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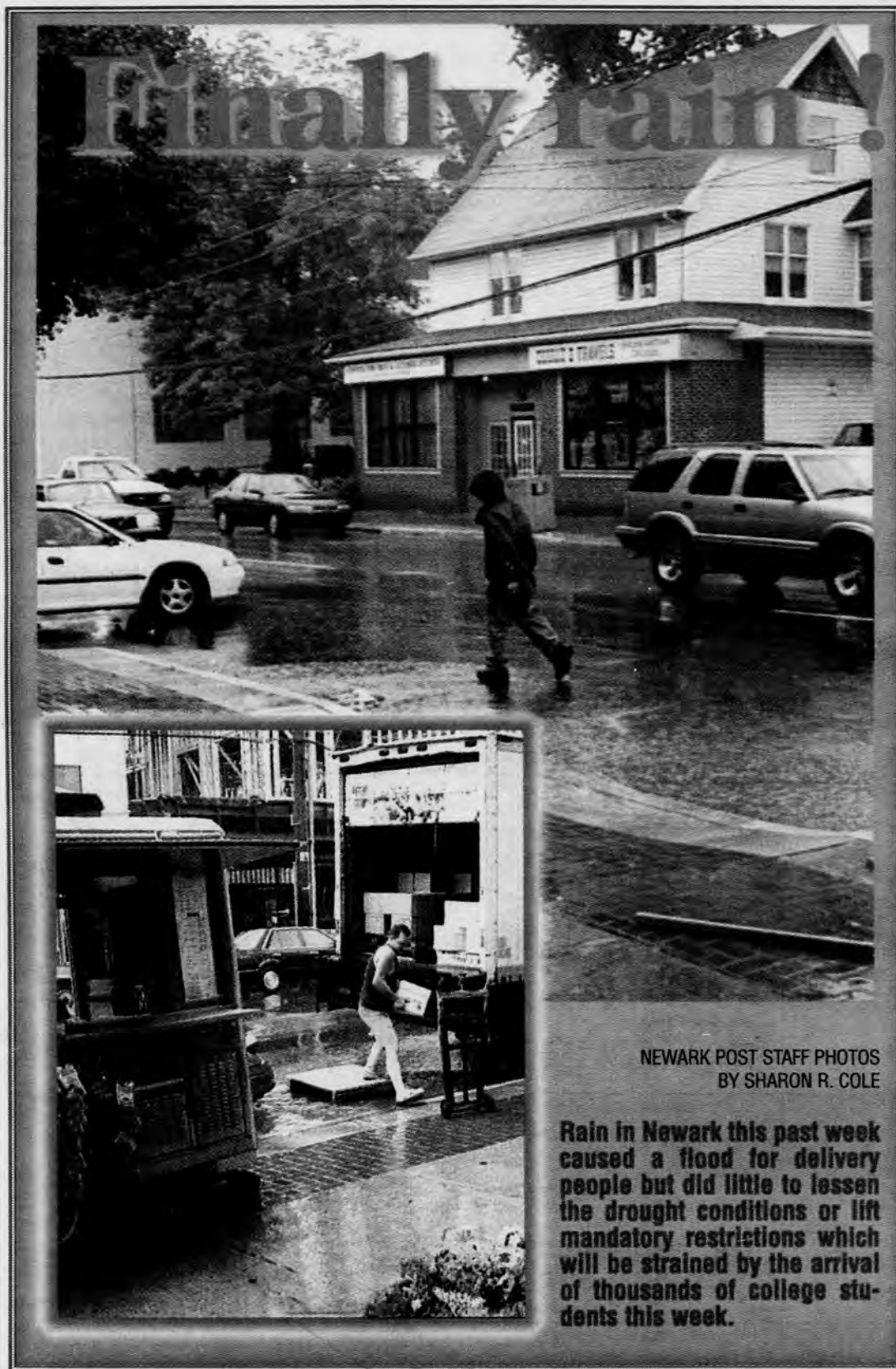
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NEWARK POST STAFF PHOTOS
BY SHARON R. COLE

Rain in Newark this past week caused a flood for delivery people but did little to lessen the drought conditions or lift mandatory restrictions which will be strained by the arrival of thousands of college students this week.

COUNTDOWN TO 2000

Debugging school computers ongoing

By MEGHAN AFTOSMIS

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NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Newark area schools have been working overtime to exterminate the Y2K computer bug from their systems, ensuring that students will be right back in their seats after the New Year.

The University of Delaware has spent about a half million dollars in the past four years fixing and replacing computer systems, said Susan Almendinger, assistant director for the University's information technologies help center.

The three-stage approach started with inventorying all University systems and applications to find out where problems might arise, and then fixing them, Almendinger said.

The University finished fixing its systems almost 18 months ago and moved on to the third

phase — testing. By summer's end, testing of the administrative applications software should be completed, Almendinger said.

"We've run into some minor problems, but for the most part, the things we've fixed, work," she said.

Contingency plans have been set for all of the departments, just in case, especially the registration department, which will be trying to complete students' registrations for Spring semester classes in January, she said.

Meanwhile, Richard Walter, director of facilities management, has been working on finding and fixing any embedded computer chips that might create a problem. "Most electronic devices have a computer chip located inside them," he said. "There's billions of them."

And although only some of those chips generate or display the date, some of those also include the year. "The question was, where are the ones

Saving water 101

By SHARON R. COLE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

In addition to buying books, changing class schedules, and getting used to new living arrangements, University of Delaware students who are moving into the Newark area this weekend will also have to contend with a drought.

This is a major concern for the city of Newark which will be hit with increased demands for water supplies in a state under mandatory restrictions.

According to Ralph Johnson, director of residential and conference facilities, educating students on conservation practices is top priority since there may be some students who are not aware of the drought.

"I would expect that probably most of the students from the Northeast region are aware of the drought," he said, "but our educational goal is to inform all of our students."

Johnson said that "Save Water" posters and flyers will be posted in high traffic areas, in locker rooms and on the desks of every dorm room on campus.

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Fewer UD freshmen

None sleeping in lounges this year

By MEGHAN AFTOSMIS

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

U D's class of 2003 is smaller, but that's not the only reason none of them will be living in residence hall lounges when classes start on Aug. 31.

"We admitted fewer students this year," said director of admissions Larry Griffith. "There were about 14,500 applications, and we offered spots to 8,860 students — that's about 1,500 fewer than we admitted last year."

Griffith said almost 92 percent of the class of 3,500 freshman will have housing on campus. "Part of the reason for that is because we held out spaces for the freshman this year," he said.

"There was a real commitment on the part of housing to stay away from using the lounges."

The University did make about 300 double rooms into triples and turned some of the University apartments into a freshman community, said Barbara Kreppel, associate vice president for administrative services.

By looking at the housing situation earlier this year, the school was

See Y2K, 5 ►

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Johnston was a seven-day wonder at diner

By MARK SAGE

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Norman Johnston was as present on the lips of breakfast customers at the Eagle Diner last Friday as the pancakes they ate.

It was the second time in a week the quadruple killer was the main topic of conversation at the Elkton-Newark Road restaurant. Only this time the talk was about his capture in Mendenhall, Pa., not about him being spotted on the phone outside

the diner.

Johnston's three-week prison breakout ended after Pennsylvania State Police spotted him in a stolen car around 11 p.m. on Aug. 19. He was chased into a housing development where he was finally recaptured around dawn on Aug. 20 following a 911 call from residents who heard a noise in their bushes.

Eagle Diner waitress Betty Kennison works the breakfast shift at the restaurant. She said almost everyone at the diner had been following and talking about the John-

ston escape. Like her, though, they're mostly happy it's over.

"I'm tired of reading about it," she said. "I'm just glad he (was) caught."

Newark resident Thomas Carpenter couldn't agree more.

"I think he got what he deserves," Carpenter said.

After he was sighted using a pay phone outside the restaurant just before 10 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 16, Johnston scuffled with a University of Delaware police officer, but managed to break free and run.

Kennison said her friends gave her a good bit of ribbing about the incident.

"Everybody was telling me I was feeding him pancakes, since he showed up here on the doorstep," she said. "(But then) then told me I'd clock him on the head with a pancake — they know I'm ornery."

Carpenter who said he was a police officer in the District of Columbia for 26 years, was careful while Johnston was free, but not worried. "I can't understand why it took so long to catch him," he said.

POLICE BRIEFS

Police Beat is compiled each week from the files of the Newark Police Department by staff writer Mary Petzak.

Man with six aliases arrested at WSFS

Newark Police arrested Zaid Gbolahan Jinadu, 34, of New York and charged him with attempted theft, unlawful use of credit cards, forgery and criminal impersonation at the WSFS in College Square Shopping Center on Aug. 19.

According to police, Jinadu was attempting to use a fraudulent New York Drivers license and a fraudulent Discover card for a cash advance. Investigation revealed he had made a similar transaction earlier at the Prices Corner WSFS.

A search of his vehicle uncovered stolen cash, fraudulent credit cards and other fraudulent New York Drivers licenses.

Investigation of Jinadu, AKA Luis Florencia, Robert Charles

Lawch, Klaas Vogel, Ronald Bertucci, Joseph Corcoran and Kevin Wayne Johnson, is continuing and also involves the U.S. Postal Service and Immigration and Naturalization Services. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Michael Szep at 366-7110, ext. 133.

Burglars arrested with stolen items

Newark Police arrested and charged Michael J. Smith, 23, and Akili Bryant, 19, both of Philadelphia, with burglary after they were found on Aug. 21 around 1:30 a.m. with merchandise valued at \$6,000 taken from Switch, a skateboard specialty store on Haines Street.

Police reported the two were observed in a vehicle in a parking lot on South Chapel Street and gave answers to questions that were inaccurate and suspicious in nature. Merchandise was clearly visible stacked in the car.

Attempted robbery at Fashion Bug

A store clerk at Fashion Bug in College Square Shopping Center was injured after she chased two shoplifters out of the store on Aug. 19 around 8:45 p.m.

Police said the suspects described as black women around 20 years old, one 5 feet, 2 inches tall, 200 pounds, with her hair in a braided bun, wearing a red top and shorts and the other 5 feet tall, around 200 pounds and wearing a T-shirt and shorts, tried to leave the store without paying for clothing valued at \$73.

The clerk followed them and was assaulted as she struggled to get the merchandise back. The suspects fled in a black vehicle, possibly a Cougar, with a Delaware license tag possibly beginning with "343."

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 366-7111.

Man causes bomb scare at Amazon.com

New Castle City Police arrested and charged a New Castle man with terroristic threatening on Monday, Aug. 17, for causing a bomb scare at Amazon.com.

According to police, Greg Wilson, 22, of Penn Acres pulled into the parking lot of the business and removed a package from his vehicle. While demonstrating a great deal of concern handling the package, Wilson placed it in the trash outside the employee entrance.

An alert employee who knew Wilson as a former employee there, notified police. Police responded, evacuated the building and removed the package to a remote location on Route 9. Police investigation revealed Wilson wanted the company to believe the package contained a bomb.

UD stresses campus water conservation

► WATER, from 1

One version of these posters mentions that Delaware has experienced a rainfall deficit of nearly 10 inches this year and that New Castle County is under a state of emergency requiring all communities abide by mandatory water restrictions. This version also describes conservation efforts at the University.

A second flyer, that will be posted in campus bathrooms, lists water conservation tips for residence halls and apartments in addition to a few facts on water use.

This information will also be verbally conveyed by hall directors and resident assistants (RAs) when students start to arrive tomorrow.

Cynthia Cummings, Director of residence life, said that all RAs received conservation information during their training.

"Residents will be told to report any water leaks in their dorm, take shorter showers and turn off faucets while brushing teeth, shaving, or washing dishes," Cummings said.

In addition, residence halls are being equipped with low-flow shower heads, low consumption toilets and faucets retrofitted with aerators.

Cummings explained when, and if, anyone intentionally wastes water, residence officials will develop appropriate actions.

Dormitories, however, will not be the only place students will experience water cutbacks. Food will be served a little differently, too.

"We are doing anything we can to reduce unnecessary uses of water and all of the dining halls will be using paper plates and plastic utensils," said Johnson.

Students living in the fraternity

and sorority houses will be informed as well.

Noel Hart, coordinator of Greek Affairs, plans to mirror the efforts of residence life to educate "sisters and brothers" on water conservation.

"During the first meeting with (Greek) chapter presidents this September, I am going to address the issues and concerns of water conservation and then ask the presidents to go back to their chapters and let students know of the situation," Hart said.

Currently there are 19 chapter houses on the University campus.

Based on University web site information, officials believe that water consumption can be reduced by as much as 20-40 percent at very little expense or inconvenience. During 1999, the University consumed 269,000,000 gallons of water; a significant decrease from their high of 392,000,000 gallons in 1992.

In addition to the efforts of students, water reduction methods among University operations have been in process since a voluntary drought restrictions were issued in June.

According to Richard Walter, director of facilities management, some of these methods include using recycled water for plants and trees, high-iron water on the football field, and operating the Institute of Energy Conservation Lab, the largest single user of water on campus, on a four-day week only.

Information about University of Delaware water conservation can be seen on the U of D facilities home page at www.facilities.udel.edu/water.htm.

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Newark Shopping Center sold for \$11.6 million

Supermarket, drug store could be added

First Washington Realty Trust Inc. announced details of their purchase of the Newark Shopping Center this week, first reported in the Newark Post on Aug. 20.

According to company officials, First Washington paid \$11,675,000 for the 183,000 square-foot shopping center. The property is the company's 57th acquisition.

First Washington president William J. Wolfe said the center already has many advantages and his company hopes to enhance them

with a supermarket and drug store.

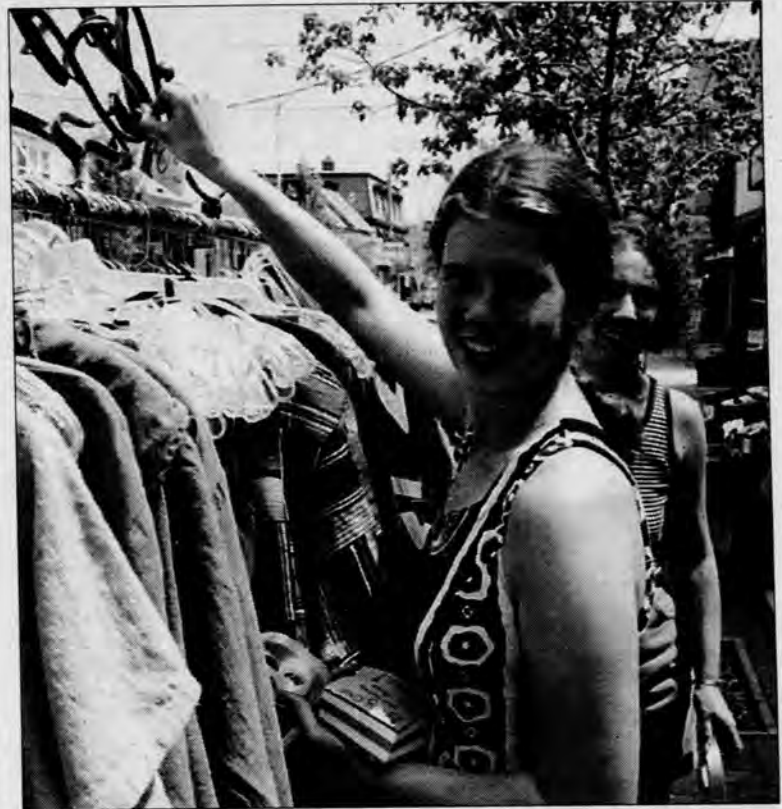
"While the center has traditionally enjoyed full occupancy, it is our plan to upgrade and reposition the center, over time, to perhaps more fully meet the needs of the surrounding community," said Wolfe. "To that end, as a first matter, we will explore locating a supermarket and a traditional drug store at the property."

Among the benefits mentioned by the company were the conspicuous location and densely populated area. In a statement released on Tuesday, the company noted "approximately 135,000 people live within five miles of the center, and over 67,000 people live within three miles. Upwards of 21,000 students are enrolled at the University of

Delaware, the majority of whom attend classes...within walking distance of the center."

"The center is 100 percent occupied with 45 tenants who specialize principally in the sale of convenience and necessity items — the central theme of virtually all First Washington neighborhood shopping centers," said Wolfe.

First Washington based in Bethesda, Md., is a publicly-traded real estate investment trust with a stated strategy to own, enhance and selectively acquire neighborhood shopping centers throughout the Mid-Atlantic states as well as in metropolitan markets which the company determines to be both attractive and conveniently accessible.



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Meghan Rowe priced items in front of Newark Homegrown on Main Street during the annual Sidewalk Sales event this month.

Campus projects on webpage

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

University of Delaware government relations director Rick Armitage gave a crash course in where and how to get information about campus construction during this week's Newark city council meeting.

"Information about the Academy Street Parking Garage has been on the University's webpage for a month," said Armitage. "Every project the University is considering is listed there and what stage it is at, from planning to design."

The webpage is at www.udel.edu. Building projects on campus appear under the subsection "Visitors and Community," according to Armitage.

Armitage made his remarks in response to criticism from councilmembers last week when a local resident accidentally found out the University was studying possible replacement of the University lot at Academy and Lovett streets with a multi-level garage.

"I apologize I didn't tell you sooner," Armitage told council on Monday, "but we're a ways from any decision, which is sometime in October."

City councilmember Thomas Wampler said the University makes a practice of not keeping city residents abreast of such plans. "At any point, will we be asked for input before a decision is made?" asked Wampler. "We need to find a way to make this happen — right now we're left with whatever decision the University has already made."

Armitage said an approximately 500-space parking garage is in the planning stage to replace the 180-space lot. "The exact size depends on soil conditions, etc.," said Armitage. "It's 18 months to two years away even if the trustees decide to go ahead with it."

Armitage added the garage would be designed to look like some of the surrounding buildings but since they have different architectural styles, it is difficult to say what that would be.

"Five houses owned by the University on Academy would probably be taken down as well," he said. "Presently they have offices — a credit union, residence life, are some — and these would be put in new space on the same site."

Wampler also wanted to know if the garage would have any setback. "Is it possible we will have a two-

story parking garage right up to the sidewalk?" he asked.

Armitage said "his feeling" was it would be similar to other buildings in that streetscape.

He agreed with council's need for input and notification, but admitted he was unsure how to go about it. "The city has to keep in

mind the University is always going to be exempt from zoning," said Armitage. "(But) we need to figure out a way to do this in the future — I don't want to operate in a vacuum."

Armitage concluded. "At some point, I want to have a lot less angst about this kind of situation (arising)."

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In addition to being bigger and brighter, road signs are being consolidated on poles to reduce the number demanding attention.

Street signs are easier to read

By MEGHAN AFTOSMIS

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Many road signs should be easier to read in the Newark area these days, as the city works through year three of a six-year program.

Patrick Bartling, superintendent of Newark's public works department, said the city began the program in 1997 to replace every street sign in the city with a more reflective one using bigger lettering for easier reading.

According to state and city officials, between the years of 1990 and 2015, Delaware's population over the age of 60 will increase by about 44 percent.

In a sharp contrast, Delaware's under 60 population will grow by only about 21 percent during that time.

With many of the seniors being motorists, Newark's officials began to plan ahead.

The sign program, which will cost the city between \$60,000 and \$70,000, includes school, yield, stop, crossing, and street-name signs as well as the blades and poles to hold all those signs, Bartling said.

The older street signs were six inches tall with four-inch lettering and were on engineering-grade reflective sheeting. The new signs, which cost about \$35 each, will be nine inches tall with six-inch lettering and are manufactured by the 3M Company out of a diamond-grade reflective sheeting with about six or seven more times candlepower, he said.

Deficient signs are the primary complaint in 41 percent of lawsuits involving death or injury, according

to the National Safety Council. In addition, too many signs have exceeded their design life, so new signs are an important public safety factor, Bartling said.

"It's something that everyone nationwide has neglected because it's so expensive to do," he said. "But, everyone is becoming more aware of what needs to be done for public safety's sake."

Working with 3M senior account representative Gary Minutes, Bartling discovered research that showed older drivers have only 65-to-75 percent of the legibility dis-

“It's something that everyone nationwide has neglected. . .”

PATRICK BARTLING
NEWARK PUBLIC WORKS

tance of younger drivers. Also, older drivers need 10-to-30 times more sign brightness than younger drivers to read signs.

In addition, "with an increasing small car population, slower acceleration and changing headlight patterns have changed reaction time," said Bartling in his proposal for the sign program.

"The new signs just make a huge difference," he said.

Public works employee Amos Wilson said these signs are galvanized so they will not rust and also last longer because they bend but do not break.

However, Bartling said the biggest problem is not breakage, but people stealing them. "They steal the whole thing, pole and all," he said.

To protect against theft, Wilson said all the new sign poles will be buried three feet into the ground.

The department also is working to consolidate different signs on some poles, to reduce the number of unnecessary poles cluttering the streets. Streets personnel already have removed 70 extra poles along East Main Street, Wilson said.

"If there are too many signs, there are so many things to look at that you can get confused," said Bartling, who in 1996 went through the city with Wilson and organized it into sections for the project.

"We took all the communities we thought we could afford to get done in one year and then set up a plan for the six years," Bartling said.

Each year, Bartling and Wilson go through the new developments that the department will be working on for the next 12 months and determined what needed to be done.

"We are starting to get calls from some senior citizens who like the new signs," Bartling said. "Other people may not notice the new signs — at least not until they need it."

The work for 1997 and 1998 has been completed, but those in the developments of Devon, Binns, Sandy Brae, Old Newark, Arbour Park, Cobblefield, Rolling Green, Rock Court, Silverbrook, Spring Hill, Cannons Gate, Christianstead and Abbotsford included in this year's program still are being worked on.

City council to get raise

Saying it had been too long since the last one, Newark Mayor Hal Godwin cast his vote for a raise for city councilmembers this week.

"I was first elected to council in 1987," said Godwin. "We got an increase in 1990, and we haven't had one since."

Godwin, longest-serving member on the current council, said the workload has increased tremendously in the last decade.

Council voted Monday night to increase the annual salary for the Mayor from \$4,200 to \$6,600 and from \$3,600 to \$5,400 for other councilmembers.

"If anyone wants to know how we arrived at these figures, they can blame me," said Godwin. "I compiled all of the city employee raises for the past 10 years and added up them up to determine where we'd be if we got the same (percentage of) increase as they did in that time."

Godwin added that he was also committing council to reviewing their compensation every three years in the future instead of every ten years.

The raise takes effect in May 2000 following the next council election.

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Delaware Dance adding it all

More space, staff, opportunities

By SHARON R. COLE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Delaware Dance Company is getting updated digs thanks to a \$20,000 grant from the Longwood Foundation in addition to another grant that is in the works.

With the additional funds, the Company located in the Newark Shopping Center has been able to spread its wings to include a fourth on-site dance studio, an expansive wardrobe space, and a state-of-the-art dressing room.

Founder and artistic director, Priscilla Payson, could not be happier about the grant and the changes.

"We've been around for over 20 years, and we are pretty well known, so that helped in getting the grant," said Payson.

The additional space became available to the dance company after the adjacent Hobbi Art business vacated their premises about

three years ago. Payson, along with other staff and students, spruced up the area before major renovations started last year.

Construction and improvements to the now 5,200 square-foot school should be completed by early September.

One of the most needed additions to the dance company, Payson said, is the wardrobe room. "We've always had to keep (expensive) costumes off-site so having this space which will have more climate control is a great asset for us."

If the school should receive additional grant money, Payson plans to give the former store a face-lift as well.

"This (Hobbi Art) site was one of the only (stores) that never upgraded their front window area to have a flat front," said Payson, who wants to rid the entrance way of loitering teens.

Instead of having a "cubby-hole" doorway, members of the dance company board would like to have a boutique area where they can sell music, dance and theater memorabilia.

New staff followed the increase

in space. Professional dancers Kimberly Banks of New York who specializes in musical theater ballet, and Patricia Arenson of Delaware who has danced for the MGM Musical in Las Vegas casinos were hired. In addition, an advanced student, Caitlin Wockenfull, will be teaching dance classes, and Paula Shulak, a local actor and director, will teach drama.

The dance company offers jazz, ballet, modern dance, tap, drama and theater dance classes throughout the school year and special camps during summer.

Payson said it is for anyone with a desire to learn, even if they think they can't afford it.

"In the past we've had a lot of single parent families apply who might think that this is a luxury," she said.

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Founder and artistic director, Priscilla Payson, could not be happier about the grant and the changes.

"We've been around for over 20 years, and we are pretty well known, so that helped in getting the grant," said Payson.

The additional space became available to the dance company after the adjacent Hobbi Art business vacated their premises about

three years ago. Payson, along with other staff and students, spruced up the area before major renovations started last year.

Construction and improvements to the now 5,200 square-foot school should be completed by early September.

One of the most needed additions to the dance company, Payson said, is the wardrobe room. "We've always had to keep (expensive) costumes off-site so having this space which will have more climate control is a great asset for us."

If the school should receive additional grant money, Payson plans to give the former store a face-lift as well.

"This (Hobbi Art) site was one of the only (stores) that never upgraded their front window area to have a flat front," said Payson, who wants to rid the entrance way of loitering teens.

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in space. Professional dancers Kimberly Banks of New York who specializes in musical theater ballet, and Patricia Arenson of Delaware who has danced for the MGM Musical in Las Vegas casinos were hired. In addition, an advanced student Caitlin Wockenfull, will be teaching dance classes, and Paula Shulak, a local actor and director, will teach drama.

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New Castle County Police Chief Thomas Gordon said at an Aug. 22 news conference held at New Castle County police headquarters, that on Aug. 21, Michael Siple, 29, of Chesapeake City, Md., was arrested by Ocean City (Md.) police for illegally entering an apartment and the attempted rape of a woman.

City council lowers 'boom-boom' penalty

Newark police's "boom-boom" ordinance rumbled past city council members at Monday's meeting.

The ordinance, found in the criminal noise code, was added to the city's traffic code after being amended by Councilman Hal Godwin. It defines the illegal amplification of car stereos and other sound devices, such as horns, to beyond 50 feet from a moving or stationary car.

First-time offenders are subject to a criminal arrest with fines ranging from a minimum of \$100 to a maximum of \$500.

Former Chesapeake editor new press secretary for Gov. Carper

Sheri Woodruff, secretary for Gov. Thomas Carper since 1993, has resigned to take a position with General Motors' Electromotive Division in Chicago. Woodruff will assume her new post as manager of communications and media relations for GM Electromotive on Sept. 1.

Woodruff will be succeeded in the post by Anthony Farina, who has served as Carper's deputy press secretary since September of 1998. Farina, 37, previously served as chief of media relations for Delaware's Department of Correction, and spent nearly 20 years as a newspaper journalist-including the position of managing editor of Chesapeake Publishing's Cecil Whig in Elkton, Md.

A 1983 Temple University communications graduate, Farina worked as an editor and reporter at five newspapers in New Jersey, Florida and Maryland.

Carper said Woodruff has been a key member of his senior staff over the past six years. "I recognize that when you hire good people, they may eventually move on to other challenges and opportunities," Carper said.

Woodruff, 34, was an original member of Carper's gubernatorial staff.

She worked for the state for 11 years, having served as director of public information for Delaware Health and Social Services and the Delaware State Housing Authority before joining the Carper team.

Test to come for anxious parent as she and child anticipate results

► **KELLY, from 6**

mance.

There has been concern that there has not been enough minority participation in the discussion.

But I participated early on in this process of deciding how much students must know to pass at each grade level. I would bet my paycheck that not much has changed in the make-up of who attends these meetings.

And I wholeheartedly agree with Paul Fine and the Business/Public Education Council who are less concerned about the make-up of the panel than its final recommendations.

I have been actively involved in my child's education since she started school in 1991. I issued a challenge then that Delaware would educate my child and prepare her for future success. I have done my part through the years and my child has done well.

This year is a pivotal one for us because eighth grade is the year that she will finally be tested.

I have shared our educational journey publicly and wait now to see how my child measures up. I don't expect her to ace the test; I do, however, expect her to do reasonably well.

She, like many others, attends school every day, does her work, participates in class, and has support

at home. We have done everything asked of us. I've attended every conference, every year.

I have documented scores and kept examples of her work at each level. She has been accountable for herself as a student and I have as her parent in this process.

This is where the rubber meets the road. Watch out for the parent who roars if she does not meet the Delaware standards!

■ *Ruth Kelly is a concerned single-parent who believes in quality public education. She works as a secretary for DuPont and lives in the Christiana area.*

Monaghan named Delcastle principal

Newark resident R. Laurence Monaghan, an assistant principal at Delcastle Technical High School since 1991, was named principal at the New Castle County Vocational-Technical District school board meeting on Monday night.

Monaghan replaces John Moyle, principal of the 1,600-student vocational-technical school since 1992, who was named director of special services and alternative programs for the district.

A long-time Delaware educator, Monaghan has been a teacher and administrator in the vo-tech school district for 25 years. Previously, he taught for four years in the Colonial School District.

He graduated from Bloomsburg (Pa.) University and holds a master's degree in education from Delaware State University. He earned his certification as a school administrator from the University of Delaware in 1990.

In 1996, he was named Administrator of the Year by the Delaware Association of Student Councils, and was the Delaware Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year in both 1983 and 1984.

Delcastle is the largest of three vo-tech high schools in New Castle County with 21 different career programs in addition to traditional academic courses.

Community Day moved from University Mall

Community Day will be held someplace in Newark this year, the city manager just isn't sure where.

On Monday, University of Delaware director of government relations Rick Armitage said the University Mall cannot be used because of the drought.

"The University is moving the University Convocation on Aug. 30 to the Bob Carpenter Center for the same reason," said Armitage.

City manager Carl Luft said he thought the Community Day change was coming and had already

discussed possibilities with city staff. "We're looking at possibly using the parking lots near Pearson Hall," said Luft. "(Parks director) Charlie Emerson is the guy to talk to about plans."

Armitage said the University would work with the city to help find an alternative location for the event held annually in Newark for the past 27 years. This year's festival involving dozens of organizations and hundreds of workers is scheduled for Sept. 26.

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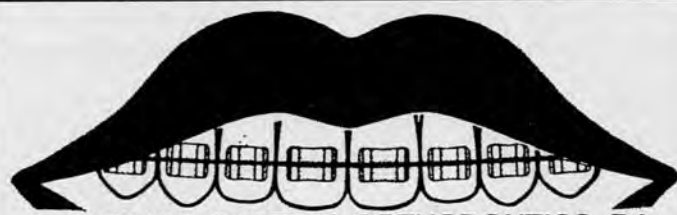


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Civil War re-enactment Sept. 18

I have always been highly supportive of art, history and industrial museums and preservation groups reaching out beyond their usual boundaries to serve more people. I think this is important for both the adult and the younger community members. These kind of outreach programs bode nothing but good for both the sponsoring organization and those of us served by them. When two or more of these groups get together to bring a particular era alive, so much the better.

Next month three groups are going to come together in the Prices Corner area to recreate for us the most tumultuous period in the history of our country, 1861-1865, The Civil War. It is even more exciting to me that all three of these organizations are made up entirely of volunteers. These folks put up their own time and money to be part of the groups that will bring those years to life for another century to see and to learn.

Coming together on Saturday, Sept. 18 and Sunday, Sept. 19 is Company A, 37th Regiment of North Carolina State Troops, the 42nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Company B and the Historic Red Clay Valley (HRCV.) They will bring expertise and artifacts of the three states to offer us something not available to many Civil War programs, a real railroad with a battle beginning aboard a moving train! The railroad will be the Wilmington & Western, owned and operated by HRCV.

In Delaware and the surrounding states there have been many recreated skirmishes, encampments, etc., and while they are generally well done, they lack one of the most important points of history about the Civil War, the fact that for the very first time railroads were to be the deciding factor of a war. After the war General William Tecumseh Sherman said of

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By PHIL TOMAN

his many victories, "My extensive campaigns would have been impossible without the railroads." Other authors and officers favoring both sides in the conflict have much the same to say.

Why the omission? Simple. There are not many facilities providing antique railroad equipment willing to take the time required for such a demonstration. We, in this area, are very fortunate that there is such a group, Historic Red Clay Valley. On both Saturday and Sunday the big event will be held rain or shine. The center of the activity is the railroad's new Greenbank Station on Newport-Gap Pike, Del. Rt. 41, a quarter mile north of the Kirkwood Highway, Del. Rt. 2.

The troops and their families will arrive and set up their encampment Saturday, Sept. 18. They will remain there overnight so you and your family can see how the troops lived, ate and slept -- in tents and in the open.

The serious action gets underway both days at 12:30 and 3:15 p.m. as the trains depart for the site of the battle along the Wilmington & Western Railroad in the Red Clay Creek Valley. You can ride along with the troops as the train is "ambushed" and the battle ensues.

The men and women who volunteer to help us remember our history by recreating life in the time of the Civil War are a truly dedicated group of folks. Most make their own uniforms and dresses and scour all kinds of flea markets and sales to find artifacts of the period to make their efforts all the more real. Many use weapons of the period and others go to great lengths to find accurate reproductions.

Whether they represent the North or South, they do their best to make the middle of the 19th century come alive for the children and adults at the end of the 20th century.

Like the men and women of the two Civil War groups, the men and women who operate the Wilmington & Western Railroad are also a dedicated group of volunteers. They too purchase all their own equipment and work very hard to recreate railroad of a bygone era over Delaware's oldest steam powered railroad, established in 1867. They refurbish all their railroad equipment including locomotives and passenger cars.

One ticket is all inclusive, encampment, round trip train fare, battle, etc. Adults are \$12; senior citizens, \$10; children 2 to 12, \$6 and children under 2 come along at no cost. The Greenbank Station ticket office will open both days at 11:30 a.m. These trains almost always sell out. It's a good idea to call for reservations at 302-998-1930. If you are planning to go without a reservation, I would advise you to get to Greenbank Station early on either day.

Sunshine or rain make no difference -- at least for the passengers. You can enjoy all the action of the battle from comfort of your train seat. The troops in their wool uniforms can get wet, but you will be high and dry, away from the hot sun or the rain.



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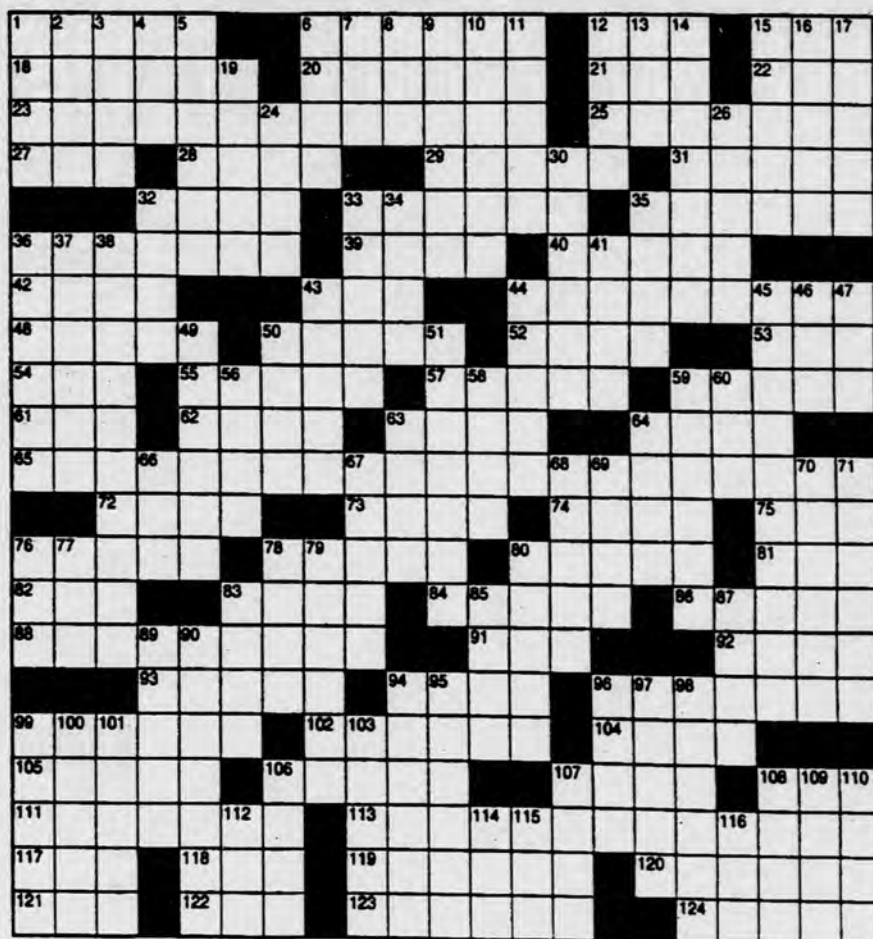
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ROTC Open House planned at U of D

The Fightin' Blue Hen Battalion cordially invites the public to attend the Army ROTC Open House and Cookout on Aug. 30, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mechanical Hall next to the Carpenter Sports Building at the University of Delaware. There will be free food, demonstrations, information on scholarship opportunities and how you can try ROTC with no military obligation.

Humvees and Army helicopters will be on display for the public to sit in and you can try your hand at crossing a one-rope bridge.

For more information contact Capt. Luebbert or Lt. Fabris at (800) 830-ROTC.

Mid-Atlantic Ballet Open House on Sunday

Mid-Atlantic Ballet is holding registration for the fall semester which begins on Monday, Aug. 30. Classes in ballet are offered for beginning, intermediate and advanced students, age six through adult. Creative Movement classes are offered for children who are age 5 as of Sept. 1, 1999.

An Open House for new and prospective students and parents is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 29, from 2-4 p.m. at Mid-Atlantic Ballet's studios in the New Century Club, 201 E. Delaware Ave., Newark. Artistic director Sara Taylor Warner and board members will be on hand to answer questions about the school and its training program. For more information and registration, call 266-6362 or visit their website at www.midatlanticballet.org.

Blood drive scheduled

Area churches are sponsoring a Community Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Tuesday, Aug. 31, from 2 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, Route 896 and Gypsy Hill Road in Kemblesville, Pa.

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Healing Mass scheduled

The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington will hold their monthly Healing Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, in Hockessin, on Friday, Sept. 3, at 8 p.m.

The presider and homilist for the Mass for this month will be Rev. Michael J. Carrier, associate pastor of Holy Family Parish, in Newark.

St. Mary's Church is handicapped accessible, with a wheelchair ramp at the left front door, and a rest room with side rails for the handicapped.

In addition, the prayer teams come to the pews.

For additional information, please call 239-5982.

Defensive Driving courses offered

The Delaware Safety Council has announced its upcoming schedule of Defensive Driving Courses in New Castle County, for September and October, which are available to all Delaware drivers. Upon successful completion of this 6-hour course, participants will be eligible for a minimum 10% reduction in the liability portion of their automobile insurance policy for a 3-year period plus a 3 point credit on their driving record.

Advance registration is necessary and may be made by calling the Safety Council offices. The cost for these courses is \$27 per student. Additional Defensive Driving Courses may be added, so for up-to-date information about course dates and registration contact the Delaware Safety Council at 654-7786 or toll-free at 800-342-2287.

Child care workshops being offered

The New Castle County Cooperative Extension will be offering 11 "Better Kid Care" workshops during the 1999-2000 programming year. Times and fees for the classes vary. Topics include parental involvement in programs, legal issues for center directors, food safety, infant brain research, behavior issues and much more. The first workshop, "Secrets To Getting Parents Involved," will be held Sept. 23 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$15 and pre-registration is required. For more information, or to register, please call the Extension office at 302-831-COOP.

5K Run/Walk for MS to be held

The third annual Klondike Kate's 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Delaware Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will be held in downtown Newark on Sun., Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is \$12 and race day entries are \$15. All registered runners and walkers will receive an event t-shirt, and prizes will be awarded in 5-year age groups.

Registration on the day of the

event begins at 8 a.m. for the race starting at 158 E. Main St. in Newark. After the race, participants can enjoy a post-race party at Klondike Kate's restaurant.

Discussion series at Newark Library

The Newark Free Library is offering a reading and discussion series on the theme of "Innocence and Experience: Movement toward Maturity," an exploration of the inward journey from childhood to the world of adult experience.

The series begins on Wed., Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. with a discussion of William Blake's "Songs of Innocence and of Experience." Dr. Joan DelFattore of the University of Delaware will lead the discussion of Blake's poems. Other books will be discussed.

Program participants may pick up copies of the books at the check-out desk of the Newark Free Library. The book discussions will be held every other Wed. evening from Sept. 15 through Nov. 10.

For more information contact Carolyn Romsper at 302-731-7550.

Financial training workshop offered

Maria Pippidis, a Cooperative Extension educator at the University of Delaware, will lead a 14-hour financial training course, "All My Money," on Sept. 23 and Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The training is open to social service providers, the faith community, teachers, members of non-profit organizations and all others who work with audiences who could benefit from learning more about financial management.

Topics will include budgeting, consumer skills, handling credit

problems, taking consumer action and much more.

Pre-registration is required for the course. The fee for the training is \$135, which includes all curriculum materials. For more information, or to register, please call the Extension office at 831-COOP or visit their website at www.bluehen.ags.udel.edu/ncc/.

St. Paul's School registering for fall

St. Paul's Lutheran School located at 701 S. College Ave., Newark, is holding an open house on Thursday, Aug. 19. The school is currently accepting registration for the 3-year-old, 4-year-old, and kindergarten classes. For more information, call 368-0553.

Openings at Newark Preschool

The city of Newark Preschool is enrolling children for 3-year-old and 4-year-old class. The preschool is located at the Unitarian Church on Willa Road. If you have any questions, please call Newark Parks and Recreation at 366-7060.

Violence prevention seminar to be held

The Delaware Community Foundation will hold "Ghosts From The Nursery-A Violence Prevention Conference" on Wed., Oct. 20 at the DuPont Country Club. The day-long conference is the culminating activity for the DCF's five-year grant-making program, "Violence Prevention: An Investment in Children from Birth to Age Five." It will be held during the YWCA's Week Without Violence, Oct. 17-24. Other successful violence prevention programs will be discussed.

For more information contact the Delaware Community Foundation at 571-8004.

WDEL/WSTW hosting job fair

WDEL/WSTW with title sponsor MBNA is hosting its ninth job fair on Monday, Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Wilmington Hilton at I-95 and Naamans Road in Wilmington. Representatives from over 35 local and regional companies will be holding on-the-spot interviews. The job fair is free and there is no need to preregister. Attendees are encouraged to dress professionally. For more information on the job fair, call 478-2700.

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Henry and Ruth Brader of Newark celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 12. They were married at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Kutztown, Pa., in 1939. They have lived in Newark since 1948.

In 1988, the Brader Elementary School in the Christina School District was named for Mr. Brader, a teacher and school principal in Newark from 1948 to 1978.

The couple has three children, daughter Carol and son Barry, both of Naples, Fla., and Roy of Wynnewood, Pa. They also have nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

DiLiberto to serve on National Legislative Assembly

The National Conference of State Legislatures announced that state representative Richard A. DiLiberto Jr. (D-Newark East) will serve on the Assembly on Federal Issues Law and Justice, and Federal Budget and Taxation committees. The Assembly on Federal Issues directs the NCSL's efforts in Washington, D.C. and develops officials positions. DiLiberto said the committee agenda's will be full. "The Law and Justice Committee covers federal criminal justice, civil rights, and Supreme Court cases affecting state-federal relations. The Federal Budget and Taxation Committee has jurisdiction over federal actions regarding matters that impact state governments."

Winter awarded Eagle rank

Eric Winter, 16, was recently awarded his Eagle rank and bronze palm. His project was to prevent the widening of a trail in the Middle Run Valley Nature Area by filling a 20 foot x 24 foot hole with rocks and gravel, then redefining the trail. His project took 173 hours to complete.

Eric is a member of Troop 250 sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church in Newark.

Handlin awarded at State Fair

Marian Handlin of Newark was one of nine contestants to receive a monetary award at the Delaware State Fair for the Fleece of Lambs contest. She received the award in the 4-H category for the discipline and care of sheep called Ladies Lead Line.

Poore recognized for academic achievement

Kathryn Poore of Bear was named a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars at the University of Delaware. She will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at the University.



DiLiberto

Zingone completes training

Marine Lance Cpl. Peter Zingone, son of Brad J. and Michelle Duvall of Newark, recently partici-



Winter

pated in a seven-day training aboard the amphibious assault ship U.S.S. Wasp, while assigned to the 3rd battalion, 2nd Marine division at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Zingone is a 1996 graduate of Hodgson Vo-Tech.

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For a program guide and more information, call (302) 831-2868.

JROTC air views about Kosovo

Newark High School students participated this summer in a panel discussion on the Kosovo Crisis for a radio news series on U.S. involvement in the Balkans. According to Col. Charles Hill, participants included JROTC cadets Matthew Bogart, Tameka and Tiesha Brown, Karen Harrigan and Chris Taylor. Opinions among the group ranged

from a concern that the U.S. administration had not clearly articulated the need for Operation "Allied Force" to worries that the bombing increased the violence against ethnic Albanians. Most felt that the crisis had done nothing to change their opinions on whether future military service was an option they might consider.

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St. Mark's shooting for fourth straight title

First team all-stars Ferrante, Flanigan among returners

By CHRIS DONAHUE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

When you set the standard for boys high school soccer in the state of Delaware as high as St. Mark's High has, one of the few things left to do is try to beat or match the successes of previous Spartans teams.

This season, the Spartans will be trying to become the first boys soccer team to win four consecutive championships since the tournament began in 1970.

Last season the Spartans went 18-1-1 en route to their eighth title, the most won by any school. It was their 11th appearance in the final in 15 seasons.

All eight crowns have been won under head coach Tom DeMatteis, a former St. Mark's player who is in his 14th season in that position.

The Spartans also tried to win a fourth in succession in 1993 after winning it from 1990-92, but had their string ended by Salesianum School.

But the title run in the early '90s was the first time a team had won three straight. The Spartans' first two titles were won in '86 and '87.

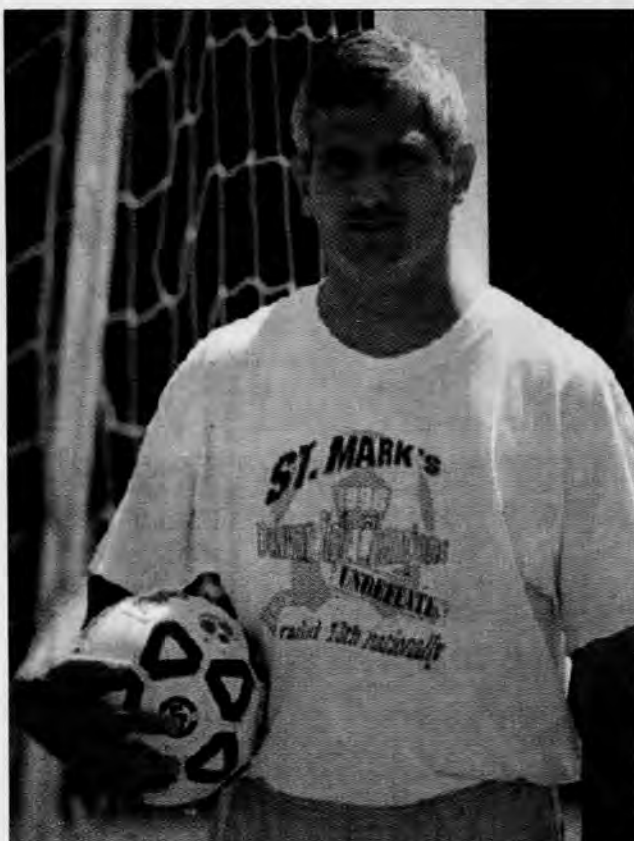
The pattern for each season is often the same: lose some key players, including the leading scorers in the state on several occasions, to graduation, then rely on a deep pool of talent to help fill the ranks.

The players then take the first quarter or half of a season to get accustomed to each other, then it's trouble for opponents at tournament time.

This season is no different, except for one major difference - the Spartans will not have striker Jason Dzielak to count on. Dzielak, now at Philadelphia Textile, led the state last season with 30 goals.

The Spartans also lost graduating striker Greg Czerwinski, who added eight goals and eight

See SPARTANS, 19 ►



Pete Ferrante, Adam Flanigan, Stephen Mangat and Will Hohman, who played a key role in last season's state championship team, do some air-dribbling at practice on Monday. St. Mark's has won eight state championships under Tom DeMatteis (left), who is in his 14th season as head coach. In bottom photo, the Spartans scrimmage in preparation for their season opener Sept. 14 at Aberdeen High (Md.)

William & Mary offense will test revamped Hens' defense

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Strike up the band and let the tailgate preparations begin, the college football season opens in Newark Thursday night.

The University of Delaware football team begins its season Thursday with a doozy of an opener against nationally ranked conference foe William & Mary at 7 p.m. in Delaware Stadium.

The Atlantic 10 figures to be a wide open race this season and it seems almost unfair for one of these teams to have a conference loss before Labor Day - but that's exactly what's at stake.

Last season, these two teams combined for over 1,000 yards in total offense and 97 points as the Tribe pulled out a 52-45 victory in

Williamsburg. The Hens will look to get even, but it certainly won't be easy.

William & Mary returns 18 players with starting experience from last year's 7-4 squad.

"With 18 starters returning, William & Mary continues to field exceptional football teams," said Delaware coach Tubby Raymond, who begins his 34th year at the head of the UD football program. "William & Mary has always been difficult for us. It's a very difficult opener."

Leading the way for the 25th-ranked Tribe are offensive standouts Dave Conklin, Mike Leach and Chris Rosier, who all had more than 50 receptions last season, and 1,000-yard rusher Hameen Ali (from Dover High). All-conference quarterback Mike Cook did graduate, but the cupboard is hardly bare

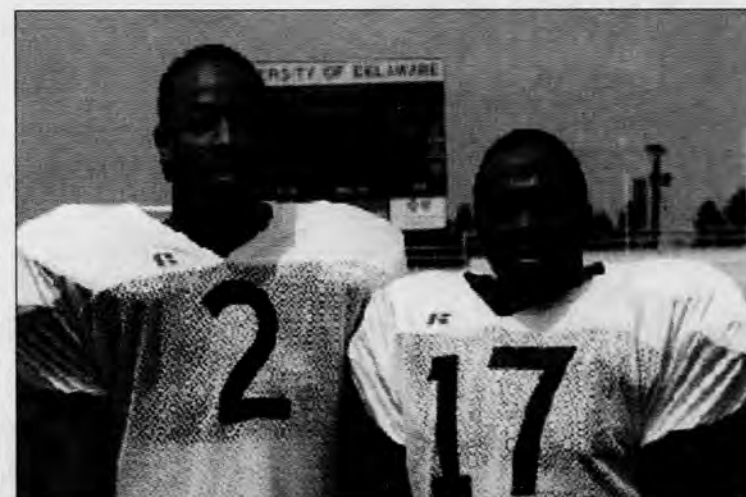
at that position. Junior Daron Pope, redshirt freshman David Corely and University of North Carolina transfer Kevin Carty all entered fall practice battling for the starting position.

Defensively, look for William & Mary to be much more aggressive. It's changing its traditional 4-3 defense to an eight-man front that will look to blitz more often.

"Having not seen them play this way before, it will be a challenge to get ready for," Raymond said early in preseason. "They'll send a lot of people from different directions."

A defensive change may be the most noticeable new thing about the 11th-ranked Blue Hens as well. However, their change will not be in alignment, but in attitude and personnel.

Raymond last season often lamented his defensive unit's lack of a physical attitude. That attitude



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY HEIDI SCHEING

Butter Pressey and Butch Patrick, both graduates of Newark High, should get a lot of playing time on Thursday.

showed up in the loss to William & Mary, a 34-31 loss to Villanova, a 39-27 loss to Maine and a 45-6 trampling by Richmond.

Penn State transfer Travis Blomgren will man one the strong safety positions while Nassau Community College transfer Bashawn Dixon will start at free safety. The two

along with the infusion of linebackers Dan Mulhern (redshirt freshman) and Melvin Steele (Nassau transfer) gives the defense a more aggressive personality.

"Last year our tackling was just so poor," Raymond said. "These

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Defense key to Glasgow's strength

By CHRIS DONAHUE

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Glasgow's High's soccer team began training camp with a similar personality as the one that surged to reach last season's state championship game - goal-scoring may be a problem, while preventing them will be a strength.

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guys hard good tacklers and give our defense a certain amount of hardness. The whole team's personality has improved."

Offensively, the big loss from last year is spread end Eddie Conti. However, Jamin Elliott has looked good all through practice and

appears ready to be the team's No. 1 receiving threat. In addition, speedy Brett Veach has been moved from halfback to receiver. Veach, a sophomore, is the fastest player on the team. Redshirt freshman Joe Clark should also contribute.

The backfield is as deep as usual with two former Newark High players — Butter Pressey and Butch

Patrick — playing significant roles. Pressey, one of the better runners on the team, is on the cusp of starting because of his improved ability to block and do additional tasks.

"Pressey has really responded well," Raymond said. "He's come back with a much harder attitude. He's blocking well — he's no longer an ornament out there. He still looks

pretty, but now he can play."

Patrick was moved from corner back in the spring and is in his natural home.

"He has exceptional speed," Raymond said of Patrick. "Offense is his best position, it fits his skills. But if we're thin at corner, he'll be the next guy."

Former Iowa State starter James

O'Neal (who also came to Newark by way of Nassau Community College) has looked good in preseason practice and will press senior Steve Ricco for playing time.

Matt Nagy will start at quarterback with Brian Ginn returning from his injured knee as the backup. With a healthy Ginn available as a more than adequate replacement look for the offense to be more diversified and wide open (i.e. more option).

Raymond also expressed satisfaction with the progress of the offensive line.

"Our offensive line has played much more aggressively," the coach said. "It's created a more positive attitude."

William & Mary's new quarterback and defense and Delaware's new attitude and same skill should make for another great game in this always-exciting rivalry.

NOTES — Tickets are still available for Thursday night's game. Call 831-HENS. . . As of Monday, there were 42 seats available for fans who want to fly to see the Hens play at The Citadel on Sept. 11. Cost is \$240. For information, call Jerry Oravitz at 831-0760. . . William & Mary Coach Jimmie Laycock has a 129-85-2 career record; 8-10 against Delaware. The Tribe is 13-9 overall against Delaware.

Delaware schedule

Sept. 2	William & Mary
Sept. 11	at The Citadel
Sept. 18	West Chester
Sept. 25	at J. Madison
Oct. 2	Richmond
Oct. 9	Open Date
Oct. 16	Lehigh
Oct. 23	UMass
Oct. 30	at Northeastern
Nov. 6	at N.Hampshire
Nov. 13	Rhode Island
Nov. 20	at Villanova

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SUNDAY Sept. 5th

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Noon-5 PM **"Yesterdays" cont. North East**

1 PM **Revolutionary War Re-enactment**

2 PM **Historic House Tour** - North East & Charlestown

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Spartans seek ninth title

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assists, and superb defender Jeremy Doucette.

But coaches and players familiar with St. Mark's know that if any team is capable of finding goals to replace Dzielak's, and defenders to replace Doucette, the Spartans will do it, either by committee, or with new stars.

"The pressure is the pressure that we put on ourselves," said stopper back Stephen Mangat, a resident of Autumn Wood in Newark. "We feel that we have the talent to be the top team in the state and the pressure comes from each other to go out and play to the highest level of our ability."

As for the possibility of winning a fourth consecutive title, Mangat, who has been a member of the three previous teams along with goal-keeper Pete Ferrante and midfielder Joe Lazorick, said the team is aware of it, but that there are other priorities to take care of first.

"It's more of like a background goal in the preseason," Mangat said. "Right now we're just trying to take it game by game and get to the point where we have the ability to win. Which means win as many games as we can to get the (tournament's) top seed to make winning an easier task."

For DeMatteis, putting players in the right position and keeping an eye on the progress of the strikers are two of his early concerns.

"(A fourth title) is hopefully something we can build toward as the season goes along," DeMatteis said. "We want to keep getting better as it goes. I mean you can't point to a better example than last year's team in terms of what I mean by that. Because we really improved as the season went along. If we're able to do that, hopefully we'll be in the hunt at the end."

Ferrante, a three-year starter, Mangat, and Lazorick are the three returning senior starters.

Senior letter winners are: midfielder Will Hohman, fullbacks Brian Boettner, Matt Fanuele, Jon Heckman, Gia Huynh-Ba, Thiago Scabbia, midfielders Joe DiDiego, Eric Gregg and Damian Humeniak.

Junior returning starters are first team all-state halfback Adam Flanigan and forward Adam Stuller.

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Besides Flanigan, who scored 12 goals and dished out 20 assists, the Spartans should still have plenty of sting in its offense.

"We have the capabilities,"

DeMatteis said. "Adam Stuller's back. He scored 11 goals last year (and five assists) and 25 in two years."

"Nicola Chicco (eight goals, two assists), who was our fourth forward last year. He was the first one of the bench and he'll be in the middle and can put the ball in the net."

"And Joe Lazorick, who two years ago played a lot of forward. Last year he started as a halfback. And Nolan Dzielak."

"I think we'll be able to score some goals. I don't know that we'll have a 30-goal scorer again."

"We lose guys, but we always have other ones just sitting there waiting to take their spots," Mangat said.

Despite losing three starters from the defense, which allowed less than a goal per game last season, Mangat said the same thing will happen there.

"I'm not worried at all," Mangat said. "I've played with three of the guys that are coming in and we feel that we'll be up to last year's team if not even better."

St. Mark's opens its season Sept. 14 at Aberdeen High (Md.). The season is highlighted by away games against Alexis I. du Pont (Sept. 18), Newark (Sept. 30), Archmere (Oct. 28), and Salesianum (Oct. 19 at Baynard Stadium).

Newark family brings home four medals

Four members of a Newark family won medals last weekend at the Middle Atlantic Swimming Open Water Championship in Ventnor City, N.J.

Medals were contested in four age categories for both girls and boys: 10-under (1/2 mile swim); 11-12 and 13-14 (both one mile swim), and 15-18 (two mile swim).

In the girls' 10-under category, Olivia Connell, 9, won the silver medal with a time of 12 minutes, 50.44 seconds.

In the girls' 11-12 group, Cecily Connell, 11, won the gold medal with a time of 16:09.54.

In the boys' 13-14 division, Rory Connell won the silver medal with a time of 15:32.86.

In the girls' 15-18 group, Cassandra Connell won the gold medal with a time of 22:57.70. She was also the top finisher, male or female, by a margin of two minutes.

Olivia is entering fourth grade at Wilson Elementary School, Cecily is in sixth grade at Bancroft Acade-

my, Rory is in eighth grade at Shue-Medill Middle School, and Cassandra is a sophomore at Newark High.

Foley's, Brewers tied in series

Pitcher Bill Brakely went the distance allowing eight hits and Bob Welsh had two hits to help the Broadway Brewers to a 4-3 victory over Foley's Diamondbacks last weekend, tying their Men's Senior Baseball League best-of-three semifinal round series at one game each.

In the first game, Diamondbacks pitcher Billy Cannon went the distance allowing six hits to help Foley's to a 4-3 win.

Joe Singley, Cannon and Walt Coppol each hit home runs for the Brewers in the second game.

The deciding game will be played Sunday, Aug. 29, at Bannock Park.

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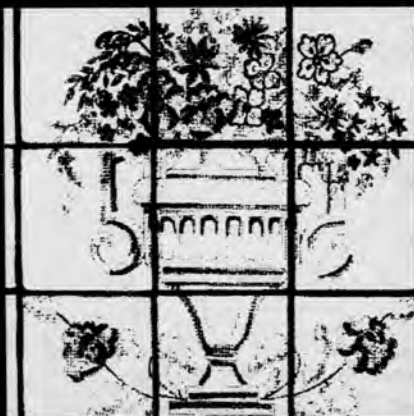
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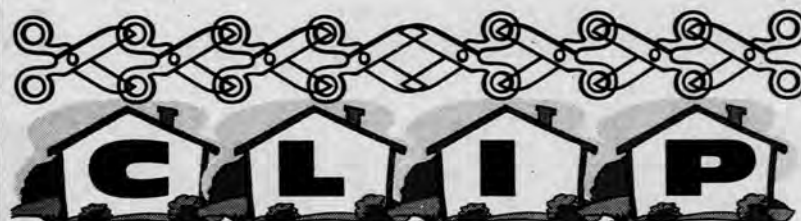
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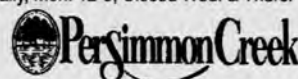
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**IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR THE
STATE OF
DELAWARE
IN AND FOR
NEW CASTLE
COUNTY**

IN RE: CHANGE OF
NAME OF

Karen Ann Mize
PETITIONER(S)

TO
Karen Ann Jackson

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that Karen Ann
Mize intends to present
a Petition to the Court of
Common Pleas for the
State of Delaware in and
for New Castle County,
to change his/her name
to Karen Ann Jackson.

Karen A. Mize
Petitioner(s)

DATED: 8/17/99
np 8/20, 8/27, 9/3

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

IN RE: CHANGE OF
NAME OF

Anthony S. Lane
Andrew J. Lane
Ashley L. Lane
PETITIONER(S)

TO
Anthony S.

Mondzelewski

Andrew J.

Mondzelewski

Ashley L.

Mondzelewski

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that Anthony S.

Lane, Andrew J. Lane,

Ashley L. Lane intends

to present a Petition to

the Court of Common

Pleas for the State of

Delaware in and for New

Castle County, to change

his/her name to

Anthony S.

Mondzelewski, Andrew

J. Mondzelewski, Ashley

L. Mondzelewski.

Petitioner(s)

DATED: 8/20/99
np 8/27, 9/3, 9/10

LEGAL NOTICE

Estate of WAYNE L.

STAHL, aka LEONARD

RUWANE STAHL,

Deceased.

Notice is hereby given

that Letters Testamentary

upon the estate of

WAYNE L. STAHL, aka

LEONARD RUWANE

STAHL who departed

this life on the 17th day

of MAY, A.D. 1999 late of

34 WINDFLOWER

DRIVE, NEWARK, DE

19711 were duly granted

unto BETTY M. STAHL

on the 10th day of AU-

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said deceased are re-

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without delay, and all

persons having de-

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the same duly probated

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DATED: 8-16-99

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

IN RE: CHANGE OF
NAME OF

XIAO D. YAN
PETITIONER(S)

TO
DANIEL X. YAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that XIAO D.

YAN intends to present

a PETITION to the Court

of Common Pleas for the

State of Delaware in and

for New Castle County,

to change his/her name

to DANIEL X. YAN.

Xiao Yan

Petitioner(s)

DATED: 8/3/99

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**YARD
SALES**

ELKTON - 2080 E. Old
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8/26, 8/27, 9-4. Rain or
shine. Home interior, baby
stuff, camper, clothes,
hshld items, crafts, more!

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8/27 & Sat 28, 8-? Baby &
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Elkton Multi Fam De-
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toys, baby things & More!

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Corridor Improvements
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To US 13
Contract #92-119-01

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Cafeteria
September 8, 1999
4:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), New Castle County, and the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) jointly announce a Public Workshop for the route 40 Corridor Improvements, from Maryland State Line to US 13. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 1999, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Paul M. Hodgson Vocational Technical High School, Cafeteria, 2575 Summit Bridge Road, Newark, Delaware, New Castle County.

The Route 40 Corridor Improvements involve the development of a 20-year transportation plan for the Route 40 Corridor, to address both the short term and long term needs of vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit. The Plan is being developed through the work of the Route 40 Steering Committee, which consist of community leaders, business interests, property owners and elected officials. The Committee has developed a Vision for the Corridor, identified problems that need to be addressed with any improvements in the Corridor, and has analyzed several transportation scenarios to address the Vision. The Workshop will detail the progress of the Committee's work, including the transportation scenarios, and the other initiatives that are taking place in the Route 40 Corridor. The Workshop will be an open house format, consisting of boards and displays, with Steering Committee members and Project Team staff available to answer questions and provide additional information. There will be also a short, continuous presentation that provides an overview of the Route 40 Corridor Improvements project.

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New York City couple plans a memorable wedding

By Carol Stronger
Associated Press

Garlands of baby's breath, tiny white lights, and French ribbon are long gone from the rustic posts and beams. Grass on the ramp has turned brown, the trees are bare, and there's a chill in the air. But there are warm memories of a special day for a couple who say: "If you can successfully plan your wedding together and have a good time, it's good training for your life together."

Mildred and Lance are practical and wanted to leave nothing of their day to chance. They're also creative and wanted more than a cookie-cutter ceremony punched out by wedding professionals. So they did it all themselves.

They developed a master plan of what Lance calls "dates and deliverables" and sat down every Sunday night to chart their progress and to parcel out the next week's chores. Still in love after more than 70 such Sunday sessions, they were married in an outdoor ceremony on a warm clear day in early spring.

Both Lance and Mil are 30-something professionals in New York City. She was born in Washington, D.C., grew up in Philadelphia, and went to Quaker schools and summer camp. After college she worked for a time in Paris.

He was raised as a Southern Baptist not far from Frankfort, Kentucky. He spent a lot of time on his grandparents' farm, and between college and grad school went to the Philippines with the Peace Corps. If there was a theme to the wedding, it was an informality and the blending of their beliefs.

"We wanted the event to be about the marriage, not about the wedding," Lance says. "And to have it reflect what it is that you want to create in your life together. With us it was friendship, our social commitments, community."

The ceremony with far-flung friends and relatives closer by took place in picturesque Bucks County, Pa., on a grass-covered cattle ramp leading to a big red barn and the reception.

When they first looked at the barn as a possible venue, Mil said, "It was a moment of 'Wow, it really could be perfect.' All of the Kentuckians would love it because it wouldn't be a huge psychic shift, friends from the city could enjoy a weekend in the country, and for those from abroad it would offer a bucolic American setting."

Every detail for the day had meaning. The small-batch bourbon (from Kentucky), the champagne (from France). Her long, champagne-color sheath was complemented with a light

wrap made by her friend the dressmaker. His suit, Mil says, "was made by a designer in Brooklyn we wanted to support. His shirt was made by a Nigerian we wanted to support."

In recalling all of the hideous bridesmaid's dresses

though everyone wanted a chance.

"That whole process of having the community be the ultimate authority that affirms your union is a tradition we really have a lot of respect for," Lance says.

The Quaker aspect provid-

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she never wore again, Mil asked the attendants to express their own good taste. No two dressed alike, and all seemed confident and comfortable and lent a certain sophistication to the scene.

Nor were the women lined up behind the bride and the men aligned with the groom. Lance's sister was one of his attendants. Mil's brother was one of hers. "It just seemed the most natural thing in the world to have the people nearest and dearest to each of us 'on our side.'"

Beyond the bridal party, many guests and family members had special roles in what Lance calls "a participatory wedding." Mil's mom did the flowers, from the bridal bouquet to the table arrangements; an aunt from her extended family was the jeweler who designed the rings. And friends contributed their talents as wedding gifts: the DJ, a graphics design director, a producer, a professional musician among them.

The man who married them had worked with Mil at Habitat for Humanity and was chosen for his convictions more than his religion. After the wedding vows were read, guests were invited to stand up and speak to or about the couple, Quaker-style. Their early fears that no one would rise were unfounded. It seemed as

ed one of the day's highlights for Lance. The other was when he and Mil repeated the vows they had written. "I thought that moment was magical . . . We wanted the vows to reflect what it was we were creating as a couple in the marriage. When we actually got to the moment when we stood and said them to each other, it felt like the beginning of something."

Mil's favorite memory is of Lance singing to her at the reception. She says some months earlier she suggested with a wink that Lance follow a family tradition. His grandfather, a gospel singer, was known for a rousing rendition of Tennessee Ernie Ford's "Sixteen Tons." It's a song "which everyone knows, including all the French people at the wedding. There's this very funny line, which is 'ain't no high-toned woman gonna make me walk the line.'"

Lance sang it. And after months of practice and a little professional coaching from his best man, he also sang John Coltrane's "My One and Only Love." A capella.

"Everyone who was at the wedding has been talking about this ever since," Mil says. "I have to agree with them that it was fabulous, but from my perspective it was a transcendent moment."

Could a glorious sunny day when 85 friends and relatives celebrated a union end without a hitch? No. The glitch came when it was time to throw the rice, the confetti, or whatever. As an alternative to rice (harmful to birds), Mil chose to honor both her and Lance's heritage. She chose packets of Kentucky bluegrass seeds for him, mixed with rose petals in lieu of out-of-season cherry blossoms from her birth city.

"It was a fatal mistake," she recalls. The seeds are tiny, about the size of poppy seeds, and some of the guests "dumped whole bags on our heads. Our scalps were encrusted. We had to rake to get them out."

Even after days of shampooing and combing, they had visions of the seeds taking root and creating the "Chia couple."

Another minor crisis turned into a blessing. Mil's luggage was left in her maid of honor's car. So rather than retiring to a secluded cabin, the newlyweds traveled country roads and tracked the luggage to a restaurant where their friends had gathered.

"We wound up having dinner with everyone in the wedding party," Lance recalls. To which Mil adds: "Such a nontraditional event was truly one of the highlights."

Looking back on the day, Mil says, "I just loved it. It just flew by. I'm hard-pressed to think of anything I'd do differently."

Lance says there was stress at times, but it was rare.

"We were married in a community we had imported for the day. There was a village in evidence. That's what we wanted to create, and we did. I can honestly say I had a fabulous time at the wedding."

"I wrote Mil a note a few months later, saying I'd do it all over again."

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Beverly Clark, wedding expert



Shopping list for wedding accessories

With an engagement ring comes several months of planning and a lot of shopping. Most brides have long fantasized about shopping for major wedding items such as the dress and flowers. However, it's the little things that seem to fall through the cracks and even a calm, cool and collected bride can get frazzled when they remember the many wedding accessories needed to make the big day complete.

Margaret Powers, executive director of events and merchandising for Enesco, has put together a simple shopping list of wedding accessories to help relieve wedding stress.

FOR THE CHURCH

Unity Candle - A unity candle and holder is optional depending upon the style and religious nature of the ceremony.

Today's Rice - Bridal couples are being very creative when it comes to this showering tradition. Some ideas include birdseed, flower petals, bubbles and even butterflies.

Decorations - Church decorations could include flowers, an aisle runner, candles or bows for the pews.

FOR THE BRIDAL PARTY

Gifts - Everyone in the bridal party, ranging from the maid of honor to the ring bearer, should be acknowledged with a special gift.

Flower Basket - Every flower girl needs a basket to hold her petals.

Ring Bearer Pillow - A ring bearer's duties would not be complete without the pillow and, of course, the rings.

Itinerary - Have a detailed itinerary made for the bridal party ensuring they will stay on schedule and are aware of the day's activities.

FOR THE GUESTS

Favors - Whether it's candy or a small gift, every guest will love to bring home something.

Wedding Programs - Beautiful wedding programs add to the special touch of a wedding and can be an informational piece as well as a keepsake.

FOR THE RECEPTION

Table Centerpieces - Make the room look aglow with a large candle in a decorative holder as the centerpiece or add a fragrant scent with flowers in a beautiful vase.

Champagne Glasses - To toast the beginning of a new life together, the bride and groom should have keepsake champagne glasses.

Guest Book and Pen - A guest book will help record all that attend the wedding as well as make future "thank you" notes much easier.

Cake Cutter and Server - Make cutting the cake a moment to last a lifetime by purchasing cake accessories.

Cake Topper - If remembering the special day is important, purchase a cake topper that can later be displayed in the home.

One-Use Cameras - Giving guests the power to capture every moment will ensure good wedding day candid.

Envelope Holder - An envelope holder atop the gift table is a great way to collect wedding envelopes. Some suggestions include a birdcage, wishing well or bridal mailbox.

"Creating an elegant, memorable wedding is as easy as using the same theme or look on all of the wedding accessories," said Powers.

She also recommends selecting a flower, image or color combination and coordinating all wedding details around this look.

Courtesy of Article Resource Association

Here's how to say "thank you" graciously

When it comes to wedding gifts, it's much more fun to receive than to write "thank you" notes.

To keep the task from becoming overwhelming, don't let them pile up. Write several notes a day as early gifts come in, then do them in batches after the wedding.

Though some etiquette books say the new couple has up to one year to write a thank-you note, current protocol say three months is the limit.

Remember, there's no rule that this is a bride's job; the groom can do his share.

Don't know how to get started? Follow this simple outline to write a note that's sincere and personal.

* If the gift giver attended the wedding and recep-

tion, thank them for being part of your big day and say how much you enjoyed seeing them.

* Mention the gift by name and refer to how you plan to use it: "Melvin and I will treasure the silver frame. We plan to display one of our wedding photographs in it."

* If the gift was money, you don't need to state the amount; just thank the giver for their "generous" or "thoughtful" gift and mention how it will be spent: "Clara and I are saving for a deposit on our dream house, and you've helped bring that dream closer to reality."

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This new search tool will allow guests to locate where any engaged couple is registered, anywhere in the country. The Knot's registry search engine will be open to all retailers who offer bridal registries, whether local or national, large or small. This new service can be found on The Knot at <http://www.the-knot.com>.

The Knot registry search engine is the first of its kind in the online registry arena. Most couples are registered in several different locations and do not traditionally alert their guests of their gift selections. This easy-to-use tool solves the touchy and often time-consuming process of finding out where a couple is registered for gifts.

"You can search all the search engines for information online. So we thought why isn't there a search mechanism for online registries?" says David Liu, CEO of The Knot. "As part of our mission to be the ultimate wedding information

provider, we knew it was our role to make the registry process as easy as possible. Our new registry search is a win for brides and grooms, a win for guests, and a win for retailers."

Rather than go from site to site in search of a couple's registry, users will now be able to go directly to The Knot to track down all of the

places where a couple is registered. Through its new tool, The Knot will be able to search every retailer regardless of size or scope who offers a wedding gift registry, including The Knot's own extensive registry featuring over 10,000 products. Unlike others in the online wedding space who are charging retailers to be a partner, The

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About The Knot

The Knot is the #1 wedding destination online. Over 1,000 brides and grooms a day register to use The Knot's personalized planning tools, online/offline gift registry, and helpful informa-

tion.

The Knot successfully leapt offline with the recent release of *The Knot's Complete Guide to Weddings in the Real World*, the first of three books being published by Broadway Books.

Based in New York City, The Knot will soon launch a television show and a national magazine.

Roses enjoy a 'baby boom' of new varieties

(NUI) A rose is a rose is a rose. Or is it? Unbeknownst to most of us, this decade spawned a virtual baby boom of roses. Brought on by a fertile production period in the 1990s, today there are close to 120 rose varieties commercially available — up from the few dozen choices found in flower shops just a decade ago.

However, the new wave in roses is outpacing consumer awareness. According to a recent survey commissioned by the Society of American Florists (SAF), half of the consumers surveyed believe only 50 or fewer varieties exist.

Trend-tracker and floral consultant for SAF, Denise Lee, notes that while the demand for roses is year-round, summer is their peak

growing season: "Summer is perfect for experimenting because roses are abundant and florists have a wide selection available."

Even in this rose baby boom, red reigns as the all-time favorite rose color, especially among men. However, other colors are gaining in popularity: 62 percent of women surveyed prefer hues such as yellow, pink, peach, and white. Unconventional color picks — lavender and orange roses — are also emerging as favorites.

So, do new colors bring new interpretations? According to Lee, rose meanings are a thing of the past. "In the early 1900s, rose colors did signify specific meanings. But today, there are too many colors to keep track," says Lee. "It's the sentiment

that gives a gift its meaning."

New rose varieties have not only expanded the color palette — from extreme lights to bright brights — but have enhanced characteristics such as bloom size, shape, stem length, and strength of fragrance.

Lee offers the following color guide and tips to get acquainted with these expanding color families:

Rage for Red: The new reds range from bright raspberry to majestic scarlet to velvety-dark red to orange-kissed hues.

Pretty in Pinks: Choose from the family of traditional bridal pinks, hip hot pinks, dazzling fuchsias, and soft-blush shades, or cousins on the family tree: peaches,

apricots, corals, and lavenders.

Yellow Stars: Whether crisp lemon, buttery hues, or trendy two-tones, yellow roses cover a broad spectrum of color and appeal. Yellow is the second-most popular color cited by men.

Bright Whites: The tradition of a neutral wedding scheme makes an arrangement of lush white roses the perfect bridal bouquet, according to Lee. Shades of ultra white, ivory, and champagne are good choices.

"Roses are like fine wines, a delight to be savored and cultivated," says Lee. "Like an expanding wine cellar, florists' coolers are now stocked with more choices worth learning about."

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Look your best on your wedding day

By Mary Martin Niepold
AP Special Edition

It's the creme de la creme of beauty rites: a bride preparing for her wedding day when she wants to look her most beautiful, every inch.

Yes, a facial, body exfoliation, pedicure, waxing, and the perfect makeup are musts.

Question: What if her skin breaks out from all the stress and extra pampering? Answer: Skincare and makeup experts say the best beauty plan starts months before the big day.

"If the bride is trying frantically to put all this into the week before the wedding, she's not going to be very

successful," says Kathryn Hamernik, global educator for Aveda, based in Minneapolis.

Hamernik, Maureen Fletcher of the Clarins Spa in Houston and Jinger Heath, founder of BeautiControl, also in Houston, all recommend a beauty strategy starting three months before the wedding. Allow enough time to have treatments and you'll have perfect skin on the wedding day, they say.

Hamernik likes to align body treatments with facials. "Massage is probably the only thing I would recommend the day before," she says. She suggests starting facials three months out and continuing to have them either once a week or twice a

month until the wedding. Exfoliation treatments — possibly combined with a light self-tanning treatment — could begin one month out, followed by maintenance at home.

Waxing treatments for eyebrow, lips, legs, underarms and bikini areas should be done about six weeks before the wedding, especially if the bride has sensitive skin. "She should have waxings no sooner than three weeks before the wedding. If she's never done waxing, she should do a trial three months before," says Hamernik.

Consulting with a professional is vital. Don't attempt serious treatments unguided. "Don't use any new products in the month before the wedding, and if you have any skin problems like breakouts or eczema, consult with a dermatologist two months out to get a regimen," says Dr. Bradford Katchen, a New York dermatologist.

Once you have your beauty plan in place and are working with a professional, maintenance at home is essential to assure optimum results, says Fletcher of Clarins. "We encourage the bride, a couple of months before the wedding, to buy a series of facials and body treatments, either once a week or once every two weeks." Facials require a good cleansing and toning regime at home.

These can be maintained with hydrating products as well as specific potions to soothe breakouts and deal with blackheads. Fletcher recommends using a body exfoliator three times a week at home. The bride also should moisturize her body daily, following soothing daily

bath soaks.

To use self-tanners at home, test them at least a month ahead. Stop once you reach a level that looks natural, not heavy. "Stay clear of tanning beds," says Heath of BeautiControl.

The same goes for the bride's makeup. "We recommend a bride start cutting out pictures from magazines and schedule consultations with local makeup artists at least a month or two before," says B.J. Gillian, CoverGirl makeup artist. Since makeup has to last from early morning to late in the evening, choose long-wearing versions of lipsticks, mascaras and foundations.

"The last thing you want is to design a makeup and hair style that will date you," Gillian says. "Please, please do what professional models do when they get married. Well before the wedding, take a Polaroid of the hair and makeup, see what you like and don't like, and make the changes then and not on your wedding day."

Also use makeup techniques that work for the cameras. "Remember that the camera captures everything in two dimensions," says Gillian. She recommends curling your eyelashes before applying mascara, keeping foundation demi-matte (not too oily or too powdery), and avoiding lipstick shades like true red or those that are too frosty or too opaque.

Heath suggests lips and cheeks in medium-toned shades and experimenting with the Polaroid shots to find your best side for three-quarter and profile angles.

And, she urges, get a good night's sleep on your wedding eve.

It's all in the details

NEW YORK (AP) To look well dressed on your wedding day, carefully survey accessories from your fine-net veil down to your satin pumps.

Here are a few tips from New York Bridal salon owner Michelle Roth:

* No accessory should overwhelm you. "The veil has to be very gossamer, hardly noticeable, so when the bride is walking down the aisle, you can see right through," says Roth. "The highlight is not the veil; the highlight is the bride."

* Put your best foot forward. Likewise, shoes are a very important part of the outfit, says Roth. "Even though you may only see the tips of them, they still help create

the entire look."

* Let tradition dictate your jewelry. Do you have a pearl necklace passed down from your grandmother? "I encourage brides to bring in heirlooms," says Roth. "They reflect a sense of continuity. I believe in bringing the past into the future and creating a sense of family."



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Wedding checklist for the bride



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- ☐ Plan your honeymoon.
- ☐ Discuss where you will live after the wedding.



3 to 6 months before

- ☐ Order invitations, stationery, and wedding programs.
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2 to 3 months before

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2 weeks before

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3 to 6 months before

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2 to 3 months before

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- ☐ Purchase travelers checks if needed.
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Happily ever after: Advice and recipes for wedding food

By Sue Zelickson
Article Resource Association

First comes love, then comes marriage, and then comes the couple with the baby carriage.

Well, a few things happen in between, or at least in most sequences we find the families involved making detailed plans for setting the date, and choosing the place for the ceremony and the reception. Plus the hotel for the out of town guests and the millions and trillions of minute details that often make the entire love match become a dueling match between many of the participants.

If every thing goes according to the wedding planner books, then you will find the happy couple enjoying what can and should be the most delicious time of their lives. To avoid altercations between the couple and family members, perhaps a few words to the wise might be engraved and initialed even before the first trip to the printer for invitations.

Those wonderful new books by Richard Carlson, Ph. D. could prove to be the first wedding guide you all read, especially the one entitled *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff with Your Family*. Then pick up a few detailed wedding planner books and even consult a wedding planner or go to a bridal shop and get all the information you can get your hands on. Libraries and the Internet are also fabulous sources for all the intricate details that you will be encountering after the question of matrimony has been popped.

My favorite portion of the wedding plans naturally involves food. Therefore the showers, the bridal

dinner, the wedding dinner, and the brunches that usually follow the next day get my undivided attention as a planner and as a guest.

Let's take a look at the multitude of options that are available for each wedding couple to choose from.

Beginning with the showers, it is up to the bride to decide exactly how many and what kind of showers she and/or her husband will accept from their friends and family. Keep in mind that too many showers which invite the same people is not the way to win friends and keep them. Divide your lists according to compatible groups and try not to overlap guests as one shower per person is plenty, except for your mother, mother in law, and perhaps close sisters and sister in laws.

Couple showers are also fun, since they get the groom involved and give him a chance to meet more of the family and friends before the wedding.

The food at these showers can be elaborate or plain. Often guests at a recipe shower will bring the recipe for the gift and prepare it for the shower as a pot luck; this usually turns out to be a nice, fun theme that is easy on the hostesses as well.

"No Hostess" showers are often done when one person doesn't want to spend a lot to give a shower alone or if too many friends all want to entertain. A letter or call goes out from a core committee to see who wants to pay 20 or 25 dollars for gifts and the cost of the luncheon and decor. Then the core committee takes the group money and buys and wraps the gifts, plans the luncheon, and when everyone comes, the entire group becomes the party and gift

giver.

At couple showers, the gifts and the food are more work-related than at bridal showers. Instead of salads and tea sandwiches, the refreshments can consist of ribs, a steak fry, or poorboy sandwiches. Common gifts include tools, appliances for the yard, and gag gifts from close friends.

Now let's talk about the bridal dinner, which is usually the night before the wedding and is held in a party room or restaurant or even someone's home. The invitations are sent out to those coming in from out of town, the bridal party, and close relatives. The food is usually a well-planned dinner with wine for toasts, appetizers, and either a fancy or casual meal with time for talks and stories and almost a roast of the couple.

One bride recently booked the back room of a family style Italian restaurant that served food just like her future husband's grandmother did at home. It was an old fashioned, fun-filled evening with lots of nostalgia and melting together of ethnic backgrounds.

The wedding dinners take on the wishes of the bride and groom if their parents listen carefully. If they love chocolate or carrot cake, who is to say that the wedding cake has to be white? No rules allowed in the kitchen. Just make the food plentiful and beautiful and delicious and the entire evening will be perfection.

Martha Stewart has written the bible on weddings. Look through any of her party or wedding books or magazine issues (available at your favorite library) to get bushels of ideas for decor, menu, presentation,

flower arrangements, and more.

The minute you start planning the wedding, keep a notebook to jot down ideas you see at parties or other weddings. Just walking into a gift shop or glancing in a department store window or going to a kitchen store will give you ideas beyond your wildest imagination.

Make your wedding something special, just for you, with carefully chosen music, flowers, table decor, gifts for the guests, lighting, even the color of the bridal party and table settings (which can be rented if the place you choose for your dinner doesn't have exactly what you desire).

One last word of caution: make sure there is plenty of space for you guests. It's crucial to have enough room to move around and places to sit down, especially if you don't have assigned tables. Nothing makes a wedding fall flat more than guests with plates full of food and no place to sit to eat and enjoy it.

And remember to greet as many of the guests as you can personally, to show your appreciation that they took time out of their busy lives to share your special time. This will help you get off to a great start of living happily ever after.

Here are a few perfect recipes that can be included in a shower, a bridal dinner, or the wedding itself. And don't forget eggs benedict and mimosas for the brunch the following morning.

To begin with, here are some old-fashioned tea sandwiches from a cookbook called *Heirlooms in the Kitchen: Treasured Recipes from the Turn of the Century*, by Joan Hutson.

What the well-dressed bride is wearing



The style of the wedding is determined by the size, location, time of day, and degree of formality. Bridal fashion is always subject to change. A formalwear store can help guide your selection.

As a general rule, a formal daytime wedding requires a white, ivory, or pale pastel full-length wedding gown with a train and long veil. Fabrics and trim may be more formal for evening weddings (after 6 p.m.). For semi-formal daytime weddings, the dress can be ballerina length and the veil should be elbow-length or shorter.

Most brides carry a bouquet or prayer book, dye shoes to match their gown, and wear long gloves with short-sleeved gowns. For informal weddings, the bride may prefer a corsage, and gloves are optional.

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WATERCRESS SANDWICHES

Wash watercress and chop coarsely. Season with salt, pepper and a few drops of vinegar. Blend with cream cheese or cottage cheese and spread between two thin slices of white or whole wheat bread. Trim off the crusts and cut into triangles or one-inch strips.

CUCUMBER SANDWICHES

1 cucumber
1 green pepper
1 bunch green onions
mayonnaise

Peel and take out the seeds of the cucumber. Use of the onion tops along with the green onions. Grind cucumbers, green pepper and onions together. Drain off juice through a cheesecloth bag. Mix ingredients with mayonnaise, salt and a little sugar to taste. Spread between slices of white or whole wheat bread. Trim off crusts and cut into triangles or one-inch strips.

CHEESE & OLIVE SANDWICHES

Beat one small package or cream cheese until smooth. Add one small jar of olives, finely chopped. Moisten with mayonnaise and season with salt and cayenne pepper. Spread on top of circles of white or whole wheat bread.

Here are a few sweets for the teas or for the showers or even the wedding sweet table. These come from Jack Bishop's cookbook, *Something Sweet* (Simon & Schuster) where he claims that iLife is short, so eat

dessert first!

CHOCOLATE COCONUT MACAROONS

1 ounce unsweetened chocolate
2/3 cups sweetened condensed milk
3 cups sweetened flaked coconut
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 large egg white

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease two large baking sheets. Place chocolate and condensed milk in a large saucepan set over low heat. Stir until chocolate has melted. Remove from heat and stir in coconut, vanilla extract and salt. Mix well by hand. Beat egg white until stiff but not dry. Fold gently into batter/ Drop batter by rounded tablespoons onto the prepared baking sheets. Use fingers to shape batter into rough balls. Bake cookies until bottoms and edges are set, about 10 minutes. (The tops will appear moist and shiny.) Cool macaroons on a rack. Makes 24 cookies in about 25 minutes.

CARAMEL OATMEAL LACE COOKIES

12 tablespoons (1 and 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter
1 and 1/2 cups old-fashioned (not instant) rolled oats
3/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 large egg lightly beaten

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper. Melt butter in a large saucepan. Remove from heat and

stir in oats, sugar, flour, salt and vanilla extract. Mix well with a spoon and stir in egg. Drop batter by the tablespoon onto the parchment lined baking sheets, leaving at least 2 inches between cookies. Bake cookies until edges become golden brown, about 13 minutes. Carefully slide parchment from pan to a rack and give cookies 2 to 3 minutes to harden before transferring them directly to the rack. Repeat with remaining batter. Makes 24 large or 48 small flat cookies in 35 minutes.

LEMON POPPY SEED SHORTBREAD

8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar, plus more for dusting, optional
2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest
1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon poppy seeds
1 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Grease an 8-inch square baking pan. Cream butter and sugar in an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add remaining ingredients and mix until just combined. Press dough into prepared pan with fingers. Bake until shortbread is pale gold in color, 30 to 35 minutes. Cool pan on a rack for 5 minutes and cut shortbread into bars. If desired, lightly dust with confectioners' sugar just before serving. Makes 16 small bars in 40 minutes.

For that couples shower here is an easy delicious recipe from *Someone's in the Kitchen with Dinah* by Dinah Shore for her Barbecued Spareribs.

BARBECUED SPARERIBS

4 pound spareribs
5 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons honey
3 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons catsup
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup hot chicken broth or bouillon

Mix the ingredients and soak the ribs in this mixture for two hours. Then bake in oven at 300 degrees for two to three hours. Baste every now and then with the sauce. If the ribs are fatty, drop them in boiling water for about five minutes before marinating. Then proceed as directed above. Six servings is typical.

Also from Dinah's cookbook is an easy recipe for a salad to serve during any shower or wedding celebration.

CURRIED CHICKEN SALAD

1 cup shredded coconut
1 cup bleached raisins, cooked
1 cup chopped peanuts
1 cup diced bananas
1 cup diced apples
1 cup diced celery
2 cups diced cooked chicken
2 tablespoons curry powder
1 cup chutney
1/4 to 1/2 cup mayonnaise
Salt to taste

Add the mayonnaise to the above ingredients and seasons to taste. Serves 16

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Need even more advice? Check out these books

Here are some wedding books recommended by the Associated Press

"There shall be such a oneness between you that when one weeps, the other shall taste salt," says an old proverb. "Throughout all eternity, I forgive you, you forgive me," says the poet William Blake. They are among the musings about love and marriage in *The Bride* (a Helen Exley Giftbook, \$39.95 slipcased hardcover), compiled by Helen Exley. Quotations are taken from modern and ancient poetry and ritual and illustrated by classic painted art.

For a bit of wit to leaven the serious stuff, try *Happily Ever After: the Wit and Wisdom of Marriage* (Angel City Press, \$16.95 hardcover), by Jim and Helene McMullen. "Like all successful politicians, I married above myself," confessed former President Dwight Eisenhower. Testimony from mystery doyenne Agatha Christie: "An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have; the older they get the more interested he is in her."

And Shakespeare's reluc-

tant bridegroom, Benedick, declares, "When I said I would die a bachelor, I did not think I should live till I were married."

When it gets down to basics, your marriage is about the three of you — you, your spouse, and your money. *Love, Marriage & Money* (Dearborn Financial Publishing, \$15.95 paperback), by Gail Liberman and Alan Lavine, lays out the framework to manage finances so they don't spoil your relationship.

The authors, who are married to each other and admit to having occasional disagreements, offer front-line advice on the financial issues you face, include prenuptial agreements, whether one or both of you will work, insurance and retirement planning, how to pay for a house, a baby, etc.

Every Bride Is Beautiful (Morrow, \$25 hardcover, in January), says Deborah Chase, who offers information and advice to prove it. The author, whose *New Medically Based Non-Nonsense Beauty Book* looked at beauty preparations and dermatological problems from a scientific

angle, does the same in this volume and expands the subjects to include exercise, diet, wedding dress choices, hairstyles, hand and nail care and other concerns.

She's also included a countdown calendar to help the bride plan treatments and care. Along the way, Chase offers historic wedding lore, such as the fact that brides in the World War II era wore street clothes instead of elaborate gowns, to demonstrate their patriotism.

Getting pretty for the wedding is time to indulge in a cosmetic analysis and makeup lessons. Famed '60s designer Mary Quant offers them in *Classic Make-Up & Beauty* (DK Publishing, \$13.95 paperback).

Is it all right to e-mail your thank-you notes? How many of those invited to your wedding will come? Pamela A. Lach has practical answers in *The Bride's Etiquette Guide* (Chicago Review Press, \$6.95 paperback). She discourages e-mail, since it's less personal and not everyone has it; and figure 75 percent of the people on your invitation list will attend.

Wedding traditions are changing

A recent public opinion poll conducted by FTD, Inc., the world's largest floral company, indicated that roses are the most popular flowers for the ideal wedding. Seventy-two percent of Americans polled associated roses with the ideal wedding, with carnations as the second choice (40%). Another thirty-four percent voted for lilies, 23% prefer daisies, and 19% favor tulips for the ideal wedding.

Flower petals have paved the way for many brides, but now a shower of flower petals is the most popular ceremony send-off. The poll indicates that when honoring the bride and groom as they depart, tossing flower petals is the best way to see the couple off.

Twenty-one percent believe birdseed is the way to go when honoring the bride and groom, while 20% feel the traditional rice tossing is still suitable. Fifteen percent of those polled would like to see bubbles blown, and 13% would release butterflies or doves to respect the newlywed couple.

While many celebrity weddings are created by wedding planners, the majority of Americans polled (84%) would rather plan their wedding them-

selves or with family and friends. Only 12% of those surveyed would prefer to hire a wedding planner.

Another wedding tradition that seems to be changing is the ideal location of a wedding. While 35% of Americans still believe the wedding should be held in the traditional spot, the bride's hometown, 39% feel the wedding should take place in the town or city where the engaged couple currently lives.

The time of day that a wedding is held and the number of guests at the ceremony can set the theme for the occasion. The majority of those polled believe afternoons are the most desirable time of day (56%). One quarter prefer evening weddings, and only 16% of those polled favor morning weddings.

While the number of guests at a wedding can range from the bride, groom, and wedding officiator to a cast of thousands, the majority of those polled (53%) prefer to have fewer than 100 guests. Only 7% responded that the ideal wedding would include more than 250 guests. Younger people (ages 18-24) were the most likely of anyone to want a large wedding of more than 250 guests (14%).

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Adventures for millennium honeymooners

Worried that the Y2K bug will spoil your upcoming wedding plans? Instead of looking at the glass as half-empty, why not take advantage of the millennium's romantic potential and add some spice to your honeymoon.

You've probably been overwhelmed with the amount of coverage the upcoming millennium has received. Whether a product is marketing itself as the "official (fill in the blank) of the millennium" or doomsayers are predicting the end of the world, the new millennium is enjoying more than its 15 minutes of fame. And one would expect that it's only going to intensify as the year 2000 approaches.

Savvy couples hoping to capitalize on this wave of excitement over the millennium have had January 1, 2000, marked on their calendars for months — and even

years.

As chance would have it, the final day of this century falls on a Friday. Meaning, of course, that in addition to a multitude of swinging parties around the globe that evening, the new millennium will fall on a Saturday — an ideal wedding day. Can you imagine telling your grandchildren that you and your spouse were one of the very first couples of the new millennium?

The honeymoon could immediately follow the reception. But where would you go? Many millennium couples have booked Caribbean cruises. The Millennium Society is planning global parties in each of the world's 24 time zones. Their motto: "Do something great for civilization and have a ball doing it!"

John and Lara Olson of St. Paul, Minnesota, are taking an alternative route to

their millennium honeymoon. Having been married since 1997, the Olson's are strongly considering a second honeymoon to celebrate the millennium. "We feel like we missed out the first time around," says John. "We've already had an enjoyable honeymoon, but I really feel that my wife and I could symbolically renew our vows while bringing in the new millennium."

The Olson's are not alone in their thinking. A large percentage of cruise ships, airlines and hotels are booked solid for the weeks surrounding January 1, 1999.

So forget your worries about an impending apocalypse and consider adding something special to your honeymoon. After all, millenniums only come around once in a lifetime.

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Who should pay for what: dividing wedding expenses

Who pays for which wedding expenses is entirely up to the bride, the groom, and their families. The following is a list of accepted cost-sharing, but in reality every expense is open to negotiation. Today there are no hard-and-fast rules, and monetary decisions must be made in light of individual situations.

The important thing is to decide up front who will pay for what, so there won't be any surprises (or hard feelings) down the road. Traditionally the bride's family assumes most of the wedding costs, but today many newlyweds pay for the wedding and reception themselves.

Traditional expenses for the bride and her family

Wedding gown
Hair piece and/or veil
Clothing accessories (shoes, nylons, slips, underwear, etc.)
Jewelry to wear with the wedding dress
Bride's going away outfit or trousseau
Wedding gift for bridal couple
Groom's wedding ring
Groom's wedding gift
Wedding consultant's fee
Stationery: invitations, announcements, wedding programs, reception cards, maps, rain cards, seating cards, thank you notes, etc.
Postage
Bridesmaids bouquets
Flowers for the ceremony site
Flowers for the reception site
Caterer (food, beverages, and service)
Wedding cake and
Vocalist and musicians for ceremony
DJ/Band for reception
Photographer (engagement picture, bridal portrait, wedding and reception pictures, photo album)
Photo album for each set of parents (bride and the groom may choose to pay for this as a thank you gift for their parents)
Videographer
Reception site, including set-up and cleanup charges
Rental items for ceremony and reception
Transportation to the church and reception site for wedding party
Gratuities to valets, restroom attendant, coat check persons, and others

Ceremony decorations
Reception decorations
Favors
Miscellaneous items: guest book, pen, unity candles, ring bearer's pillow, flower girl's basket, aisle runner, etc.
Goblets, toasting glasses, service set for cake cutting, cake top, etc.
Gifts for bridesmaids, flower girl, ring bearer, etc.
Bride's physical exam (optional)
May arrange accommodations for out-of-town bridesmaids
May host engagement party

Traditional expenses for the groom and his family

Wedding gift for the bridal couple
Groom's parents' travel and accommodation expenses
Groom's wedding gift to the bride
Groom's mothers' wedding attire
Groom's fathers' attire (should complement groom's attire)
Rehearsal dinner
Bride's wedding ring
Groom's wedding attire
Clergy fee
Marriage license
All honeymoon expenses
Bride's bouquet
Bride's going away corsage
Corsages for the mothers, grandmothers, and other honored female guests
Boutonnieres for best man, groomsman, and ushers
Gifts for best man, groomsman, and ushers
Accommodations for out-of-town groomsmen (optional)
Groom's physical exam (optional)
Wedding attire, with the exception of the flowers

Traditional expenses for attendants

Travel and accommodation expense
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Wedding gift for bride and groom
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You might consider including a reading in your ceremony that was read at their reading, or dancing to the song of their "first dance" at your reception. The important thing is to find a gesture that feels right to you, one that comes from the heart and will be comfortable for all involved.

Affordable fashion options for the contemporary wedding

With a record number of weddings forecast as we approach the year 2000, much attention is focused on the cost of tying the knot. Research indicates that in many cases the bride and groom are footing the bill and they are savvy consumers when it comes to seeking value for their dollar.

Good news awaits the contemporary bride-to-be as she shops for the perfect gown. There's a multitude of styles available, even for those with a budget under \$1000.

"Many brides are under the impression that the only affordable options are found at discount warehouses and sample sales," says Cindi Freeburn, director of design and advertising for Alfred Angelo, a world leader in the marketing of bridal apparel. "Nothing could be further from the truth. Bridal salons who work with manufacturers such as Alfred Angelo are poised to offer brides hundreds of styles ranging from \$250 to \$800."

In addition, most of these shops special order the gown for the bride, so she is getting a brand new garment, ordered to meet her measurement specifications. When determining value, a bride should be considering not only the cost of the gown, but the need for service and alterations as well.

Fashion is not taking a back seat to price, however. Freeburn indicates that Alfred Angelo alone has over 100 bridal designs from which to choose in the \$250 to \$800 price range. "Silhouettes range from simple, elegant, and tailored to elaborate, embellished ballgowns," she states. "While satin remains the most popular fabric, we have beauti-

ful gowns in tulle, chiffon, crepe, and even silk shantung within these price points." The diversity of the contemporary collections means that even on a budget, every bride can find a beautiful gown that complements her figure.

Another important factor in the pursuit of the affordable gown, is availability in a wide range of sizes. According to Freeburn, Alfred Angelo has established a reputation for meeting the needs of the Plus Size



bride. "We offer over 24 styles in sizes 16W-28W at any given time."

Once again, the fashion options are many, ranging from slim silhouettes to A-lines to full-skirted tradi-

tional styles. "The one common denominator is that a regular bra may be worn for the bride's comfort," comments Freeburn. "We work with plus size women when developing our Women's Collection and they are very candid about what they think is flattering and comfortable."

Service is a key element when thoughts turn to outfitting the bridal party. Brides and their attendants should look for gowns from a manufacturer who offers a full range of sizes and colors and for a retailer who has expertise in measuring and alterations. The challenges of having a half-dozen women of various shapes and sizes look well in one particular style are numerous.

According to Freeburn, Alfred Angelo, one of only a handful of firms which market both bridal and bridesmaid gowns, offers all of their bridesmaid styles in both large sizes and in extra-length. This offer has established the company as a leader in the bridesmaid field. In addition, the extensive color palette enables a bride to customize her wedding party by selecting a style that is flattering to all, in the color scheme of her dreams.

All of this service need not be cost prohibitive, however. There are many beautiful options for bridesmaids in the \$150 to \$200 range. At Alfred Angelo, bridesmaid prices begin at \$125 and most are under \$200. For those seeking the finishing touch to the bare styles so prevalent among today's wedding fashions, many companies offer affordable coordinating gloves.

When asked for any words of wisdom for today's bride, Freeburn offered the following. "I suggest you

begin by looking through bridal publications such as *Brides*, *Modern Bride* and *Bridal Guide*, or on the Internet via websites such as ours at www.alfredangelo.com, for styles that appeal to you. Most manufacturers recommend reputable local retailers via listings or web site referrals; that is where I would advise you find a store in which to begin your search. Be candid about your needs from the start; if you have a budget in mind share it with the consultant, and show her any photos you have identified. Be open to suggestions to try on a variety of silhouettes. Put yourself in the hands of a reputable bridal salon . . . in many ways that decision may be the wisest investment of all."

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Simple tips to keep you organized

(NUI) While planning a wedding is a fun and beautiful experience, it can also be stressful.

That's why 3M, the maker of organization tools like Post-it Notes and Flags, developed the following tips to help brides- and grooms-to-be get organized and ensure that the preparation process run smoothly.

Who's responsible?

Planning a wedding is a big task with lots of to-dos. Make a list of everything that needs to get done, from choosing the reception hall to picking out the favors. Then, divide and conquer by assigning leadership responsibility to everything on the list according to each of your interests.

Never too early

Although the big day may be a year or two away, the days will fly by faster than you can imagine. Start researching the big-ticket items, like the band and photographer, early.

The more work you do up front, the smoother the planning will go — and the less stressed you'll both feel as the date draws near.

Do your homework

Flip through bridal magazines before heading out to find your perfect dress or meeting with any vendors. Bring the magazines with you when you visit the bridal store or florist, for example, to give them a better idea of what you're looking for.

Keep it all together

Keep all of your wedding-related information in one convenient place for easy reference. There are numerous planning books available to help you keep track of everything, or simply use file folders. Use separate folders for the photographer, the band, the church, etc.

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