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## UP FRONT

I remembered  
Elvis but forgot  
my father

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

I passed an important milestone in my life this summer. I forgot to observe the anniversary of my father's death.

This revelation came to me last week.

Amid all the furor surrounding Elvis' "death day," suddenly I realized that July 17 passed this year as just another day.



Streit

After Dad died in 1989, I always felt uncomfortable as that date neared. I did not like acknowledging its approach or the focus that day on such a sad event.

I think of Dad often, most days in fact. I prefer to focus my celebrations of his life on his birthday, Father's Day and holidays. Fond memories make present-day experiences more meaningful.

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My Dad died in mid-sentence as I was introducing him to the staff of the *Bar Harbor Times*.

Without warning, he keeled over, knocking me to the floor along with him.

A doctor was in the newspaper office placing a classified ad; expert medical attention was immediate.

The rescue squad was next door and EMTs raced in with specialized drugs and equipment. They attempted to

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## Eee-gads!

Summer's over next week  
as Newark-area schools open

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

"OH MY GOODNESS, is the school year here already? Is summer over? Does everybody have everything they need? Will everybody come?"

These are some of the thoughts that went through Florence Rieman's mind when the Newark High School principal realized the school year was right around the corner. Ready or not, school is starting.

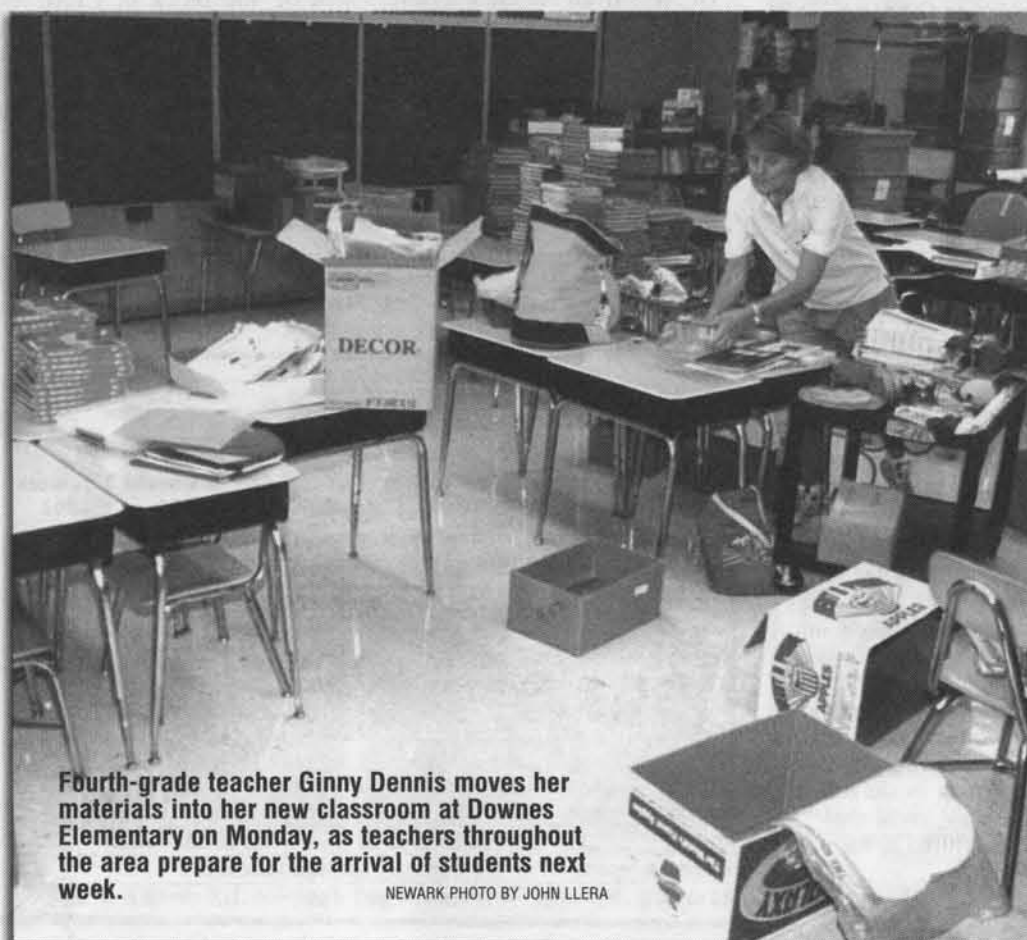
"It's scary, but exciting," Rieman said about the start of a new year, which begins Monday in the Christina School District. The freshmen, which Newark has approximately 700 enrolled, have orientation and will follow a mini schedule to get comfortable with their new surroundings before the upperclassmen arrive on Tuesday.

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ERIC G. STARK

Newark Charter School seventh-graders Kalina Eneva, left, and Morgan Pollard help music teacher Mia Pustai decorate the music room. The Barksdale Road facility will begin its second year on Aug. 28. As plans for a permanent home proceed, an eighth grade is being added this fall at its temporary home. Story on page 25.



Fourth-grade teacher Ginny Dennis moves her materials into her new classroom at Downes Elementary on Monday, as teachers throughout the area prepare for the arrival of students next week.

NEWARK PHOTO BY JOHN LLERA

## Finally!

Busy Newark artery  
expected to be  
reopened today

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ONE area of gridlock may be coming to an end. The Rt. 72-Library Ave. construction project should be completed today in time for Saturday's Colonial Town Fair and the start of school at Newark High School on Monday.

The road, which has been closed since June 10 for resurfacing between Main and Old South Chapel streets, should be completed before traffic for the high school and the University of Delaware increases.

"As we started getting into August we were concerned with getting done before the kids return to Newark for college," Tina Shockey, a spokesperson for DelDOT said. "As far as I know, they kept right on schedule."

Newark City Manager Carl Luft said Tuesday that he had spoken with Gary Lang, the government relations liaison

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## Lively debate on Lang plan is expected

THERE is a difference of opinion. One side believes if you build it, it will improve the area. Opponents contend, if you build it, it will just add to the congestion downtown.

Monday night the two sides will get a chance to discuss the issue before the Newark City Council at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Councilmembers will consider a request from Lang Development Group for a major subdivision and the construction of a two-story, mixed use commercial-residential building with 14,500 square-feet of commercial space and 15 apartments at 218 E. Main Street.

The project, which will be known as Pomeroy Station, is being developed by Jeff Lang, who has plans to purchase the Agway site, demolish the existing buildings — most notably the old Agway

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## Newark man charged in Bennigan's burglary

**O**N Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 1:55 a.m., Newark Police responded to a burglary alarm at the Bennigan's restaurant on Ogletown Road.

While checking the exterior of the building, officers found an emergency door on the east side of the building which was not secure.

Police entered the restaurant and began checking the interior. While in the kitchen, officers watched a freezer door open and a man drag out a large box of frozen meat.

The suspect attempted to flee but was taken quickly into custody inside the restaurant.

Police have charged Darren Hayman, 34, of the 200 block of Elkton Road, Newark, with burglary. He was arraigned and released on unsecured bail.

## Want fries with that?

The Delaware State Police have arrested a 39-year-old man after he robbed a McDonald's restaurant of two cheeseburgers.

The robbery happened Saturday, Aug. 17 at 8:30 p.m. at the fast food eatery at 4625 Kirkwood Highway in the Midway Shopping Center.

Police said that a man placed an order at the drive-thru. When he pulled to the pick-up window, he demanded to take possession of the food prior to paying.

Police said the restaurant manager told the man that it was customary for payment to be made first. After a short standoff, the man pulled his vehicle into a parking space and entered the restaurant with a baseball bat.

Inside, the man confronted the manager and threatened him. An assistant manager intervened and gave the suspect two cheeseburgers in an attempt to quell the situation. The man took the food and left.

Troopers tracked Robert L. Bradshaw, 39, of the 4500 block of Henry Ave. to his Klair Estates home, where he was taken into custody. He was charged with robbery, attempted robbery, and possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony. He was committed to Gander Hill Prison in default of \$60,000 bail.

No one was injured in the robbery, police said.

## NEWARK POST ♦ POLICE BLOTTER

## Child case under review by AG office

**T**HE state's attorney general office is reviewing an incident involving a one-year-old child on Monday, Aug. 12, Newark police reported.

Officers said a 24-year-old mother went to Porter Chevrolet-Hyundai, 414 E. Cleveland Ave., about 1:30 p.m. The woman went inside to talk to a salesperson and left her child inside the car. Police said the windows of the car were open and the car's air conditioning was not operating. The temperature at the time, police said, was 94

degrees with an even higher heat index.

An employee at Porter noticed the child in the car, took the youngster inside and gave him water. Police and medical personnel were summoned. The Aetna ambulance arrived and medical personnel reported that the child appeared to be "okay."

Newark police forwarded the details of the incident to the attorney general's office for review and to determine if any charges for child neglect or abandonment are warranted, police said.

## Shooter hides in coat factory

A 22-year-old Newark man wanted in connection with a recent shooting was found in the ceiling of a clothing store following a foot and car chase.

According to New Castle County police, the suspect was sought in connection with a shooting that occurred on July 29 in Prides Court Apartments. The suspect allegedly shot at an occupied vehicle in a parking lot then fled the area. There were no injuries as a result of the shooting.

The man was under surveillance in the development of Hawks Nest by members of the U.S. Marshal Fugitive Task Force when officers tried to halt the vehicle the man was operating. The suspect refused to stop and a chase began. The pursuit through the Airport Road and Route 273 area finally ended when the driver fled on foot into the Burlington Coat Factory in the University Plaza Shopping Center.

Officers from the New Castle County Police, along with the Delaware State Police and New Castle City Police, surrounded the building and began a safety

evacuation of the building. Once all employees were safely removed, a meticulous search was conducted for the suspect. The fugitive was located in the ceiling of the building by officers.

Salahuddin Muhammad, 22, of Chatham Lane, Newark was taken into custody without incident. During a search of the store, a handgun was found in the area where Muhammad had been seen.

Muhammad is charged with reckless endangering, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony and trafficking cocaine. No further details were available at press time.

## Women raped on Cleveland Ave.

The Newark Police Department is investigating a sexual assault that occurred on Sunday, Aug. 17, between 1 and 2 a.m.

Police said the victim was driven from Wilmington to the area of 400 block of Cleveland Ave. by two black males. Both males then raped the victim while parked in the vehicle in a darkly lit area. The suspects' vehicle is

described as a blue minivan, possibly a Dodge Caravan.

Anyone with information is requested to contact Detective Pat Corcoran at 366-7110, ext. 132.

## Elevated DelDOT worker injured

The Delaware State Police are investigating a crash that injured a DelDOT employee who was repairing a traffic signal at 1:55 p.m. on Aug. 12.

Police reported that a 1994 International tractor-trailer, operated by James W. Lloyd, 57, of Elkton, was southbound on Rt. 72 at U.S. Rt. 40.

Police said a DelDOT truck was stopped in the intersection working on the traffic lights. DelDOT employee, Jon S. Dubin, 40, of Dover, was suspended above the intersection in the "bucket" of the DelDOT truck. The trailer of the southbound tractor-trailer struck the bucket causing Dubin to be thrown from the bucket. Dubin landed on top of the trailer while the tractor-trailer continued southbound.

The operator of a BFI truck was behind the tractor-trailer and gained the attention of Floyd, who stopped his vehicle south of the intersection.

When the tractor-trailer stopped, Dubin jumped from the roof of the trailer to the BFI refuse truck, then climbed down a ladder to the ground, police said.

Dubin was taken to Christiana Hospital where he was treated for minor bruises.

The crash remains under investigation.

## Charcoal Pit scene of robbery

Delaware State Troopers are investigating a robbery that occurred at the Charcoal Pit, located on Pike Creek Center Blvd., on Monday, Aug. 12, at 10:20 p.m.

Police said the manager exited the business and went to his vehicle, which was parked at the rear of the restaurant. The victim was

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Weekly traffic report				
STATISTICS FOR WEEK OF AUG. 4-10 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT				
TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	Year to date 2001	Year to date 2002	This week 2001	This week 2002
Moving	3140	2518	86	65
Non-moving	1478	1695	48	53
Total	4618	4213	134	118
PARKING SUMMONSES	Year to date 2001	Year to date 2002	This week 2001	This week 2002
Meter tickets	29849	28471	441	728
Parking summonses	6940	5535	122	77
Total	36789	34006	563	805
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	Year to date 2001	Year to date 2002	This week 2001	This week 2002
Fatal	1	1	0	0
Personal injury	163	182	7	3
Property damage (reportable)	850	192	28	2
Property damage (non-reportable)		397		8
Total	1014	772	35	13
Hit-and-run reports	195	178	7	3
DUI cases	143	152	7	1



OSBORNE TO RUN MEETING MONDAY

# Mayor expected home today after emergency surgery

NEWARK'S 52-year-old mayor is expected to be released from Christiana Hospital today. Harold F. Godwin will return to his Pickett Lane home to continue his recuperation from colon and cardiac arterial surgery.

City secretary Susan A. Lamblack said Godwin is "tired, but in good spirits" and he is recovering "as would be expected."

Godwin, who is the busy, hands-on operator of a Shell service station on South College Avenue, maintains an equally full evening schedule of meetings and other activities related to his duties as mayor. Lamblack said he has "not been feeling well for some time" and was being urged last week to seek medical attention. "I saw him last Thursday and he looked bad, really tired," Lamblack said.

The next day on Aug. 16, Godwin underwent tests and doctors discovered internal bleeding through a rupture in his colon. He was quickly admitted to Christiana Hospital where about one-third of his colon was



Godwin

Osborne

removed. Lamblack said it was during that surgery that doctors discovered a blocked artery to his heart and it was cleared.

Godwin has also been diagnosed as diabetic, Lamblack said.

Lamblack was part of parade of city officials including city manager Carl Luft and city councilmembers who visited Godwin in hospital room early this week. "He looked really good," she said.

Councilmember Jerry Clifton concurred. "By the time I left, he was even cracking jokes."

The mayor of Newark is expected to make a full recovery, Lamblack said, but could not

estimate when Godwin would resume full mayoral and work schedules.

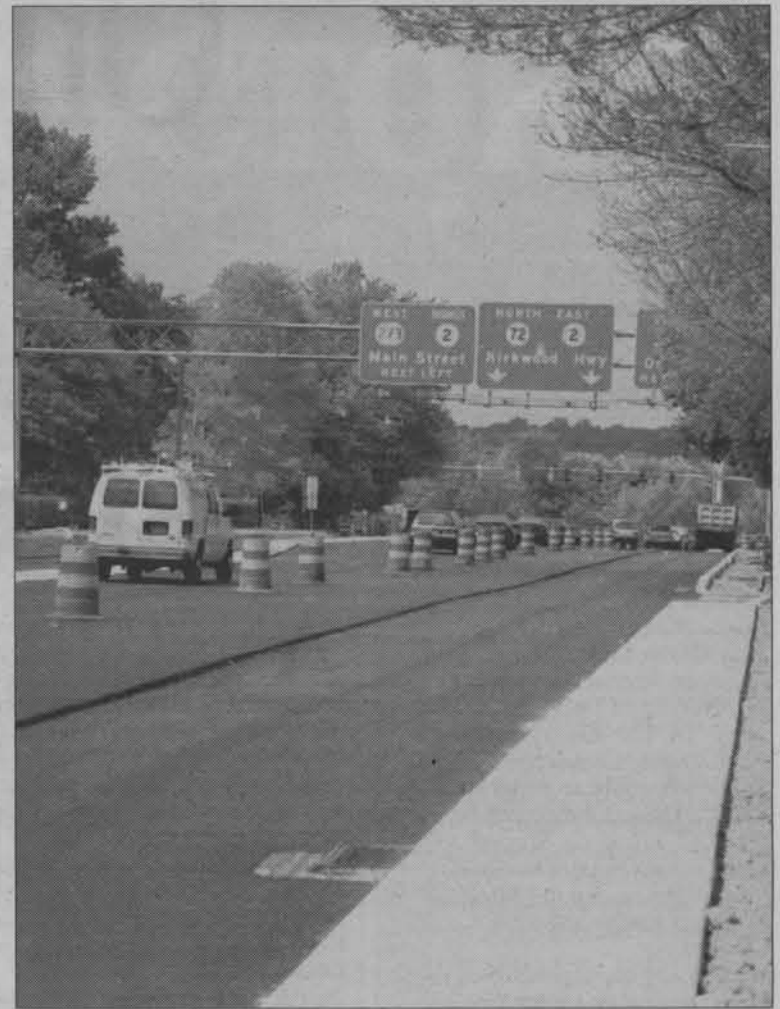
Lamblack said Deputy Mayor Frank Osborne was contacted as soon as Godwin's medical condition was learned. Godwin's mayoral schedule has been cleared and Osborne will fill in as needed.

"I am ready to stand by and fill in as needed," Osborne said. Godwin had been scheduled to preside at opening ceremonies of downtown Newark's first-ever Colonial Town Fair tomorrow but Osborne will attend in his place.

Lamblack said the deputy mayor is prepared and will preside at Monday night's Newark City Council meeting.

Osborne said he and Godwin discussed the agenda during his visit with the mayor Tuesday at Christiana hospital.

Osborne agreed that Godwin's condition is improving. "I've visited him a couple of times. He has shown a lot of progress," Osborne said. The deputy described Godwin as "upbeat."



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

A single-lane of traffic traveled Library Avenue on top of a resurfaced roadway this week. The busy artery is expected to re-open to two-way traffic today.

## Debate expected over Agway development plan

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building – and build a two-story retail office-apartment building on the 1.4-acre site.

The plan does not go unopposed. Several residents have voiced quality of life concerns. They have reservations about more apartments being built along an already crowded Main Street, adding to the lack of parking spaces downtown and, with the Mayor's Alcohol Commission cracking down on alcohol issues, residents do not want to add the potential for more college students living in the area.

Newark's Subdivision Advisory Committee noted concerns from the police department about the potential negative impact on public safety resulting from a further increase in off campus-type rental dwelling in or near downtown.

Gerald Purnell, who lives at 62 N. Chapel Street and owns the North Chapel Building, spoke out against the project at the Planning Commission meeting in June. He said he was going to "mount a full-scale opposition to this and present it to Mr. (Roy) Lopata (the city's planning director)." He was concerned about the potential of more college kids being

downtown and disturbing his property and the extra traffic being added to an already congested stretch of road from Chapel Street to Cleveland Ave.

"I have owned the building for about four years and I kind of wish now that I hadn't made the investment and I think that you are going to see a lot of other people starting to pull out if all these new developments are allowed to come because there is no incentive for us staying here," he said at the Planning Commission meeting in June. Purnell was away and unable to comment for this article.

"It is a bit frustrating to hear that people feel there are too

many people in that area," Lang said Tuesday. "It (the project) will force other property owners to improve properties. It will be a positive, an improvement of the situation. It will raise the bar of other property owners. Property value will increase."

The city's Planning Department stated that they did not believe the city should add more apartments in or near downtown without a clear and obvious benefit to the city, suggesting that the Planning Commission table consideration of the Agway rezoning and major subdivision with the recommendation to the applicant that he resubmit plans without apartment units and with

the required stormwater management facilities.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended that City Council approve the rezoning and major subdivision with the conditions in the planning department's report, except the condition regarding the removal of the apartments.

City Councilmember Chris Rewa, after talking with constituents living in the area who are concerned with apartments and residential properties being built in the area, would like to discuss the topic at the meeting on Monday.

Rewa said Tuesday, "I encouraged those people to come to

council and talk about those areas of concern...I just feel this is a case that will open up some wider issues."

The Planning Department's report stated that Newark's Comprehensive Development Plan II calls for, "commercial (pedestrian oriented)," "single family residential (medium density)" and "office" uses at the old Agway site. The Comprehensive Development Plan II also stipulates as part of Newark's land development goals that the community intends, "to maintain and upgrade residential communities and to encourage high quality business and industrial growth."

"I think it will be a lively discussion," Rewa said.

Other items on the agenda for Monday's council meeting include a recommendation that the City Council authorize the purchase of 65 Sig Sauer Model P-229 40-caliber handguns from Firing Line, Inc., at a cost of \$38,533.30.

Also, a recommendation to waive the bidding/request for proposal process to hire the Breckstone Group, Inc. to provide initial design, demolition and stabilization services for the former Curtis Paper Mill.

- Eric G. Stark

## Rt. 72 to reopen

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for DelDOT and was told crews are "pushing hard to get done by Friday."

Luft said he drove by the area and that single lanes on the first block between Delaware Ave. and Main Street are open.

A construction worker at the site, who said it is policy not to speak on record, said his crew is planning to be done on Friday.

On June 5, Lang said the

project would be completed by Aug. 23, before University of Delaware students return and local schools open. If the road opens today, Friday, project will be completed on time.

During the construction, a portion of Library Ave. between Delaware Ave. and Main Street directly in front of the public library had one lane open in each direction, in order for shoppers to access the College Square Shopping Center.



# On Campus

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BASED ON 1886 NEW JERSEY MURDER

## BRIEFLY

### New exhibit at Morris

**"RECENT Acquisitions,"** a new exhibition, is being presented in the Special Collections Exhibition Gallery in the Morris Library, South College Avenue, at the University of Delaware, through Dec. 18. The display features rare books, manuscripts and other materials acquired since 2000. The exhibition can be viewed during the Special Collections regular business hours, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday and until 8 p.m., Tuesdays.

Among the highlights of the current display are the first edition in English of Francis Bacon's great masterwork, "Of the Advancement and Proficiency of Learning" (1640); and the first English-language edition of Johann Wolfgang Goethe's "Theory of Colours" (1840).

A special program and reception, featuring remarks entitled "Gilt by Association," by Mark Samuels Lasner, UD Library Visiting Scholar-in-Residence, will be presented at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 1, in the Class of 1941 Room in the Morris Library.

UD's Special Collections supports a wide range of academic disciplines and this is reflected in the diverse nature of subjects and formats on display in "Recent Acquisitions." The exhibition contains materials in all of Special Collections primary collection areas, including the history of science and technology, horticulture, American, British and Irish literature, the history of printing and the book arts and Delaware history and life.

For information, call 831-2231.

### Off to Atlanta

A GROUP of students and administrators from the University of Delaware's Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program recently journeyed to Atlanta, where they visited graduate school locations before being treated to a personally guided tour of the home of Atlanta art collector and UD

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## UD prof pens mystery play

**A**N UNSOLVED murder of a young woman in a small New Jersey town, a sensational, closely followed trial covered by New York City's leading newspapers, an innocent man barely escaping the gallows and sightings of the ghost of the victim—all are the elements of a murder mystery based on fact and the subject of a new play by Jeanne Walker, professor of English at the University of Delaware.

The 1886 murder of Tillie Smith, a kitchen maid who worked at Centenary College in Hackettstown, N.J., is the basis of Walker's play, "Tillie," commissioned by the Centenary Theatre. The play, which involves 27 characters, has had two readings by the theatre and will be produced next March.

"Tillie was found murdered behind the college, and the building supervisor, James Titus, who had a room in the basement of the building, was accused and found guilty of her murder. After he was convicted of the crime, he then confessed to second degree murder so that he managed to avoid being hanged even as the gallows were being built. But he was in prison for 17 years for a crime many people felt he did not commit," Walker said.

"Reporters from New York papers, especially Pulitzer's New York World, covered the murder, and the pressure was on the local police to find someone who had committed the crime. The New York papers made Tillie a poor but virtuous woman. The defense made the error of trying to make Tillie out to be a harlot and it backfired. James Titus was essentially tried by the newspapers; the evidence against him was circumstantial. His last descendant died a few ago, and until then the murder was never discussed by the townspeople," Walker said.

Walker has another theory about Tillie's murderer. Frank Weeder, a rough hod carrier whom Tillie had rejected, may have been the jealous perpetrator, she said.

Tillie was buried in a pauper's grave in Union Cemetery, Walker said, but after the trial she was reburied in a grave marked by a large, elaborate monument, where even today college students and others leave small offerings. "Erected by an appreciative public," the monument features a bas relief of a young woman, clad in a toga, with a wreath in her hand, turning away from a serpent with the inscription, "She died in defense



Jeanne Walker, professor of English at the University of Delaware.

of her honor, April 8, 1886, aged 18 years."

Walker carried out extensive research for the play—reading the local and national newspaper articles about the case and the 1,500 pages of the transcript of the trial. Denis Sullivan, who has written a book about Tillie, "In Defense of Her Honor," assisted Walker in locating sources.

In addition to the upcoming production, the Centenary

Theatre has sponsored Tillie Walks, featuring actors and actresses in different roles and following her trail through town the night she was murdered—leaving the college dressed up with white leather gloves and carrying a red purse, going to where she stopped to buy thread for a new dress she was making, then to an "entertainment."

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## Manley to receive honorary degree

**T**HE University of Delaware will officially welcome members of the Class of 2006 at New Student Convocation, scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 3, in the Bob Carpenter Center, Routes 4 and 896, Newark. During the ceremony, Audrey Forbes Manley, recently retired president of Atlanta's Spelman College, will be awarded an honorary doctor of science degree.

The ceremony, which officially opens the University's 2002-03 academic year, is open to new students, their parents and family and the University community, as well as the general public.

UD students, faculty and staff can access special bus transportation to the Convocation ceremony, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Buses will pick up passengers at the Smith Hall overpass, MBNA America Hall, the Perkins Student Center and the Trabant University Center.

At the ceremony, freshman Michael Franzone of East Meadow, N.Y., will lead the singing of the national anthem and the alma mater. Franzone was the unanimous choice of UD voice faculty. This is the first time a freshman has been chosen to sing at this ceremony, and it marks the start of a new tradition for New Student

Convocation.

Other convocation traditions will include the presentation of the class flag and an official University welcome from President David P. Roselle.

Manley, the first Spelman alumna to become president of the institution has had an illustrious career in medicine, education and government, serving as acting surgeon general of the United States from 1995-97 and as deputy surgeon general from 1994-95. She was the first African-American woman to achieve the rank of assistant surgeon general and the first to be named deputy assistant sec-

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Audrey Forbes Manley



# Hundreds showed up

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where she left with a shoe salesman who escorted her back to the college where she was last seen alive.

"We expected about 25 people," Walker said, "but hundreds showed up for the walks, she said, adding that sightings of Tillie's ghost are often reported by students and staff at the college."

"This has been one of the most exciting and rewarding projects I've ever done," Walker said, "and it's convinced me how powerful theatre can be when it arises out of a community and its stories."

Walker has other ongoing dramatic projects as well. "The Queen's Two Bodies: The Double Life of Elizabeth I," is based on the relationship between the queen and the Earl of Essex, following his ascent and then his fall from grace and power to his execution. In May, the play was read at the Orlando Shakespeare Festival in Florida, where it may be produced next year. It also was produced by Lipscomb University in Tennessee this spring and most recently, was featured in the National New Play Network Showcase, held in Philadelphia, where directors and others involved in the theatre gather to "shop" for new plays.

For the Germantown Theatre Center, Walker also is working on a play about a son's search for his father in the Amazon jungle. She is familiar with the area and the heat and harsh living conditions, as after graduating from college, she spent a summer in the Peruvian jungle.

In addition to being an award-winning playwright, Walker has received kudos for her poetry, which has appeared in numerous publications and anthologies, and she was the recipient of a prestigious Pew Fellowship in poetry in 1998. This summer, she taught poetry writing at Oxford and Cambridge universities, sponsored by the C.S. Lewis Summer Institute.

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# Newarkers among university delegation to Atlanta

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benefactor Paul Jones, and appearing on "CNN Talkback Live" with guest host Miles O'Brien.

The 22 students, accompanied by Maria Palacas, program director, and Kendra Fullwood, program coordinator, left Newark July 17 for the three-day program that began with a series of meetings at Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology

and Georgia State University.

Highlighting the Atlanta visit was time spent in Jones's home, where he led a tour of his collection of African-American art, which was donated in 2001 to UD. A new home for the collection currently is being created on the Newark campus.

"The students were very humbled that a man of such resources and magnitude would extend them an invitation into his home," Fullwood said. "They asked him a lot of questions and

were struck with his sincerity and his commitment to increase diversity in the field of art and art collecting.

Jones also accompanied the students on a tour of "Original Acts: Photographs of African-American Performers in the Paul R. Jones Collection," a traveling exhibition that originated at UD and was on view from July 17-27 at the Georgia State University School of Art and Design Galleries in Atlanta.

The first major exhibition

based on his collection since he donated it to UD in 2001, "Original Acts" debuted at the University Gallery from Feb. 5-March 28.

The exhibition next will travel to Delaware State University in Dover, where it will be on display from Aug. 26 through Nov. 26 in the Art Center/Gallery.

Participating students who reside in Newark included Wendy Garcia, Christopher Quarshie and Alma Kristina Rodriguez.

# UD strengthens relationship with Spelman College

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retary for health.

Manley graduated cum laude from Spelman in 1955 and earned her medical degree from Meharry Medical College in 1959. She holds a master's of public health degree from Johns Hopkins University. After completing her residency at Cook County Children's Hospital, she became the first African-American woman to be named chief resident of the celebrated

medical facility. Trained in neonatology, she is one of the nation's leading physicians, clinicians, medical academicians and public health professionals.

UD has a special relationship with Spelman College in connection with the Paul R. Jones Collection of African-American Art. Jones, an Atlanta entrepreneur, gave his world-class collection of 1,000-plus pieces by African-American artists to UD in February of 2001. Mechanical Hall on the Newark campus will

become the home of the collection, and plans for its remodeling are now under way.

An exhibition of photographs by the distinguished Tuskegee Institute photographer P.H. Polk that premiered in the University Gallery at Old College, traveled to Spelman, opening in October, and UD and Spelman are enjoying student and faculty exchange programs.

This fall, a recent Spelman graduate, Aimee Miller, will enter the Department of Art's

MFA degree program in painting at UD, and in March, a third-year art conservation student from UD visited Spelman, conducting conservation treatments on historic Spelman College photographs. The work took place in Spelman chemistry labs, with students, faculty and staff interaction. Debbie Norris, chairperson of the Department of Art Conservation at the University, also visited the campus in Atlanta, conducting a one-day workshop on preservation of family photographs.

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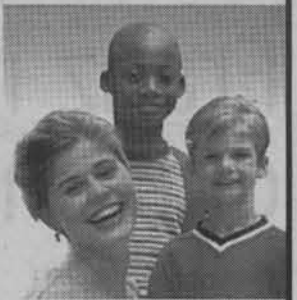
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## OUT OF THE ATTIC

This week, "Out of the Attic" features an aerial view of Townsend Hall, the University Farm, the Chrysler plant, and South College Avenue (Rt. 896), courtesy of the University of Delaware Archives. UD's Ian Janssen noted that this photograph was taken soon after the completion of Townsend Hall (then called Agricultural Hall) in 1952 and prior to the construction of the Delaware Field House in 1966. It shows the beginning of the university's development, as well as the town's industrial development, in this area of southern Newark. "Out of the Attic" features historic photographs from Newark's history, recent and long ago. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For information, call the *Newark Post*, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

AMUSED, BEMUSED, CONFUSED

## Franz is safe, but once his kind weren't

By MARVIN HUMMEL

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

FOR THE ENTIRE HOUR Les, Mary, and I talked, their dachshund, Franz, lay peacefully in my lap. Occasionally he snored lightly; every so often he would insinuate his vertically challenged and horizontally exaggerated body deeper into the crook of my arm. Once, after I finished off an Oreo, Franz licked my fingers, thereby stopping my cookie eating. I should thank him.



Hummel

As I looked down at the little guy, I thought how peaceful his life is: eat, drink, go for a run, and nap until it's time to eat, drink, and go for a run again.

I wondered whether dachshunds have a collective memory-as humans are thought to have.

The theory is that critical experiences that happened to our ancestors millennia ago are registered in the wiring systems of our brains and make us react to things today without our quite understanding why.

■ A retired clergyman and a teacher since 1972, Hummel has contributed to the *Newark Post* for more than two decades. He has lived in Delaware since 1959.

Did, Franz, for instance, know his dachshund ancestors during our World War I went through fierce persecution right here in the United States?

As if to get me off the subject, the little guy placed a floppy ear on top of my fingers. I scratched it while he napped.

A barrage of hate had swept over the United States as those who wanted us in World War I poured it on about the evil, demonic Germans and their allies.

If we did not get over there in a hurry, "they" would soon be here, raping our wives and daughters and slitting the throats of our sons. (Those who "bought" that argument did not take into account the Atlantic Ocean as a very wet and wide buffer. They weren't supposed to.)

Before the hate campaign was over, a third of Americans with German-sounding surnames permanently changed them: Muellers became Millers; Jaeckels became Jacksons; and Hiffendorfers were, suddenly, Smiths.

Food also became a problem: it was unpatriotic to sell frankfurters or eat them; wieners weren't much better; and knock-wurst? Verboten! Jawohl, traitor!

Suddenly, they were gone from every grocery shelf, but just as suddenly, in their place were hot dogs, every American's favorite. The resemblance was uncanny: they looked so much like frankfurters and tasted so much like wieners that, if you didn't know better, you'd swear they were

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## PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the *Newark Post* throughout the years

### ■ August 24, 1927 Three men escape from Elkton jail

Three men escaped from the Elkton jail Sunday by ripping up the floor in the corridor, making their way to the basement and then squeezing through a hole in the wall left by workmen who had installed a new sewer.

The men were not confined in cells and had the run of the corridor and were seen in the jail by deputy sheriffs and guards after 1 o'clock on Sunday morning. Just what time they made their escape the authorities do not know. There are about 40 other fugitives in the jail at present and that they did not join with the fugitives is believed to have been because they were asleep at the time.

### University prepares exhibits for fair

The various extension departments of the University of Delaware have been allotted a building at the Wilmington Fair, starting at Elsmere Labor Day and continuing for six

days and nights, and are preparing interesting and instructive exhibits to show the various phases of their work. The New Castle County 4-H will display their completed projects. The poultry, potato and other agricultural projects will be exhibited on a competitive basis.

### Improvements at Center Hall

The contract will be given out this week for improvements to be made at Center Hall, at the corner of Main and Choate

streets. The property, which is owned by the Improved Order of Red Men and the Heptasophs, will have a new glass front, similar to that on the Newark Inn. There will be three show windows, two of which will probably be occupied by an automobile concern. The stairway will be moved to the rear of the building. The corners and supports of the front will be faced with stucco to conform with the old building. Interior changes will be made, on the second floor. A concrete pavement will replace the old brick sidewalk along the front.

### ■ August 20, 1980 Board: Hike taxes to save teachers

The New Castle County Board of Education tentatively proposed a 38 cent property tax hike last week in an effort to get enough money to re-hire most of the employees it has been forced to lay off.

The tax hike would raise the current county-wide rate of \$1.58 per \$100 of assessed value to \$1.96 and

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



# Adult bookstore site sought here

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it is estimated the increase would generate \$9.88 million.

The district budget is burdened by a \$7.1 million deficit. The school board cut the budget by \$7 million in July in order to balance the budget.

The cut was a severe one, resulting in the termination of hundreds of teachers, aides, secretaries, clerks, bus monitors, programs and equipment.

## Civic group protests College Square plan

The \$14 million shopping complex planned for the Dameron tract between Del. 273 and Marrows Road is drawing opposition from a nearby civic association.

The city's Planning Commission unanimously approved the College Square shopping center proposal two weeks ago and is recommending that County Council approve it as well.

The president of the Kimberton Civic Association is concerned about the increase of traffic in an area already congested.

The design has been altered somewhat since it was introduced in May.

The developer has agreed to make improvements on Marrows Road in the for of two additional lanes and has rearranged stores in one section of the center.

## Adult bookstore partners seek Newark location

The two men who planned to open an adult bookstore on Cleveland Avenue this month say they are still interested in the same location.

Michael Boccanfuso of Newark and Carl Colasuonno of Camden, N.J., said that their attorney remains "deeply involved in legal consultation" with the attorney for the owners of the building at 136 E. Cleveland Ave.

Boccanfuso and Colasuonno had obtained a state license for the store in July and had also signed a lease agreement with a real estate agent when they discovered, two weeks before the store's scheduled opening, that the agent had failed to obtain the signature of the building owners.

Both owners say they will not allow such an establishment to operate on their property.

■ August 22, 1997

## No waiver for bike racks, elderly residents told

Elderly residents of the Regency Square Apartments told Newark city council that since they personally had no need for bike racks, they would like a waiver of the regulation mandating the installation of the structures in their community.

According to city manager Carl Luft, under an ordinance adopted in October, 1996, all existing and proposed subdivi-

sions in Newark had to have bike racks by September 1, 1997.

Included were all multi-family, residential, and commercial major subdivisions with 50 or more parking spaces.

The request was denied when no other councilmembers would second the Motion. "I'm not in favor of a waiver for this one particular group," said councilmember Gerald Grant, noting that the age group of the residents could change in the future.

There is only an older population now."

## Riding the rails again in Newark

"Here we go again!" might be a great comment about what is happening in Newark next Tuesday. You could even say it returns the community to 1836.

Starting at 11 a.m. Governor Thomas Carper will lead a group of dignitaries in dedicating Newark's new rail station on the exact spot where the area's first train station was built 161 years ago.

Located via an access road adjacent to the Chrysler Assembly Plant on South College Avenue/Route 896, the new station, will provide commuter rail service to Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Delaware transportation officials said the new station could drastically reduce traffic on Interstate 95, the state's longest and most accident prone parking lot.

# 'A jumpy people can do strange things'

► HUMMEL, from 4

that old kraut food. Parents carefully explained to their kids that those were hot dogs in their rolls and they had better not forget it. (Especially around the neighbors.)

The cabbage growers were going bankrupt — they literally couldn't give away their cabbages. It was the sauer kraut problem — Germans eat it and Germans named it!

A man of wisdom "invented" Victory Cabbage which gave every evidence of being a lot like sauer kraut, right down to the odd, cranky smell. But it wasn't! And how much better hot dogs tasted with Victory cabbage! It made you want to run right out and enlist!

But the dachshund—that poor creature had "German7" written all over its deformed body and ugly face with those nasty pop eyes. It became a badge of courage to shoot dead on the streets "the Kaiser's dog" 7—the dachshund! Many American cities soon forbade the walking of dachshunds on the streets because bullets would ricochet off walls of

buildings and hurt innocent civilians. (And some dachshund owners, knowing their dog was going to be shot at, took to carrying weapons, too!) The dachshund virtually disappeared for the duration. Since they couldn't be walked and some old friends would no longer visit your home out of patriotic duty, veterinarians were kept busy "putting them to sleep." And, the dachshund virtually ceased to be bred over here.

As I got up to leave Mary and Les, I set Franz on the floor gently and affectionately. He was ready to have his romp; that long body on those stumpy little legs was being wagged by his tail. Franz had no collective memory; the guns on Main Street that killed his kin weren't part of his luxury life at all.

As a nation, we have been justifiably jumpy since 9/11, and we have been warned by our leaders that it could happen again. And again.

A jumpy people can do strange things. I hope and pray a 9/11 never happens again, but if it does, I hope we don't do strange things. We have before.

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## OUTLOOK

### Learning with the experts

**G**ARDENING continues to hold the number one spot as a leisure activity among Americans. Many avid gardeners learned their avocation at the side of grandparents or other fondly remembered people from their childhoods. Many other people would like to know a lot more about caring for their flowers and vegetables, or even how to get started, but didn't have a mentor to bring them along. A friend laughingly mentioned the other day that she wished she had paid more attention when she spent summers on her aunt and uncle's farm. What a lost opportunity to learn at the side of the experts!



By Jo Mercer

Area residents are fortunate in that they do have a "second chance" to pick up the basics and even the finer points of growing plants.

New Castle County Master Gardener volunteer educators sponsor a series of lawn and garden workshops and lectures each spring and fall. Besides having completed rigorous basic training, the team of presenters and behind-the-scenes support staff bring literally centuries of practical lawn and garden experience to the classroom.

It's one thing to read about a concept or practice in a book, but something entirely else to see it demonstrated or to interact with instructors and fellow classmates. The informal setting of the 1-to-3-session courses encourages participants to ask questions and describe their own experiences—successes and failures—from which everyone

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INMATES SHOULD HAVE BOOKS, WRISTON BELIEVES

## Love of English fuels busy retirement

By APRIL R. SMITH

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**N**EWARK resident John C. Wriston believes in educating both halves of the brain.

A retired University of Delaware biochemistry professor, Wriston also has a strong love for the English language and reading.

He exercises his admiration to the public three times a year within the pages of the Friends of the Newark Free Library's newsletter.

Wriston, who has only been involved with the Friends for a few years, says he started editing the newsletter as a favor for former president Jim Neal.

Neal said the newsletter has greatly improved thanks to Wriston's creative mind and appreciation for books.

"Before the newsletter had just upcoming events and such," Neal said. "Now it is filled with interesting information, features and literary contests."

Wriston, 77, says he enjoys researching interesting facts for the newsletter.

He works a lot from his home on Amherst Drive in Nottingham Green, which he shares with his wife of 57 years and high school sweetheart, Tam.

Wriston, a Vermont native, came to Newark nearly 47 years ago to get a job with the university.

"It is sometimes hard to make a career in the sciences," Wriston explains, "unless you



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY APRIL R. SMITH

Books fill the shelves in the living room of John Wriston's Newark home.

want to work in a laboratory forever."

After a short stint with the lab aspect of his profession, Wriston opted to teach. It's a decision he said he has always happily stood by.

He took early retirement in 1985 so he could start working on a writing project he had

desired to start for some time.

In 1990, Wriston's "Vermont Inns and Taverns" was published and sold nearly 650 copies.

The book is an extreme form of research Wriston had done over pre-revolution Vermont inns and taverns through 1925.

Although the bulk of his

efforts were done in his first five years of retirement, he had long been interested in his native land and its ancient inns.

"I found there was no source of information for people interested in that part of history," he said.

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STARK RAVING

## Let's talk about poor investments

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**I**AM STILL adjusting to my new apartment, but I'm getting there. Besides inheriting a drippy facet and toilet that didn't stop running (welcome to renting) it appears to be a good apartment.

But it has taken me less than a month to remember that it is better to buy than rent. Each month I sign a rather large check and get nothing on my return investment. Now I am just a number, the next

person in a long list to occupy this dwelling (if these walls could talk).

At least when I had a car payment (my Jeep is now paid off) I knew I would some day own the vehicle; although with the way a car's value depreciates when you leave the car lot it will be worth far less than I paid, but at least it is mine.

I have often pondered, no, wait, threatened to live in a hotel. Think about it, they wash and make the bed, vacuum and even give free shampoo and soap. Usually the hotel rooms come

with a television with cable and HBO.

I didn't realize how much I enjoyed TV and cable (all right, I'm dependent of it) until I didn't have it. It took me two weeks before I orchestrated a time for me to be at the apartment at the same time as the cable guy.

I missed him the first time he



Stark

came to my place and I kept picturing him knocking on my door, walking away, and then charging toward the peak-hole and yelling "Cable guy!" like Jim Carey did in the movie "Cable Guy." (Rent it if you don't know what I am talking about). Then, after meeting my cable guy and striking up a conversation, I was afraid he would invite me to a Renaissance dinner or plan a "karaoke jam" at my place (rent the movie).

Before I had the cable installed I actually went to the

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Their relationship was a stormy one to say the very least. I have always thought that if one were looking for a really great plot for a comic operetta, Gilbert and Sullivan's partnership would be it.

We are all very thankful they always settled the arguments before a parting of the ways was made — although they came pretty close several times.

There are many reasons for their success, their rapier wit, the patter songs, the comic twists on English foppery and on the list goes.

But, for my column today, I would turn your attention to a very important reason they were popular almost from the curtain of their first effort until today as their association with Rupert D'Oyly Carte.

It was he who became their producer and founded the Savoy Opera Company for the presentation of their works and even built the Savoy Opera House for their operettas.

Many 78 RPM recordings were made over the years by many companies. The quality of the performances varied enormously with those of D'Oyly Carte always the best and always true to the words and music of Gilbert and Sullivan.

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## THE ARTS



By PHIL TOMAN

war, London/Decca FFRR produced a series of the duo's works using the linear descendant of the first producer, Bridget D'Oyly Carte, in charge of production.

The result became an instant classic and remained a best seller for years. I still have two of the originals in my collection.

London/Decca (the name of the record company depended on which side of the Atlantic you lived) pulled out all the stops for these recordings gathering the New Promenade Orchestra and the outstanding Isidore Godfrey to conduct.

The recording quality was among the best of the day, as indeed was the whole line of FFRR LPs.

The packaging was colorful and the sets included an authorized libretto. It is from these masters that Naxos Historical Recordings has worked to produce their comic gems on CDs.

The great Gilbert and Sullivan interpreter Martyn Green was at the height of his powers and his brilliance has successfully been delivered to us today by Naxos.

There isn't space to go through all the cast members, but Green's name surfaces on each of the new recordings and is a most welcome greeting, assuring us of a great performance.

Whether he is the "Monarch of the Seas" or "The Very Model of a Modern Major General," Green delivers a spectacular performance and adds much to the hilarity of listening to these new CDs.

I would certainly be remiss, and perhaps even make some Gilbert and Sullivan aficionados angry, if I didn't mention the work of Ella Halman on these new CDs.

She is in full flower in the roles of Buttercup, Katisha and Ruth in three of the productions released so far. G & S cognoscenti will understand the previous

sentence.

As for the rest of you, get the new Naxos issues and hear for yourself.

Issued so far are H.M.S. Pinafore, The Mikado, and a double bill with The Pirates of Penzance and Trial by Jury. Naxos PR Director Rebecca Davis told me the next to be released is The Gondoliers. The album cover of the most recent release, the double bill, is with my column today.

Listening to these new CDs of Gilbert and Sullivan was like a step back in time for me.

Both the recordings and I were newer in those days. But, truth to tell, I never heard them so well in the 1950s.

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■ Toman has been a columnist for the Newark Post since 1969. An enthusiastic supporter of the arts locally, he has a vast knowledge of the arts in the mid-Atlantic region. He and his wife, Marie, are longtime residents of Newark.

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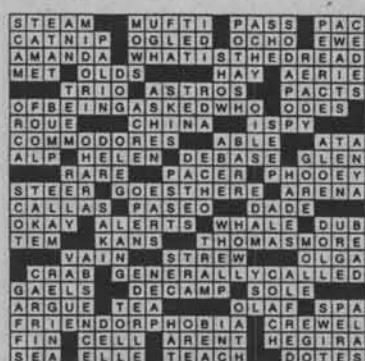
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**CELTIC HARPISTS** 6 to 8 p.m. concert of traditional music from Ireland, Scotland, and Wales performed by the 14 members of Brandywine Celtic Harp Orchestra at Winterthur. Rain date August 24. For more info., call 800-448-3883.

**'TRIBUTE'** Through Aug. 30. Art exhibit in The Elkton Arts Center, 135 E. Main St., Elkton. The center is handicapped accessible. Info., 410-392-5740.

**INTRO TO ACTING** Through August. Classes for adults and children providing the opportunity to learn or enhance basic acting skills at the Delaware Theatre Company. Info., 594-1104, ext. 228.

**FOREVER PLAID** Through August 24. 1950's musical depicting the harmony, innocence and the sincerity of dreams in the 1950's at the Candlelight Music Dinner Theatre, Ardentown. Tickets and times, 475-2313.

**FESTIVAL OF FOUNTAINS** Through Aug. 31. Summer long festival with two outdoor concerts June 11 and 13 at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA. All events are included in the Gardens admission. Info., 610-388-1000.

**DOWNTOWN DINO DAYS** Through Oct. 19. Unveiling of Dinos on display throughout Wilmington's Market Street area. For more info., call 425-5500.

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**STAINED AND FUSED GLASS** Through Sept. 1. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. show featuring decorative items such as stained glass windows, panels and masks, stained or fused glass kaleidoscopes, lamps, vessels, and jewelry at Wheaton Village's Gallery of American Craft. Rt. 55, Exit 26, Millville, N.J. Info., 856-825-6800.

**THAT FEELING OF JAZZ** Through August 26. Photographs by Paul Somerville III at the Delaware Art Museum's Downtown Gallery, located at 919 Market Street, Wilmington. Info., 571-0220.



Look out ladies Lifeguard Lotharios strut their stuff in a seaside silent-screen pantomime as part of this season's performance on the Cyde Beatty-Cole Bros. The cirucs will be at Our Land of Grace Grounds on Rt. 4 in Newark on Aug. 24.

**ALMOST FORGOTTEN: DELAWARE WOMEN ARTISTS 1900-1950** Through August 25. Exhibit featuring the artwork of 20 women artists and the women who fostered cultural organizations in Delaware at the First USA Riverfront Arts Center, free. Center is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**A SUMMER IDYLL** Through Sept. 2. Exhibit of over 80 works featuring Landscapes of the Brandywine Valley and celebrating the region's countryside at The Brandywine River Museum, U.S. Route 1 and PA Route 100, Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-2700.

SATURDAY

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**THIS WORK IN HAND: PHILADELPHIA NEEDLEWORK IN THE 18TH CENTURY** Through January 12. Examples of samplers, silkwork pictures, and lacework made by colonial schoolgirls will be featured in a new exhibition at Winterthur. Admission to the exhibit is included with tickets to Winterthur. For more information, call 888-4600.

**MUSIC IN THE PARK** 7 p.m. Free concert featuring the blues band Bitter Creek in

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**COLONIAL TOWN FAIR** Noon to 6 p.m. Step back into Colonial times, listen to 18th century music, learn about colonial tools, musical instruments, and carpentering techniques and more on the Academy Lawn and Main Street. For more information, call 368-0209.

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**INDIVISIBLE: STORIES OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY** Through Oct. 6. Multi-media documentary project combining diverse perspectives of leading photographers, journalists, oral historians and folklorists across the United States at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Info., 215-684-7701.

**CLYDE BEATTY COLE BROS. CIRCUS** Through tomorrow. The world's largest circus under The Big Top sponsored by the Wilmington Jaycees at Our Lady of Grace, Rt. 4, 487 E. Chestnut Hill Rd. Info., 80-796-5672.

**MUNAKATA SHIKO** Through November 10. More than 100 prints from all phases of Shiko's career, along with a selection of paintings,

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## ■ AUGUST 23

**BATTLE OF COOCH'S BRIDGE** 7 p.m. lecture on the Philadelphia Campaign 225: 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution at Glasgow High School. Info., 577-5044.

**PACE CLASS** 9 a.m. Fridays or Mondays. People with arthritis can exercise at Newark Senior Center. \$13/month. Info, 737-2335.

**CARDIO POWER** 9 a.m. Fridays or Mondays at Newark Senior Center. Increase endurance, strength and flexibility. 737-2336.

**SQUARE DANCE** 8 to 10:30 p.m. First, third and fifth Fridays at Shue-Medill School, Kirkwood Highway, with the 2x4 Square Dance Club. Cost: \$5 per person. 731-4147.

## ■ AUGUST 24

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

**POST-POLIO SUPPORT** 10 a.m. to noon fourth Saturday of month. Meeting at the Easter Seal Independent Living Center, Reads Way, New Castle. For information, call Paula Hentz at 369-3905 or 764-1714.

**PROSE READING** 7 p.m. Fourth Saturdays at Art House, Delaware Avenue, Newark. Free. 266-7266.

## ■ AUGUST 25

**AUTHOR READINGS** 2 to 3 p.m. Fourth Sundays. Featured readers and open mike at Arts House, Delaware Avenue, Newark. 266-7266.

## ■ AUGUST 26

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

**NEWARK DELTONES** 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Newark United Church of Christ, Main Street. For information, call 368-1749.

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

**SINGLES CIRCLE** 7 p.m. every Monday at New London Presbyterian Church, 1986 Newark Road (Route 896) in New London, Pa. 610-869-2140.

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

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

**NEWARK ROTARY CLUB** 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday at the Holiday Inn, Route 273.453-8853.

**NCCO STROKE CLUB** noon on Mondays at the Jewish Community Center,

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Talleyville. For information, call Nancy Traub at 324-4444.

**UNIVERSITY WOMEN** 7:30 p.m. fourth Monday. Newark AAUW meets at First Presbyterian Church, West Main Street, Newark. Open to the public. 292-1536.

## ■ AUGUST 27

**EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP** 7 - 8:30 p.m. fourth Tuesdays of each month at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Naaman's and Darley Roads, Wilmington. Free and open to the public. 475-1880.

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

**AEROBICS FOR WOMEN** 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road, Bear. Free. Nursery, \$2/child. Info, call 834-4772.

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

**SCRAPBOOKING** 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays at Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow. Nursery,

\$2/child. Info, call 834-GRPC. NOT DEC.

**MS SUPPORT** 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays at MS Society Headquarters, 2 Mill Road, Wilmington. Info, call 655-5610.

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

**CANCER SUPPORT** 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Silverside/Carr Executive Center, Building 405, Wilmington. Info, call 733-3900.

**ADULTS WITH AD/HD** 7:30 p.m. Fourth Tuesdays. Support group meets at New Ark United Church of Christ, Main Street, Newark. 737-5063.

**UNSCHOOLERS & OTHERS** 7 p.m. fourth Tuesdays. Parents meet at Kirkwood Library. Group also holds activities for homeschool families. Info, call 322-5950. NOT DEC.

**EATING DISORDER** 7 to 8:30 p.m. last Tuesdays. Support group for people with disorder, and family and friends meets at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Naaman's & Darley roads, North Wilmington. Free & open to public. Info, 475-1880.

## ■ AUGUST 28

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

**JAZZERCISE 'LIGHT'** 9 a.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center. \$15/month. To register, call 737-2336.

**FAMILY CIRCLES** 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays

at Newark Senior Center. 658-5177.  
**PAINTING GROUP** 9:30 a.m. to noon second and fourth Wednesdays at Newark Arts Alliance Art House, 132 E. Delaware Avenue. Bring own supplies. 266-7266.

## ■ AUGUST 29

**LET'S DANCE CLUB** 4 to 6 p.m. Thursdays. Bring partner and dance to DJ and Big Band Music at Newark Senior Center. info, call 737-2336.

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

**YOUNG ADULT DEPRESSION** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware for ages 18-26. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration at 765-9740.

**DIVORCECARE** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Separated/divorced persons meet at Southern Chester County YMCA, East Baltimore Pike, Jennersville, Pa. Childcare available; ages 7 and up get to swim. 610-869-2140.

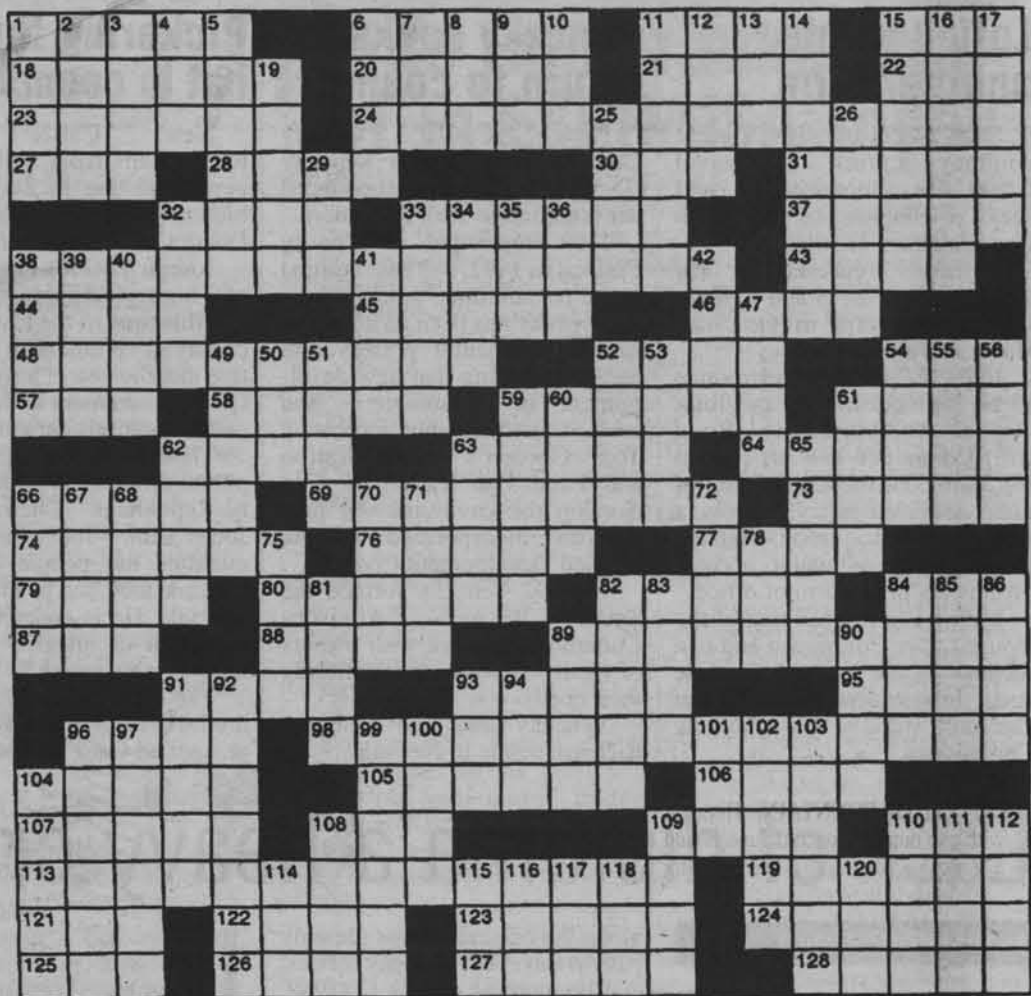
**NEWARK MORNING ROTARY** 7-8:15 a.m. every Thursday at the Blue & Gold Club, Newark. For information, call 737-1711 or 737-0724.

**BRIGHT FUTURES** 1 p.m. Breast cancer support group meets second and fourth Thursdays at Christiana Hospital in the



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calligraphy, and ceramics at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

**MYER MYERS** Through Sept. 8 American Silversmith's items from the period 1765-76 on display at Winterthur Museum and Gardens. Info., 800-448-3883.

**BINGO-A-GO-GO** 7 p.m. games to benefit AIDS Delaware at the Rehoboth Beach Convention Center. \$10 in advance. For tickets, call 800-292-0429.

**WHITE CLAY BICYCLE CLUB** 7 to 10 a.m. registration and departure for 35, 65, or 100 mile scenic route through flat-to-gently rolling farmland in central Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore. Registration at Middletown High School, 120 Silver Lake Road. Food and drinks will be provided at rest stops at regular intervals.

**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. festival celebrating Franklin Township's 150th anniversary

including poetry, music, juried fine arts and crafts, carriage rides, children's activities and more in Crossan Park off 896 in Kembleville, Pa.

**OPEN HOUSE** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. celebration in conjunction with the reenactment of the Battle of Cooch's Bridge on the old Rt. 7, 1/2 mile south of back entrance to Delaware Park. Free. Info., 737-5792.

**SATURDAY TOURS** 10 and 11 a.m. Tours on varying exhibits at Delaware Art Museum, Kentmere Pkwy, Wilmington. Free. Info, 571-0220.

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**SUMMER SCIENCE SUNDAYS** Through August. 12:30 to 4 p.m. Explore the world of Cool Chemistry with a demonstration by Michael

Stemniski, a chemistry teacher from McKean High School at Hagley Museum. 658-2400.

**ANTIQUE SHOW** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. show to benefit the Historic New Castle Visitors Bureau. Over 100 dealers on the water in historic New Castle's Battery Park. Admission \$6. Under 16 free.

**SUMMERMUSIC IN THE PARK** 6-8 p.m. 50s & 60s concert performed by Jerry & the Juveniles in the canal-front Pell Gardens park at the foot of Bohemia Avenue in south Chesapeake City, Md. Free and open to the public. Info., 410-392-5740.

**MAKE-IT, TAKE-IT** Every Sunday and Monday afternoon participate in a natural history craft and take home your own piece of art at Delaware Museum of Natural History in Wilmington. For more information, call 658-9111, extension 313.

**STAINED AND FUSED GLASS** Through September 1. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. art exhibit displaying decorative items at The Gallery of American Craft at Wheaton Village, 1501 Glasstown Rd., Millville, NJ. 856-825-6800, ext. 2756.

MONDAY

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Table, 9166 Willow Grove Rd., Wyoming Del. \$12 For reservations, call 302-697-1050.

**ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL** 7-10 p.m. Mondays at at Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow. Info, call 834-GRPC. NOT DEC.

## ■ AUGUST 27

**RECENT ACQUISITIONS** Through Dec. 18. exhibit presenting a selection of rare books, manuscripts, and other materials acquired by the University of Delaware since 2000 at the Morris Library. For more information, call 831-2231.

CIVIL WAR ROUND

**TABLE** 6:30 p.m. cocktails and dinner for people interested in the civil war at the Central Delaware Civil War Round

**STORY CRAFTS** 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Stories, songs and crafts for ages 3 to 6. years at New Castle Library, Delaware Street, New Castle. 328-1995.

## ■ AUGUST 28

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

**MUSIC IN THE PARK** 7 p.m. concert every Wednesday evening through August at White Clay Creek State Park.

## ■ AUGUST 29

**BLOOD DRIVE** 2-7:30 p.m. blood drive for the American Red Cross at New London Presbyterian Church, 1986 Newark Road in New London, Pa. Info., 610-869-2140.

**SUMMER STORY TIME** Thursdays through Sept. 26. 10:30 a.m., Brandywine Zoo. Free with admission to the zoo.

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## Lofink wants another term

State Representative Vincent Anthony Lofink (R-Caravel Cove) has announced he will seek re-election to his 27th Representative District seat.

Lofink represents the Glasgow/Bear areas and is seeking his 7th term in the State House of Representatives.

Representative Lofink points to his membership on the Joint Capital Appropriations (Bond Bill) Committee and his role in the State construction funding of three new elementary schools, a new state police troop, and the Bear Library as major accomplishments in his term of office.

Lofink is also chairman of the House Labor Committee and is a member of the House Land Use and Infrastructure and the Gaming and Pari-mutuels Committees.

## Venezky seeks return to council

New Castle County Councilwoman Karen Venezky (D-5th District) has announced her intention to seek reelection.

First appointed to County Council in 1992, she has returned to the council three times.

Venezky has been an advocate for environmental preservation and for ensuring that new development is sustainable. She worked with County Executive Tom Gordon's administration and Land Use leaders to help develop the environmental protections incorporated in the Unified Development Code.

In 1992 Venezky formed the Small Business Advisory Committee to work with owners of small businesses in identifying their needs.

Venezky and her husband, Richard, reside in Newark.

## Pickering throws hat in council race

New Castle County Republicans have rallied behind newcomer Joe Pickering in his bid to win the 5th Council District this November.

Joseph T. (Joe) Pickering, 36, of Thornwood in Newark, said, "At this time in the history of our county government, it is imperative that the voters have a choice. Good government and out democratic traditions demand it."

Though this is the first elected public office he is seeking, county Republican Chairman Dave Jones said, "Joe exhibits those qualities the people of greater Newark look for in their elected officials. He is energetic, intelligent, full of integrity and committed to his parish."

The Pickering family has two children. He is an internal consultant at Applied Card Systems.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY SCOTT McALLISTER

Newark Realtor Bob Cronin, left, receives the Newark Morning Rotary Club's first vocational achievement award from Fred Dawson at the group's recent awards dinner. Cronin was honored for his role in the conversion of the former Budd plant site on South Chapel Street into new student housing. Dawson headed the Rotary committee that developed the award criteria and evaluated nominees.

# Lack of diploma a heavy cross for Dad to bear

## ► UP FRONT, from 1

with specialized drugs and equipment. They attempted to resuscitate Dad for what seemed like hours but probably was just minutes. There was no response. Not faintly. Not once.

Through all this, I held his hand and felt coldness as his life slipped away.

Then came the hard part. I had to tell my unsuspecting mother that the man she had loved since Second Grade was gone. Forever.

■■■

It was Dad's first trip to Maine. He was happy to ride along that day as I visited the five newspaper offices I managed along the Atlantic coast. I told him it would be a long day. He always was adventuresome and said he was "up for it." There was no warning of what was to come.

The rocky coast of Maine is all that you see on post cards and calendars. U.S. Route 1 winds

along the ocean and was the only path to travel between my offices.

The morning of July 17, 1989, was unusual in that there was a low hanging, patchy fog. Usually this occurred only in cold weather when sun of a new day clashed with harsh overnight air.

In summer, it was rare to see these translucent layers of fog envelop brightly colored lobster boats, high-masted schooners and grimy clamming vessels.

As we motored northward that day, we passed in and out of these shrouded scenes.

Words can't describe the beauty. Photographs can be stunning, but nothing equals taking in a deep breath of the crisp morning air while viewing the well-worn, rocky coast.

My father was awe-struck by what he saw. He often referred to the beauty of the Adirondacks, where our family camped, but offered to me that day, "Now, I understand why you and Linda moved way up here!"

■■■

I always had a good relationship with my father. We would have been close in any case, I believe, but his role as scoutmaster and countless camping trips and hikes together sealed our bond.

Therefore it was no surprise that day in the car when he began talking about his family, how important Mom, my sisters and I were to him, and how complete we made his life.

Dad said he was particularly proud to watch his offspring develop families of their own, based on the same moral foundation upon which he built his.

My father never graduated from high school — the dumbest decision of his life, he often said.

The lack of a diploma was a heavy cross he bore his entire adult life. It was the source of an undeserved lack of confidence.

Dad was hard-working, steady, an adequate provider, and exemplary role model as both husband and father.

He was kind, gentle, loyal, and also fun loving. His response when he lost his job while I (the

oldest of three) was in the fourth grade: "We'll never have another opportunity like this for an extended vacation." Off we went on a cross-continent camping adventure.

For reasons which only he knew, he remained haunted by his "drop out" history. I recall my final conversation with Dad when this subject arose.

Acknowledging my family, citing what he perceived to be a prestigious and high-paying job, and praising the beautiful home we had just built, Dad said, "I'm happy for you, son."

He paused, then in a quiet voice said, "I wasn't able to do what you've done. I never even graduated from high school."

■■■

This last conversation with my Dad was the best. He listened but more important understood as I explained how he had it all wrong. I convinced him that I, in a different time and place, merely was imitating the example he set. History repeating itself.

I cited facts.

Our family never talks about personal money matters but I revealed that the big house he was idolizing also carried a \$100,000 mortgage with a \$1,200 P&I payment. Dad was shocked.

He built the house I grew up in on my grandfather's land. He worked on it in what precious spare time he had from his primary and two part-time jobs. Still, he and Mom struggled to pay the mortgage.

The numbers are different, but the circumstances were the same, I told him. A parent does what he has to for the benefit of his family.

For most of the drive that day, I drew parallels between his life and mine.

I told him how, at times, I felt guilty when work and volunteerism kept me away from my family.

His eyes lit up. He said he felt the same way when he worked overtime and the part-time jobs.

As this once-in-a-lifetime conversation progressed, I could literally see my father processing our words. He'd get uncannily silent as he thought about what we'd spoken.

For the first time in my experiences with him, that day he seemed to be truly okay with himself.

I pulled close to the front door of the Times office in Southwest Harbor, Maine.

As I held the car door for him, he radiated a smile from ear to ear. With a gentle grunt-giggle combination, he said, "Jim, guess I'd didn't do so bad for a guy who never graduated!"

Then he went inside and died.

■ The writer is publisher of this and two other Delaware newspa-

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# Summer's over for Christina students

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Newark High, which Rieman said has 1,970 students enrolled – 100 more than last year – is just one of the many schools in the district with new and innovative programs in place for the upcoming school year.

New this year at Newark is a student center for each grade. Before there were only two student centers and students were divided in half by alphabetical order. Rieman believes advisors and teachers will be able to concentrate more on the students and be better equipped to handle attendance, academics and behavior.

They are also implementing Power School and Power Grade programs, computerized programs for attendance and grades, respectively, that can keep track of where a student is period by period and what grades they have. Administrators are still working on the program, but eventually, parents – with a password – will be able to access from their home computer if their child has been to every class and how they are doing in school.

"No more fooling mom and dad," Rieman said.

Two dates to mark on the calendar are Aug. 28, which is Freshmen parent orientation, where parents of former students will talk to parents whose children have just begun at the high school. The other date is Oct. 3. That is when Milton Creagh, a motivational speaker, will speak at assemblies for students and again in the evening for parents and the public on high-risk behavior and ways to keep children safe.

## New principal at Gauger-Cobbs

Here is what some of the other schools in the district are planning for this year. At Gauger-Cobbs Middle School David Jczyk has been hired as principal. The school's Back to School Night is Aug. 22 from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

At Kirk Middle School Donald Patton, the interim principal, has four new teachers – Lynae Downs (8th grade language arts), Michelle Wyatt (special education teacher), Elaine McGill (special education teacher) and Connie Ellerbe (intervention specialist) – and several new programs in place.

"I'm enthusiastic," Patton said. "The kids are returning and we are going to invite them to have opportunities to be successful."

New this year will be a Saturday program that will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and provide students with an opportunity to come to school on Saturday and

receive extra help with their class work, in an attempt to close the achievement gap.

Also new is a program called "FAST," which stands for Families And Schools together and focuses on getting the student, school and family involved.

"I really believe the things we are doing will make a huge difference," Patton said. "We want to give parents more opportunities to be involved with school."

## Glasgow High to get a 'Boost'

At Glasgow High School, Bill Conley, assistant principal, said they are rearranging their advisors, making two advisors totally dedicated to the 500 students in the freshmen class. They will monitor and report on the students every nine weeks.

"Ninth grade can sometimes be a tough year with adjustment," Conley said. "They have the potential to get lost. We want to provide a formula with stronger academics and less distractions."

Glasgow is also introducing a program called "Boost," which is designed to boost students grades. Administrators will select 60 tenth graders that appear to be weak in English and math but could be doing better. They will pull the students out of study halls and work on these areas with them.

Conley also said they will be the first school in the Christina School District to have mock trials, which are designed to help with public speaking and to learn the United States criminal justice system.

At Downes Elementary students will be treated to new, state-of-the-art playground equipment, which should be completely done by early



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOHN LLERA

Ginny Dennis (left) shows new teacher Erica Wilson (right), who moved to Newark from South Carolina, new reading books this week.

November, Assistant Principal Denise Schwartz said.

She also said this is the first year that the school will be completely a Trailblazer Math School. This program will allow them to be "more hands on" in their approach, providing more problem solving to get the child to think how to get to the end as opposed to getting to the end.

There will be six new teachers to greet the students. Connie Johnson (kindergarten), Lisa Lemmon (third grade), Ann Hoffman (third grade), Erica Wilson (fourth grade), T. J. Kingery (Reading resource) and Ronda Shone (art).

Students will also be greeted with a new mural in the cafeteria. All the classes worked on a panel last year and the mural, which is a tribute to America, has now been put together.

Important dates to remember: Today between 1-2 p.m. will be a welcome back walk through for parents and students to walk through the school.

On Sept. 11 it will be "Red, White and Blue Day." There will be activities to remember and learn from the events that happened last year on Sept. 11.

On Sept. 24 the "Pro Action Team" will use a trampoline as they stress team work and stress such traits as leadership, knowledge, motivation, communication, relationships, organization and balance. The program will be at 9 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. (open to the public).

## Seven new teachers at Keene school

Keene Elementary Principal Beatrice Speir said she is ready to build on the positives from last year, the first in their new school.

The 705 students at Keene will be greeted by seven new teachers, including four for third grade. The teachers include Kerri Newman (first grade), Kathryn Joos (third grade), Tom Davis (third grade), Heather Murray-

Manrakhan (second grade), Ann Moran (third grade), Laura Gail (fourth grade) and Karen Dellman (third grade).

On Sept. 26 they will have an assembly called "Making Choices," which features a musical troop that will focus on character education and behavior.

Throughout the year Speir said they will stress "positive behavior support," rewarding students who follow the rules, giving them incentive to follow the rules.

Keene will also use a kit called, "Six Traits Writing," which will emphasize different forms of writing.

"We're real excited about the school year," Speir said. "Last year was our first year with a new staff getting together. I'm excited to get our PTA back – they are all back and they worked really well with our staff and me to work on educating all the kids."

Brookside Elementary kick off its year-long book challenge on Monday when Curious George pays a visit to the school.

The book character will be handing out one free book to each student, who will attempt to read 1,000 books and earn a stretch limo ride to McDonalds.

Marlene James, the school's principal said parent training classes will be held starting sometime in November to help parents get their children motivated by showing parents what type of training their children will have and what they can do to support their children.

An important date to remember is Aug. 22, which is a "Welcome Back Celebration" from 7-8 p.m.

"I get real excited with the start of a new school year," James said. "We're excited about the activities we have planned."

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# Newark library volunteer never 'ceases to amaze'

## ► READ, from 8

Wriston himself had always been interested for he had grown up in a family of "hotel people," as he affectionately calls them.

When not doing hotel work or raising her family, his mother also wrote children's books.

Wriston speaks proudly of his mother's literary accomplishments and attributes her love of literature to the reason he so admires reading and writing today.

He also works hard to spread his love of reading to others.

Neal said Wriston will do just about anything to give others the opportunity to read. An example of this was when Wriston bought used children's books and then gave them away free to youngsters on Newark Community Day last year.

"It was John's idea and he bought the books with his own money," Neal said fondly.

Wriston's newest venture is working to get an additional library functioning at the Delaware Correctional Facility in

New Castle County.

Wriston said the Friends realized through research that a few prisons in Delaware did not have libraries available for all prisoners. This fact troubled Wriston significantly.

"I myself cannot imagine not having access to books," he said. "And I feel very strongly that everyone should have the opportunity to read."

With the cooperation of Delaware Correctional Center treatment supervisor Ron Hosterman, Wriston has now delivered 40-50 boxes of books to the facility.

Hosterman said it was the library's idea to supply nearly 2,000 books so the facility could provide the 600 maximum security inmates with appropriate reading material.

The facility already has a library for the regular security inmates, but Hosterman said the facility had always longed for another library for the other inmates.

"The Newark Free Library said 'we have something to share here,'" Hosterman said.

**"I myself cannot imagine not having access to books...I feel very strongly that everyone should have the opportunity to read."**

**JOHN WRISTON**

Correctional facilities need the help of organizations such as libraries, Hosterman said, because prison libraries are only allowed to have certain reading material.

"We can't just have people dropping off boxes of books," Hosterman said.

In the midst of an otherwise serious project, Wriston finds humor in one aspect of the donation process.

"All the books have to be gone through for contraband," Wriston says laughing.

The new library hopes to be in operation this month and Wriston says he hopes to stay involved throughout the process.

He said he plans to keep up

with the trends of the library and make sure items in high demand are always in excess for the inmates.

Access to the library will be on a privilege basis, meaning only prisoners with good behavior will be allowed usage, Hosterman said.

A sophisticated computer tracking system will help monitor what books are most popular, Hosterman said and ensure they get returned punctually.

Hosterman said he is impressed with Wriston's commitment to reading and his caring persona.

"He has a wide range of interests," Hosterman said, "but I think he himself is most interest-

ed in other people."

Newark librarian Charlesa Lowell said Wriston and his ideas never cease to amaze her.

"John is an avid reader himself," she said "who never stops working to encourage reading among both children and adults."

When not working on the newsletter or filling in for chemistry professors at the university, you can find Wriston relaxing at his summer camp he and his wife share in Franklin, Vt.

The Wristons have four grown children who are scattered throughout the Delmarva region, along with 10 grandchildren.

Wriston said he and his wife spend as much time as they can each year up at the camp doing their favorite things.

Tam's favorite things include playing the violin, reading and re-decorating, basically anything she says, "that gives me some discipline."

Wriston's favorite activity is hardly a surprise.

"My favorite thing to do is to read," he says.

Was there ever any doubt?

## Is being a Phillies fan a bad investment?

### ► RAVING, from 8

workout room at my apartment complex and watched the TV there for nearly two hours (yes, I worked out, too).

One of the reasons why I was watching TV in the workout room and why I watch so much TV is because I am a sports junkie. You name it and I probably watch it. You should know my definition for an event to be a sport is you must sweat when playing it and it has to be some-

thing my grandmother can not do. My grandmother could play horse in basketball, but she couldn't play one-on-one, so basketball is a sport. She could throw batting practice, but could not run the bases, so baseball is a sport. She could bowl, so bowling is not a sport. You get the point.

Any how, I am in front of the TV watching things my grandmother can't play a lot. I follow all the major sports - football, basketball, ice hockey and baseball; I admit being a suffering

Phillies fan.

I suffer as a Phillies fan because the team teases you with potential and the sport threatens to strike, possibly causing the season to end prematurely and surely halting pennant races and statistics.

If a normal business was like baseball, anybody asking for a raise would be immediately released and replaced with someone who had never held a bat before; pitchers would pitch every day and would not come out of a game early unless they arranged for their own replacement and got management approval a week in advance; and team meetings would be held on the only day off at a time and location that's least convenient for the most number of people.

But baseball is not like corporate America (at least most workers in the corporate world don't set strike dates). No, baseball and sports are supposed to help us forget corporate America for a while.

If these highly-paid athletes (most of these guys make more money in a year than I will ever see) strike, then sitting in that workout room watching the Phillies for two hours will mean nothing. If they strike, my rooting and emotionally caring about the team will be a poor investment of my time.

Sort of like the poor investment with my apartment rent.

■ The author was editor of *The Hershey Chronicle* prior to becoming the *Newark Post* news editor this summer.

## Fall courses offered here

### ► OUTLOOK, from 8

present benefits.

Many gardening books are written in the context of those rarefied climates (such as New England or southern California) that we in the mid-Atlantic envy for their moderate temperatures and low humidity. If not specifically targeted to particular regions, then many resources err on the side of being too general to be of practical use, especially for novice gardeners or people arriving here from other parts of the country. These are the main reasons Master Gardeners have been so successful in reaching thousands of people over the past 16 years — they know their stuff about how to deal with the weather and pests that can make gardening a far cry from being a leisure activity.

Course topics for this fall include landscape design principles, pruning trees and shrubs, composting, using native plants, selecting and planting spring bulbs, and growing orchids, among others. Many of these courses fill quickly. Advance registration is required.

Complete fall workshop descriptions, fee schedules, and registration materials are available on the Web at <http://ag.udel.edu/ncc/mg/workshop02f.html> or by phone at 302-831-COOP.

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## Keeler era set to begin

No. 5 Georgia Southern comes to Newark

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Facing Georgia Southern in your opening game is not the ideal way for a Division I-AA football coach to make his debut. However, first-year Delaware coach K.C. Keeler probably has a little bit of comfort in knowing that the fifth-ranked Eagles have had a facelift as well.

Paul Johnson, who directed Georgia Southern to I-AA national championships in 1999 and 2000 and compiled a five-year record of 62-10, left to take over the head coaching position at Navy. Mike Sewak who was Johnson's offensive coordinator the past five seasons replaces him.

Gone also are All-American fullback Adrian Peterson, All-Conference quarterback J.R. Revere and All-Conference back Andre Weathers.

Not many expect the Eagles to fall too far, though.

They are picked fifth in the preseason national rankings for a reason. One is that Sewak represents a continuation of Johnson's plan. And the second is that there are still a lot of talented players on the Georgia Southern roster.

The Eagles return 16 starters from last year's 12-2 team that fell to Furman in the I-AA semi-

finals. That was after beating Furman earlier in the season. Georgia Southern also knocked off Delaware 38-7 in Statesboro last season.

"I think we have the common goal of maintaining our position in I-AA football we established in the mid-1980s," Sewak said of his first year. "I know that everyone here, whether it be our players or assistant coaches, will work extremely hard toward that goal and it will be their sole purpose."

You can expect the Eagles to continue running the triple option. Replacing Revere will be sophomore Trey Hunter or sophomore Chaz Williams. Hunter has appeared to have had the upper hand in early scrimmages.

Trying to fill the shoes of Peterson will be Hakim Ford, Mark Myers and Zzream Walden. The three combined to gain nearly 1,000 yards rushing last year in back-up roles.

The offensive line should be strong with four out of five starters returning.

The defense should also be strong with seven starters returning, including the three linebackers.

As far as Delaware is concerned, it will have Georgia Tech transfer Andy Hall leading the offense.

Hall beat out incumbent Mike Connor right before Connor broke his right index finger in practice. Connor is expected to be out at least until after the Georgia Southern game. That leaves freshmen Erec Spiese, from Newark, and Brad Michael

to battle for the backup position.

"The competition has been close but we felt we had to make the decision," Keeler said Saturday. "We wanted to give the No. 1 quarterback as much practice and repetitions with the first unit as we could. Andy showed slightly more ability, has a quicker release, and has a little more seasoned experience."

"Mike's injury is very disappointing, but we hope he will make a quick recovery and be back soon. Obviously we are now taking a closer look at the freshman and will quickly evaluate who will be the backup."

No matter who is directing the offense, one thing for certain is that it will be different.

It will be a no-huddle, wide-open, five-receiver attack that Blue Hen fans are drooling over in anticipation.

The defense enters the season with more experience than the revamped offense. Seven starters return on that side of the ball including Femi Ayi, Dan Mulhern, Mondoe Davis, Sidney Haugabrook, Ricardo Walker, Vince Wilson and Mike Adams.

**NOTES** - Game time Thursday night is 7 p.m.... Former coach Tubby Raymond will be honored before the game with the field officially being named Tubby Raymond Field... Georgia Southern leads the series 2-1... The Hens will get a chance to see former GSU coach Paul Johnson when they visit Navy next season.

## 2002 SCHEDULE

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SEPT. 7	at Richmond	3 p.m.
SEPT. 14	at The Citadel	2 p.m.
SEPT. 21	WEST CHESTER	7 p.m.
SEPT. 28	at William & Mary	1 p.m.
OCT. 5	NORTHEASTERN	1 p.m.
OCT. 12	JAMES MADISON	NOON
OCT. 19	at Rhode Island	NOON
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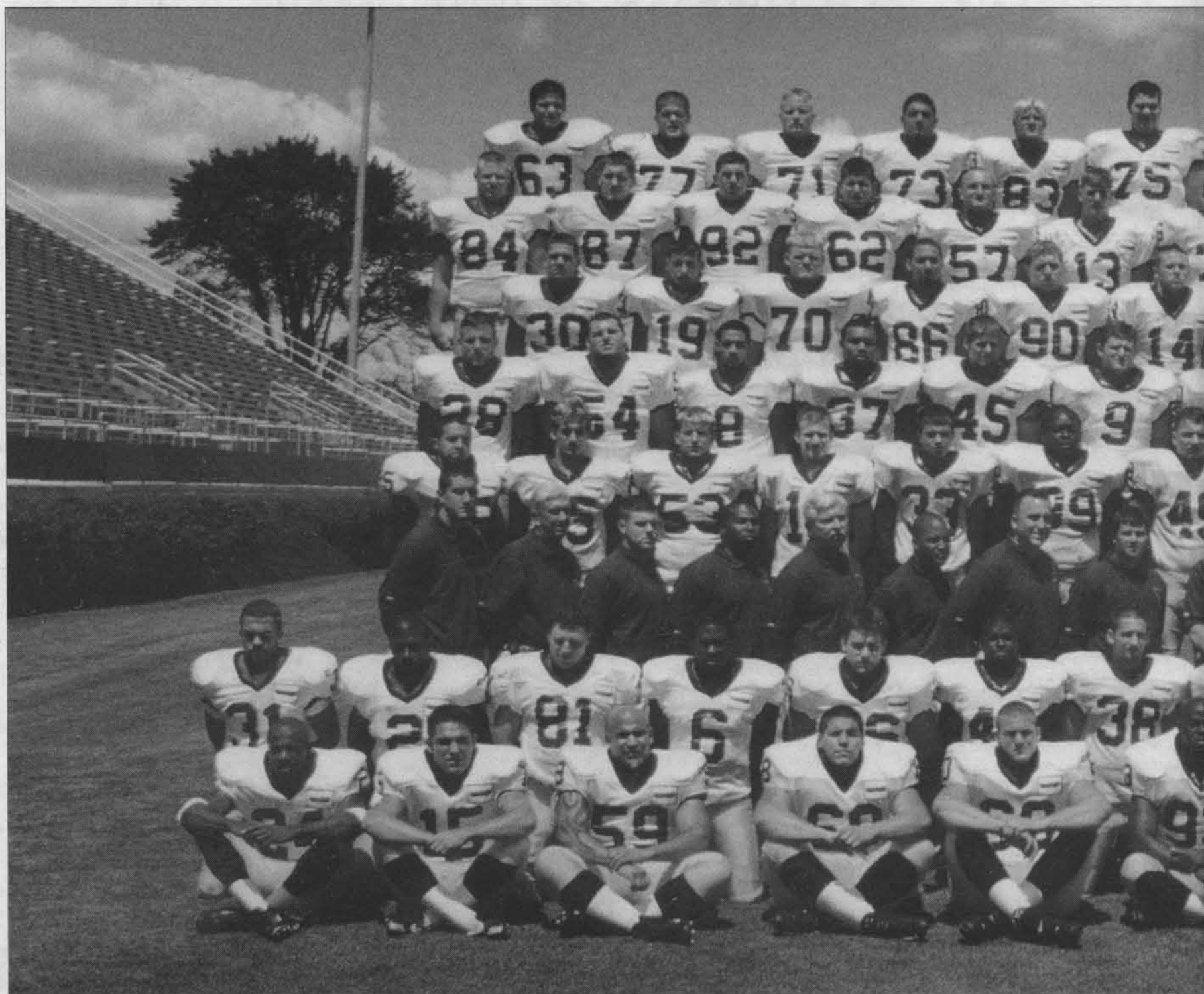
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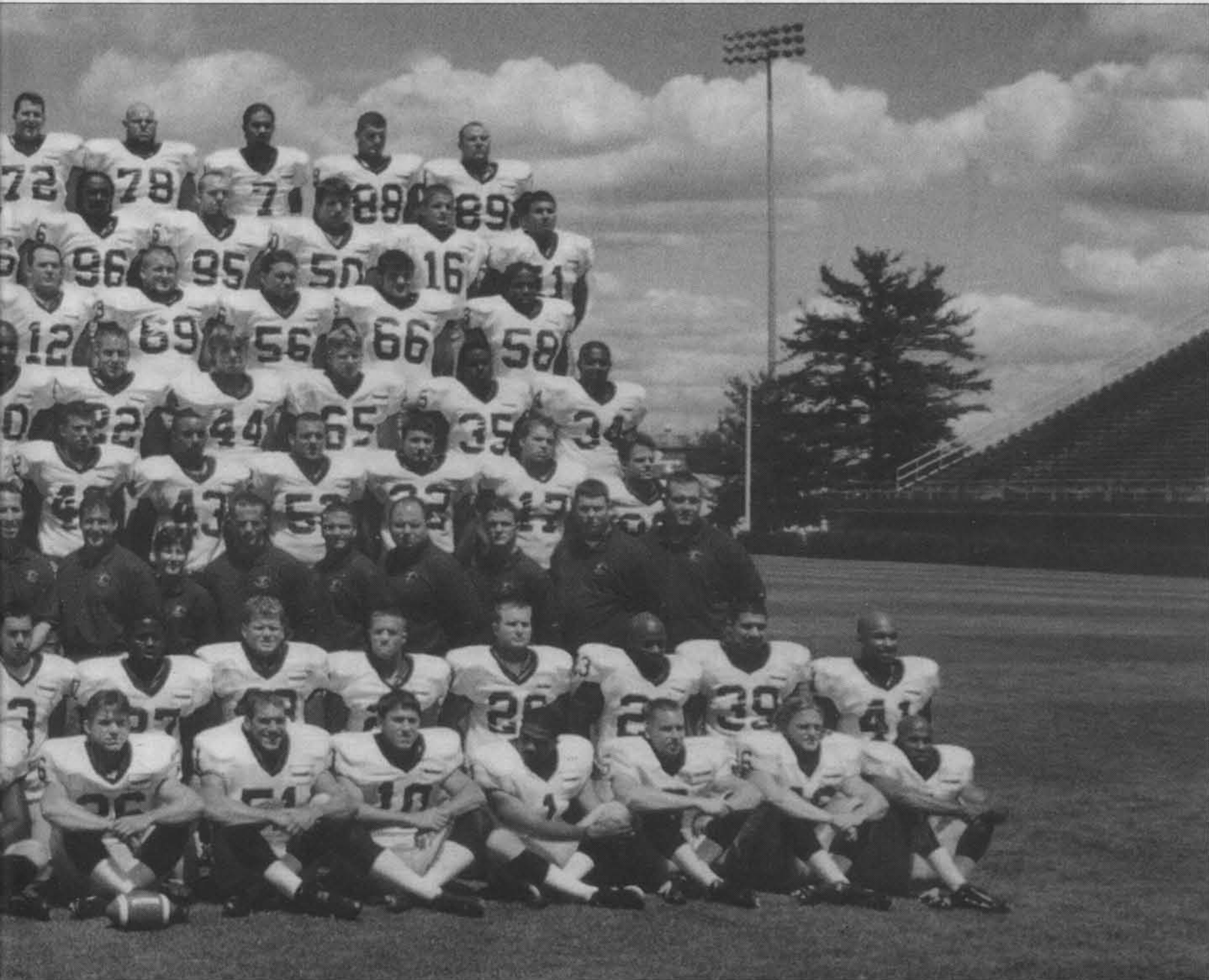
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The UD ice arenas are geared toward family fun, fulfilling team sports and top-notch individualized skating instruction.

Conveniently located off of I-95 in Newark, the facility includes two indoor arenas—one international size and one NHL size. Athletes can enjoy amenities like a strength and conditioning weight-training facility, a professional-size ballet studio and large, accommodating locker rooms, while

friends and family members enjoy free parking and ample spectator seating.

Home of UD's world class Ice Skating Science Development Center, the ice arena is available for rental throughout the year. Church and school organizations, friends who play pick-up hockey and families looking for birthday party ideas have all rented the arena in the past.

Public skating provides everyone with the opportunity to enjoy skating throughout the year. Public skating sessions cost \$5 and skate rentals are just \$3. A preferred skater card offers even more money savings.

Hockey fans of all ages can also make use of the arena. The UD club hockey team

competes in the American Collegiate Hockey Association and provides games for spectators. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and UD students. Games are scheduled from October through February.

Junior Blue Hen Travel Teams are available through the arena, as is hockey instruction on a number of levels. Hockey 1 is offered for the player with little skating experience, Hockey 2 is for players interested in strengthening their skating skills and developing stick and shooting skills and Hockey 3 introduces players to game situations and prepares them for in-house play, which is available fall, winter and summer. Special stick handling, power skating and goalie clin-

ics also are offered throughout the year.

The Community Learn-to-Skate Program is offered for skaters of all ages and skill levels. The curriculum follows the guidelines established by the Ice Skating Institute (ISI) and both group and individual lessons are available. Instructors, all highly qualified, are all members of the ISI and the Professional Skaters Association. Several were United States Figure Skating Association champions and some have skated with prestigious groups like the Ice Capades. Those taking lessons are urged to participate in the Winter Ice Show, special skating parties and the First State Invitational Competition. Power Development classes

also are offered for those who want to explore events beyond the community and recreational levels.

Synchronized team skating, a sport that has been evolving for the last 20 years, allows skaters to experience team camaraderie while strengthening individual skills. UD is home to seven synchronized skating teams, and a new introduction to synchronized skating program will be offered this fall. Existing teams range from The Small Wonders, who are ages 7-12, to an adult team, where all members are 25 or older.

For more information on any of the programs associated with the arena, call (302) 831-2868 or visit the web site at [www.udel.edu/icearena].

## Lazzarini named to dean's honor roll

Ivelisse Lazzarini of Bear has been named to the dean's honor roll for academic achievement at Creighton University.

## Jones earns rank of Eagle Scout

Shawn Edward Jones, 17, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. His troop, 97, is sponsored by Friendship Baptist Church, Unit leader Judy LaRosch. Jones's service project was helping Siena Hall, a home for teenage women and their babies in Wilmington, by resealing the driveway and parking lot and painting the parking spaces. Jones's great-uncle, Wayne Fuller, received his Eagle from Troop 97 in the 1960's.



Jones

Jones graduated from the Charter School of Wilmington in the spring. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Jones of Newark.

## Jones new chair of Exploring Division

The executive board of the Del-Mar-Va Council Inc., Boy Scouts of America, has elected Lynn C. Jones, FACHE, to chairman of the council's Exploring Division and a member of the executive board. Jones is senior vice president of Christiana Care Health System and a fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives. He was an organizer of and continues to be active with Christiana Care Explorer Post, which has served young people for 12 years. Jones is also active on the board of the YMCA, Opportunity Center and LPGA

Urban Golf Program. He is a member of the Wilmington Rotary Club and mentor at Baltz Elementary School.

## O'Neal awarded Lions fellowship

The Glasgow Lions Club recently awarded Lion Barbara O'Neal (photo at right) the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship in recognition of her contributions to Lionism.

The fellowship is the highest honor which can be conferred on persons who demonstrate and practice its motto, "We Serve."

O'Neal was nominated for the award as a means to honor and acknowledge her contributions to the club and for her humanitarian services to those in the community.

O'Neal has been a member of the Glasgow Lions since 1997 and has served two terms as it's

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president and in various other capacities within the club.

## Saenger graduates

Casey P. Saenger of Newark has graduated with a bachelor's degree and honors in geology from Bates College in Maine. Saenger graduated summa cum laude. A dean's list student, he spent the fall of his junior year studying in New Zealand. Saenger was a member of the men's swim team, the men's water polo club and received the Lindholm Scholar-Athlete Award. He was named a Dana Scholar in 1999 for excellence in academics and leadership. A 1998 graduate of Newark Senior High School, he is the son of Peter and Margaret Saenger.



Barbara O'Neal accepts her award from Keith Thompson. She was honored for her contributions to the Glasgow Lions Club and for her humanitarian services.

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## POST GAME

### Taking the wrap off Keeler's team

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Thursday night will feel like Christmas morning for many University of Delaware football fans.

First of all, the first football game of the season is always special. It's something that's been anticipated for months.

In addition, night games are always neat. They seem to bring out more enthusiasm from the fans.

Throw in the fact that perennial power Georgia Southern is coming to town and it's easy to see why this game is one that fans look forward to.



Valania

All that and we haven't even touched on the main reason this game is so big — K.C. Keeler's debut as head coach.

Will Keeler's new offense work at this level? Will it be as fun to watch as we all think?

Can Delaware get back to the nation's elite? Yes, it's only the first game, but a competitive showing against Georgia Southern will increase expectations immediately.

Another way of looking at this game is, it's the first game in half of a century that Tubby Raymond won't be on the sidelines.

Raymond will be there, however. The field at Delaware Stadium will be named in his honor. That's just another reason to be on hand Thursday night.

There are a multitude of reasons why this game is a special one.

So let's rip the wrapping off this Blue Hen squad and see what it looks like.

### Team wins state, district titles

It wasn't an easy road to the Eastern Regional for the Canal Junior All-Star softball team, but it sure was an exciting one.

The local group of 13-14 year-old girls won the District II and state championships for Canal — the league's first state title in several years after long dominating Little League softball in the state.

The state championship advanced Canal to the Eastern Regional in Syracuse, N.Y. The team won three of five games in pool play at the regional and missed an opportunity to play in the semifinals by just one win.

The all-stars certainly didn't look like they would be playing all-star tournaments for too long after dropping their first game of the District II tournament to Suburban.

Canal, however, rolled over New Castle in the loser's bracket and then knocked off Suburban twice to capture the district crown.

Advancing to the state championship series in Dover, Canal earned a hard-fought 10-9 victory over Cape Henlopen in the tournament opener.

The District II champs then knocked off the Kent County champions in the second game, setting up a rematch with Cape in the final.

It was Cape that jumped to a 4-0 lead and looked to be in control. Canal, though, had a huge rally in the top of the fourth.

The winners sent 15 batters to the plate and scored nine runs in the inning on their way to an 11-6 victory and the state championship.



Members of the Canal Junior All-Star team include (front row): Amy McAtee, Dianna Witmer, Lauren McCartney, Erica Pomichelek, Katie Walsh, Brittany Harmon, (second row) Coach Alan Ellingsworth, Lauren Ellingsworth, Jenna Ranauto, Erica Shinn, Coach Dennis Walsh, Brittney James, Jenna Anderson, Danielle Burns, Manager Pat Poore.

Jenna Anderson helped lead the offensive barrage with three hits, two of them in the fourth-inning rally, three runs-batted-in and two runs scored.

Jenna Ranauto pitched a complete game to get the victory.

Canal opened Eastern Regional play with a 6-0 loss to Wall, N.J. The team then went on to beat Connecticut 5-3.

Brittany James and Ranauto combined on the pitching win with James striking out six.

Ranauto helped the offense with two hits, a triple and three runs-batted-in.

Lauren McCartney had two hits and a

RBI and Amy McAtee added a hit.

Canal also defeated the New York state champs 6-5.

McCartney had three hits including the game-winner while Katie Walsh had three runs-batted-in. Danielle Burns and Brittany James combined to pitch for the victory.

In addition, Canal rolled over Syracuse 12-0. McAtee, Erica Pomichelek and Ranauto all had two hits in the game.

Canal dropped a 10-6 decision to Corry, Pa. in its other game. Walsh had two hits, a double and drove in two runs to lead the

Canal offense. Brittany Harmon also had two hits, two walks and a RBI.

Canal missed getting into the elimination round by just one game.

Members of the district and state championship team included: Amy McAtee, Dianna Witmer, Lauren McCartney, Erica Pomichelek, Katie Walsh, Brittany Harmon, Lauren Ellingsworth, Jenna Ranauto, Erica Shinn, Brittney James, Jenna Anderson, Danielle Burns and Emily Shelton. Coaches were Dennis Walsh, Alan Ellingsworth and the manager was Pat Poore.

## Spiese vies for backup quarterback position

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Erec Spiese has never looked so forward to the start of school as is this year.

Spiese, a freshman at the University of Delaware, figures going to class has got to be easier than his first preseason camp as a Blue Hen football player is.

The former Newark High star, along with the rest of the Hens, get a respite this week as presea-

son practice ends and the regular-season routine begins. Delaware hosts Georgia Southern Thursday night at 7 p.m.

"The biggest difference is the time," said Spiese comparing high school football to college. "It takes way more dedication. You get up at 5:45 a.m. and sometimes you have meetings until 10 at night."

"We're all kind of beat up, but everybody says once we make it through camp, it'll get easier. We're just trying to do that now."

Spiese's former teammate and present college roommate, Steve Selk, was one that didn't get through preseason camp. Selk decided that his heart wasn't into football at this time and plans to concentrate on making the Blue Hen baseball team.

"It affected me a little, it made me think," Spiese said of his long-time friend and teammate leaving the team. "But I think once we get through camp, it'll be fine."

On the field, Spiese is one of

three freshman quarterbacks battling for a backup position that became all that more important when sophomore returning starter Mike Connor fractured his finger.

Georgia Tech transfer Andy Hall was named the starter even before the injury. Connor's injury, however, means one of the freshman will be the backup heading into Thursday night's opener.

"I think I'm doing pretty

See SPIESE, 21 ►



## LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

### Field Hockey offered

The Newark Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with the Chesapeake Girl Scout Council is conducting a field hockey program for girls' ages 9-14 years. This instructional program will begin on Saturday, Sept. 21 and run through Saturday, Oct. 26, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Lumbrook Park. Fee is \$20 for Girl Scout members/\$27 for non-members. Fee includes membership in Girl Scouts and equipment usage. Girls must wear shin guards and mouth guards which will be provided.

Registration begins Aug. 24, for residents and Aug. 27, for non-residents.

For more information, call 366-7060, 366-7033, ext. 200, (after 5 p.m. and on weekends) or at parksrec@newark.de.us.

### Basketball in Action scheduled

The Newark Parks and Recreation is offering Basketball in Action starting January 6, through March 19. Games will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at West Park Elementary School. Teams are formed nightly for informal games. Participants must register in advance. Fee is \$33 residents/\$38 for non-residents.

Registration begins Aug. 24, for residents and Aug. 27, for non-residents.

For more information, call 366-7060, 366-7033, ext. 200, (after 5 p.m. and on weekends) or at parksrec@newark.de.us.

### Co-Rec Volleyball to begin

The Newark Parks and Recreation is offering co-rec volleyball beginning Sept. 24, and running through Oct. 31. Pick-up teams are formed every Tuesday and Thursday for games at West Park Elementary School from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Players must register in advance. Fees are \$25 residents/\$30 non-residents.

Registration begins Aug. 24, for residents and Aug. 27, for non-residents.

For more information, call 366-7060, 366-7033, ext. 200, (after 5 p.m. and on weekends) or at parksrec@newark.de.us.

### Socceroos offered by City

The Newark Parks and Recreation is offering a great introduction to soccer for kids ages 3 to 6 with Socceroos. This program focuses on basic skill development such as dribbling, passing, shooting and eye/hand coordination. Basic rules are covered and the emphasis of the program is on fun! Children must wear shin guards. Classes are every Saturday from Jan. 25, through March 8. The 3-4 year-old class is from 1 to 1:45 p.m.; the 5-6 year-old class is from 2 - 2:45 p.m. Both classes are held at the West Park Elementary School and will not meet on Feb. 15. Fees are \$21 residents/\$26 non-residents.

Registration begins Aug. 24, for residents and Aug. 27, for non-residents.

For more information, call 366-7060, 366-7033, ext. 200, (after 5 p.m. and on weekends) or at parksrec@newark.de.us.

### Adult Volleyball League offered

The Newark Parks and Recreation is sponsoring an adult winter volleyball league for three divisions: Men's A, Co-Ed B, and BB. League play will begin on Oct. 14, and end in March. Last year's team given priority placement. New teams accepted on first come, first served bases.

For more information, call 366-7060, 366-7033, ext. 200, (after 5 p.m. and on weekends) or at parksrec@newark.de.us.

### Youth Basketball registration

The Newark Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a basketball league for boys and girls ages 8-9, 10-11, 12-14 and 15-18. Programs emphasize participation, fun, sportsmanship and skill development. Practice begins in November with games beginning in early December. Fees are \$42 residents/\$47 non-residents for 8-9 year-olds; \$49 residents/\$54 non-residents for 10-11 year-olds; and \$54 residents/\$59 non-residents for 12-18 year-olds. Proof of age is required at time of registration.

Registration begins Aug. 24, for residents and Aug. 27, for non-residents.

For more information, call 366-7060, 366-7033, ext. 200, (after 5 p.m. and on weekends) or at parksrec@newark.de.us.

### Pint Size Basketball offered

The Newark Parks and Recreation is sponsoring Pint Size Basketball for boys and girls age 4-7. Fun, teamwork, sportsmanship and learning the fundamentals of dribbling, passing, and shooting are offered in this program. Mini-balls are used. Classes are every Saturday from Jan. 4, through March 8. There are two 4-5 year-old classes from 11 to 11:45 a.m. and 12 to 12:45 p.m. The 6-7 year-old classes are from 9 to 9:45 a.m. and 10 to 10:45 a.m. All classes are held at the West Park Elementary School and will not meet on Jan. 18, and Feb. 15. Fees are \$31 residents/\$36 non-residents.

Registration begins Aug. 24, for residents and Aug. 27, for non-residents.

For more information, call 366-7060, 366-7033, ext. 200, (after 5 p.m. and on weekends) or at parksrec@newark.de.us.

### YMCA offers sports registrations

The Bear-Glasgow Family YMCA has youth sports registration now through Sept. 9, for their soccer, flag football and cheerleading sessions beginning Saturday, Sept. 14 and running through Saturday Nov. 2. Age groups are 4-5 yrs., 6-7 yrs., and 8-10 yrs.. Sessions run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For fees and information, call the YMCA at 832-7980.

### Tiny Tot and Midget Soccer

Newark Parks & Recreation Department is offering introduction to soccer for kids age 3-6 in their Tiny Tot and Midget soccer programs. These programs focus on skill development such as dribbling, passing, shooting and eye/hand coordination, basic rules and the emphasis of the program is on fun.

Classes are every Saturday from September 14 to October 19 at Handloff Park on Barksdale Road.

Registration fees for Newark residents are \$26, for non-residents \$31. Contact the Registration Office at 366-7060 for more information.

### Fair Hill hosts International

The Fair Hill International world-class equestrian competition in the international sports of Eventing and Combined Driving will be held at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Area in Fair Hill, Md., starting on Thursday, Oct. 24, and running through Sunday, Oct. 27.

## Blue Hens ranked No. 21 in ESPN/USA Today

The University of Delaware football team picked up its second pre-season Top 25 ranking Monday as the Blue Hens were picked No. 21 in the ESPN/USA Today NCAA I-AA football poll.

Delaware, which was selected No. 22 in The Sports Network Top 25 announced last week, was one of five Atlantic 10 Conference teams picked among the top 25. The teams were selected from a vote of NCAA I-AA member head coaches and sports information directors.

In other news Monday, sophomore backup quarterback Mike Connor had a splint placed on his right index finger and will be out of action for at least two weeks. Connor, who started the final four games of the 2001 season but has been moved to No. 2 behind junior transfer Andy Hall, broke his finger on the final play of Saturday's scrimmage when his hand hit a helmet following a pass. He will not need surgery but will miss the season opener Aug. 29 vs. Georgia Southern. His status will be evaluated on a daily basis.

The Blue Hens, who will make their 2002 debut under first-year head coach K.C. Keeler Aug. 29 vs. No. 5 Georgia Southern at Delaware Stadium, picked up 217 votes to rank No. 21. It marked the 11th consecutive season that Delaware is ranked in the pre-season Top 25.

Delaware last failed to make the pre-season rankings in 1991, when it received votes, but did not rank in the Top 25. Delaware was ranked seventh in last year's ESPN/USA Today pre-season poll.

Defending national champion University of Montana was the pre-season No. 1 pick as the

Grizzlies picked up 46 of the 51 first place votes and had 1,270 points. Appalachian State was picked second followed by Northern Iowa, Eastern Illinois, and Georgia Southern. Furman picked up three first place votes and was ranked sixth. In addition to Delaware, other Atlantic 10 teams in the top 25 were No. 10 William & Mary, No. 13 Hofstra, No. 15 Maine, and No. 25 Villanova.

1. MONTANA (46) (15-1) 1,270
2. APPALACHIAN ST. (1) (9-4) 1,113
3. NORTHERN IOWA (11-3) 1,016
4. EASTERN ILLINOIS (1) (9-2) 989
5. GEORGIA SOUTHERN (12-2) 976
6. FURMAN (3) (12-3) 905
7. LEHIGH (11-1) 903
8. YOUNGSTOWN ST (8-3) 747
9. GRAMBLING (10-1) 737
10. WILLIAM & MARY (8-4) 692
11. MCNEESE ST. (8-4) 636
12. EASTERN KENTUCKY (8-2) 630
13. HOFSTRA (9-3) 624
14. FLORIDA A&M (7-4) 581
15. MAINE (9-3) 559
16. SAM HOUSTON ST (10-3) 549
17. PORTLAND ST (7-4) 471
18. WESTERN KENTUCKY (8-4) 413
19. NORTHWESTERN ST (8-4) 343
20. NORTHERN ARIZONA (8-4) 273
21. DELAWARE (4-6) 217
22. MONTANA ST (5-6) 214
23. HARVARD (9-0) 161
24. HAMPTON (7-4) 155
25. VILLANOVA (8-3) 125

Others Receiving Votes: SFA 121, TENNESSEE TECH 93, COLGATE 93, JACKSONVILLE ST 87, NO CAROLINA A&T 85, JACKSON ST 81, EAST TENN ST 75, RHODE ISLAND 68, MASSACHUSETTS 68, WESTERN CAROLINA 60, TENNESSEE ST 59, SOUTHERN 47, MURRAY ST 40, PENNSYLVANIA 38, WESTERN ILL 30, BETHUNE COOKMAN 30, EASTERN WASH 28, ALABAMA ST 21, SO CAROLINA ST 20, RICHMOND 19, ST MARYS CA 15, IDAHO ST 15, WOFFORD 14, SW MISSOURI ST 13, CAL POLY 12, ILLINOIS ST 9, SW TEXAS ST 7, TEXAS SOUTHERN 6, BROWN 5, ALCORN ST 4, ALABAMA A&M 4, NICHOLLS ST 3, ELON 3, DAYTON 2, JAMES MADISON 1.

## Spiese competes for backup QB spot at UD

### ► SPIESE, from 20

good," the former Yellowjacket said. "I think I'm up there with [Brad Michael] from North Carolina."

Ryan Carty, from Somerville, N.J., is the third freshman in the quarterback competition.

"Most of the reps in practice have gone to Andy and Mike," Spiese said. "So you know those guys are ahead of everyone else. But I do feel like I'm in competition with the freshmen."

New coach K.C. Keeler's offense is one thing that has Spiese and all the other quarterbacks excited.

"It's like a dream offense," Spiese said. "You have five

receivers and you drop back and throw the ball. It's awesome.

"Right now, there's a lot of learning to be done. There's a lot more mental stuff than in high school. There is a lot more reads.

"Plus, on defense everyone's a lot quicker. I mean, you've got guys running 4.3 40s running around all over the place and smashing people."

Spiese also feels the team is responding well to the new coaching staff and there is a positive outlook to the season.

"I think we'll be in good shape," he said. "Everything's really coming together."

Now, as soon as those classes start, it'll even get better.



# Students cash-in on 'Bank It Camp'

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

IT IS Alex P. Keaton's dream — a summer camp about money and finance.

Keaton, the fictional character obsessed with money and played by actor Michael J. Fox on the popular 1980s television show "Family Ties," would most likely have been one of the 40 campers at "Bank It Camp."

The finance and banking camp, which ran from July 22-26, was sponsored by J.P. Morgan Chase in a partnership with the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce and Delaware Technical and Community College.

The camp provided an opportunity for students going into grades 8-10 to obtain a basic understanding of finance principles and how to apply these principles to daily life.

"I like learning about stocks and the stock market, the ticker stuff," said Meghan Newcomer, one of four Newark students who attended the camp held at J.P. Morgan Chase's Christiana Center.

She was joined by local residents Neshia Miller, Nick Del Negro, and Joseph Jelenek.

Besides learning about stocks,

**"I like learning about stocks and the stock market, the ticker stuff."**

MEGHAN NEWCOMER

the camp also offered the opportunity for campers to gain an appreciation of some of the various careers that exist in the world of finance.

"I really liked it," Del Negro, an eighth-grader at St. Matthews in Wilmington said. "For the \$100 to get in, the camp is really nice. We came here and got a sample of what we may want to do (for a career). I have options and I can see where I want to go to college."

To help give them a sampling of career options, the campers visited various financial institutions to interact with professionals and learn about career paths across a wide range of financial disciplines.

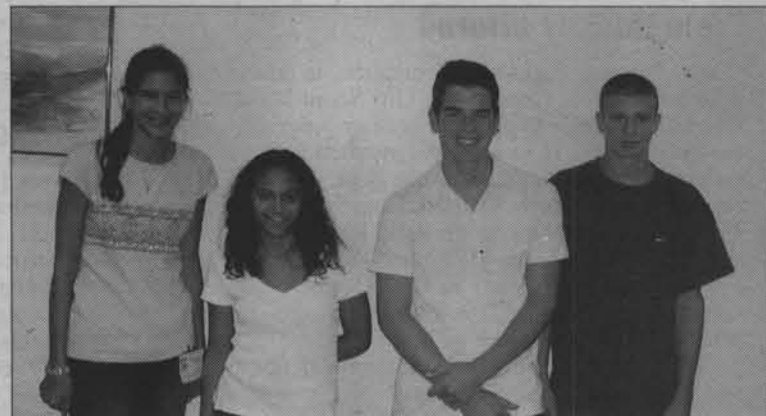
"We introduce campers to the world of finance and banking," Nancy Gervay, Communications Manager at the Christiana Center, said, "so they can interact with the professionals in the field and learn what career paths they could take."

"We've done a similar type of camp for manufacturing to expose students in the financial field," said Jeanne Mell, vice president, public relations for the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce. "It is never too early to get kids to think about their careers after high school."

Jelenek, who will be going into 10th grade, said he may consider a career in business, although he has some time to decide.

Miller has already made up her mind. "I want to be a lawyer," said Miller, who will be a ninth-grader at Christiana school. "I pretty much liked the hands on activities."

A graduation ceremony was held on the last day, celebrating the campers' accomplishments. Each camper received a medal and a computer. The campers were broken down into four teams and the team with most points won a gift certificate. Jelenek and Del Negro were on



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ERIC STARK

Newark residents who attended the "Bank It Camp" include from left to right, Meghan Newcomer, Neshia Miller, Nick Del Negro and Joe Jelenek.

the winning team, which made the camp even more enjoyable for Del Negro, who said he was influenced by his mother to attend the camp.

"My mom wanted me to

come here to see what stocks to get so I could get her more money," said the soon to be eighth-grader.

Ah, that's a reason to attend even Alex P. Keaton would like.

## PEOPLENEWS

### Sorenson veep of Women's Network

Del. State Senator Liane Sorenson, a Republican from Delaware, became vice-president of the Women's Legislative Network of NCSL. Senator Sorenson will become president at the annual meeting of the National conference of State Legislatures' Women's Legislative Network in July 2003.



Sorenson

### Russell, Temko Delaware delegates to Boys Nation

Eric Russell, 17, of Newark, a senior at Hodson Vo-Tech High School and Ezra Temko, 16, of Newark, a senior at Charter School of Wilmington, have been named Delaware Delegates for American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, D.C., on July 19-28.

The program provides a week of government training in the nation's capital.

Russell and Temko were selected as delegates due to their academic record, leadership potential and activities associated with the American Legion Boys State program in Delaware.

### Thomas Ralston graduates Lynchburg

Thomas McCarter Ralston graduated from Lynchburg College, a private college in Central Virginia. Ralston received a BS in business administration. He is a 1997 graduate of Salesianum High School.

### Broomall graduates

Megan Broomall of Newark has graduated with a double major in psychology and history from the University of Delaware. She is planning to attend Widener School of Law in the fall.



Broomall

Broomall is the daughter of Carol and Bill Broomall of Newark and is a graduate of St. Marks High School.

### Shu top scholar

Newark resident Lilyan W. Shu has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored at a campus ceremony this fall at The University of Pennsylvania.

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By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**S**O are you looking for something to do this weekend? Why not step back in time?

This weekend the clocks will be turned back to Sept. 3, 1777 for a Colonial Town Fair from noon to 6 p.m. in downtown Newark and on the Academy Building Lawn.

**Hear ye,  
hear ye!  
Come  
to the  
town  
fair!**

The fair, which will feature 18th century music, dancing, crafts, dramatizations, storytelling, outfits and reenactments, is presented by the Newark Heritage Alliance. The Downtown Newark Partnership, the Delaware Heritage Commission, Rodel, Inc. Minister's Jewelers and several Newark residents have contributed to the event.

"This is to celebrate the 225th anniversary of Cooch's bridge," said David Robertson from the Newark

Heritage Alliance. "There has never been a town fair in Newark. We hope to make it an annual event. We hope people can learn something about the 18th century and the battle and raises awareness of Newark's history.

The opening at noon will include a performance by Newark Fife and Drum. There will also be a stage with music, theater and speeches. The stage has been provided by the University of Delaware. A dramatization of a Colonial trial and Royal Scottish dancers will use the stage.

There will also be crafters and weavers on the lawn and live sheep. Local restaurants will also feature Colonial-era food.

Most of the day's activities will take place on the lawn of the Academy Building.

Presenters from the Sons of the Revolutionary will talk about the war.

Dressed in an 18th century outfit, Newark deputy mayor Frank Osborne, the fair's honorary chairman, will give a welcome address for the city.

Lloyd Jacobs will whittle wood for children. Several historic organizations will also have tables on Main Street.

The university will also provide a free shuttle from 11:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from the Academy Building to Glasgow High School, so the public can

watch the reenactment of the battle at Cooch's Bridge at the by Reenactors at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the nearby bridge.

"We're certainly encouraging it and helping financially," Maureen Feeney-Roser, the city's representative for the Downtown Newark Partnership, said about the partnership's role. "We think it will bring a lot of people downtown who wouldn't normally come downtown. The week before Labor Day is usually a down time, so this will have more people on the streets in August."

Victoria Owen, a member of the Newark Heritage Alliance, said the day should be a representation of what Main Street and the people of Newark looked like 225 years ago, when British soldiers walked down Main Street and mingled with townspeople while the soldiers waited for their orders.

Owen said the first original market area in Newark was set up on land located between the present Stone Balloon Tavern and the Academy Building.

She said there will be free parking in Lot 3 as well as in the Stone Balloon's parking lot.

"This is a nice event that is exclusive to Cooch's Bridge and downtown Newark," Feeney-Roser said. "This was the only Revolutionary War battle (in Delaware) and first public market."

## Reenactment events begin Friday night

► BRIDGE, from 32

Catts, a historian and archeologist from West Chester, Pa., who will speak about the American forces and the battle tactics; Thomas McGuire, a history instructor from Malvern, Pa., will speak about the British forces; and Charles Fithian, an archeologist from Delaware State Museum, will display some of the artifacts recovered from the battlegrounds.

Four members of the Glasgow High School staff are involved in the planning of the reenactment. James Girafalco, a graphic arts instructor, has volunteered the leaflet and poster production. Lt. Col. John Huber and Chief Waldeberge Bryant will coordinate the logistical support at Glasgow High School with their USAF Jr. ROTC cadets. William Conley, assistant principal and a retired Army Reserve Lt. Col., will be the Master of Ceremonies of the Aug. 23 ceremony at the school.

"If everything breaks right, with good weather, we estimate about 1,200 people will attend," Bauernschmidt said. "We've had a good response."

For more information, call Victoria Owen at 368-2717.

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► **BLOTTER, from 2**

approached by two male suspects who demanded money. The victim refused to comply and the suspects fled on foot toward the Pike Creek Shopping Center.

The victim was uninjured.

The suspects were described as black males, 13 to 18 years of age, five feet, eight inches tall, thin build, wearing dark clothing.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact Delaware State Police Troop 2 at 323-4411.

**Robbery was EZ**

Detectives are investigating a burglary and robbery that took place at E-Z Check Cashing, t 4528 Kirkwood Hwy.

On Monday, Aug. 12, at 7:30 a.m., a 29-year-old female employee entered the locked business. Inside, she was confronted by a male holding a handgun, who ordered her to open the store safe. Police said she complied.

The suspect fled out of the rear door of the business with an undisclosed amount of currency.

Detectives later discovered that the suspect made entry to the business via the roof sometime after the business closed the previous day.

Anyone with information about the crime is urged to contact Delaware State Police Troop 2, 323-4411, ext. 233.

**Struck near cinema**

A 18-year-old man told Newark police that he was struck in the face by an unknown person shortly after 11 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12.

The victim told officers that he was standing outside the Cinema Center in the Newark Shopping Center when the attack took place.

The suspect fled. Investigation is continuing.

**\$30,000 loss**

A general contractor in the Sandy Brae Industrial Park told Newark police that a truck valued at \$10,000 was stolen.

Reported to police at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, the victim told officers that the vehicle contained scaffolding and lumber worth \$19,700.

The truck was parked near G. L. Rossetti at 122 Sandy Dr. when it disappeared.

**Flower pot gone**

Newark police were told on Monday, Aug. 12, that a 20-inch flower pot had been removed from the front of the Christian Science Reading Room, 92 E. Main St., the previous weekend.

**Bullets recovered**

Newark police are continuing their investigation of a bicycle theft and related incidents that took place in the unit block of Madison Drive at 12:59 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12.

Officers at the scene took a 357-magnum magazine of ammunition from the home during their initial investigation.

**Paint sprayed**

Five areas of the west-side exterior wall of the National 5&10 store, 66 E. Main St., were spray-painted, it was reported to

Newark police on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 3:50 p.m.

**Fake ID charges**

A patron at Timothy's restaurant was charged with underage consumption of alcohol and possession of a fictitious license, Newark police reported on Thursday, Aug. 15.

Officers were summoned to the eatery at 100 Creek View Road at 11:35 p.m. to investigate an assault. They questioned a suspect who, a doorman told police, had shown a Pennsylvania license for ID when he entered the bar. However, police said when they asked for identification, the man produced a Delaware license.

James Mitchell Hechter, 19, of Newark was charged, processed and released pending arraignment in Alderman Court, police said.

**Charges pending**

Charges are pending against an employee of the 7-Eleven convenience store at 235 E. Delaware Ave.

Newark police said a store security official discovered the loss \$535 in missing or unaccounted for money orders.

An employee was questioned and charges are pending.

**Nabbed on tracks**

A man wanted in connection with the theft of a pack of cigarettes and a lighter was apprehended at 5:49 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13, on the railroad tracks at Elkton and Amstel roads.

A description of the man had been broadcast earlier after the

items were reported taken from a 1991 Dodge Dakota parked in the 100 block East Main Street, Newark police said.

Michael Francis Cariola, 24, of Oxford, Pa., was charged with theft and taken to Gander Hill in lieu of \$1,200 bail.

**Man stabbed**

Newark police were summoned to the emergency room at Christiana Hospital on Tuesday, Aug. 13, where they learned a 33-year-old man had been assaulted at 4 a.m. on the parking lot of the Newark Shopping Center.

The man told police he was in his truck, tuning his radio, when two men approached. When they kicked the truck, he got out, was hit in the head and stabbed on his left side.

Investigation of the incident is continuing, police said.

**Coffee thrown**

While waiting at a traffic signal at 7:45 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, hot coffee was thrown at a driver, Newark police reported.

The victim, a 39-year-old woman, told officer she was driving north of Marrows Road when she was following a car driving slower than the posted speed limit. The woman passed the slower car and both stopped, side by side, at the signal at Ogletown Road. The driver of the slower car yelled obscenities and made a hand gesture to the woman, then threw coffee on her and her car.

Investigation is continuing.

**Residents may notice change in water color**

It may not taste as good, but it is still water.

Newark's Director of Water and Waste Water Joe Dombrowski said the city is not instituting mandatory restrictions on water yet, but they are taking further precautions to help in the city's shortage of water.

In anticipation of implementing mandatory water restrictions in the City of Newark, officials will activate Well 16. This is one of the city's highest producing wells that has not been used regularly since 1990 because of high iron content.

City officials want to notify residents, primarily in Districts two, three and four (roughly the south half of the city) that customers may notice a change in water color when Well 16 is used. "It is important for customers to know that this water will be treated by the city's south wellfield facility, however, the iron color be noticeable," a city release said, "This water is safe to drink."

City officials encourage any customers who have questions to contact the water department, 366-7055.

- Eric G. Stark

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# Fischer lists district goals

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Here's the scenario:  
19,542 students.  
3,000 staff members (1,650 teachers).

29 schools.  
Two goals: Academic excellence and preparing students for life after school.

It all starts on Monday. The Christina School District opens classes on Monday for students in grades Kindergarten through eighth grade. On Tuesday students in grades nine through 12 will report.

With the school year about to begin, Christina Superintendent Dr. Nicholas Fischer discussed his goals for the upcoming year, which include following the district's strategic plan to increase student achievement and helping to prepare students for life after school.

"Success in school is important," Fischer said, "but how are the students doing when they get out of school? Scores and tests are important, but are students prepared for the world? It is not just scores on a test, but do they have the potential to make choices."

That's what Fischer plans on focusing on this year. In his 34th year in the teaching field, Fischer said he still gets excited and has "a great sense of challenge" for the start of another school year.

He knows the challenges in front of him will not be easy, but the district has a plan in place to help him reach his goals. There are four objectives to the district's strategic plan.

The objectives are that all students will be able to read, comprehend and write at or above the grade level as measured by the DSTP, SAT 9 or other state designated tests by 2006; by 2006, 70 percent children enrolled in early childhood education programs will meet or exceed state standards by the end of kindergarten; all students will be able to do math at or above the proficiency level, category III, on the DSTP, SAT 9 or other state designated tests by 2006; and 100 percent of the approved capital building construction and renovation projects will be completed within three years after receipt of the bonds.

"Obviously part of my goal this year deals with our strategic plan, increasing student achievement," Fischer said. "We want to continue to raise expectations for students and the staff. We are determined for students to achieve their potential. The challenge each

year is to improve the success of the student."

He said he loves meeting with students and uses his time with the Superintendent Advisory Committee (made up of students) to gain students' perspectives on issues.

He also breaks away from being an administrator and teaches in the classroom, gaining a student and teacher prospective. Fischer said he taught at 17 schools his first year and 15 his second.

"I try to hit a maximum of ten a year," Fischer said. "I observe for one day and then teach the next. It is just kind of neat to get out and teach kids and get a feel with what a teacher goes through."

Also, as a way of communicating better with parents and the community, the school district has scheduled community roundtables and town meetings. These events, plus breakfast and lunch gatherings, began five years ago when Fischer took over as superintendent. The first community roundtable is Oct. 28 at Gauger-Cobbs Middle starting at 7 p.m. The first town meeting is Nov. 25 at Christiana High School at 7 p.m.

"My goal is, rather than preaching to them, let them ask what they want to ask," Fischer said about the roundtables and town meetings. "It is really helpful for me. It reminds me why we're here."



Fischer

# Newark Charter hopes to build on early success

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Greg Meece is hoping to build on last year's success at Newark Charter School.

Meece, the school director, sees his school continuing to grow. In its second year, the Newark Charter School, located at 924 Barksdale Road, has increased enrollment from 435 students last year to 540 this year.

The Newark Charter School, which starts school on Aug. 28, will now teach students in grades 5-8. They hired six new teachers to cover eighth-grade being added this year.

They are also renting four rooms from across the street at the New Day Nursery, so they will have their school on both sides of the road.

Next year the school will increase its enrollment to 620 students and will move to a new location that is being built on Elkton Road across from Suburban Plaza. Mace said the new location is scheduled to be completed in June 2003, which will give them enough time to move school equipment into the new facility in time for the start of school in September of 2003.

"I couldn't imagine being so successful," Meece said about his school, which has 400 students on a waiting list. "We had the highest scores on the Delaware

state test and finished second and third in a math competition."

Meece said it was a combination of several things that led to last year's success, adding that there was not one silver bullet.

The keys, he said, include a rigorous academic standard, a large degree of parent involvement, a large degree of discipline (that includes a student uniform) and a challenging curriculum that no one else in the state is using.

"The key is a combination of a lot of things, but you always want to maintain a good learning environment and excellence in academics and decorum," Meece said. "Almost all the things we did last year worked and we definitely want to continue those things we started last year."

He wants to keep the momentum going.

## Meeting Aug. 29 on McVey fence

Christina School District Assistant Superintendent Dr. Capes Riley will meet with concerned residents about the fence at McVey Elementary School on Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. in the school's on the gym side of the cafeteria.

Residents are invited to come and discuss other options for the fencing around the school grounds. For more information, call Riley's office at 454-2532.

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# FALL 2002 REGISTRATION

**Begins Sat., August 24, 10 a.m.-12 Noon For R: Newark Residents**  
**Tues., August 27, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. For NR: Non-Residents**

## FALL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE - 2002

**FOR INFORMATION CALL 366-7060**

### PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Newark Preschool (3 yrs) 9-11:30am Wesleyan Church, #0310-092 T/Th Sept 3-May 22, (4 & 5yrs) #0311-092 M/W/F Sept 5-May 23. Please call Parks & Recreation Office for more information. FULL

Parent/Tot Tumbling (3-5yrs) George Wilson Center #0620-302 Sa, Sept 14-Nov 16, 10:30-11:15am, R: \$43 NR: \$48.

Midget Soccer (5-6yrs) Handloff Park, #1661-302, Sa Sept 14-Oct 19, 10:45-11:30am, R: \$26 NR: \$31.

Parent/Tot Ice Skating (3-6yrs) The Pond #0632-302, M Sept 16-Nov 4, 12:30-1:30pm, #0632-312, M Nov 11-Jan 20, R: \$30 NR: \$35.

Fossil Fun (4-6yrs) Iron Hill Museum #0004-302, W Sept 18-Oct 16, 1:15-2:15pm, R: \$30 NR: \$35.

Little Feet (3 1/2-5yrs) George Wilson Center #0010-302, Sa Sept 21-Dec 14: Jan 25-Apr 5, 10-10:45am, #0010-312, T Sept 17-Dec 3: Jan 21-Apr 1, 6-6:45pm, R: \$156 NR: \$161.

Pint Sized Picassos (3-5) George Wilson Center #0211-302, Sa Sept 21-Oct 12, 10-11am, R: \$24 NR: \$29.

Parent-Tot Rollerskating (6 and under) Christiana Skating Center #0633-302, Sa Oct 5-Nov 9, 11:30am-12:15pm, #0633-312, Sa Nov 16-Dec 21, 11:30am-12:15pm, R: \$29 NR: \$34.

Preschool B.I.T.S. (3-4yrs) George Wilson Center #0520-302, Th Oct 10-Nov 14, 12-12:45pm, R: \$15 NR: \$20.

Fall Frolic (3 1/2-5yrs) George Wilson Center #0307-302, Sa Oct 19-Nov 2, 10-11am, R: \$24 NR: \$29.

Winter Wahoo! (3 1/2-5yrs) George Wilson Center #0306-302, Sa Nov 9-Nov 23, 10-11am, R: \$24 NR: \$29.

Snack With Santa - George Wilson Center #1511-302, Sa Dec 7, 9:30-11:30am, \$2 at the door.

Santa's Secret Shoppe - George Wilson Center, Sa Dec 7, 9am-12 noon, Free to the Public.

Santa's Calling - W Dec 11 Santa will be making calls from the North Pole, \$1.00 with registration form must be received by Dec 10.

Pint Size Basketball (4-5yrs) West Park Elementary #0600-302, Sa Jan 4-Mar 8, 11-11:45am, #0600-312, Sa Jan 4-Mar 8, 12-12:45pm, (6-7 yrs) West Park Elementary #1600-302, Sa Jan 4-Mar 8, 10-10:45am, #1600-312, Sa Jan 4-Mar 8, 9-9:45am, R: \$31 NR: \$36.

Socceroos (3-6yrs) West Park Elementary #1603-103, Sa Jan 25-Mar 8, 1-1:45pm, (5-6yrs) #1603-113, Sa Jan 25-Mar 8, 2-2:45pm, R: \$21 NR: \$26.



### YOUTH/TEEN ACTIVITIES

Before School Center (Grades K-4) Downes, #1317-092, M-F Aug 26-Jun 12, 7-8:15am, R: \$90/per month.

After School Center (Grades K-4) Downes, #1311-092, M-F Aug 16-Jun 12, 3-6pm, R: \$106/per month. FULL

After School Center-Downes (Grades 4-6) Bayard, #1313-092, M-F Aug 26-Jun 12, 3:30-6pm, R: \$106/per month.

### Sports and Special Interest

Gatorade Punt, Pass and Kick (8-15yrs) Kells Avenue Park, Aug 17, 9am. Call the Recreation office for more information.



Beginning Gymnastics (6-7yrs) George Wilson Center, #1620-302, Sa Sept 14-Nov 16, 11:30am-12:15pm, (8-9yrs) #1620-312, Sa Sept 14-Nov 16, 12:30-1:15pm, R: \$43 NR: \$48.

Intermediate Gymnastics (9-12yrs) George Wilson Center, #1621-302, Sa Sept 14-Nov 16, 1:30-2:30pm, R: \$53 NR: \$58.

Fall Youth Soccer League (7-12yrs) Fairfield Park (7-8yrs) #1662-302 Elementary League, R: \$30 NR: \$35, Kells Avenue Park (9-12yrs) #1663-302 Junior League, R: \$34 NR: \$39.

Youth Basketball League (8-18yrs) (8-9yrs) #1667-302, Jump Shot League, R: \$42 NR: \$47, (10-11yrs) #1655-302, Elementary League, R: \$49 NR: \$54, (12-14yrs) #2655-302, Junior League, R: \$54 NR: \$59, (15-18yrs) #2656-302, Senior League, R: \$54 NR: \$59.

Cheerleading (8-12yrs) West Park Elementary Cafeteria, #1607-302, T Sept 17-Oct 22, 6-7pm, R: \$30 NR: \$35.

First Servers (6-11yrs) George Wilson Center, (6-8yrs) #1643-302, Th Sept 19-Oct 24, 5:45-6:30pm, #1654-302, Th Sept 19-Oct 24, 6:45-7:30pm, R: \$30 NR: \$35.

Girl's Field Hockey (9-14yrs) Lumbrook Park, #1606-302, Sa Sept 21-Oct 26, 9:30-11:30am, Girl Scout Member: \$20 Non-Member: \$27.

Kids Kuisine (6-9yrs) George Wilson Center, #0305-302, Sa Sept 21-Oct 12, #0305-312, Sa Oct 19-Nov 9, 11:30-12:30pm, R: \$30 NR: \$35.

Girlie Glam (8-12yrs) George Wilson Center, #1337-302, Sa Sept 21-Oct 19, 1-2pm, R: \$32 NR: \$37.

Beginner Swim (4 and over) Newark Senior Center, (4-5yrs) #0630-302, Sa Sept 21-Nov 9, 9-9:45am, (6 and over) #1630-302, Sa Sept 21-Nov 9, 10-10:45am, R: \$45 NR: \$50.

Advanced Swim (4-5yrs) Newark Senior Center, (4-5yrs) #0636-302, Sa Sept 21-Nov 9, 11-11:45am, (6 and over) #1631-302, Sa Sept 21-Nov 9, 12-12:45pm, R: \$45 NR: \$50.

Beginning Guitar (12 and over) Newark Senior Center #1345-302, W Sept 25-Oct 30, 8-8:45pm, R: \$45 NR: \$50.

Learn to Skate (7 and over) Christiana Skating Center #1642-302, Sa Oct 5-Nov 9, 11:30am-12:15pm, #1642-312, Sa Nov 16-Dec 21, 11:30am-12:15pm, R: \$29 NR: \$34.

Great Discoveries (7-11yrs) Iron Hill Museum #1412-302, Sa Oct 19-Nov 16, 3-4pm, R: \$32 NR: \$37.

Indian Detectives (7-11yrs) Iron Hill Museum #1416-302, Sa Oct 19-Nov 16, 1-2pm, R: \$32 NR: \$37.

School's Out (6-12yrs) George Wilson Center #1319-302, F Oct 11, #1319-312, M Oct 14, #1319-322, M Nov 11, 9am-5pm, R: \$20 NR: \$25.

Halloween Party at Downes (3-12yrs) Downes School Cafeteria #1510-302, T Oct 29, \$1 at the door.

Piano Adventures (6-8yrs) George Wilson Center #1062-302, M/Th Nov 4-18, 4:50-5:35pm, R: \$30 NR: \$35.

Piano Band (9-12yrs) George Wilson Center #1064-302, M/Th Nov 4-18, 6:45-7:30pm, R: \$55 NR: \$60.

Certified Red Cross Babysitting (11 and over) Newark Senior Center #1310-302, W/Th Nov 6-14, 7-9pm, R: \$53 NR: \$58.

Beginning Tap (6-9yrs) George Wilson Center #1013-302, T Sept 17-Dec 3; Jan 21-Apr 1, 7-8pm, R: \$200 NR: \$205.

Beginning Jazz (6-9yrs) George Wilson Center #1016-302, Th Sept 19-Dec 5; Jan 30-Apr 3, 7-8pm, R: \$193 NR: \$197.

Beginning Ballet (5-9yrs) George Wilson Center, New Students #1010-312, M Sept 23-Dec 2; Jan 20-Mar 31, 7-8pm, R: \$193 NR: \$197, Experienced Students #1010-302, Sa Sept 21-Dec 14; Jan 25-Apr 5, 11am-12noon, R: \$205 NR: \$210.

Drawing & Painting (9-14yrs) George Wilson Center #1081-302, Sa Sept 21-Oct 26, 9-10:30am, R: \$50 NR: \$55.

On Stage (7-12yrs) Downes School #1070-302, Sa Sept 21-Nov 16, 9-11am, R: \$65 NR: \$70.

Pottery for Homeschoolers (6-12yrs) George Wilson Center #1122-302, M Sept 23-Nov 11, 9:30-11am, R: \$45 NR: \$50.



Homeschool Hotshots (6-9yrs) George Wilson Center #1523-302, M Sept 23-Nov 11, 9:30-10:30am, R: \$40 NR: \$45.

Pottery for Kids (8-11yrs) George Wilson Center #1120-302, Th Sept 19-Nov 14, 4:30-6pm, R: \$45 NR: \$50.

Art & French (9-11yrs) George Wilson Center #1347-302, Sa Sept 21-Oct 26, 1-2pm, R: \$42 NR: \$48.

Homeschool Tennis (6-12yrs) George Wilson Center #1654-302, W Sept 25-Oct 30, 9:30-11am, R: \$30 NR: \$35.

Paint It & Take It (9-14yrs) George Wilson Center, "Blue Bird on Milk Can" #1047-302, F Sept 27, "Morning Fisherman" #1047-312, F Oct 11, "Lighted Christmas Scene" #1047-322, F Nov 8, 6-9pm, R: \$31 NR: \$34.

S.M. Art (6-9yrs) George Wilson Center #1000-302, Sa Oct 19-Nov 9, 11am-12noon, R: \$25 NR: \$30.

Marble Mazes (9-14yrs) George Wilson Center #1000-302, Sa Oct 19-Nov 9, 11am-12noon, R: \$30 NR: \$34.



### ADULT ACTIVITIES

#### Arts, Crafts and Dance

Adult Pottery Daytime (18 and over) George Wilson Center #3128-312, T Sept 17-Nov 12, 10am-12noon, R: \$60 NR: \$65.

Oil Painting Workshops (16 and over) Newark Senior Center, #3057-302, "Late Summer Meadow", T Sept 17 & 24, 7-9pm, #3057-312, "Covered Bridge", T Oct 15, 22 & 29, 7-9pm, #3057-322 "By the Dock", T Nov 12, 19 & 26, 7-9pm, R: \$51 NR: \$55.

Glass Etching (18 and over) Newark Senior Center #3044-302, Th Sept 19, 7-9pm, R: \$29 NR: \$32.

Adult Pottery (18 and over) George Wilson Center #3128-302, Th Sept 19-Nov 14, 6:15-8:15pm, R: \$60 NR: \$65.

Drawing & Painting (18 and over) Newark Senior Center, #3050-302, M Sept 23-Nov 4, 7-9pm, R: \$70 NR: \$75.

Line Dancing (18 and over) Newark Senior Center, Line Dancing I #3014-302, T Sept 24-Oct 29, 6-7pm, George Wilson Center #3014-312, F Sept 27-Nov 1, 10-11am, Newark Senior Center, Line Dancing II #3014-322, T Sept 24-Oct 29, 7-8pm, R: \$36 NR: \$41.

Matting & Framing (18 and over) The Total Picture #3100-302, W Sept 25-Oct 2, 7-10pm, R: \$6 NR: \$10.

Halloween Witch (18 and over) Newark Senior Center #3261-302, W Sept 25, 7-9pm, R: \$26 NR: \$29.

Teddy Bear Making (18 and over) Newark Senior Center #3111-302, W Sept 25-Oct 30, 7-9pm, R: \$42 NR: \$47.

Ballroom Dancing (Couples ages 18 and over) Newark Senior Center #3015-302, Th Sept 26-Nov 7, 7-8pm, R: \$65/couple NR: \$70/couple.

Irish Dance (14 and over) Newark Senior Center #3020-302, W Sept 25-Nov 6, 7-8pm, R: \$50 NR: \$55.

Swing & Rhythm Dance (18 and over) Newark Senior Center #3016-302, Th Sept 26-Nov 7, 8-9pm, R: \$65/couple NR: \$70/couple.

Holiday Basket (18 and over) Newark Senior Center #3208-302, T Oct 1, 7-9:30pm, R: \$21 NR: \$24.

Quilting (18 and over) Newark Senior Center #3112-302, T Oct 1-Nov 5, 6:30-9pm, R: \$56 NR: \$61.

Tole Angel (18 and over) Newark Senior Center #3265-302, Th Oct 3, 10 & 17, 7-9pm, R: \$50 NR: \$54.

Glass Painting (18 and over) Newark Senior Center #3045-302, T Oct 8, 7-9pm, R: \$26 NR: \$29.

Snowman Face (18 and over) Newark Senior Center #3268-302, W Oct 16, 7-9:30pm, R: \$26 NR: \$29.

Holiday Decoupage (18 and over) George Wilson Center #3266-302, Th Oct 24, 7-9pm, R: \$31 NR: \$34.

Mosaic Welcome Sign (18 and over) Newark Senior Center #3240-302, Th Nov 7, 7-9:30pm, R: \$38 NR: \$41.

### Home, Health & Special Interest

Infant CPR (10 and over) George Wilson Center #3332-302, Su Sept 15, 1:30-4:30pm, R: \$30 NR: \$35.

First Aid (12 and over) George Wilson Center #3316-302, Su Oct 6, 1:30-4:30pm, R: \$40 NR: \$45.

Adult CPR (12 and over) George Wilson Center #3327-302, Su Nov 3, 1:30-4:30pm, R: \$30 NR: \$35.

Dog Obedience (14 and over) George Wilson Park #3354-302, W Sept 18-Oct 23, 6:30-7:15pm, 6:30-7:15pm, R: \$56 NR: \$61.

Beginning Guitar (12 and over) Newark Senior Center #1345-302, W Sept 25-Oct 30, 8-8:45pm, R: \$45 NR: \$50.

Climbing Your Family Tree (18 and over) Newark Senior Center #3406-302, Th Sept 26, 7-9:00pm, R: \$14 NR: \$17.

Basic Defensive Driving (16 and over) Newark Senior Center #3320-302, T/W Oct 1 & 2, 6:30-9:30pm, #3320-312, W/Th Dec 4 & 5, 6:30-9:30pm, R: \$26 NR: \$29.

Magic 101 (18 and over) Newark Senior Center #1335-302, M Oct 7, 6:30-8:30pm, R: \$20 NR: \$23.

Japanese Tea Ceremony (18 and over) Newark Senior Center #3359-302, Sa Oct 19, 2-5pm, R: \$25 NR: \$30.

Keys to Piano (18 and over) George Wilson Center, #3030-302, M/Th Nov 4-18, 7:45-9:30pm, R: \$55 NR: \$60.

Defensive Driving Refresher (18 and over) Newark Senior Center, #3321-302, W Nov 13, 6:30-9:30pm, R: \$26 NR: \$29.

### Sports and Fitness

Aerobics (16 and over) Newark Senior Center #3626-302, M/W Sept 16-Dec 9, 7:30-8:30pm, R: \$44 NR: \$49.

Fit & Fifty - George Wilson Center #3620-302, T & Th Sept 19-Dec 10, 10-11am, R: \$44 NR: \$49.

Yoga Style, Stretch & Relaxation (16 and over) Newark Senior Center #3525-302, T Sept 24-Nov 12, 7:30-8:15pm, R: \$40 NR: \$45.

Tai Chi (18 and over) Newark Senior Center #3623-302, W Sept 25-Nov 13, 7-8pm, R: \$48 NR: \$53.

### Adult and Youth Tennis

Please call the Recreation Office for specific dates, times and locations.

Ladies Round Robin Tennis (18 and over) Phillips Park, #3643-302, Th Sept 12-Oct 17, 6-7:30pm, R: \$25 NR: \$30.

Golf (16 and over) Downes #3623-302, M Sept 16-Oct 21, 5:30-6:30pm, R: \$70 NR: \$75.

Co-Rec Volleyball (18 and over) West Park Elementary #3631-302, T/Th Sept 24-Oct 31, 8-9:30pm, R: \$25 NR: \$30.

Horseshoe Tournaments (All ages) Dickey Park #3521-302, Sa Oct 5, 10am, R: \$8 NR: \$11.

N.B.A. (Newark Basketball in Action) (18 and over) West Park School Gym #3630-302, M/W Jan 6-Mar 19, 8-9:30pm, R: \$33 NR: \$38, Pearson Hall #3630-312, Su Jan 12-Mar 30, 10am-12pm, R: \$30 NR: \$35.

### TRIPS

Little Italy Feast of San Gennaro and New York City #4705-302, Sa Sept 14, 8am-10:30pm, R: \$23 NR: \$26.

Washington, D.C., #4713-302, Sa Sept 28, 8am-8:15pm, R: \$17 NR: \$20.

Apple Scapple Festival, Bridgeville, DE, #4756-302, Sa Oct 12, 8:30am-5pm, R: \$15 NR: \$18.

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## NEWARK POST ♦ OBITUARIES

■ Obituaries are printed free of charge as space permits. Information usually is supplied to the newspaper by the funeral director. For more information, call 737-0724.

## Yvonne Jefferson, worked for Gaylord

NEWARK area resident Yvonne F. Jefferson died on Wednesday, July 24, 2002.

Jefferson, 61, had recently retired as a production worker for Gaylord Container Company in Newark after 30 years of service. She had entrepreneurial skills actively selling Avon, Tupperware and Popular Club and was a member of River Rock Pentecostal Church of Elkton, Md.

She is survived by her children, Raymond Jefferson of Galena, Md., Lamar Jefferson of Newport Beach, Calif., and Di-Tanya Jefferson of Elkton, Md.; brother, Charles May of Glasgow; sisters, Olive Turner of Bethlehem, Pa., Rebecca Phares of Newark, Lisa Earl of West Virginia, Doris Briscoe, Beverly Brown, Nola Earl and Violet May all of Elkton, Md.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at the Galena Funeral Home in Galena, Md. Burial was in Bohemia Manor Cemetery.

## Frederico James DiMeglio, 80

Bear resident Frederico James DiMeglio died on Tuesday, July 23, 2002.

DiMeglio, 80, was formerly of

## Blindness did not deter professor

LESLIE R. ZACHARIAS

FORMER Newark resident Leslie R. Zacharias died on Saturday, July 27, 2002, of cancer.

Zacharias, 73, was a present resident of the Jenner's Pond Retirement Community in West Grove, Pa.

Although completely blind since his teenage years, Professor Zacharias earned a bachelor of arts degree at the University of Wisconsin. Later, with the aid of two successive Fulbright scholarships, he attended the University of Munich and Goettingen University in Germany.

At the end of his studies, he was awarded a doctoral degree in German literature. He returned to the University of Wisconsin to earn masters degrees in English and Education. Despite his blindness, he hitchhiked all of Western Europe, most of Eastern Europe,

a good part of Asia and the north coast of Africa. He taught at Bennington College, Franklin Pierce College and Hamden Sydney College among others. In spite of or because of his blindness, Les was more adept at many things than most sighted people. He was an enthusiastic sailor and an exacting carpenter. He was a lover of classical music, and with the aid of readers, books and newsmagazines on tape, he was knowledgeable and highly conversant in the arts, science and politics. Many friends will miss his wit and ability to turn words and phrases into clever puns.

He is survived by three sisters; Germaine Craft of Las Vegas, Nev., Mildred Hlava of Sun City, Ariz., and Enid Dekker of Carmel, Calif.

No services are planned.

Chester, Pa.

He is survived by his wife Irene Faye DiMeglio.

Services were held at the Strano and Feeley Family Funeral Home in Newark. Burial was in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

## Stanley Sobiech, retired from DuPont

Newark resident Stanley B. Sobiech died on Thursday, July 25, 2002.

Sobiech, 73, was a lifetime Delaware resident. He worked as a carpenter at the DuPont Experimental Station, retiring in 1985 after 39 years of service. He was a member of Moose Lodge #1578, enjoyed hunting, fishing, and yard work.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Sobiech; daughter, Julie Perry and her husband Paul of

Claymont; two grandsons; sister, Ethel Samluk of Stanton; and a brother-in-law, Robert White of Linwood, Pa.

Services were held at the Strano and Feeley Family Funeral Home in Newark. Burial was in the All Saints Cemetery in Wilmington.

## Mary Emma Swift Baker, nurse 34 years

Newark resident Mary Emma Swift Baker died on Thursday, July 25, 2002.

Baker, 62, also known as "Emmie" to her family and friends, was born in Wilmington. She attended Conrad High School and graduated from the Delaware School of Nursing in 1961. She touched the lives of many during her 34-year nursing career. She worked for many years at the Delaware Division, Veteran's Hospital in Elsmere, Emily P. Bissell, Governor Bacon Health

Center, Millcroft Nursing Home and Visiting Nurses Association. She retired from her nursing career in 1995, due to ill health. She had a never-ending love for singing, playing the organ, decorating, drawing and helping others. She enjoyed spending her summers at her summer cottage at Brandywine Summit Camp in Boothwyn, Pa.

She is survived by her mother and father, Robert and Alma Swift of Wilmington; brothers, Robert and Joel Swift of Wilmington; sister, Velvet Swain of Lake Stevens, Wash.; children, Andrew Cauffman of Wilmington, Dawn Davis, Dorothy Finney and Matthew Cauffman, all of Newark; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous friends, including Gilbert Landau of Wilmington.

Services were held at the Gracelawn Memorial Park Chapel and burial was in the adjoining cemetery located in Wilmington.

## Barbara McGowan, hospital volunteer

Bear resident Barbara S. McGowan died on Friday, July 26, 2002.

McGowan, 70, was born in Chester, Pa. She was a member of Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church and also had been a volunteer at the Wilmington Hospital.

A homemaker who was married for more than 34 years, she enjoyed knitting, crocheting, gardening, and working with toys and crafts.

She is survived by her son, Bryon K. McGowan of Wilmington; daughters, Wendi J. McGowan Bowen of Bear, and Kathleen A. Staser of Bear; brother, Fred A. Smith of Pennsburg, Pa.; sisters, Shirley Plath of Wilmington; and five grandchildren. She was also survived by her dogs, Nugget and Poochie.

Services were held at the Chapel at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear. Burial was in the adjoining memorial park.

## Beatrice M. Baker

Bear resident Beatrice M. Baker died on Friday, July 26, 2002.

Baker, 80, was born in Salisbury, Md.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Douglas Baker; son, Ronald L. Baker of Massachusetts; daughter, Gloria M. "Dodi" Fitzpatrick of Bear; brothers, Mason Hill Jr. of Scotts Dale, Ariz., and Fred Hill of Salisbury, Md.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Beeson Memorial Services of Newark. Interment was in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

## James C. Klinger, 73

Newark resident James C. Klinger died on Saturday, July 26, 2002.

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## Fall Activity Schedule —

### Trips Continued...

Peddler's Village "Apple Festival", Lahaska, PA, #4723-302, Sa Nov 2, 8am-6pm, R: \$17 NR: \$20.

West Point & The Culinary Institute of America, #4710-302, F Nov 15, 9:30am-12:30am, R: \$70 NR: \$73.

2002 Christmas Spectacular, New York City, #4724-302, F Dec 6, 7am-9pm, R: \$69 NR: \$72.

Christmas in New York City, #4712-302, Sa Dec 14, 7am-9pm, R: \$25 NR: \$28.

Philadelphia Flower Show, Philadelphia, PA, #4702-103, W Mar 5, 10am-6pm, R: \$32 NR: add \$3, R: (12 and under: \$25).

Washington D.C. & Potomac River Cruise, #4741-103, Sa Apr 26, 8:30am-8:15pm, R: \$51 NR: \$54.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FAMILY FUN

31st Annual Newark Community Day, University of Delaware Mall, Su Sept 29 (Rain date Oct. 6) 10am-5pm.

Birthday Parties at the George Wilson Center (Ages 4-10).

Thanksgiving Day Breakfast, George Wilson Center #4511-302, Th Nov 28, 8-10:30am, \$2 in advance, \$5 at the door.

Fall Flea Market, George Wilson Center #4500-302, Sa Sept 21 (Raindate Sept 28), 8am-1pm, R: \$15 NR: \$20.

Trick or Treat Main Street, Su Oct 27, 5pm.

Newark Annual Halloween Parade, Su Oct 27, 3pm.

Toys for Kids Softball Tournament, Handloff Park, Nov 2 & 3.

Winterfest, Main & Academy Streets, F Dec 6, 6pm-9pm.

Annual Turkey Trot, Handloff Park, Sa Nov 23, 8am.

## Activity Registration Form

Please print and fill out completely.

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Participant Information											
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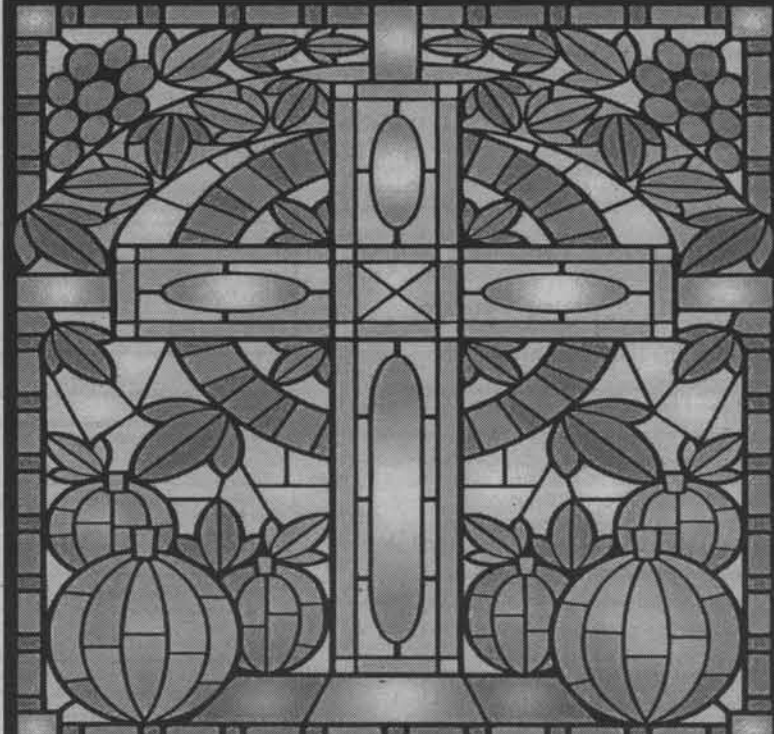


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Klinger, 73, was residing at her brother's residence in Smyrna at the time of her death.

Services were private. Interment was in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear.

## Betty Phillips Berta, loved to sing and dance

Newark resident Betty Phillips Berta died on Friday, July 26, 2002, after battling a lengthy illness.

Phillips, 78, enjoyed singing, dancing, swimming, gardening, and playing bridge. She was a member of St. John's-Holy Angels Parish.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Andrew T. Berta; sons, Mark D. Berta of Newark, and A. Thomas Berta and his wife Jacklyn H. of Wilmington; and two grandsons.

Services were held at St. John the Baptist Church in Newark. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery in Wilmington.

## Raymond A. Russ retired from GM

Bear resident Raymond A. Russ died on Friday, July 26, 2002.

Russ, 77, was employed by General Motors on Boxwood Road for 30 years as an assemblyman and metal finisher, retiring in 1982. His favorite pastime was hunting.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elizabeth "West" Russ; children, Peggy Vance, Raymond J. Russ, Judy Riley, Betty Griest, Steve

Russ, Donald R. Russ, Dale Finerty and Barbara Rossi; sisters, Alma Williams and Evelyn Sykes; 18 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Gebhart Funeral Home in New Castle. Burial was private.

## Victoria Louise Mae Evans, one year old

Former resident of Newark Victoria Louise Mae Evans died on Saturday, July 27, 2002.

Evans, age one, was born in September in Newark.

She is survived by her mother, Heather Price of Lewes; father, Steven Evans of Lewes.

Services were held at St. Jude's the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Lewes. Burial was in All Saints Cemetery in Wilmington.

## Margie Marie Barker, hotel housekeeper

Newark resident Margie Marie Barker died on Saturday, July 27, 2002, following a three month struggle with cancer.

Barker, 64, was born in Abbs Valley, Va. She attended Pocahontas High School before taking a job at the Bata Shoe Company of Belcamp, Md. As a child, she enjoyed singing in the church choir and was baptized at age 23.

Since 1998, she had attended Ogletown Baptist Church in Newark. After raising her children, she worked 19 years as a housekeeper for the Holiday Inn in Newark.

She is survived by her children,

## Edwin Harrison Schwatka retired from Chrysler, World War II vet

NEWARK area resident Edwin Harrison Schwatka died on Monday, July 29, 2002.

Schwatka, 76, had worked in the Newark Parts Depot of Chrysler Corporation, retiring in 1988 after 39 years of service.

He was a past member of the Townsend Volunteer Fire Company and had played on the Townsend baseball team. He enjoyed vegetable gardening, visiting with friends in his neighborhood, and bird watching and feeding.

Schwatka was also an avid baseball fan.

A US Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received during combat in Okinawa.

He is survived by his children, Edwin H. Schwatka Jr. of Townsend, Irma S. New of Irmo, S.C., Karen L. Leach of New Castle, and Frances M. McCaffery of Newark; step-daughter, Joanne M. Ford of Townsend; brother, Clarence Schwatka of Townsend; sister, Eva Krouse of Dover; 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in New Castle. Interment was private.

Cheryl Barker of Newark, Bill Barker and his wife Anne of Arlington, Va., Kevin Barker of Smyrna, Daryl Barker of Newark, and Alan Barker and his wife Patricia of Newark; one grandson; siblings, Sara Graybeal of Millington, Md., Janice Parsons of Winston Salem, N.C., Brenda Hale and Bill Simons, both of Colora, Md., Frank Simons of Lincolnton, N.C., Ronald Simons of Abingdon, Md., Larry Simons of Conowingo, Md., Roger Simons of Belair, Md., and Melvin Simons, Kaye Shupe, and Jerry Simons of Abbs Valley, Va.

Services were held at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in Newark. Interment was in Troutdale, Va.

## Elizabeth Schroeder, sang with Radcliffe Choral Society

Newark resident Elizabeth Barnes Schroeder died on Saturday, July 27, 2002, after a long illness, and one week before her 87th birthday.

Schroeder, 86, was born in Hillsborough, N. H.

She graduated in 1936 from Radcliffe College and was married at the family homestead in Hillsborough in 1938.

Tracing her ancestry to signers of the Magna Charta, a Knight of the Garter, passengers on the Mayflower, and Revolutionary patriots,

Schroeder was proud of her English and colonial heritage. Family was the center of her life.

Schroeder loved to travel, particularly to places of great natural beauty or fascinating habitat, where she could concentrate on birds and other animals.

At home she enjoyed reading, and

corresponding with family and friends whom she had met on her travels.

Having sung with the Radcliffe Choral Society, she had an intense and abiding love for choral music, and would hum or sing selections from the Brahms Requiem and the Bach B-Minor Mass which the Society performed with the Boston Symphony.

Creative needlework was a passion, which developed from her childhood exposure to the creation of family samplers.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Herman; sons, Ned and Peter Schroeder; daughters, Nancy Tarczy and Martha Lewis; seven grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and her beloved niece, Karen Lathrop.

Service and interment was privately held at Lower Brandywine Cemetery

## John D. "Vig" Vigilante retired from Chrysler

Newark area resident John D. Vigilante died on Sunday, July 28, 2002, after a lengthy illness.

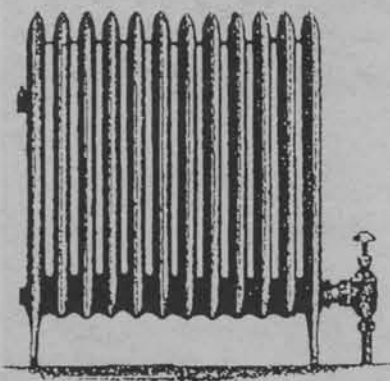
Vigilante, 76, was born in Chadds Ford, Pa. He was a graduate of Unionville High School.

He served in the United States Navy as a first class petty officer from January 1944 to May 1946.

He was the owner/operator of the Spaghetti House in Jennersville, Pa., and the Mobil Gas Station in Kennett Square, Pa.

Vigilante was also employed on

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the assembly line for Chrysler Motors, where he retired in 1988 after 24 years of service.

He also worked as a bulldozer operator.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Church in Kennett Square, Pa.

His hobbies included cars (Opal-John), sports, bowling and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Rose Falcone Vigilante; daughter, Mary Ann Misetic of Exton, Pa.; son, Michael A. Vigilante of Los Angeles, Calif.; brothers, Joseph Vigilante of Philadelphia, Pa., Albert Vigilante of Hershey, Pa., Nicholas Vigilante of New Jersey, and Antonio Vigilante Jr. of Oldsmar, Fla.; sisters, Antoinette Bush of Michigan and Lillian Bruno of West Chester, Pa.; and one grandchild.

Services were held at the Kuzo & Gofus Funeral Home Ltd. and at St. Patrick's Church, both located in Kennett Square, Pa. Interment was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Kennett Square, Pa.

## Byard Foraker, was a member of Port Penn Fire Company

Newark resident Byard Foraker died on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002.

Byard, 63, was also known as "Butch" to his family and friends.

He had worked as a Security Guard at A.I. DuPont Childrens Hospital and also in the Nemours Building in Wilmington.

Foraker was also involved with research projects for Hemophilia.

He joined the Augustine Fire Company when he was 16, which later became the Port Penn Fire Company. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and listening to Blue Grass music. He was well known for his story telling.

He is survived by his daughters, Angela Foraker, Cynthia Lavell and Elizabeth Foraker, all of Newark; five grandchildren; brother, Robert Foraker of Port Penn; sister, Dian Keen of Port Penn; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Daniels and Hutchison Funeral Home in Middletown. Burial was private.

## Joseph Iezzi, served in U.S. Army during Korean War

Newark resident Joseph Iezzi died on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002.

Iezzi, 73, was born in Torino Di Sangro, Italy, and came to the United States at the age of nine. He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Iezzi worked for the U.S. Postal Service, Miles Shoes, Matthews Furniture, Lou's Shoe Bazaar and retired from Happy Harry's Warehouse in Newark. He was an avid gardener.

He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Dolores "Zaini" Iezzi; children, Marie "Iezzi" Schuster and her fiancé Keith Murson, Florence "Iezzi" DiTeodoro and her husband Mario Jr. and Thomas Iezzi and his wife Rose "Arcidiacono" Iezzi; five grandchildren; brother Antonio Iezzi and his wife Gemma.

Services were held at Saint Anthony of Padua Church and Corleto-Latina Funeral Home, both

# Carl S. Chopack Sr., manager of Delaware Diamonds

NEWARK resident Carl S. Chopack Sr. died on Wednesday, July 31, 2002.

Chopack, 73, was formerly of New Castle. He was born in Wilkes Barre, Pa.

He served his country as a US Navy Veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He worked as a steelburner at the former Phoenix Steel

Corporation in Claymont, retiring in 1979, after 10 years of service.

Chopack was the former manager of the Delaware Diamonds Softball Team in Newark.

He is survived by his children, Karen L. Harris and her husband Don, and Joanne M. Antonio and her husband Joe, all of Middletown, Carl S. Chopack Jr. and his wife Janet

of Newark, and Stephen A. Chopack of New Castle; sister, Margaret Musto and her husband Rocco of Wilkes Barre, Pa.; nine grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and long-time companion, Maureen Murphy.

Services were held at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in New Castle.

Interment was private.

located in Wilmington. Entombment was in Cathedral Cemetery also in Wilmington.

## Louise R. Helman, teacher for 20 years

Newark resident Louise R. Helman died on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002.

Helman, 60, had been a teacher with the Christina School District for over 20 years. She was a 1961 graduate of Brandywine High School and a 1979 graduate of the University of Delaware.

She is survived by her sons, Thomas H. Mentrak Jr. of Elkton, Md., and Peter J. Helman of Spokane, Wash.; mother, Ruth Staples Randall of West Grove, Pa.; brother, Peter Randall of West Chester, Pa.; and two grandchildren.

Services were held at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in Newark.

## Linda L. Farmer, office manager of M&M Flooring

Newark resident Linda L. Farmer died on Friday, Aug. 2, 2002.

Farmer, 54, was born in West Chester, Pa. She has lived in Newark for the past nine years and was formerly of Oxford, Pa.

She was a graduate of the Oxford Area High School, Class of 1966 and a graduate of the U.S.W. Computer Center in Newark. She was employed as an office manager for Matt McGuire of M&M Flooring in Bear, for the past seven years.

She was a member of the Word of Life Christian Center in Newark, and was actively involved in the Nursery Ministry. She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Donald G. Farmer; son, Jeffrey M. Farmer of Newark; brothers, Dale W. Howell of Oxford, Pa., Steve E. Howell of Nottingham,

Pa., Richard J. Howell of Nottingham, Pa., Randy L. Howell of Clearwater, Fla., David E. Howell of Nottingham, Pa., and Michael A. Howell of Nottingham, Pa.; sisters, Debra H. Long of Elkton, Md., and Sandy Schimelfenig of Newark; several nephews and several nieces; two great-nephews; and one great-niece.

Services were held at the Edward L. Collins Funeral Home in Oxford, Pa., and at the Word of Life Christian Center in Newark. Interment was in the Nottingham Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in Nottingham, Pa.

## Ethel Baines, Iron Hill Auction manager

Newark area resident Ethel Margaret Baines died on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002.

Baines, 75, was a resident of Elkton, Md. She was born in Jackson County, N.C.

Baines had been the general man-

ager of the family business, Iron Hill Auction and had previously worked at Elkton Fashions in Elkton, Md.

She was a member of Elkton Church of God and enjoyed gardening, working on the computer, working crossword puzzles and listening to spiritual music.

She is survived by her children, P. Gail Evans of Elkton, Md., Larry D. Baines of Bloxom, Va., and Sandra K. Hamby of Frederick, Md.; siblings, Maude Griffin of Candler, N.C., Ruby Pearl Davis, Oak Ridge, Tenn., Lewis Gasaway, Powell, Tenn., Frank Gasaway, Bryson City, N.C., and Marie Pitts, Whittier, N.C.; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Elkton Church of God and at Hicks Home for Funerals. Interment was in the Gilpin Manor Memorial Park.

## Raymond H. Lessig, engineer for DuPont

Former Newark resident Raymond H. Lessig died on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002.

Lessig, 68, was born in Grand Island, Neb., and graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1962. He worked for the DuPont Company for more than 30 years as a mechanical engineer and retired in 1995.

He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for 39 years. Lessig enjoyed gardening, car repair and working around the house.

He was survived by his wife of 36 years, Eva M. Wilson Lessig; son, Steven R. Lessig and his wife Wendy of Ambler, Pa.; sisters, Eva M. Lessig, Delores Langenheder and Marilyn Paustian all of Nebraska; brothers, Harold, John, Arnold, Donald, and Merle Lessig, all of Nebraska, and Robert Lessig of Utah.

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# Cooch's Bridge battle reenactment Saturday

By ERIC G. STARK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**B** RITISH ships arrived in Elkton, Md. on Aug. 25, 1777, rested, restocked their food and started their march toward the capture of Philadelphia. Along the way, British troops, which numbered 18,000, engaged in battle with 770 American soldiers who were known for their marksmanship at Cooch's Bridge in Newark.

Saturday you can step back in time and experience what it was like to be near Cooch's Bridge on that very hot Sept. 3, 1777 day.



More than 100 reenactors, traveling from northern Virginia, eastern and western Pennsylvania and Ohio, will converge at Cooch's Bridge for a reenactment of this battle, the only Revolutionary War battle fought in Delaware.

The battle, which celebrates its 225th anniversary and coincides with the Colonial Town Fair in downtown Newark (noon to 6 p.m.), was the first battle in the British troops Philadelphia Campaign and the was the first battle

outside of New England and New Jersey.

Visitors can see talk to the soldiers who will be at their "flying camps" and in full character at 10 a.m. There will be a ceremony on the lawn of the Cooch home, located on Old Baltimore Pike. Edward W. Cooch, Esq. will tell the story of the first battle. Gov. Ruth Ann Minner, and the National Guard Band will also be in attendance.

Visitors will follow the Air National Guard across the Christina Creek to the battle scene. At 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. soldiers will reenact the battle, which was first reenacted in 1977 to celebrate its 200th anniversary.

"A lot more scholarship and research went into this one," Paul Bauernschmidt, public information officer for the Delaware Heritage Commission, said. "There is more known about the battle and it should be historically accurate."

"This will be a quality battle, because we are only bringing in the top reenactors. We call these guys the 'Stitch Nazis' because they really get into it. They are accurate right down to the stitch count of their clothing."

Activities for the reenactment actually begin Friday night in the Glasgow High School auditorium with free lectures from historians from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be free parking at Glasgow High School and free shuttle buses to the battle site will be provided.

The scholars giving lectures on the battle include Wade

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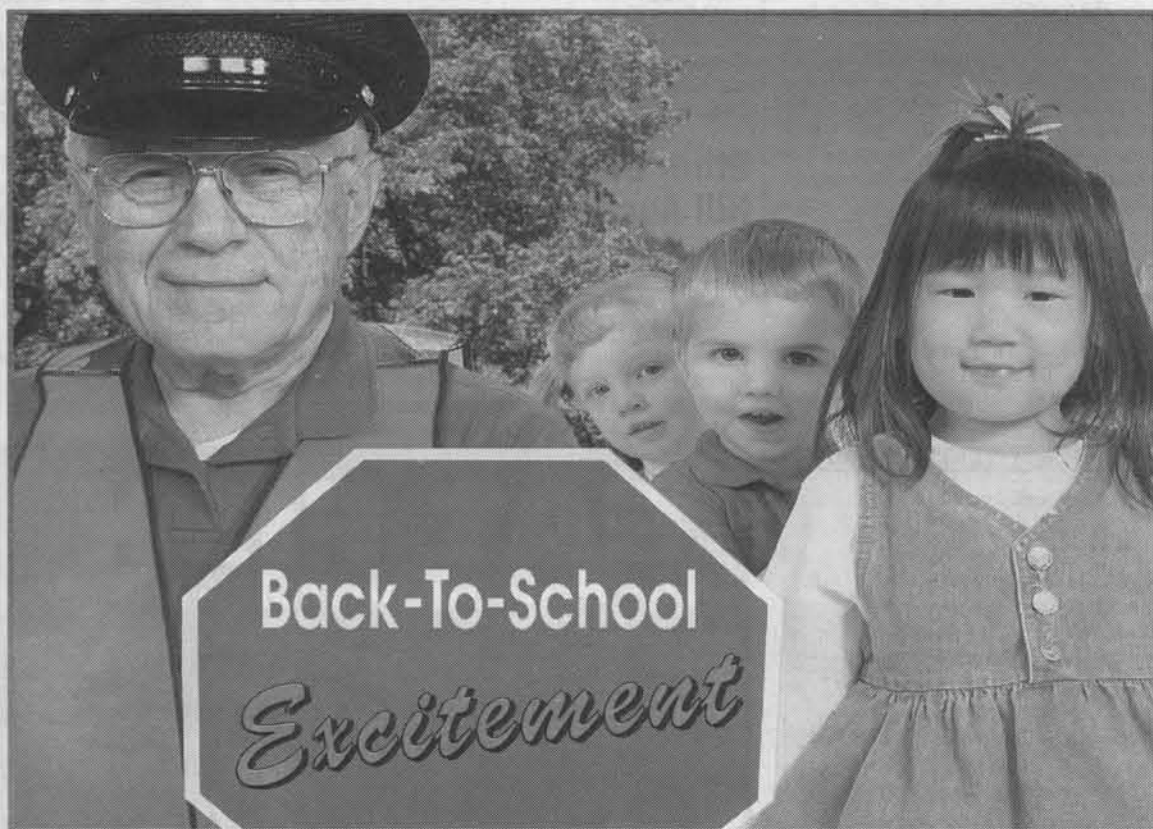
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