for a delicious line of sweets. But that method of fund-raising is merely a means to an end. The Girl Scouts is, and always has been, about one thing: empowering girls.

Ann Marie van den Hurk, Director of Communications for the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, recently published a booklet chronicling that tradition on the Delmarva Peninsula with the help of 18 volunteers. It contains pictures from each decade showing the girls doing what Girl Scouts do: roasting marshmallows, planting trees and learning first aid are among the activities. And yes, they're selling cookies, too.

"I've been working with Girl Scouts for eight years," van den Hurk said. "I wanted to show how we've been empowering girls from the beginning."

The photos certainly reflect the region's long history with the Girl Scouts of America. Girl Scouts was first created in 1912, and the Chesapeake Bay branch was initiated in 1915. As the book demonstrates, teaching girls pragmatic skills has always been the objective.

"It's given girls an opportunity they would not otherwise have had," van den Hurk said.

Van den Hurk said she is proud the Girl Scouts have always strived to be an inclusive



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY BEN SCHNEIDER

Ann Marie van den Hurk, Director of Communications of the Chesapeake Bay Girl Scouts Council, shows off uniforms.

organization, and she wanted to show that in the booklet. For example, the first African American troop, as the reader will see, was formed in the 1940s.

Today, the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay are more diverse, and integrated, than ever.

"We're truly reflective of the demographic of all races and reli-

gions," van den Hurk said. "The staff and volunteers reflect that, too."

There is also a handicapped troupe that is included in many of the organizations activities. Van den Hurk spoke of an overnight roller-skating party where her troupe mingled effortlessly with the handicapped one.

"I didn't see my troupe for the

rest of the night," van den Hurk said.

As for religions and creeds, the Girl Scouts are supportive of whatever choices are made by their members.

"That's something for the girls and their families to decide," van den Hurk said.

Today's Girl Scouts of the

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STARK RAVING

Taking a unique drive through Newark

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday night I went to bed around Midnight, about the same time Dave Germack was getting off work. His day started at 7 a.m.

Dave works for the Newark Public Works department, and Mother Nature had Dave and the guys in his department rather busy last week. A snow storm which dropped about eight or nine inches in our area (yes, the weather guys got this snow

storm correct) made driving very frustrating last Thursday. Dave was one of the guys helping to ease that frustration.

He was driving around the streets of Newark in a 40,000 ton truck with a plow on the front and a salt spreader on the back, both got plenty of use last week.

I decided to learn more about how snow is removed in Newark. First, I called Rich Lapointe, public works director for the City of Newark.

Rich said he and his crew started preparing for the snow on

Tuesday. This is the a bad time for snow to arrive (like there is ever a good time for nine inches of snow) because Public Works is in the middle of the heaviest leaf removal. The leaves

started falling two week later than normal, pushing back leaf collection. He said crews worked until 3 p.m.



Stark

on Tuesday with leaf collection and then took the leaf boxes off the trucks and attached the snow plows.

Public Works has six large plows and four pickups with smaller plows. This does not include the automobiles that Parks and Recreation use for snow removal. Parks and Rec are responsible for such things as city parking lots and the municipal lots.

Public Works takes care of 93 miles of streets in Newark.

There are five primary routes

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Music is the answer to your gift woes

TIS the season when many of us are plummeting the depths of over-worked brains to come up with that "perfect" Christmas present. We want something the recipient will like and something which will show our good taste. With all the trauma of this season rushing about us, it can be a daunting task.

May I respectfully suggest music as the answer? Not just any music but some CDs which have tapped the rich resources of performances long past and, with the aid of modern technology, are now available with superb sound for a whole new generation of listeners. Please do not equate what I am suggesting with those "reissues" some companies were offering that were little more than old 78 RPM shellac discs with the treble turned down and then transferred to CDs.

Naxos Recordings, now 15 years old, has offered a great catalog of headliners on today's classical music scene since being founded by Klaus Heymann. I see the label in homes of more and more friends. But the CDs I am suggesting for this Christmas come from their newer Naxos Historical division headquartered in Franklin, Tennessee.

THE ARTS



By PHIL TOMAN

The historical CDs cover many types of music including opera, operetta, symphonic, soloists, great conductors, etc. There is music to fit many tastes in their latest catalog. More and more are being issued each month.

When I was growing up we depended on the "Big Two" of American recording companies, RCA Victor and Columbia, to bring us just about everything. After the war some of the larger European companies entered the American market and we had more from which to select. There

is quite a difference now. Smaller independent labels, like Naxos, have come on the scene and it is on them we depend for great recordings in the 21st century.

You have an opera aficionado on your list, you may select from a vast assortment. There is a 1933 Vienna recording of Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier" with Lotte Lehmann. How about a 1936 recording of "Tristan und Isolde" with both Kirsten Flagstad and Lauritz Melchior or a 1930 Bayreuth Festival performance of "Tannhäuser" with the world famous Karl Muck wielding the baton for Wagner lovers? There is another album featuring Karl Muck and his compete "Parsifal" recordings made between 1913 and 1928.

The greatest "double bill" in all of opera has come in for the Naxos treatment, "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci." These were both done at La Scala, Milan. In the "Cavalleria" recording the composer himself, Pietro Mascagni, introduces his magnum opus.

The great Glyndebourne Festival is represented with one of their favorite offerings, Mozart's "Le Nozze di Figaro" conducted by Fritz Busch. One of the selections from the Rome Opera is a 1938 recording of Puccini's "Tosca" starring Marie Caniglia and Beniamino Gigli. The opera list goes on and on.

Is operetta more to your liking? There are many Gilbert and

Sullivan works performed under the banner of the D'Oyly Carte Company. Then there is a CD of Franz Lehár conducting selections from his own works including "The Merry Widow," "Gypsy Love," "Gold and Silver" and more. All of these are post-war recordings and the sound is simply splendid.

Do you have a

right for Christmas of 2002. The CDs retail for under \$8! Many record stores offer discounts as you well know.

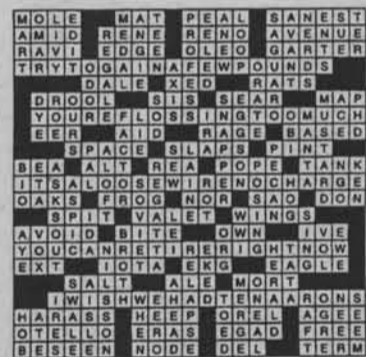
Some great Christmas music is being offered this year by two fine local professionals Joan Sparks, flute and Anne Sullivan, harp. The duo known as Sparx, has a CD on the Firestar label called "Christmas Echoes." There is some wonder filled Christmas music of a kind rarely heard in stores or on the air today. The album cover, itself a true work of art, is a Botticelli Madonna and Child.

Finally, in a vein other than music, Delaware Publisher Asgard Press has issued two 2003 calendars, one with local scenes and the other with works of a local artist. There is also a box of notecards in sepia called Vintage Delaware and another full color series called Greetings from Delaware, all just in time for Christmas giving.

I hope these suggestions help. A very Merry Christmas to you all!

■ The columnist has written for the Newark Post for more than three decades. An avid arts enthusiast, for many years he also hosted a weekly radio program focused on the local cultural scene. Toman and his wife, Marie, are long-time Newark residents.

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.



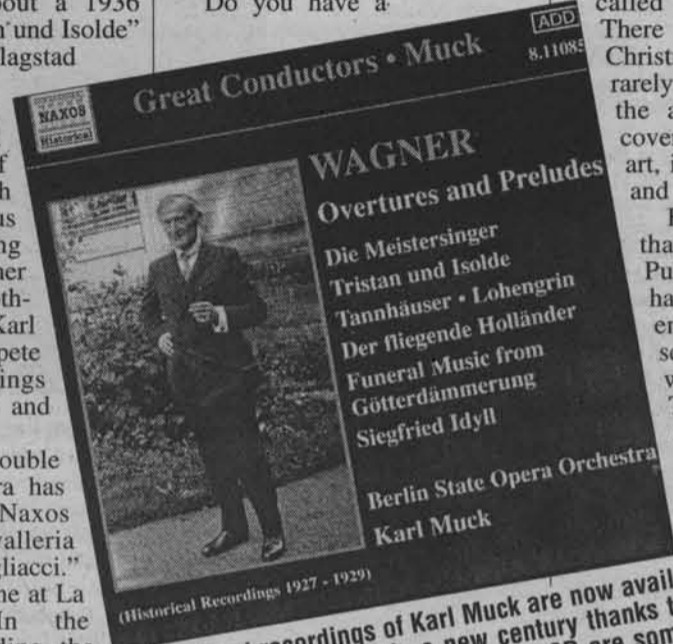
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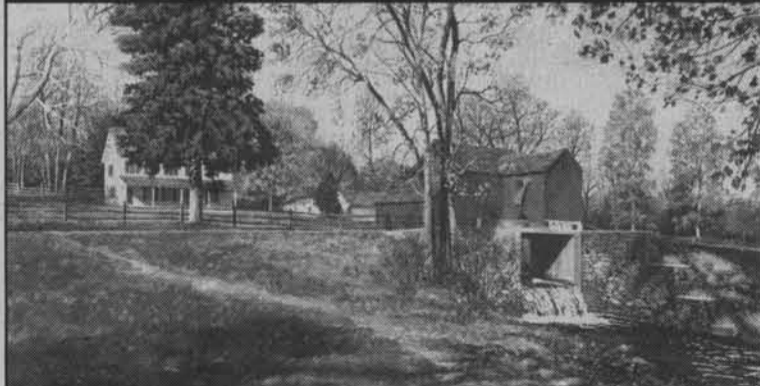
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HOLIDAY SALE Through tomorrow, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. pottery sale sponsored by the University of Delaware Ceramics Department in the ceramics studio at the corners of N. College and Cleveland Avenues. Proceeds from the sale are used to send graduate and undergraduate students to the National Council for Education in Ceramic Arts. Info., 831-2706.

CAROLING IN THE PARK 7 p.m. winter celebration including songs, hot chocolate, and song books in the Melody Meadows Park. For directions and information, call 834-2125.

2X4 DANCE CLUB 8 to 10:30 p.m. Plus level square dance at Shue-Medill School, Kirkwood Highway. Cost: \$5 per person. 610-255-5449.

CANS FOR A CAUSE Exchange a canned good discounts to local merchants and a free game of bowling coupons at Brunswick Blue Hen Lanes in the Newark Shopping Center. Canned goods will be donated to local charities.

I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS Through Dec. 15. 1944 musical story examining the hardships and triumphs of a family separated by the harsh realities of World War II at Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, 1.5 miles south of the intersection of Rt. 896 & 40 in Bear.

BRUCE ANTHONY 7 p.m. local jazz phenomenon at Home Grown Cafe' & Gourmet to Go, on Main Street, no cover. Info., 266-6993.

CHRISTMAS IN REHOBOTH Enjoy the avenue of lights, with many types of light displays scheduled to remain on until January 2, 2003. Santa Claus will appear from 4-6 p.m. today and tomorrow in his house at the Bandstand at the Boardwalk and Rehoboth Avenue.

ART FOR THE HOLIDAYS Through Dec. 24. Artwork on display at The Station Gallery, 3922 Kennett Pike, Greenville. No admission. Info., 654-8638.

FIRST STATE SYMPHONIC BAND 7:30 p.m. Christmas concert at Faith Baptist Church, 4210 Limestone Rd., Wilmington. Info., 998-4105.

LONGWOOD GARDENS CHRISTMAS Through Jan. 5. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. thousands of flowers flourishing inside heated glasshouses, carillon concerts, organ sing-alongs, choral performances, strolling Yuletide Singers, musical fountain displays, and 400,000 tiny lights twinkling in the evening skies at Longwood Gardens.

FAIRIES, BROWNIES, AND TROLLS: IMAGES OF FANTASY AND MAGIC Through Jan. 5. Enchanting exhibition that captures the wonder of American fairy tales and folklore at Brandywine River Museum. Info., 610-388-2700.

ENCHANTED WOODS Through Dec. 28. Holiday lights and special Yuletide celebrations at Winterthur, An American Country Estate. Info., 800-448-3883.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS Through Jan. 15. Fifty of the largest trees throughout Rockwood Mansion Park will be lit with nearly one million lights from dusk to 10 p.m. Holiday carolers will perform every Friday from 6-9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 from 6-8 p.m., and every Sunday from 6-8 p.m. Info., 761-4340.

A BRANDYWINE CHRISTMAS Through Jan. 5. Sights and sounds of the



Although the sand is no longer sizzling from the heat of the sun and the steamy air has been replaced by chilly breezes, the beach can still be a spot on your day trip list this season. Rehoboth and Dewey Beach, Del., and Ocean City, Md., are lighting up for the holidays with tree decorations, light displays, parades and special events. Illuminated mermaids, sea horses, snowmen, trains, seashells, penguins, reindeer, polar bears, lighthouses and more will line the main road of Rehoboth, Rehoboth Ave. The glow will continue through the first Monday of 2003. The tree sits at the end of Rehoboth Ave. in Rehoboth Beach, Del., and is lit as part of the holiday light display.

holidays at the Brandywine River Museum on US Route 1 in Chadds Ford, Pa., Info., 610-388-2700.

AT HOME WITH HOMER Through Jan. 26, 2003. Exhibition of more than 30 works by Winslow Homer portraying America's social and political life between 1857 and 1875 at the Delaware Art Museum Downtown Gallery, 919 Market Street.

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES Through December 31. Vignettes drawn from L. M. Montgomery's classic book in the Wilson-Warner House at Historic Houses of Odessa. Catered breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert tea available for group tours. For more information, call 378-4020.

YULETIDE AT WINTERTHUR Through January 5. Discover the origins of some of the holiday decorations and customs that Americans hold most dear at Winterthur Museum & Gardens. For more information, call 800-448-3883.

THE GRANDEUR OF VICEREGAL MEXICO: TREASURERS FROM

THE MUSEO FRANZ MAYER Through Jan. 12. Decorative and fine arts that express the rich artistic heritage of Mexico at Winterthur. Info., 800-448-3883.

18TH CENTURY Through January 12. Examples of samplers, silkwork pictures, and lacework made by colonial schoolgirls will be featured in a new exhibition at Winterthur. Admission to the exhibit is included with tickets to Winterthur. Info., call 888-4600.

TRADITIONS IN ELEGANCE Through Jan. 2, 2003. 100 rare and unique 18th and 19th century teapots from the internationally acclaimed Twinings Teapot Gallery at the Norwich Castle Museum in England in The Carriage House Gallery in Cape May, N.J. Info., 609-884-5404.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS Through Wednesday. exhibit presenting a selection of rare books, manuscripts, and other materials acquired by the University of Delaware since 2000 at the Morris Library. Info., call 831-2231.

SHARED VOICES Through Jan. 5. Modern Gay Literature exhibit at the Morris Library, South College Ave. Info., 831-2231.

SPINELESS WONDERS: BUGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD Through Jan. 5. Exhibit at The Delaware Museum of Natural History. For more information, call 658-9111.

ART FOR THE SEASON Through December 24. Juried show featuring affordable holiday gift giving items, such as jewelry, prints, small paintings, pottery, glassware and more at the Dover Art League, 21 W. Loockerman St., Dover. Info., 302-674-0402.

THE GIFT OF MAGI Through Dec. 29. Musical for the whole family at the Delaware Theatre Company in Wilmington. Tickets and times, 594-1100.

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER Through Dec. 29. One act play telling this humorous and sometimes poignant story at Candlelight Music Dinner Theater in Ardentown. For reservations and information, call 475-2313.

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MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY CHOIR 7:30 p.m. performance in Ezion Mount Carmel Methodist Church, 8th and Walnut Streets in Wilmington. Info., 478-2317.

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Main St. Info., 366-1403.

OWL MOON 11 a.m. - noon story for children at the Brandywine Zoo.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. holiday decorations in historical buildings, and churches, musical entertainment, and shopping in the quaint shops on Delaware Street in Old New Castle. Adults may tour the historic houses for \$6 and children; six and under are free. Tickets will be on sale at the Amstel House and the Read House. For more information, call 322-2794.

LARRY ANDERSON 12 to 2 p.m. print signing, with the featured print being his latest rendition of the Deer Park Tavern at You've Been Framed, 172 E.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

FAMILY & COMMUNITY 1 p.m. second Fridays. Continuing education to promote better way of life at County Extension Office, South Chapel Street, Newark. New members welcome. Info, call 738-4419 or 831-1239.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

LYME SUPPORT GROUP 10:30 a.m. second Saturday of each month at the Kirkwood Highway Library. Info., 996-9065 or e-mail TLizzy@snip.net.

DIVORCECARE 1-3 p.m. Saturdays and 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays. Separated/divorced persons meet at Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark. All welcome. Info, 737-5040.

RECYCLE ALUMINUM 9 a.m. to noon second Saturday each month at Center for

Creative Arts, off Route 82, Yorklyn. Anything except foil. Remove non-metal portions like glass or chair webbing. Call for house siding and large pickups at 239-2690 or 239-2434.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

JAZZERCIZE Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info., 737-2336.

CHORUS OF BRANDYWINE 7:30 p.m. every Monday. Men's barbershop rehearsals at MBNA Bowman Conference Center, Oglethorpe. All are welcome. 655-SING.

GUARDIANS' SUPPORT 6-8 p.m. Mondays. Meeting for grandparents and all those raising others' children at Children & Families First, 62 N. Chapel St., Newark. For information or to register, call 658-5177, ext. 260.

LINE DANCING 1 and 2:30 p.m. every Monday at Newark Senior Center. 737-2336.

SCOTTISH DANCING 8 p.m. Mondays at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Avenue, Newark. For information, call 368-2318.

MEETINGS

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

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

OPEN MIKE/SLAM 8-10 p.m. Poetry reading/competition at Art House, 132 E. Delaware Ave., Newark, \$2. 266-7266.

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

MS SUPPORT 4-6 p.m. at MS Society

Headquarters, 2 Mill Road, Wilmington. Info, call 655-5610.

SIMPLY JAZZERCIZE 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m. Wednesdays. Low impact fitness program at Newark Senior Center. Call 737-2336 to register.

STAMP GROUP 1 p.m. first and third Tuesday of month at Newark Senior Center. 737-2336.

NEWARK LIONS PROGRAM 6:30 p.m. First and third Tuesday of month. Lions meeting with program at the Holiday Inn, Newark. Call Marvin Quinn, 731-1972.

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

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

NARFE 11 a.m. third Tuesday of month. Newark Chapter of National Association of Retired Federal Employees meets at the Glass Kitchen, Route 40, Glasgow. For information, call 731-1628 or at 836-3196.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

FAMILY CIRCLES 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center. 658-5177.

AT HOME MOTHERS CONNECTION 7:30 p.m. First and third Wednesdays.

Meeting for moms only at St. Barnabas Church, Duncan Road. For more information, call Darlene Regan at 610-274-2165.

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

CROHN'S AND COLITIS FOUNDATION 7:30 p.m. third Wednesdays. Wilmington Satellite Group meets at Christiana Hospital, Room 1100. For more information, call 378-7523.

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

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▶ HAPPENINGS, from 10

Related fun activities and games are included with the \$7 entrance fee.

ANNUAL TOURS 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. self-guided tours of festively decorated homes, artists studios, The Goodstay Center and the Delaware Art Museum. Tickets are \$18 and each will be available at the museum's temporary location at the first USA Riverfront Arts Center or call 571-9590.

COOKIE WALK 8 a.m. cookie sale. Purchase a small box for \$6 or a large box for \$12, then fill it with your choice of

cookies at Salem United Methodist Church, 469 Salem Church Rd. For more information, call 738-4822.

CANDLELIGHT TOUR AND SALE 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. tours, exhibitions and sale at the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum. For directions and information, call 410-939-3739.

ALLELUIA! WELCOME THE LIGHT! 8 p.m. holiday concert featuring a blend of traditional, religious, and solstice music by The Rainbow Choral of Delaware. For tickets, call 888-512-5093.

CHILDRENS STORIES 11 a.m.-noon stories at the Brandywine Zoo. \$7 per child;

\$5 per child for Zoo Members. Preregistration suggested. Info., 571-7788.
CASINO NIGHT 6 p.m. to midnight second Saturdays. Poker and wheel at Newark Elks #2281, 42 Elks Trail, New Castle. Free admission for players. Information, call 328-2281.

■ SUNDAY, DEC. 15

CHESAPEAKE SILVER CORNET BRASS BAND 3 p.m. holiday concert at the Presbyterian Church, 292 E. Main St. Free and open to the public. Info., 738-2233.

■ TUESDAY, DEC. 17

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

■ WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18


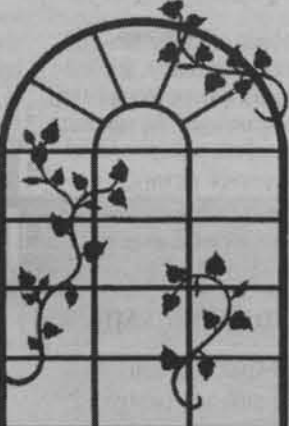
CHRISTMAS FROM DUBLIN 8 p.m. ensemble of musicians performing songs of the season as well as special guest playing the traditional Irish Harp at The Grand Opera house, 818 N. Market St. Info., 652-

5577.
BINGO 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center. Lunch available for \$2/plate at 11:45 a.m. 737-2336.

■ THURSDAY, DEC. 19

STARVING FOR ART 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Thursday lunch tours at the Delaware Art Museum, Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington. Adults \$7, seniors \$5, students \$2.50, children 6 and under, free. Reservations requested. 571-9590, ext. 538.

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Snow removal is tough

► RAVING, from 8

and then there are secondary areas. Some of the primary routes include Main Street, Elkton Road, Delaware Avenue, areas with hills or where safety is an issue and developments with only one way in and out. There are 11 people plus a supervisor and superintendent responsible to get the ice and white stuff off the road.

"Sometimes we may borrow and beg other departments for help," Lapointe said last Thursday. "This is a substantial storm that is going to go into overtime."

Overtime, Rich told me, means superintendent Pat Bartling splits his crew up, some stay until Midnight, while others go home at 4 p.m. and then go back to plowing at Midnight.

Dave was one of the guys who, at 3 p.m. last Thursday, said he was feeling fine and would stay on until Midnight. This is his second year plowing snow, and he says he doesn't mind it.

"It's not bad for a while," he said, "then it just seems white all the time. I guess I enjoy it, but it does get a little old."

It didn't take me long to understand what he meant. Newark was my Winter Wonderland as I drove along with Dave. We drove along the creek bed and the woods with the snow-lined pine trees, as I

got a tour of the city. But then you move to the next area and the sites are not as pretty and the task feels more like a job to remove snow, and driving in Newark can be challenging enough without snow and a plow in front of you.

There are some amusing parts of the job, too. Everyone stops and looks at you as you go by, some wave, while others just take a deep breath.

"There are two types of reactions," Dave said. "There are those doing their driveways that get mad when you plow them in, but we can't help it. And there are those that are happy we are cleaning their street off."

Then there are the children you see along the way. They usually have a devilish grin and are rubbing their hands together. You soon learn there is a frozen white substance in their hands and it is coming your way.

"Kids with snow balls," Dave said, "you're going to get hit. This is one of those neighborhoods I know that already, because I got hit before. Usually, in here, 10 or 12 kids come out and just start pelting you." (I'll leave the name of the neighborhood out, as to not damage its good name.)

As we drove along, Dave explained to me that a little slush is good, because it holds the salt on the road. Later we met Pat, who was inspecting the roads. He said he just got done order-



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ERIC G. STARK

Dave Germack of the Newark Public Works Department was busy last Thursday clearing local roads.

ing 350 tons of salt. He said each big truck holds between 7-8 tons of salt.

"Tonight it is going to be nasty," he said. "It's going to be a frozen tundra. At this time last year it was 71 degrees."

The other amusing part of the job, or challenging or frustrating — it all depends how hard you it — is manhole covers. Avoid them at all costs. If you hit one at a slow speed, your reaction is just,

'oh, got one.' Hit it harder and it really rocks you and wakes you up. Hit it really hard and it lifts you from your seat and can break a plow.

We didn't break a plow, but Chuck Riley, the chief mechanic, was replacing a plow on a truck when I arrived at Public Works maintenance lot on Phillips Avenue. He has a crew of four guys who keep the trucks going, often replacing flat tires, light

bulbs, air breaks and other parts as wear-and-tear takes place. When there is nothing to repair and upkeep is complete, these mechanics will move snow as well.

"Citizens want a lot, but they pay taxes and deserve the best that we got," Chuck said, "and I think we give them that. You're not going to do better than our crew."

And I can attest to that.

New book takes a look at the history of the Chesapeake Bay Girl Scouts

► SCOUTS, from 8

Chesapeake Bay contains more than 17,000 members and 6,000 volunteers. Comparatively, the group contained 80 girls in 1928.

Girl Scouts main objective has remained constant, though they have advanced with modern education practices. As science and technological studies have become more prevalent, for

example, so too has the Girl Scouts' teaching of them.

Environmentalism has taken a place in the Girl Scouts modern teachings as well. They teach by example: walk through their South College Avenue premises during the day and you will see every hall not being used has its lights turned off to conserve energy.

Girl Scouts has a history of environmentalism going back to

the 1940s. That decades' photo section shows the girls planting trees for community service.

The Girl Scouts are so popular today that their are hundreds on the waiting list in Newark alone. As such, volunteers are in high demand.

Van den Hurk said the benefits of volunteering are many, including free training for many of the skills taught through the group, but that the relationships devel-

oped with the girls is what makes the experience truly worthwhile. She values her ties with the kids tremendously, and said 99 percent of the volunteers have the same feeling.

Anyone interested in volunteering can check out their local website, www.cbgs.org, for information, or call van den Hurk at 456-7170.

The book shows the Girl Scouts changing through the

years, but it shows what has remained constant as well.

"The values are unchanged," van den Hurk said. "Honesty, community service, self-reliance, respect for self and others are enduring traditions. And patriotism never goes away, either."

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Award winner working on sequel

▶ KOLCHIN, from 5

hearing Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, he was being influenced by professors who studied the original reconstruction period after the Civil War. Kolchin's first book, "First Freedom: The Responses of Alabama's Blacks to Emancipation and Reconstruction," an expansion of his thesis, was about that period. He then moved backwards into what would become a large portion of his life's work—American slavery.

"Once you study a period of history, as I did with emancipation, you develop a curiosity about how it all came to be," he explained.

In his second book, "Unfree Labor: American Slavery and Russian Serfdom," Kolchin began weaving the second strong thread of his research—the comparative side. The book, published in 1987 by Harvard University Press, won the Charles S. Sydnor Award of the Southern Historical Association, the Bancroft Prize in American History given by Columbia University and the Avery O. Craven Award of the Organization of American Historians.

James M. Brophy, associate professor in UD's Department of History, who nominated Kolchin for the Alison Award, said the book "offered the historical profession a new breadth of vision" and that Kolchin's efforts "amounted to a paradigm shift in thinking about slavery [setting] new standards for researching and writing comparative history."

Brophy's letter also quotes David Brion Davis, one of the country's foremost scholars on slavery who has written that the book "places Kolchin clearly among the two or three leading experts on the history of American slavery."

In the book, Kolchin compares and contrasts the two systems of bondage. "Russian serf-

dom was like slavery but different," he said. "Each evolved in different environments. The American system was race-based, but ethnicity made little difference in the Russian system. Both evolved in a similar time frame and both were ended about the same time. He points out that in the Southern U.S. abolition came violently, through civil war. In Russia it came peacefully by proclamation of the czar.

Kolchin is now working on a sequel, a companion volume that will focus on emancipation and its aftermath.

"I am interested in comparing these two emancipations going on at the same time. What happened to people who were owned? What replaced bondage?"

"In both countries emancipation began with enormous excitement and hope, with a feeling of reform and in just a few years, both experienced a profound sense of disillusionment. In the U.S., Jim Crow laws were enacted, and in Russia, the government became preoccupied with 'the peasant question,' which had supposedly been resolved forever by emancipation. There was an increasing despair in the lives of former slaves and serfs, and former masters were unhappy, angry and humiliated. Like many other post-emancipation societies, Russia and the United States were gripped by a pervasive sense of things gone wrong."

Kolchin published his third book, "American Slavery: 1619-1877," in 1993 and has completed a revised version that is due out next year.

A review in the New Yorker of the original work called it "a miraculous achievement," adding, "No history book published this year is more important to understanding America's past and present than this concise, well-written and sensibly argued survey of America's greatest shame."

The book's intent, he said, "is to show the whole sweep of American slavery, to synthesize an enormous amount of his-

torical research—mostly specialized—and bring it all together and tell it in a short, interpretive survey. The book, he added, was designed to reach both those who knew little about slavery and those who knew a great deal but needed to see the overall picture.

"Most research," he explained, "is narrowly focused and does not take into account how American slavery evolved and changed.

"For example," he said, "in the late pre-Civil War period, the time most written about,

Christianity played a major role in the lives of American slaves. That was not the case in the 17th century before slaves were converted."

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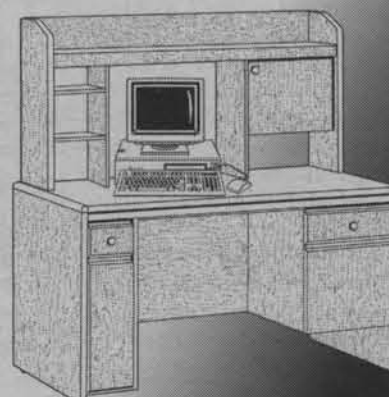
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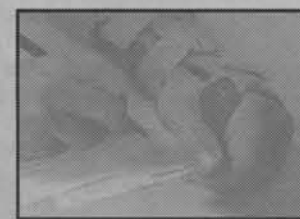
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Following through on a childhood dream

By BEN SCHNEIDER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

How many people actually follow through on their childhood dreams?

Austin Smith is.

Throughout his adult life he has been living out his youthful wish to work in an auto shop.

"Even when I was a little kid, I always wanted to fix cars," he said.

Smith is manager of the K&W Tire on Ogletown Rd., which he has worked at for 12 years. His duties focus on alignment, tires and front-end work.

He got his start in his hometown of Long Island, NJ in 1970. Smith worked at and eventually bought an area gas station there.

He moved to Elkton, MD. in 1990 and did not look back.

"Long Island is tough," he said. "Everyone's always rush-

ing. It's more relaxed here."

Smith enjoys his job at K&W Tire, namely because he loves the interaction with people. The only time he does not enjoy his customers is when they are grumpy.

"I just really like what I do," he said.

Now living in Bear, Smith spends most of his free time with Denise Smith, his wife of 23 years and Austin Smith, his 10 year-old son. But he does make time to watch some NASCAR races on television.


Many of Smith's high school friends went to college but he opted for vo-tech and night classes. He does not regret the decision. Many of those friends, he said, entered careers that have made them "miserable."

"You have to love what you do, because you do it all the time," he said.



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Austin Smith, manager of the K&W Tire on Ogletown Rd., likes the career path he chose



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Jeanne Walker, poet and playwright

By **PATRICIA ETHELWYN LANG**

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Why do people create? What makes a creative person choose one genre over another?

Those who admire Jeanne Walker's poetry and plays, and her teaching efforts in the University of Delaware's English Department, might be surprised to know that she almost didn't pursue a writing career.

In an effort to escape the agonizing boredom of high school and substitute teachers (particularly one who took over a Latin class seemingly FOREVER), Walker started writing a cowboy novel in the back of her Latin notebook.

It changed her life. Instead of dreading the Latin course, she now looked forward to what happened next at the corral.

However, it didn't occur to Walker that she would write for a living. She wanted to be a violinist, and was actually pretty good for Lincoln, Nebraska. However, when she got to college, she realized she could not compete with violinists from "real music cities."

The violin was put away. She took a creative writing class in the beginning of her sophomore year and soon after won first

place in the poetry and short story categories in The Atlantic Monthly Competition.

Part of the prize was attendance at the Bread Loaf School of English, where she met John Frederick Nims, a giant in contemporary poetry. He became her mentor and remained her friend until he died several years ago. That summer Walker came to understand that writing was her calling.

Poetry is at the core of Walker's writing interests. Although she sometimes doesn't write verse for months, she always comes back to it. Playwriting is a spiritual effort as well — "metaphorical," "a dimension beyond the literal." It is different because it is a collaborative effort. Walker likens working on a theater project to a good community sing. "Even if you can't sing very well, you feel like you can because together you all sound great."

In her 25 years at the University of Delaware, Walker has taught primarily poetry writing and script writing. However, having earned a Ph.D. in Renaissance literature at the University of Pennsylvania, she also, on occasion, teaches a course in that subject.

This past summer, Walker taught an adult poetry workshop in

Oxford, England. She loves to teach writing to adults "because it is a privilege to listen to their experiences" and help them find the words to translate those experiences into poetry. She also finds it rewarding to teach undergraduates because their lives are so immediate.

Walker's work has been produced in the United States and in London. She has won several awards, including a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and, in 1998, the coveted Pew Fellow in the Arts.

Her latest play, The Tillie Project, had its world premiere at New Jersey's Centenary Stage Company in October. She has written six other plays, Stories From the National Enquirer, The Chosen Daughter, Rowing Into Light on Lake Adley, Inventing Montana, The Queen's 2 Bodies, The Double Life of Elizabeth II, and Final Draft. She has also published five books of poetry: Gaining Time, Coming Into History, Nailing Up the Home Sweet Home, Fugitive Angels, and Stranger Than Fiction.

Walker's plans for the future are to keep creating. "Since I write to find things out, I'll probably never stop writing." She is working on a sixth book of poetry and has new commissions for theaters in Atlanta and Nashville.

UP, UP AND AWAY



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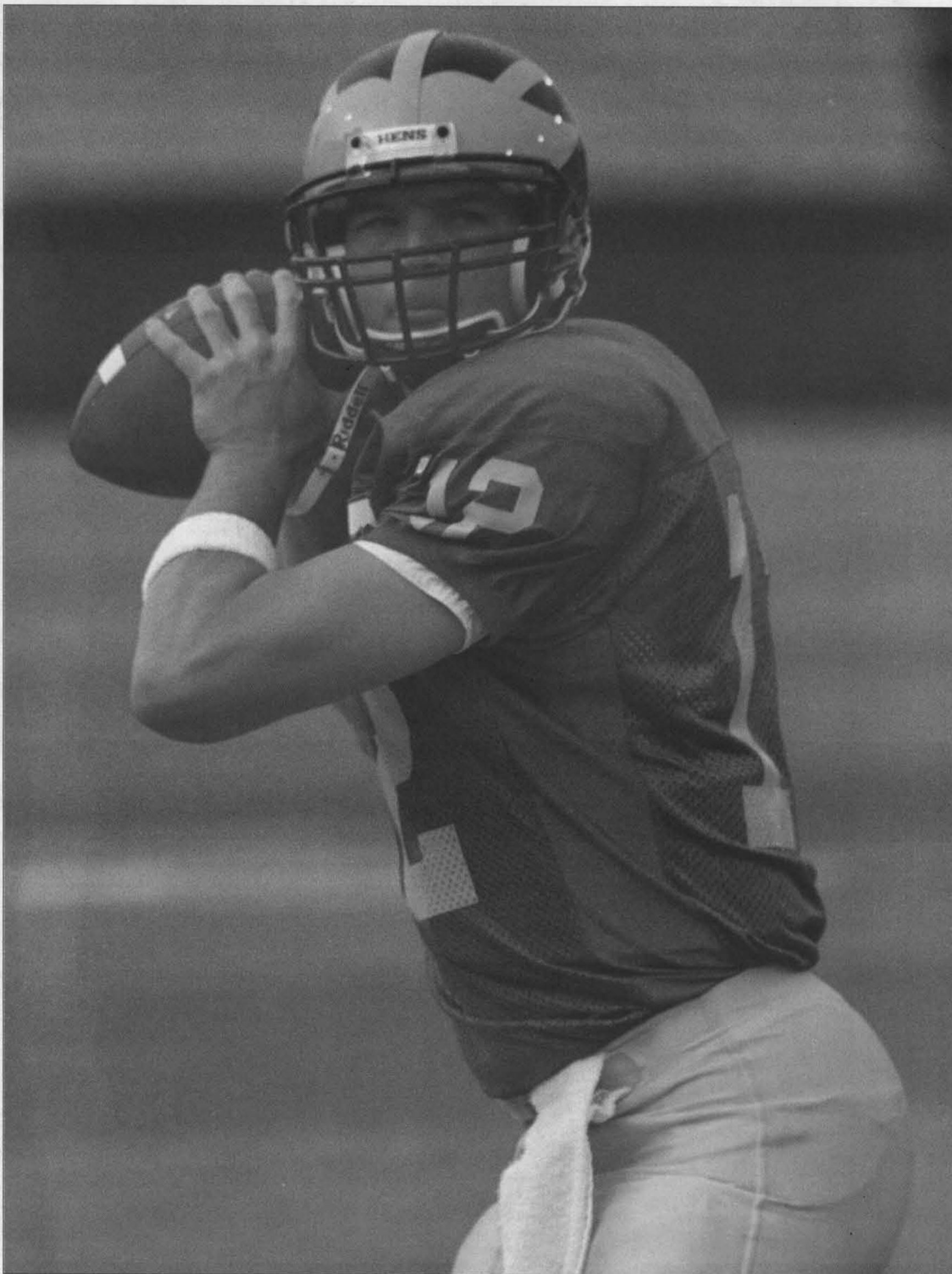
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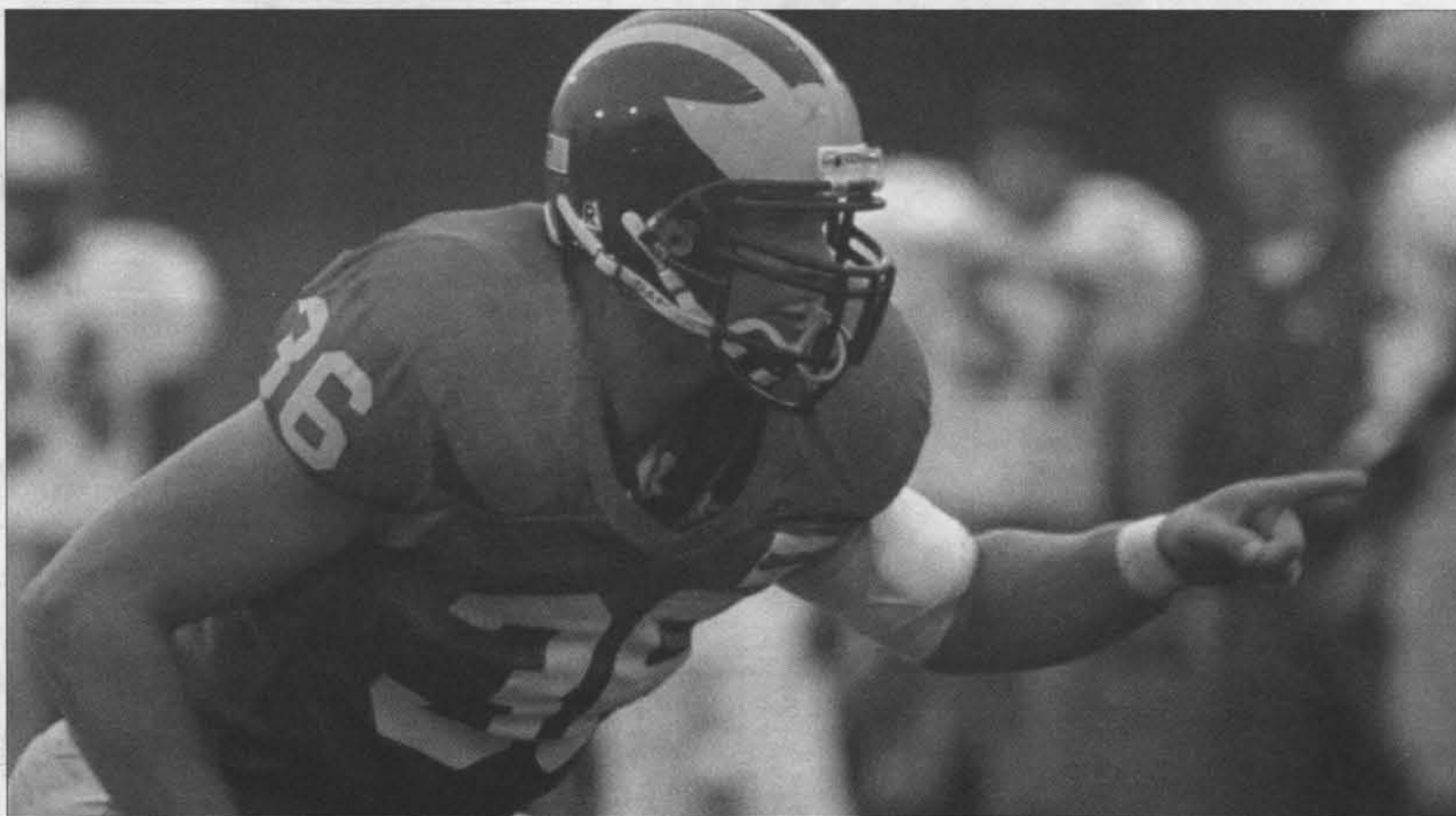
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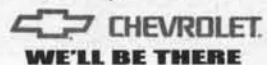
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School board vetoes buy out of Fischer's contract

► CONTRACT, from 1

renew the contract of Christina's superintendent, who has served the district since April of 1998.

The motion, which did not pass because the vote was tied 3-3, appeared to surprise board members and the audience, but Fischer was unfazed.

"I'm getting to the point that nothing surprises me," said Fischer, who believes the move is not profitable. "I made a good faith commitment."

The motion to buy out Fischer was made by board member Chris Reed, who explained after the meeting that he has been thinking about this motion for some time but had not discussed the idea with other board members prior to the meeting.

Reed believes a buy out for the remainder of Fischer's \$125,969 salary would be about \$70,000 — money well spent to allow the opportunity "for others to step up to the plate and establish their ideas," Reed said.

During the meeting Reed made the following statement:

"I make a motion that the Christina Board of Education look at and discuss with the superintendent what alternatives we have, to come up with an agreeable solution to buying out the remaining portion of the superintendent's contract."

"Lame duck is hard to deal with as a district. A majority of corporations buy-out CEOs when they decide to part ways. Accountability becomes a major concern when your leader has an end date to their employment. It also provides Dr. Fisher with the opportunity to spend 100 percent of his time searching for a new place of employment, so he can support his family. I felt we have very capable assistant superintendents in Lavern Terry and Dr.

Capes Riley.

"As an elected official I felt it was responsible to the students, parents and teachers of this district that we at least look at this option of buying out the superintendent."

Fischer may have had an extended Christmas vacation if school board member Cecilia Scherer were present for the vote. Scherer, who has voted against renewing Fischer's contract in all the previous votes, attended the executive session, but left before the meeting started because she was upset that the session went long and she missed her daughter's concert performance, which took place prior to the meeting in the school's gym.

"I left because I missed my daughter's performance," Cecilia Scherer said Wednesday morning. "I knew she would be upset. I was under the impression that we were going to hear the students performance. I knew she would be heartbroken."

Scherer said she had no comment about the vote to buyout Fischer's contract because she didn't know all the facts.

When asked how she would have voted, Scherer again had no comment because she didn't have all the information.

Teresa Schooley, Brenda Phillips and Reed voted for discussing a buy out. Constance Merlet, Charles Mullin and George Evans voted against dis-

Holding on

► OUTLOOK, from 8

life, parents need to model the behavior they expect from children. If parents want their teens to behave a certain way, they need to make sure their behaviors support the desired out-

cussing the buy out.

The board voted to hire a consultant to find candidates. Schooley said the cost for a consultant runs typically between \$3,000 to \$5,000, but can be as much as \$40,000. Schooley said she hopes the board can select a consultant by the end of January.

In other events Tuesday, the Board rescinded last month's

approval to remove of a tax abatement request for Wedgewood Swim Club. Wedgewood had inherited a debt that it could not afford to pay off.

It should pay the district \$152 a year, but has not paid since 1989, which means the district is owed roughly \$2,000. Four other school districts had already waved the tax abatement.

Board members, after hearing the appeal from Donna Price — a former board member — to rethink last month's action, voted to approve the abatement request. Evans said Tuesday was the first time the board had heard that Wedgewood was a non-profit organization. Once this information was presented, "this was the proper thing to do to serve the

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POST GAME

Newark High to host wrestling tournament

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The winter high school sports season gets into full swing this week and one of the biggest early-season events will take place at Newark High.

The 23rd annual Yellowjacket Invitational will take place Friday and Saturday at Newark.

There will be 12 teams competing and there will be both varsity and junior varsity competition.

The junior varsity tournament is one of the great features of the Yellowjacket. It gives the jayvees a chance to compete in a very good tournament - something that doesn't normally happen.



In addition to host Newark, Glasgow, Salesianum, Wilmington Charter, St. Elizabeth, Concord, Polytech, Archmere, Harford (Md.) Tech, North Catholic (Pa.), Bensalem (Pa.) and Columbia Montour (Pa.) will also be taking part in the tournament.

Another plus for this year's event is that it doesn't take place the same weekend as the Beast of the East. The Beast will be held next weekend at the Carpenter Center. This enables other teams to come to Newark and should help attendance as well.

Wrestling action gets underway Friday evening with preliminaries and quarterfinals.

Varsity semifinals are slated for noon on Saturday with the finals being around 5 p.m.

Junior varsity action will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and run through the day.

Both the upper and lower gyms will be used.

Blue Hens fall at St. Joe's



Big second half lifts Hawks

All-American point guard candidate Jameer Nelson scored 24 points, dished out seven assists, and pulled nine rebounds and Saint Joseph's broke open a close game with a 21-3 run midway through the second half as the Hawks downed the University of Delaware 77-59 in a non-league men's basketball game Monday night at Alumni Fieldhouse.

Delaware, coming off a 60-59 win over defending Ivy League champion Penn last Tuesday, could not make it two straight against the Philadelphia Big Five as the Hens fell to 2-2 on the season. Sophomore guard Mike Slattery scored a career-high 18 points and dished out six assists and junior guard Mike Ames scored 14 points, including four three-pointers to lead Delaware.

Saint Joseph's remained perfect on the season at 6-0 as Pat Carroll added 18 points, hitting on five of six three-pointers, and Dwayne Jones pulled a game-high 11 rebounds. The Hawks shot 52 percent from the field for the game (30 of 58), including a sizzling 58.8 percent (20 of 34) in the second half.

Delaware looked sharp in jumping out to 17-7 lead in the first six minutes of the contest but things went cold quickly. The Hens then missed 19 of their next 21 shots from the field over a 13-minute span, allowing Saint Joseph's to get back in the game and take a 32-28 lead at halftime.

The Blue Hens stayed close in the second half, pulling to within five points at 44-39 on a Maurice Sessoms free throw with 13:21 remaining. But Nelson immediately followed with a three-pointer and added a jumper less than a minute later to spark a 21-3 run that propelled the Hawks to the win. A three-pointer by Slattery with 10:31 left was the Hens' only score during a span of nearly seven minutes. Another Slattery three-pointer with 6:28 broke the dry spell but Delaware was down 65-45 by that time.

Nelson scored seven points in the pivotal run while Carroll nailed two three-pointers during the stretch to put the game away.

"We got away from our game-plan and that hurt us," said

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

Maurice Sessoms has helped lead the University of Delaware basketball team to a 2-2 start this season.

See HENS, 21 ►

William Penn rolls to Division I state crown

Quick start helps lead Colonials to football title

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

SEAFORD — Crown William Penn the champions of Division I football for 2002.

The Colonials routed St. Mark's 34-13 Sunday afternoon at Seaford High to win the school's ninth state title since 1982. The William Penn championship matches Newark's record for most football crowns since the tournament setup began in the early 1970s.

The game, originally scheduled for Friday night, had to be moved from the University of Delaware's stadium at the last minute, due to Thursday's snowstorm.

William Penn's senior running back Maurice Wilkins scored three touchdowns on the day, rushing for two on offense, and adding the other on a superb, 48-yard pass interception from St. Mark's beleaguered quarterback Mark Lemon. Senior J.T. Laws added two touchdowns for the Colonials.

In addition, quarterback John Henry turned in a near flawless performance directing the Colonial attack. Henry's passing

helped keep the Spartan defense off balance.

During the first half, he completed all three pass attempts for more than 70 yards. Henry said this team showed a lot of heart today, and throughout the season.

"I did what I had to do today to help this team win. We run our offense around No. 44 (Laws) and No. 22 (Wilkins), and our line did a great job blocking all game," he said.

The Colonial defense also turned in a stellar performance, picking off a total of four passes from Lemon and Joey Wright. The defense also recovered three Spartan fumbles, knocked Lemon and Wright down a number of times, and generally made life miserable for St. Mark's offense all day long.

The Colonials came out fired up from the opening kickoff, driving 66 yards on nine plays. On the second play from scrimmage, Henry connected with Brandon Harmon on a 38-yard pass play. Laws finished the drive with a one-yard plunge off right tackle. Steve Alexander added the extra point to give Penn a 7-0 lead.

In contrast, on St. Mark's second play from scrimmage, Lemon was hurried, then rocked by several of Penn's defensive linemen, and fumble the ball at the Spartan 12.

On the next play, Wilkins dashed into the end zone to build the lead to 14-0 midway through

the first quarter.

After the Colonial kickoff, the Spartans began to build some offensive momentum, moving the ball out near midfield. Again disaster struck for St. Mark's, as Wilkins intercepted a screen pass at the 48, and streaked to the end zone for his second score in less than four minutes.

Trailing by three touchdowns, St. Mark's finally got on the

"I'm proud of the season we had, but give them credit for a very well played game."

VINNIE SCOTT

ST. MARK'S FOOTBALL COACH

board with just over one minute left in the quarter. Lemon hit Jonathan Heydt for 48 yards down to the Penn 12-yard line. Then Heydt raced the last dozen yards on a well-designed counter play for the score. Senior Dave Dickinson added the extra point to cut the lead to 21-7.

The Colonial's next scoring drive was set up by another Spartan turnover.

After St. Mark's forced a punt, the Spartans again mishandled the ball, and Penn recovered a

fumble near the 20-yard line. Wilkins finished the quick, three-play drive, rumbling in from the eight, while shedding several would-be tacklers. This time, the extra-point try was no good, so the Colonials went into halftime with a commanding 27-7 lead.

The Spartan's junior linebacker, Phil Aviola said Wilkins and Laws turned in incredible performances in the championship game.

"They both ran extremely hard today, and played a very physical game. We have nothing but high respect for both of them and their teammates," he said.

In the second half, Spartan coach Vinnie Scott switched gears by replacing Lemon with the injured Wright. The moved initially worked like a charm. Wright moved his team nearly 70 yards on three pass plays, before Adam Blocker scored from one yard out.

Dickinson missed his extra point, leaving the score 27-13, but giving the Spartans a glimmer of hope on the sunny afternoon.

The Spartans continued to use Wright out of shotgun formation to minimize any chances of their quarterback getting hurt again. Wright filled the air with passes, but the Colonial defense quickly adjusted, and finally diffused the attack with several more interceptions. The Colonials would not be denied.

William Penn's last score of the day was set by an interception on a tipped pass.

Laws punched in from close range to finish the scoring and seal the victory.

In the waning moments, Penn picked off another pass at the Spartan five, but Henry mercifully ran out all but the last few seconds by dropping to his knee four times.

Scott said he was impressed with William Penn's intensity throughout the game.

"They came out ready to play today and took it to us. They played a physical game, and just outplayed us. I'm proud of the season we had, but give them credit for a very well played game," he said.

The Colonials ended the season with a nine-game winning streak and an 11-1 record for the year. Penn officially ends Newark's five-year reign as Division I champions. The Spartans ended with a 10-2 record and lots of hope for next year with a lot of starters returning to battle in 2003.

Penn coach Bill Cole, Jr., said it was great to win the championship, but credited the players for all their hard work and dedication throughout the season.

"This was the only team to beat us this year, so we knew we had something to prove to ourselves, that we could come out here, and play a better game than we did back in September," he said. "To their credit, they came out fired up, and got the job done. I couldn't be prouder of them," said Cole.

UD baseball signs five recruits

University of Delaware baseball head coach Jim Sherman announced Thursday the signing of five standout high school student-athletes during the NCAA National Letter of Intent program early signing period.

The players are outfielder infielder Brandon Menchaca from Concord High in Wilmington, Bryan Hagerich from Somerset, Pa., right-handed pitcher Matt Heppner from Riverhead, N.Y., right-handed pitcher Chad Kerfoot from Owings Mills, Md. and infielder Rob Parks from Brick, N.J.

Menchaca, a 5-11, 175 lb. right-handed hitting middle infielder from Concord High School, played locally for the Newark Diamonds amateur team this past summer and hit .370 with 10 doubles and five triples. At Concord, Menchaca hit .364 with 21 RBI and 13 stolen bases last spring. He earned honorable mention All-State notice as a second baseman. He was chosen to play for the Delaware North team at the Carpenter Cup following both his sophomore and junior seasons.

Hagerich, a 6-4, 205 lb. right-handed hitting outfielder from

Somerset High School, heads into the 2003 season considered one of the top high school outfielders in the Mid-Atlantic Region. This past summer he hit .427 with 16 doubles, 12 home runs, and 67 runs batted in leading the Somerset American Legion baseball team to a 38-8 record. He was selected to play in the Pennsylvania American Legion East vs. West All-Star Game. In 18 games for Somerset High School last spring, Hagerich hit .538 with nine doubles, three home runs, and 32 RBI to lead the team to a 14-4 record. He played this past fall for the Atlanta Braves amateur fall travel team.

Heppner, a 6-1, 180 lb. right-handed pitcher from Riverhead High School, enjoyed an outstanding junior season in 2002. He was the winning pitcher in five of his teams eight wins. He posted a 5-2 record, a 1.33 earned run average, and struck out 74 hitters in just 47 innings. This past summer, Heppner threw for the Long Island Bulls amateur squad and led the team to a 32-12 record. He was 5-2 for the Bulls with a 2.99 ERA.

He also was the field-goal

kicker for the Riverhead High School football team during his junior year and kicked the longest field goal in the state with a 53-yarder during the 2001 season.

Kerfoot, a 6-0, 165 lb. right-handed pitcher from Northern High School, went 5-2 with a 1.75 ERA, striking out 61 hitters in 52 innings of work this past summer for the Maryland Orioles summer team. In his junior year at Northern, Kerfoot was 3-2 with a 2.62 ERA. As a sophomore, he was 4-1 with a 1.25 ERA and threw five complete games. He also played this past fall for the Baltimore Orioles amateur fall travel team.

Parks, a 6-1, 190 lb. right-handed hitting corner infielder, helped lead Christian Brothers Academy to a 26-4 record last spring. He led the squad to a Shore Conference championship and Parochial A South championship by hitting .406 with five home runs and driving in 28 runs. He was named All-division and All-county. Baseball America Magazine included Parks in their list of the top 200 high school prospects in the country.

Nelson leads St. Joe over UD

► HENS, from 20

Delaware head coach David Henderson. "We wanted to make the extra pass to open up our shots on the perimeter but we got away from that and started taking shots in the paint. Saint Joe's was too athletic and started blocking

our shots."

Delaware lost to the Hawks for the 17th time in the last 18 meetings and remained winless in 15 trips to Philadelphia to play the Hawks.

The Hens will return to action Saturday, Dec. 14 when they host Rider at 7:30 p.m. at the Bob Carpenter Center.

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Winterfest kicks off Newark's holiday season

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Santa Claus arrived in Newark not by sleigh, but by a Newark Police car.

No, Saint Nick did not do anything wrong, he just received a police escort to the Academy Building on Main Street for Winterfest, as the Christmas season officially began in Newark last Friday.

Winterfest, the traditional holiday celebration in downtown Newark, drew an estimated 700 people last Friday evening. Adding to the holiday atmosphere was a fresh snow fall and cold temperatures, but neither appeared to keep people away.

Main Street was illuminated by Christmas wreaths on the telephone poles and the aroma of roasted chestnuts on an open fire sent out a distinct fragrance. The chestnuts were being sold by the Newark Lions Club.

"What a great night for Winterfest," said Maureen Feeney-Roser, assistant planning director and a member of the Downtown Newark Partnership. "It's a great start to the traditional holiday event."

The event is called Winterfest, but maybe it should be renamed, "A Newark Family Christmas," as the night had many attractions

that brought out families. There were plenty of parents with their children to see Santa, to watch Newark's tree being lit, to listen to Christmas music by the Newark Brass Ensemble, the Newark Charter School and John Pollard and Sarah Gugliemi.

"I'll be chilled to the bone," Pollard said joking, about two hours before he was scheduled to play his guitar and sing. "Just being out in the community and seeing who you know and singing is fun."

There was also an ice carving display by Kirk Clemens and horse carriage rides around the city of Newark. The University of Delaware donated the hot chocolate and cookies at a booth manned by UD students.

There were a lot of families at the event, some who make it an annual event, others were attending for the first time. It was June Hannah's first visit to Winterfest. Her grandchildren were visiting from Virginia.

"I wanted to bring them to this special occasion, in this historical town," Hannah said. "They (her children) grew up in Newark, so this is like returning to their roots. How much more wonderful can it be with snow coming at the perfect time to enhance the festivities."

The Sedar family came from



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Jasmine and Dakota Edwards enjoy the Newark Community Band during the Winterfest celebration.

Wilmington to see Santa and listen to music. "I want a Sweet Kitchen," Taylor, 4, told Santa.

Many people at Winterfest warmed up by visiting the The Mid-Atlantic Ballet studios (behind Happy Harry's), as they performed the Nutcracker and had refreshments.

Newark's Christmas tree, 22-foot pine, came literally out of the yard of Jerry and Kim Wegman from Bear. Jerry Wegman and Newark Mayor Hal Godwin have known each other for a long time and Jerry Wegman wanted to return a

favor.

"We moved into our new home and this tree was there, lights and all," Kim Wegman said. "It's gorgeous. It's perfect. They (city workers) did a wonderful job. This is just a wonderful atmosphere, a small town Christmas."

The event was sponsored by the Newark Parks and Recreation Department and the Downtown Newark Partnership. Sharon Bruen, recreation supervisor of community events, was in charge of this successful event.

Local vet heads to Spain

► OIL SPILL, from 3

wildlife," she said.

Stout always looks for the positive in any experience concerning the wildlife that get caught in catastrophic events.

"Dealing with a life, even that of a small bird, is a big responsibility and I always need to find the best resources available," Stout added.

Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research, located off Possum Park Road in Newark, has assisted in international oil spills since 1976, in Canada, France, South Africa, Wales, the Galapagos Islands, and in the Middle East.

It has an oil response team of 10-15 highly trained staff and volunteers who are first line ready to respond to spills affecting wildlife anywhere in the world.

They are supported by approximately 200 volunteers who Stout says "are critical to our success."

The non-profit organization is one of the few in North America able to establish and manage a wildlife response facility following a major oil spill.

City Council approves motion for Casho Mill land project

► COUNCIL, from 1

known as Chapel Street Crossing, drew protest from residents on South Chapel Street because of the fear of more college students moving into the neighborhood and causing disturbances.

In October the Planning Commission voted 4-0 against

the rezoning of this parcel. Currently the zoning code is for general industrial (IM) and would have had to be changed to multi-family dwelling-garden apartments (RM).

After Planning Commission vote and hearing the reaction from residents, Kevin Heizenroder, the principal owner in Chapel Street Associates, with-

drew his application, because he believed the outcome would be the defeat of this proposal.

In events that did take place Monday night, City Council approved the request for a minor subdivision at 1090 Casho Mill Road in order to construct three single-family dwellings to be known as Trotter's Lane.

This project, which was origi-

nally tabled from Sept. 10, needed to have the existing RS (single family detached) zoning label changed to RD (single family, semi-detached) zoning for this .67 acre parcel located between Blair Village and Casho Mill Station. This zoning was amended.

Councilmembers originally had concerns about parking on

the north side of Blair Court (in front and beside the proposed new homes in Trotter's Lane) and asked that some accommodation be made for this parking. A revised plan was submitted that met Council's approval.

Council also agreed to seek an appraisal on a land deal at White

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▶ **BLOTTER, from 2**

Newark police.

Empty kegs missing from Deer Park

A white male, sporting a mustache, between 40-50 years old, was seen removing four beer kegs from the outside storage area at the Deer Park Tavern on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 6:20 p.m., Newark police said.

A cutting tool was used to remove the chains securing the door to the storage area, police said. The kegs were of unknown make of beer and were empty. Value of the kegs is \$10 each.

The suspect was seen leaving in a silver pickup truck, according to the police report.

No savings on sneaks

Someone tried to sneak out the door at Save On Sneaks in the College Square Shopping Center on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. without paying for a pair of Air Jordan sneakers, valued at \$165, according to Newark police.

When spotted, the suspect dropped the sneakers outside the store and fled on foot.

The suspect is described as a male, 5'7", 140 pounds, wearing baggy blue jeans and Timberline boots.

Car window broken, tools removed

Unknown suspects broke the rear window of a vehicle parked in the 600 block of S. College Ave. sometime between 10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 and 8 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, it was reported to Newark Police Department.

Articles taken from the vehicle included assorted hand tools valued at \$1,500, computer equipment valued at \$400, power tools valued at \$150 and a soldering iron worth \$200. Total value of the stolen property was reported to Newark Police as \$4,000.

Sidewalk sale scene of robbery

An unknown white male grabbed two armfuls of clothing from the sales rack outside Dots in College Square Shopping Center and fled without paying on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 2:18 p.m., it was reported to Newark police.

The white male and white female suspects fled in a maroon pickup truck. The items taken were assorted summer clearance clothing valued at \$120.

Robber nabbed after foot chase

On Nov. 22, at 10:50 p.m. a 16-year-old male suspect entered the Subway shop on East Main Street in Newark, implied that he had a gun, and demanded from the victim money from the register.

The victim, a 24-year-old male, complied, and the suspect fled the store toward East Delaware Avenue.

The suspect, who fled on foot, was seen on Lovett Avenue by Cpl. Scott Simpson. The suspect was caught after a brief chase with the assistance of officers from the University of Delaware Police Department.

The stolen money was recovered. The suspect was charged with robbery and resisting arrest, and was committed to the New Castle County Detention Center on a \$20,000 bond.

The victim was not injured.

Child endangerment charged levied here

New Castle County Police arrested John Scarduzio, 26, of the unit block of Lute Court in Harmony Woods. Scarduzio has been charged

with three counts of endangering the welfare of a child and one count of menacing after leaving his three children home alone and threatening his wife.

County police were called to the unit block of Flute Court on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 1:30 a.m. after the victim reported a domestic dispute. Police responded to Scarduzio's residence, also in the unit block of Flute Court. Police said their investigation revealed that his three children, ages nine, five, and three, had been left alone while he went to a neighbor's home.

Scarduzio was arrested without incident and the children were turned over to family members after his arrest. Police said he is awaiting an arraignment at police headquarters.

County officer captures fugitive

On Dec. 5, New Castle County Police officer John Treadwell arrested Robert Vicks, 21, of the 100 block of Channing Drive in Bear, and charged him with one count of being a fugitive from another state.

Police said he was wanted by the Cecil County Sheriff's Office for an attempted murder-shooting.

On the morning of Dec. 5, Treadwell received information regarding a man who was wanted by Maryland authorities for attempted murder. The suspect was identified as Vicks, a Delaware resident who

Treadwell was familiar with.

At 12:30 a.m., Treadwell observed Vicks' vehicle traveling on Rt. 40 near the entrance of Sparrow Run. Treadwell followed the vehicle for two miles until additional officers arrived for back-up. Vicks was arrested at the scene of the car stop, Rts. 40 and 1, without incident.

At the time of the press release, Vicks was at police headquarters awaiting an arraignment for the fugitive warrant.

Council seeks appraisal for White Clay Creek land▶ **COUNCIL, from 22**

Clay Creek. The land for sale, a vacant parcel on the north side of White Clay Drive which abuts White Clay Creek, is owned by John Bauscher, who is asking \$115,000 for the half acre of land. At least a third of this land is in the Flood Plain.

"I wouldn't be particularly anxious to pursue this unless it benefits the neighboring community," Newark Mayor Hal

Godwin said.

Several Councilmembers, however, said they were inclined to get an appraisal, and if the land is not too expensive they would discuss purchasing it.

Bauscher said he would not take the property off the market while the city was getting an appraisal, but did agree not to sell it until the appraisal was completed.

Councilmembers hope to have an appraisal by the next council meeting, which is on Jan. 13.

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of over two months for an item to appear. We will share them as soon as possible. Thank-you for your loyal readership and patience.

Gamel-McCormick and Meadows volunteer for community service

Caitlin A. Gamel-McCormick

and Mark R. Meadows, both of Newark and both freshman at American University in Washington, D.C., have participated in a community service project in which freshman students contributed more than 10,000 hours of service at 48 sites around the Washington, D.C. area, cleaning and arranging classrooms for D.C. public schools, preparing meals for people living with AIDS with Food and Friends, cleaning parks with D.C. Parks and Recreation, and mentoring children with the Higher Achievement Program.

Gamel-McCormick is a 2002 graduate of Newark High School. Meadows is a 2002 graduate of St. Marks High School.

Healy continues soccer career at Elizabethtown College

Brian Healy, a 2002 graduate of A. I. DuPont High School and Newark resident, has continued his soccer career at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pa. Healy's high school soccer accolades include membership on both the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) and Gatorade high school All-American teams. He was also the Delaware state Player of the Year in soccer, and was a two-time all-state selection in lacrosse.

Rafert enters Hampshire College

Newark resident Jesse Rafert is attending Hampshire College. She is the daughter of Nancy Julia and Stewart James Rafert of Newark. She is a graduate of Wilmington Friends School.

Mullins active member of Baptist Student Union

Newark resident Jacob Mullins, a junior sports management major, is an active member of the Baptist Student Union at Lynchburg College, a small private college in central Virginia.

The Baptist Student Union is a Virginia Baptist student ministry designed to facilitate and enrich spiritual growth; to encourage individual and group Bible study; and organize participation in local, state, national and foreign mission projects.

Mullins is a graduate of Christiana High School.

Nettleton is manager trainee at 84 Lumber

Nettleton has been hired by 84 Lumber Company as a manager trainee at the 84 Lumber location in Newark. As a manager trainee, Nettleton is responsible for sales, estimating and material takeoffs, performing in-store merchandising and maintaining store and yard appearance.



Nettleton

MacLaren graduates basic

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Sean P. MacLaren has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.



MacLaren

MacLaren is the son of Angi MacLaren of Wilmington. He is a 1991 graduate of Christiana High School.

Cleary graduates basic

Air Force Airman Carl J. Cleary has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.



Cleary

Cleary is the son of Judy Carter and Tim Cleary, both of Middletown. He is a 2001 graduate of Hodgson Vocational Technical High School.

McMillan receives scholarship

Newark resident, Megan McMillan, is a winner in the Terumo Cardiovascular Systems

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Raymond DiPretoro, Jr., DPM, FACFAS

People who suffer with plantar fasciitis typically find that the heel pain subsides when they sit or lie down. Also, the pain sometimes goes away after they walk for awhile—only to return after a period of rest.

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Writer gets insider's perspective on police operations

► UP FRONT, from 1

association with many interesting friends, to be exposed to and/or participate in many experiences that most people can't.

From interviewing presidents (I had lunch with Jimmy Carter), to questioning famous entertainers (Robert Wagner is the rudest celebrity I ever met), to flying with the Blue Angels (a story I can't tell without using the word "vomit"), I've had a lot of fun. More important, though, my horizon of understanding has been greatly widened.

But this eight-week adventure into segments of my home town where I and most others usually do not go was nothing less than cool.

Three-hour classes whizzed by and sometimes stretched another 30 minutes or hour. There was so much interesting information – not all of it comforting – yet so little time.

The police kept thanking us for taking eight weeks of our lives to peer into their world. Heck, I would have voted for another three or four weeks of classes. We rushed through some incredibly interesting and complex topics (blood spatter, comes to mind) and I still have ques-

tions.

I was amazed at how thorough, candid and prepared the instructors were.

Frankly, I expected a lot of pro-police propaganda. Instead, I experienced openness and honesty.

Sgt. Jerry Simpson and the others of the NPD who taught us during the eight weeks held nothing back. (That's why each of us in the class agreed to keep confidential information just that.)

They came to each session prepared to give us the full police perspective (warts and all) of every topic we discussed.

We learned much police work is boring, even routine, and that officers are drowning in paperwork that keeps them from doing what they want – to be officers of the peace, not report writers.

We saw grisly photos of rapes, murders and fatal accidents and learned how these gruesome scenes can tell the story of what happened and lead to the capture of the animals responsible.

We also learned the effects having to deal with these atrocities can, not surprisingly, have on the personal lives of officers and their families.

We learned that some officers are less inclined to make borderline DUI arrests because of the

three to four hours of processing and paperwork involved. (The good news is these same officers seldom let someone who may have been drinking drive themselves away from the traffic stop.)

We learned close-up how disheartening it is for officers when truly guilty people go free, because of leniency or an effective lawyer. (I'm talking here about real bad guys – thieves, robbers who attack old ladies, drug users who break into our homes and destroy our sense of security.) But then these officers go back out on the streets of Newark with no less conviction of purpose or degree of professionalism.

Law enforcement has advanced at the speed of a Pentium processor.

During the first class, each student was asked why they had enrolled in the citizens police academy. I was a police reporter for many years earlier in my career and was well acquainted with police work. I told my classmates that I wanted to see how things have changed.

Wow, have they, with as much contrast as a manual typewriter I used in the 1970s compared to the computer on which I'm writing right now.

First and most noticeable to me was the caliber of today's police

officer. Three decades ago, friends of the police chief could be deputized. Today's police recruits must have a criminal justice degree.

During this same period, the professionalism of police officers has increased more demonstrably than the education requirements.

Only real police officers and those of us in our class can truly comprehend the vast amount of knowledge that an officer must have swimming around in his or her head, ready for instantaneous retrieval.

I suspected and confirmed the "good ol' boy" days of law enforcement are gone. Thank God.

In the early 1970s in Baltimore, I witnessed the deserved arrest of a man often vocally critical of the police. Later that evening I saw the same man bruised and bandaged after "falling down the stairs" at the police lock-up. I knew police ethics have advanced but they have to a greater degree than I would have imagined.

With national accreditation in Newark, I knew the NPD plays by the rules, just as the citizens of Newark demand.

But to intimately learn the extremes to which Newark's finest goes to respect our rights and preserve our safety was comforting and, at times, amazing.

Not all is perfect.

I also discovered to what degree some officers, rightly so, are upset that contract dispute with the City of Newark has not been settled. It goes beyond the money – it's about feeling unappreciated for jobs done well.

And, most disturbingly, I learned of Newark's growing drug problem and the limited resources available to combat this scourge, one potentially more devastating to the tranquility of Newark than the evils of the bottle.

There's more to come.

I will explain the earlier "pistol-packing publisher" reference, tell you about my two all-night ride-alongs, report on my attempts at running radar, and reveal my inadequacies as a police officer, even though I'm a graduate of this distinguished citizens academy. But I'll do so in a later column.

■ When not doing 42 in the 25-miles-per-hour zone in front of Newark High School and praying that Corp. Dave Kerr – NPD's ticket-writing titan – is on lunch break, the writer is publisher of this and two other Delaware newspapers, all headquartered in Newark. He and his family moved here in 1992 from Maine, where he previously published the Bar Harbor Times.

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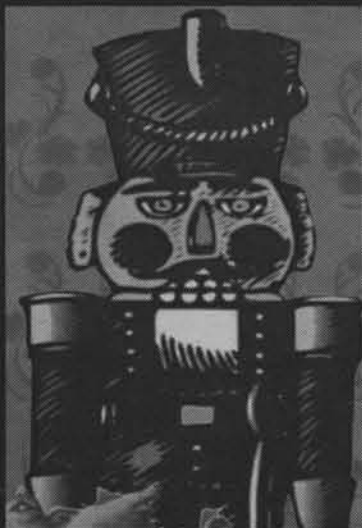
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George Regis Toomey, retired from Ford Motor Company

Newark resident George Regis Toomey died on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002.

Toomey, 68, retired from the Ford Motor Company and then he was a school bus driver for the Christina School district for 10 years. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a jet mechanic for the F4 Phantom Jet and served in the flight line for the Thunderbirds at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nev. He was an avid photographer.

He is survived by his wife, Muriel I. Toomey; son, Curtis A. Toomey of Los Angeles, Calif.; daughter, Cindy Foster of Las Vegas, Nev.; stepsons, Joseph Zmierski of Wilmington, Steven Zmierski of Middletown, and Bradford Zmierski of Hartford, Conn.; brothers, Wayne Toomey of Ocean View, and Edward Toomey of Wilmington; sisters, Barbara D'Onofrio of Fenwick Island, Sandra Toomey of Wilmington, and Marlene A. Horisk of Odessa; three grandchildren; and three step grandchildren; and numerous

nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Doherty Funeral Home in Wilmington. Interment was private.

H. Jerry Cline, received Citizenship Award

Newark area resident H. Jerry Cline died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002.

Cline, 59, worked for 25 years as a service engineer with Anderson Chemical Company, but his great love was for baseball.

He played some minor league ball and was coach/manger with the Canal Little League and the Newark Babe Ruth, where he also served as president of the league.

He was a nine year member of the Diamond State Umpire Association, and an eight year member of the Mid Atlantic Collegian Umpire Association and was an Assignors and Coordinator of the Elsmere Babe Ruth.

In 1996, Cline was presented with the Citizenship Award from the Christiana School District Board of Education for his contributions to the children in their district.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy R. Cline; daughter, Kimberly R. Cline of New Castle; son, Jeremy W. Cline, at home; brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Joyce Cline of Swannanoa, N.C.; sisters, Jean and her husband Jim Nanney of Newark, Sue and her

husband Joe Moody of Ashville, N.C.; and two grandsons.

Services were held at the McCrery Memorial Chapel in Wilmington. Entombment was in Gracelawn Memorial Cemetery in New Castle.

Jayne Christian, was a founding member of Parents Without Partners

Newark area resident Jayne Christian died on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002.

Christian, 79, was born Sophia Mitrovich in Youngstown, Ohio. She had a long and successful career with the State of Delaware's Department of Vocational Rehabilitation as an administrative and reporting secretary. She was a founding member of Parents Without Partners and was active in it for 30 years, serving as president for many of those years.

During the 1970's, Christian acted as a Social Services foster parent to several children and hosted many exchange students and foreign exchange teachers. She also enjoyed gardening, dancing and big band music. Although her final years were made difficult by the burden of Alzheimer's Disease, her last gesture was to donate her remains for scientific study.

She is survived by her siblings, Dora, Butch and Ann of

Pennsylvania and Ohio; children, David, Donald, Diane and Doreen; and four grandchildren all of Delaware.

Services were held at Nichols-Gilmore Funeral Home in Newport.

Anna Gwaltney, homemaker

Newark resident Anna Gwaltney died on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002.

Gwaltney, 91, was born in Philadelphia, Pa. She was a talented homemaker, she had also worked for the A & P Tea Company and with her husband in the family's real estate business.

Gwaltney was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and she enjoyed painting, playing bridge, and gardening.

She is survived by her son, John R. "Jack" Gwaltney of Newark; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in Newark. Interment was in Gracelawn Memorial Park in New Castle.

Ruth O'Dell Slater, secretary

Newark resident Ruth O'Dell Slater died on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002.

Slater, 78, was formerly of Avondale, Pa. She was a graduate of St. Gertrudes Academy in Ridgely Md., and Goldey Beacom College in Wilmington.

Earlier, Slater held various secretarial positions at Scott Paper Company and New Castle Army Air Station.

Following her marriage in 1948, she remained at home to raise her four children.

She enjoyed traveling, sewing, reading and was very active at her health club.

She is survived by her daughters, Patricia Russell and her husband Ron of Seaford, Elaine Zinkula and her husband Andy of Rogers, Arizona, and Cynthia Langkamp and her husband Rick of Hemlock, N.Y.; son, Curt Slater and his wife Frances of Hockessin; brother Donald and his wife Elizabeth O'Dell of Millington, Md.; 13 grandchildren; and many cousins and nieces.

Services were held at Chandler Funeral Home in Hockessin. Interment was private.

Ralph Clifford Mullett retired from Diamond State Telephone

Newark resident Ralph Clifford Mullett died on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002.

Mullett, 64, was born in Chester, Pa. He was a 1956 graduate of Claymont High School. Mullett retired from Diamond State Telephone Company, now Verizon after 37 years of service. He was a sergeant 1st class in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1955 until 1965. He was a longtime member of hunting and sporting associations in the Delaware Valley. His hobbies

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included spending time with his five grandchildren, gardening and reading, and antique collecting of woodworking tools. He was a little league coach and fan of his grandsons little league games.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Marilee H. Mullett; daughter, Teresa Mullett Ressel and her husband Charles F. Ressel Jr.; son, David R. Mullett and his wife Daphne Mullett; five grandchildren; sister, Marilyn Van Scoy and her husband Donald of Newark; and lifelong friend, Richard Neff of North East, Md.

Services were held at Resurrection Parish in Newark and at Doherty Funeral Home in Pike Creek. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery in Wilmington.

Michael Louis Massetti Sr. plumber and pipe fitter

James C. Ceraso

Newark resident James C. Ceraso died on Monday, Nov. 18, 2002.

Ceraso, 57, was a member of UAW Local 1183. He worked as an inspector at the Chrysler Assembly Plant, retiring this year after 37 1/2 years of service. He was a member of Holy Family Parish and served as a sergeant in the US Army Reserve for 6 years.

Ceraso enjoyed sport shooting and attending drag racing events

with his sons. Most of all, he was devoted to his family and was known by friends as a man with a generous nature and a heart of gold.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Sharon M. Ceraso; sons, James J. and his wife Susan, Steven J. and his wife Amy, and Michael A.; sisters, Jean Wittrock of Newark, and Marie Ceraso of Eddystone, Pa.; five grandchildren, and his beloved dog, Molly.

Services were held at the Holy Family R.C. Church in Newark and at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery in Wilmington.

Sandra M. Brightwell

Bear resident Sandra M. Hensel Brightwell died on Monday, Nov. 18, 2002.

Brightwell, 42, was born in Harrisburg, Pa.

She is survived by her husband, John M. Brightwell; father, Russell C. Hensel; and, brother Russell C. Hensel III of Harrisburg, Pa.

Services were held at the Paxton Presbyterian Church in Paxtang, Pa.

James C. Ceraso, UAW Local 1183 member

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

Charlotte M. Gilmore, homemaker

Former Newark resident

Charlotte M. Gilmore died on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002.

Gilmore, 90, presently lived in Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation in Elkton, Md. She was a homemaker and a member of Holy Family Parish in Newark.

She is survived by her sons, John Joseph Gilmore Jr. and Thomas Michael Gilmore, both of Newark; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services and interment were in Uniontown, Pa.

David G. Lambert, served in the U.S. Navy

Bear resident David G. Lambert died on Monday, Nov. 18, 2002.

Lambert, 47, will long be remembered as one of the best

local seafood chefs, working at Schools Inn and last employed by Captain's Cove in 1999.

Lambert was proud of his Scottish heritage that brought his grandmother, Christine Hill and his mother, Christine Lambert, both now deceased, from Bells Hill, Scotland to the United States. He served our country in the U.S. Navy. He was also known for enjoying billiards and bowling.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; stepdaughter, Shannon Burns; father, Norman Edwards; brothers, Norman, Michael and Greg; sisters, Sharri, Sally, Susan and Tammy; two grandchildren; and one niece and one nephew.

Services were held at the Strano and Feeley Family Funeral Home in Newark. Burial was private.

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Chambers

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Chiappa graduates basic

Army Spec. Benjamin T. Chiappa has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. Chiappa, a 1996 graduate of Elkton High School, and 2001 graduate of Towson University, is the son of Nancy Hyde of Elkton,

Md., and David Chiappa of Newark.

Taylor assigned to Demonstration Squadron

Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Mark A. Taylor has been assigned to the U.S. Air Force Demonstration Squadron, the "Thunderbirds," at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nev.

Taylor received his bachelor's degree in 1996 from Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas, and earned his master's degree in 1999 from the University of Phoenix, Ariz.

Taylor is the son of Helen J. Taylor of Newark.

McKnight completes basic

Marine Corps Pfc. Michael S. McKnight, son of Diana L. McKnight of Newark, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Gonzalez graduates basic

Marine Corps Pfc. Noel Gonzalez has recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C.

Gonzalez is the son of Carmen M. Gonzalez of Hamilton, N.J., and Melquades Gonzalez of Newark. He is a 2001 graduate of Christiana High School.

Schulter graduates basic

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph M. Schulter recently completed Mountain Warfare Training in Bridgeport, Calif. Schulter is the son of Christopher M. Schulter of Newark. He joined the Navy in July 1999.

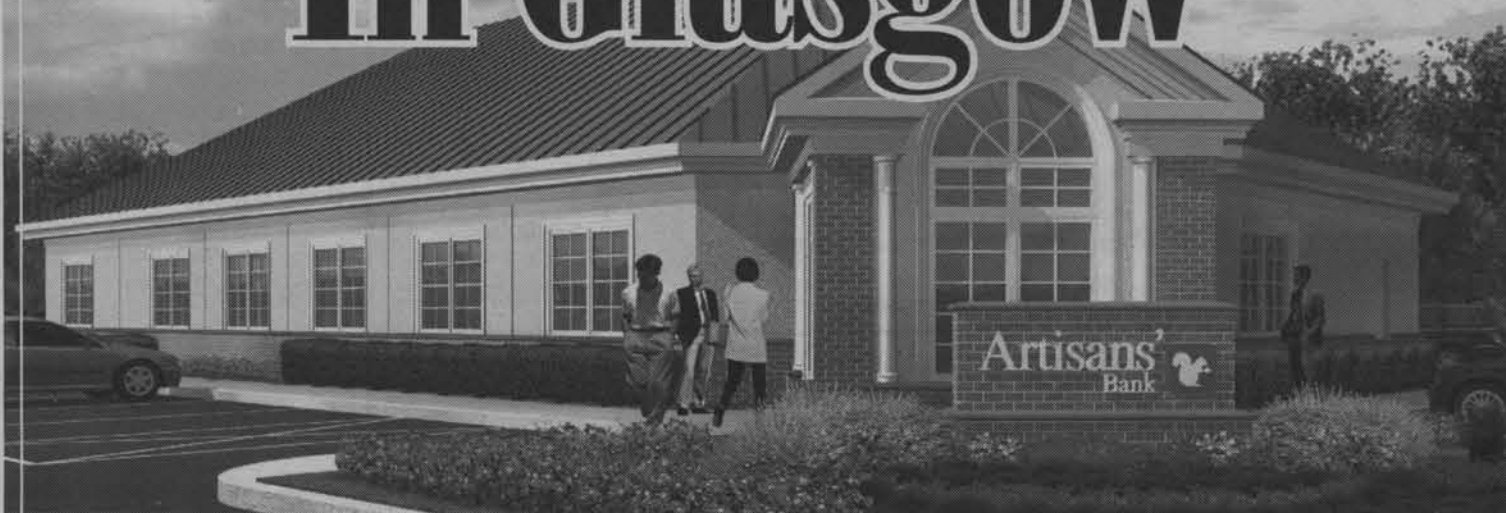
Burton is deployed

Marine Corps Cpl. Daniel N. Burton was recently deployed to a combined arms exercise at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif. Burton is the son of Roxanne L. and William A. Burton of Newark. He is a 1998 graduate of Newark High School.

Schultz graduates basic

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Sean A. Schultz recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C. Schultz is the son of Lillian R. Steele of Haymarket, Va., and Richard R. Schultz of Bear. He is a 2000 graduate of Osbourn Park High School in Manassas, Va.

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McCartney ends basic

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **Cristen M. McCartney** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

McCartney is the daughter of Leonard and Deborah McCartney of Newark. She is a 2001 graduate of St. Marks High School.

Whorl graduates training

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **William G. Whorl Jr.** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air

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Whorl is the son of Deborah and William Whorl of Bear. He is a 1991 graduate of William Penn High School in New Castle.

McLaughlin ends basic

Air Force Airman **Jordan M. McLaughlin** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He is attending Technical School in Ft. Eustis, Va.

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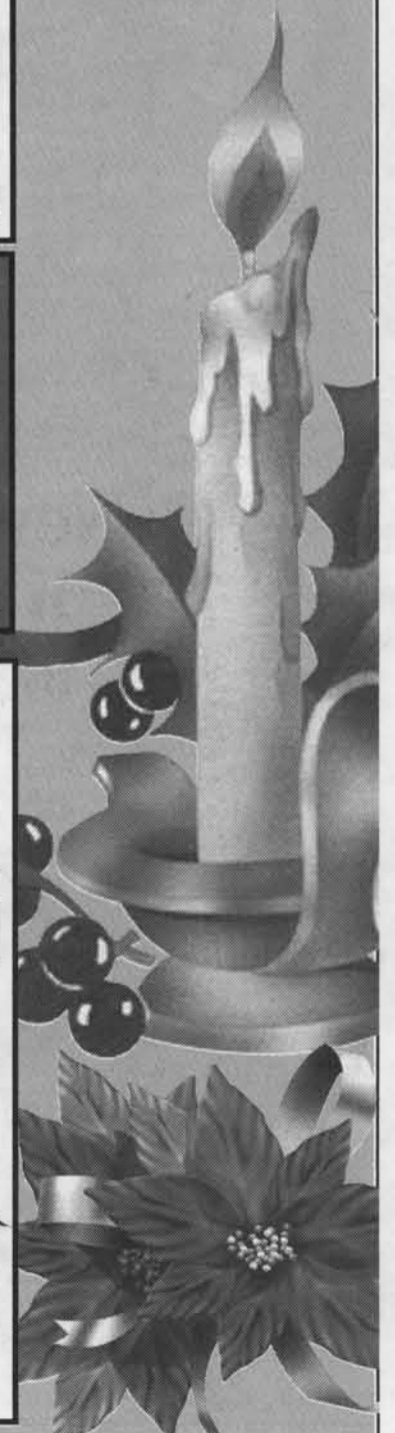
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Postman Ray Hatch (far left) braves the snow last Thursday to deliver, ironically, a Newark Post Newspaper to reader Joan Llera.

These high school boys (top right) shovel start digging out cars from the eight inches of snow that fell in Newark last Thursday.

Mark Manno (bottom right), a St. Mark's High School senior, clears a path from last Thursday's storm, which dropped eight inches of snow in Newark.

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