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UP FRONT

Show that turkey day some respect

By **MARTY VALANIA**

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Meandering my way through the store around fake Christmas trees and lights, I found myself with two main thoughts.

First, being less than enamored with shopping of any kind – why on earth am I in a store on Sunday morning?

And second, does Thanksgiving still exist?

Maybe it's just me, but I swear I just gave out bags and bags of candy to a zillion trick-or-treaters. That couldn't have been more than two weeks ago.

I must've pulled a Rip Van Winkle and slept through a few weeks of the calendar – otherwise I don't know how to explain flipping from Halloween to Christmas in one fell swoop.

If there's a holiday that gets less respect than Thanksgiving, I can't think of it.

Heck, Valentines Day – a day created solely for greeting cards, candy and flower distributors – gets more respect than Turkey Day.

Frankly, I don't understand it.

For full disclosure purposes I'll throw out there that I have a late November birthday and that I love football. Maybe those things give me extra warm and fuzzies about this disenfranchised holiday that others don't have.

I don't know what it is, but there are a few undeniable facts about this overlooked and much needed day of celebration that need to be pointed out.

The busiest travel day of the year revolves around what holiday?

Let me give you a hint, it's not Christmas, it's not Easter and it sure as heck isn't Halloween. Yes, it's

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Newark War Memorial gets new look after Veterans Day



PHOTO BY MATTHEW BASHAM

Manuel and Juan Salmeron add new brick to the Newark War Memorial at Academy and East Main streets. Roughly \$10,000 in upgrades to the memorial were completed this week.

By **SCOTT GOSS**

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Although they weren't quite finished in time for Veterans Day, improvements to the Newark War Memorial should be in place by the weekend.

The project will replace the former uneven walkway with new bricks that are intended to better match the existing sidewalk that runs into the University of Delaware's Academy Building at the corner of Academy and East Main streets.

For the first time, the walkway also will physically connect with the university sidewalk to improve handicap access to the memorial.

Holly bushes also will be included, according to Linda Burns, who coordinated the project for the Newark Memorial Day Committee.

The Memorial Day Committee raised most of the money for the roughly \$10,000 project, with additional support from the Downtown Newark Partnership.

"Two years ago, the Newark VFW raised money to install the flagpole and the lights that are on the monument now," Burns said.

"We've been trying to compliment that effort, but it's taken a little longer than we first planned."

John Morrow, a past commander of the Newark VFW Post 475 and a current state officer in the organization, said he can relate.

"The legwork it took us to get the work approved was far more difficult than raising the funds," he said. "But it was worth the effort because it's the one place in Newark everybody sees and when they see the memorial and the lights, I think it shows that we in Delaware honor our veterans."

Retired Navy veteran Robert Sheaffer, whose brother Harold is recognized for making the ultimate sacrifice for his country during World War II, said he's pleased improvements are being made to the memorial, which he said has stood as a testament to the city's patriotism for as long as he can remember.

"And I think I've been in every Memorial Day parade Newark has ever had," he said.

To make a tax refundable donation to the Newark Memorial Day Committee, please contact Linda Burns, P. O. Box 390, Newark, DE 19715.

Post columnist and local arts champion dies

By **DOUGLAS RAINEY**

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Newark Post columnist, educator, radio host and arts champion Philip (Phil) Toman died at the age of 77 on Tuesday.

Toman was perhaps best known in Newark as the voice of the school district while serving as its public information director for several years.

His daughter, Jean Toman, remembers taking the blame from other children when the decision to open or close school was made. It was actually the superintendent who made the decision, but it was her father who often delivered the news, she said.

Born in Wilmington and a graduate of Archmere Academy, Toman grew up with a love of music and a passion for opera and later became a co-founder of the Newark Symphony Orchestra, a long-running columnist for the Newark Post and a radio show host on the now-defunct WNRK.

A graduate of the University of Delaware with bachelor's and master's degrees, his career in education began in the Smyrna School District. Toman later transferred to the Newark Special School District.

Toman served in the high-profile role of district spokesman during a difficult period that included desegregation and the consolidation of school districts, including Newark. His communications efforts during that time resulted in a national award.

During his career, he also found time to earn a doctorate in education from Nova University in Florida.

Retiring in 1990, Toman took a similar post at Wilmington College, now Wilmington University, which he left in 1995.

Friend and former Newark Post Publisher Jim Streit said Toman remains well known in education circles for setting the standard in communicating with various constituencies. (See column, Page 6).

During his career, Toman also found time to write a column for the Post for 37 years. He wrote his last column in January of 2006.

A stickler for deadlines, he was unhappy if his column was not completed well before deadline, daughter Jean remembered. He even went so far as to write several columns in advance of his

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Thefts and Robberies

An unknown suspect stole six microphones, collectively valued at \$1,800, from the Newark United Methodist Church in the **unit block of East Main Street** between midnight on Oct. 26 and noon on Nov. 2.

An unknown suspect stole a welding machine valued at \$6,000 from a construction site on **Innovation Way** between 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 4 and 7:42 a.m. on Nov. 5.

A Newark landlord told police a former tenant stole three air conditioning units, collectively valued at \$510, from a rental unit in the **100 block of New London Road** before 5:20 a.m. on Nov. 5.

An unknown suspect broke into a home in the **unit block of South Dillwyn Road** and stole \$150 in cash between 1:45 p.m. and 4:12 p.m. on Nov. 5. Damages were estimated at \$200.

A man stole a PlayStation 3 video game system valued at \$360 from Radio Shack in the **College Square Shopping Center** at about 7:38 p.m. on Nov. 5.

Police charged two 16-year-old Wilmington teens with shoplifting and criminal mischief at 1:43 p.m. on Nov. 6, after they allegedly attempted to steal \$65 worth of socks and underwear from K-Mart in the **College Square Shopping Center**.

An unknown suspect broke into the Matt Slap Subaru dealership in the **200 block of East Cleveland Avenue** and stole a 2002 Nissan Sentra, as well as wheels, stereos, keys and license plates from multiple vehicles, collectively valued at \$38,000, between 9 p.m. on Nov. 7 and 7:45 a.m. on Nov. 8. Damages were estimated at \$800.

An unknown suspect entered an apartment in the **1100 block of Woolen Way** and stole items collectively valued at \$262 between 1:30

Smyrna man leads police on high-speed chase

By **SCOTT GOSS**

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A police chase that began in Maryland wound through the street of Newark early Saturday morning before coming to an end near New Castle.

According to police, officers in Elkton, Md. initiated the pursuit at about 1 a.m. when they saw a 1997 Saturn driving wildly.

The driver of the car ignored his pursuers and eventually led a Maryland State Police trooper across state lines to East Delaware Avenue, where Newark Police Cpl. Blake Potacki joined the chase.

The officers followed the

vehicle up Tyre Avenue and the wrong way on East Main Street, before heading east down Ogletown-Stanton and Churchman's roads and from there heading to Route 13, where the Delaware State Police joined the chase.

Police said the vehicle ignored numerous traffic signals, while serving across the roadway during the pursuit, which lasted about 20 minutes and at some points reached speeds in excess of 100 mph.

The chase finally ended on Route 13 south of Hamburg Road when the vehicle struck a median while attempting to swerve across the highway lanes, police said.

The driver, Larry M.J. Sexton, 29, of Smyrna, Del.

was later charged with driving a stolen car, driving on a suspended license, driving without insurance, driving an unregistered vehicle, disregarding police, aggressive driving, four counts of reckless endangerment and more than two dozen counts of reckless driving.

Police said Sexton later admitted to having used cocaine prior to the chase.

Sexton's passengers, a pit bull puppy and his pregnant 21-year-old girlfriend, were not injured, although Sexton did require medical attention for injuries suffered in the accident.

He was later transported to Gander Hill Correctional Facility on \$34,000 cash and secured bail.

a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on Nov. 8.

Vehicles Targeted

A 20-year-old Newark woman told police someone damaged her vehicle while it was parked in the **300 block of Scholar Drive** between 9 p.m. on Nov. 1 and 9 p.m. on Nov. 2. Damages were estimated at \$200.

A 36-year-old Newark man told police someone broke into his Dodge Ram at the **College Square Shopping Center** and stole items, collectively valued at \$181, between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 3.

An unknown suspect slashed the tires and poured sugar in the gas tank of a vehicle at the Park 'N Ride on **East Chestnut Hill Road** between 5:30 a.m. and 2:04 p.m. on Nov. 5. Damages were estimated at \$700.

A 22-year-old Massachusetts woman told police someone damaged her 1997 Infiniti 130 while it was parked in the **unit block of North Chapel Street** between 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 7 and 11 a.m. on Nov. 8. Damages were estimated at \$50.

An unknown suspect stole

four wheels and tires from a 2007 Chevrolet Suburban parked in the Nucar Pontiac lot on **Christopher Drive** and then used an accelerant to set fire to the vehicle between 10:36 p.m. and 10:52 p.m. on Nov. 8. Damages were estimated at \$30,000.

An unknown suspect damaged the side mirror of a 2000 Nissan Maxima parked in the **400 block of Wollaston Avenue** at about 3:30 a.m. on Nov. 9. Damages were estimated at \$300.

Fights and Assaults

A 21-year-old Wilmington man and a 20-year-old university student told police someone punched them near the intersection of **East Main and Haines streets** at about 2:13 a.m. on Nov. 4. Both victims were taken to the Christiana Hospital emergency room.

Police charged New Castle, Del. residents Andrew W. Cook, 19 and Jerome P. Aniska, 19, with disorderly conduct after reportedly seeing them fighting near the intersection of **North Chapel and East Main Streets** at 1:13 a.m. on Nov. 8. Cook also was charged

with underage consumption.

A 31-year-old man from Milford, Del. and a 17-year-old Newark teen told police several people threatened them near the intersection of **Marrows Road and Wyoming Avenue** at 2:05 a.m. on Nov. 8.

A 20-year-old university student told police an uninvited guest at a party in the **100 block of East Cleveland Avenue** punched her several times at about midnight on Nov. 8. The victim also told police a purse containing items valued at \$890 was later found missing from her home.

Other Incidents

Police charged Newark resident David Lind, 42, with criminal impersonation and a variety of traffic offenses at 9:48 a.m. on Nov. 3, after he reportedly gave an officer a false name during a traffic stop near the intersection of **South College Avenue and Welsh Tract Road**.

Police charged Matthew Atkinson, 22, of Medford, N.J., with disorderly conduct at 1:32 a.m. on Nov. 5, after

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City property, water rates hikes proposed in 2009 spending plan

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Newark residents could be hit with a 22.5-percent hike in the city's property tax rate and a 15-percent hike in the municipal water rate under a 2009 spending plan currently before City Council.

City Finance Director Dennis McFarland told Council on Monday that the increases would be needed to cover the cost of adding five new police officers and making larger contributions to the city's retiree healthcare and employee pension funds.

If approved, the \$35.9 million spending plan would result in a \$2.7 million increase over the city's \$33.3 million budget for 2008.

To get there, McFarland has proposed raising the city property tax rate from 53 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 65 cents per \$100 – a 22.5-percent increase.

At the same time, city officials are proposing a 15-percent hike in the municipal water rate, which would raise it from \$3.51 cents per 1,000 gallons to \$4.04 per 1,000 gallons.

Together, the proposed rate hikes would raise an additional \$1.7 million next year, according to city officials. Another \$1 million would be generated through the city's transfer tax and growing consumption by city water and electricity customers.

The proposed budget seeks to increase overall expenses by \$3.4 million, resulting in an annual surplus \$700,000 less than the prior year.

Roughly \$1 million of the new expenses would be used to cover a 3-percent salary increase for city employees and a 6-percent increase in the city's healthcare costs.

Another \$300,000 would be spent on five new police officers, the city's annual contribution to its employee pension fund would grow by \$500,000, while \$300,000 would be spent on annual contributions the city's retiree healthcare fund.

Another \$540,000 would cover higher costs anticipated for contracted services and material.

Meanwhile, another \$800,000 would cover capital costs, including new police vehicles, repairs to a Christiana Creek sewer crossing and advancing plans for a park at the former Curtis Paper Mill.

Investigation ongoing in death of UD fraternity pledge

By SCOTT GOSS

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A funeral was held in New Jersey on Thursday for the University of Delaware freshman who died while attending an off-campus party last weekend.

Police have said they suspect 18-year-old fraternity pledge Brett Griffin may have suffered from alcohol poisoning.

However, an exact cause of death is still pending the outcome of toxicology tests, according to Newark Police Lt. Brian Henry.

An ambulance crew called to 28 Annabelle Street early on Saturday morning found Griffin in cardiac arrest and not breathing.

The crew, along with New Castle County paramedics, transported Griffin to Christiana Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Police said Griffin had been attending a Sigma Alpha Mu function down the street from the fraternity's official house on Annabelle St when the incident occurred.

Henry has declined to describe the events that eyewitnesses have said led up to the teen's death, noting that police have yet to complete all their interviews.

On Thursday, the



PHOTO BY MATT BASHAM

UD freshman Brett Griffin died last weekend during a fraternity function at this rental property on Annabelle Street.

University of Delaware provided free transportation to students and staff interested in attending Griffin's funeral.

University of Delaware President Patrick T. Harker issued a statement earlier in the week extending his sympathies to Griffin's family and friends.

"While specific information is not yet available, we do know that alcohol played a role in the events of that night, and I want to emphasize that the abuse of alcohol is an issue we take very seriously here," he said.

Harker also noted that the university has required all incoming students to undergo an alcohol education program for several years.

Griffin moved to Newark

from Kendall Park, N.J. less than 12 weeks ago.

According to The Newark Star-Ledger, he had wrestled at 155 pounds for South Brunswick High School until June.

His high school wrestling coach told the paper Griffin was the only wrestler he knew in his 21 years on the job who never missed a practice.

Griffin's father, a police officer, and his mother also never missed a match, the coach told the newspaper.

The Newark Police Department has directed all information about the investigation to Detective Andrew Rubin at 366-7110, ext. 135, or via e-mail at Andrew.Rubin@cj.state.de.us.

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School board meeting

Christina District's school board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Nov. 18, at Shue-Medill Middle School in Newark, starting at 7:30 p.m. Among other items, the school superintendent is scheduled to give a report on the Delaware Autistic Program. The full agenda for the meeting can be viewed at www.christina.k12.de.us.

ParentLink activated

Christina School District has activated ParentLink, a phone system designed to communicate directly with student homes about school emergencies, reminders, events and deadlines, as well as student information such as attendance. It is critically important that parents contact a child's school if there are any changes in your address, phone number or other records already in the district's eSchoolPlus system.

ParentLink requires a voice or answering machine to activate the message. If Christina School District appears on your caller ID, please answer. Do not call the number that appears on caller ID unless you have listened to the message fully and have questions.

Extracurricular activities

School Matters, a service of Standard & Poor's, advises parents not to allow their children to drop in and out of activities. Discuss the reasons why and encourage your child to stick with the activity for at least six weeks. Allowing them to drop in and out of activities permits this type of behavior later in life. If a child really wants to quit, look for physical signs of stress like headaches or vomiting. Regardless of what type of extracurricular activity your children select, give your full support. Going to the games, volunteering your time and offering praise can go a long way in improving your child's school year.

Leasure fourth graders at top of stock market

The ability of a team of fourth grade students at Leasure Elementary School at picking stocks resulted in press coverage by the Wall Street Journal.

Leasure Elementary School and Talent Development teacher Timothy Werbrich were featured in a front-page article in the Wall Street Journal on Oct. 30.

Leasure Elementary has 32 teams participating in the Stock Market Game, but the fourth grade team of Navjot Kaur, Jennifer Decampo, and Jamier Schaener was recognized for their job picking high-yield stocks.

The team's biggest payoff came from their "purchase" of Exxon Mobil stock, which surged and placed the team at the top of state rankings. That particular stock was chosen because Kaur's father owns several gas stations. The amount of stock purchased was a happy accident.

"We meant to buy 300 shares, but I accidentally added an extra zero, and we ended up buying 3,000 shares," Kaur said.

Werbrich said that the team's earnings had rocketed mostly because the students bought the 3,000 shares of Exxon Mobil before a temporary climb in early October.

The stock gave back some of its gains and in recent days the team lost \$38,000 before making back half that, and then watching the stock fall again.

Werbrich has been giving his students pep talks. He told them that "as bad as they were feeling about hypothetical losses, real investors can lose their hair and get ulcers and get seriously sick."

Kaur, Decampo, and Schaener want to base their next stock pick on the upcoming holiday season. "We want to sell some Exxon and buy some



Talent Development teacher Timothy Werbrich coaches Stock Market Game team members Navjot Kaur, Jennifer Decampo, and Jamier Schaener at Leasure Elementary School in the Christina School District.

WalMart stock, because the commercials now are talking about Christmas," Kaur said.

The Stock Market Game is a scholastic contest in which students from grades four through 12 get a hypothetical \$100,000 to invest in stocks, bonds or mutual funds.

The game is run by the Foundation for Investor Education, and schools pay a small fee per team for access to a computer system that executes the simulated trades and ranks teams by states and age group. At the end, the teams in each state with the best returns take home bull-and-bear trophies,

gift certificates or other prizes.

Teachers have successfully used The Stock Market Game program to enliven core academic subjects — including math, social studies, and language arts — and research has shown the program has also boosted student awareness of the importance of saving and investing.

Starting with their virtual cash account of \$100,000, students strive to create the best-performing portfolio using a live trading simulation. They work together in teams, practicing leadership, organization, negotiation, and cooperation as

they compete for the top spot.

In building a portfolio, students research and evaluate stocks, and make decisions based on what they've learned. Teams trade common stocks and mutual funds from the NYSE, Nasdaq and AMEX exchanges; earn interest on cash balances; pay interest if buying on margin and pay a commission on all trades. To determine why certain stocks perform the way they do, or why the broader market has moved up or down, students learn concepts about how the economy works, and calculate their returns using math skills.

'What in the World?' at Keene Elementary

Keene Elementary School will host the Business, Industry, Education (BIE) Alliance's "What In The World?" career awareness program for their 4th grade students on Monday, Nov. 14. "What in the World?" is an interactive program designed to introduce students in grades 3 through 12 to a wide variety of careers in the math, science and technology fields.

For more than a decade, "What in the World?" program volunteers from the local business community have gone into area schools, bringing with them job-related "mystery objects" designed to spark the students' curiosity and inspire them to learn more about the skills and education necessary for success in these jobs. Participation in "What in the World?" broadens students' horizons by exposing

them to unfamiliar occupations and motivates them to explore career options in a whole new way.

Representatives from the following business partners are among those who will be sharing their time and expertise with the students at Keene Elementary School:

- New Castle Conservation District
- Delaware Master Gardeners

- Christina School District
- Delaware State Police and
- Blood Bank of Delmarva.

The Delaware BIE Alliance is currently recruiting volunteers to present the "What in the World?" program in New Castle County. For more information, contact:

Andrea Majewski, BIE Alliance, 302-368-4372, email to amajewski@bie.k12.de.us or visit www.bie.k12.de.us.

Pell Grants benefit college students

In the 2007-08 academic year, students at Cecil College in Maryland were awarded more than \$1 million in Pell Grants for the first time, with 528 students averaging in excess of \$2,000 each.

According to a report released in August by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, the number of Americans who believe that higher education is essential for a decent job and place in American society has jumped from 31 percent in 2000 to 50 percent in 2007. However, the cost prevents many people from getting a college education, even at community colleges, where the tuition and fees tend to run significantly lower.

There are various types of financial aid available which do not have to be paid back, including the Federal Pell Grant. The Federal Pell Grant program provides need-based grants to eligible full-time and part-time undergraduate students, calculated by completing the Free Application for

For 2008-09, Pell Grant recipients or their parents must show a 2007 income of no more than \$49,999.

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

"The FAFSA captures biographical and financial information and a federal formula called Federal Methodology is applied to the data," said Kate Lockhart, Cecil College director of financial aid services and veterans affairs. "The results are then forwarded to the schools indicated in the form by the student."

The maximum grant students were eligible to receive last year was \$4,310. This amount has risen to \$4,731 in 2008-09. On Aug. 14, the Higher Education Opportunity Act was signed into law raising the authorized Pell Grant maximums to \$6,000 in 2009-

10 with a \$400 increase per year, reaching \$8,000 in 2015.

The act also establishes a year-round Pell Grant for students who complete more than one year's academic work in a single award year. In addition, the Pell Grant minimum is increased from \$400 to 10 percent of the maximum grant for a given award year.

The recent economic downturn threatens all kinds of financial aid. However, reportedly, the very popularity of Pell Grants may insulate them from cuts.


"If it is threatened, you'll hear about it," said Edward M. Elmendorf, senior vice president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. "The decibel level will be deafening."

A variety of other types of financial aid are available at Cecil, including veterans education benefits, Cecil College Foundation scholarships, Maryland state scholarships, and grants, student loans, and work-study. Cecil students

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Dr. Edward Hu graduated with a bachelor's degree in Molecular Biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and has both his PhD and MD from the New York School of Medicine. He completed his residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC).

The staff at Delaware Eye Care Center welcomed Dr. Hu and his family to Delaware this summer. Dr. Hu is a native of Maryland.

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POST COLUMNIST

A real gentle Toman

By JIM STREIT

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

It is ironic that Phil Toman passed away the same week that the Downtown Newark Partnership celebrates its tenth anniversary.

As the Partnership works to preserve and promote Newark's downtown as a historic and contemporary treasure, Phil Toman spent his life passionately doing the same for Delaware's arts community.

Long-time readers of this newspaper will recall his weekly arts column.

From concerts at the Grand, to exhibitions at the Delaware Art Museum, to the Newark Symphony Orchestra, Phil spread the news of the visual and performing arts communities to everyday citizens.

For many years, he hosted a radio program on WNRK-AM that complemented his weekly newspaper offerings.

He built a recording studio in his home and stuffed it with an unequalled collection of records, tapes and compact discs of classical music, which he shared with his loyal listeners.

Simply put, for decades it was difficult for Newark residents with little interest in artistic offerings to not be exposed to Phil's continuing efforts to educate them.

His encyclopedic knowledge of arts was awe-inspiring. He could spiel off Italian opera subtitles (I always assumed he was correct but was never certain) as well as what type of automobile would be featured at the annual fall car show at Winterthur.

I recall a moment in the early 1990s when one of his weekly columns contained a number of words that not a single newspaper staffer recognized or understood.

It was pre-Internet days and even the eight-inch thick unabridged dictionary did not contain the operative terms.

The fact checking continued with a call to a music history professor at the University of Delaware.

He said he, too, was unaware of the words in question, but quickly professed, "If Phil Toman wrote them, they're correct." The piece ran as submitted with no editing.

I saved the column and on a visit to his home years later, I asked him to explain the meanings of the words. And he did, instantly, in simple, understandable terms that did not make me feel stupid but rather enlightened me.

Phil Toman was a man of many dimensions.

During his many years as the public relations specialist for the Newark

Special School District, he set the standard locally and in his profession.

He promoted the good news made by students while headlines screamed the problems associated with court-ordered desegregation. He was revered by his colleagues, teachers included, for creating a climate that allowed public education to move forward under the radar of the court suits and legal actions.

Phil and his wife, Marie, hosted an annual holiday party in their home that featured two treats: a taste of their daughter's legendary shrimp bisque and a trip downstairs to view Phil's elaborate model train garden. The miniature display was impressive but more so was his devotion to the Wilmington and Western Railroad.

As an integral volunteer for many years, he used his PR expertise to market this local, historic treasure.

When Hurricane Floyd devastated the long-struggling nonprofit railroad in 1999, many were ready to give up. Phil was one of those who led the effort to rebuild the local treasure.

Retired, he hit the "rubber roast beef" speakers circuit and pitched Rotary club after community association to help. The railroad's reincarnation is now history.

As impressive as his professional credentials, love of the arts and volunteerism are, it is "Phil Toman the man" that I will remember.

When I arrived in town as the new newspaper publisher in 1992, most I encountered held me at arm's length until they got to know me.

Not so with Phil Toman.

From our first meeting, he was warm and welcoming and genuine in his interest in knowing about me and my family. He never asked about my journalistic priorities.

Through the subsequent 14 years, not once did he drop off a column or come by the office to pick up copies of his printed work without popping his head into my office and asking specific questions about members of my family.

Like many other Newarkers, he earned my respect, my friendship and my love.

When I left this newspaper in June 2006, Phil penned a farewell note to me.

After learning of his death Tuesday, I pulled it out of a box of memorabilia.

The Irishman wrote, in his signature green ink, "Congratulations on a job well done. Newark is better place because of you."

The same to you, Phil.

The writer was publisher of the Newark Post from 1992 to 2006. He now serves in a role similar to Toman's at the Newark school district in Jacksonville, Fla.



Streit

OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week's Out of the Attic photo features an 1898 view of the house at 257 East Main Street. The property, now vacant, is between Shamrock Printing and Bing's Bakery. The residents (pictured) were Hannah and John Pilling and their children. Also pictured with the horse is Tommy Anderson. Pilling was an industrialist with the American, National, and Continental Vulcanized Fibre Companies in Newark. The property was last the home and office of Dr. Wallace M. Johnson, a physician and former mayor of Newark noted for his community service. The photo is on loan to the Newark Post from the Newark Historical Society collection. Readers are invited to share additional information about the building with the Newark Historical Society. Visit the Newark History Museum at 148 E. Main Street (between Choate and Haines Streets). Hours are Thursday 5 - 8 p.m., Friday Noon - 3 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 2 - 5 p.m. Admission is free. Contact the Historical Society by phone at 224-2408 or by e-mailing newarkdehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

Exception taken to George Wilson plaque

Frances Horzempa
Newark

I am writing this letter regarding the plaque that was recently dedicated at the George Wilson Center and sponsored by Terry Schooley.

Though recognition of the George Wilson Center and its historic place in Newark's history is long overdue, I must take exception to the content and tone of the wording on the plaque.

As a transplant to Delaware, I was shocked to find so little public acknowledgement of Delaware's history of racial segregation. Therefore, I was pleased when I found that finally recognition was given to one of Delaware's infamous "colored schools."

However, my satisfaction was short lived. I find the wording on the plaque insulting to the struggles of African Americans in this state. The words "segregation," "discrimination" or "colored school" are not even on the plaque.

Though "School Hill" is mentioned, what is not mentioned is that just one street over, in sharp contrast to the small houses on New London Road, are the "mansions" on Nottingham.



Blacks lived on School Hill because they were prohibited from living in those mansions. Their only access to these homes was as maids or servants.

In 1961, when lunch counter sit-ins were erupting throughout the south, Newark purchased the "colored school" building. African Americans, however, could not buy a hamburger at the Deer Park Tavern, less than a half-mile from their homes and neighborhood.

The wording on the George Wilson Center plaque disguises the bigotry and racism that was legally sanctioned in Delaware until well into the second half of the 20th century.

As a firm supporter of Terry Schooley, I am disappointed that she would approve of this watered down version of Newark's history.

Toman remembered

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heart surgery in the late 1990s, she said.

Throughout his career, Toman served as a friend and mentor to editors of the newspaper.

"The things I most remember about Phil are his unfailing courtesy, professionalism and caring," former Post editor Mary Petzak said. "I worked with him for more than a decade as a fellow writer and his editor, and he always met his deadlines, never asked for special treatment and never let the paper down in any way."

Petzak said Toman often inquired about the families and personal events of others, but seldom mentioned his own concerns.

"It was not until after my grandson died that Phil mentioned the death of his own son — many years before I first knew him," Petzak said. "He spoke about that sorrow and said how hard it still was to pass the spot everyday where his child had died."

The word that came to mind in describing Toman was "gentleman" noted former Post editors Darrel Cole and Christine Neff. Both worked with Toman in the latter stages of his writing career.

Cole said Toman gently offered advice that ranged from the challenges of editing a weekly newspaper to life in general.

Prior to his retirement as a columnist, Toman received a lifetime achievement award for his promotion of the arts from OperaDelaware.

Toman's knowledge of opera was encyclopedic and his favorite performance was a 16-hour epic by Richard Wagner. An enthusiastic traveler who preferred to take the train, he viewed the marathon opera at various locations throughout the nation.

Toman became the arts columnist for The Post and wrote the column on a regular basis. During the paper's brief stint as a daily, he was cranking out a column every 24 hours.

If that wasn't enough, Toman also found time for his other passions for aviation and railroading. He served as president of the Wilmington & Western Railroad during a difficult year that included much of its track being washed away by a hurricane. He first love was working on the train and talking to passengers about the line and its history. A model train enthusiast, he would welcome youngsters into the home over the holidays to view his layout.



PHOTO BY JIM STREIT

Philip Toman, explaining the post-Hurricane Floyd reconstruction of the Wilmington & Western Railroad to Donna Friswell in 2000 at the railroad's engine house in Marshallton. Donna, at the time was president of the Newark Morning Rotary Club.

Aviation was yet another interest. A member of the Civil Air Patrol and the Air Force Association, he served on the board Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame that commemorates that state's rich flight history.

His faith was important and during an active retirement, he served as a Eucharistic minister for St. John's-Holy Angels Catholic Church in Newark, tending to the needs of the sick and shut-ins.

Recently, he was a founder of the Newark chapter of Ancient Order of Hibernians. The chapter was formed five years ago in Newark, but had

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OUTLOOK

Lets Talk Turkey

By ANNA STOOPS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

If you are like me and already starting to think about Thanksgiving and the feast that you'll prepare, let me give you some ideas about what many people choose as their main course — turkey that is.

Believe it or not, you've got some options that you may not have thought about. Yes, you can still go to the grocery store and purchase a bird, but why not try something different this year?

We've come a long way from Pilgrim times, but in the case of turkeys, things are reverting back. There is a movement of raising and eating heritage and heirloom foods currently sweeping the nation.

The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC) defines heritage turkeys as those that naturally mate, have long and productive outdoor life spans and a slow growth rate. Through intense breeding for meat production and commercial operations many of these breeds are disappearing.

The ALBC has a priority listing that they maintain. Birds are classified as Critical, Threatened, Watch, Recovering and Study. The higher up the list the more threatened the breed is, and unlike the endangered species list, these are the birds that we want to buy and consume.

Breeds such as the Beltsville Small White, the Narragansett, the Standard Bronze and the Broad Breasted Bronze are just a few on the ALBC's watch

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

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Relief agencies set winter donation goal of 300k lbs. of food and \$250k

Delaware Does More launched with promises of aid

By SCOTT GOSS

POSTNEWS@CHESPUB.COM

Some of the state's largest charitable organizations are warning that the troubled economy has already left them strapped for resources, with the winter holidays still around the corner.

Gov. Ruth Ann Minner joined officials from the United Way and the Food Bank of Delaware last week to announce a statewide call to action in the hopes of raising 300,000 pounds of food and \$250,000 in donations by the end of February.

Calling the effort Delaware Does More, the organizations are hoping to partner with businesses, schools and private donors to help stem the tide.

"We've seen so many people who are recently out of work or who have never had trouble making ends meet coming to us," said Patricia D. Beebe, president and CEO of the Newark-based Food Bank. "At the same time, charitable organizations are the first to feel budget cuts, while the grocery stores that used to send us food are buying less or trying to sell

their excess overseas."

Beebe said most charitable organizations have seen at least a 25-percent rise in demand this year.

Brother Cory Moody from the Wilmington-based Ministry of Caring said he is seeing a far greater increase.

"We have three dining room facilities and together they served 9,000 more meals by this October than we did all last year," he said. "The food's not coming in, the money's not coming in, but there sure are a lot more people coming in."

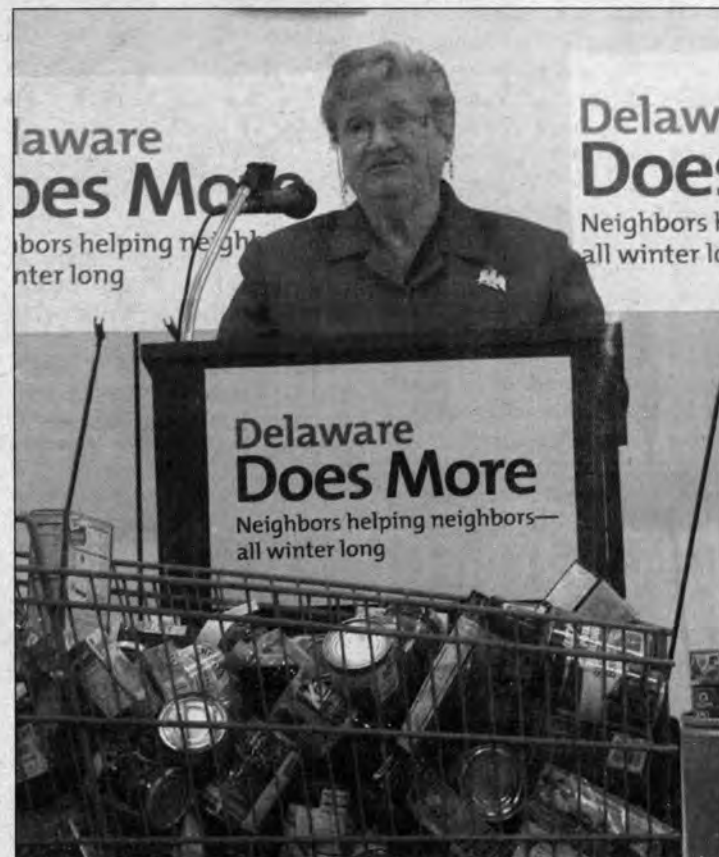
Bernadette Winston from the Kingswood Community Center in northeast Wilmington said she is facing a similar increase in need.

"In the last three days, we've had 85 phone calls for food or electricity assistance that we've had to turn away," she said.

Deaconess Jean Warren from Lutheran Community Services Inc. said her organization's 11 New Castle County locations have had to shut down for several days or shorten their hours of operation to keep up with demand.

"We're struggling to keep food on the shelves," she said. "Our entire food budget was spent by August."

To help kick-off the food and donation drive, Tyrone Jones from AstraZeneca presented a \$15,000 check and promised to deliver 3,000 pounds of food by



Gov. Ruth Ann Minner helped the United Way and the Food Bank of Delaware call on state residents to help raise 300,000 pounds of food and \$250,000 in donations by the end of February.

January.

"Presenting a check is the easy part," he said. "By the end of February, it can't be Delaware did its best, it has to be Delaware did more."

Meanwhile, Gary R. Stockbridge of Delmarva Power, pledged \$10,000 to the United Way and said the company is setting up an emergency food drive at all of its facilities.

"We will also try to use our leverage in the business community to get them to contribute to the cause as well," he said.

Delaware State Police Cpl. Jeffrey Whitmarsh also pledged to start a food drive that was conducted at all state police barracks over the summer, collecting three tons of donated food.

The United Way has donated \$50,000 to organize the effort, while the Food Bank has agreed to distribute food to area agencies.

"This can't be just a United Way or a Food Bank effort," Beebe said. "This has to be a Delaware effort."

To donate funds, please visit www.uwde.org. To donate food or to organize a food drive, please call the Food Bank of Delaware at 292-1305, ext. 211.



Patricia Beebe, the president and CEO of The Food Bank of Delaware, calls on the state's patriotism and respect for others, during a press conference to announce the Delaware Does More initiative. Seated are Michelle A. Taylor, president and CEO of the United Way of Delaware and Gov. Minner.

Not all turkeys are created equal

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lists.

Other options available when deciding what type of bird to buy are certified-organic or sustainable turkeys, like pasture-fed or free-range birds.

Certified-organic turkeys are raised on farms certified through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, are raised with organically produced feeds without the addition of syn-

thetic chemicals, antibiotics, growth hormones. These certified-organic birds can be free-range or grass-fed.

Sustainable turkeys are raised using sustainable practices and may or may not be organic or all natural.

You can find all-natural or organic turkeys for your holiday feast in Delaware. Often these birds are available fresh and not frozen.

You also can decide on the size of bird you want, whether

you get the averaged-size turkey between 15 and 22 pounds or the larger birds between 28 and 30-plus pounds.

And here are a couple of suggestions of what to do with that extra turkey that you got from the store: put it in the freezer and pull it out in mid-December to make a nice family meal; cut it up into parts, marinate, and cook it on the grill; or use the carcass to make a delicious soup.

Don't forget you can also

donate a frozen, and uncooked turkey to a local food charity. That's what Thanksgiving is all about, right?

For any agriculture-related questions, please contact the New Castle County Cooperative Extension at 831-2506, or visit www.ag.udel.edu/extension/.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 15

LIVE MUSIC 9:30 p.m. Featuring Hippocampus. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

LIVE MUSIC 10 p.m. Featuring rock and roll with the Alfred James Band. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 266-6993.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR 3:30 - 8 p.m. Featuring entertainment from local groups, a fashion show, arts and crafts, food, games and more. George Wilson Community Center, 303 New London Road, Newark. Info, 366-1788.

MEN'S BREAKFAST 8:30 a.m. Sponsored by the men of Newark United Methodist Church. Featuring guest speaker, Tony Graffanino, a major league ballplayer. \$5. Newark United Methodist Church. Info, 239-5192.

BASKET BINGO 6 p.m. "Ladies Night Out." Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner and snacks available, door prizes, and raffles. \$20. Christ the Teacher School, Route 40, Glasgow. Info, 832-3138.

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

SHOWTIME TRIVIA NIGHT Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

LIVE MUSIC 10 p.m. Featuring Bruce Anthony with Jazz. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 266-6993.

SPEAKER 7 p.m. Featuring David Kirsh, author of "The Electric Vehicle and the Burden of History." Free. Hagley Museum, Wilmington. Info, 658-2400.

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

MUG NIGHT 9:30 p.m. Featuring "Burnt Sienna." Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 14

JAZZERCISE LITE 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Low impact, modified version for seniors. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY 1 p.m. Continuing education to promote better way of life. New members welcome. New Castle County Cooperative Extension Office, 461 Wyoming Road. Info, 738-4419 or 831-1239.

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. \$5 donation goes to missions. Life Community Church, 750 Otis Chapel Road, Newark. Info, 738-1530.

JAZZERCISE 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Certified instructor Nadine Weisenbach. George Wilson Center, 303 New London Road, Newark. Info, 366-7060 or www.newarkjazz.net.

CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION 8:30 a.m. First Sat., Denny's, Route 13, New Castle. Info, 322-1121.

MUSEUM OPEN 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dedicated to the history of Pencader Hundred and the Cooch's Bridge battlefield. Free. Pencader Heritage Museum, Old Baltimore Pike, Newark. Info, 737-5792.

SUNDAY, NOV. 16

INAUGURAL MEETING 4 p.m. Friends of Historic Christiana Presbyterian Church will discuss organizational issues and history of the church. 15 N. Old Baltimore Pike, Newark. Info, 368-0515.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 1 - 2 p.m. Westminster House, 292 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 453-9075.

KNITTING KNUTZ GUILD 1 p.m. Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, 1941 Limestone Road, Wilmington. Info, 452-0146.

DELAWARE ACCORDION CLUB 2 - 5 p.m. Meeting for an open mic session. Open to the public. College Town Cafe, I-95 Exit 1-B, Route 896N, Newark. Info, 328-4803.

MONDAY, NOV. 17

DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7:15 p.m. New Directions Delaware sponsors a support group for persons with depression or bipolar disorder. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2313 Concord Pike, Fairfax. Info, 286-1161.

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 9 p.m. Sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info, 654-6833.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Newark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 377-6746.

NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Timothy's, 100 Creek View Road, Newark. Info, 453-8853.

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info, 368-2318.

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TUESDAY, NOV. 18

HEALTHY HIKE 8 a.m. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Road, Newark. Info, 368-6900.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 6 - 7 p.m. Newcomers meeting follows at 7 p.m. Aletheia School, 91 Salem Church Road, Newark. Info, 824-6317.

CONSTITUENT BREAKFAST 7 - 8 a.m. Join state Rep. John Kowalko for coffee and conversation. Friendly's Restaurant, 1115 S. College Ave., Newark. Info, 577-8342.

NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. For men who like to sing. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 376-8934.

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STAMP GROUP 1 p.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.

NEWARK LIONS 6:30 p.m. Lions meeting with program. Deerfield Country Club, Thompson Station Road, Newark. Info, 731-1972.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT 7 - 9 p.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Asbury United Methodist Church, 300 E. Basin Road, New Castle. Info, 610-444-5194.

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

EVENING YOGA 5:30 - 7 and 7 - 8:30

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► MEETINGS, from 10

p.m. Sponsored by Newark Parks & Rec. \$65, Newark resident \$55. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 366-7060.

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TAI CHI 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Free for people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.

DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support

group meeting. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Road. Info, 737-2300.

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

RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION GROUP 7 - 8:30 p.m. Current events and religious discussions led by the Rev. Bruce Gillette. Limestone Presbyterian Church, 2301 Limestone Road, Wilmington. Info, 994-5646.

AT HOME MOTHERS CONNECTION 7:30 p.m. Meeting for moms only. Unitarian Universalist Society, 579 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark. Info, 388-6469.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS 7 p.m. Orientation for the Wilmington chapter. Panera Bread, 3650 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington. Info, 998-3115.

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

ADULTS WITH AD/HD SUPPORT GROUP 7:30 p.m. Newcomers meet at 7 p.m. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 737-5063.

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

YOGA 6:30 - 8 p.m. Mixed level, Iyengar style. Min. 3 months experience required. Drop-ins welcome. Awareness Center, 280 E. Main St., Suite 109, Newark. \$15/class. Info, 792-7230.

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TAI CHI 4:15 p.m. Free for people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle County, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.

LET'S DANCE CLUB 4 - 6 p.m. Features ballroom and line dancing. Free. Meets at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel

Drive, Newark. Info, 737-2336.

WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7 - 9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware for Newark area. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info, 654-6833.

NEWARK MORNING ROTARY 7 - 8:15 a.m. Meeting and breakfast. The Blue & Gold Club, Newark. Info, 738-9943.

BLUEGRASS/OLDTIME JAM 7:20 - 10 p.m. Any skill level welcome. Bring your own instrument. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info, 368-4644.

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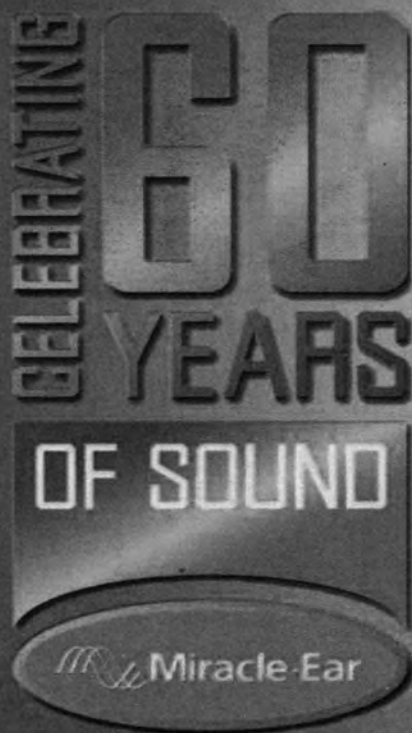
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An unknown suspect drove through the gate at Newark Parking Authority's Lot 1 in the **unit block of East Delaware Avenue** at about 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 5. Damages were estimated at \$75.

Police charged Newark resident Teena Guyer, 23, with disorderly conduct at 10:50 a.m. on Nov. 6, after she reportedly caused a disturbance on a Dart Bus.

Police charged 23-year-old Pedro O. Locklear of Newark with disorderly conduct at 1:04 a.m. on Nov. 7 after he reportedly refused to leave the parking lot of the Deer Park Tavern in the **100 block of West Main Street**.

Police charged 22-year-old Thomas J. Groves of Wilmington, Del. with disorderly conduct at 1:13 a.m. on Nov. 7, after he reportedly refused to leave the parking lot of the Deer Park Tavern in the **100 block of West Main Street**.

Police charged Middletown, Del. resident Tanner M. Lamarche, 19, with littering at about 1 a.m. on Nov. 9, after he allegedly threw a beer bottle

on the lawn of a home in the **100 block of East Cleveland Avenue**.

A 19-year-old university student told police a man in a Honda CRV exposed his genitals after asking her for directions near the intersection of **South Chapel and Chambers streets** at about 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 9.

Alcohol and Noise

Blair A. Denney, 18, of Newark, driving under the influence and underage consumption; Jordan M. Oncay, 18, of Newark, underage consumption; Elkton Road and West Main Street, 12:09 a.m. on Nov. 1

David Daliso, 22, of Ardsley, N.Y., providing alcohol to a minor; Ken M. Woods, 21, of Islip Terrace, N.Y., providing alcohol to a minor; Samantha Penn, 20, of Middletown, Mass., underage possession of alcohol; Jennifer L. Milton, 19, of Short Hills, N.J., underage possession of alcohol; 200 block of East Main Street; 7:56 p.m. on Nov. 1.

George Williams, 20, of Wilmington, Del., possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and underage consumption; Kyle A. Frey, 20, of Newark, underage consumption; Kells Avenue and Manuel Street; 12:49 a.m.

on Nov. 2.

Mark Decker, 21, of Bel Air, Md., noise violation, 200 block of Beverly Road, 9:45 p.m. on Nov. 3.

Nicole Vassallo, 19, of Wilmington, Del., possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, underage consumption, driving under the influence; Ryanne E. Jacobi, 19, of Wilmington, Del., possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, underage consumption; 200 block of East Delaware Avenue at 1:57 a.m. on Nov. 7.

Michael H. Berland, 19,

of Glen Rock, N.J., operating unregistered vehicle and underage possession; Nicholas M. Goerg, 18, of Harrington Park, NJ, underage possession; Patrick J. Hickey, 18 of Bel Air, Md., underage possession, Hillside and Dallam roads, 9:12 p.m. on Nov. 7.

Thomas L. Cottingham, 20, of Wilmington, Del., open container and underage possession; Jerome James, 24, of Wilmington, Del. open container, 100 block of East Cleveland, 11:40 p.m. on Nov. 7.

Marianne C. Marinella, 21, of Aberdeen, N.J., disor-

derly premises, unit block of East Cleveland Avenue, 12:28 a.m. on Nov. 8.

Caitlyn Nurthen, 20, of Wilmington, Del., underage possession, Woolen Way and Margaret Street, 12:34 a.m. on Nov. 8.

Ariana N. Rodriguez, 21, of Washington, D.C., noise violation, 600 block of Lehigh Road, 2:48 a.m. on Nov. 8.

Rachel Goldberg, 20, Morganville, N.J., noise violation; Jaimie L. Dunnigan, 20, Parkridge, N.J., noise violation; 100 block of East Main Street, 3:48 a.m. on Nov. 9.

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Newark, St. Mark's prep for playoffs

Jackets to face Wm. Penn and Spartans to take on Middletown

By JON BUZBY

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Three local football teams received good news last Sunday afternoon when berths for the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association state tournaments were announced.

St. Mark's (7-3) enters the Division 1 tournament as the No. 3 seed and will play at No. 4 Middletown (7-3) on Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

The Spartans will try to get back on track after ending their season with consecutive losses to William Penn and Sallesianum.

"The last two weeks have been tough, but we still feel we are a team that belongs in the playoffs," St. Mark's coach John Wilson said.

The Spartans must focus on a balanced Middletown attack that is led by senior quarterback Kenny Anderson, who with a state championship ring on his finger, has plenty of big-game experience under his belt.

"We need to control Anderson's running game," said Wilson, when asked what his team needed to do in order to have a chance to win. "Also, we will need to eliminate the big plays that receiver Cameron Thomas is capable of making."

St. Mark's is led by senior Kyle Sullivan, who has scored 127 points playing a variety of positions, including kicker, where he has converted six field goals and has 28 touchdowns.

"Kyle Sullivan is a game breaker and we must know where he is on the field at all times," Middletown coach Mark DelPercio said.

"We are going to try and learn from our mistakes and eliminate our miscues," Wilson said. "We've turned the ball over five times combined in the first half of our last two games."

Newark (6-4) secured the last spot in the Division 1 tournament as the No. 6 seed and will play at No. 3 seed William Penn (8-2) on Saturday at 1 p.m.

"We always feel it is a reward to play in the tournament," Newark coach Butch Simpson said. "We compare it to making a bowl game."

Both offenses feature prominent running backs. For the Yellowjackets, senior Brandon Norwood has rushed for over 1800 yards and leads the state in touchdowns (24).

"Newark is not trying to finesse anyone...they are going to say 'Here we come, stop us,'" Penn coach Bill Cole said. "They have a nice line for their shotgun attack to run behind. Norwood is a patient runner who looks for seams and then explodes through. We need to fill those seams with bodies."

For the Colonials, senior



POST PHOTO BY MATT BASHAM

Newark's Brandon Norwood rushed for over 1,800 yards and 24 touchdowns this season.

running back Brian Fields will carry the load on offense. He has run for over 1300 yards and scored 11 rushing touchdowns.

"When we played them in October, for the first time in four years Fields didn't have big plays against us," Simpson said. "However, he's still the number one threat to us and will still be our primary focus."

The Colonials defeated Newark, 28-0, on October 4. It was that game when Norwood first injured his back (three broken bones) and missed the entire second half.

"We didn't have to discuss being over confident," said Simpson, referring to his Monday afternoon team meeting. "In a small state like

Delaware, you tend to play people a second time. When we've been able to win championships, the second game was never like the first game."

Cole has made sure his team is not thinking about their early-season win either.

"Statistically the first game

See **TOURNEY, 15** ▶

Blue Hens still have sights set on .500 season

By TOM TOMASHEK

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Another run at a national championship has long gone for a University of Delaware football program that won a 2004 NCAA FCS Championship and finished second a year ago.

A winning record is not even a goal for the Blue Hens, 4-6 with two games to go including Saturday's Colonial Athletic Association contest at Richmond University.

The Blue Hens, however, have goals, foremost a .500 season that would keep them from becoming only the ninth losing UD football team in the

post-World War II era or at least one win to prevent them from becoming the first team in 117 years to lose eight games.

"It would be huge," coach K.C. Keeler said of a .500 season, 48 hours after avoiding a certain losing season in a 31-21 victory over Towson. "The evaluation of film is that three conference teams could win the national championship and we play two of them [Richmond, Villanova] at the end."

"It's a great challenge, but our mindset is to go out and play Delaware football, and if we play like Delaware can anything can happen."

Keeler emphasized that motivation to his team will not include playing spoiler in the

playoff chances or seeding of either Richmond or Villanova. Certainly, this is a big game for the 6-3 Spiders playing nationally-ranked William & Mary to finish their season and a 6-5 finish could severely damage the Spiders a postseason spot. Keeler insists his concern is simply linked to Delaware's situation.

"I never get caught up in ruining another team's season, that's not my style," Keeler said. "I'm concerned about Delaware. We want to win for Delaware, not to damage Richmond. We have too storied of a program, won too many ballgames, and won six national championships to worry

about Richmond's fate."

The challenge of a .500 season is enormous for reasons other than the strength of Richmond, riding a three-game winning streak, and 7-2 Villanova. Unlike Keeler's first season as a head coach in 1993 at Rowan where he started the same lineup every game, he has started a different lineup every Saturday this year, with 35 different Blue Hens have started - five at least two different positions.

Playing a difficult schedule, the defense has helped avert an even more frustrating season for Delaware, but hampered by so many injuries the onus will rest larger in the hands of the Blue Hens offense, this sea-

son among the least productive in many decades at Delaware. Before Saturday, when redshirt freshman quarterback Lou Ritacco adequately handled his first varsity start and the Blue Hens running backs found some room, the thought of Delaware relying on its offense would have sent shivers down Keeler's spine, but he felt much better Monday in earlier preparation for Saturday.

In some respects this is the beginning of the 2009 pre-season for Ritacco, the 6-foot-2, 215-pound quarterback who played behind Ohio State transfer Rob Schoenhof through

See **HENS, 15** ▶

UD men hope for big season

By TOM TOMASHEK

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University of Delaware coach Monte Ross is aware that expectations have increased for a Blue Hen basketball team that climbed from 12th to fifth in his first two seasons guiding the program.

He believes the increased expectations are great, explaining that they create a "buzz in air" and offer validation that the outsiders have respect for the program's direction.

But the third-year Delaware coach said that expectations are never a source of motivation for him and hopefully not for his players who will open their season Sunday against Big East member Rutgers in the Bob Carpenter Center.

"When we were predicted to finish 12th two seasons ago I was asked if it would be motivation for the team," he said. "My response was simply, 'No.' We had been practicing as hard as we possibly could and I had been coaching as hard as I could.

"To use that as motivation would have been selling me short and selling my team short if we all hadn't been giving our all. I hope we're giving it 100 percent every day... that's my pledge to them and that's their

pledge to me."

Ross does concede that the 2008-09 Blue Hens, looking for Delaware's first winning season since 2004, have made significant progress since the beginning of preseason. Gone is Herb Courtney, leading scorer and second leading rebounder in last year's 14-17 finish, but back are four starters, seven lettermen overall, and several newcomers led Jawan Carter, the former Tatnall great who sat out last year after transferring from St. Joseph's University.

"We do have some experience and experience in which some good things that happened," Ross said. "It's one thing to have experience, but if you have experience back from a team that didn't have good things happen, I don't know if that experience is so good."

Last season, Delaware lost its first four games and six of its first eight, but the Blue Hens held on, and with the addition of several transfers who became eligible won 12 of their final 23 games including their CAA Tournament opener against Drexel.

"I think that was very, very important for this year's team because we got a little taste [of success]," he said of the season's second half. "We went from the hunter to the hunt-ed in almost the blink of an eye. I'm not sure we were ready for

it, or if it was really us, but having that this year will hopefully prepare us for what's ahead."

Individually, two returnees for this season earned post-season mention last March - 6-foot-6 Marc Egerson (13.5 points, 6.9 rebounds) was named third-team All-CAA and 6-4 sophomore Alphonso Dawson (11.0, 4.5) made the CAA's All-Rookie team.

In addition, this year's experienced players include Brian Johnson, a 5-10 guard (9.5, 3.1), the conference's No. 2 playmaker with a 5.19 assist average, and Jim Ledsome, a University of Nebraska transfer who became eligible in December, averaged 5.2 points and 4.9 rebounds in the 17 games for which he was eligible. Guards 6-5 D. J. Boney and 6-2 Edwin Santiago both played in 31 games - Boney making one start - and 6-9 forward Pau Geli played in 16 games.

Carter has college experience, having started 26 games at St. Joseph's in an All-Rookie Atlantic 10 campaign two seasons ago and he, along with the large cast of Blue Hen returnees, should afford the roster's three freshmen - 6-7 Kelvin McNeil, 6-9 Adam Pegg, and 6-4 Brian Kelly - the opportunity to ease their way into the system.

Offense will have to come through again this week

► HENS, from 14

much of the season and missed several games with an eye injury. Major college transfers Schoenhof and Sean Hakes (Akron) also will return next season, as well as at least one top-notch recruit.

"We're going against two tremendous defenses and I want to see how he reacts under fire," Keeler said. "The competition will be higher [than against Towson], but he had some success last Saturday and hopefully he'll feed off that

success."

When Schoenhof was sidelined after back-to-back concussions, Keeler was forced to alternate tight end Rob Agnone and wide receiver Aaron Love at quarterback. Although Keeler might retain some of the Agnone-Love quarterback package, Ritacco should have ample opportunity to benefit from their deft receiving abilities.

He also will have the renewed running support from Junior Jabbe and Jerry Butler, the latter's speed evident in his TD kickoff returns against James Madison and Towson.

Keeler said that if Delaware had a stronger quarterback-running back earlier, the Blue Hens might be 7-3 and looking to slip into the playoffs.

"But that's not the way it is," Keeler said. "But we signed up for 12 games and we're going to play 12 games as hard as we can."

In a perverse way, the stakes are as huge for the Blue Hens as a year ago when they reached the NCAA FCS Championship game... perhaps even larger in the big picture for a program that has had far fewer losing seasons than most at any level in the NCAA.

Newark in rematch with Wm. Penn

► TOURNEY, from 14

was pretty even," he said, "we were just able to capitalize on a couple of opportunities. A game with Newark is always a big game so there is no need to focus anywhere except the game at hand."

Caravel Academy (8-2) is the No. 3 seed in the Division 2 tournament and will host No. 6 Indian River (7-3) on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. The schools did not play each other during the regular season and had no common opponents.

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Thanksgiving Day is becoming a lost holiday

► UPFRONT, from 1

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Here's another.

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Your first inclination may be to say Christmas. And while Black Friday is a shopping

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That's another couple points for Thanksgiving.

And how about this?

Memorial Day and Labor Day are nice three-day weekends but let's face it, Thanksgiving is basically a four-day holiday for many people. It's hard to argue with another day off. Advantage, Thanksgiving.

Finally, have you ever been to a restaurant or bar in Newark on Thanksgiving Wednesday?

If you were ever looking to see somebody you haven't seen in awhile, that's the time to catch up. It's not an organized thing – it's just what a lot of people do. Every place is packed and festive.

Look, I'm not naïve. I understand the retail impact that Christmas has on our economy. It's huge.

It's just unfortunate that the marketing of Christmas basically overshadows a holiday that given a chance to stand on its own would do just fine.

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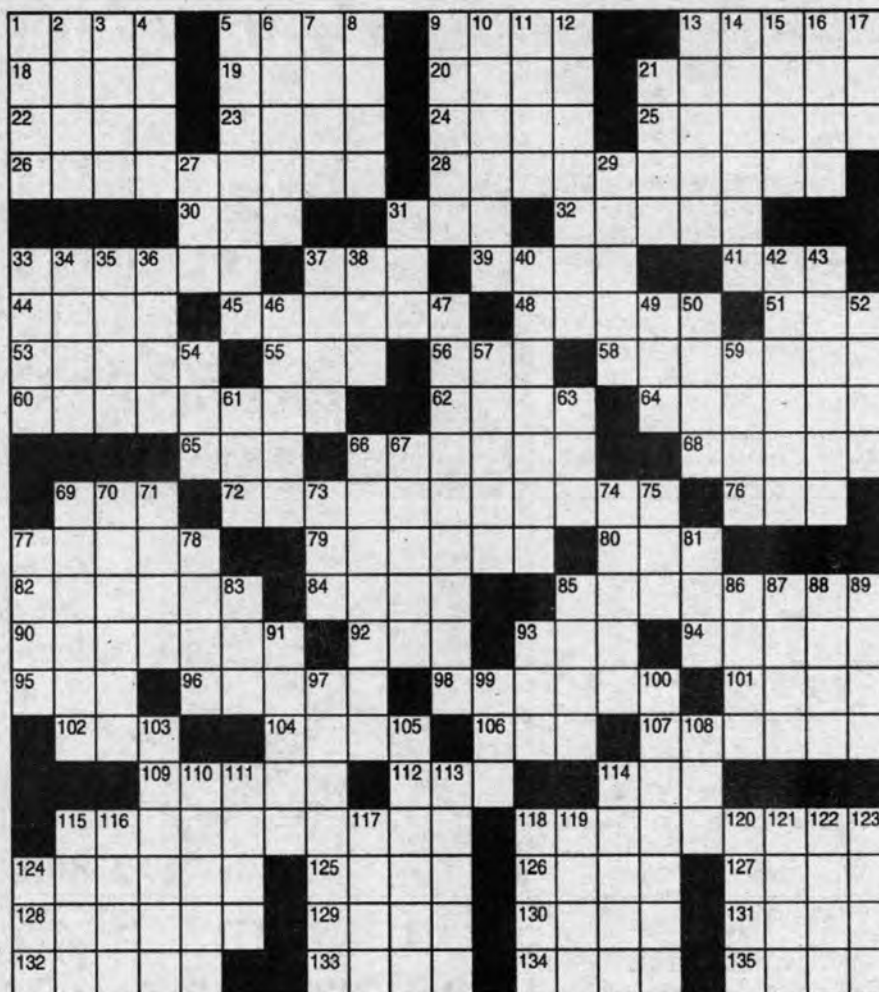
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Phil Toman remembered

► COLUMNIST, from 7

its roots in efforts to keep the Catholic faith alive in Ireland during the reign of Henry VIII. A story on the order was published in the Post this year and highlighted community service efforts that included a

food drive and collecting coats for the needy.

Toman is survived by his wife Marie and daughter Jean. He was preceded in death by his son Andrew Philip Toman.

A viewing will be held on Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Holy Angels Church on Possum Park Road in Newark,

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Dec. 7, 1787 was the date Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, but it took nearly 150 years for the day to be observed by the state.

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A large percentage of the petition signers were schoolchildren at the time and it is likely that many are still living.

A complete list of signers can be found at public libraries across the state or by visiting delawareday.delaware.gov/information/petition.shtml.

If you are a signer and are interested in attending the Dec. 7 event, please contact Suzan Voshell at 744-5050.



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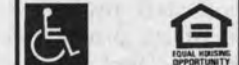
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This waiver request will be discussed at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Newark Charter School Board of Directors, to be held at 4:00 p.m. on December 1, 2008. Interested parties may make comment regarding this waiver request at the board meeting, prior to formal action.
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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public auction, on **DECEMBER 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**, at **PS ORANGE CO INC./PUBLIC STORAGE, 3801 Dupont Parkway, New Castle, DE 19720**, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

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A140 - Andre Bridgeforth - 2 motorcycles
A143 - Bonita Hughes - bags, clothes, portable TV, toys, totes
A147 - Lindsay Marcin - wicker furniture, rocking chair

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A210 - Katrina Demby - kitchen table, totes, mattress, box springs

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A249 - Calvin Slay - totes, TV, sport equipment, couch, bicycle

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C606 - Tina Buck - bags, boxes, totes

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THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF

Melody Sue Brown-Plonkette

PETITIONER(S) TO

Melody Sue Brown

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Melody Sue Brown-Plonkette

intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, to change her name to Melody Sue Brown.

Melody Sue Brown-Plonkette

Petitioner

Dated: 11/10/08

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B143 - Kenneth Hitcock - boxes

F145 - Richard Wilson - boxes, bags
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C013 - Lynette Curtis - 15 bags, 10 boxes, 10 totes, chair
D005 - Ronald Cox - 50 boxes, microwave, mattress, box spring

C022 - Clydette Johnson - sofa, lamp, chair, clothing
H028 - Michael Williams - piano, tool box, dryer, suitcase

E-088 - Daniel Lewes - boxes, mattress, totes, bags
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