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UP FRONT

In the principal's office again

By JIM STREIT

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DURING my school days, I spent some time in the principal's office on a few occasions. Suffice it to say that I wasn't there to be informed that I had been named Student Of The Week.

So it was a thrill for me last Friday to be in Ellie Ludwigsen's office at Shue-Medill Middle School for good reason.

The Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of its president, Jim Wolfe, the former manager of DaimlerChrysler's Newark Assembly Plant, brought dozens of business leaders into the state's schools last week. The purpose of the Principal For A Day program is to give those, who normally don't see what's happening in classrooms or know what challenges are faced by school principals, the opportunity to see first hand the state of Delaware's education system.

From my observation on Oct. 28, Shue-Medill earns high marks.

First, it was clear that Mrs. Ludwigsen loves her job. She knew nearly every student by name — and that's saying something at Shue-

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Details of murder revealed

Victim's father listens in court as investigators offer grisly details

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE death penalty could be a reality for James E. Cooke. Accused of murdering and raping 20-year-old Lindsey Bonistall, the Newark

man will not be allowed bail as he waits for his September trial. The decision was announced at his proof positive hearing on Friday, Oct. 28, where details about the crime scene were revealed.

On May 1, the fire department was called to what appeared to be an arson in Towne Court Apartments. But while searching the apartment for evidence, the Fire Chief stumbled across the body of University of Delaware junior Bonistall. What other information that he and Newark Police Department Detective

Andrew Rubin found that day had been kept under tight wraps until Friday's hearing.

The scene of the crime

While police had long ago announced that Bonistall's apartment walls were the canvas for graffiti, they did not disclose what the writing said. Those messages were revealed on Friday. "More bodies are going to be turn in up dead," [sic] "We want are weed back," [sic] and "Give us are drugs back," [sic] were scribbled

on the wall in blue magic marker. Other racially-charged words like "KKK" and "White power" were splayed across closet doors and the kitchen countertop. Rubin said that the graffiti was written before the fire was started, as a layer of soot covered the messages.

Officers found more evidence as they moved into Bonistall's bedroom. Her comforter was pushed into the corner of the bed, as were a pair of flip flops. On the floor was an empty bleach

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NEWARK POST PHOTOS
BY MATT BASHAM

A Newark tradition continues

For decades now, Newarkers young and old have dressed up for the city's Halloween

parade and it was no different Sunday. Hundreds of costumed residents watched the annual trek down Main Street, then headed into

downtown businesses to score goodies at the popular Trick-Or-Treat Main Street treat give-away.



Council to consider parking plan

More bedrooms, more spaces will be required

By KAYTIE DOWLING

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BUILDERS might have to allow for more parking if they want to construct three- or four-bedroom apartments in the city of Newark.

The city's Planning Commission voted to recommend amending current parking requirements at its meeting on Nov. 2. The final decision rests in the hand of City Council, when it votes on the matter in December.

The change only would affect apartments with more than two bedrooms. Smaller apartment units will keep the original requirement of two parking spaces. Larger apartments, those with three or more bedrooms, would have to provide a third parking space.

Commissioner Marguerite Ashley said that the plan seemed like a good idea. "The reality with large apartments is that they have more than two cars," she said.

The idea was met with mixed reviews. Some commissioners worried that the new rule would infringe on the amount of green space a builder could have. Others argued that open area would not be affected: Instead, builders would

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Two youths hit with robbery charges

TWO Newark youths, ages 16 and 17, were charged with attempted armed robbery, conspiracy during the commission of a felony, and wearing a disguise following an incident in the unit block Madison Drive just before 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27.

Newark police reported that the two were arrested after a 36-year-old man told officers that he was approached by two men. One displayed a handgun and pointed the firearm at the victim, who fled into his residence and summoned police.

Police said both youths were transferred to the New Castle County Detention Center after failing to post bail.

Police said a third suspect may be arrested soon.

Café owner arrested on alcohol charge

Agents from the state Division of Alcohol & Tobacco Enforcement conducted a minor decoy operation on Oct. 26.

The decoy, an underaged person who attempted to purchase alcohol under the direct supervision of an Agent, visited nine locations in the Newark and Wilmington areas. Adria's Café in Newark was the only establishment that sold alcoholic beverages to the minor, said a DATE spokesperson.

Patrick Matic, 44, of Wilmington, owner of the café in the Newark Shopping Center, was arrested. Michael J. Downs, of DATE, said Matic faces a minimum fine of \$250 for a first offense. In addition, the liquor license of an establishment that sells alcoholic beverages to a minor faces an administrative penalty, which can range from a fine to a suspension or revocation of the liquor license.

Disorderly arrest

Newark police arrested Gregory D. Falvo, 21, of Tinton Falls, N.J., for disorderly conduct on Friday, Oct. 28, at 1:09 a.m., outside Klondike Kate's restaurant, 158 E. Main St.

Plainclothes officers working alcohol enforcement said they saw a man push a doorman at Kate's after he was ejected from the eatery by two restaurant employees.

Falvo was released on \$50 bond pending a court appearance, police said.

Police warn of lottery scams

THE Newark Police Department has recently investigated two reports of individuals attempting a phone scam.

The suspects contacted the victims to announce they had won a lottery or sweepstakes. The suspect then solicited payments from the victims to pay for the prize's delivery or to insure the prize itself.

In one instance, the suspect identified himself by name and claimed to be with "Sweepstakes and Lotteries Awards" and instructed the victim to send money to one address in Costa Rica and another in Loomis, Calif.

A second victim was contacted and informed he had won \$8,200 Canadian dollars from the "United Claims Center."

Both victims contacted the Newark Police Department after determining that they may have been targeted in a scam.

The Newark Police Department in recommending several crime prevention tips be utilized to help

prevent being victimized in a phone scam:

■ Hang up if you are asked to pay for a prize.

■ Don't send money - cash, check or money order - to anyone who insists on immediate payment.

■ Legitimate companies won't pressure you to make a snap decision.

■ If you are thinking about responding to a foreign lottery, don't do it. It's illegal to play a foreign lottery through the mail or on the telephone or internet. Ignore all mail and phone solicitations for foreign lottery promotions. If you get what looks like lottery material

from a foreign country, turn it over to your local postmaster.

■ Check out an unfamiliar organization with officials. A good place to start is by calling the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP.

Implementing these safety tips will help to take away a criminal's opportunity and will reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a crime, Newark police said.



Fireworks arrest

An undercover officer working in the 400 block South College Avenue saw fireworks being ignited in the roadway on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 1:40 a.m.

John E. Chambers, 20, of Sicklerville, N.J., was arrested and charged with possession of fireworks. He was released on \$250 unsecured bond, police said.

Domestic assault

Two people were arrested and charged with offensive touching following a domestic dispute on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 9:34 a.m. at Suburban Plaza.

Police said Jonathan Larry Smith, 27, of Elkton, Md., and Somer Lea Wetherby, 24, of Newark, were released pending court appearances.

Shoplifting arrest

Tim K. Madison, 49, of Newark, was arrested and charged with shoplifting a \$25.65 pork tenderloin from the Pathmark store, 100 College Square, on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 2:35 p.m.

Store detectives told police a shopper paid for some items but the meat was concealed in a plastic bag.

Madison was released pending a court appearance.

DUI charge lodged

Newark police said Samuel H. Palmer Jr., 57, of Newark, was charged with driving under the

influence of alcohol and carrying a concealed deadly weapon following a traffic stop on Ogletown Road near Ruthar Drive on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 6:10 p.m.

After receiving a tip, police broadcast a look-out for a white Ford truck driving on Marrows Road in an erratic manner. Moments later, an officer on patrol saw the truck on Ogletown Road and followed the suspect vehicle. The officer reported that the truck crossed the center line and swerved over the roadway.

Police said the truck did not stop after the police car's emergency lights were turned on but later halted after the police car's air horn and siren were sounded.

Police conducted field sobriety tests and arrested the driver. He was then transported to NPD headquarters for processing.

Palmer was released at 6 a.m. Sunday morning on \$1,000 unsecured bond pending court appearances.

DUI tip leads to arrest

Newark police said a 46-year-old New Castle man was arrested after police were tipped off that a car was swerving over the road and driving on the sidewalk twice almost hitting pedestrians. The call came to police on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 1:59 a.m.

A Newark officer saw the suspect vehicle make a left turn onto Library Avenue from East Delaware Avenue. The officer said the truck turned extremely wide, narrowing missing a median at the entrance to College Square shopping center.

The car then accelerated and appeared that it was going to strike another vehicle, but the truck braked hard, then made a right turn without signaling.

The police officer activated his emergency lights and the truck stopped in the driveway of the Newark post office, the front tire of the vehicle up on the curb.

After police conducted field sobriety tests, Carlos Castillo Ocasio, 46, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, following too closely without regard to safety, driving an unsafe motor vehicle, and making a turn without signaling. He was released pending court appearances, police said.

Arrest follows accident on Delaware

Newark police arrested Douglas C. Kelly, 19, of Wilmington, after a black 2000 Honda Civic hit the concrete barrier wall on East Delaware Avenue near Scholar Drive.

A police officer on patrol came upon the accident scene on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 1:22 a.m. The vehicle had substantial front-end damage and the driver was leaning on the hood of the car as the officer arrived.

Kelly was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol - zero tolerance and inattentive driving. He was released pending a court appearance.

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2nd Education Expo Sunday at district's new middle school

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

CHRISTINA School District invites the entire community to its second annual Education Expo on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. This year's theme, "Transforming Together," asks parents, students, staff, legislators, community members, and businesses to work in partnership to make schools better for all kids.

The showcase of elementary, intermediate, middle and high schools with displays by each school will be held at

the district's newest middle school in the Pencader Corporate Center on Route 896 between Newark and Glasgow. Here's a chance to meet school principals, teachers and other staff members and learn more about innovative programs being offered in Christina District.

Student musicians will entertain during the event which also features a student art show, a Hall of Fame presenting this year's Teachers of the Year, and the Christina Café featuring food prepared by school nutrition staff and culinary arts students.

Workshops will cover topics of particular interest to parents and an "instru-

ment petting zoo" will introduce young children to various musical instruments.

Many changes are starting in the 2006-07 school year, and the Expo will have answers about new grade configurations, school attendance boundaries and choice options. A Parent Resource Center will provide information on registration, School Choice, school assignments, ELL/Bilingual programs, transportation, school safety, early childhood programs, gifted and talented services, and community and family engagement and advocacy. District staff members can explain programs

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Camera nightmare

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ROB Foraker has been dreaming about putting cameras up throughout the downtown to increase safety, but not everyone shares his vision.

"It's been a nightmare," Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III said. He had a camera installed on top of his Main Street law office as part of Foraker's grassroots crime control movement for a few weeks now and he regretted it every day.

"It's a joke."

The hope was that the camera would deter criminals from vandalizing and breaking into his office, while fostering the community's sense of safety. It hasn't worked.

Instead of being installed on the back of the building, as the mayor had hoped, the camera went up facing Main Street.

That misguided lens could have helped catch a few criminals already – had it been in the right place.

"[A few] Sundays ago, we were vandalized again," Funk said. He said his property, and dozens of others in the downtown district, is spray painted regularly. "If it were in the right place, it would have probably caught who was doing this."

But the real kicker came a few days later. Funk's office was broken into and robbed after hours. While no dramatic damage was done – a broken window here

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City's budget hearing set Nov. 14

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

CITY representatives remain positive about the 2006 budget in the face of a dramatic tax increase. The budget, which will be presented to council and residents at a public hearing on Nov. 14, hits the city with a double whammy: increased taxes and a decreased rate of saving.

Property tax will increase by 10 cents for every \$100 worth of property assessed. For someone who owns \$66,755, that will cost an additional \$69 annually.

"It's high," said Carl Luft, city man-

ager. "But I ask residents to consider what they're getting: We've got the best park system for a small city in the state, we're picking up garbage twice a week. We've got services that the public already values. We're still a best buy. Our taxes are still below what a lot of small towns are assessing."

As the tax rate climbs, the city's rate of savings into surplus and reserves will dwindle. In 2006, the amount allotted for the surplus and reserve will decline by 93 and 89 percent, respectively.

All in all, the budget, totaling \$30,055,480, is 6 percent smaller than in 2005. Dramatic cuts in savings, unexpectedly low health care costs, and 16

city employee retirements account for the decreased budget.

Financial demands have soared in a few areas most notably in health care and fuel costs. While health care costs were lower than anticipated, they have still risen dramatically in recent years. For 2006, they were expected to rise another 7 percent. Instead, they lingered at an increase of 1.5 percent. Even though health care costs could have been higher, they still created a noticeable impact on Newark's budget. Since 2001, health care costs will have increased by 100 percent by the end of this year. That adds an additional \$1.3

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Art show to benefit Delaware children

Fine art, food kick off Flower Market that has local connections

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

AN evening of artistic originals, paired with a tasting of Italian sparkling wines and fine food, will kick off the 2006 season of the Wilmington Flower Market, with some definite Newark connections.

Wilmington Flower Market's pre-market fund raiser, Art at the Mansion, will take place Friday, Nov. 4, from 5 - 9 p.m., at Oberod in Centerville.

Featured in the art show will be paintings, sculpture and jewelry, all originals, by more than 20 regional artists, a sculptor, a potter and two jewelers. The pieces are all smaller than 16 by

20 inches and priced under \$500.

Charles Parks, a well-known Wilmington sculptor whose larger bronze castings are found in many locations throughout the region, including "The Student" which sits in front of the Newark Free Library, will have several smaller pieces in the show.

"I feel blessed he is doing our show," said co-director of the art show Mary Warren. Parks, now 83, still works in his Wilmington studio.

Among the more than 20 artists of various media are Newarkers Carol Gray, Michael Brock, Frances Hart, and Harold Howell. Some of the original paintings will be of Newark locations, such as Brock's painting of the Baptist church on Welsh Tract Road. Brock is manager of Hardcastle Gallery in the Newark Shopping Center.

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Co-directors of the Wilmington Flower Market's Art at the Mansion, from left, Rosemary Farley, Mary Warren and Robin Ralston finalize details for Friday's art show and Prosecco Tasting and Pairing. The dinner will be in part sponsored by Caffé Gelato. The painting of the Baptist Church on Welsh Tract Road is by Mike Brock of Hardcastle Gallery in Newark.

In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

NOTE PAD

Fall concert Tuesday

THE music department at Shue-Medill Middle School will present a Fall Concert on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the school's cafetorium. Admission is free. Join the members of the band, orchestra and choir as they perform their first concert of the year. The school is located off Kirkwood Highway near Red Mill Road in Newark. For more info, call Rosaria Macera at 454-2171 ext. 156.

School Choice begins

Starting this week, parents or guardians of school age children may apply under School Choice to enroll their child in any public school within Delaware for the 2006-07 year. In most cases, the school district does not provide bus transportation. Students attending a Choice school in Wilmington, however, are able to use the district's Bus Transfer System.

Choice applications are available in all public schools, as well as Christina's Education Options Office. Applications must be submitted by mail or in person to Charles R. Drew Educational Support Center, 600 N. Lombard St. in Wilmington.

Student of the Week

The staff at Christiana High School selected junior Jasmine Justice. right. "Jasmine is well-respected by all students and faculty," said Martin Tuohy, hospital-ity teacher. "She always has a pleasant and fun attitude."

Tuohy said Justice also demonstrates strong critical thinking and communication skills and pays excellent attention to detail.

"Jasmine is a quiet but dedicated young woman who is working hard to improve herself through education and school experiences," said John C. Gast, chemistry teacher. "She brings a strong work ethic, a desire to succeed, and a quiet consistency to the classroom."



'Cool' school lunches win over staff, students

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE menu sounds a lot like a restaurant: Philly cheese steaks, turkey club, lemon pepper chicken, spicy Thai shrimp and Caribbean jerked chicken with rice, baked potato and salad du jour on the side. These are just some of the items that will be appearing on cafeteria menus throughout the Christina District in the coming months.

Paul Schuele, a chef and part-time coordinator for the district's kitchens, described the new approach as "a fusion of what works." Eighteen-year district employee and now food operations manager, Mary Ann Sami, calls it "restaurant quality with fast-food service."

Marc Anthony Williams, Christina's nutrition supervisor, has made it a priority to bring food popular in any food court to school cafeterias. "We think we're on the right track," Williams said, "because more kids are eating the school lunch — the 'free and reduced' lunch program especially."

Williams sent info home to families that qualify for the reduced prices, telling them about the menu changes. "We've made an effort to really get more kids to participate," he said.



All the cafeteria and kitchen workers wear new lavender uniforms and white chef attire, but accessories remain unique.

Sami noted that some kids tell her staff "What I get at school is the only food I eat" in a day. "And kids that used to get lunch at the snack bars, are now buying meals," she said.

All the menus are reviewed and

vetted by the district nutritionist, Andrea Solge, before Schuele and Williams start serving them. "The district used to just 'eyeball' the nutrition counts," Solge said. "Nothing is fried and we only use low-fat products."

Solge also worked with the school nurses to develop a selection of foods for students who are diabetic. "That's the advantage of having a registered dietitian on staff," said Sami. "We also only have full-strength juices (no soda) in the school."

But new choices on the menu are not enough to change attitudes about school lunches. "We've brought in new paper goods and plasticware," Williams said. "Paul Harman of Penn Jersey Paper Co. brought us hundreds of samples so we could select and change our packaging."

At Christiana High School, Harmon also showed off his company's napkin holders that hold 875 napkins and dispense one at a time resulting in 30 percent savings in costs. "Kids used to take handfuls and leave them all over the tables when they were done," Harmon said.

A food prepper in Christiana's kitchen seconded the approval. "They take one-two-three [napkins] and go on their way," she said. "Once we get used to all the changes, I think things will be more efficient."

The kitchen workers also praised the single "plastic" cups that replaced doubled-up paper cups in a food warmer. And

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CEOs go to the Principal's office

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

BUSINESS people around the state were Principals for a Day last week. Bobbi Yarrusso, owner of Creative Event Designs by Bobbi, went to the principal's office at the Brennen School for autistic children. "The only stipulation I made was that I get a school in the Pike Creek area near to my business," Yarrusso said of her assignment. "I'd do it again and go wherever they need me, but these kids were special and I'd like to come back next year."

The Principal for a Day

program was introduced in 1993 under the umbrella of the Superstars in Education awards program. Recognizing a need to foster working relationships between business leaders and educators, the State Chamber of Commerce created this program to provide CEOs and business leaders an opportunity to spend the day in a Delaware school carrying out the daily responsibilities of a principal. This piqued a new level of understanding about the differences in operating a company versus a school.

In 1993, 23 CEOs who had not stepped into a classroom for a number of years visited schools and had some eye-opening expe-

riences. This year, a record 155 business people and government officials undertook to lead a school for a day.

"I toured the Brennen School and monitored classes for three different age groups," Yarrusso said. "I also attended a dance that students from the University of Delaware organized for the Brennen students. The children really liked that."

Yarrusso said Brennen's staff members are "awesome" people who deserve medals for their work. "They've put together a wonderful program to serve these special children," she said, "while still allowing room for individual abilities to develop."



Bobbi Yarrusso

A smorgasbord of career options

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

EIGHTH-GRADE students at Meredith Middle School in Middletown were up early on a Friday morning to interview job prospects. The teens spent an hour talking with adults who work in a field the students might enter someday.

Career categories included business/finance, education/counseling, fashion, food/hospitality, law enforcement, legal, military, engineering/architecture, science/math, and athletics and trades.

Job areas with substantial interest, such as communications, visual arts and performing arts, needed two tables of working professionals. The growing field of health care practitioners took up three tables.

A few students plopped down already looking weary. Some had no clue how to interview people to get information, perhaps more used to having data thrust upon them. One boy, who asked about "barriers" to someone interested in a career as a radio DJ, looked around the room as the speaker answered him. A friend seated next to him fidgeted and chewed on his fingers before finally asking, "How many figures is that?" when a salary amount was mentioned.

Other students were very businesslike, asking their questions and carefully writing down answers. More than one student commented they were interested in writing as a career, but hated their "boring" language arts class. Interestingly, two of these students said they liked social studies.

A student who called back, "My name is Heather," as she left the table chattered about her school project on the last member of the Yahi Indian tribe in California. "We watched a movie about him, and now I have to write a story for the school newspaper," she explained, "with pictures."

Heather was interested in everything, examining stories in copies of local newspapers and asking many questions. "Cool," she said when a writer described interviewing someone pictured in the paper.

One of the more unusual careers represented was the owner of a charm school in Aberdeen, Md. "Ages 2 to 21 usually take my course but I get adults, too," she said, "People think charm is obsolete, but it's not."

A young man prepping for his

prom was a typical charm school student. "He learned respect goes further with girls than looks," she said with a smile. "And I had a new mayor who needed to learn some social graces and how to meet people in his position."

Perhaps the unhappiest student was a husband whose wife threatened to divorce him if he

didn't take the course. "He only uses what he learned when they go out," she said, "but that's a lot better than he was."

The three-hour Career Café is an annual event at Meredith, this year attracting more than 20 professionals for sit-down meetings with the middle-schoolers.

Smiles are part of uniform

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Williams ordered Penn Jersey's "sporks" to replace the spoon and fork sealed in protective packaging to further reduce waste and costs.

Penn Jersey also provided pizza warmers and pretzel warmers "on-spec" for the district to try before they buy. "We also brought in wall-hanging hand sanitizers and wet-task cleaning units for more savings," Harmon explained.

Schuele was brought onto Williams' team when the two men struck up a conversation at Harry's Seafood Grill where Schuele is a sous chef. "Paul works with us two-and-a-half days a week," Williams explained. "He's trained the staff in new production techniques and ways to move kids through the lines faster."

Schuele gave an everyday example of a worker putting side orders in individual containers. "They used to do that as the orders came, but now we do an entire tray at a time," he explained. "The idea is to not

waste movements."

Williams and Schuele met resistance when the changes started coming. "The workers complained they would get behind while I took them into the cafeteria to explain some changes," Schuele said. "It took 10 minutes for me to explain the new procedures and they finished their work five minutes early. We saved 15 minutes right there."

Sami said the staff in the cafeterias are "coming around" to new menus, new uniforms, new

procedures and new traffic flow. "There was resistance at the start," she admitted. "But, now, the teachers and staff are coming to eat in the cafeteria and that's the best advertisement of all for school lunches."

Williams said the best part is that his cafeteria workers are "smiling" at the students. "One student complained that the staff was unfriendly," he said. "I told them I'd put everyone on notice if I heard that complaint again."



Penn Jersey rep, Paul Harman, said Christina District's logo will soon appear on the new napkin dispensers in the cafeterias.



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE POST

For an impressive third time, the Newark High School community received the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association Award for their efforts in promoting and demonstrating good sportsmanship during the 2004-05 school

year. The DIAA extended special recognition to the leadership of the Sportsmanship, Ethics & Integrity Committee, chaired by Jane Reese.

The Christina School Board congratulated NHS staff, parents students and fans, including athletic director, Tanya Braun; principal Emmanuel Caulk; and Jane Reese, Nicole Vane, Wilma Weddington, Stefanie Streets, Sara Hitchen, Kelley Thompson, Kristen Rose, Leo Marianiello, Heather Wise, Amy Maguire, Angela Ficarra, Katie McLaughlin, Karina Farnania, and Karen Mandraci.

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POST COLUMNIST

Decision at a bridge

By ALFRED GRUBER

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

As told to Alfred A. Gruber.

MY name is Charles Sparacino. I grew up in a small West Virginia mining town keeping my peace as best I could. As a kid, my father urged me strongly to apply myself in school and stay the hell out of the mines.

And so in 1940 I graduated from the university with a degree in chemical engineering and shiny new second lieutenant bars courtesy of ROTC. Pop was so proud. It wasn't long before I was in advanced combat engineer training. In what seemed like no time I was in France as a replacement officer in a decimated company. The survivors had been mugged tangling with Rommel's Afrika Korps at El Alamein. Now, I was the new know-nothing platoon commander.

Mostly we were held in reserve or did donkey work like road repair and runway construction. Aside from that stuff we were armed as light infantry with mortars and machine guns.

Our time would come.

Armor, artillery and infantry are usually spaced out as they go about their business, but this day all were jammed up together around a large wrecked, French town. Reason? A river about as wide as I can throw a baseball was holding us up. The retreating Germans had crossed to the other side blowing up all the bridges save one. It isn't surprising that in the turmoil of battle someone forgot to blow that bridge, but people do get killed.

Suddenly I heard my name called to battalion headquarters. Oh, the luck of the draw. Sparacino's platoon was assigned to remove the unexploded mines left, for certain, by the Germans to destroy that structure. You could make book on that. Conveying the army across rivers is part of what we engineers do — whether on old bridges, new bridges, assault boats or barges. Any engineer knows bridge weak points where explosives are placed for maximum effect. The sole question remained: Were the Germans waiting to blow the explosives when our tanks crossed the middle? Our assignment — remove the explosives.

■ Retired after 32 years with Dupont, the writer also was a Christmas tree farmer for 25 years. He is a member of the Scribblers group at Newark Senior Center and has lived in Newark for four decades.



Gruber

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... In a voice I never heard before, I gave the command, 'Follow me'.”

As platoon commander I could order Sgt. Chazzy to take a detail of men with equipment and go out on that bridge, cut the wires and drop the explosive charges to the river below. All those veteran's eyes bored into me. What would this man do? I told them to get the gear together and made the most momentous decision of my young life. Was I a coward? You never know until a war brings you to this leap. I had plenty of reason to hide behind those lieutenant bars. Could I muster the courage?

In a voice I never heard before, I gave the command, "Follow me."

Up to that time, the Germans were not shelling the bridge as they apparently were looking for the wires that should be on their side. Once they saw us crawling out onto the span, artillery started coming in. Every pair of eyes, every gun from rifle to howitzer on the American side was watching. If a German so much as lit a cigarette he was snuffed. The bridge shelling let up, but next we also had to locate the anti-personnel mines the enemy placed to discourage removal of the main explosive charges. One misstep could spell the end. Pull a wire, step on a board and a hidden grenade would explode.

Every detail of that hour is burned in my mind and still stings like acid. Every knot and splinter in the wood planking I crawled over, every gouge in the steel structure beside me, every rivet, every ricocheting bullet whining off into the distance and each shell; I can conjure up still. We only whispered to each other as if silence would somehow protect us in all that clamor. Behind me someone screamed. None of it distracted me as I saw the first charge and looked around, but that damned helmet kept falling over my eyes. Damned helmet. No grenade there. I cut the wires connected to the fuse and the wires holding the TNT to the steel and watched it fall to the water below and moved on. We found and removed seven more charges. All that was left was to appraise the capacity remaining in the structure. What sized tanks could it support? We were breathing easier as air support arrived, keeping the Germans deeper under cover. We crawled back to safety and more donkey work.

The rookie had done it. He crossed the bridge to courage.

OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, "Out of the Attic" continues a months-long series of photographs taken in the early 1950s of all buildings on Main Street in the downtown area. This treasure trove of nostalgia in borrowed from archives in the City of Newark municipal building. Few details were discovered with the color slides but they were believed to have been taken by Leo Laskaris in 1954. The building shown in this photograph housed Betty's Flowers and Gifts in the unit block of East Main Street. No further information is available. Readers with details about the buildings in this series are asked to the newspaper staff. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

■ Nov. 6, 1930

Address given to group of students

Alfred Voysey, production manager of the South Philadelphia works of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, addressed the University of Delaware Chapter, student branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, last Friday evening.

He spoke on the advantages of the Westinghouse apprentice course to technical graduates. He explained that the course was planned to give the young engineer an opportunity to find himself and to give the company an opportunity to determine his worth as an engineer.

School board meets

The regular meeting of the Board of Education

was held in the office of the Newark School last Wednesday evening.

In addition to a study of the budget for the remainder of the school year and other problems dealing with the operation and maintenance of the school, the board turned their attention to the problem of increased enrollment, which points to the need for more members on the

instructional staff.

■ Nov. 5, 1980

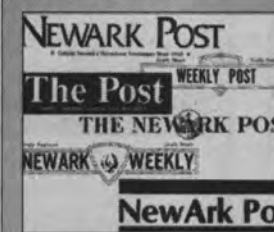
Train station renovation endorsed

Revitalization of the Northeast Rail Corridor should include improvement to the Newark Train Station and fencing to protect those with homes that abut the corridor.

Improvements were requested for parking facilities and work to upgrade the appearance of the facility.

Parking is seen as extremely inadequate and severely restricts ridership.

Fencing is needed to due the fact that many homes back up to the Northeast Corridor right-away.



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

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Student tells what's wrong with zero tolerance

To: The editor

From: Joseph D'Agostino, junior at the University of Delaware

IF Friday night was any indication, social life at the University of Delaware has been irrevocably changed.

In an effort to curb local hate and assault crimes, the Newark Police has teamed up with UD Public Safety to enforce zero tolerance for any party or noise complaint. Police officers will now take action on any loud party or noise violations they observe, even if a complaint has not been made.

Three parties I attended this weekend were given noise violations. This includes an incident at 69 W. Delaware Ave., where three noise violations were given for computer speakers playing music inside the house before a scheduled Halloween party. In another incident, four roommates living in Main Street Court apartments were given four separate noise violations for hosting a costume party. Though all incidents are resolved in court, a typical fine for a single noise violation is around \$200 to \$300. Do the math: Does this punishment fit the alleged crime? In my three years at this school, I have never seen such rash and irresponsible policing.

It is now evident that the Newark Police, with full support from UD administration, will utilize noise violations early and often to suppress social gather-

ings. Apparently, the meaning of excessive noise is open to interpretation. As evidenced by noise violation arrests made on West Delaware Avenue, all students should be wary of listening to music in the comfort of their own room.

When the police force stops by, party hosts are not exactly given a slap on the wrist. For those not aware, noise violations in the city of Newark are a criminal act. Students are arrested, fingerprinted, and given a court date. This presents quite a dilemma for a university who aims for high student job placement. Imagine the absurdity of losing a job offer for playing your computer speakers loudly one time at UD.

Luckily, Newark courts will not immediately stain your permanent record. Most students are given Probation Before Judgment. In exchange for a hefty fine and a guilty plea, Newark will put a student on one-year probation. If no infractions occur within that year, the criminal act can be expunged from the student's record for an additional fee.

The fines do not end there. For instance, take the common example of a student arrested for underage consumption by the city of Newark. After being processed through the Newark criminal system, the student will then be dealt with by University Judicial Affairs. If the student is found guilty, UD will tack on required fines and varying degrees of academic suspension.

Via the policy of Zero Tolerance, students are now



being subjected to the perfect storm of party policing.

These scare tactics will not be effective in stopping the spree of violent assaults and hate crimes at our school. Violent acts are occurring late at night in the darkened streets of Newark — not at crowded or noisy parties. In many cases, students are the victims of crime, not the cause. We should be able to count on police officers for protecting our safety. Instead, we are fearful of being arrested.

The University of Delaware and the city of Newark must realize that partying is an element of college life nationwide. Ending parties and noise is not a feasible solution. If current policing trends continue, students will move farther and farther off campus for social functions. House parties will be held inconspicuously, in unfinished basements and with covered windows. Fraternities and sororities will hold social events at nightclubs and bars. By forcing students away from our

city and university emergency response teams, students will be put in even greater danger. This is not an acceptable result.

The Newark Police Department is correct in its efforts to curb violence and assaults. As students, we should appreciate Newark's actions to be proactive in dealing with this issue. However, the current approach to tackling crime will prove to be ineffective and harmful to students.

Working closely with the university, Newark must identify and target areas of crime, allocating officers to patrol the areas. The Newark Police Department must not adapt into a professional party patrol. It is simply a waste of resources to encourage highly trained police officers to mark up students' criminal records with noise violations. This is not fighting crime.

Additionally, Newark must reexamine the severity of its judicial system. We have no choice but to believe it is fundamentally flawed and unfair towards students. Punishing alcohol and noise violations with excessive fines and criminal arrests is undeniably targeted at student residents of Newark.

The city of Newark has used acts of violent assault as a means to fight parties. As students, we now must respond to this controversial move with one voice. We

will not be treated as criminals and second-class citizens. By and large, we are a remarkable group of young people, contributing positively to the city of Newark and the university as a whole. We represent the most academically talented and diverse student body admitted to the University of Delaware in its 262 years of existence. The student population provides a tremendous cash flow to local businesses, as well as countless hours of community service.

For such significant contributions, we are not asking much. There is a middle ground. University of Delaware students deserve better.

D'Agostino is the City Relations Chairperson of the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress.

'Set an example'

To: The editor

From: Robert Foraker

The City of Newark has now topped last years record for DUIs. The city should have a non-alcohol policy for all city events. This also applies to the Mayor's Taste of Newark. Set an example for our kids.

2000: Program to end

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Mortgage money low

Lending institutions participating in New Castle County's mortgage revenues bond program have stopped taking applications for mortgages, county executives said recently.

It also means the program is way ahead of schedule. One of the provisions of the program when the money became available was that all of the money had to be committed within nine months.

The county sold about \$125 million in bonds earlier this year to provide \$105 million in mortgage money, which was distributed to 21 institutions.

■ Nov. 3, 2000

Program to skip year

Due to a lack of paternal leadership, 17 Christina School District students said Bon Voyage

to the Back-to-Back foreign exchange program for the 2000-2001 school year.

The program is designed to educate fifth and sixth graders about French language and culture and usually culminates in a three-week trip to France.

But, in February, parent Tammy Sedat who had run the program for five years, told the district she was unable to do this year due to a hectic schedule.

Halloween parade a success

Children of all shapes, sizes and disguises crept up and down Main Street Sunday afternoon for Newark's annual Halloween parade and trick-or-treating extravaganza. Princesses, cats, Disney characters and cowboys were among the most recurring sights in a crowded downtown Newark.

The traditional Halloween event stirred up heavy congestion in the Newark Shopping Center parking lot, the nearest lot for parade participants to park their cars.

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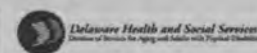
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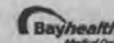
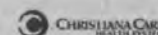
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OUTLOOK

Keep candy consumption under control

By KATIE DALY

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

As we enter November many houses are already filled with signs of autumn. Fallen leaves are brought in on the bottoms of shoes, pumpkin and cornucopia decorations are brought home from school and the aroma of apple cider and warm, spiced candles filter throughout all the rooms. Along with all of these welcome signs of fall there may be another not so welcome addition - Halloween candy.

With all of the reports flooding newspapers and television about the recent research into childhood obesity, you have no doubt learned about the obesity epidemic our nation faces. You try to be a responsible parent, buying more nutritious foods at the grocery store, packing healthy lunches for school days and limiting the amount of junk food your family consumes. You are doing well when suddenly you are hit with the overload of Halloween candy. Pillow cases and pumpkin buckets are full of the sweets, just screaming to be eaten.

It can be overwhelming to have all this candy in your house. Here are a few tips for how to cope with the abundance and curb the temptation to all family members:

- Keep the candy out of sight. Leaving it out in the open will only make you want to eat it more.
- Regulate how much candy your family is eating. Have your family fill up on nutritious snacks like fruits and vegetables and eat candy as a once-in-a-while treat.
- Store candy in the freezer. Don't worry that you have to eat it all right away so it won't

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

Chimes rings in Delaware

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE Chimes organization is a quiet neighbor. Many Newarkers don't even know the group is there. Tucked away off of Interchange Boulevard, the group is easily overlooked, except by the people whose lives are impacted by Chimes every day.

It's a state-sponsored organization that works as an employment agency of sorts. It hires and provides contracts to handicapped adults.

The group was founded in 1947 in Baltimore by concerned parents. It thrived as a school in Maryland. In fact, it made such an impact that the state of Delaware asked the group to set

Newark's largest employers. However, because the company's headquarters are listed outside of the state, Delaware statistics do not show the group.

More than 60 businesses in Delaware contract with Chimes. Companies in the Newark community include: Pyramid Education Consultants; Aramark at Rodney Dining Hall; Benningan's; Christiana School District, Kirk Middle School and Glasgow High School; the City of Newark; MBNA America Bank, N.A.; Shop-Rite; Staples; the University of Delaware; W.L. Gore marketing, glide floss and fabrics divisions; and Wawa.

The group's statistics are a far cry from where it started a decade ago. In the mid-90s, it served 65 adult workers and had a staff of 85 with four group



Chimes helps moderately handicapped individuals find jobs throughout Delaware.

up shop across the border. So, that's exactly what Chimes did. By 1994, the group had established its presence in Newark, where it would serve the state.

Now, 11 years later, the group provides more than just employment. It offers educational opportunities, housing, substance abuse support and psychiatric clinics. As an employer, Chimes has contracts with nearly 60 companies across the state. It serves 260 adult workers and a staff of 350, while running 55 group homes.

homes.

"It's amazing how we've grown over the years," said Jim Kristof, marketing director for Chimes.

The group has even outgrown its mid-Atlantic boundaries. There are now Chimes chapters stretching from Virginia to New Jersey, and across the ocean to Israel.

After all, Kristof explained, the theme is universal. "They have the right to their fullest potential," he said. "They have the right to employment and a



PHOTO BY RAY RICHARDSON

Terry Perl, chairman of Chimes International, thanked Terri L. Kelly, president of W.L. Gore, for her company's continued involvement with Chimes.

paycheck."

When a Chimes employee works on a contract with Pyramid Education Consultants, the circle is complete. Some of these workers have had a life-long relationship with Pyramid. For many, their families and their teachers have trained with the Newark-based company. Pyramid offers communication education for children and families with autism.

"The workers help us put together goodie bags for our two-day workshop," explained Kristen Desmond, from Pyramid. Each bag brims with toys and tips on how to stimulate an autistic child. A Koosh ball encourages tactical senses, while building

hand-eye coordination. A handful of buttons and crayons encourage creativity. The bag holds more toys like a finger trap and educational items like flash cards. The bags are then used by adults at the company's workshop to role play, which helps them understand how an autistic student learns and communicates.

Desmond said that contracting with Chimes makes sense. "It's nice because a lot of people from Chimes are autistic, which is who we focus on," she said.

She praised the organization and its employees, saying that the goodie bags come in on time and the job is always well done. On top of that, she praised the concept.

'Fiiiigaro, Figaro, Figaro, Figaro'

FAIR warning, dear reader: Don't go to see the Opera Company of Philadelphia's next production, which opens this weekend at the Academy of Music, unless you really like to laugh. If your idea of opera is death or unrequited love, you won't like Robert Driver's next offering. It

is the quintessential comic opera, Gioacchino Rossini's "Il Barbiere di Siviglia."

The first aria in Act I, "Largo al factotum," sets the tone for all that is to follow. This aria is loved by people who "hate opera" and attempted by just about every male who has attended the opera

or heard the aria in concert or on the air. The delightful successive repetition of the barber's name first on a high note, then lower note, "Fiiiigaro, Figaro, Figaro, Figaro" never fails to stop the action on stage while the baritone enjoys all the applause and usually some "Bravos!" And that's only the beginning of the fun.

There are disguises into which Rossini casts the romantic lead of the opera, Count Almaviva. First there is the drunken soldier (that scene ends with a police raid), then there is the erstwhile music teacher, and the comedy builds to a great climax with much more fun along the way, including the scene where Figaro shaves a client!

The music is Rossini at his comic best. At the OCP you don't miss a thing. You can enjoy the music and you don't have to know Italian because the translation is shown in real time super-titles projected over the proscenium of the Academy of Music. All these things work together to make this a great opera to introduce the younger members of your family into the wonderful world of opera.

General Director Robert Driver has assembled a fine, seasoned cast to carry on the operatic high jinx for the run, which opens this Saturday, Nov. 5 and continues through Nov. 20. Figaro will be sung by Roberto de Candia who is making his company debut. He has sung this role at La Scala in Milan with the same conductor who will lead the OCP orchestra for this series, Maestro Corrado Rovaris. The baritone joined the Metropolitan Opera Company last season to sing the role of Ragueneau in "Cyrano de Bergerac."

The female love interest,

THE ARTS



By PHIL TOMAN

Rosina, will be sung by mezzo-soprano Laura Polverelli who is also making her OCP debut. She earned kudos for this role in performances with La Fenice and Madrid's Teatro Real. Her work in the title role of "La Cenerentola" and Zerlina in "Don Giovanni" with the Seattle Opera Company are two of her most recent efforts.

In the role he has performed with the Metropolitan Opera, La Fenice and the Vienna State Opera, tenor Antonio Siragusa makes his Philadelphia debut as Count Almaviva. The critics from all three venues showered the tenor with superlatives for his

singing and comedic acting. It will be the first time to see these three all together in this opera and that will be quite a treat.

No stranger to local audiences is the basso buffo Kevin Glavin. His last performance was in the title role of another comedy, "Don Pasquale" with his opera company in 2004. His extraordinary talents will be right at home in his role of Dr. Bartolo.

In the role of the foppish, avacious music teacher Don Basilio we have bass Tigran Martirosian who appeared with OCP in "Aida" last season. The long-suffering maid Berta is Carolyn Betty who also appeared in last season's "Aida."

"Il Barbiere di Siviglia" begins on Nov. 5 and continues on Nov. 9, 11, 13, 18 and 20. All performances are at the Academy of Music on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The Academy of Music Broad and Locust Streets in Philadelphia, is about a one hour drive from Newark via I-95 and I-76. Parking lots are plentiful in the area. For more information, you may call 215-732-8400 or visit the OCP web site at operaphilly.com.



Maestro Corrado Rovaris will conduct six performances of Rossini's "Il Barbiere di Siviglia" beginning this weekend and running through Nov. 20 at Philadelphia's historic Academy of Music.

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• Most importantly, don't forget to get exercise everyday, and make healthy eating habits a

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HAWK COUNT 1 - 3 p.m. Runs till Nov. 18. Watch as hawks travel between their breeding grounds and their winter residences. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info., 398-6900.

ART EXHIBIT 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday. 12 - 4 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday. Runs till Nov. 19. Artwork from Steven P. Koelsch and his clay monoprints. The Newark Arts Alliance, 100 Elkton Rd. Info., 266-7266.

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LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. John Reda will perform. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or homegrown-cafe.com.

CONCERT 8 p.m. Jim Malcom, lead singer of Old Blind Dogs, will perform. \$17. 4W5 Café, 4 W. 5th St., Wilmington. Info., 798-4811 or greenwillow.org.

■ SATURDAY, NOV. 5

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

HARVEST MARKET 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs Saturdays and Sundays till Nov. 6. Regional artisans will showcase their crafts. \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors, students and children 6-12. Free to children under 6 and Conservancy members. Brandywine River Museum, Route 1, Chadds Ford. Info., 610-388-2700 or brandywinemuseum.org.

FLOWER SHOW 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Also on Nov. 6. Ikebana and Bonsai Flower Show. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Exhibition Hall, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or longwoodgardens.org.

FOOTBALL 1 p.m. Delaware Fightin' Blue Hens vs. Massachusetts. Delaware Stadium, David M. Nelson Athletic Complex, S. College Avenue. Info., 831-4367.

CONCERT 8 p.m. "Flower and Hawk" soprano faculty recital. \$3-10.



GOLDEN DRAGON

Stars of the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats present three performances at Longwood Gardens on Saturday, November 5. Admission is included in the regular Gardens admission of \$14 for adults, \$6 for ages 16-20, \$2 ages 6-15 and free under age 6. For information call 610-388-1000.

Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road. Info., 831-2577.

LATE FALL BIRDING 8 a.m. Free. Meeting House, White Clay Creek State Preserve, Landenberg, Pa. Info., 610-274-2471.

HOLIDAY FLING 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Shop for your fall and winter holiday gift items with various vendors. Christiana Presbyterian Church, 15 N. Old Baltimore Pike, Christiana. Info., 737-0212.

FLOWER DEMONSTRATION 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Also on Nov. 6. Japanese Flower Arranging Demonstration. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Exhibition Hall, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or longwoodgardens.org.

PERFORMANCE 12:30, 3:30, 7:30 p.m. The Golden Dragon Chinese Acrobats will perform. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Special Events Pavilion, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or longwoodgardens.org.

DELAWARE BOOK FAIR AND AUTHORS DAY 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Event to showcase Delaware writers and Delaware books. Books available for purchase. Free. Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village, Dover. Info., 744-5077.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Open house and fun activities for the whole family. All welcome. Wilmington Montessori School, 1400 Harvey Rd. Info., 594-2708.

THE GREAT PUMPKIN RUN 3 p.m. 3k Run/Walk at 3:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Bear-Glasgow Family YMCA's Campaign for Kids. Lums Pond State Park, Howell School Road, Bear. Info., 836-9622 or ymcade.org.

■ SUNDAY, NOV. 6

FOOD DEMONSTRATION 12:30 p.m. Frank Perko will create Vietnamese food. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Special Events Pavilion, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or longwoodgardens.org.

THEATRE 2 and 7:30 p.m. "The Play's the Thing" performed by the Professional Theatre Training Program. Hartshorn Theatre, Academy Street and E. Park Place. Info., 831-2204.

PERFORMANCE 3 p.m. "Cats." Bob Carpenter Center, David M. Nelson Athletic Complex, S. College Avenue. Info., 831-4367.

FILM 7:30 p.m. "Born Into Brothels" will be shown. Trabant University Center Theatre, Main Street and S. College Avenue. Info., 831-2361.

MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION 12:30 and 3 p.m. Falun Gong will perform. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Main Fountain Garden, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or longwoodgardens.org.

CONTRA DANCE 1:30 - 2 p.m. lessons. 2 - 5 p.m. dance. With Slate Mountain Ramblers. \$8. Arden Gild Hall, 2406 Granby Rd., Wilmington. 478-7257.

■ MONDAY, NOV. 7

COMEDY 8:30 p.m. Eddie Ifft will perform as part of the Coffeehouse Comedy Series. The Scrounge, Perkins Student Center, Academy Street, Newark. Info., scpab.com.

ASTRONOMY PRESENTATION 8 p.m. "A Tour of the Solar System" presented by Scott Jackson. \$2 for adults. \$1 students. Mt. Cuba Astronomical Observatory, 1810 Hillside-Mill Rd., Greenville. Info., 654-6407.

CRAFT SERIES 6:30 p.m. Runs once a month through March. This month create holiday cards and gift tags. Registration Required. \$25 per session. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info., 398-6900.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE 8 p.m. Violinist Joan Kwuon will appear with Orchestra Verdi Europa. \$40-47. The Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Info., 652-5577 or grandoperahouse.org.

■ TUESDAY, NOV. 8

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

COMEDY 8:30 p.m. Tom Cotter, of "Last comic Standing." The Scrounge, Perkins Student Center, Academy Street, Newark. Info.,

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■ FRIDAY, NOV. 4

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, NOV. 5

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. \$5 donation goes to missions. Greater Grace Church, 750 Otis Chapel Rd. Info., 738-1530.

KARAOKE 8 p.m. - midnight. The American Legion of Elkton, 129 W. Main St. Info., 410-398-9720.

CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION 8:30 a.m. Denny's on Route 13. Info., 838-6458.

■ MONDAY, NOV. 7

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

tion. Info., 765-9740.

FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Classes for English Conversation. Registration required. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. 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. Meeting for grandparents and all those raising others' children. Children & Families First, 62 N. Chapel St. Info., 658-5177.

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

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

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

■ TUESDAY, NOV. 8

CONSTITUENT COFFEE 7 - 8 a.m. Tuesdays. State Representative Stephanie

MEETINGS

Ulbrich will be on hand to discuss issues and concerns in the community. Friendly's, S. College Avenue. Info., 368-5122.

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

SWEET ADELINES 8 - 10 p.m. 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. Nursery, \$2 per child. Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow. Info., 834-GRPC.

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

CHRISTINA SCHOOL BOARD 7:30 p.m. Info., 552-2600 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT 7 p.m. Meets at the Easter Seal Center Conference Room, Corporate Cir., New Castle. Info., 324-4455.

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

THYCA DELAWARE 6:30 p.m. Offers survivors, families, friends and caregivers a chance to share experiences. Helen F. Graham Cancer Center. Info., 454-1987 or visit www.thyca.org.

■ WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

CONSTITUENT BREAKFAST 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Terry Schooley will attend to field questions and concerns. Eagle Diner, Elkton Road. Info., 577-8476.

DIVORCECARE 7 p.m. Separated/divorced people meet. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info., 737-5040.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 6:30 p.m. 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. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 658-5177.

BINGO 12:45 p.m. Lunch available for

\$2.25 a platter at 11:45 a.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

■ THURSDAY, NOV. 10

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

NAMI-DE 7:30 p.m. Support group meeting for family members of persons living with mental illness. St. James Episcopal Church, Kirkwood Highway. Info., 427-0787.

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

NEWCOMERS WELCOME CLUB 10 a.m. For new residents in the area.

Membership is open to all women who would like to meet new people with similar interests. PAL Center, Hockessin. Info., 449-0992 or 733-0834.

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

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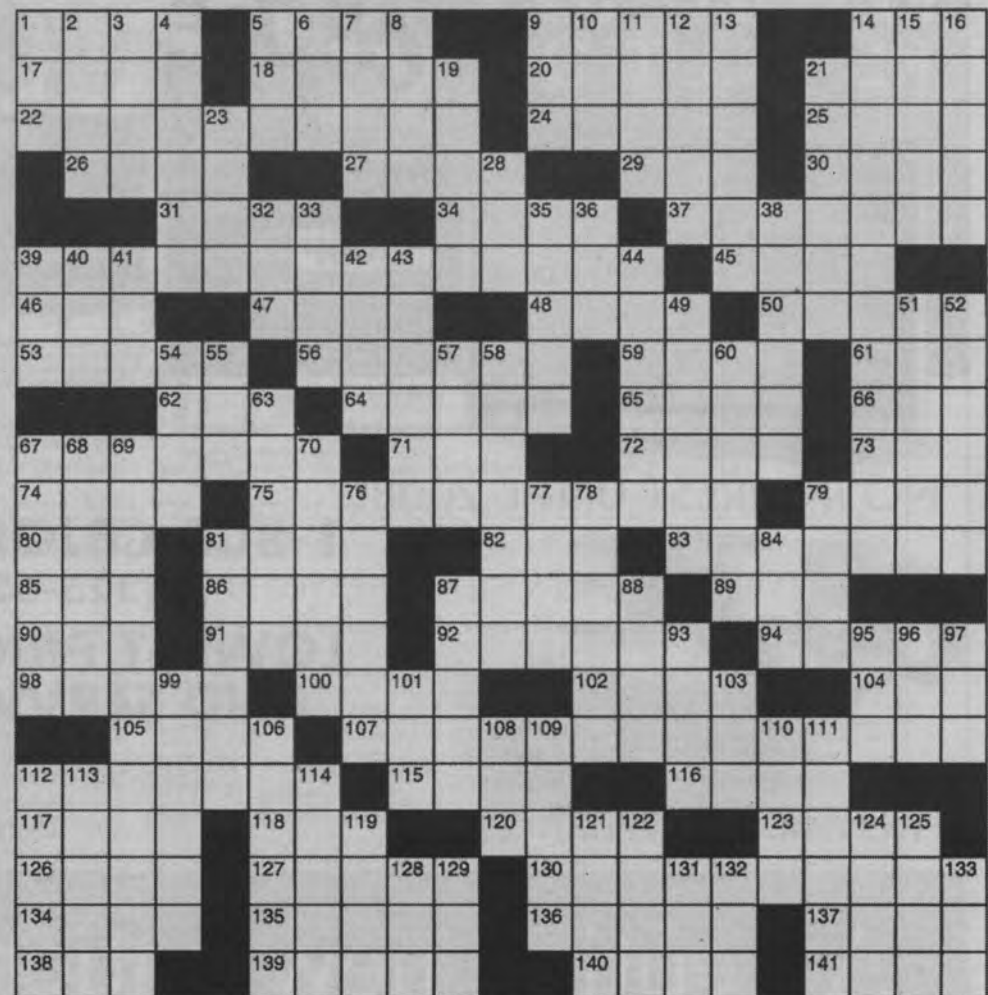
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126 Prepare to fly
127 Sheer fear
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5 Word with hat or hand
6 Brit. fliers
7 Social climber
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10 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
11 Take five
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14 President who worked as a life-guard
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16 Fractional amount
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21 Vegas place
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32 Link letters?
33 Monsieur Montand
35 Prepare the Parmesan
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39 Lave the linoleum
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41 Hightailed it
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60 Rubber-necked
63 Harm
67 Pasta shape
68 London's location
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70 It's on the house
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78 Start again
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106 Act like a duck
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112 The Rolling Stones' Charlie
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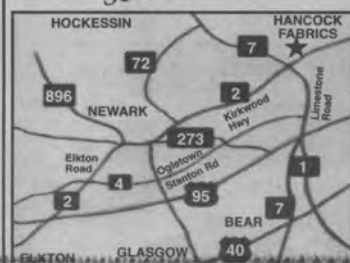
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Big Milt spellbinds middle-schoolers

► UP FRONT, from 1

Medill, home to 1,200 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders.

Her relationship with her staff, of which about 20 percent are new teachers to the school this year, is equally cordial.

I was able to see the new Fast ForWord program in action in a computer lab that warmed my heart — it was full of Macintosh eMac computers.

Fast ForWord is an innovative, computer-based system implemented in the Christina School District last year. A recent study of results has concluded that students using the Fast ForWord products improved significantly in reading and math. Results were determined after school personnel tested the students' reading skills at the beginning and end of the study. Student performance was evaluated using the Delaware State Testing Pprogram.

The software products focus on reading skills and include exercises designed to build skills critical for learning, such as auditory processing, memory, attention, and language comprehension. Students use the software for a specific time period each day, five days a week, for four to 12 weeks.

I also saw several examples of Shue's Integrated Math program in which about 40 percent of class time is devoted to hands-on lessons and exercises in a computer lab. Like FastForWord, it customizes the instruction to each student's needs and progress. The math lab didn't include Macs but it was still impressive.

I got a shocking reality check when I sat in on a music appreciation class taught by an impressive young teacher, Lloyd Walton. He instructed the middle schoolers about vinyl records and eight-track tapes: their invention, history and role in the evolution of recorded music.

I must admit that I felt really old when he passed around an "LP" record (he had to explain LP stood for "long playing"). The kids inspected the plastic disk the same way I once inspected a dinosaur bone at the Smithsonian. Same difference to the Shue students, I suspect.

Several people asked me what struck me most about my experiences as Principal For A Day. The answer is clear.

I'm no stranger to Shue-Medill; my son attended the school for two years. With the exception of a disastrous year of seventh-grade English with a teacher who is, shall I say, no longer with us, his middle-school education was top shelf. Science teacher Drew Yeager, who is now retired, and math instructor Jen

McHugh, who I saw last week, and other teachers prepared him well to succeed at Newark High School.

But what was different last Friday from previous visits to Shue-Medill was the overwhelming sense of order and that the building was a place where much learning is taking place. Not that this wasn't true before, but more so than during previous visits as a parent, it was a compelling impression as I watched class changes, visited lunch, interacted with teachers and other staffers, met administrators and saw what was happening in a dozen classrooms. Halls were empty during classes and orderly when classes changed. It's clear to me that education is serious business at Shue-Medill.

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During my term as Principal For A Day, I was able to witness a presentation by an outside speaker from Atlanta, Ga. He prostedized but not about Christianity.

Milton Creagh Jr. addressed a cafeteria full of middle-schoolers, who sat riveted to their seats for 40 minutes.

Who wouldn't?

Creagh is a giant of a man in the true sense of the word — he's 6'7" tall, weighs 300 pounds, and wears a size 17 sneaker.

Creagh spoke the middle-schoolers' language. By talk's end, he had made his points that each student, no matter their station in life or socio-economic status, must make wise decisions regarding alcohol and drug use, smoking cigarettes, taking action to prevent dangerous consequences even when it's uncomfortable or not socially acceptable to peers, and reporting sexual abuse.

Creagh skillfully had nearly every student in the room standing as he concluded his fast-paced remarks. Those standing did so because their lives or that of someone close to them had been impacted by the stated vices. Virtually no one was exempt, Creagh affirmed, from being vigilant and making wise choices regarding saying "no" and taking action.

Big Milt hit his mark with the kids but his message was not lost on the adults in the room, including me.

■ When not trying to recall if trips to the principal's office during junior high reached double digits, the writer is publisher of this and three other newspapers headquartered in Newark. His less-than-stellar report cards are stored at the family home in the Cherry Hill neighborhood of Newark.

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Mayor questions full-time PR position

► BUDGET, from 3

million to the city's costs. During the same period of time, pension costs have increased by 90 percent, approximately \$632,000.

Fuel costs have also seen a dramatic increase: Gasoline prices make up \$80,000 in increased costs for the city.

Mayor Vance A. Funk III said that his initial response to the budget was to look for ways to trim the bills. "My first thought was 'Are there any items that could be considered fat in this budget?'" he said.

The 2006 budget will create several new jobs. Five new police officers will be hired next year, as will a full-time public relations manager.

Funk said he might have concerns about the public relations position. He had only been expecting to hire someone on a part-time basis to handle the city's press.

"I didn't know the job was going to be fulltime," he said. "That's something that's going to

have to be explained."

He said that the city needs to be cautious with its spending this year. "The real reason that you have to be super-prudent is you don't know what's going to happen with the reservoir," he said. The city has been in litigation for years with a company that it originally contracted to build the reservoir. Newark has come under fire in recent months for pursuing the lawsuit and not settling the matter. However, the litigation is not the only economic factor that worries Funk.

"When we talk about electricity, it's a totally unpredictable situation. There is no way to predict the way the market is going to go. The only thing we can do is react promptly to changes," he said. The city of Newark provides electricity to its residents, but fluctuating wholesale costs have affected the city.

Overall, the mayor said he was pleased with his review of the budget. "Carl [Luft] did an excellent job with the numbers that he had," Funk said.

Mayor removes camera

► CAMERA, from 3

and stolen cash and laptop there - the criminal would have most likely made appearance on the tape, if it were hanging in the assigned place. "It would have definitely caught him," Funk said. "He broke in right below where the camera should have been."

Funk removed the camera the next day.

The mayor said that he had concerns that the camera was actually causing more problems than if it hadn't been there at all. "I just had bad feelings about this," he said. "I think that I was being targeted because of the camera. [Foraker] made such a big deal out of it - calling reporters, having photographers on my roof - that it attracted a certain element to it. It is kind of strange that two nights after it was installed, the building is spraypainted and then broken into. This building has never been broken into before."

Foraker said that the mayor had unrealistic goals for the camera.

"Someone is picking on him," he said. "Someone has him eyed as a target and I can't do nothing about that" [sic].

Instead, Foraker said, the camera was installed as a way to deter criminal action throughout the city. He hoped that by install-

ing the unit, it could not only catch criminals, but prevent others from acting out. Foraker often refers to himself as the "unofficial Big Brother," as someone who is always watching.

Foraker's dream still has some life in it. While the mayor's camera has been removed, another one has been installed a few blocks away. The new unit is on Switch, the Haines Street skateboard shop.

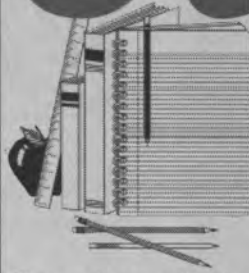
Foraker defended his concept, but said that city residents should not expect to see immediate results. "It's going to take time," he said. "It's not going to work right off. Word has to get around first."

While the mayor had a frustrating experience with his camera, he said that promising results have turned up in other cities that have used a camera monitoring system. Wilmington, which has a series of cameras dotting its streets, has had interesting results.

"I've spoken with people in Wilmington and the successes are impressive," he said. "Based on what they have told me, a program like this deserves looking into."

However, Funk pointed out, that might have to wait for less lean times. "Financially, [Newark] is really strapped for cash right now," he said.

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Girl Scouts mind their own business

MIND Your Own Business, a program designed to expose teen Girl Scouts to the world of business by being business women themselves, will start on Saturday, Nov. 5, in the Girl Scout Office at 501 S. College Ave.

Teenage Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to interact with women business owners and learn from them. The teens will learn how to start their businesses from writing a business plan to selecting a product or service to creating advertising to actually selling their product. These teen Girl Scouts participating in the program are completing requirements for their Silver Award which is leadership and service award for teen Girl Scouts ages 11 through 14; It is the highest achievement a teen Girl Scout of

this age group can earn.

The program will finish with the teen entrepreneurs holding a public market place on Jan. 28 to put their knowledge into action. Funds raised will go to specific projects of the girls such as their Silver Award and community service endeavors.

The program started in January with local female business owners as well as assistance of the Small Business Administration offering advice and support to the teens and was very successful with over 30 teens starting own businesses. This is the second Mind Your Own Business program.

To learn more about Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, visit www.girlscoutschesapeakebay.org.



SERVING UP HALLOWEEN

The staff at Matilda's Pub got into the spirit of Halloween on Saturday, Oct. 29. The restaurant, located on South College Avenue, hosted a costume contest.

Brennan tapped for UD PR post

JOHNN Brennan, senior associate director of the Office of Public Relations, has been named director of the office and assistant to the president, effective Nov. 1, University of Delaware president David P. Roselle announced.

Mary J. Hempel, previous assistant to the president and director of the office, died unexpectedly Sept. 30.

"I am very pleased that John Brennan has agreed to take leadership of the Office of Public Relations and to also serve as assistant to the president," Roselle said. "His remarkable partnership of more than 30 years with Mary Hempel easily qualifies him as the person most knowledgeable about the workings of that office. Moreover, I and many

other university colleagues, including his immediate colleagues, have often benefited from John's assistance, good counsel and easy humor.

"We are all supportive of John's promotion and are entirely confident as to his ability to continue the high quality, proactive public relations and outreach activities that have become the trademark of public relations at the University of Delaware," he said.

The Office of Public Relations is charged with managing the University's communications efforts, which include handling media relations and producing the University's online news site, UDaily, and the Messenger, a quarterly publication for donor alumni and friends, recent graduates and parents of current students.

Council to consider hiking parking requirements

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limit the number of units they construct, which would in turn limit required parking.

"It's not a crystal clear thing," said the city's Planning Director

Roy Lopata. "It could conceivably affect green space, but it might not."

The debate began after Councilman Jerry Clifton asked the commissioners and city staff to review parking requirements. His request came after facing a series of projects with contentious parking plans. He criticized the parking requirements during a council meeting where the panel

considered a 30-space parking waiver for a 15-unit, four-bedroom apartment building on Main Street.

"To me, that reads as four bedrooms, with four drivers, all of who would like to have parking," he said. "I think that four unrelated people would certainly all want to have their own transportation."

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Snow's TDs make everybody happy

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

It's doubtful that any of the 109,000 people in attendance at last week's Penn State-Purdue game were much happier than my son was when the Nittany Lions scored to take a 20-7 lead.

Yes it was a big touchdown in a game that kept Penn State's march back to college football prominence in tact. That's what made everybody in the stadium happy. The fact that it was Brandon Snow scoring it made my son and I ecstatic.

For Snow, the former All-State performer at Newark High, it was his first collegiate touchdown. It was the culmination of three-plus years of frustration and injury that has turned into a starting role on the Nittany Lions' best team in a decade.

The former Yellowjacket bulled his way into the end zone from two yards out and immediately jumped up and down — his joy obvious to everyone. Snow added his second-ever touchdown later in the fourth quarter to put the seal on a 33-15 Penn State victory.

I had the pleasure to interact with Snow often as he played on four state title teams at Newark. I kept up to date with his recruitment and knew that he had the greatest fullback blocking highlight tape probably in the history of college football. Brandon could've gone anywhere — Miami, Florida, you name it. He chose Penn State.

For awhile it didn't look so good. He redshirted his first year and then played



Valania

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Newark tops Glasgow

Jackets move to 8-3 with shutout

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Newark's quick-strike offense proved to be too much for Glasgow to handle in a 35-0 rout over the Dragons Friday night at Bob Hoffman Memorial Stadium.

The Yellowjackets scored three consecutive touchdowns, on their first three possessions of

the game in the first quarter, and all on first down plays. "We had some issues at start of the game," said Glasgow coach Kevin Scannell. "I don't think we were ready to play. We weren't at full strength, and we had a couple of injuries," he said.

After Glasgow fumbled on its first drive of the night, Newark running back James Snider scored his first of three touchdowns on a 31-yard gallop. Jamie McMahan's extra point gave the Jackets a 7-0 lead at 10:52 of the first quarter. Senior Rich Godwin helped second up Newark's second score by

returning a short Glasgow punt back to the five-yard line. Snider then burrowed into the end zone on the first down play. Alex Carlton's kick increased the lead to 14-0 at 8:12. Just over one minute later, quarterback Steve Williams hit Joe Whitmarsh with a pass from 43-yards out for another one-play drive. McMahan's PAT brought the lead to 21-0. Midway through the second quarter, Snider raced 55-yards for his third and final score of the night. Carlton's second PAT split the uprights for a 28-0 edge. Newark's Ed Imeokparia wrapped up the scoring with 2:35

left until half on a 25-yard run. McMahan's third kick made the score 35-0. Glasgow had several nice drives in the second half, but was unable to penetrate the Jacket's rugged defense. The final 24 minutes were played under a running clock due to the lopsided score. "Our team still seems to be an unknown," said Newark coach Butch Simpson. "We need to believe in ourselves against any opponent, and develop some confidence, that hopefully, we established a step in the right direction tonight," he said.

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Hens' seniors to play last home game



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

Delaware running back Omar Cuff will help lead the Blue Hens against UMass in the season's last home game Saturday at Delaware Stadium.

UD tries to rebound against UMass

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The roller coaster ride of the University of Delaware football team continues Saturday at Delaware Stadium as tenth ranked Massachusetts comes to Newark for the last home game of the season.

Delaware won its first three games, lost its next three games, got a big win over James Madison and then promptly lost at Maine. The 6-2 Minutemen may provide the Blue Hen's toughest test of the season.

"Their skilled positions are as good as anybody's in the country," said Delaware coach K.C. Keeler of UMass. "They are a very good team that makes good use of their personnel. They can run the ball right at you and they can throw it down field."

UMass is coming off a tough 34-38 loss to conference rival and highly ranked New Hampshire last week.

"They're coming in here a little like JMU did," Keeler said. "They have a very good team but they still have games with us and Army and Hofstra left. They need to win if they want to get in the playoffs."

Meanwhile, the Hens aren't thinking about the playoffs as

See HENS, 16 ►

Newark High soccer team tops Christiana 3-0

Senior Steve Bialorucki scored two goals, and sophomore Mike Capodanno added a goal and an assist to lead Newark past Flight A opponent Christiana 3-0 Tuesday night at Bob Hoffman

Stadium. "Bialorucki and Capodanno were connecting very well tonight," said Newark coach Dan Spedden. "Our midfielders were moving up, and getting the ball to

the forwards, and that helped our attack," he said. Newark claimed the lead in the 8th minute on Bialorucki's first goal. He drilled a shot from the right wing past Christiana keeper

Mike Pfeifer. The Jackets had several more good scoring opportunities later in the half, but Pfeifer proved equal to the task. The Vikings, meanwhile, only mustered a few close-in chances in the first half, as the Newark defense and keeper Brian Weir provided solid coverage throughout the first forty minutes of a c t i o n . Early in the second half, Weir made a great save on a point-blank shot in the 57th minute. Pfeifer kept Christiana in the game during the early stages of the second half, making a series of fine saves, especially in the 62nd minute. Newark increased its lead to 2-0 in the 85th minute when Bialorucki scored his second goal

with an assist from senior captain Sam Kaler. The Jackets put the game away about two minutes later on Capodanno's goal. He was assisted by junior Ryan McVey. "We knew it was important them off the scoreboard because they would be in the game all night, so the second goal was important, but the third goal kind of clinched it for us. So I'm glad we kept up the offensive pressure at the end of the game," said Spedden. Newark honored its senior players prior to the game. The Jackets finished the regular season with a 7-9 record overall, and 4-3 in Flight A. Christiana now has an 8-7 mark, and 2-4 in conference.

— By Joe Backer

Despite problems, Hens' future is bright

► HENS, from 15

much as they are about finishing the season on a positive note. Keeler sees a two-fold goal of making the seniors' last game at Delaware Stadium a day to remember and the continued progress of the large number of freshmen that are getting playing time.

"We could wish the next three games away, but that's not how we do things here," Keeler said. "We want to play for the seniors — send them out as winners and at the same time the young guys need to get better. For the seniors

it's a special day. I remember my last game in Delaware Stadium. We need to represent them."

Keeler dispelled any notions that he would start replacing upper classmen with younger players to get ready for next season.

"We don't play upper classmen because they're upper classmen," said the coach. "But we're not taking them out of the lineup because they're upper classmen either. We're going to play the best players. I've said it before and I'll say it again. I live my season through my seniors. This year it hasn't been what we hoped. But I want to have them

go out on a positive note."

At the same time, there is no doubt that Keeler is excited about the future of his team. While the mounting injuries have not been good for this season, they have forced a lot young players to get a lot more playing time than they otherwise would've.

"People ask me how I'm doing and I'm doing fine," Keeler said. "We've had more injuries in a half of a season than we did in the previous two seasons combined. At the same time, I am excited about the young guys we have. I think the future is very bright."

Jackets get big victory over Glasgow

► NEWARK, from 15

Newark improved to 5-3 on the season, while Glasgow remains winless through eight contests.

"Newark's a very talented football team and well coached," said Scannell. "Coach Simpson has those guys a well-oiled machine, and physically, they are one of the top teams in the state,"

he said.

The Jackets visit Flight A opponent Christiana Saturday afternoon, while the Dragons have a conference date with Delcastle Friday night.

Snow gets well earned scores

► SNOW from 15

special teams the next year. He didn't see the field as a fullback and really didn't understand why. Communication between the coaching staff and Snow was not great.

Last season Snow switched to middle linebacker. He was having a great preseason camp and appeared to be in line for a starting position. However, he broke his foot in a drill and missed most of the season.

While injured last season, Snow came back to watch Newark High play on a Friday night. He spent most of the game talking to my sixth-grade son. BranDon talked Penn State football and he made sure to give my son an autographed picture, which hangs on the wall right beside his bed.

After last season, Snow was

switched back to fullback — the position he wanted to be in all along.

It's been a great move in a great season for both Penn State and for Snow. He's still the punishing blocker that everybody saw coming out of high school. He doesn't get many opportunities to run the ball though. He had a catch earlier in the year but it was the two touchdown carries against Purdue that got him attention. It also made my son leap up and down like he scored himself.

Snow made his first trip to the post-game interview room. His teammates loved that he finally got the attention. They realize what he does week-in and week-out for an offense that has doubled its output from last season.

Snow is a good football player, a good student and a good person. His touchdowns made a lot of people happy.



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NEWARK POST ❖ POLICE BLOTTER

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Burglars strike on Casho Mill Road

Newark police reported that intruders made off with jewelry after entering a home in the 1300 block Casho Mill Road through the front door on Tuesday, Oct. 25, between 3 and 6:30 p.m.

Smokers attack

Thieves threw chunks of asphalt through the front door glass of the Tobacco Zone, 1009 S. College Ave., then entered the business and made off with 30 cartons of cigarettes valued at more than \$1,000.

Police said the theft took place between 12:30 and 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Jewelry missing

Residents of a home in the 800 block North Country Club Drive returned home at 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23, to discover thieves had forced their way inside.

The intruders apparently entered through a first-floor dining room window. The value of missing items was estimated to exceed \$2,000, police said.

Mayor's law office hit

Thieves broke a window to enter the law office of Newark mayor Vance A. Funk III at 273 E. Main St., police reported at 6:20 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20.

Police believe the theft took place during the previous night. The intruders entered through a basement window. A computer and monitor were missing from the desk of the mayor's son, Vance A. Funk IV.

Investigation is continuing, police said.

Other incidents

An abandoned retail store display, a 50-gallon drum of motor oil and tires were discovered outside Strategic Diagnostics, 128 Sandy Dr., when employees reported for work on Friday, Oct. 28, at 6 a.m.

A chain saw valued at \$800 was reported missing from the City of Newark depot, 406 Phillips Ave., on Friday, Oct. 28, at 8 a.m.

A mountain bike valued at \$900 was stolen from where it had been locked to a railing of

a home in the 100 block of East Cleveland Avenue, police were told on Friday, Oct. 28, at 1:24 p.m.

Several personal items were removed from several purses during a dance at Newark High School, 400 E. Delaware Ave., police reported on Sunday, Oct. 30, just after midnight.

Vehicles targeted

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

50 E. Cleveland Ave., on Friday, Oct. 28, at 4:01 p.m., MP3 player and accessories removed from an unlocked vehicle; and

214 Kells Ave., on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 1:03 p.m., a 2005 Yamaha motorcycle valued at \$3,000 was reported stolen.

Alcohol, noise law violations detailed

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

Some of the recent arrests include:

Ashley Lynn Bogia, 20, of Newark, underage possession of alcohol, on Friday, Oct. 28, at 11:03 p.m., at rear of 329 E. Main St.;

Elizabeth Bonnar, 19, of Stoughton, Mass., and **Katelyn M. Buckley**, 19, of Fordham, Mass., underage possession of alcohol, on Friday, Oct. 28, at 11:47 p.m., in the unit block Academy Street;

James Douglas Shields, 21, of Potomac, Md., **William T. Deane**, 20, of Annapolis, Md., and **Eric S. Cioffi**, 20, of Newark, each charged with maintaining a disorderly premises, on Friday, Oct. 28, at 11:45 p.m., after investigating a complaint of a loud and large Halloween party;

Dennis Helmstetter, 20, of Newtown, Pa., **Daniel Patrick Mesure**, 20, of Langhorne, Pa., **Edward M. Bosler**, 20, of Setauket, N.Y., and **Matthew C. Hockenbury**, 21, of Brick, N.J., each charged with a noise law violation, on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 12:13 a.m., at 236 E. Delaware Ave.;

William H. Ketchut, 21, of Somerville, Mass., possession of an open container of alcohol, on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 12:55 a.m.,

at 236 E. Delaware Ave.;

Matthew S. Gargiulo, 22, of Wilmington, disorderly conduct, on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 1:04 a.m., after police saw a man urinating on the roadway at 91 E. Main St.;

James Francis Moriarty, 20, of Newark, underage possession of an open container of alcohol, on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 1:15 a.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave., Ivy Hall apartments;

Daniel Farrelly, 19, of New City, N.J., underage possession

and underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 1:15 a.m., at 179 Haines St.;

Andrew Quill, 22, of Newark, disorderly conduct, on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 1:12 a.m., near the 7-Eleven store, 202 Elkton Road, after an officer saw a man urinating in public;

James W. Redden, 20, of Medfield, Mass., underage consumption and destruction of property, on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 3:13 a.m., at The Scare Halloween house, 5 North St.; and

David Nolan Coverdale, 19, of Bear, underage consumption and possession of marijuana, on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 10:26 p.m., at East Delaware Avenue and South Chapel Street.

All were released pending court appearances, police said.

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NEWARK POST ❖ OBITUARIES

Howard Kuschner, 94, actor, WWII veteran

Former Newark resident Howard Arthur Kuschner, 94, of Livingston, Texas, died Oct. 10, 2005.

Mr. Kuschner was born June 22, 1911 in Irvington, N.J.

He was a student at NYU and was employed as an actor and stage manager at the New York Summer Theatre.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army from 1942-1945. While in the army, he married his wife, Marion. He worked for the Veterans Administration Hospital. He moved with his family to Wilmington, where he worked as administrative assistant to the chief of staff.

He retired in 1971 when his wife, Marion, fell ill and after her death, he joined the University of Delaware as a conference assistant in the Continuing Education Department, where he worked for five years.

In 1974 the mayor of Newark proclaimed Howard Kuschner Day, and at the 49th fundraiser of the 2001-2002 season, the Chapel Street Players named their theatre the Howard Auditorium in honor of Howard Kuschner and Howard Turner. In

1982, he married Doris Brady. They moved to Texas in 1983.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Kuschner; daughter and son-in-law, Gaye and Borge Rosland, of Stavanger, Norway; son, Gary Kuschner, of Palm Springs, Calif.; sister, Dorothy Moran, of Lake Hopatcong, N.J.; and three grandchildren.

A life celebration was to be on Oct. 15 at Cochran Funeral Home in Livingston, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made in his memory to the Pineywoods Players Scholarship Fund, PO Box 52, Livingston, Texas 77351; to the Chapel Street Players, 27 N. Chapel St., Newark, Del. 19711; or to a charity of your choice.

Sylvester DiStefano, 76

Sylvester J. DiStefano, 76, of Newark, died on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005.

Born in Downingtown, Pa. on Aug. 31, 1929, Mr. DiStefano was the son of the late Ernest DiStefano and Josephine Donofrio DiStefano.

He was employed as an engineer with the Chrysler Corporation for 43 years, retiring in 1994. He was

an active member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newark. He also served as Past Master of Hiram Lodge #25 AF&AM, and Past Worthy Patron of Newark Chapter #10 Order of the Eastern Star. A veteran of the US Air Force, he was member of both the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans.

His wife, E. Arlene Higgins DiStefano, predeceased him. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Lorraine Savage and Alba DiStefano. He is survived by three sons, Darrell L. DiStefano and his wife, Kay, of Elkton, David E. DiStefano and his wife, Sharon, of Bear, and Ernest J. DiStefano and his wife, Lisa, of Hockessin; two sisters, Virginia Phipps, of Landenberg, Pa., and Gloria Keiper, of Bear; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A funeral service was to be on Friday, Oct. 28 at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home. Interment was to be in Birmingham-Lafayette Cemetery.

Walter Outten, 67

Walter James Outten III, 67, of Newark, died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005.

Mr. Outten worked for the DuPont

Company for over 30 years and retired in 1993. He served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves.

He was predeceased by his father, Walter J. Outten Jr.; and his brother, Steven Outten. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Outten; his son, Michael Outten, of New Castle; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Gregory Cook, of Bear, and Amy and Edward Hopkins, of Wilmington; his mother, Charlotte Outten; his brother and sister-in-law, Terry and Andrea Outten; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral service was to be on Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Mealey Funeral Home. Interment was to be in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Vivian Cole, 84

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Howard Kuschner
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Margaret Kelly
Walter Outten
Lena Whalen
Vivian Cole
Lillian Clancy
Florence Fontello
Guy Gouge
Dennis Barton
Joann Palazzo
Lois Widdoes

Vivian S. Cole, 84, of Newark, died on Monday, Oct. 24, 2005.

Born in Moundsville, W.Va. on Oct. 21, 1921, Mrs. Cole was the daughter of the late Henry and Ann Sommer. A registered nurse by profession, she received a master's degree in nursing education from Ohio State University. She was employed as a nursing supervisor at the VA Hospital in Perry Point, Md., and later worked for St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington, where she retired in 1983. She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Vandercook, of Wilmington; son, Eric Cole, of Newark; and former husband, Jasper Cole.

The funeral service and interment were to be held privately.

Lillian Clancy, 91

Newark resident Lillian Bissett Clancy, 91, died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005.

Mrs. Clancy was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Myles Clancy, five sisters and two brothers.

She is survived by her daughters, Maureen Leyva, of Newark, Sheila C. Nutter and her husband, William, of Wilmington, Kathleen C. Fanny and her husband, Lewis, of Newark; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was to be at St. Ann's Church on Saturday, Oct. 29. Interment was to be in All Saints Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, 185 Salem Church Rd., Newark, Del. 19713.

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Public invited to Education Expo here Sunday

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and services such as child nutrition, high school guidance, well-

ness centers and school nurses. Throughout the Expo, workshops will feature topics of high interest to parents. Tentative topics include helping middle school

students stay on track for college; an update on the district's superintendent search; how testing helps improve student learning; and how Christina District

is making its high schools among the best in the region.

Information and architectural drawings of the elementary school and middle school open-

ing in 2006 will also be available. For more info about the Expo, visit www.christina.k12.de.us/Expo2005.



Visitors to the Christina Education Expo can see the district's newest middle school building and review architectural drawings and maps of the proposed remodeling.

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Parent Resource Center
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- 1:30 p.m. – **Helping Middle School Students Stay on Track for College**, Laura Malstrom, school counseling
2 p.m. – **How Testing Helps Improve Student Learning**, Pamela Stazesky, senior administrator for research and development
2:30 p.m. – **How to Use the District Website to Find the Information You Need**, Wendy Lapham, communications manager, and Susan McNulty, webmaster
3 p.m. – **Update on Superintendent's Search**, School Board members and Jim Huger of Huger, Hager and Associates
3:30 p.m. – **Making Our High Schools the Best in the Region**, Mae Gaskins, director of secondary instructional support

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2 p.m. – Newark High School Brass Ensemble
2:15 p.m. – Keene Elementary School Chorus
2:30 p.m. – Glasgow Pan Ensemble
2:45 p.m. – Intermediate School Mixed Ensemble
3 p.m. – Elbert-Palmer School Chorus
3:15 p.m. – Christiana Percussion Ensemble
3:30 p.m. – McVey Elementary School Chorus
3:45 p.m. – To be announced

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Beaded and silver jewelry will be offered by Gail Walden and Maxine Rosenthal. Alan Berslem will feature his pottery.

Each artist will bring five to 10 originals for sale.

The highlight of the show will be the unveiling of the 2006 Flower Market painting, this year done by E. Jean Lanyon, former poet laureate of Delaware. Her painting, commissioned by WFM, is of flowers from her own garden and will be available as posters and note cards at the market in Rockford Park and will be featured on Flower Market advertising.

Floral displays at the art show will be available in the silent auction. Five-dollar tickets can be purchased for the raffle of a Blue Fox vest.

During the evening Caffè Gelato, of Main Street, will present a "Prosecco Tasting and Pairing," featuring Italian sparkling wines and a selection of cheeses, fruits and crudités, shrimp cocktail, scallops and beef tenderloin, roasted pumpkin and squash soup and crème brûlée.

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The art show is this year's only pre-market event to help with the start-up costs of the Flower Market, held in Rockford Park on May 11, 12, and 13, 2006. Co-directors of the art show are former general chairs of the Flower Market, Nancy Buckner and Rosemary Farley, as well as Robin Ralston and Warren, both of Newark.

Founded in 1921 by Mrs. A. Felix duPont, the Wilmington Flower Market has become one of the longest running service organizations in Delaware, with thousands of volunteers each year.

The mission of WFM is to raise funds for charitable purposes and to donate all monies raised to non-profit agencies state-wide who serve children from birth to 18 years old. To date more than \$4 million has been awarded to Delaware children.

Among the more than 50 recipients are Newark-based Homeward Bound (Emmaus House), Newark Arts Alliance, Newark Day Nursery, Shoes That Fit, YMCA, Iron Hill Museum and the Christina Educational Enrichment Fund, as well as others.

"All the money raised through sale of the art goes toward charity," said Ralston. "We are all volunteers, there is no paid staff." Because the market itself is weather-dependent, pre-market functions serve as a back-up to generating money for the charities. "People depend on us," Ralston added.

"Oberod is a fabulous venue for our show, a glorious mansion, perfect for our fine art," said Warren. However, this is not a formal affair. Attendees are encouraged to wear business attire as desired.



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Iraq and Vietnam discussion

KENNETH Campbell, University of Delaware associate professor of political science and international relations, will give a talk titled, "War Crimes: The Shirking of Command Responsibility in the Vietnam and Iraq Wars," from 4-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, in the Trabant University Center Theatre, South College Avenue and East Main Street, on UD's Newark campus.

Campbell will discuss civil leadership of the U.S. military and invite audience comments and questions. The event is free and open to the public.

Ice skating benefit

A skating benefit organized by members of the UD's Figure Skating Club (community skaters who train at UD) and the Premiere Center for the Arts is set for 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Rust Ice Arena, South College Avenue, on UD's South Campus in Newark.

The event, which will feature routines by members of the U.S. and World Figure Skating Team, as well as musical performances by the Skates for Katrina Chorus and vocalists from the Premiere Center for the Arts, will benefit locally housed Katrina survivors. For more information, call 831-2868.

Quilt research seminar

An afternoon seminar on the history and making of quilts is set for 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, in 101 Recitation Hall, East Main Street and North College Avenue, on UD's Newark campus.

Cosponsored by UD's Center for Material Culture Studies and the Alliance for American Quilts, the seminar is designed to complement the "Quilt Voices" exhibition now on display and will include presentations and quilting demonstrations. Both the seminar and the exhibition are free, but participants should register by Friday, Oct. 28, by e-mailing alliancequilts@yahoo.com or by calling 831-8037.

Chaplain becomes monsignor

FATHER Michael Szupper, chaplain to UD Catholic students at St. Thomas More Oratory, will be installed as Monsignor Szupper at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 27, in the Church of the Holy Child in north Wilmington. The Rev. Ralph L. Martin also will be installed at that time, and with the two new monsignors, there will be six in active ministry in the diocese, which serves 220,000 Catholics.

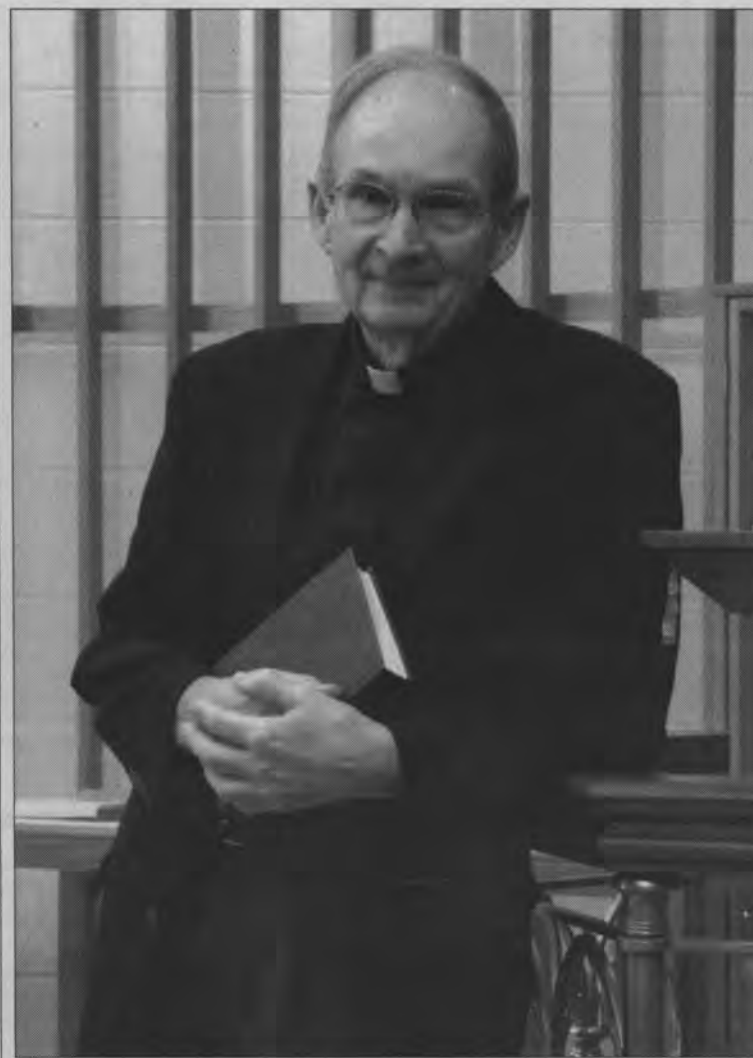
UD President David P. Roselle called Father Szupper "an icon," adding, "His more than 40 years of service to the University community is unprecedented in length, devotion and quality. During all of those years, members of the University's student body, staff, faculty and other religious leaders have benefited from his wise counsel, leadership and model behavior."

"We are very fortunate that

Father Szupper has been a member of the University community, and we were absolutely delighted to learn of the well-deserved Papal order that he is henceforth to be known as Monsignor Szupper," Roselle said.

The soft-spoken priest has been a presence on campus since he began his ministry at UD in 1964. Growing up in the Lehigh Valley area of Pennsylvania, he attended high school, college and seminary at Pontifical College Josephinum in Ohio. After serving in parishes, he was sent to Catholic University in Washington, D.C., where he received his master's degree and doctorate in philosophy.

When he came to UD, there was no St. Thomas More Oratory, so he said mass in a variety of locations from movie theatres to a synagogue. In those days, funds were low to nonexistent, but this never worried him, Father



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Father Michael Szupper, soon to be Monsignor Szupper

Szupper said. The Oratory was built in 1974 as part of a diocesan building campaign, giving

Catholics in the campus community a central place to worship.

UD Performing Arts Series opens Nov. 11



'Little Red Riding Hood' is part of The University of Delaware's 2005-06 Performing Arts Series and the Family Performing Arts Series.

THE University of Delaware's 2005-06 Performing Arts Series and the Family Performing Arts Series opens Nov. 11 with a show about the enslavement and liberation of African Americans by the Princely Players. Other scheduled performances include a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, "Little Red Riding Hood and Other Stories" and a special presentation titled "Ceruti Unlimited!-Xiang Gao and Friends II."

All performances are in Mitchell Hall. Performing Arts Series programs and special presentations begin at 8 p.m. Family Performing Arts Series programs begin at 2 p.m.

Tickets for each of the Performing Arts Series events are \$17 for the general public, \$12 for UD faculty, staff, alumni and

senior citizens, and \$5 for students and children. Tickets for Family Performing Arts Series events are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for UD faculty, staff, alumni and senior citizens and \$5 for students and children. A 10 percent discount is available for group sales of 10 or more tickets per show.

A pre-performance buffet dinner will be served at UD's Blue & Gold Club for Family Performing Arts Series events. Prices are \$14.95 for adults and \$7.50 for children 5-11. Guests attending the show who present their tickets to their servers will receive 10 percent off dinner that evening (not including alcohol). For reservations and information, call the Blue & Gold Club at 831-2582.

For tickets to the performances, call the Hartshorn Hall box office at 831-2204, from 10 a.m.-

5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. For more information, visit www.udel.edu/performingarts, send e-mail to performingarts@udel.edu or call 831-8741.

Beginning at noon on the Friday prior to each performance, the Hartshorn Hall box office will stop selling tickets for the performance to allow for the transition to the Mitchell Hall box office. Any remaining tickets will be available for purchase in person at the Mitchell Hall box office on the day of the performance beginning one hour before the scheduled start time of the performance.

The University of Delaware 2005-06 Performing Arts Series and Family Series are made possible, in part, by grants from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency committed to promoting and supporting the arts in Delaware.

Talk on building racial alliances set Nov. 9

"NEITHER Enemies Nor Friends," a talk on building alliances between blacks and Latinos, is set for 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 9, in 127 Memorial Hall, The Green, on the University of Delaware's Newark campus.

A joint discussion by Suzanne Oboler and Anani Dzidzienyo, authors of the book, "Neither Enemies Nor Friends," will focus on prospects and obstacles for building coalitions and cre-

ating alliances between blacks and Latinos in the United States. Oboler and Dzidzienyo also will discuss how the concept of "otherness" between the two groups impacts their political voice. A signing of the book will follow.

This free event, which is cosponsored by several campus units and is part of the Latino Heritage Month and Beyond programming, is open to the public.

For more information, call 831-0229.

Residents can meet, hear, talk to officials

LEADERS at the United Universalist Fellowship in Newark are hosting a forum for local representatives to meet with and hear from their constituents on Wednesday, Nov. 9, starting at 7 p.m.

Paul Baumbach, of the church, said that this meeting of the minds could help Newark residents better understand their government and representatives.

"I'm excited," he said. "This is a wonderful way to see who your representatives are. If you were to ask your neighbor who your rep is on the school board, no one knows that answer. This is a good way to get to know who your elected officials are and what they can do for you."

He said that forum will focus on Newark-area representatives. "We would like people to know who is responsible if they have a problem in the school," Baumbach said. "This way, they will have a face to put with a name."

So far, Mayor Vance A. Funk III and city councilmember Karl Kalbacher will represent the city. Board member Beverly Howell and assistant superintendent David Sundstrom will represent

the Christina School District, and County Council president Paul Clark and councilman David Tackett will represent the county council.

The hour-and-a-half meeting will consist of a 45-minute question-and-answer session moderated by *Newark Post* publisher Jim Streit. A 45-minute mixing session, where constituents can speak with their representatives freely, will follow.

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark, 420 Willa Road



RELAXING AT THE POST OFFICE

Postal workers were a bit more relaxed on Tuesday, Oct. 25, as the Newark post office and the Delaware Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association celebrated the National Massage Therapy Awareness Week. Massage therapists from the Delaware chapter volunteered their time to offer free chair massages to the postal workers at the Newark Post Office on Ogletown Road, along with providing information on massage and its benefits. Above, Shirl Lotz (foreground) massages Donna Logan, while Joan Veselack massages Darlene Baldwin.

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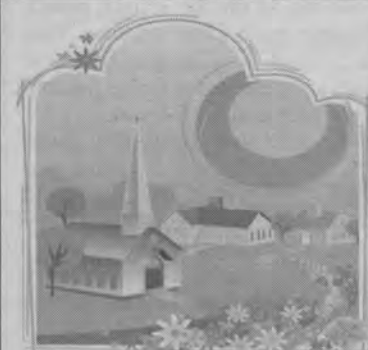
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But it was in the bathroom where the most evidence was found. This was where the fire started and Bonistall's body was disposed of. Her body was found under a pile of melted debris in the bath tub. She was found dressed in sweat pants and a sweatshirt. She had a t-shirt bound tightly around her mouth as a gag, and another one wrapped around her neck, which officers believe worked to suffocate the woman. Below her body, police found an electrical cord, looped and knotted. Rubin said that this was likely used to tie her hands. She also had remnants of bleach on her body, which is often used to remove DNA evidence.

An autopsy revealed that Bonistall sustained four blows to the face, probably from being punched: one to each eye and two more to the chin. Medical examiners found a fifth blow to her chest. This injury was probably the result of being knelt on or pushed against a piece of furniture.

The autopsy revealed that Bonistall died from strangulation. "There was extensive damage to the internal structure of her neck," Rubin said. "And there were hemorrhages on the inside of her eyes, consistent with strangulation... She was dead at the time of the fire."

DNA profile

FURTHER examination revealed semen in Bonistall's vagina and skin cells under her fingernails. Those cells were used to create a very specific DNA profile, one that prosecutors said points to Cooke. The

scraping from Bonistall's fingernails painted a picture that so closely matches Cooke, there is only a one in 1,640,000,000 chance that it is another black male. The semen DNA profile is more precise: There is a one in 676 quintillion chance that the semen belonged to someone else. A quintillion is followed by 18 zeroes.

Not just Lindsey

POLICE believe that Bonistall's Towne Court apartment was not the only one targeted by Bonistall's murderer. Police linked the suspect to two other home invasions.

The first occurred on April 26, also in Towne Court Apartments. Police believe that the intruder broke in through a sliding glass window while the residents were away and took DVDs and jewelry. In particular, a class ring with the resident's name engraved on the band was taken. The walls were covered in messages written in red nail polish, "We'll be back" and "I want my drug money," [sic].

Four days later, a home on West Park Place, less than half a mile away, was broken into. This time, two residents were home. Police believe that the suspect entered the home in the early morning hours and confronted one of the residents in her bed. She woke up to a flashlight glaring in her face and a gruff, male voice saying, "Shut the [explicative] up or I'll kill you." According to Rubin's testimony, she responded groggily and confused, asking if it was her roommate. The intruder demanded her money and credit cards, which he pocketed. Then he said: "Take off your clothes or I'll [explicative] kill you." The victim screamed her roommate's name, at which point the intruder fled. Later, the residents noticed a



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Cooke

Jansport bag containing an iPod, a metal can of TrimSpa and a headband was taken. A cell phone was also missing.

On May 2, the West Park Place victim discovered that her credit card had been unsuccessfully used at an ATM on Elkton Road. Police later used photos from the ATM's camera to compile a wanted poster.

The call to police

THE state played a nine-minute phone call to the Newark Police Department as part of its case against Cooke. The caller provided information about the two previous home invasions and about Bonistall's murder, although he did not mention the murdered girl's name. He referred to the two other victims by name, saying that there would be more bodies within the following two weeks if he did not get the money he was owed for drugs. The caller named four other people by first and last name that he was working with.

"We're going to kill everyone who owes us money," he said. "We're going to get everyone."

The caller went on to list eight more victims by first name if he did not receive his money.

He made a series of threats that included "They got dynamite and guns, too."

He also revealed information that was not released to the press, including details about what was written on the wall.

The caller promised more information if he could speak with Rubin. He made one demand: "I want protection," the caller said. "I need that promise." He did not say who he needed protection from.

Rubin testified that Cooke's live-in girlfriend and mother of his three children was "80 percent certain" that it was Cooke's voice on the tape. However, she thought that maybe he was trying to disguise his voice.

The state's prosecutor Steven P. Wood said the call "ties a lot of disparate strands together." He pointed out that the caller knew the names of the two victims, information that could have been obtained from the stolen jewelry and as the West Park Place victim cried out her roommate's name.

'That's Daddy'

RUBIN testified that during his investigation, he showed up at Cooke's home trying to uncover information about where he was living at the time. The detective went inside the house and spoke with Cooke's girlfriend and mother of his three children. Rubin showed her the wanted poster and asked if she thought it was Cooke in the photo. Before she could respond, her 3-year-old came up, pointed to the picture and said "That's Daddy."

The Defense

DURING the cross examination, the public defender Brendan O'Neill, asked if a voice analysis comparing Cooke's voice to the caller's had been completed. While one had been

sent out, the results are not back. He also asked what the results were of a handwriting analysis. Rubin replied that analysis came back inconclusive, but that there were some consistencies, most notably grammar errors.

Caregiving skills taught at Newark Senior Center

The CARE Delaware Program of the Division of Services and the Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children and Families are collaborating to train families on how to care for aging members.

"Giving Care, Taking Care" is a family caregiver skills training program that will help Delawareans caring for persons aged 60 and older. The program will be offered over two days.

The basic skills portion of the program will be offered on the first day, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Nov. 9. It will cover topics such as infection control, nutrition and home safety.

The intermediate skills portion of the program will be offered on the second day, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Nov. 16 at the same place. It will cover areas such as moving patients, preventing bedsores and administering medication. There will also be a discussion of caregiver burnout prevention and a presentation of community resources for caregivers.

The program will be offered on both days at the Newark Senior Center.

Any Delawarean caring for someone aged 60 or older is welcomed at the program. A nurse and pastor with extensive caregiving experience will be the primary trainers. There is no charge for this session but pre-registration is requested. Call 225-1040.



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