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UP FRONT

Land of opportunity

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ONE of my co-workers here in the World Headquarters of the *Newark Post* is an immigrant from Ireland. Through the years, I've learned of his struggles to become an American citizen, a dream he successfully realized last Dec. 21.

So it was with interest that my wife and I accepted the invitation of friends to listen to a talk Sunday evening by Congressman Mike Castle on the subject of immigration. (The talk was followed by dinner at the Greenville Country Club, a fitting reward, I thought, for enduring such a weighty subject while most of America watched the exciting finale to the Masters.)

In an hour, Castle offered much food for thought about immigration challenges facing our nation and how fighting terrorism has become entangled with controlling immigration.

Some highlights:
People want to come here.

The U.S. is a country of immigrants, always has been and continues to be.

"If we sent airplanes around the world and told people to get on the planes to fly to the United States," Castle said, "half the world

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Lions roar with PRIDE

Brookside club celebrates 50 years

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

For Brookside Lions Club member Frederick Williamson, the past 50 years have been about charity.

"We serve, we truly do," he said. "We do that in many, many different ways. It will often be in the form of things that will never be known about or talked

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Top: Brookside Lions President Mark Friedly presents member Alvin Lutz a Brookside Lions Club Banner. Lutz is one of the charter members of the club. Left: German dancers help the club celebrate its 50th anniversary. Above: Leon Binder speaks with guest speaker Ted Fusco.

Clifton makes history

Grassroots write-in campaign propels vet back into office, Athey sweeps District 4 race

By KAYTIE DOWLING

TUESDAY'S election for Newark City Council was full of surprises, despite returning two incumbents to their seats. Most shocking was the fact that a man not on the ballot won the election in District Two.

A last minute write-in campaign elected George J. Clifton, better known as incumbent Councilman Jerry Clifton, by a margin of 69 percent. He received a total of 109 votes. His opponents, Sharon Hughes, who received a \$260,000 settlement in 2001 from New Castle County

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Another board slot vacant

Merlet resigns Christina post to work for district

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE make-up of the Christina School District Board of Education is about to face another change with the resignation of one member and the appointment of a replacement.

Constance Merlet, board member since July 2001 and this year's vice president, announced her resignation in Tuesday's meeting so that she can assume a paid position with the district. Her resignation is effective April 26.

Merlet, whose term would have expired in June 2006, accepted the position of manager of Gifted Education and

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Newark man injured in single-car crash

The Delaware State Police is investigating a single-vehicle crash, which critically injured Newark resident Steven Smith, 27.

On Wednesday, April 6, at approximately 2:15 a.m., Smith's 1995 Nissan Maxima was traveling southbound on Old Baltimore Pike, north of Salem Church Road.

Troopers said Smith apparently lost control of his vehicle for an unknown reason, which caused the vehicle to leave roadway. The Maxima struck a large tree that was situated along the west edge of the roadway.

He was trapped in the vehicle for approximately 20 minutes prior to being extricated by emergency personnel. Smith was transported and admitted to Christiana Hospital with a skull fracture and multiple internal injuries. Smith was listed in critical but stable condition.

Police said it is unknown if Smith was wearing a seat belt or if alcohol was a factor in the cause of the crash. The road was closed for approximately one hour.

Rape investigation

Newark police detectives are investigating a rape that was reported to have taken place early Sunday morning, April 10, at a fraternity house in the 100 block South Chapel Street.

Newark police were summoned by University of Delaware police at 2:51 a.m. after a friend of the 20-year-old victim called Student Health Services.

The victim told officers the attack took place while she was attending a party at the Pi Kappa Alpha frat house.

The victim was treated at the Christiana Hospital emergency room and her clothing seized as evidence, police said.

An investigation is underway.

Furniture stolen

The resident of a home in the 600 block Lehigh Road told Newark police on Sunday, April 10, at 6:20 p.m. that thieves had removed a sofa and love seat that had been delivered earlier that day.

The missing items were valued at \$2,000, police said.

Peeping Tom incident

Newark police were told that an unidentified black male was seen walking from the back yard of a home in the 200 block East Park Place on Sunday, April 10, at 2:55 a.m.

The residents believe the

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UD students arrested on drug charges

DETECTIVES of the Newark Police Department ended long-term investigations with two major drug busts here recently, the latest Tuesday involving the arrest of another University of Delaware student on distribution charges.

Police said that they executed a search and seizure warrant April 13 at 90 E. Cleveland Ave., the residence of UD student Matthew B. Tennen. They seized 200 grams of marijuana along with various paraphernalia used to distribute drugs, police said.

Tennen, 22, was arrested and charged with possession with

the intent to deliver marijuana, maintaining a dwelling for keeping controlled substances, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was arraigned and released on unsecured bail.

In an earlier incident, University of Delaware student Joseph "Sami" Sanders was arrested on April 7 for trafficking cocaine and other drug-related charges by Newark police detectives.

The arrest came after a five-month cocaine distribution investigation. Newark Police seized 18 grams of powder

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man was looking into a female resident's bedroom as she was changing clothes.

The suspect disappeared before police arrived.

Fight on parking lot

Newark police are looking for two suspects in a fight and assault that took place outside the Main Street Galleria on Sunday, April 10, at 12:14 a.m.

After a number of people were dropped off a bus, a fight erupted on the parking lot. Witnesses told police that a man was attacked by a large group on the lot.

Police said it took nine stitches at the Christiana Hospital emer-

gency room to close the victim's wound.

Investigation is continuing.

Traffic stop arrest

After Newark police stopped a car fitting the description of a vehicle that was seen leaving a fight scene earlier, an 18-year-old Wilmington man was arrested on a weapons charge.

Juan Cruz was cited for carrying a concealed deadly weapon, driving without a license, and operating an unregistered motor vehicle after officers stopped a car at Willa Road and West Park Place on Sunday, April 10, at 12:18 a.m.

Police reported they seized a knife with a six-inch blade that was discovered under the driver's seat of the car.

Cruz was arraigned and released pending court appearances, police said.

Fight breaks out

A police officer was attacked on Saturday, April 9, at 11:15 p.m. as he attempted to halt a fight in the 400 block Willa Road.

The officer said two groups of men approached each other flashing hand signs that are associated with gangs. A fight quickly began. The officer summoned additional police aid but not before he was struck three times in the head. He reported that some of the fighters unsuccessfully tried to remove his firearm from its holster.

The crowd fled as additional officers arrived. A 17-year-old male from Glen Burnie, Md., also was injured.

During the fracas, the officer's wristwatch was removed, police said.

Laptop disappears

The resident of a home in the 100 block East Main Street told Newark police on Saturday, April 9, at 12:15 p.m., that someone stole his laptop computer during a party the evening before in his apartment. The computer was valued at \$1,200.

Man arrested

A 23-year-old New Castle man was arrested for disorderly conduct on Saturday, April 9, at 12:33 a.m., after police attempted to disperse a crowd that had gathered in the unit block of Prospect Avenue.

Police were called to the area after receiving a report of a fight in progress. The altercation was over when police arrived but Clarence R. F. Leech was arrested as police told those assembled to leave the area.

RR trespassing

Four persons - three youths ages 14, 15, 16 and a 33-year-

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Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR MARCH 27-APRIL 2, 2005 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

	INVESTIGATIONS			CRIMINAL CHARGES		
	2004 TO DATE	2005 TO DATE	THIS WEEK	2004 TO DATE	2005 TO DATE	THIS WEEK
PART I OFFENSES						
Murder/manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	1	0	0	0	1	0
Rape	7	5	1	0	0	0
Unlawful sexual contact	1	2	0	1	2	0
Robbery	19	14	0	15	8	2
Aggravated assault	9	7	1	5	0	0
Burglary	45	52	3	21	20	11
Theft	233	225	16	76	88	19
Auto theft	26	31	2	3	4	2
Arson	3	1	0	2	0	0
All other	--	13	3	--	35	1
TOTAL PART I	344	350	26	124	158	35
PART II OFFENSES						
Other assaults	99	112	8	85	75	6
Receiving stolen property	0	0	0	2	7	0
Criminal mischief	192	173	4	102	17	2
Weapons	5	5	1	30	18	0
Other sex offenses	2	4	0	0	5	0
Alcohol	120	69	2	236	114	3
Drugs	25	30	0	79	78	7
Noise/disorderly premise	164	171	5	74	74	0
Disorderly conduct	223	185	13	55	41	2
Trespass	46	48	3	22	26	2
All other	194	148	4	89	37	3
TOTAL PART II	1070	945	40	774	492	25
MISCELLANEOUS						
Alarm	362	376	26	0	0	0
Animal control	159	90	10	7	0	0
Recovered property	66	54	2	0	0	0
Service	2306	2256	139	0	0	0
Suspicious person/vehicle	262	580	22	0	0	0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	3155	3356	199	7	0	0
THIS WEEK 2004	614	2004 TO DATE	7734	THIS WEEK 2005	2005 TO DATE	7426
TOTAL CALLS						

STONE BALOON PROJECT NOT YET APPROVED

Aspiring condo owners plunk down deposits

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

WOULD you put money into a home that has not yet drawn final designs or received building approval? At least 12 families who want to move into downtown Newark have said "yes" to this question, and the door is open for more to do the same.

Potential homebuyers who want a piece of the proposed Waterstone condominium building, which will sit on the current site of the Stone Balloon, can put a fully-refundable \$500 deposit to reserve their space in the building.

Neil Dougherty, agent for Patterson-Schwartz, said that while little is certain about the building - it has yet to even face Newark City Council for approval - interest has grown.

"We don't have pricing yet or floor plans, but we have a whole bunch of people who wanted to

get in line for that information," Dougherty said. "It's as vague as possible for right now, but a lot will be determined after the 25th [when the proposal goes before Newark City Council]."

The property's owner Jim Baerle said that the interest he has already had in the property speaks well for its future.

"It's really strong that we have so many people interested before they have even seen a floor plan," he said. "It's hugely significant."

At this point, the only amenities that are on the table for discussion include indoor parking, landscaped courtyards and elevators. Condos are expected to go for approximately \$300,000 and range between one and two floors with up to three bedrooms.

The building still has a long road to travel before it can be built. Planners for the condos have fought hard to get approval for their proposed 82-unit design. However, they were met

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TRANSPORTATION FUNDING SLASHED

Newark programs lose \$7.2 million

SIGNIFICANT budget cuts affecting two Newark transportation projects will be the focus of WILMAPCO's next meeting on Monday, April 18.

Specifically, the Pomeroy Trail and planned rail improvements will both face slashed budgets.

The Pomeroy Trail, a proposed bike path that would connect Newark to Pennsylvania, will lose \$3.2 million in funding, leaving this year's budget at \$1.8 million.

WILMAPCO's Senior Planner Heather Dunigan said that the cuts are not the end of the road for the project. "It's enough to get started, and possibly purchase the right of way on the rail trail, but it's certainly not enough to get very far into the project," she said. "But it's a priority project for WILMAPCO and the City of Newark. It's not fully funded for this year, but we hope to get more money next year or the year

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after that."

The other project that faces a slashed budget will make improvements to Newark's rail line. The project will not receive the \$6 million budget that had been expected for this year. Instead, it will have an allowance of \$2 million. That will translate into the purchase of two, instead of four, commuter train cars that would travel between Newark and Wilmington, and eventually Middletown and Dover.

Track improvements also included in the plan will keep

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Newark cleans up

City expands automated trash collection April 25

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

NEWARK is getting classy about its trash and Claude "Mac" Ponzo Jr. couldn't be happier about it.

"I love it," he says. "I absolutely love it."

Ponzo, a trash collector for the City of Newark, is talking about the automated collection system that the city is expanding on April 25. This is step two in a four-phase program that will bring a total of six new trucks

to the city that seem to do it all. They are equipped with a Terminator-like mechanical arm that grabs onto trash cans, hoists them in the air and dumps their contents into the truck - all without Ponzo having to lift a thing. That is very good news to this 46-year-old trash collector and his achy joints.

"Now, all I have to worry about is my trigger finger," he says with a laugh. His right index finger is what operates the lifting action on the mechanical arm.

Starting this month, there will be two new routes for these trash devouring machines.



Ponzo

That will bring an additional 2,000 homes onto the automated routes, making a grand total of 3,000 homes. Ponzo isn't the only one excited about adding onto these routes. City officials are singing their praises, too.

"The advantages are three fold," says the city's Director of Public Works Rich Lapointe. "It's going to save the city money because it's more efficient, it's going to clean up the city dramatically and it's a big help to our collectors in that they don't have to pick up the 10 tons of trash per day."

By the time the program is fully implemented, it will cut the number of routes from 14 to eight, using three fewer drivers and three fewer trucks. Drivers who lose their routes won't lose their jobs, they will be redistributed into different departments.

Already, Ponzo has seen how the trucks cut down on the amount of time spent collecting trash.

"On a big day, like Black Friday where you miss a day of trash collection, I would be done at 5 p.m. with the traditional trucks," he says. "But this year, I was done at the same time I normally am - 11 a.m."

He puts that extra time to good use. He hops on one of the city's remaining three-person trucks and helps move the route along faster. "That's the purpose of these [automated] trucks," he says. "I get to go help my friends and everyone gets done faster."

The program does have its downsides, though. Residents must be sure to put their trash cans within the mechanical arm's 6 foot reach. If not, Ponzo has to get out and move it, slowing down the entire

route. And if residents produce more trash than fits in their 35, 65 or 95 gallon can, they face a hefty fine of \$27.50.

"Some of these homes have had the cans for two and a half years and they still don't put the cans out right," he says. "Sometimes they put the can too far away or next to a car and the arm can't grab it. Or sometimes they put the can out backwards so that the wheels are out to the road. When they do that, the lid doesn't close when I put it back down."

One of the attractive features of the program is that it helps improve the city's look on trash day with uniformed, closed cans. But misplaced cans are only one of Ponzo's concerns. Excess trash is much larger issue.

"Now, you see this?" he asks, struggling to pick up a Hefty bag, soaked from the morning's rain. "They could have easily put this on top of the other bags in their can. Sometimes they don't even try."

All things considered, Ponzo says he wouldn't trade in automated service for anything, and neither would his customers.

"Oh, they all love it," he says. "I wish they had come up with this 19 years ago."

■ Homes in the following communities will soon be part of the automated trash routes: Abbotsford; Country Hills; Barksdale Estates; Cherry Hill Manor; Westfield; College Park; Blair Court; Casho Mill Station; Old Newark; Cleveland Avenue and New London Road area; Paper Mill Farms; Paper Mill Falls; Creek Bend; Ridgewood Glen; Lumbrook; Stafford; Paper Mill Road up to but excluding Jenney's Run and the area of North Chapel Street and New Street.



Automated trash collection at work.

NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY KAYTIE DOWLING

In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

NOTE PAD

April is National Volunteer Month

THANK you, to all of you who have spent time listening to students read and helping them struggle through math problems, spent hours sitting on task forces, baked cookies and cupcakes for fund raisers, helped in computer labs, rode bumpy busses on field trips, assisted with PTA events, coached Odyssey of Mind teams, sewed costumes for plays and read poetry at Coffee Houses.

No plaques or certificates of appreciation can replace the smiles and hugs you get from the students you mentor or tutor each week or the gleam in their eyes when they finally "get" a math concept or remember a spelling word.

To all the volunteers in our schools, a great big Thank You.

Travel to the stars

Students entering third through tenth grades next year can enroll in the Delaware Aerospace Academy summer day and overnight camps held at the University of Delaware.

Camp includes hands-on and small team activities related to aero-technology, integrating science, technology, engineering and math. For more info., visit www.dasef.org or call 738-7749.

Student of the Week

Kerry Tucker, a fifth grader at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School, was selected by Principal Patricia Buchanan as this week's Student of the Week.



Tucker

Kerry works hard on her classes, earning all A's for the past two years. She won first place in the DARE essay contest for the school last fall. She also plays the violin, sings in the chorus, and tutors a first grader. Her teachers say she is reliable and a good friend to everyone.

Mentors needed

Helping a child to soar

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

JAKE is a sixth-grader. Like his fellow classmates, he has a full load of studies everyday, including reading, math, social studies and science, along with the usual art, music and gym classes. With the hours spent in school come long evenings with homework and projects to be completed.

But Jake McCusker finds time everyday, at approximately 2 p.m. to slip away from his second floor classroom at Bayard Elementary School and go downstairs. He is a mentor to first-grader Marquise Allen. Jake helps Marquise with his reading and works on math

problems. Sometime they spend part of their hour together just talking about guy stuff. Marquise often gets to go up to Jake's classroom and hang out with the "big kids" looking at projects they're working on. He really feels happy then, he said.

Even more important to Marquise is the special bond he and Jake have formed.

"I love Jake," Marquise said. "He helps me with my homework and talks to me." Marquise said he doesn't get into trouble in the classroom anymore.

"He's fun to be with," Jake said about his pint-sized mentee. "He has a great personality and is a really good student now and tries his best."

Duos like Jake and Marquise are becoming more commonplace in the Christina Schools. The older students, from elementary through high school, are vol-



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Sixth-grader Jake McCusker spends an hour a day with his first-grade buddy Marquise Allen. Students mentoring students is becoming popular in the Christina Schools. Middle and high school students are even being recruited and trained as mentors/tutors for the after-school academies, with a small stipend being offered for their services.

unteering to become mentors and tutors to younger students, some in their own buildings, others traveling to different schools.

What could be more important than just helping with academics is the special bond these students are creating.

"I believe that relationships are as important as counseling for our little ones. I can see huge

improvements in academics and discipline with our students who have mentors," said Dr. Alexis Watson, assistant principal at Bayard School.

Mentors needed

April is National Volunteer Month. According to the U. S.

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The power of words

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

OMBUDSMAN. Not a word we often use in casual, everyday conversations. Few of us even know how to spell it, let alone its definition.

One seventh grader from Newark Charter School had no problem with the word. In fact it helped Elizabeth Wilford win the Readers Digest Word Power Vocabulary Challenge for the state of Delaware. Now she is off to national competition in Orlando, Fla., this weekend.

Wilford is no stranger to vocabulary competition. Last year she was the sixth grade winner from her school, giving her confidence to face this year's panel of judges.

In the contest, students are given a word used in a sen-

tence. Then they are given four possible definitions.

"Sometimes you can just use common sense and guess from the clues given," said Liz.

The contest is not something she studied for, but being an avid reader certainly gave Liz an advantage.

"I read a lot, a whole lot," said Liz. She finishes two-foot high stacks of books in two weeks. Most of them are adult-level. Her favorite author is Meg Carter. Her favorite books right now are Princess Diaries, American Girl and 1-800-WHERE-R-YOU.

She is also a self-proclaimed "computer-ish" person, keeping her IMAC on nearby while she reads, with dictionary.com standing by ready to look up any new words she encounters.

When she's not reading, just for fun, she draws - on the computer and with pencil. Her

school binders and notebooks are covered in doodles.

Sitting still is difficult for Liz, she is always looking for something to do. Even in the kitchen, while other kids her age would throw a frozen pizza into the microwave, Liz invents her own.

"Two tortillas, ketchup, hot sauce, deli munster and provolone cheese and pepperoni. Top with a tortilla. Put it in the microwave," she explained. Liz thought it was good. Her mom didn't.

She is the daughter of Duke and Maryanne Wilford, of Newark.

Liz is looking forward to a career in computers and software design. Right now she is working on creating her own Web page.

Other state level participants from Newark Charter included Josh Barton, Josh Vann and



Wilford

Jillian Horner. Their coach was Lynne Zarroli. Two years ago, NCS had a state winner, Jodson Kempton, who went on to the top 10 students nationally.

Ombudsman: an official who hears, investigates and attempts to resolve complaints and problems between two people.



Hanging on for dear life, three children climb the rock wall at Downes School Health Fair.

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

Student-authored plays presented

FOR 16 years, the Delaware Theater Company has held the Young Playwrights Festival, recognizing young talent from across the state.

This year more than 700 students from 23 schools presented drafts of 560 plays. After a lengthy selection and interview process, six plays were chosen for a public presentation at the Delaware Theater Company.

This year's festival theme came from Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*: "Oh be careful - if you breathe, it breaks." Students were asked to consider that there are many things in life, besides physical objects, that can be broken. They were asked to write a play in which something breaks surprisingly easily and characters either work to put the pieces together again or deal with the new reality.

Finalists in the middle school division are given a stage reading by local actors on Tuesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. The high school finalists are given full-blown theatrical productions on Thursday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the DTC on Water Street in Wilmington.

Middle schools finalists came from Talley and Hanby middle

schools. High school finalists came from Concord, Sanford and St. Elizabeth high schools.

Local students who were recognized as semi-finalists include: Kyle Rawling, of Caravel Academy; James Allen and Amanda Skoranski, both of Glasgow High.

Receiving honorable mention were: Melissa Day and Nikki Padilla, both of Newark High.

ING scholarship available

ING Direct has announced a partnership with the Delaware Community Foundation to carry out its "President's Program," providing financial aid for higher education as well as experience in financial services.

Two New Castle County high school students will be selected to participate in a summer internship program at the bank and be eligible for a \$5,000 renewable scholarship.

Applicants must be seniors in high school, have a minimum 2.5 GPA and demonstrate financial aid.

Preference will be given to students who are involved in volunteer and community activities. Candidates must graduate and pass the bank's hiring requirements.

A paid summer internship will be provided for four years, beginning after the student's senior

year in high school.

After each summer, the students will receive a monetary grant to be used for their college education or books.

Applications are now available in guidance offices of NCC public high schools or at www.delcf.org.

Deadlines for applicants is April 30.

Christina School District sponsors Open House for HOST tutoring program

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Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 64.5 million people did volunteer work in 2004, working an estimated 3,354 billion hours.

Many of those hours were spent in local schools, with volunteers helping teachers in the classrooms, mentors and tutors working one-on-one with students, and parents working through PTA or in booster organizations. Volunteers include parents, grandparents, administrative staff members, community members, employees of local businesses and organizations. Even students are finding one hour a week or more to work with other students.

To celebrate Volunteer Month, the Christina School District is sponsoring a district-wide Open House for its HOSTS (Helping One Child To Succeed) program to encourage members of the community to serve as volunteer mentors.

Open house activities will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Thursday, April 14 in most elementary schools in the district.

The HOSTS program pairs students with mentors who work one-on-one to help students improve skills in reading, lan-



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

School principals and administrators are squeezing time out of their daily schedules to work with students. Beatrice Speir, principal of Keene Elementary School, works with Jerlysa Williams through the HOSTS tutoring program.

guage arts and math. To learn more about the Open House and the HOSTS mentoring program in the Christina schools, contact

Mary Ford at 552-2693, or call your local school to sign up as a volunteer.

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EDITORIAL

It's time to make post-election history

IN every sense, Tuesday's Newark City Council election was historic.

First, the veteran candidate suddenly withdraws from the District 2 race and goes public in a tirade against the city manager. The remaining two candidates are newcomers with uncommon characteristics for political neophytes. One contender is pursuing an active lawsuit against the city; the other won a quarter-million-dollar settlement from New Castle County to halt a harassment lawsuit and is expected to testify in the corruption trials of former County Executive Tom Gordon and his chief assistant.

Second, assessing their options, some District 2 voters mobilized a grassroots write-in campaign that seemed to spring up out of nowhere in the two days before the election.

Third, those wanting Jerry Clifton to remain on council prevailed in an unprecedented write-in victory. Veteran councilmember Clifton walloped the two registered candidates two to one.

Fourth, District 4 council representative Dave Athey trounced his challenger 161 to 9, confirming voters' satisfaction with his service.

Now that all the shouting (and withdrawing and writing-in) has ended, it's time to get down to work and the Newark City Council has a full agenda.

It will be baptism-by-fire for newcomer Paul Pomeroy at his first council meeting April 25. The Stone Balloon project is up for council consideration and the

vote is perceived by some as one on the future direction of downtown Newark. Pomeroy takes office as the lone candidate to file to replace the retiring District 1 rep John Farrell IV.

There are other challenges facing the city council and we are confident the new panel can meet them.

In addition to important planning and zoning decisions, the council must wrestle to define the fine line between sound economic development policies in Newark and legislation that deals with alcohol concerns.

One of the trickiest issues council will confront relates to the Newark Police Department, the concerns of which were voiced by Clifton in his bizarre post-withdrawal blasts at City Manager Carl Luft. Dealing with police personnel concerns and the complexities of public safety will require more thoughtful action than simply adding a few more police officers.

Clifton maintains that he and Luft have kissed and made up. Let's hope so, because it's imperative that the council and city manager work cooperatively and deal with management concerns through the established evaluation process.

We congratulate the winners and wish them well as they assume office.

Small-town politics always are interesting but never more so than in the past weeks in Newark. Now it's time for the council to settle in and make a different kind of history.

Responses to editorials, commentaries and letters to the editor are welcome. The Opinion Page serves as a sounding board of the thoughts of Newark residents with few restrictions. We expect your name, address and daytime phone number to be on a letter to the editor as well as your signature. There should be no obscenities, for obvious reasons, and we will make the decision about what is obscene. We will not allow unsubstantiated allegations or libelous comments. There is virtually no circumstance in which we will withhold a writer's name. The reason would have to be extraordinary.

OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, Out of the Attic offers an alternative to the warm spring weather. This 1958 photograph of Academy Street shows Penny Hall, Thompson Hall, and Lane Hall on March 20, 1958, looking southeast. This photograph from the University of Delaware Archives was taken during a late winter storm (note the downed power lines) and prior to the construction of many of the East Campus structures, such as the Delaware Geological Survey building and the East Campus residence complexes, according to UD's Ian Janssen. Readers are encouraged to provide historic photos for publication in "Out of the Attic." Special care will be taken. For information, call 737-0724. Send submission to: "Out of the Attic," Newark Post, 168 Elton Road, Newark 19711.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

■ April, 17, 1930

College favors repeal law

More than 70 percent of the student body and faculty of Delaware College, University of Delaware, either favor modifying the Volstead act or repeal of the 18th amendment, according to a poll last week.

The poll was conducted by the *Review*, the weekly student publication. Students and faculty members of the Women's College were not included in this poll. Of about 400 ballots sent out, 304 were returned. The *Review* announced the results in this week's issue.

Less than 30 percent of the total voted for strict enforcement of liquor laws, 90; modification of the Volstead Act, 105; repeal of the 18th amend-

ment, 109.

Appoint Delaware Aviation Police

Superintendent C.C. Reynolds, of the State Highway Police, announced this week that he had appointed Privates Boyer and Sullivan of the State Road station as the state's first members of

the Aerial Police Unit.

Officers Boyer and Sullivan will not be expected to take to the air in pursuing their duties, Superintendent Reynolds explained, but will merely make it their business to see that airplanes used in Delaware conform with the various provisions of the state aviation code.

■ April 16, 1980

City, state square off

Newark is against it, state economic people are for it, and state water resource people are staying neutral for now.

That should all add up to an interesting public meeting tonight (April 16) when they all get together, along with some concerned civic groups, to discuss a proposed waste conversion

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

Reader tells when Thomas will enter Hall of Fame

To: The editor

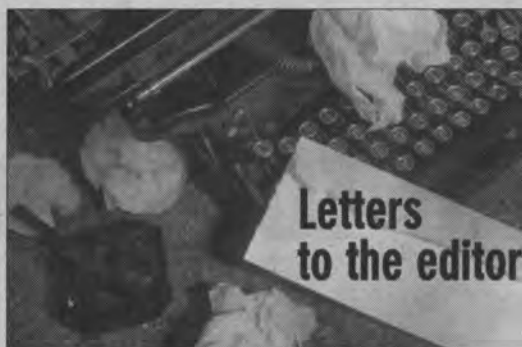
From: Curtis E. Davis
Newark

It annoys me when people ask questions without ever making a genuine effort to first determine the answer first. This feeling is only exacerbated when those asking the questions are in positions of influence and the questions are not genuinely for the sake of seeking information.

In the April 1 issue of the *Newark Post*, sports editor Marty Valania took an undue shot at the Delaware Sports Museum and Hall of Fame when he asked, "How is Shelton Thomas not in the State Hall of Fame?" His question, and the subsequent article, suggests that the leadership and the members of the Hall are blatantly ignoring Thomas for induction.

Each year, a banquet is held to formally induct the honorees, and to help raise funds in support of the Hall. Since 1976, the Hall has installed 222 honorees. That is to say that on average, over seven athletes, coaches, officials and sportswriters from the Delaware sporting world are inducted into the Hall and more are nominated and elected each year. In addition to the outstanding amateur talent, this number includes Olympians and professional athletes as well.

Induction into the Hall of Fame, as I understand it, is by nomination and election. According to the hall's Web page (www.desports.org) anyone from the general public can nominate a candidate, but to vote, one must be a dues-pay-



ing member of the Hall, which costs exactly \$25 per year, or a past inductee. This means that although the honor is a matter of recognition, it also is a matter of popularity, since the inductees are selected by majority vote. And while any popularity contest depends a great deal on promoting the candidate's accomplishments, it also relies heavily on name recognition.

The answer to Mr. Valania's question is simple. Sheldon Thomas is not yet in the State Hall of Fame because there are persons within the Delaware sports community who are familiar with Mr. Thomas' accomplishments, but who fail to support the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame, decline to pay the negligible annual member-

ship fee, and find it easier to sit back and question those who do, rather than to become involved. When those people use the tools at their disposal to triumph their candidate rather than take swipes at the organizations' selection criteria, Sheldon Thomas will be elected to the State Hall of Fame.

The more legitimate question is, "Why is the staff sports-writer for the *Newark Post*

not a member of the Delaware Sports Museum and Hall of Fame?"

'Let's do it again'

To: The editor

From: Tim Thompson

I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all those individuals responsible for organizing this past Saturday's Wine & Dine event in Newark.

Although the April 2 date was dampened by flooding rain the effort was not lacking in fun and good viticultural entertainment for all. It is wonderful to see another positive effort put forth by the city to extol the many attributes of its businesses. Special kudos to Mayor Vance Funk. I thank you for your personal contributions of time, effort and capital. Let's do it again next year.

PER CHANCE

Founder has fond memories of ATO

By ELBERT CHANCE

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

LIKE so many of the fraternity brothers who have talked with me in recent weeks, I have been disappointed by the fall from grace of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity chapter I helped establish on the University of Delaware campus. Believe me when I tell you that the chapter I knew half a century ago was respected throughout the community.



Chance

Delaware's Epsilon Rho Chapter was chartered in 1949 and had a strong base of support. George M. Worriolow, then dean of agriculture, Dr. William A. Mosher, chair of the Chemistry Department, and local

business executives Paul Lovett and George Lovering had been elected to membership at other universities and were capable advisors. Though we had only about 35 members, their quality and leadership were apparent. Two were 4.0 students, several had served in the military and three later became ministers. From its inception, the members showed pride in their house and emphasized scholarship and appropriate conduct.

The chapter scored a coup by becoming the first student organization to entertain newly-inaugurated president Dr. John A. Perkins and his wife on campus at a tea in their newly-renovated home at 5 W. Main St. The interior had recently been painted by the brothers and pledges and was attractively furnished, partly by gifts from supportive parents.

At this time, all campus social functions were chaperoned and it was important to establish cordial relationships with faculty who were willing to devote a Saturday evening to attend such events. Our chapter made it a practice to assign brothers to visit these guests throughout the evening to ensure that they were properly welcomed and cared for.

In 1948, a year before the Delaware ATO chapter was

installed, the Interfraternity Council established an Annual Playbill and Songfest competition that quickly attracted community interest. The well-established Sigma Nu Fraternity won the inaugural competition, but in its debut the following year, ATO was designated "Best in Music," although Kappa Alpha claimed overall honors.

ATO's growing musical reputation was no accident. Among its members were Roy Soukup, Jr., an accomplished pianist and church organist; Bill Harkins, another fine pianist; Herbert Keene, a tenor who had performed extensively in Wilmington; and Alan Stewart, Bob Hopkins and I who had appeared with The Brandywiners, the well-known producer of summer musicals at Longwood Gardens. We soon discovered that there were others among us who could do far more than carry a tune.

To enhance our skills, we rehearsed regularly and it was mandatory that every brother and pledge attend these rehearsals. When several members protested that they could not sing, Director Hopkins countered, "Then you can hum," a line that became famous. It led to the designation

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

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OUTLOOK

Students design future cities

By MATT WEBB

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

HAVE you ever been stuck in traffic because five roads merge into one? Or wondered why you have to go to the four corners of Newark just to run some simple errands? When commuting to work, do you take a network of back roads to avoid tie-ups? In all that time you spend behind the wheel, perhaps you have thought about how you could do a better job at designing towns, streets and shopping districts. Well, local students are not only thinking about it, they are actually doing it.

Students in the 4-H after-school program at Talley Middle School are designing their own city using smart growth methods. Smart growth strategies came out of a concern that development patterns do not serve the long-term interest of communities or natural areas. Involved in these strategies are demographic studies, fiscal concerns and environmental considerations. Development plans based on smart growth strategies result in diverse neighborhoods, better services and environmental advantages including improved air and water quality and preservation of wildlife habitat and open space.

The youngsters are taught smart growth methods that help reduce traffic through roads with better traffic flow and a good transit system. They also learn the value of placing like things close to each other; for example, locating the grocery store in the center of a residential area. These concepts give students a sense of how a city can be designed to avoid headaches

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By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

QUESTION: What do you get when you add 26.2 and 40?
Answer: One.

More specifically, you get one dedicated athlete.

Newark resident Marianne Lockwood is that one. At just a few months shy of her 41st birthday, Lockwood spent her weekend celebrating her physical prowess by competing with 5,000 other 40-something women in the 26.2-mile More marathon in New York City's Central Park.

What is most phenomenal about Lockwood is that her love of running is still something that's new. It was never a childhood hobby of hers.

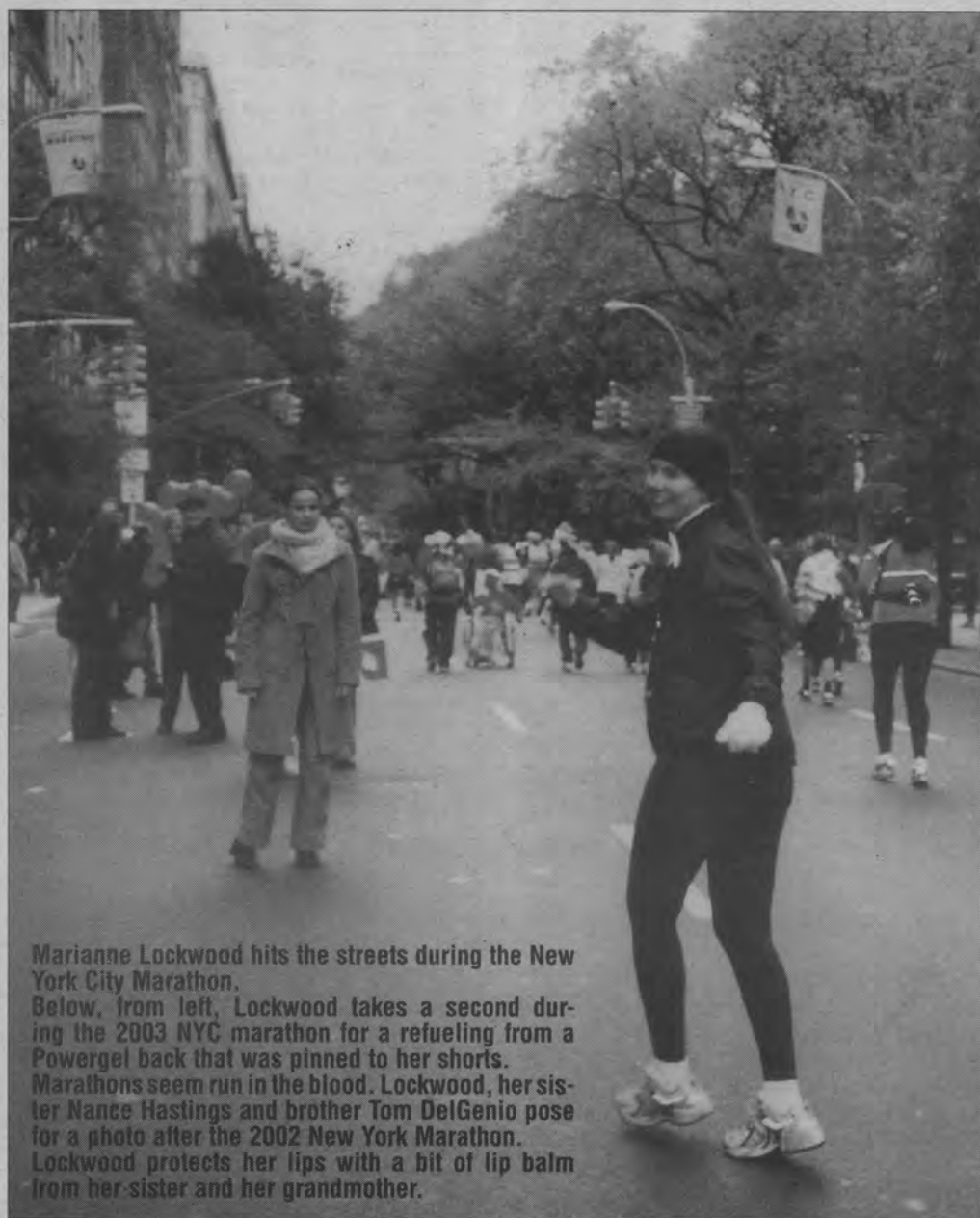
"I was never athletic when I was younger," she admitted. "I played a little softball, but I was not at all involved in sports."

While she may not have thought of herself as a Hercules as a kid, Lockwood is proving her physical ability now. She trains several times a week, with what she calls "short runs" of at least three miles and longer ones that stretch up to 20 miles.

Whether she realizes it or not, Lockwood is breaking down some old conventions, and not just those about her own physical ability. The group from Sunday's run challenged social ideas of where women should be and what they should be doing at 40. In 1970, when the New York City Marathon was first run, not a single woman crossed the finish line. The idea of a mature woman completing the race was unheard of. But fast forward 34 years to the first More marathon and the scene is completely different. More than 2,000 women competed in the 26.2 mile race. By this year, that number had swelled to 2,600.

"The More Marathon celebrates the strength of today's 40 plus woman," said Peggy Northrop, editor-in-chief of More magazine, the race's sponsor. "At the first New York City marathon, not one woman finished the race. Now, thousands of them - mothers and daughters, friends, first-time runners, racing enthusiasts - crossed the finish line."

That diverse group working and pushing



Marianne Lockwood hits the streets during the New York City Marathon. Below, from left, Lockwood takes a second during the 2003 NYC marathon for a refueling from a Powergel back that was pinned to her shorts. Marathons seem run in the blood. Lockwood, her sister Nance Hastings and brother Tom DelGenio pose for a photo after the 2002 New York Marathon. Lockwood protects her lips with a bit of lip balm from her sister and her grandmother.

each other towards the finish line is exactly what Lockwood found in the hills of Central Park.

"Everyone was very supportive," she said. "At one point, I was running up a hill with my head down. Another woman jogged over to me and told me to keep my head up, that it makes it easier to run. She was just sharing good advice, and there was a lot of that everywhere you looked."



While at some levels, the race was about breaking down boundaries and celebrating female athletes, but it was also something about something more basic - staying in shape. Lockwood said that she has never been as healthy as she is now.

"I feel better now than I ever did before," she said. "I'm fitter than I ever was when I was in my 20s and 30s. People ask me, 'You're 40?' It just makes me feel good. It's not that I'm beating my age, but I do want to at least fight it."



Newark officer honored

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

CPL. Stephen Heckman has been a real lifesaver. That's why the Newark Police Department and the Newark Lions Club honored him on Tuesday, April 5, with the distinction of Officer of the Year for 2004.

In the past year, Heckman saved the lives of two Newark women. On Jan. 17, 2004, Heckman responded to a woman who had overdosed on heroin. When he arrived, she was unconscious and struggled for each breath. But his quick response and CPR kept her alive until paramedics, who were at least five minutes away, took over. She survived the incident. Some time

later, Aetna ambulance personnel did something unusual, they thanked him for his quick thinking in the situation, saying that without him, she would not have made it through the night.

Almost a year later on Jan. 2, 2005, Heckman saved the life of another Newark woman. This time, the victim had attempted suicide and stabbed herself repeatedly in the neck and chest. Heckman and Police Officer Zullo administered first aid until she was taken to the Christiana Hospital by an ambulance. Without their efforts, it's unlikely the woman would have survived.

Heckman has received high praise from residents and his coworkers alike for his efforts.

"He is so professional and dedicated," said 911 operator Marcia Adams. "He is the epitome of

what a police officer should be. I couldn't say enough good things about him. He truly cares about the citizens."

And Newark Lions Club member Carlton Tappan couldn't agree more. "I think the most important thing about him is his dedication," Tappan said. "At the ceremony, he said he couldn't wait to go back to work on Monday, and that's pretty important."

Capt. William Nefosky of the Newark Police Department said that Heckman has done phenomenal work in the past year, and is a reflection of how hard all of the department's officers work.

"It's tough to pick [who receives the award] because there are so many examples of these officers doing good work," he said. "Sometimes it's just the luck of draw on who gets called to



Mayor Vance Funk III, Cpl. Stephen Heckman and Chief of Police Gerald Conway celebrated Heckman's achievements at the Newark Lions Club meeting.

which cases. I know that any of our officers would have responded the same way if they had been called out."

Heckman joined the department on March 14, 2001 and attended the Delaware State

Police Academy. He was named to the rank of corporal on March 14, 2005.

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.



Youngsters learn about smart growth's benefits, build model cities

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and hassles. Within the project, they are also learning the environmental benefits smart growth brings to a city through the placement of trees, the protection of wild lands and reduction in air pollution because of less traffic.

Once the students have learned what smart growth is and how to implement it, they begin their designs through the use of a computer program-Sim City. Using this computer-simulated model to build their model, they soon find out what works and what does not in the confines of a city. They

become fully immersed within their city, so they know what needs to be done to effectively run a city. When their project is finished, they will compete with each other to determine the city with the best smart growth policies.

The skills these youngsters

now learn in the 4-H after school leadership, critical thinking, creative problem-solving will prepare them to become better citizens. These planners of tomorrow may be only 10 or 11 years old, but already they are leading the way into the future with a better designed living environment.

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WORKSHOP 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Workshop hosted by the Delaware Manufacturing Extension Partnership entitled "Total Productive Maintenance Workshop." Stanton Campus, Del Tech Community College. Info., 238-3131.

LORD OF THE DANCE 8 p.m. Also available Saturday evening, and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. \$45-60. The duPont Theatre, Dupont Building, 10th and Market Streets, Wilmington. Info., 656-4401 or 610-688-5140.

ELDERCARE SEMINAR 7 - 9 p.m. Guest speakers will discuss legal issues, nutrition, aging and more. Multipurpose Room, Newark Church of Christ, 91 Salem Church Rd. Info., 737-0484.

READING AND LECTURE 3:30 p.m. Author Dave Marcus will read from his book "What It Takes to Pull Me Through." Free. Open to all. 127 Memorial Hall, UD campus. Info., 831-2361.

CONCERT 7 p.m. Army Blues Jazz Ensemble will perform. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info., 831-2577.

OVER AND UNDER: PAINTINGS BY N.C. WYETH 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs till May 8. This exhibition explores the artist's practice of reworking and reusing canvases. \$8 adults. \$5 seniors, students with ID, children 6-12. Free to children under 6. Brandywine River Museum and Environmental Management Center, Route 1, 141 Chadds Ford. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org or www.brandywineconservancy.org.

ART EXHIBIT 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Runs till April 29. Exhibit from Delaware artists who traveled to Tuscany. The Lorelton, 2200 W. 4th St., Wilmington. Info., 998-9142.

VIOLIN CONCERT 8 p.m. Xiang Gao and others will perform the work of Italian composers. \$17 general public. \$12 faculty, alumni, senior citizens. \$5 children. Mitchell Hall, UD campus. Info., 831-8741.

LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. Guitarist Bill Belcher will perform. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St., Newark. No cover charge. Info, 266-6993.

■ Saturday, April 16

TEA FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 10:30 a.m. A chance to meet authors and hear about their writing experiences. Refreshments served. Free. Open to all. Newark Library, 750 Library Ave. Info., 731-7550.

COMEDY SHOW 9:30 p.m. Pat O'Donnell, Eric Roth, Joanne Sygrigonakis and James Collins will perform. \$15. Air Transport Command, 143 N. duPont Hwy., New Castle. Info., 652-6873 or visit www.comedycabaret.com.

CONFERENCE 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Men's Health and Cancer Conference. Free. Wyndham Hotel, 700 King St. Info., 410-933-5134.

SPRING FLING 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Pamper your body and soul while you do your spring shopping. Christiana Presbyterian Church, 15 N. Baltimore Pike.



"GOT ART?"

The Brush With Fame Art Auction & Gala, sponsored by the Newark Arts Alliance, will include live & silent auctions, buffet, cash bar and live music. It is Saturday, May 7, 7-10 p.m. at the Newark Country Club at 300 W. Main Street in Newark. Admission is \$30. Reservations should be made by April 20, there will be a limited number of tickets at the door. Call 302-266-7266 for more information.

Info., 737-0212 or 322-1998.

HAM AND OYSTER SUPPER 3, 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Adults, takeout \$16. Children 6-12 \$8. Salem United Methodist Church, 469 Salem Church Rd. Info., 738-4822.

LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW Noon. Hosted by the Women's Club of Cecil County. \$15. Granary Restaurant, 79 George St. Info., 410-398-3885.

KITE DAY 1 p.m. Bring your kite or make a kite! Get a kite in the air for this high flying fun day of aerial acrobatics. Don't miss this once a year event. \$2. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

GARDENING LECTURES 9 & 10:45 a.m. Delaware Center for Horticulture will present the final two parts of a four-part series on heirloom and organic gardening. Delaware Center for Horticulture, N. Dupont St., Wilmington. Info., 658-6262.

■ Sunday, April 17

CONCERT 7:30 p.m. Choral Music of Mozart will be performed. \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$5 students. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. Info., 368-4946.

COMEDY SHOW 7 p.m. Carrot top will perform. \$29, \$31, \$33.50. The Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Info., 652-5577.

SPRING ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 50 tables of the areas finest dealers. Aetna Fire Hall, Route 273, Newark. Info., 559-7962.

TURTLE AND TOADS 2 - 3:30 p.m. Learn about amphibians and reptiles and take a short hike to a "herptile" habitat. Open to all ages. \$4. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd. Info., 368-6900.

■ Monday, April 18

BURIED TREASURES 4 p.m. A performance of classic pirate stories. For children 12 and older, and their families. Kirkwood Highway Library, 6000 Kirkwood Hwy. Info., 995-7663.

TOUR OF THE UNIVERSE 8 p.m. General public invited. Admission by reservation only. Mt. Cuba Astronomical Observatory, 1610 Hillside Mill Rd., Greenville. Info., 654-6407.

CDCW ROUND TABLE 6:30 p.m. Central Delaware Civil War Round Table will have guest speaker Jeff Jordan, philosophy professor at the U of D. Dinner included. \$14. Palmer Room, Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Ave., Dover. Info., 697-1050.

■ Tuesday, April 19

MOVIE SCREENING 6:30 p.m. "Without Apology", an awarded winning documentary on a family's experiences, will be shown. Free. Mitchell Hall, UD Campus. Info., 831-3150.

A SHOWER OF FASHIONS Opens at 10:30 a.m. Lunch served at 12:15 p.m. Junior Board of St. Francis Hospital sponsoring event. Auctions, raffles, gourmet table and gift shop. \$40. Bank One Center, The Riverfront, Wilmington. Info., 478-3027 or 658-2734.

OPERA CONCERT 8 p.m. \$10 adults. \$7 seniors. \$3 students. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info., 831-2577.

NARFE MEETING 11 a.m. National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees meets. Glass Kitchen, Route 40. Info., 731-1628.

■ Wednesday, April 20

BOOK READING 7:30 p.m. Richard Bausch will read from his short stories. Free. 104 Gore Hall, UD campus. Info., 831-2361.

LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. Jazz musician Bruce Anthony will perform. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St., Newark. No cover charge. Info, 266-6993.

■ Thursday, April 21

5K RUN 6:30 p.m. Ronald McDonald House sponsors event. Pre-registration is \$16 adults, \$13 children. Race day registration is \$20 adults, \$15 children. Ronald McDonald House of Delaware, 1901 Rockland Rd., Wilmington. Info., 654-6400.

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■ Friday, April 15

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

■ Saturday, April 16

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

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

■ Sunday, April 17

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

■ Monday, April 18

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 9 p.m. Mondays. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association

in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740.

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

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

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

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

NCCO STROKE CLUB Noon. Mondays. The Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., 324-4444.

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

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

MEETINGS

■ Tuesday, April 19

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

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

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

SWEET ADELINES 8 - 10 p.m. Tuesdays. Singing group. Listeners and new members welcome. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 731-5981.

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

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

STAMP GROUP 1 p.m. First and third Tuesdays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

NEWARK LIONS 6:30 p.m. First and third Tuesday. Lions meeting with program. Holiday Inn, Newark Route 273/I-95. Info., 731-1972.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT 7 - 9 p.m. Third Tuesday. Free & open to public. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

■ Wednesday, April 20

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

CONSTITUENT MEETING 7 a.m. First and third Wednesday. Rep. Melanie George of the 5th District and Rep. John Viola of the 26th District will meet for morning coffee and discuss a wide variety of concerns with constituents. Bob Evans Restaurant, Governor's Square, Bear.

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

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

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Meeting for men who are survivors of and newly diagnosed with prostate cancer. The American Cancer Society Office, 92 Reads Way, Suite 205, New Castle. Info., 234-4227.

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

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

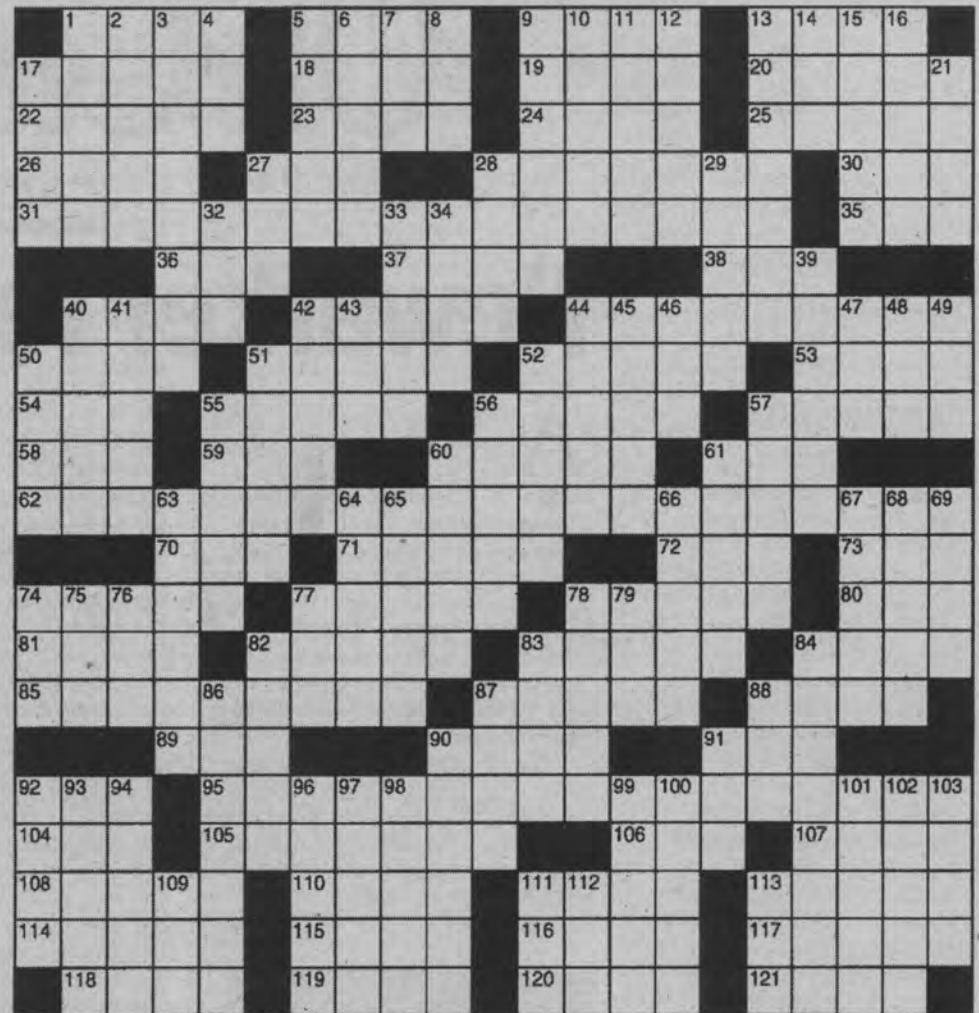
CROHN'S AND COLITIS FOUNDATION 7:30 p.m. Third Wednesday. Wilmington Satellite Group. Christiana Hospital, Room 1100. Info., 764-5717.

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Wednesday. Bear Glasgow Council of Civic Organizations. Pencader Grange Hall, Glasgow Avenue. Info., 832-0793.

DIAMOND STATE CROCHETERS 6 p.m. Third Wednesday. Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Road. Info., 324-8585.

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

■ Thursday, April 21

COFFEE & CONVERSATION 10:30 a.m.- Noon. First and Third Thursday. A peer-facilitated group. Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd, Wilmington. Info., 764-4335.

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

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

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GOURMET DINNER PRESENTATION Several of the country's top chefs will present dinner to benefit hunger. \$150. Harry's Savoy Grill & Ballroom, Naaman's Road. Info., 475-3000.

BEHAVIOR IS CONTAGIOUS 7 - 9 p.m. Develop strategies for helping children learn self-control and get ideas on how to handle their behavior. NCCo Cooperative Extension Office, 910 South Chapel St. Info., 831-2667.

HIDDEN POND TRAIL 1 p.m. A park naturalist will guide you on this moderately difficult 2.1 mile trail. The well named Hidden Pond is a favorite habitat for amphibious creatures. Nature Center, Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

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

BLUEGRASS/OLDTIME JAM 7:30 - 10 p.m. Thursdays. Any skill level welcome. Bring your own instrument. St. Thomas

Episcopal Church, S. College Avenue.

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

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

HOLISTIC HEALTH 7 p.m. Third Thursday. Workshop by certified natural health professional. Free, pre-registration required. Rainbow Books, 54 E. Main St. Info., 368-7738.

ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP 6:30 p.m. Third Thursday. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

MEDAL OF HONOR ASSN 7 p.m. Third Thursday. Delaware Medal of Honor Historical Association meets. Open to public. Veterans Administration Hospital, Elsmere.

AARP 1:30 p.m. Third Thursday. New Castle Chapter No. 4265 of AARP, Weston Community and Senior Center, New Castle. Info., 328-2830.

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May Events

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May 15th is Steam Meets Steam Day - Coal fired locomotives No. 58 and No. 98 operate in two directions meeting at Greenbank Station every 1/2 hour. Plenty of photo opportunities and steam locomotive action.

May 13 & 14 Red Clay Valley History Days Trains will run every 1/2 hour from 10-4 featuring events along the right of way at Greenbank Mill and Brandywine spring Park.

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'Anything Goes'

ANYTHING Goes," the timeless musical by Cole Porter that opened on Broadway more than 71 years ago, will get a shot of new life during its run April 15-23 at the Pearson Hall Theatre.

Acted and directed by members of the Harrington Theatre Arts Company (HTAC), UD's student-run theatre group, the classic musical, which chronicles the shadier side of nightlife aboard a 1930s cruise ship, will treat audience members to well-loved songs and an old-fashioned plotline that originally cast Ethel Merman, Guy Bolton and P.G. Wodehouse in starring roles.

HTAC performances of "Anything Goes" are set for 8 p.m., Friday, April 15; Wednesday, April 20; Thursday, April 21; Friday, April 22; and Saturday, April 23; and at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 17.

Tickets, which can be purchased at the door, are \$5 for students and seniors and \$8 for all others. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, call 973-714-3984. To learn more about HTAC, visit www.htac.org.

Troubled teens topic of talk

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Marcus will speak and read from his new book, "What It Takes to Pull Me Through: Why Teenagers Get in Trouble and How Four of Them Got Out," at 3:30 p.m., Friday, April 15, in 127 Memorial Hall on The Green on UD's Newark campus. The talk is free and open to the public. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing following Marcus' presentation.

His book has won kudos from reviewers and was selected as a "Parade Picks" and as an editor's choice by Reader's Digest. Vanity Fair's reviewer wrote, "Marcus takes the psychic temperature of the youth culture in the chilling 'What It Takes to Pull Me Through'."

For more information, call the English department at 831-2362.

Newarker receives scholarship

ANewark resident is among three University of Delaware students - James J. Parris, a junior biochemistry major, Agata Bielska, a junior biochemistry major, and Geoffrey Oxberry, a junior chemical engineering major - who have been awarded 2005-06 academic year scholarships by the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

The scholarship program, honoring the late U.S. Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, is designed to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and engineering. The Goldwater



Geoffrey Oxberry

Scholarship, the premier undergraduate award of its type in these fields, covers the cost of tuition, fees, books and room and board up to \$7,500 per year.

"It is an honor to be considered among the top undergraduate researchers at the University and throughout the country," Parris, of Newark, said. "Receiving the scholarship has strengthened my desire to pursue a doctoral degree in the field of biomedical science, and it will help greatly in achieving this goal."

Parris, who has been conducting research on the protein junctional adhesion molecule with Ulhas Naik, associate professor of biological sciences, recently submitted a first-author paper to be published in the journal *Developmental Dynamics*.

"I was ecstatic when I first heard the news," Bielska said. "The fact that three students from UD got the award is a tribute to the opportunities and support that UD provides for undergraduate researchers."

Bielska, from Coopersburg, Pa., said the scholarship will strengthen her drive to follow the path she had already set for herself. She recently attended the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) meeting in San Diego where she presented a poster of her research on protein phosphorylation with Neal Zondlo, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry.

Oxberry, of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., said the award speaks for the quality of UD's chemical engineering department. "Receiving the scholarship has caused me to broaden my goals. I'm already investigating opportunities for postgraduate fellowships," he said.

Oxberry is conducting research on data reduction through scientific visualization of viscoelastic



James Parris

turbulence with Antony Beris, Arthur B. Metzner Professor of Chemical Engineering.

This year's Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of 1,091 mathematics, science and engineering students who are nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide.

Goldwater Scholars' impres-

sive academic qualifications have garnered the attention of prestigious postgraduate fellowship programs. Recent Goldwater Scholars have been awarded 58 Rhodes Scholarships, 72 Marshall Awards (six of the 40 awarded in the United States in 2005) and numerous other distinguished fellowships.

S.O.S. gives rape victims somewhere to turn

APRIL is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and UD's Sexual Offense Support group (S.O.S.) is planning a month of events designed to raise consciousness about the problem of unwanted sexual contact and its ramifications.

Activities include a speech by Debra Puglisi Sharp, the Delaware woman who survived captivity and rape by the man who murdered her husband. Sharp is the author of *Shattered*, the story of her ordeal.

Angela Sequin, S.O.S. coordinator, said "There will be nationally known speakers and events

for survivors of rape and for a general audience throughout the month."

Sequin said S.O.S. is also in the process of developing a performance group, similar to SCREAM (Students Challenging Reality and Educating Against Myths) Theatre at Rutgers University. SCREAM is a peer-interactive theater program, written and acted by undergraduate students, that educates groups and initiates dialogue about issues of interpersonal violence.

S.O.S. has been a part of the University of Delaware for more

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Angela Sequin (right), S.O.S. coordinator, conducts a training session for several students, including Leslie (left).

Lectures, concert mark Asian Heritage Month

THREE events celebrating Asian heritage and culture are set for April and May.

The first, Instrumental Music of China, is set for 5-6:15 p.m., Friday, April 15, in Mitchell Hall. This multicultural and multime-

dia event will be hosted by Xiang Gao, UD professor of music, and will include guest artists from famed cellist Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Project--Wu Tong, Chinese wind instruments virtuoso, and Hui Li, Chinese plucked-string

instruments virtuoso. Members of the audience also will be treated to a display of Chinese folk instruments. This event is free and open to the public and is highly recommended for those who plan to attend the concert

later in the evening. For more information on this event, call 831-2991.

The second event is part of the University's 2004-05 Performing Arts Series. The New Silk Road from Cremona to Beijing is set

for 8 p.m., Friday, April 15, in Mitchell Hall. This concert will feature Gao performing on the UD Ceruti violin, and will include performances by Wu Tong, Hui Li and Liu Lin, renowned guest folk musicians from Beijing. Other guest artists will include Julie Nishimura, UD faculty pianist, Larry Stomberg, UD faculty cellist, and Harvey Price, UD faculty percussionist. A surprise group of musicians also will share the stage. Tickets are \$5 for UD students, \$12 for UD faculty and staff and \$17 for the general public. To purchase tickets for this event, call 831-4012 or 831-2204. For more information, call 831-2991.

The third and final event, an Asian Heritage Month Lecture, is set for 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 3, in Room 115, Purnell Hall. Featuring poet, playwright, non-fiction writer and performance artist, David Mura, the lecture, "How We Talk (or Don't Talk) About Race: Identity Changing in America," will explore cultural differences and misconceptions. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 831-2991.

All three events are cosponsored by the Office of Multicultural Programs, the Asian-American Pacific Islander Caucus, the Heritage Council, the East Asian Studies Department, the Office of Residence Life, the Organization of Chinese Americans, the Performing Arts Series and the Theatre Department.

UD's Sexual Offense Support group plans a month of events

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than 30 years. It is a volunteer organization, serving survivors of all forms of sexual assault, dedicated to educating the UD community about the issues.

Under the aegis of Wellspring, a program of the Center for Counseling and Student Development, S.O.S. empowers individuals and groups to respond to survivors of sexual assault in ways that are confidential, empathic and nonjudgmental, Sequin said. It is primarily made up of student members with some community volunteers.

In the years S.O.S. has been in existence, more than 540 members have shared in its work. The group has grown, and its emphasis has broadened from stranger rape to date and acquaintance rape to childhood sexual abuse and the role of alcohol and other drugs in facilitating rape.

S.O.S. began in 1976 with the help of the late Marjorie McKusick, then director of UD's Student Health Services and Marge Kingdon, at that time with the Counseling Center. The group consisted of two coordinators and six members and was under the administrative umbrella of the Division of Student Affairs.

S.O.S. transferred to UD's Student Health Services in 1977. Men became members two years later when Paul Ferguson joined the organization, serving as coordinator from 1986-92.

With the addition of men, S.O.S. was able to broaden its services and include programs for male victims and victimizers.

S.O.S. student volunteers Ashley (left) and Susan

In the '80s, S.O.S. developed a brochure focusing on date rape, entitled "Sex and Aggression in Relationships," designed a

survey on gender relationships and campus sexual assault and served on key committees of the UD President's Solutions to Sexual Violence Task Force.

assault, scheduled based on interest and need; and

■ Educational programs about sexual assault that can be presented in residence halls, for sorori-



S.O.S. student volunteers Ashley (left) and Susan

It also became involved in the planning and presentation of the University's annual Sexual Assault Awareness Week activities.

In 1994, it was awarded a grant from the Delaware Women's Fund to expand its services into community high schools.

Later, when the administration of Wellspring was transferred to the Center for Counseling and Student Development, S.O.S. became more directly linked to the center.

Today, S.O.S. provides:

■ 24-hour support for sexual assault survivors, as well as survivors' friends, roommates, significant others, family members and colleagues;

■ A supportive discussion series for survivors of sexual

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Lions salute 50 years of service

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about, but it will be something that is felt in our own hearts."

The Newark service organization celebrated its 50th year of helping the community on Saturday, April 9, at the Delaware Saengerbund. Everyone who was there seemed to voice similar thoughts on the group.

"It's about dedication," said club member Bob Strohl. "The members put in a lot of dedication and a lot of hard work through team work. It's about people coming together to help their neighbors."

For member Jack McCloskey, the club's vision impairment work is what has meant the most over the years. Internationally, Lions clubs have a common cause of making the lives of those suffering from vision and hearing impairments a little bit easier. It's a passion that was sparked by the words of Hellen Keller, who in 1920s challenged the group to "become knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then, Lions all around the world have collected glasses and worked to ease the challenges that accompany vision impairment.

"I'm most proud of the way we do service for the blind," McCloskey said. "We members are very proud of that."

The group has sponsored a number of other service projects, many local, some international. In the eyes of Williamson, the local project that deserves the most applause is one that happened just down the street. The club got word of a neighbor who had been homebound for years. Her home's door frames were too narrow for her to navigate with her wheelchair, and the front door had no ramp. So, the group took to construction. They widened her doorways and built her a ramp.

"She said she expected to find just a few pieces of plywood thrown around," he said. "But when she went down the ramp, all she could say was, 'This is the most beautiful ramp.'"

For McCloskey, those words were priceless. Even now, some time after the ramp's completion, he still comes by every Thursday for Young and the Restless and some Wawa coffee.

"It's so nice to make a difference in someone's life. You may never get a thank you, but it's right here," he said, pointing to his chest.

Concert honors retiring church organist

“How to celebrate the career of a renowned church and classical organist who just retired from the profession this year?” That was the question facing the Director of the Music Ministry at Newark United Methodist Church, Betsy Kent.

Her solution was to schedule an organ recital on the instrument he loved so much with three of the finest organists in the area.

Music Director Kent has

scheduled The Friends of George V. Kirk Organ Recital for Sunday, April 24, in the Main Street church at 3 p.m.

She selected three organists for the event. “One would never be enough for an event like this,” she commented.

First will be Dr. David Herman, University organist at the University of Delaware.

Next will be the new Worship Organist at the church, Richard Lewis.

The third performer will be a senior with an organ performance major at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, Scott Myers.

After an organ career that began while he was a student in the Philadelphia public schools and continued throughout his life, Dr. George V. Kirk says it’s time to forgo regular duties and a regular schedule of performance. He retired as the Worship Organist at NUMC.

A member of the American Guild of Organists, Kirk’s church performances have literally been heard throughout the

state, from Seaford north. He played regularly in churches in nearby Pennsylvania communities as well. When the Newark Symphony Orchestra scheduled a performance of Camille Saint-Saens magnificent Symphony No. 3 in C minor, Op. 78, the “Organ Symphony,” it was Kirk who asked to perform the intricate solo passages with the orchestra. It is unlikely that anyone lucky enough to have a ticket to the packed house that night will ever forget his performance.

As active as he was in his music career, it was only part of

this man’s life work. Kirk was an educator and came to Newark to lead the Newark Special School District through its period of greatest growth from 7,000 to 17,000 pupils, some years opening two schools at a time. He was a spokesperson for public education and remained here to lead the reorganized Christina School District.

A catered reception will follow the concert. If you wish to attend and honor Dr. Kirk, call Betsy Kent at the church 368-8774.

Art gala set May 7

“Got art?” That’s the theme for this year’s Brush With Fame Art Auction and Gala, a fund-raiser for the Newark Arts Alliance. And the answer is “yes.”

Among the auction items are paintings, prints, and photos; silk scarves and stained glass; books and ballet tickets; jewelry and jackets; and massages, meals, mosaics, and movies. And one lucky bidder will take home a tugboat cruise for four.

The event will be held Saturday, May 7, from 7-10 p.m. at the Newark Country Club, 300 W. Main St., Newark. Admission is \$30. Reservations are due April 20; call the NAA at 266-7266. Tickets may still be available after that date, and any remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

“Along with raising funds to support NAA exhibitions and programs, our goal for the auction was to create a gala event for the Newark community to look forward to each spring,” explains Administrative Director Susan Logan. “It’s one of the ways we meet our mission of developing community through the arts.” In addition to the auction, “Got

art?” includes a light buffet, cash bar, and music by Swing Samba Soul.

Auctioneer Clarence “CJ” Joseph will put 10 original, one-of-a-kind artworks up for bid during the live auction. The silent auction features both art and “baskets” of goods and services. All items were contributed by area artists and merchants.

The celebrity guest artist is Larry Anderson, known for paintings and prints of Delaware Valley landmarks and events. His Newark-based work includes several views of the Deer Park Tavern, as well as Old Cooch’s Bridge, and the University of Delaware’s Bayard Sharp Hall. For more information on the NAA’s events, exhibits, gift shop, and classes, visit the Web site (www.newarkartsalliance.org), e-mail info@newarkartsalliance.org, or call 266-7266.

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

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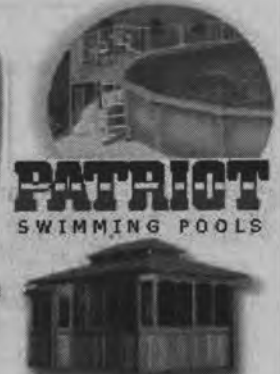


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Sports

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Delaware changes its football schedule

The date and opponent for two road games on the upcoming 2005 University of Delaware football schedule have been changed, the UD athletics department announced Thursday.

Delaware's game Oct. 1 was originally scheduled to be played at the University of Maine in Orono, ME but will now be played at Towson University in Towson, MD at 6 p.m. The Blue Hens' Oct. 29 game will now be played at Maine instead of at Towson.

The changes came about to accommodate the schedule for another Atlantic 10 Conference team.

In addition to the schedule changes, the University of Delaware also announced four special home events that will be held during the 2005 season.

Delaware will host Freshman Family Weekend Sept. 17 vs. West Chester, Homecoming will be held Oct. 8 vs. Hofstra, Parents and Family Weekend will be held Oct. 22 vs. James Madison, and the final home game of the regular season, Nov. 5 vs. Massachusetts, will be Hall of Fame Day.

More information regarding each event will be announced closer to the date of the contests on both the University of Delaware website (www.udel.edu) and the Blue Hen Athletics website (www.udel.edu/sportsinfo).

2005 Football Schedule

Sept. 10 vs. Lehigh, 7 p.m.
Sept. 17 vs. West Chester, 7
Sept. 24 vs. Holy Cross, 7
Oct. 1 at *Towson, 6 p.m.
Oct. 8 vs. *Hofstra
(Homecoming), 12 noon
Oct. 15 vs. *Richmond, 1
Oct. 22 vs. *J. Madison, 1
Oct. 29 at *Maine, tba
Nov. 5 vs. *UMass 1 p.m.
Nov. 12 at *Wm & Mary,
tba
Nov. 19 at *Villanova, tba

Blue Hens in spring drills



Delaware quarterback Sonny Riccio is practicing with the Hens as they go through spring drills.

Football team will scrimmage on Saturday

The University of Delaware football team, coming off back-to-back Atlantic 10 Conference titles and a trip to the NCAA I-AA quarterfinals last season, is in the midst of a month of spring practice drills.

The Blue Hens, led by fourth-year head coach K.C. Keeler, will practice each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at approximately 4 p.m. throughout the month of April with a scrimmage set for each Saturday morning on April 16, and April 23. Weekly practice schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions. All practices are free and open to the public.

Spring drills will conclude with the annual Blue-White Spring Game to be played on Saturday, April 30 at 12 noon at Delaware Stadium. A full day of festivities that will begin at 10:30 a.m. In addition to the game, there will be a kids activity area and a post-game autograph session with select players. Tickets \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth ages 17 and under and will be available at the game.

Delaware will welcome back 10 starters from last year's team that went 9-4 overall, tied for the Atlantic 10 title with NCAA I-AA national champion James Madison and national semifinalist William & Mary, and advanced to the I-AA quarterfinals before falling to William & Mary. The Hens are the only team in the nation to advance to the I-AA quarterfinals each of the last two seasons. Delaware will be trying to become the first

See FOOTBALL, 17 ►

Long balls lift Newark past Dickinson

Jackets knock off the Rams 7-5

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Newark batters blasted two long home runs and pounded out eight hits in a 7-5 road victory

over Dickinson Thursday afternoon.

The Jackets defense also made several spectacular plays in the bottom of the seventh to prevent a Dickinson comeback. "A.J. Aleman made a great diving catch for us in right field on that first batter late in the game," said Newark coach Curt Bedford. "If they get that first

batter on base in a two-run game, anything could have happened," he said.

Dickinson catcher Frank Vignuli said the Jackets solid defense kept his team from getting a few more runs.

"We played well for a while, but we need to put together seven solid innings, and not many too

many mistakes," and we need to hit better in critical situations," he said.

Newark (4-1), jumped on Ram starting pitcher Jeremy Cantrell for three runs in the second inning. But Dickinson (2-3), came right back with a three-spot in the bottom half

See NEWARK, 17 ►

Wild pitch lifts Hornets past Hens

Delaware State's Kevin Hill and Brandon Gravely both scored on a wild pitch and an error by the catcher with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning as the University of Delaware let an early 2-0 run lead slip away in a 4-3 non-league baseball loss Tuesday at Soldier Field.

The Hens (13-16), who had a two-game win streak snapped, took a 2-0 lead in the first inning but the Hornets (12-19) rallied back to tie the game and send it into extra innings.

Delaware scored in the 10th on a sacrifice fly by Brian Valichka to go up 3-2, but Delaware State rallied with two runs in the bottom of the inning, winning the game when Chad Kerfoot unleashed a wild pitch and catcher Brian Valichka's throw back to the plate was wild.

The Hens fell to Delaware State for just the fifth time in 28 all-time meetings.

Ryan Graham (Danville, IL/Triton) and Adam Tsakonas (Pottstown, PA/Boyetown Area -

right) led the offense with a pair of hits while Graham added a double and a run scored. Bryan Hagerich (Somerset, PA/Somerset), Brandon Menchaca (Wilmington, DE/Concord), and Todd Davison (Somers Point, NJ/St. Augustine) all chipped in singles to round out Delaware's eight hits.

Kevin Brown (Wilmington, DE/McKean) took the start and in three hitless innings he struck out three batters while only walking one. It took the Hornets six

innings before they could record a hit on the Delaware pitching staff as Chad Kerfoot (Owings, MD/Northern) suffered the loss and drops to 1-2.

Dan Perkins pitched eight innings for Delaware State and allowed two unearned runs on seven hits while striking out five but it was Josh Schmidt (1-2) who picked up the win by relieving Perkins in the ninth and allowing one run.

Kevin Hill led the Hornets with a double on a pair of hits and

added two runs scored. Brandon Gravely doubled, drove in a run, and scored a run himself while Curtis Lovelle and Jared Lineweaver rounded out Delaware State's five hits with singles.

Delaware returns to action on Friday at 7 p.m. when it travels to UNC Wilmington in a rematch of last years Colonial Athletic Association Championship.

Three Hens won't be returning

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Atlantic 10 team to win three straight league titles since Boston University in 1982-84.

Keeler will welcome back six starters on offense led by record-setting senior quarterback Sonny Riccio (2,698 yards and 16 touchdowns - at right), third-team All-Atlantic 10 wide receiver David Boler (65 catches for 903 yards and three touchdowns), 2004 freshman running back sensation Omar Cuff (673 yards and eight touchdowns), and veteran offensive guard Brian Sims. The Hens will have to replace the likes of leading receiver Justin Long, who was dismissed from school this past week, and four starting linemen, including 2004 All-East tackle Trip DelCampo.

On defense, the Blue Hens return four starters led by senior All-American defensive tackle Tom Parks, who led the Atlantic 10 with 10 quarterback sacks a year ago, senior linebacker John Mulhern, and junior defensive backs Kyle Campbell and Rashaad Woodard. Among the losses were consensus All-American cornerback and kick returner Sidney Haugabrook, All-American defensive lineman

Chris Mooney, and All-East middle linebacker Mondoe Davis, who led the Blue Hens in tackles each of the last two seasons.

On special teams, returning for the Hens are junior punter Mike Weber (37.2 avg.) and Woodard (24.9 avg. on kickoff returns). Two-year placekicker Brad Shushman (15 of 22 field goals, 37 of 39 extra points) and Haugabrook (27.0 avg. on kick returns, 11.4 avg. on punt returns) have graduated.

Among the top newcomers and younger players to watch this spring will be redshirt freshmen wide receivers Armand Cauthen, Kervin Michaud, and Aaron Love, offensive linemen Marco Kristen, Mike Byrne, and Greg Benson, redshirt defensive linemen Jim Casertano and Stephen Purkey, linebackers Ralph Hines and Demetrice Alexander, and defensive backs Fred Andrew, Rafiq Gunthorpe, and Jahiri Gunthorpe.

Players not returning

University of Delaware head football coach K.C. Keeler has announced that three members of the Blue Hen football team - senior wide receiver Justin Long, junior offensive lineman Scott

Conley, and redshirt freshman running back Gomez Cambridge - will not return to the team this fall.

Long, a three-year starter from Pennsauken, NJ (Pennsauken High School), has been dismissed from the University for one year after his appeal of a decision stemming from an on-campus incident earlier this semester was denied by the UD Student Judicial System this week. Long led the team with 68 receptions for 772 yards and six touchdowns during the 2004 season and had posted career totals of 164 receptions for 1,910 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Conley, a three-year squad member from Marietta, GA (McEachern HS) who started 10 games at offensive guard last season, has been ruled ineligible for competition for one year due to a violation of athletics policy. He plans to remain with the team this spring as a student assistant coach. He appeared in 29 games over the last two seasons and also served as the team's snapper on placements.

Cambridge, a running back from Riviera Beach, FL (W.T. Dwyer HS) who sat out the 2004 season as a redshirt, has decided not to return to school.

Newark holds off Dickinson

► NEWARK, from 16

of the inning off starter Todd Heller.

The Jackets regained a 4-3 lead by pushing a run across in the third, as Heller set the Rams down in order in the bottom half of the frame. Newark rolled out the big guns in the fourth. With one out, Heller slammed a home run to left center. Then, with two down and a runner on first, Scott Gardner crushed a deep shot to right cen-

ter to build the lead to 7-3. "We hit the ball well today, but we need to keep hitting," said Bedford. "And, we needed our pitchers to step up, and I think Heller did a nice job, especially considering he hasn't pitched for a few years," he said. The Rams also played long-ball to get back into the game, with Cantrell hitting a solo shot in the bottom of the fourth. After Dave Eisner replaced Heller on the mound, Rams shortstop Brandon Scott smacked a line drive home run to right

center to close the gap to 7-5 in the bottom of the fifth. But over the last two innings, Dickinson batters were unable to mount another threat against Eisner. Dickinson coach John Nelson said his team had plenty of chances.

"We just played poorly in the first part of the game and spotted them some runs, and just didn't make the plays," he said. "On the bright side, we kept battling, but we just committed too many errors today," said Nelson.

Local wrestlers qualify for Eastern Nationals

The following members of the Tyrant Wrestling Club placed in the top four in the Middle Atlantic Wrestling Association's Southern Regional in Salisbury, Md. and qualified for the Eastern National Championships, which will be held this weekend at Penn State University.

The wrestlers are:
Bantam Division
Noah Bane 56 1st
Dalton Ziemba 65 4th

Midget Division

Brent Fleetwood 50 1st
Drew Burdsall 58 1st
Stevie Pendergast 62 4th
Tyler Carney 66 1st

Junior Division

Matt Kibblehouse 66 1st
Tyler Pendergast 70 3rd
Josh Snook 86 1st
Jay Matheus 86 2nd
Dakota Diksa 91 2nd
Issah Meade 98 1st
Michael Mauk 105 1st
Matt Peterson 105 4th

Intermediate Division

Brandon Davis 75 2nd
Chris Witte 75 3rd
Andrew Peterson 120 3rd
Robbie DeMasi 136 1st
Corey Olsen 146 1st
Patrick Cassidy UNL 3rd

Advanced Division

Kyle Bove 110 1st

Junior Blue Hen hockey tryouts slated

The Jr. Blue Hens Travel Hockey Club will be holding evaluations for new and returning players for the 2005/2006 season the week of

April 18th at the University of Delaware Fred Rust Arena. For more information please call Mike Kearns at 302-373-7341.

Baseball trip to raise money for All-Star wrestling team

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old man - were charged with trespassing on the CSX railroad bridge that spans Library Avenue near the Main Street McDonald's restaurant.

About 6:40 p.m. on Friday, April 9, a Newark officer approached the three juveniles. They told officers they had ridden motorcycles to Newark along the tracks from Red Lion. The motorcycles and youths were released to parents.

About the same time, police said a man came walking over the bridge with a bicycle. George Harvey Havelow, 33, of Newark, was charged with trespassing and released.

Resident not duped by wire scheme

A Newark resident failed to fall for a scheme that would have had him wire money to a foreign bank account, Newark police reported on Friday, April 8.

The man told police he had met a woman via the internet who sent him two money orders. He was asked to cash them and wire the money to the friend.

The resident became suspicious and took the U.S. postal money orders to the post office. Police were called when it became known that the money orders were counterfeit.

Postal inspectors will investigate, police said.

Man assaulted in his bedroom

A resident of an apartment at 400 Wollaston Ave. told Newark police on Friday, April 8, at 4:29

a.m. that a group of ten men broke down his front door and assaulted him in his bedroom.

The assailants then fled to a nearby apartment, police were told.

The victim was punched in the head, police reported, but declined medical treatment.

Investigation is continuing.

Stores pelted with rocks

Newark police reported on Friday, April 8, that several stores in the Shoppes of Louviers off Paper Mill Road had been pelted with rocks.

Shoplifting arrests

Newark police reported that Chauncia Williams, 23, of Newark, was charged with shoplifting on Thursday, April 7, after a 8:30 p.m. theft at Sally's Beauty Supply, 381 College Square.

Williams was released pending a court appearance, police said.

At 4:36 p.m. the same day, Thorton A. Breece, 27, of Wilmington, in a separate theft incident at Happy Harry's, 216 Suburban Dr., was arrested and charged with shoplifting. He, too, was released pending an appearance in court, Newark police said.

Park vandalism

Some racial slurs were spray-painted on the basketball court at Fairfield Crest Park, City of Newark officials told Newark police on Wednesday, April 6.

Vehicles attacked, items inside taken

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

804 S. College Ave., on Monday, April 11, at 12:28 a.m., left side of trunk and quarter-panel kicked in;

18 Continental Dr., on Sunday, April 10, at 4:33 p.m., rear window of Ford Escort station wagon broken;

110 College Square, on Saturday, April 9, at 10:32 a.m., window of beer truck shattered;

185 Madison Dr., on Friday, April 8, at 10:07 p.m., front window of parked car damaged with a metal pipe;

236 E. Delaware Ave., on Friday, April 8, at 2:29 p.m., driver window of parked car shattered and CD radio faceplate taken;

1101 Wharton Dr., on Friday, April 8, at 9:49 a.m., sporting equipment stolen from parked vehicle;

218 E. Main St., on Friday, April 8, at 8:39 a.m., window smashed and car radio stolen;

120 Wilbur St., on Thursday, April 7, at 6:16 p.m., a key or rock was used to damage a 2002 Chrysler Concorde; and

320 Amoroso Way, on Thursday, April 7, at 11:17 a.m., CD player removed from 1992 Acura.

Alcohol, noise law violations listed

Officers of the Newark Police Department have continued stepped-up enforcement of alcohol-related and noise laws here after classes resumed at the University of Delaware following spring break and the arrival of warm weather.

Some of the recent arrests include:

Stephen H. Diamond, 24, of Williamstown, N.J., possession of an open container of alcohol, on Sunday, April 10, at 3:05 a.m., at 714 Academy St.;

Sean M. Tigani, 22, of Smyrna, **Michael Malloy**, 22, of Dover, and **Matthew Scott**, 20, of Camden-Wyoming, each charged with a noise law violation, on Sunday, April 10, at 1:50 a.m., at 3408 Scholar Dr.;

Michael Louis Ayers-Morris, 18, of Elkton, Md., underage consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, April 10, at 2:20 a.m., after a police officer found a man stumbling and vomiting on east side of the Ivy Hall apartments, 400 Wollaston Ave.;

Charles Edward Cross, 18, of Lewes, underage consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, April 10, at 2 a.m., at Wollaston Avenue and Waterworks Lane;

Lisa Ann Quinn, 19, of Newark, underage consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, April 10, at 1:30 a.m., at Wollaston and Waterworks;

Thomas Rowland Marshall, 19, of Lewes, underage consumption of alcohol and possession of an open container of alcohol, on Sunday, April 10, at 1:05 a.m., on the parking lot at 400 Wollaston Ave.;

Eugene E. Kim, 18, of Broomall, Pa., underage consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, April 10, at 12:50 a.m., at 61 Kells Ave.;

Brian James Corcoran, 20, of Vienna, Va., underage consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, April 10, at 12:30 a.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave.;

Kelly Anne Horst, 21, of Hockessin, possession of an open container of alcohol, on

Saturday, April 9, at 3:15 a.m., at 65 S. Chapel St.;

Patrick James Hudson, 21, of Newark, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Saturday, April 9, at 2:45 a.m., at 218 E. Main St.;

Matthew P. Shreder, 19, of Old Bridge, N.J., on Saturday, April 9, at 1:55 a.m., outside 300 Scholar Dr.;

Michael A. Campanelli, 19, of Lewes, and **Laura M. McKeown**, 18, of Lewes, each charged with underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, April 9, at 1:06 a.m., at 1003 Barksdale Road;

Darrell David Crane, 19, of Dover, disorderly conduct and underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, April 9, at 1:15 a.m., at the rear of 400 Wollaston Ave.;

Amanda Lee Bennett, 18, of Wilmington, underage consumption of alcohol and possession of an open container of alcohol, on Saturday, April 9, at 1:20 a.m., on parking lot at 400 Wollaston Ave.;

Adam C. Mulderig, 19, of Townsend, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Saturday, April 9, at 1 a.m., at 429 S. College Ave.;

Joseph Spardo, 20, of Wilmington, and **Colin P. O'Neill**, 21, of Cherry Hill, N.J., each charged with possession of an open container of alcohol, on Friday, April 8, at 11:48 p.m., at 42 N. Chapel St.;

Gregory Fleck, 22, of Stamford, Conn., possession of an open container of alcohol, on Friday, April 8, at 11:35 p.m., at 236 E. Delaware Ave.;

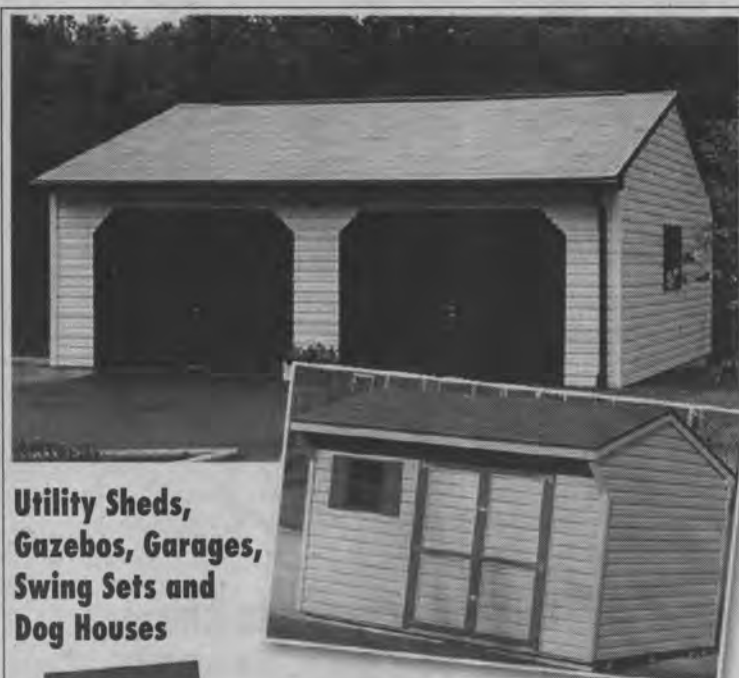
Jarrod T. Bell, 23, of Newark, noise violation, on Friday, April 8, at 10:39 p.m., at 2B O'Daniel Ave.;

Charles L. Strowhouer, 21, of Shamong, N.J., and **Michael H. Minchik**, 21, of Washington, D.C., each charged with a noise law violation, on Friday, April 8, at 1:31 a.m., at 113 E. Cleveland Ave.;

Amanda L. Levering, 20, of Newark, noise law violation, on Thursday, April 7, at 12:52 a.m., at 129 E. Cleveland Ave.

Police said all were released pending court appearances.

■ *Police Blotter is compiled each week from the files of the Newark Police Department, New Castle County Police and the Delaware State Police by the newspaper staff.*



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Congressman suggests copy of 9/11 commission

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would come here."

One thing has changed. However, one important aspect of immigration has evolved. "In the old days, people came here to escape persecution. Today, they come for economic opportunity," Castle said.

Let 'em in, keep 'em out. The Congressman said the biggest challenge faced by him, his colleagues and the President is having the statutes and systems that allows law-abiding immigrants to come here but refuses admittance to terrorists.

Castle said that once nore-dos get here, it is virtually impossible to track their whereabouts. The emphasis, he said, needs to be on keeping terrorists out in the first place.

"We can choke off further attacks by preventing terrorists from being here in the first place," Castle said.

Downside of enforcement.

There is an estimated four times as many illegals in the U.S. today as in 1986. Castle said increased attention to immigration and enforcement at the borders has virtually stopped a huge flow of travel out of the United States by Mexicans who, prior to 9/11, would work in the Southwest, then return frequently to Mexico. "Now, they stay here," Castle said.

Not all want borders closed.

While it's politically incorrect for businesses — particularly large ones — to play down the importance of strictly monitoring our borders, it would be naive to not acknowledge the roles that illegal immigrants play in the American economy.

Simply put, they do the jobs Americans won't. For minimum wages, they show up on time, work hard and keep the economy humming.

The only way to solve this business problem would be for employers to pay significantly more for lenial and laborious

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MIKE CASTLE

DELAWARE'S U.S. CONGRESSMAN

jobs, the effects of which on the economy would be great, Castle said.

Tech is an answer.

Castle believes that biometrics, whether Americans like it or not, may be the only way to monitor who is coming in and going out of our country.

Biometrics are automated methods of recognizing a person based on a physiological or behavioral characteristic, such as fingerprints or eye scans that are unique to each individual.

The Congressman acknowledged many Americans find a national ID an offense to their individual rights, but confirming a person's identity with absolute certainty through hi-tech wizardry "just may be the way we have to go," Castle said.

While the national ID card may draw fire, driver licenses could be advanced to fill this hi-tech info need, Castle said.

Appoint a commission.

Asked what are we to do, Castle suggested appointing a true

bipartisan commission, one structured like the 9/11 Commission, which he praised.

"Find the best people and let them really study the immigration issues and lead us to solutions," Castle said, noting that breaking down the barriers between all intelligence gathering agencies is as important as any other aspect of the fight against terrorism.

An awesome challenge.

When you listen to a talk like Castle's and realize how complex the problems and their solutions are, it's very disconcerting. Castle admitted that you can't truly prevent future terror attacks without attacking the problem of illegal immigration, but it might well be easier to solve the security aspects of fighting terrorism than the immigration issue.

■ *The writer has been a community journalist for more than three decades. He and his family immigrated to Newark in 1992 when he became publisher of this newspaper.*

Boulden warns of identity theft scam here

NEW Castle County Clerk of the Peace Ken Boulden is issuing an important warning to newlyweds. Do not fall victim to a new scam implying that you must "record" your name change after marriage. If you do so through a mail or internet solicitation, Boulden fears that you could easily fall victim to identity theft.

Recently, newlyweds have been contacting Boulden's office inquiring about mailing and e-mail contacts that they received suggesting that they must "record" their new married name.

He said the solicitations come from private companies/corporations with names that sound like official government agencies. They offer to "record" your name change for a fee and ask for your

address, date of birth and social security number. They encourage you to pay by check or with a credit card.

Boulden cautions couples, "Do not reply under any circumstances."

Newlyweds may receive solicitations from U.S. Record Service Corporation, Federal Record Service Corporation, National Record Service Corporation, Marriage Record Service Corporation and Name Change Record Service Corporation.

Boulden believes that these "corporations" operate from post office boxes in Washington D.C. They apparently do not have offices, or telephones.

Boulden said, "Simply put, it's a scam." He added that at most, you will receive a form to apply

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Simply put, it's a scam.”

KEN BOULDEN

NEW CASTLE COUNTY CLERK OF THE PEACE

for a new social security card. The forms can be obtained free online from the IRS. Boulden said, "The fees that these 'corporations' charge seem to range from \$15 to \$19.95."

Boulden suspects that these "corporations" are generating

mailing lists from bridal registries and other commercial sources, as well as from the public notice of newly issued marriage licenses published in local newspapers.

These solicitations are not from a government agency. These "corporations" are not affiliated with the Federal or any state government agencies. There is no Federal or state requirement that you "register or record" your new name after marriage. However, if you change your name after marriage, Boulden suggests that you get a new social security card and driver's license as soon as possible.

Couples who apply for their marriage license in New Castle County can purchase a Newlywed Name Change Kit for \$10. The kit contains official government

forms and instructions for getting a new social security card and passport. There are also forms for Delaware voter registration, and personal/financial records. Boulden said, "The kit gives you important addresses, phone numbers, office hours, and helpful resources to make your name change process a 'no hassle' experience. It's everything you could possibly need." He said that there are other Name Change Kits available in bridal shops and bridal magazines, and on the internet. They sell for \$19-\$49, but Boulden adds that none contain specific information to Delaware.

Boulden said, "People must be more careful than ever. It can take years to repair the damage from an identity theft. It is devastating."

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Program gets boost from national groups

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

JEFFREY Trnka, representative of the Food Bank of Delaware, is not fluent in children's slang, but he knows a compliment when he hears one.

"One of the kids came up to me and said the fish sandwiches are 'banging,' whatever that means," he said, after a recent health fair held at the Greater Newark Area Boys and Girls Club. "Most of the kids who came up to me that day expressed how much they liked the program."

And a grant announced on Thursday, March 31 will help one of those programs reach even

more children. The \$35,000 grant, which is spread out over three years, will purchase food supplies for a recently opened Kids Café at the Boys and Girls Club.

On average, the program delivers evening meals to 120 children who participate in after-school activities at the club. That number swells to over 185 during the fall months.

Trnka said that for the children who take part in the Kids Café, the program is more than just a place to grab a meal. It's also a place to study, grow and learn.

"Kids café provides the evening meal and a positive place where kids can go and receive homework help and positive mentoring," he said.

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And that can be an invaluable combination.

"This program is especially important for children," said Ross Fraser, spokesman for America's

Second Harvest. "Everyone needs good nutrition, but especially children who are developing. Nutrition affects physical, mental and emotional health. It really makes a difference."

Positive effects from this program and others like it can be seen in the way a child behaves, an increased energy level, a decrease in mood swings, and improved study habits.

A November 2003 study sponsored by America's Second Harvest supported these claims.

It found that nearly two-thirds of participants reported feeling better after going to a Kids Café and 68 percent reported improvements in overall health.

"Childhood hunger is so

important to address," Fraser said. No one should go hungry, but especially not our children."

Did you know?

■ The Food Bank of Delaware feeds nearly 70,000 people annually, and of those almost half are children under the age of 18.

■ Nearly 13 percent of Delaware's children live in poverty.

■ 120 children in Newark and 35 in Laurel will receive balanced evening meals through this grant.

■ There are 195 Conagra Kids Cafés in the nation.

Information provided by the Food Bank of Delaware.

2000: Approval of Newark Charter School expected

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facility in the Delaware Industrial Park. The city's complaints focus on the location of the facility in the middle of the aquifer that feeds Newark's well field. A spill, the city says, could prove disastrous to Newark's water supply.

The state division of economic

development is all for it - in fact, they were instrumental in attracting the Waste Conversion division of Rimco Corporation to the already existing facility.

Four schools sought

The controversial Basic Plus educational method could be established in as many as four

New Castle County elementary schools by this September.

Board of education members voted four to one Monday night to allow no more than four schools to voluntarily adopt the plan.

The Basic Plus plan was originally proposed by Gov. Pierre S. duPont IV after he saw it in action while visiting California

schools. Basic Plus is a system that stresses discipline and extensive groundwork in the basics.

Newark connector plans scrapped

The Route 4-expansion project, scheduled to begin this spring, has been temporarily

shelved because Delaware has lost more than \$70 million of its federal highway funds.

Robert C. Park, chief of projects scheduling, said the state Department of Transportation learned that it would have \$11.2 million to use on highway projects. The cut from the state's original \$86 million federal programs was part of the Carter administration's effort to balance the federal budget.

■ April 21, 2000 Newark Charter School a go?

If a thousand people have their way, a Charter School is in the works for the Newark area.

Delaware's State Board of Education was scheduled on Wednesday to announce whether seven charter school applications that were submitted by Dec. 31, 1999 would be approved.

One of those applications was submitted by a board of directors formed by local residents including Mayor Hal Godwin, State Senator Steve Amick (R-Newark) and two Christina School district parents.

If the decision is in favor of the application, the proposed Newark school's board of directors and hundreds of interested educators, parents and students must launch a massive fundraising campaign.

'It's a deal!' in legislature

Laden with 22 amendments and almost a year after it was hoped for, an accountability bill defining standards for students and teachers in Delaware is finally on its way to the governor.

Delaware state lawmakers voted 35-6 late on Tuesday for a compromise on S.B. 260 that could finally put the argument over school reform to rest.

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Grassroots effort propels incumbent back onto council

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officials, received 37 votes, while Shurr, who is suing the City of Newark and its police department, received 13 votes.

Clifton removed himself from the race in early March just days before the filing deadline for candidates, citing differences with the city manager.

By removing himself from the race, Clifton left the seat open to two political newcomers. But it was Clifton's constituents, mostly members of the East End Civic Association, who turned out in droves to be sure that the 8-year veteran returned to council.

"I'm just floored to say the least," Clifton said. "I'm absolutely humbled. I never would have dreamed of anything like

this."

Clifton said that the grassroots push to reelect him was not something he was involved in.

"I'd gotten several calls over the weekend, as bizarre as this sounds, saying that, 'We're voting for you and we're telling our neighbors to vote for you, too,'" he said.

Over the weekend, signs sup-

porting Clifton, urging voters to write his name on the ballot, began popping up. By Tuesday, they lined the East End neighborhood.

Clifton said that the past issues between himself and staff members that originally caused him to resign from the race have been resolved.

"All of that has been set aside," he said. "I'm looking forward to hitting the ground running."

But not everyone was in support of the in-again, out-again back-and-forth motion that led up to the election.

Clifton's opponent, Shurr, said that it hurt the democratic process. "I think he sabotaged the election," he said. "It just puts an ugly face on Newark and says, 'Look at us, we goofed again'."

Shurr was not the only one who was put off by the lack of clarity before the election.

"I am disappointed by the election being complicated by the write-in campaign," said Councilman Karl Kalbacher. "The public is best served when candidates follow the tradition of campaigning and allowing the public to ask questions and make informed decisions."

In District 4, incumbent David Athey was also returned to his seat by a gaping margin - 161 votes to his opponent Rob Foraker's nine votes.

Athey, a two-year veteran of council, said he was pleased with the election's results, as they indicated that his constituents were happy with his work.

"I got a few more votes than last time," he said. "And that's a great feeling. It's kind of like a report card. Such a sound vic-



Signs urging write-in votes for Clifton began appearing in various District 2 communities early this week.

tory tells me that my constituents think that I'm doing a good job."

Foraker said that despite the results, he was happy that he ran, and plans on doing it again - possibly for the mayor's seat.

"Life goes on after the election," he said. "The experience was good, but next time I'll run a different campaign." He said that if he runs again, he would try mass mailings as a way to educate voters about his agenda.

Paul Pomeroy won the seat in District 1 unopposed. The seat went up for grabs after incumbent John Farrell IV said that he would not seek reelection, citing personal reasons.

Clifton, Athey and Pomeroy will be sworn into their positions at a 7:30 p.m. ceremony on April 19 at the municipal building, 220 Elkton Road.

DELAWAREANS SHIP OUT

GUARD HEADING TO IRAQ

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY KAYTIE DOWLING

“WITHOUT you, we quite frankly wouldn't have

the freedoms we have today," Congressman Mike Castle told a battalion of departing soldiers on Thursday, April 7.

There were 66 of them in all, uniformed in khaki and camouflage and ready for departure. The Delaware National Guard members were all from the 280th Battalion and were heading for New Jersey, the first stop in a trip that will take them to Iraq for one to two years. The group hailed from all reaches of the state, including Newark.

The soldiers will train at Fort Dix through the end of May, preparing for their work as communications specialists in Iraq.

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John LaRocca, 22, holds his infant son, Richard, for a few minutes before being deployed. He will finish training at Fort Dix before flying to Iraq. The entire tour of duty is expected to last 12 to 24 months.

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Delawareans off to overseas sites

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There, they will work with local contractors to set up phone lines, cable and wire radios and data networks.

"All of our soldiers will carry weapons with them, but those won't be the only or primary means for accomplishing their mission. They will operate in small nodes, teams of one to four soldiers," Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala said, explaining how the group would work to set up communications equipment.

"The decision to send them was not made lightly," Vavala said. "But they will return to you as better employees and most importantly better Americans."

Just days before, 25 members of the Delaware Air National Guard were called to duty to Uzbekistan where they will make a series of air drops to troops.

They will drop supplies to coalition forces in Afghanistan and the surrounding area. The airmen left the base and their families on Sunday, April 3 at 8:14 a.m.

"What amazes me is that the enthusiasm and the professionalism stays as high as it does with all our Airmen, after all this time," said Col. Bruce Thompson. "We can never lose sight of where we are flying, the challenge at hand."

TOP RIGHT: Five Newark men left for Uzbekistan on Sunday, April 3. They were: Staff Sgt. Michael Fernandez, a communication and navigation systems journeyman; Tech. Sgt. Brian Whitt, an electronic warfare technician; First Lt. Christopher Farmer, a C-130 navigator; Master Sgt. Andrew Klabunde, an aircrew life support specialist; and Staff Sgt. Brian Scheffler, an electronic warfare craftsman.



Replacement will be appointed

► BOARD, from 1

Talent Development.

Her responsibilities as manager of the program, targeting the gifted and talented students in the district, will include curriculum development and implementation, leading staff development, and providing regular communication between building staff and parents.

The position is a 12-month assignment.

Currently a teacher/director of Little Folks Too Daycare, Merlet received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania and Masters of Education from Wilmington College. As a board member she has served as representative to the Delaware School Boards Association Board of Directors.

Fellow board members were reluctant to voice approval of Merlet's resignation, however, they were quite vocal in their appreciation of Merlet's leadership, guidance and advice given throughout her four years as part of their team.

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Wise said he recognized the continuity of the board was critical, especially with their current training and leadership development through the Broad Institute of School Reform, and "it wasn't without pain and weighing the options" that he recruited her for the position.

"She will serve our district and the children so well," said Wise.

Merlet herself recognized the other board members for their dedication to the children of the district.

"This is a very remarkable group," Merlet said. "Every single person on this board cares about the children and that's not true of all school boards."

Board President Brenda Phillips will begin seeking a replacement for Merlet, who represents District B, the area roughly east of Newark, along Kirkwood Highway, bounded on the south by Rt. 4 and extending north along Polly Drummond Road into Pike Creek.

Because the vacancy is too close to the general school board elections, to be held on Tuesday, May 10, whoever is appointed by the board will serve until June 30, 2006. That person will then need to run in the 2006 general election if they desire to continue.

A map of the election districts is available at www.christina.k12.de.us in the School Board section.



Merlet

Culinary chief hired

Move over chicken nuggets and pizza. Gourmet foods will be coming to the school cafeterias.

Marc-Antony Williams was hired by the district to be supervisor of student nutrition and food service. For more than 12 years he has been a chef in upscale restaurants, mostly in southern Florida. He is currently owner and manager of Culinary Safari, Winter Park, Fla.

In 1991 to 1994 he was sous chef at Sydney's Side Street and then chef at Ground Zero in Rehoboth Beach.

Dr. Wise had said in March that the district was looking for a leader in food management because less than 50 percent of the students are eating cafeteria-prepared food.

Williams will plan and analyze the menus in the school cafeterias for nutritional adequacy and pupil acceptance, run the daily operations of food services, coordinate the free/reduced lunch program and manage the staff.

Contracts terminated

More than 160 terminations of temporary contracts of teachers and para-professionals were approved by the Board of Education. However, many of those terminated will be rehired by the district before the start of the school year.

"Many [teachers and paras] hold temporary contracts. In the day of teacher shortages, we should review our policy," said Carolyn Strum, senior administrator of human resources. Talks are under way with the teacher's union to determine a better system. Currently, a letter of termination is sent to those teachers with temporary contracts. They must resubmit a letter of interest to be rehired.

Expulsions approved

Eleven more students were approved by the board to be expelled from Christina schools. Four were for possession of knives, three for possession of box cutters, one for having a razor, one for arson, one for weapons possessions and one for assault on a teacher.

Unfortunately, most of them were young students, said Dr. Freeman Williams who presented the recommendations to the board. State law demands that these infractions result in expulsion.

This brings the total of expulsions from Christina schools to more than 20 for this school year so far. Last year there were none.

TAX DAY IS APRIL 15

New Castle post office open until midnight

THE Post Office will stay open later on Friday, April 15 to help last-minute tax filers get their paperwork sent out in time.

Trying to get returns postmarked on time can be a stressful experience, especially for those who owe money.

For the procrastinators out there, do not fear.

The United States Postal Service will provide full window service until midnight on Friday, April 15 at the New Castle location, 147 Quigley Blvd.

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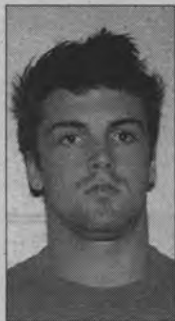
Drug arrests made of two UD students

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cocaine and various distribution paraphernalia during a court-ordered search of Sanders' residence at 6107 Scholar Dr. in the University Courtyard complex.

Police said Sanders was charged with trafficking in cocaine, possession with the intent to deliver cocaine, maintaining a dwelling for keeping controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sanders was arraigned through Justice of the Peace Court Two and a \$37,000 cash bail was imposed. Sanders did not post the bail and remains in the Howard Young Correctional Institution, police said.



N.P.D. PHOTO

Sanders

'Yes, it's over'

► CHANCE, from 7

of ATOs as The Hummers, a title that stayed with them for many years.

Our competitors in the other fraternities were no dummies. Recognizing that they had little chance of winning in the choral division of the program, the members of the governing board of the Interfraternity Council voted, by a not surprising 8-1 margin, to alter the rules of the competition. Beginning in 1951, the judges were instructed to assign 60% credit to the play and only 40% to the choral presentation. It was stipulated, however, that special credit would be awarded for originality.

Far from discouraged, we ATOs opened the 1951 songfest with memorable hits from the motion picture, "Northwest Passage," and the Broadway musicals, "Annie Get Your

Gun," "Rose Marie," and "South Pacific." To introduce each member, an appropriately costumed character would step forward and turn the page of a giant book. When the musical program ended with a stirring rendition of "There Is Nothin' Like A Dame," the cheers and applause rocked Mitchell Hall.

For its playbill production, ATO presented an original one-act play, "The Torch of Victory," a title that proved prophetic. One of the brothers who was not in the cast walked around to the front steps of the building and encountered Dr. Frederick Parker, one of the contest judges, enjoying a cigarette.

"I'm surprised to see you, Dr. Parker," he said. "I thought you were one of the judges. Is the contest over already?"

And Dr. replied, "Oh yes, it's over. The ATOs have performed."

Provident opens real estate lending office here

Provident Bank opened its newest venture, a real estate lending office, in Newark. The full service branch office, which officially opened on Wednesday, March 30, will be managed by Craig Laudeman, Vice President, Real Estate Lending Division, and is located at University Plaza

in the Oxford Building.

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Judy Rightmyer, 86

Judy Rightmyer, 86, of Las Vegas, formerly of Newark, died on April 3, 2005.

Mrs. Rightmyer was born in Amsterdam, N.Y. on June 5 1918. She was a clerk at the Main Desk of the University of Delaware's Student Center from 1972-1982, when she retired. She and her husband Jess, and their daughter Beth, lived in Newark for 25 years.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1986.

She is survived by her daughters, Gail Fleck, of Las Vegas; Beth Berger, of Reston, Va.; sister Genevieve Grau, of Columbia, Md.; two nieces, five nephews and two grandsons.

A memorial service was to take place on Saturday, June 4 at Rose Cottage in Las Vegas.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating a box of chocolates to an Alzheimer's facility of your choice.

Brenda Billingsley, 55, cancer victim worked to promote prevention

Former Delaware resident Brenda Ruth Billingsley, 55, of West Chester, died on March 29, 2005.

Ms. Billingsley was born in

Richard A. Fincher, 79, DuPont retiree

RICHARD A. Fincher, 79, of Landenberg, Pa., died on Tuesday, March 22, 2005. Mr. Fincher was born on Nov. 4, 1925 to Elsie and William Fincher in Wilmington. After graduating from Conrad High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force and was in training to be a pilot during World War II. After the war ended, he entered the University of Delaware and graduated in 1949 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He then started his 36-year career with the DuPont Company, during which he had many interesting assignments at 22 DuPont

plant sites. On May 16, 1953, he married Joline Wright and soon moved into the house he built with the help of his father in Landenberg. He was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church since 1954 and was involved in many ministries. During the last several years, he was a member of the usher and counting teams and volunteered at Hope Dining Room. He was a member of the Instrument Society of America and served on the board of directors of the United Way of Southern Chester County.

He is survived by his wife, Joline; daughter, Elizabeth

A. Walker, of Newark; son, Richard J. Fincher and his wife, Judith, of Newark; son, Thomas W. Fincher and his wife, Lisa, of Landenberg; five grandchildren; his brother, William A. Fincher, of Wilmington; and a large extended family.

A memorial service was to be held on Friday, April 1 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Avenue, Newark, Del. 19711; or to Heartland Hospice, 5 Christy Drive, Brandywine Two, Ste. 103, Chadds Ford, Pa. 19317.

Kingston, Ontario. Her family immigrated to the United States in 1955, first to Northfield, Vt., then two years later to Newark.

She graduated from Newark High School in 1967 and received her BA in sociology from the University of Delaware in 1974.

Brenda worked for the city of Wilmington and was one of the principal architects of the city's Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program.

She held various leadership positions directing fundraising efforts for non-profit organizations including the Girl Scouts, the YWCA, the American Cancer Society, and Planned Parenthood.

She also became a strong proponent for issues related to women, minorities, and people

with disabilities in the workplace.

In 1992, she began writing a biography of artist James O. Chapin. She worked for many years on this project, interviewing his family, friends and associates, and studying his paintings in galleries around the country.

After being diagnosed with colon cancer, she became a vocal advocate for early cancer detection. She spoke at forums, wrote editorials and letters, and was quoted in a Time magazine article on colon cancer.

She is survived by her son Andrew Smith, his wife, Marcia, and their sons, of Apex, N.C.; her son, Philip Haussmann, of

Los Angeles, Calif. She is also survived by her parents, Jack and Doris Billingsley, of Newark; and three siblings, Michael Billingsley and his daughter, of Brattleboro, Vt.; Patricia Billingsley, her husband, John Merritt, and their children, of Williamsburg, Mass.; and Susan Schneider, her husband, Don Byrd, and their children, of Bloomington, Ind.

A memorial service was to be held on Sunday, April 17, at Hanover Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Wellness Community of Philadelphia, Chamounix Drive, West Fairmont Park, Philadelphia, Pa. 19131; to the Neighborhood Visiting Nurses Association, 795 E. Marshall Street, Suite 204, West Chester, Pa. 19380; to the Barclay Friends, 700 N. Franklin Street, West Chester, Pa. 19380; or to the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, Del. 19720.

Daniel Clark, 53

Daniel E. Clark, III, 53, of Newark, died on Monday, April 4, 2005.

Mr. Clark worked for 30 years for New Castle County. He was a property maintenance technician

in the special services department. He retired in 2004. He was an Army veteran and served in Vietnam.

He is survived by two sons, David R. and Daniel E., IV, both of Melbourne, Fla.; a brother, John Clark, of New Castle; sisters, Esther Wright, of Wilmington; Stephanie Burgess, of Spencer, N.Y.; Brenda Maczisz, of Salisbury, Md.; and Lisa Slater, of Harrington; granddaughters, Samantha Renee Clark, of Wilmington; and Alora Lockwood, of Pennsville, N.J.; father, Daniel Clark, Jr., of Harrington; and nieces and nephews.

A gathering was scheduled for Saturday, April 9 at the John F. Yaski Funeral Home for a celebration of his life.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Delaware Make-A-Wish Foundation, 1601 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Del. 19803.

John R. Fisher, 83, Merchant Marine Academy graduate

Newark resident John R. Fisher, 83, died on Monday, April 4, 2005.

Mr. Fisher graduated from the Merchant Marine Academy and served as a merchant mariner in World War II.

He graduated from Eastern College of Commerce and Law in 1956 with a degree in law and in 1971 he received a Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Baltimore.

He was appointed the first director of the administrative office of the courts for the State of Delaware in 1971, a position he held for 16 years.

In 1976, he received the Fellow of the Institute of Courts Management award from Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court Warren Burger.

He was a member of Concordia Lodge 13 in Baltimore, Md., the Scottish Rite Bodies of Delaware, the Brandywine Forest 20 TCM, the Shrine Club of Delaware, the Royal Order of Jesters, and the Nur Temple, where he served as

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Potentate in 1981.

He was also a former member of the Newark Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife, Sally; daughter, Cynthia; son, John Reed Fisher; and three grandchildren, Kevin Callihan, Joshua Fisher and Barbara Fisher. The funeral service was to be held privately at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., c/o Nur Temple, PO Box 10085, Wilmington, Del. 19850.

Roderick Gillespie, 80

Newark resident Roderick J. Gillespie, Sr., 80, died on Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

Mr. Gillespie had been

employed as an electrician out of the IBEW Local #313. He was a proud union member.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and May Gillespie. He is survived by his wife, Erika C. Gillespie; son, Roderick J. Gillespie, Jr. and his wife, Geraldine, of New Castle; brothers, Francis, of Mountville, Pa. and Albert, of Vero Beach, Fla.; three grandsons; and two step-grandchildren.

A memorial service was to be held on Saturday, April 9. Burial was to be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Compassionate Care Hospice, 5610 Kirkwood Hwy., Wilmington, Del. 19808.

Jason Dempsey, 22

Jason Dempsey, 22, died April 6, 2005, after a long battle with

cancer.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Mr. Dempsey graduated from Glasgow High School in 2001 and remained a Newark resident. He attended Neuman College until forced to leave school due to his illness.

He was the son of Rosana and the late John Dempsey, grandson of Artemis and the late Gerard Apelian and the late James and Edith Dempsey, and brother of James M. Dempsey. He is also survived by his girlfriend, Megan R. McCullin; along with several loving aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A viewing and a Mass of Christian Burial were scheduled for Monday, April 11 at St. Mark's Armenian Catholic Church. Interment was to be in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, an offering in his name to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Foundation, c/o the Courtney Mills Peterson Fund, 34th St. &

Civic Center Blvd., Philadelphia, Pa. 19104, would be appreciated.

Norris Toulson, 88

Newark resident Norris Toulson, Jr., 88, died Tuesday, April 5.

Mr. Toulson retired from DuPont's Edgemoor Plant after 28 years of employment in the pigment plant in December of 1980. He was an honorary life member of The Pride of Delaware Lodge Local #349 in Newark.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Edyth Adams. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine L. Toulson; son, Gerald S. Saunders and his wife, Debra A.; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; one brother-in-law, William H. Saunders and wife, Cora L.; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A service was to be held on Tuesday, April 12, at Pilgrim Baptist Church. Interment was

to be in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

On honor list at Oxford College

Emily Smith and Sarah Smith, daughters of Peter L. Smith Jr. and Bernice Smith, were both named to Oxford College's Honor List. To be named to the Honor List, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Local residents make dean's list

Newark resident **Valerie LaRock** earned a spot on the Dean's List at Arcadia University for maintaining a 3.67 grade point average or higher while completing 12 credits during the fall 2004 semester.

Hannah Abigail Oliver of bear was named to the Dean's List at Carson-Newman College for the fall semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must complete at least 12 credit hours of work and maintain a grade point average of at least 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Bethany F. Horner of Newark, a first year student at Elizabethtown College, as named to the Dean's List for the fall 2004 semester.

Students earning a semester grade point average of 3.5 or better in nine or more credit hours of letter-graded coursework are placed on the Dean's List.

Deposits made on condos

► WATERSTONE, from 3

with resistance at two Newark Planning Commission meetings this past winter. Commissioners argued that the building's scale was out of place for the downtown and suggested approving a redesigned building with up to 54 units. That scaled-down design did not sit well with the building's planners, who argued they needed at least 82 units to make the property financially viable.

"[Fifty-four units] really won't work under the present design," Baerle said. "But hopefully we

can have a meeting of the minds. The number we suggested isn't arbitrary. From our end, it's what we need for the building to be economically feasible."

Should council agree with the Planning Commission, what will happen next is up in the air. It is possible that the builders could decide that a building with 54 units is not financially viable. If that is the case, would-be-homebuyers who have made the \$500 deposit will get a full refund.

Those interested in making a deposit or learning more about the building once plans are firmed up should contact Neil Dougherty at 234-6080.

Funding will increase

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their originally budgeted funding.

Despite the cuts, Newark will see an increase of \$2.5 million in one transportation project. The relocation of the Newark train station's budget got a boost for the planning phase and acquisition of the new property.

This year's overall transportation budget for the state was slashed from \$646 million to \$445 million. In New Castle

County alone, more than \$90 million was cut with \$7.2 million of that affecting Newark projects. Other New Castle County programs that have been downsized include changes at Churchman's Crossing and Wilmington's Riverfront. A program that would connect I-95 and US 202 was deleted from the budget, as was a program that would make pedestrian improvements in North Wilmington.

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