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UP FRONT

Is my dexterity failing?

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

LAST weekend, my cousin, Don, visited. He likes Delaware and Newark in particular, so Linda and I do what we can to make him feel welcome here.

His brew preference is Corona so I made a stop at the package goods store. Actually, it was one of several stops. When I arrived home, the 12-pack of beer was one of a half-dozen parcels, bags, newspapers and bottles that I needed to juggle into the house.

The Corona box officially is a two-handed carry. But I'm certain I'm not the first to thrust my hand into just one of the box openings and lift.

I was handling the gallon jug of milk, bags of pretzels from Happy Harry's and CD cases pretty well until, without warning, the beer box handle ripped out and tumbled three feet to the 100-degree driveway. Suddenly, I was down to a 6-pack amid the sweet smell of boiling beer.

Why don't the Corona people make their boxes as bulletproof as other packaging has become?

For example, last

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Parking issue disappears

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ON Aug. 22, the Newark City Council will reconsider a plan that would tear down Main Street's Stone Balloon and replace it with a 54-unit condominium building.

The project, which is known as Waterstone, has been scaled down several times since it was first proposed.

First, the applicants, the

"We think collectively that we've gotten to the ultimate plan that meets council's suggestions and is still financially viable."

JIM BAUERLE

OWNER OF THE STONE BALLOON

Graceland Group LLC, sought to build a four-and-a-half story condominium building with 5,000 square feet of retail space and 85

units, which required a 22-space parking waiver.

However, the project was deemed too large by the city's

Planning Commission and members of the city staff.

The Graceland Group withdrew its application and recrafted the design to contain 54 units and 6,000 square feet of retail space. This plan required a 32-space parking waiver.

Council members tabled that proposal on July 25, while urging the Graceland Group to return with a new design that provided adequate parking.

"It's amazing to me that you

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Students will return to safer schools

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

SECURITY initiatives begun last year in the Christina District will be augmented in the coming year. "I don't know of any other school district where students and staff can feel as safe and comfortable," assistant superintendent Jeff Edmison said.

"We're just real happy we can do that."

Three Security Associates will again work full-time in each high school. "We previously had contract personnel from security companies," explained Edmison, "but found that was not as effective as having District employees in this role."

A security background is helpful, but more importantly, secu-

rity associates must have experience working with young people and the ability to establish rapport with students on a daily basis. "These persons interface with students throughout the day, inside and outside the buildings," Edmison said. "They get to know each student and can tell when something is not going the way it should."

In addition, each high school

has a School Resource Officer from the State Police in the building throughout the school day. "Beginning this year, we will have SROs in the middle schools as well, bringing the total police officers to six," said Edmison.

Despite their similar goals, security associates and resource officers have different jobs. "SROs are here all day and are

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Newark teen eyes national crown

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

IT wasn't the moment that the crown was placed on Devon's head that made her dad's heart stop. Richard Gregg's heart had

paused mid-beat much earlier in the pageant at the sight of his little girl first walking on stage.

"You see your kid stand up, all alone on stage, and present herself. All of a sudden, right there, that was a moment," he said. "That was something that I'll never forget."

On July 30, Devon Gregg, a Newark native, won her second title as Ms. Delaware Junior Teen and made her dad very, very proud.

So far, Devon has won every state title she's competed for. Now, she's working on a national one.

In November, she will compete with other Ms. Junior Teen state finalists for the country's



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Above: Devon Gregg in the spotlight at the July 30 Ms. Delaware Junior Teen competition. Left: With other finalists.



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Man attacked

A 39-year-old Newark man told police that he was assaulted as he arrived at his residence in the unit block Continental Avenue at 9:40 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14.

The victim told police that three black males inside a minivan followed him as he walked home. When he arrived at his destination, the three men, ages 18 to 25, got out of their vehicle and rushed the victim. They attacked the man near a door at the rear of the home, then fled, police were told.

The victim suffered scrapes to his leg and arm.

Investigation is continuing, Newark police said.

Vandals trash seven apartments

Newark police were told on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 12:23 p.m. that vandals entered seven units in the University Courtyard apartments, 1 Scholar Dr., and discharged seven fire extinguishers.

Apartment management estimated it would cost \$1,400 to have the seven units cleaned.

Wallet stolen

A 45-year-old man told Newark police that his wallet was missing after three men, two black, one white, and a white woman knocked on his door at the Howard Johnson Lodge, 1119 S. College Ave., at 3:45 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13.

The four pushed their way into the man's room as the victim fled to get help. When he returned, his wallet was missing from a briefcase and the assailants were gone, police were told.

Investigation is continuing.

Items disappear during weekend party

A resident of the unit block North Chapel Street told Newark police that a digital camera, iPod, PlayStation and a video game disappeared between 12:15 and 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13.

The thefts took place while the victim was hosting a party for 25 people.

The missing items were valued at \$900, police said.

Other incidents

■ A mountain bike valued at \$80 was stolen from the rear of a home in the 200 block King William Street, police were told on Friday, Aug. 12, at 12:15 p.m.;

■ Vandals poured Super Glue into the front-door lock at the Nextel store, 301 College Square, it was reported at 9:01 a.m. on

Newark teen shot, killed

HAROLD Jackson, an 18-year-old Newark-area resident, was shot and killed Aug. 13, according to New Castle County police.

Around 10:40 p.m. Saturday evening, New Castle County Police received a report of shots fired in the 200 block of Parma Avenue in the community of Arbour Place in New Castle.

Seconds later, the county's 9-1-1 Center was told that a vehicle had crashed into a home on Bizarre Avenue.

When police officers arrived, they discovered Jackson behind the wheel. He was rushed to the Christiana Hospital where he later died, police said.

Investigators believe the victim and two males were arguing in the area of the 200 block of Parma Avenue. During the dispute, one of the men shot Jackson, who was able to run to his car and drive toward Bizarre Avenue. There, the car crashed into a home, causing minor structural damage to the residence.

Police are seeking two suspects. They are described as black males in their late teens or early 20's who were wearing dark colored shirts and blue jean shorts. To offer an anonymous tip, contact the New Castle County Police Department at 395-8171 or call Crimestoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333.

Friday, Aug. 12. Two signs, valued at \$1,300, also were damaged;

■ Between 12:37 and 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11, vandals damaged a vinyl fence at the Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave.;

■ Vandals spray-painted graffiti on the side wall of Delaware Book Exchange, 58 E. Main St., police were told at 10:08 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11;

■ A large amount of cash disappeared from an employee's wallet while it was left in a break room at Newark Dodge, 250 Elton Road, on Monday, Aug. 8, between 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.;

■ A customer used fraudulent credit information to purchase a TV system valued at \$5,028 from Theater Xtreme, 218 E. Main St., on Wednesday, July 27, at 4:14 p.m.;

■ Police were told a white dog statue valued at \$75 was removed from the lawn of a home in the 300 block Chickory Way on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 4:58 p.m.;

■ A jar collecting donations to fight breast cancer was stolen from the counter inside Sally Beauty Supply, 381 College Square, on Monday, Aug. 8, at 9:40 p.m.

Vehicles hit

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

Parking lot of Howard Johnson Lodge, 1119 S. College Ave., on Sunday, Aug. 14, at 6:38 a.m., cellular telephone removed from a parked vehicle;

On the roadway at 59 Lovett Ave., on Friday, Aug. 12, at 8:46 a.m., driver-side rear-view mirror broken on a 1999 Honda;

A 1993 Ford Aerostar van and a 1999 Dodge Neon were stolen from the lot at **Porter Nissan, 600 Ogletown Road,** police were told on Thursday, Aug. 11, at 3:08 p.m. The two vehicles were valued at \$3,200.

Lovett Avenue and Haines Street, plastic water bottle thrown at car, on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 7:40 p.m.;

6102 Welsh Tract Road, on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 11:48 a.m., electronics equipment valued at \$1,740 stolen from parked after an alarm on a 2001 Honda was disabled;

Winner Ford body shop, 303 E. Cleveland Ave., on Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 3:50 p.m., after-market directional lights removed from 2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse. At 11:59 p.m. the same day, a car stereo valued at \$250 was reported missing from a blue Acura;

Parking lot of Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave., on Monday, Aug. 8, at 7:30 p.m., car stereo damaged as thieves unsuccessfully attempted to remove it; and

304 Amorosa Way, on Thursday, Aug. 4, at 5:38 a.m., cinder blocks thrown to shatter windows of a 2004 Nissan Quest and 2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser.

Alcohol, noise law violations listed

Officers of the Newark Police Department have continued stepped-up enforcement of alcohol-related and noise laws during the Dog Days of Summer. Some charges grew out of "Cops In Shops" details when plains-



Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR JULY 24-30, 2005 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

| | INVESTIGATIONS | | | CRIMINAL CHARGES | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | 2004 TO DATE | 2005 TO DATE | THIS WEEK | 2004 TO DATE | 2005 TO DATE | THIS WEEK |
| PART I OFFENSES | | | | | | |
| Murder/manslaughter | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Attempted murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kidnap | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Rape | 10 | 11 | 0 | 26 | 5 | 0 |
| Unlawful sexual contact | 7 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Robbery | 33 | 30 | 1 | 24 | 25 | 0 |
| Aggravated assault | 14 | 22 | 0 | 6 | 12 | 0 |
| Burglary | 114 | 105 | 2 | 39 | 43 | 0 |
| Theft | 577 | 514 | 19 | 163 | 171 | 1 |
| Auto theft | 48 | 65 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 1 |
| Arson | 6 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| All other | -- | 34 | 2 | -- | 56 | 4 |
| TOTAL PART I | 811 | 793 | 28 | 273 | 331 | 6 |
| PART II OFFENSES | | | | | | |
| Other assaults | 214 | 250 | 10 | 183 | 169 | 6 |
| Receiving stolen property | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 12 | 0 |
| Criminal mischief | 403 | 386 | 19 | 292 | 46 | 4 |
| Weapons | 7 | 10 | 0 | 54 | 56 | 0 |
| Other sex offenses | 10 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| Alcohol | 219 | 194 | 1 | 421 | 350 | 5 |
| Drugs | 54 | 71 | 0 | 174 | 257 | 7 |
| Noise/disorderly premise | 374 | 421 | 10 | 155 | 183 | 2 |
| Disorderly conduct | 536 | 493 | 17 | 93 | 89 | 0 |
| Trespass | 93 | 125 | 3 | 28 | 60 | 1 |
| All other | 457 | 354 | 6 | 170 | 113 | 0 |
| TOTAL PART II | 2367 | 2310 | 66 | 1595 | 1344 | 25 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | | |
| Alarm | 847 | 889 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Animal control | 473 | 306 | 13 | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| Recovered property | 178 | 148 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Service | 5505 | 5173 | 145 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suspicious person/vehicle | 604 | 975 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS | 7607 | 7491 | 201 | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| THIS WEEK 2004 2005 TO DATE THIS WEEK 2005 2005 TO DATE | | | | | | |
| TOTAL CALLS | 498 | 17504 | | 438 | 17160 | |

Christina has a plan

Special education curriculum, instruction targeted

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

CHRISTINA School District administrators have digested the input from staff and community members on special education and come up with a plan.

Starting with the 2005-06 school year, special education students will have a more rig-

orous curriculum in addition to instruction that adapts to different learning styles.

"People at the focus groups repeatedly told us that we need teaching that matches the child's learning style," said Debbie Dordan, District coordinator for accelerated and advanced studies. "Other common themes we heard in focus groups were giving special ed students equal consideration within the school community and the need for a more rigorous curriculum with the appropriate supports for these children."

School board president Brenda

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Smith steps down from traffic panel

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

TRAFFIC Committee and Transit Subcommittee co-chair Robert Smith announced his resignation after nearly three decades of work on traffic issues. Smith, who is moving to Jenner's Pond this September, feels that the position should be filled by a city resident.

The long-time civil servant said that he will miss his work on the committee, especially his time as a co-chair on the Transit Subcommittee.

"There were a lot of issues we focused on in the subcommittee that work towards reducing traffic congestion through the use of transit," he said. "Those issues made it worthwhile to do."

As a cancer survivor, Smith was constantly reminded that traffic issues often translate into health issues. "I am sensitive to the whole issue of air quality," he said. "My cancer puts me in that position, to remember that they are linked."

Tom Parkins, Smith's co-chair on the subcommittee said that Smith's organization, dedication and ability to run a smooth meet-

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Lack of transportation funds stalls Newark bike trail project

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A federal bill that funds transportation programs throughout the state is running into its first roadblocks just a week after being signed into law. The Federal Highway Safety Bill allocated more than \$286 billion for transit programs across the country — \$63 million of which goes toward Delaware roadways. However, that money may get kicked to the curb. The bill stipulates that the remaining funds — 20 percent of the cost — must come from the state. But a troubled ledger that's running a \$211 million deficit at the Delaware Department of Transportation could prevent most of these programs from taking off.

"The problem with the federal money is that we don't have the 20 percent match to spend," said DelDOT spokesman Darrel Cole. "The assumption that the money is deposited in DelDOT's account is not accurate."

In Newark, that means more

delays on the much-anticipated Pomeroy Bike Path. The project, which was awarded \$4.7 million, will have to wait until a 20 percent match is found. The state has until 2009 to come up with financing, or the money has to be returned.

"The allocation will come to use," Cole said. "We're not going to have to give the money back."

But Cole warns that there will have to be a financial overhaul on the department before DelDOT will be able to fund anything but the most necessary projects.

"We are incredibly grateful to Sen. Thomas Carper [who sat on the committee that help draft the bill] for he worked very hard on this," Cole said. "But this doesn't come close to solving state funding problem. The key is relying on the state legislature to find long-term solutions."

In the mean time, a task force commissioned by the governor is investigating ways to better fund DelDOT.

Newark City Councilman Dave Athey said that the delay

of the Pomeroy Bike Trail project does not come as welcome news, but does not spell out the end for the project.

"Yes it's disappointing," he said. "However, it's important to recognize that we're competing with a lot of other towns and a lot of other projects. So long as it is not shelved and still moving forward in some fashion, then that's OK. Ideally, we'd like to have all of the money at one time, but I recognize that this is not an ideal time."

Even though all of the costs are not yet covered for the Pomeroy Bike Trail, the state can still take baby steps forward on the project. In-house design teams can work on sketches and preliminary plans, Cole said. "We can still move forward with planning and designing," Cole said. "That doesn't cost us too much."

Preliminary designs map the bike path to connect the new Newark Train station, the James Hall Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail, the planned Newark Transit Hub, downtown Newark and White Clay Creek State Park.

Book details 'Grandmother's Journey Through Grief'

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

NINA Bennett doesn't wear her heart on her sleeve. She wears it on her book jacket.

It's all there: the grief that mauled her heart and crowded her consciousness, the sadness, the anger, and most of all, the frustration. Those emotions drove her to write her book, "Forgotten Tears, A Grandmother's Journey Through Grief."

The Newark native's story starts in November 2003 with

the stillborn birth of her granddaughter. Her daughter-in-law enjoyed a full-term pregnancy, filled with all the happy traditions that accompany it. There were the sonograms and the baby showers. There was the excitement of buying baby clothes and the anticipation of a new family member. Everything seemed as it should.

"The best the doctors could figure is that she died in delivery," Bennett said. "Everyone was so devastated."

The emotional cyclone the followed was tough for Bennett to bear, even though she had been a bereavement counselor for years

at a local HIV clinic. In some ways, her grief training only confused her own emotions.

"I thought I would be better able to get through the ordeal because of my training," she said. "But it didn't help me at all. I knew all of the stages and theories of grief, but



Bennett

it didn't make sense to me personally. And because I was so confused, I thought I was doing something wrong."

She turned to research to help hunt down the solace she hungered for, but it eluded her time and time again. She devoured Web site after Web site, book after book. But each one only fleetingly mentioned the loss grandparents endure in their grandchild's death. Instead, Nana's and Grandpa's were told to be strong. They were urged to keep a stoic face. Their pain wasn't recognized.

A month and a half later,

Bennett was telling her daughter that she knew what she wanted to read. She wanted to read something encouraging. "So she told me, 'Well, then that's what you need to do. You need to write that book,'" Bennett said. "And that's what I did."

Bennett's book takes the reader down the path of loss through the words of 10 grandparents. Bennett lines their tales with the psychology behind grief and offers the reader some advice. She urges them to remember the grandchild they've lost. Keep photos around. Say their name

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In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

NOTE PAD

No Mars sightings

MUCH to the disappointment of adults and children throughout the country, Mars will not be closer to the Earth this month (*Newark Post*, July 29). The report we noted, along with hundreds of other publications, has been determined to be a hoax. We are sorrier than you can imagine.

School starts in just 10 days

Yes, you read that correctly. Students in public schools go back to classes starting Monday, Aug. 25. In the Christina District, teachers have staff development Aug. 22 to 24. K-9 students report on Aug. 29 and all K-12 students report on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Freshman nights set

Newark High School will hold Orientation for ninth grade students and their parents on Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at two locations: the NHS auditorium in Newark and Neighborhood House at 1218 B St., Wilmington.

Back-to-school night for freshmen and their parents at Glasgow High School will be Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. New students can meet teachers, tour the high school and receive information.

Christiana High School's orientation night for incoming freshmen and parents is Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. This is an important time to meet teachers and see the school facilities on Salem Church Road, CHS officials say.

Glasgow High has new phone number

Glasgow High School updated their phone system and the new main phone line is 302-631-5600. This change has not affected the school's e-mail address.

Get info 24/7

Parents and others can get the latest news and regulations about the Christina District, including links to individual schools at www.christina.k12.de.us/.

Providing a new point of view

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A year after David Matusiewicz bought the optometrist office on Newark's Main Street in 1993, he began offering his annual Back-To-School special. "There's been an eye doctor at this location since back in the 40s," Matusiewicz said. "I started offering eye exams costing \$1 for each year of a child's age about 11 years ago."

Adult patients coming to Matusiewicz's Vision Center told him they worried about their children's eyesight but lacked insurance to cover their exams. "It's been busy and popular here at this time of year ever since we started doing this," he said. "We generally do up to 50 exams during the special that normally would cost \$130 out-of-pocket for a patient not covered by insurance."

Patients talk to Matusiewicz about many health concerns during their eye exams. "I have senior citizens who tell me they are terrified about their health care expenses," Matusiewicz said. "Medicare covers routine eye exams, but one woman told

me she pays \$700 a month for prescriptions out of her railroad pension of \$881 a month. How does she live?"

Once children without insurance get their eye exams, they and their parents face the possible expense of eyeglasses to correct vision problems. "We offer various programs for eyeglasses depending on income," Matusiewicz said. "We also donate the cost of the eyeglasses for some and get used eyeglasses from the Lions Club that we pass on in some instances."

The Lions Club collects and donates used eyeglasses for children and adults in communities all over the world. "Many of the Lions' eyeglasses are donated by older people," said Matusiewicz. "They tend to have bigger frames than children need, so we still have to do some work on them to make them usable for younger patients."

Another Delaware population also benefits from Matusiewicz's services. "I'm the clinical director for the Special Olympics in Delaware," he explained. "Once a year, I and other local eye doctors do eye screenings and prescribe glasses and aquatic goggles, etc.,



PHOTO BY MARY E. PETZAK

David Matusiewicz's Vision Center on Main Street in Newark offers back-to-school specials for children of all ages.

during the Special Olympics at the Bob Carpenter complex."

As clinical director, Matusiewicz organizes not only eye doctors, but local podiatrists, dentists, etc., who also donate their time at the event. "There's

an average of 1,100 Special Olympians in one place at one time," he said. "We put them all in one, big tent with the doctors and do as many exams as we

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NHS students marching to a new tune

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

JAMES Smisek was only on the job as band director at Newark High School for three days but he clearly felt changes had to be made.

"We had to change the scheduling for band practices," Smisek said as the marching band practiced drills on the field behind him. "The problem was there wasn't any scheduling, so the students were not meeting consistently."

In the past, students were pulled from other classes during the school day for band practice. "It could be chemistry or calculus or any subject," Smisek said. "I don't see how those teachers put up with it."

The jazz ensemble practice was a particularly "large" issue. "In the past, the jazz ensemble only practiced in the band room during their 25-minute lunch period," Smisek said. "That's not enough practice time and using their lunch period is against state

law."

As band director, Smisek will teach the wind and symphonic concert bands, the jazz and percussion ensembles and the marching band. "The orchestra and choir have other teachers," he explained. "And the color guard that marches with the band goes to a color guard class called visible ensemble."

Smisek's assistant band director, Douglas Presley, is also new this year. "I know him because we were both grad assistants in the music department at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro," Smisek said. "We shared an office."

Last week's band camp was Smisek's introduction to Newark High musicians and color guard. Smisek alternated calling out directions while tapping time with two batons and pacing off spaces in the band's formation. "All four classes are represented in the band," he said. "We have some freshman and new band members from out of state."

Smisek is focused on push-



PHOTO BY MARY E. PETZAK

During band camp last week, Newark High School's Marching Band did some intensive drilling under the watchful eye of the new band director, James Smisek (left, with hat).

ing the students to the next level in their performance and music skills. "The concert bands would have a mass practice in the past," he said. "But some students would not get to play their instruments for half the year because they were not used in the bands."

These students could play other instruments such as the cymbal for the band practice.

"But they were just sitting in class and not getting any better in their instruments," Smisek said. "This year, in addition to their classes, we have marching band practice outside two days a week after school. That was not done either."

Music practice was scheduled into the 2005-06 school day along

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NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY SEAN KANE

MEET, GREET AT NHS

Old and new staff members and volunteers

at Newark High School held a softball game and cookout last weekend to warm-up for the imminent school year. Principal Emmanuel Caulk and Shane Kudlick, 7, still felt energetic after the game. Beth Kudlick, Shane's mother, has been teaching English at NHS for five years.

More focus on basics

► BAND, from 4

with academic courses and periods. "Everybody is having panic attacks (over the scheduling) and worrying about not being able to be in jazz or whatever," Smisek said. "I told them to relax; everybody else in the country does it this way and it works. It's just commonsense to have a schedule."

Drum major Neeil Barua, a senior and saxophonist, likes the new program so far. "Mr. Smisek is drilling (the band) over and over in the basics so it gets ingrained in their brains," Barua said. "We never did that before and the performance wasn't as good."

Senior Sarah Talmo, the band's second drum major and also a saxophonist, agreed with Barua. "It's a little different this year," she said. "I definitely think the band this year is smaller and that's better."

Senior Nadia Lepori-Bui added, "With the band being smaller, everyone is getting more attention." As a trumpet player and field commander in the marching band, Lepori-Bui plays and also gets to "conduct a little."

Senior AJ Borrero, who plays on the band's drumline, was anxious to note that the Yellowjackets are the current state champions. The marching band members obviously feel they are part of all that glory on the football field.

In addition to taking the school's music program to a higher level, Smisek also wants to start a Band Masters Association in Delaware. "Not having that is a big problem because with no Association, there are no District festivals or competitions," he explained. "The kids don't discover how good they are or have experts tell them they need to work on their music or style. They need that to develop."

Wise elected to national board

CHRISTINA District school superintendent Joseph Wise was elected to serve on the board of directors for the Northwest Evaluation Association in June. NWEA provides MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) to more than 1,200 districts, states and other education organizations representing three million students nationwide.

Wise joins school leaders throughout the country in shaping the goals of the organization. According to NWEA's Web site, MAP assessments ensure that every student is learning and growing — from at-risk students to high achievers. MAP assessment data lets educators make student-focused, data-driven

decisions.

Christina District was the first public school system in Delaware to initiate the computer-delivered, adaptive MAP assessments currently used in all District middle and high schools. At present, MAP assessments are used to determine each tested student's progress in reading and math but a pilot program is underway for possible science assessments.

In the 2004-05 school year, all 6th grade stu-

dents in Christina District were assessed through MAP, which helped school principals and teachers determine each student's placement and academic needs. In the coming year, all Christina students in grades 2-10 will be evaluated using MAP assessments.

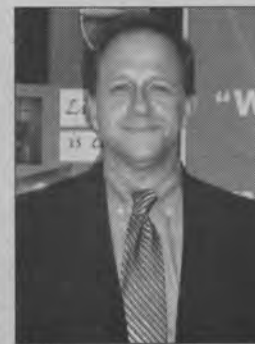


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Joseph Wise

"By serving on the board of NWEA, I will be able to promote the use of formative assessments to drive student achievement, especially in urban school districts," Wise said. "Real reform can't happen unless school leaders use data to inform teachers and shape instruction."

With 20,000 students from throughout New Castle County, Christina District is the largest public school system in Delaware. Wise has been Christina's school superintendent since July 2003.

Starting in 1974, NWEA grew out of a partnership between administrators of a school district in Portland, Ore., and one in Seattle, Wash. The organization incorporated as a non-profit in 1977. For more information, visit www.nwea.org.

Glasses available

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can. My patients can get their eyeglasses right on site the same day."

Some of the adult Olympians he examines have never been in an eye doctor's chair.

"One young woman had four or five silver medals around her

neck," Matusiewicz recalled. "She had never won a gold medal because she couldn't see the finish line."

The doctor explained that the athlete raced by following the person in front of her, but when that runner pulled away, she was lost. "After I gave her eyeglasses, she won a gold medal," Matusiewicz said proudly.



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Laura, 4, thinks the chair in the examination room belongs to her.

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PAGES FROM THE PAST

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

■ Aug. 21, 1930

Typhoid fever warned

In view of the prevalence of typhoid fever in various parts of Delaware and in towns adjacent to Delaware, Dr. A.C. Jost, executive secretary of the State Board of Health, warns citizens of Delaware against this dreaded disease. He says the drought and low ground water has effects, both immediate and remote, on the prospects of spreading the disease. When water is scarce, it follows that impure water supplies, which would not be used in time of plenty, are sometimes thankfully used.

Effects may be no less evident, states Dr. Jost, if a prolonged drought is followed by a heavy rainfall which washes accumulated filth into watercourses and thence into wells or water supplies.

Fires cause heavy loss

According to a report of the State Forestry Department, there have been 105 forest and grass fires since January 1 of this year. This number represents only those that were reported and fought by volunteer fire companies, cooperating with the State Forestry Department, and by no means indicates the full number of fires which occurred and for which the department has neither report nor record. In all probabilities, the actual number of fires is in excess of 200.

Sussex County leads in the number of fires; their record being 60, while New Castle is second with 34. The remainder occurred in Kent County. Under the classification of causes, 34 are listed as unknown, 14 resulting from brush burning, 25 by railroads, and 9 from rubbish and ditch bank burning.

■ Aug. 20, 1980

Tax to save jobs

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 countywide rate of \$1.58 per \$100 of

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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.



This week, "Out of the Attic" continues a months-long series of photographs taken in the early 1950s of all buildings on Main Street in the downtown area. This treasure trove of nostalgia in borrowed from archives in the City of Newark municipal building. Few details were discovered with the color slides but they were believed to have been taken by Leo Laskaris in 1954. In

later years, photos of the same buildings were snapped as a project by some University of Delaware students. Some of them will be printed here as well. This week we offer this shot of the Blue Hen Cleaners, part of the State Theater building. The movie listed on the marquee was produced in 1940 but the Nash automobile in the foreground is from the early 1950s. Readers with

details about the buildings in this series are asked to the newspaper staff. "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, 737-0724.

POST COLUMNIST

'The Amish are everywhere'

By **ALFRED GRUBER**

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

TAKE a late afternoon drive while daylight is long; soak up Pennsylvania Dutch and Amish life and teach cow poker to the kids. A typical agricultural area is along Vintage Road which crosses Rte. 896 just about 20 miles outside of Newark.

Cow poker can start anytime, and you don't even need cards. Half of the car's occupants count cows to the right, the rest on the left. Cows are a point each, cemeteries five points. A new hand starts at each stop sign or traffic light.

Between hands, be sure to take note of the ribbon of new

asphalt up the middle of both lanes on Vintage Road. The shoes worn by horses pulling Amish buggies broke up the road. Feel the road 'thank-you-mams' on the hills. That lets an Amish horse blow during the long climb.

Try to pick out Amish homes. You can tell them apart from their neighbors when there are no electrical wires and the lush vegetable garden is bordered with flowers. Some places you'll see a blue square on a roof. It's a solar collector to charge batteries for the buggy night lights.

If time permits, stop in one of the four Amish food and hardware stores along the way. Smoke an Amish cigar and you'll quit the habit forever.

Need a cuddly guinea pig? Watch for the sign. Need a buffalo? Ten are roaming on the right. The signs say "Bison for sale" so here is an opportunity to take home a genuine piece of Americana on the hoof or frozen.

Vintage Road comes to the village of Vintage at Rte 30. Turn east and for a few miles the road parallels what was the Pennsylvania Railroad. It's probably CSX or Amtrak now. This was Pennsylvania's answer to New York's Erie Canal setting railroad stan-



Gruber

dards for the world. It was a 24-hour ride from NYC to St. Louis. All the major league teams rode it when St. Louis and Chicago were the leagues' westernmost franchises. The tracks penetrate the Corn Belt after climbing the Alleghenies at the Horseshoe Curve near Altoona.

Drive a bit further to the Rough and Tumble Museum on the left. There's much to see there. It all comes alive this weekend at the Threshermen's Reunion, Aug. 17-20. This is a cornucopia of noisy, hissing and snorting machinery mainly of the agricultural types. There is a tractor parade, a flea market, saw mill, shingling

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The frustrations of modern-day packaging

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Thursday I ordered a bowl of the delicious bean soup that is served from time to time at the Glass Kitchen on Route 40 in Glasgow.

My dexterity must be failing. When I grabbed a packet of saltines, I simply could not rip open the plastic covering. I wiped my fingers dry but still no luck. I took the restaurant knife but it was not sharp enough to cut the crackers open. When no one was looking, I was forced to gnaw open the now-crushed saltines with my teeth.

Modern-day packaging has become an issue in my life. Partly due to my age but more so to industry's consumer safety and security worries, it seems harder for me to open anything. I think the packaging industry may be overdoing it.

I bought a new bottle (is it really a bottle if it's plastic?) of Heinz ketchup. You know about these soldiers – the red ones that torture you because you get no

visible warning that you need to put ketchup on the shopping list until it's all gone.

Opening the top was easy enough but I couldn't pick open the aluminized cover that protects you from the vicious ketchup. I punched my index finger into the cover so hard that it broke my nail. Luckily, the water-tight, airtight, people-tight covering was no match for my ice pick (opening jar seals has become the sole use of such an implement these days.)

The last time I was at Camden Yards (you know it's been awhile because the Orioles were winning at the time) I bought the obligatory bag of peanuts. Try as I did, I couldn't pinch the bag and pull it open. I tried ripping the edge of the bag. Finally, the stranger seated next to me offered a keychain knife and I was soon shelling and crunching (Of course, I felt obligated to offer my neighbor some peanuts ... and he apparently liked 'em – he ate half my inventory.)

Then there are those half-gal-

lon paper cartons of milk and orange juice. When I was in elementary school, I mastered the art of opening paper spouts in half-pint cartons. But, today, no matter how carefully I push back the two sides of the spout in order for it to break open, I can't break the seal. Repair work, of course, requires taking a fork to dig out a separation in the spout. Usually, when I pour that first glass of milk or juice, the liquid spills, directing the contents on a 90-degree angle to the glass, all because I destroyed the spout in the opening process.

Buying trash and garbage bags on a roll seems smart until you go to use one. Apparently the plastic becomes sealed by static electricity or Super Glue and it sometimes takes minutes to get a bag open.

I needed a Band-Aid® recently and, to my amazement, there was a fresh box of Fred Flintstones in the medicine cabinet (half price from a Super Fresh close-out).

The cellophane cover on the box had an imbedded red tape

that offered simply "pull here."

Pull what where? I could see the red tape but there was no end to grab or even pick free with a fingernail.

Cleverly, I used the old standby in such circumstances – break a tine out of my wife's comb and use its sharp point to crack open the cellophane.

I recently bought a memory card for my digital camera. The Compact Flash cartridge is the size of a large postal stamp and as thick as two sticks of gum. But so they won't be shoplifted, the cards are packaged in a huge piece of plastic that can't be stuffed into a coat pocket (and barely into a WalMart bag).

The photo card just sat inside the plastic and sneered at me as I attempted to get to it.

I first tried finding a seam in the plastic that I could separate and rip open. The plastic apparently was welded.

Grateful that I had hired a personal trainer and done all those miserable curls, I took a deep breath and mustered enough

strength to rip a Wilmington phone book in half. Using brute force, I tried to tear open the blister pack but couldn't.

Nearly in a rage, I grabbed a pair of really sharp scissors (I know this to be true – that's why I needed the aforementioned Band-Aid) and hacked my way to the memory card like I was Edward Scissorhands.

Finally, I held the memory card in my hand, only to discover I had cut into its plastic case and it was rendered useless.

I thought of carting the slashed packaging back to WalMart for an exchange. But suddenly I came upon a better idea – Ebay. Used memory cards don't arrive in impenetrable bubble packs.

■ *When not imagining what story he would have told to the WalMart customer service rep, the writer is publisher of this and three other newspapers headquartered in Newark. A community journalist for more than three decades, he and his family moved to the Cherry Hill neighborhood of Newark in 1992.*

2000: Paper mill will go but familiar smokestack may stay

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assessed value to \$1.96 and it is estimated the increase would generate \$9.88 million annually.

The proposal also calls for the closing of 20 schools, at savings of \$1.2 million, and asks for additional state support of \$1.23 million.

The district budget is burdened by a \$7.1 million deficit. The school board cut its budget by 17 million in July in order to balance the budget.

Group protests 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 recommend-

ing that City Council approve it as well.

The center, with 300,000 square feet of retail space, would provide the city with about \$60,000 in annual revenues, according to city planning director Roy Lopata.

But Henry Cowell, president of the Kimberton Civic Association, is concerned about the increase of traffic in an area already heavily congested.

Additionally, he is worried about the air pollution that would be created by the 2,000-car parking lot.

■ Aug. 18, 2000

District on watch

An increase of crime in schools nationwide has prompted the Christina School District officials to have video surveillance systems instituted in all district schools, said Capes Riley, assistant superintendent for planning and facilities management.

This system, which monitors what goes on both inside and outside the school at all times, Riley said, is expected to be installed in every school in the Christina District within the next few years.

All of the district's high schools and middle schools, and also a few of its elementary schools, have already activated their security systems.

Newark landmark could be demolished

The old Curtis Paper Mill, purchased in February 1999 with hopes of use for a cultural or youth center, will probably have to be demolished.

According to city manager Carl Luft, numerous piecemeal additions over the years have made the building impossible, to restore.

Luft said the demolition is most necessary for safety reasons. "I've been through it a number of times with city staff and a consultant, and it's been determined there is nothing valuable there from a historic point of view," said Luft. "We may be able to keep the smokestack. City council member Thomas Wampler said he was disappointed when he heard the mill would have to be torn down."

Drive with care because...

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machine and fat inducing foods. Sorry, the calliope was sold.

Of course you must take a meal at any of the several Dutch restaurants to sample things like ham loaf and corn pudding. Top it off with shoo-fly pie; wet or dry

bottom? The dry kind needs ice cream. Then amble over to Gene Renninger's Model A Ford showroom at the corner of Rte 340 and North Ronks Road. In July he had a 1931 roadster with rumble seat for sale at \$19,500. I paid \$40 for one w/o rumble seat in 1939.

Drive with care out there. Amish buggies are everywhere on those back roads.

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OUTLOOK

Extension celebrates 90 Years

By CARL DAVIS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

UNIVERSITY of Delaware Cooperative Extension is celebrating 90 years of service to Delaware, yet I often run into people who don't know what Extension is or how this great system can benefit them, I want everyone to take advantage of what we have to offer.

Our New Castle County office, which houses Extension educators with expertise in specific topics for the inquiring public, is right here in Newark at 910 South Chapel Street. The Extension Website <http://ag.udel.edu/extension/ncc/nccindex.php> provides tons of information on many issues; production agriculture, including food safety, nutrition, diet and health, water quality, 4-H and youth development, natural resources and environmental management, home gardening, family development and financial management, leadership and volunteer development; and personal safety, and so much more.

Although UD Extension system has evolved over the last century in many directions, its roots are in agriculture. Agriculture forms the backbone of Extension nationwide and, of course, Delaware.

In the early days of this country with George Washington at its helm, the appropriateness of public support for programs that enhanced agriculture was affirmed. A strong agriculture and healthy rural society were recognized as critical to national welfare. This basic belief gave rise in the next century to a three-part initiative still in existence today—the Land-Grant College System—

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"For along time there was nothing that shows Korean Americans, except for maybe 'MASH,'" the Newark native said. "Now there are a few shows that have Korean Americans. There's a nice story line in 'Lost' and 'Gilmore Girls.'"

While the winds that direct Hollywood are starting to shift, the changes have been minute. "I've decided it's not enough just to complain about it," Ahn said matter of fact. "I'm going to do something about it."

She is filming her first feature-length movie in her childhood house just off of Papermill Road. And instead of conforming to the trends set by the entertainment monarchs, she is veering off into uncharted territory. Not only is this a personal first, but it's a historic one, too. Her movie, "Purity" is the first with an all Korean American cast shot by a Korean American woman.

"It's lonely," Ahn said. "It's sad that the entertainment industry is this closed off."

Ahn and her battalion of crew members are taking a stand and trying to make their mark. It's what she calls "guerilla filmmaking." Her team of actors, interns and producers are fighting with every ounce of muscle they have. In some cases - like Ahn's - that means risking everything, every dollar she's ever earned, in the pursuit of quality story telling.

"Everything is a big gamble," Ahn said. "This is pretty much financed with my entire life savings."

Nothing about making a movie is cheap. There are the five actors from Los Angeles and a team of filmmakers from New York, all who have expenses. There's the cost of film, and rental fees for equipment. And

that's all before editing the 45 hours of film starts.

For Ahn the risk is worth the possible reward. If she transplant the vision she's



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY KAYTIE DOWLING

Top: Suki Deen, a University of Delaware student interning on "Purity" reviews which scenes she will work on. **Above:** NarHee Ahn tells the crew her vision.

crafted in her head onto film, then every dime has been well spent.

"This is about good storytelling," she said. Her tale is one that comes from a

Newark filmmaker challenges stereotypes, Hollywood

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

IT'S been a lonely road for NarHee Ahn, a Korean American filmmaker. It's been hard for her to look at the face of the entertainment industry and see a stranger. The face on the screen has never looked like the face in her mirror. Even on television, where a few Korean American actors take lead, things are hardly diverse.

lifetime of inspiration. If you look closely, you can see aspects of her childhood and her church congregation. There is her sense of isolation as a minority. There's the roller coaster of emotions she experienced as a college student and American in New York on Sept. 11.

"We've all seen grief. Everyone has gone through tough times," she said. Ahn's tough time came in September four years ago when she was studying film in New York. Sept. 11 started out as a normal enough day, but quickly turned into a morning of confusion and fear. After the Twin Towers were hit, it was nearly impossible for her to locate friends and family members who lived in the area.

"It was the most traumatic event of my life," she said.

While this movie isn't about terrorism, it is about human struggles and superhuman resilience. "As I started writing the movie, I kind of went away from that event of terrorism and moved toward the everyday kind of loss," she said. "It's a movie about tough times and happy endings. The only difference is that it happens to all Asian faces."

"Purity" is the story of a second-generation Korean American teenage girl who loses her world when her mother dies. All around her, things break apart. Her saving grace - and often enough the catalyst in her misery - is her relationships with the people she loves.

"This is a universal story that everyone can understand," she said. "It's not just for

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Newark man's work funded by USDA grant

THE U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded a four-year, \$500,000 bio-based products grant to a University of Delaware research group working to develop advanced materials from chicken feathers and soybean oil.

The grant, awarded through the USDA National Research Initiative, will fund work by Richard P. Wool, University of Delaware professor of chemical engineering and director of the Affordable Composites from Renewable Resources (ACRES) program.

Wool, of Newark, also is the

coauthor of a new book on green materials.

Wool said the grant will fund two main projects, the first being the use of soy resins and chicken feathers in the development of computer circuit boards in cooperation with the manufacturing giant Intel Corp. and the second being the use of chicken feathers to create high performance, low cost carbon fibers.

The ACRES research group will undertake the project in cooperation with UD's Dennis W. Prather, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, who directs a nanoscale

fabrication facility.

The second part of the project will concern the carbonization of chicken feathers. "Chicken feathers do not have a great deal of strength but you can make strong carbon fibers out of chicken feathers," Wool said. "The feathers are unique because they remain hollow in a carbonized state, thus offering strength with reduced weight, which could be quite significant."

Wool said the carbonized chicken feathers could have applications in a variety of manufacturing, and particularly in the aeronautics and automotive

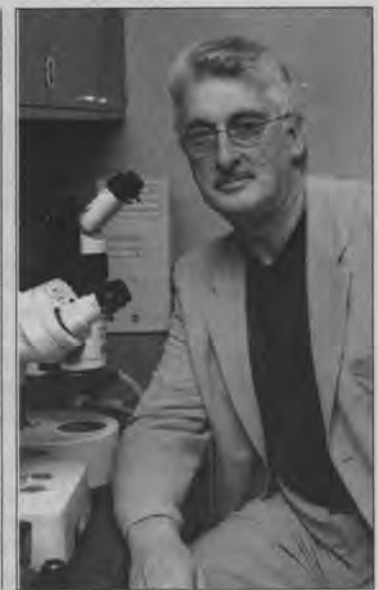
industries.

The UD research group will collaborate with researchers from Boston University, who are developing hydrogen fuel cells.

Wool is the coauthor, with Xiuzhi S. Sun, professor of grain science and industry at Kansas State University, of the new 640-page *Bio-Based Polymers and Composites*, published in July by Elsevier Academic Press. The book addresses the cost-effective use of many common crop plants to make high performance engineered materials.

Right: Richard P. Wool, of Newark

PHOTO BY KATHY F. ATKINSON



UD Cooperative Extension in 90th year

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--which is overseen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. From that system, Cooperative Extension emerged in 1914 to the deliver research-based information through demonstration and one-on-one contact with farmers and farm.

It was the belief of Seaman A. Knapp, often called the father of Extension, that demonstrations, conducted on farmer's own land, with the farmer participating, could bring about change. His now famous dictum set the stage for all Extension outreach: "What

a man hears, he may doubt; what he sees, he may possibly doubt; but what he does, he cannot doubt."

It began in 1914 when the first Extension agricultural agents—one for each county—were hired to supply useful information to farmers for improving agricultural methods in row crops, insect and disease problems in orchard crops, and animal husbandry. As the NCC Extension agricultural agent, I want you to know about the partnership forged long ago between UD Extension and agriculture, and built on the foundation of information gained through university research.

Much of this research was conducted on UD's Newark farm just off of South College Avenue. A few of the early projects conducted here in Newark included better ways to grow sugar beets and how to use red clover as a cover crop to improve the soil quality. Delaware Extension taught farmers how to use emerging technologies, such as hybrid corn, new varieties in many crops, and pest control. Also here in Newark, Extension did studies on experimental fungicides to control agricultural diseases such as peach blight.

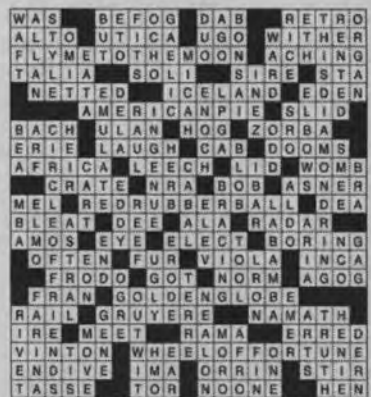
UD Extension scientists were

first in the nation to develop and promote artificial insemination of dairy herds. In 1960 three silos, and a state-of-the art split-level dairy-milking parlor—the first of its kind in Delaware—were built in Newark, on UD's farm, soon gaining national recognition.

Throughout the last nine decades, the dedicated UD agricultural agents have provided millions of day-to-day recommendations that have made a difference—a difference that can be measured in dollars saved from a fertilizer recommendation, the rescue of a crop with a pest control recommendation, the introduction of a new technology, or a positive change in a farm family's business plan in discussions around a kitchen table between farmers and county agents.

I have been the NCC ag agent for 14 years now, and I can think of no better way to make a difference in people's lives. My colleagues—the agents and educators in 4-H, food and nutrition, consumer sciences, traffic safety, home gardening, financial management, family and youth development—feel the same way. And we are proud of the 90 Extension legacy in which we have played a small part.

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Opportunity for change

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Korean Americans."

The compelling story line is what Ahn is using to sell her craft. "Some distributors are finally getting wise to the fact that quality is going to drive the future of entertainment. Right now, Hollywood offers nice escapism, if that's what you're looking for," she said. "But if you want to make something that is going to push you reevaluate things and think, Hollywood is not the place for it."

With Hollywood not marked as her intended audience, Ahn will show "Purity" at independent film festivals, hoping that a

small distributor will pick it up. Maybe it'll make an appearance on cable television like her last film did. Maybe, and this is a big maybe, it'll entertain audiences in theatres in big cities like New York and L.A.

But even if the movie isn't picked up, the rocky road has been worth the journey. She's paving the way for another generation of strong Asian women to make a difference in the entertainment world.

"When I was younger, I felt out of place and not visible at all," she said. "I always wondered why I didn't see myself on television or in movies. Now, it's my opportunity to change that."

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FRIDAY

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EXHIBIT 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. fourth Saturday of the month. Runs till Sept. 2. Showcasing the male form. The Elkton Arts Center, 135 E. Main St., Elkton. Info., 410-392-5740.

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

CELEBRITY KITCHENS 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Demonstration by Andrea Fakis. \$55. Celebrity Kitchens, Independence Mall, 1601 Concord Pike, Wilmington. Info., 427-2665 or visit www.celebritykitchens.com.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTION 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs through Sept. 5. An exhibit that celebrates a collection of American literature. \$8 adults. \$5 seniors, students, children 6-12. Free for members and children under 6. Brandywine River Museum, Route 1, Chadds Ford. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org.

GOLF CLASSIC 11:30 a.m. "Gift of Sight Golf Classic." Lunch, dinner, refreshments and gifts provided. \$125. White Oaks Country Club, Newfield, N.J. Info., 1-800-743-6667.

ART EXHIBIT 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, 12 - 4 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday. Runs till August 27. Artwork from summer camp. The Newark Arts Alliance, 100 Elkton Rd. Info., 266-7266.

SATURDAY

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MUSICAL THEATER PERFORMANCE 7:30 p.m. Brian Sanders will perform. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Open Air Theater, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or visit www.longwoodgardens.org.

MOONLIGHT CANOE 7 p.m. Paddle around the pond while observing the night sky. \$6. Lums Pond State Park, Howell School Rd., Bear. Info., 836-1724.

GENEALOGY SERIES 10:30 a.m. Learn to find

and use church records. Delaware Public Archives, 121 Duke of York St., Dover. Info., 744-5048.



THE AIRMEN OF NOTE

The Airmen of Note will perform a free concert Saturday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m. at the Hart's Amphitheatre in Elk Neck, Md. Free tickets are available by contacting Hart's Church Amphitheater, 3203 Turkey Point Road, P.O. Box 284, North East, MD 21901 with a stamped self addressed envelope. Tickets are encouraged but not required. The Amphitheater is located in the heart of historic Elk Neck on MD Rte 272 six miles south of North East.

CELEBRITY KITCHENS 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Kids cook with parents. \$40 for parent and 1 child. \$15 each additional child. Celebrity Kitchens, Independence Mall, 1601 Concord Pike, Wilmington. Info., 427-2665 or

visit www.celebritykitchens.com.

LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. Lunchboxx will perform blues music. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or visit www.homegrowncafe.com.

■ SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

GO FISH 1 - 3 p.m. Youngsters can reel in fish, with prizes awarded. \$2. Area 5, Lums Pond State Park, Howell School Rd., Bear. Info., 836-1724.

■ MONDAY, AUGUST 22

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 6:30 - 8 p.m. Series runs through Aug. 31. Libby McDowell Jazz Band will perform. Carpenter Recreation Center, White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info., 368-6900.

FISHING FUN Learn techniques and ethics of good fishermen, then go into park to find best fishing spots. 16 and older must have fishing license. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info., 368-6900.

■ WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 6:30 - 8 p.m. Series runs through Aug. 31. Trinidad North will perform steel drum music. Carpenter Recreation Center, White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info., 368-6900.

■ THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

MUSIC ON MAIN IN ELKTON 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Runs till Sept. 15. The Pure Pleasure Band will perform R&B music. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a evening of great entertainment. Food available. Elkton Chamber and Alliance, Main and North streets, Elkton. Info., 410-398-5076.

FOOD SAFETY CLASS Open to any in the food service industry. 8 hour course. Examination will follow. The Sleep Inn, 630 S. College Ave. Info., 1-866-394-1776.

TODDLER TIME 10 a.m. Monthly program will have various fun filled topics. \$3. Lums Pond State Park, Howell School Rd., Bear. Info., 836-1724.

■ FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

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

■ SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

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

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

■ SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

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

■ MONDAY, AUGUST 22

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740.

SIMPLY JAZZERCISE 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and

Fridays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

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

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

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

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

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

■ TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

BUT YOU LOOK SO GOOD! 7 - 9 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church, Graves Road, Newport Gap Pike, Hockessin. Info., 994-3897.

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

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

SWEET ADELINES 8 - 10 p.m.

MEETINGS

Singing group. Listeners and new members welcome. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 731-5981.

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

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

EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 8:30 p.m. Free. Open to the public. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Naaman's and Darley Roads, Wilmington. Info., 475-1880.

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

ADULTS WITH AD/HD 7:30 p.m. Support group meets at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 737-5063.

UNSCHOOLERS & OTHERS 7 p.m. Parents meet. Group also holds activities for homeschool families. Kirkwood Library. Info., 322-5950.

■ WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

CONSTITUENT BREAKFAST 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Terry Schooley will attend

to field questions and concerns. Eagle Diner, Elkton Road. Info., 577-8476.

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

ANXIETY DISORDER 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. To maintain the privacy of members, support group locations not published. Info., 765-9740.

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

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

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

■ THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

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

WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7 - 9 p.m.

Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740.

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

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

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

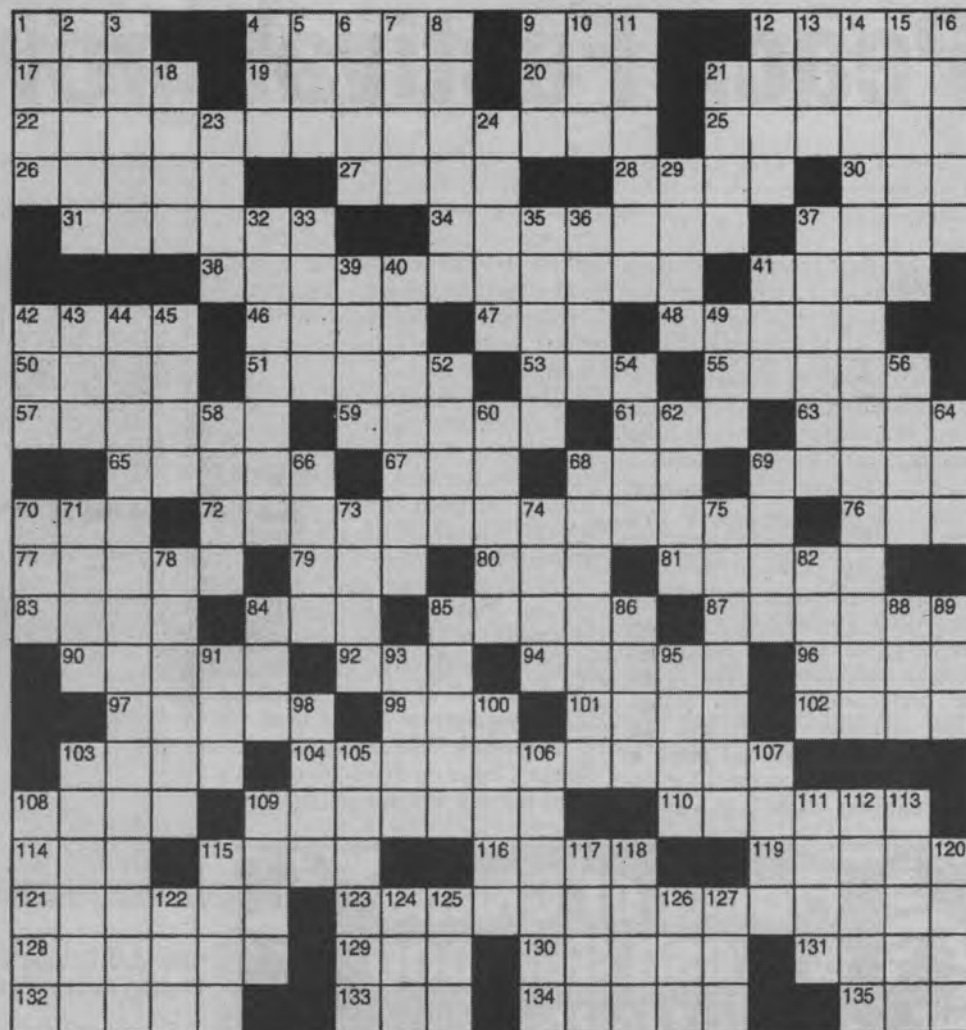
NEWARK MORNING ROTARY 7 - 8:15 a.m. Meeting and breakfast. The Blue & Gold Club, Newark. Info., 737-1711 or 737-0724.

DSI THUMBS UP 7 - 8 p.m. Stroke support group meeting offering educational topics, peer support and guests who are experts in rehabilitative services. Sponsored by Delaware Stroke Initiative. Free. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 633-9313.

TOASTMASTERS 7 p.m. Develop potential and overcome fear of public speaking. Public welcome. Check info desk for room location. Union Hospital, 106 Bow St. Info., 443-553-5358.

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Help build food bank at Super G store

THE Food Bank of Delaware and Giant Food LLC are teaming up this summer to collect food for hungry families.

They are urging the public to donate funds or food at any Giant or Super G store to support the Food Bank during summer months when their needs increase significantly.

"As schools are out for summer, many children lose access to free lunch programs and this is where the Food Bank steps in to fulfill an important need.

Fully 100 percent of all contributions made at stores will be given to area food banks," said Barry Scher, vice president of public affairs for Giant Foods.

Giant's "Checkout Hunger" program offers customers the opportunity to make donations at

the checkout registers.

Customers may also donate non-perishable food at any Giant or Super G.

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Peach Festival grows every year

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

MIDDLETOWN'S 12th annual Olde-Tyme Peach Festival kicks off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20, with a parade up Broad Street. "The Olde Tyme Peach Festival is a way we can reflect on our local heritage," explained Jeff Rankin of the Middletown Historical Society. "Also, the festival is a way of showing people that there are businesses on Main Street."

The Historical Society hosts the Peach Festival to celebrate the Middletown area's history as a major producer of peaches for the northeastern United States. "The abundant crops and the addition of the railroad made it a very profitable business for the town until the blight began in the

1860s and slowly destroyed the orchards," Rankin explained.

Rankin said the Society's largest annual fundraiser event drew about 10,000 visitors in 2004 and is getting bigger every year. "This year we included another block on North Cass Street for crafters," he said.

Dancers, singers, DJs, bands and other entertainers perform throughout the day around the Town Square and at the Everett Theatre (Theatre scenes for the movie "Dead Poets Society" were filmed here).

In addition, the Festival has games, children's activities, a local artist exhibit and sale, more than 165 craft artists, 20 food vendors, and, of course, peaches in every guise.

During the Festival, the M.O.T. Senior Center on Scott Street features more live entertainment, as



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The M.O.T. Line Dancers took home the First Place trophy for best adult performers in the Olde Tyme Peach Festival Parade in 2004.

well as a peach pie contest, and sales of peach jellies and jams, peach butter, peach ice cream and peach pie (by the slice and whole pies). They will also have a luncheon and items for sale in their craft area.


"We will be having live broadcasts by two FM radio stations,"

Rankin said. "Country station WDSD 92.9 will broadcast from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and then rock station WRDX 94.7 takes over until the conclusion of the Festival at 4 p.m."

The Historical Society is selling shirts, hats and tote bags with an embroidered peach design.

All Festival proceeds raised by the Historical Society go toward establishing a museum for preservation of local history.

A free shuttle will pick up throughout the day at the Middletown Square Shopping Center for various stops around the Festival.



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Newark students in the news

Vivek Mukhatyar, of Newark, has been named to the Dean's List at Boston University.

Dulcy Anne Gregory and **Kelly Marie Royer**, both of Newark, were named to the Dean's List at Gettysburg College.

Jeffrey Michael Guarino and **Nidhi Suri**, both

of Newark, graduated from Franklin and Marshall College on May 15.

Rachel Kepler and **Todd Michael Wanner**, both of Newark, graduated from Rosemont College.

Jamison Wolf, of Newark, graduated from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

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have an acre-and-a-half of land and you can't fit all of the parking spaces on it," Councilman Karl Kalbacher said at the city council meeting.

The Graceland Group seems to have taken the suggestion seriously.

The newest proposal before council is a four-story building that houses 6,100 square feet of retail space, two levels of off-street parking, 2,400 sq. ft. of business offices and 54 condominium units.

This plan does not require a parking waiver.

"We're setting a real precedent in Newark by not asking for a waiver," said Todd Breck, president of the Breckstone Group, Waterstone's architects.

Breck said that he is pleased with the latest design. "I think this is a reasonable compromise," he said. "This plan, with the two levels of parking and reduced number of units, is financially viable."

The Graceland Group had pushed for earlier designs that included more condominium units, arguing that the proposed number was necessary to finance the project. However, the newest design with its increased retail space will allow the building to recapture profits otherwise earned from the condominiums by renting first-floor space for stores.

Breck said, "We're trying to respond to city council's requests."

Jim Bauerle, owner of the Stone Balloon, is optimistic about how council will vote on Monday. "We're looking forward to approval from council," he said. "I don't know what else we could do [to improve the design]. We think collectively that we've gotten to the ultimate plan that meets council's suggestions and is still financially viable."

Waterstone has brought a lot of debate from citizens, and not just about the parking issues. It has often been called too large or too dense for its location in the heart of the downtown.

As designed now, the building would stretch the width of a city block, from Main Street back to Delaware Avenue.

Through computer generated depictions, the Waterstone proponents have illustrated how they believe the building's size will fit comfortably with the present downtown streetscape.

"I am opposed to this building because it is too large. All or most of the surrounding buildings are one or two stories high," Newark resident Frances Hart said at the last council meeting. "This is like putting an ocean liner in the middle of Newark."

Council members still have their reservations about the project. "I still feel it is an immense project for Main Street," said Councilman Jerry Clifton.

"I'm somewhat apprehensive of the precedent this could set. Developers have a propensity to hold precedence as a sword over head. I'm not enthusiastic with saying that we have to move forward with this. However, I have to commend the developers for submitting this without a parking waiver," Clifton said.

■ Additional local obituaries are posted each week on the Newark Post web site. The web address appears at the top of every right-hand page. Obituaries of the following persons will be posted this week on the web:

Martha Atallian
Thomas McCormick
Cora Phares
Carolyn Moore
Marcelline Ciamaricone
Bette Crist



Developers of the Waterstone project have shown this computer-generated depiction of how the new building would appear in the downtown streetscape. The planned building is shown in the circle.

Carolyn Moore, 77, worked at Newark Department Store

FORMER Newark resident Carolyn Venice Moore, 77, of Elkton, died Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2005.

Born in Irwin, N.C. on April 29, 1928, Mrs. Moore was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Ruby Busbee Aikin.

She worked at the Newark Department Store for 10 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna Bowman, of Elkton; and son, Bruce Moore, and his wife, Jae, of Newark; granddaughters, Stephanie Piraino and her husband, Anthony, of High Point, N.C. and Elizabeth Lilley and her husband, Robert, of Elkton; great grandchildren, Morgan




and Alyssa Lilley and Noah and Rebecca Piraino; and sister, Betty King and her husband, Blaine, of Scotia, N.Y.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph E. Moore in 1997.


The funeral service was to be held at North East United Methodist Church on Friday, Aug. 12. Burial was to be in White Clay Creek Cemetery.


Charitable contributions in her memory may be made to the North East United Methodist Church; or to the American Diabetes Association, c/o R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, 122 West Main St., Newark 19711.

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Canal grows up over the summer

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The rallies started way back in the district tournament and continued to the heart-wrenching end in Bristol, Conn.

The Canal 11-12 year-old all-star team produced sixth-inning rallies on three straight nights to win the District 2 title and advance to states. There, faced with the exact same situation of having to win three straight games on successive nights, it did it again. The final win coming with another unlikely sixth-inning rally.

So trailing by five runs in the fifth inning of its Mid-Atlantic



Regional semi-final against a Newtown, Pa. — a team that had won 18 straight games — it wasn't a surprise that Canal posted perhaps its greatest rally of all.

Fighting for its tournament life, the Delaware state champs scored more runs in that fifth inning than they had in any of their four previous regional games. When the dust settled, Canal had tied the game 9-9 and was riding a wave of momentum.

They then got a little unlucky in the bottom of the fifth inning as a two-out, two-strike pitch saw the umpire nearly put his arm out for strike three and inning over. Instead, he pulled back and called a ball. The next pitch got hit over the fence for the winning runs. Newtown went on to squeeze out a 4-3 victory over Toms River, N.J. in Monday's regional championship game on ESPN2. The win sent the Pennsylvania champs to the Little League World Series, which begins Friday in Williamsport, Pa.

Despite the rough ending
See **CANAL, 15** ►

Hens begin practice



The University of Delaware football team began practice for the 2005 season this week. The Blue Hens will open the season Sept. 10 at home against Lehigh. Both teams will enter the contest ranked among the nation's top 25 teams. Delaware is ranked No. 10 while Lehigh is No. 14.

The Hens were also picked to finish second in the Southern Division of the Atlantic-10.

Canal falls in regional semifinal

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

All the makings of a storybook ending were in place for the Canal 11-12 year-old all star baseball team in the semifinals of the Mid-Atlantic Regional last Friday in Bristol, Conn.

Trailing by five runs in the fifth inning, the Delaware state champions rallied to tie the score.

It's something they've been doing all summer — throughout the district and state tournaments. There was really no reason to believe they wouldn't do it again.

This time, however, it was an undefeated Newtown, Pa. team that got the big break and eked out an 11-9 victory.

At 9-9 in the bottom of the fifth inning with two outs and two strikes on Pennsylvania first baseman Greg Guers, Canal

pitcher delivered what appeared to be strike three. The umpire started to raise his arm indicating the third strike and what would've been the third out. Instead he pulled his arm back down and called a ball. The next pitch was hit over the left field fence to provide the winning runs.

Newtown retired Canal in order in the sixth to earn the victory and advance to the regional

championship Monday against Toms River (Newtown rallied from a 3-0 deficit to beat Toms River 4-3 and advance to the Little League World Series).

"The game was played in true Cardiac Canal fashion," said Canal manager Rick Peterson. "Although we were down five runs, I knew from district and state tournament play that we

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Charles named director of DIAA

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association, (DIAA), has a new Executive Director for the rapidly approaching school year. Kevin Charles, 51, of Rising Sun, Maryland, replaced Jack

Holloway, who resigned at the end of the school year to become Athletic Director for the Tower Hill School in Wilmington. Charles, a graduate of the University of Delaware and Dover High School, said he's honored to have been chosen to follow Holloway's successful tenure. "I want to maintain the fine work accomplished by Jack,

who left DIAA in sound fiscal shape, and the organization seems to be in great operational condition, as well," he said. Charles nomination was accepted recently by State Department of Education Secretary, Valerie Woodruff. "I have known Kevin for several years, and I look forward to having him work with our coaches, sports officials and

most importantly our children, to preserve the integrity of our sports programs," said Woodruff. One of Charles' goals for his first year is to evaluate the State Tournament events. "On the surface our events are well planned and organized, but I want to see if there is any opportunity for

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Despite semifinal loss, Canal experience in Bristol a positive one

Canal posted two victories in pool play during the Mid-Atlantic Regional.

The Delaware state champs knocked off New York 4-3 in a come-from-behind victory and

then earned a 4-2 victory over regional finalist Toms River, N.J. Newtown, Pa. was the only team to finish undefeated, winning all four of its pool games. Canal, Toms River and Thurmont, Md.

all finished with 2-2 records.

Based on runs given up, Toms River got the No. 2 seed, Thurmont the three seed and Canal the fourth seed.

Baseball was only part of the busy week in Bristol.

"The regional tournament is quite a different experience from district and state play," said

Canal manager Rick Petersons. "It's about 25% baseball and about 75% parenting a family of twelve 11-12 year-old boys, which can be frustrating for both sides.

"But my most vivid memory of the regionals came during the evening of the first full day of pool-play. After the last teams to

play returned to their dorms, all of the teams emerged once again moments later. Even though half of the teams lost that day, they gathered in the courtyard, making new friends, trading pins, and eating pizza. To me, that is what Little League is all about."

Late home run dooms hopes

► REGIONAL, from 14

weren't out of the game."

Canal, which went 2-2 in pool play to earn the fourth seed in the semifinals, got off to a good start in the game, scoring twice in the top of the first inning.

Newtown, though, responded with two runs in each of the first two innings to grab a 4-2 lead. Canal cut it to 4-3 with a run in the third. Newtown's offense, however, couldn't be stopped. The Pennsylvania state champs scored two more in the bottom of the third and three more in the fourth to build a seemingly insurmountable 9-4 lead.

Canal had different thoughts.

Up and down the lineup, the Canal hitters pounded away at Newtown's third pitcher of the

game. They got six of the game's 11 hits in the inning. In fact, it could have been a bigger inning but Canal made two outs on the base paths.

"Once again they showed their ability to play under pressure as they have all summer," Peterson said. "Although we ultimately came out on the losing end, they showed they could with the best Little League teams in the country."

Lincoln Lamberton led the offensive attack for Canal with three hits and two runs scored. Eric Peterson and Trevor Brancato added two hits each. Peterson scored twice as well while Brancato had two runs-batted-in. Additional Canal players with hits included Jason Nagle, Tyler Hunter and Kyle Fields.

New DIAA director eyes cheerleading as a sport

► DIAA, from 14

improvement," said Charles. He also hopes to find the best available venues and permanent locations for all of the championships, especially for tennis, cross-country and golf. Title matches for these three sports are currently held at various locations around the state. "But we may find rotating the locations for certain events may be best for those sports," he added. Charles said there are two issues that also need to be addressed by the DIAA. The first is whether or not School Choice is adversely affecting the movement of students away from some schools,

and into more highly successful sports programs.

The second issue is "coaching out of season" by a few individuals. "We're taking a long look to see if there are problems, and if all of the proper rules are in place. We're a small staff, so we can't police our member schools all year round," said Charles. There may be a new varsity sport in Delaware soon if Charles has his way. "We've been in contact with the Delaware Cheerleading Association about making Cheerleading a competitive sport," said Charles. "It's already a varsity level sport in a number of states, but this will have to be regulated in order to achieve full

status," he said. "A lot of people will enjoy Cheerleading as the participants definitely have shown a lot of athletic ability." Leadership is also an important element of athletics. "We're also looking to expand our Leadership Training Program for young athletes," said Charles. "We want to give more student-athletes the tools to become successful on and off the field," he said. Charles was previously employed by the State Division of Public Health in Dover, and has been an active member of the Delaware Wrestling Officials Association for more than 25 years.

Canal team grows up this summer

► CANAL, from 14

for Canal, that fifth-inning rally epitomized the summer for this Canal team.

Time after time, this group rallied back in the face of a loss or elimination. To do it against a team that most picked as the class of the entire Eastern Regional (New England and Mid-Atlantic combined) is a testament to its tenacity.

The thing that made these comebacks all the more amazing was that this group had a hard time with that at the younger age groups. It used to be the first

sign of adversity would mean the game was over. Not now. Probably never again.

They learned a lot this summer and that will take them a long way on the baseball field and in life. The ability to fight back from adversity is a lesson that resonates well beyond any athletic endeavor.

So while the Newtown, Pa. team celebrates a trip to the Little League World Series, the boys on this Canal team and their parents can celebrate a heckuva summer and a new resolve that will take them a long way in anything they do.

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NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

BRIEFLY

Prof. Simons to head research society

ROBERT F. Simons, professor of psychology at UD, has been chosen as president-elect of the Society for Psychophysiological Research.

The Madison, Wisc.-based professional organization is an international society founded to foster research between psychology and physiology. The group hosts an international conference and publishes the professional journal "Psychophysiology."

Why the nickname?

UD teams take their name from a Revolutionary War military unit formed as part of a battalion that included eight companies from the three counties along the Delaware River.

Troops in the Kent County, Del., unit, often amused themselves by staging cock fights with a breed known as the Kent County Blue Hen, easily recognizable for its blue plumage.

The fighting birds developed a reputation for ferocity and fighting success, and the unit also acquired a considerable reputation for its fighting prowess during engagements with the British.

The Blue Hen Chicken was named the official First State bird in 1939.

Lecture series set

UD's Area Studies Program is offering a free public lecture series. "Urban and Rural Cultures in Perspective" features talks by UD faculty about their research on urban and rural issues throughout the world.

Each lecture runs from 12:30-1:20 p.m., Thursdays, in 103 Sharp Lab. The public is welcome to attend.

Sept. 1—"The Evolution of Paradise: Urbanism and the Garden in Ancient Greece and Rome" by Annette Giesecke, associate professor of foreign languages and literatures.

Sept. 8—"Tenochtitlan: Revisiting a Splendorous City" by Gladys Ilarregui, assistant professor of foreign languages and literatures

Grad student wins fellowship

JOSHUA Idjadi, a doctoral student in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Delaware, has been selected to receive the Science to Achieve Results (STAR) research fellowship from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The award offers stipend and tuition for three years with expenses for travel and equipment.

Idjadi, from Vernon, N.J., is among 100 students selected nationwide, based on a rigorous assessment of research proposals. His research, which focuses on processes on coral reefs that promote coral species diversity, is aimed at helping resource managers to more effectively maintain and restore coral reefs, which are experiencing degradation all over the world due to natural and human-induced causes.

"I was overwhelmed when I heard that I received the award," Idjadi, who lives in Bear, said. "I knew how many accomplished researchers would be applying and how few proposals get funded so I felt that it was a long

shot. The application consists of a complete research proposal, which details the project you would plan to do if you received funding, a curriculum vitae and all your academic records. The application is then reviewed and rated by scientists who work in a related field."

Idjadi said that coral polyps, although they appear to be stationary, colorful rocks, aggressively attack each other with tentacles and digestive filaments and by overgrowing and shading each other as they compete for light and space.

"Despite the fact that coral species differ greatly in their ability to compete, poor competitors coexist alongside strong competitors. My work has shown that the spatial arrangement of corals on the reef, particularly when corals are aggregated, can help reduce the ability of strong competitors to exclude weak ones. This might be one of the many important mechanisms that promote coral diversity," Idjadi said.

Idjadi explained that he has conducted his experiments on



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French Polynesian reefs because they are relatively diverse and in fairly good shape, factors that allow him to observe the natural interactions of corals on a dense reef. However, the results of his work can be applied wherever corals occur and are in competition with each other, such as the Hawaiian islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Idjadi earned his bachelor's degree from Tufts University and his master's degree from

California State University-Northridge. Both degrees were in biology. His UD adviser is Ronald Karlson, professor of biological sciences, whose research focuses on large-scale patterns in coral diversity.

Idjadi, who has been at UD for four years, received the Best Student Coral Reefs Paper award at the Benthic Ecology Meeting in 2002. He spends his free time shaping fiberglass and surfing on his own surfboards.

Blue Hens visit land of the black rooster

TWELVE UD students majoring in hotel, restaurant and institutional management (HRIM) learned about international hospitality in the Chianti region of Tuscany, Italy, whose symbol is the black rooster, as part of a recent HRIM study-abroad program.

The group had an opportunity to visit Rocca delle Macie, one of the Chianti region's premiere wine producers, which supplies Olive Garden restaurants, and the Olive Garden Culinary Institute, where Olive Garden chefs from the United States are sent for training in authentic Italian cuisine.

Olive Garden, which is owned by Darden Restaurants, has a UD connection as its parent company funded the Darden Bistro in Vita Nova, HRIM's student-run restaurant in the Trabant University Center. Edgar Vasconez of Darden Restaurants also serves on the HRIM advisory board.

The students toured the winery and saw how wine is produced. They reported that seeing and learning about the wine-making process in person helped supplement in-class and textbook learning and gave them a better under-

standing of the process. Wines that have been given the appellation of "classico" are allowed to display the black rooster.

Sophomore Matthew Ardakanian shared his impressions of his visit to the winery and institute. "After seeing how wine was produced, we were driven down the road to the famed Olive Garden Culinary Institute, where we were greeted with a fantastic meal with more food than anyone

could ever imagine," Ardakanian said.

During the meal, he said, the students also were given a wine-tasting lesson, sampling Rocca delle Macie's wines, debating the aromas and tastes and then picking their favorites.

Fred DeMicco, ARAMARK Chair and HRIM chairperson, and George Comrade, assistant professor, led the group, which was studying beverage man-

agement and international hospitality operations abroad. The program included three weeks in Switzerland at HRIM's partner school, the Swiss School of Tourism and Hospitality, visiting four- and five-star hotels, a chocolate manufacturer, a cheese producer and a winemaker, and a fourth week in Italy, which included visiting the Parmigiana Reggiano cheese factory and cooking classes in Cortona.



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Tracy Downs, senior health educator with Wellspring at University of Delaware, and John Bishop, UD associate vice president for counseling and student development and professor of individual and family studies, will lead the new committee known as the Alcohol/Drug Policy and Education Council. Downs was project director of the former Building Responsibility Coalition. The BRC was associated with the decade-long Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grants, which were designed to educate students and the community about the adverse effects of high-risk drinking. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grants ended this summer and with them the BRC. However, UD plans to continue many of the educational and policy efforts begun as a result of the funding and will do so through the new council.

High school students involved in research

STANDING among rows of corn in 90-degree heat--some with towels wrapped

around their heads--is probably not where you'd expect to find high school students or recent

high school graduates during the summer.

But that is exactly where 13 students from New Castle County are spending their summer as research assistants to professor Jim Hawk and Tecle Weldekidan, associate scientist, both in the plant and soil sciences department at the University of Delaware.

The students arrive at about 7 a.m. and work "until the job's done," which is usually around 4 p.m., up to six days a week during corn pollination.

The students went through a

process similar to one they might encounter in the working world to get their jobs as Hawk's assistants.

Hawk said this summer the students are learning how to make improved corn, help out in collecting data and the process of controlled self-pollination.

"Many of the students get familiar with UD and actually end up coming here," Hawk said.

That was the case for Colin Craft, a recent graduate of Archmere Academy who is an

incoming freshman in UD's Honors Program and is working for his third year on the project.

Craft, who began working with Hawk when he was 15, said being familiar with the school and the research did help push him toward coming to UD.

He plans to major in either biology or biochemistry.



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Colin Craft, a recent grad of Archmere Academy, will be a freshman in UD's Honors Program this fall.

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BEATING THE HEAT

Carly Rose Britt, 10 months, enjoys an evening out with her family. Britt and crew were out on the town on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at the White Clay Creek State Park. Trinidad North steel drum band entertained the group on stage.

Smith 'going to be missed' on traffic committee

► SMITH, from 3

ing will be missed.

"He has a way about him that brought people together at the table, where they could talk to each other somewhat creatively. And he certainly has the best interest of the city at heart. By and large, he just wanted to do what was right for the City of Newark," Parkins said. "He is just a terrific person and he's really going to be missed."

Smith said that he wished he

had been able to do more during his tenure, especially when it comes to raising awareness. "I don't think we've done a very good job in bringing the issues to the public's attention," he said. "That's saying that we haven't shown the public all of the various issues that impact them." According to Smith, that is the next crucial step in changing the face of transit and traffic in Newark.

Curbing traffic has proven to be a complex task all across the nation, and the city's streets are

no exception.

Despite Smith's best efforts at increasing public transportation, other factors like sprawl and popular culture have pushed the demand for cars through the roof in recent years. In spite of that, Smith believes that his work has had an impact.

"My wife says 'But you haven't done much in all of these years,'" he said. "But I tell her to think about what it would be like if we hadn't tried, what it would be like if no one had done anything. I'm proud that we tried."

Newark youth honored for service

ANDREW J. Feeley of Newark has been awarded the 2005 Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Mid-Atlantic Region Volunteer Excellence Award in the Youth-Young Adult category.

Feeley was selected for his dedication to helping others through volunteerism and service in 2004. During the year, he contributed to the community by participating in the Navy ROTC Program activities of the Delaware Military Academy, helping families in the flood ravaged Glenville subdivision, serving on his school's antismoking program and his school's float committee for community parades, and playing Taps for several community events. He also serves as an acolyte and trumpeter for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newark.

Judith Logan, Thrivent Financial manager of Lutheran community services for the region, made the announcement at a recent meeting.

"Andrew is a remarkable young man. He is willing to lend

a helping hand to people in need, but he really stands out in my mind for the variety of service he has undertaken" Logan said.

"Volunteers such as Andrew are the backbone of our organization's mission," said Brad Hewitt, Thrivent Financial senior vice president, fraternal operations. "In 2004, our volunteers contributed more than 19 million volunteer hours to communities throughout the country, so to be named a regional volunteer of the year is truly a great honor."

As part of the honor, \$250 was given in Feeley's name to Bugles Across America NFP.

"We are proud to be able to support this worthy cause in honor of the outstanding work Andrew has done during the year," Hewitt said.



Feeley

Newark man takes second

Air Force Senior Airman Charles H. Stubblebine placed second in the Junior Enlisted Joint Service Board, Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

He competed against other Army, Navy, and Marine service members for the post award.

Stubblebine is a heavy equip-

ment operator and pavements repair apprentice with four years of military service.

He is the son of C. Haig Stubblebine and May Stubblebine of Newark.

His wife, Pam, is the daughter of John and Lee Woomer of Bear.

The airman graduated in 1995 from Groves Adult High School, Newark, and received an associate degree in 2004 from the Community College of the Air Force.

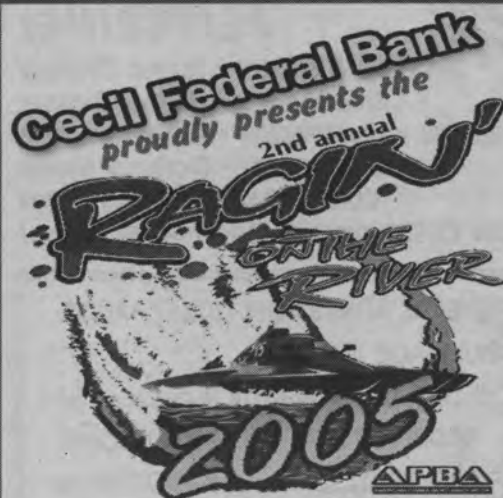
Booker ends basic

Air Force Airman 1st Class Tykiem M. Booker has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tx.

He is the grandson of Pearlina Montgomery of Newark. Booker is a 2003 graduate of Christiana High School.

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Special ed teachers to receive more professional development

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Phillips said she gets complaints from parents that IEPs (Individualized Education Plans) are not being followed for some students.

"We have new software in place that will help teachers keep focused on the child's IEP and not have it just become a file on paper in a drawer," Dorden said. "Beginning this year we are also using software to document and track student data."

Dorden also explained that each school would have IEP review meetings to assure that they are attaining the objectives for each child and that instruction is connected to a specific performance goal.

The Fast ForWord program, that addresses reading difficulties by finding and solving the underlying causes that impede comprehension and learning, also will be expanded to all middle and high schools in the District in 2005.

According to Scientific Learning Corporation, the Christina District adopted the neuroscience-based Fast ForWord program in its intermediate

schools in 2003 and Christiana High School introduced the program in April 2004.

Seeing the results at these locations, school superintendent Joseph Wise suggested an expansion of Fast ForWord to all District elementary schools in August 2004.

"Fast ForWord products bring proven neuroscience research to our students performing below standards in reading," said Wise at that time. "We're confident this program will give our students a jump-start in improving their reading abilities."

School districts from Thailand to Pennsylvania and numerous other states, totaling more than 450,000 students worldwide, claim success in improving reading scores with this program.

Increased professional development for special education teachers and staff and more specialists also will enhance the support for students.

"We're putting inclusion coaches in every middle and high school," Dorden said. "And we will have one transition specialist to help students go from middle to high school plus math specialists in the middle schools."

"Christina started inclusion in 2002 and there is a big push for special education students in regular classes – especially high school," commented Wise. "You can make a lot of excuses not to include these children because it's very uncomfortable for the existing culture, but we have to keep up the push."

Wise has stated that by 2008 he wants 70 percent of Christina's special ed students to graduate or remain in a high school program.

Within the same time, he wants the percentage of special ed students meeting or exceeding state standards to increase 20 percent in English language arts and 28 percent in math, based on the No Child Left Behind criteria.

The person who will be primarily responsible for meeting these challenges was introduced at the school board meeting on Aug. 9.

Jonathan Bryce of Arundel County in Maryland will take over as executive director for all District Alternative Programs & Non-Traditional Schools in mid-September.

Bryce has been an assistant principal and a history teacher during his career.

'Normal will never be the same'

▶ BOOK, from 3

aloud. Remember that they are part of the family.

"Some families buy ornaments each Christmas with the year and the children's names on it," Bennett said. "Keep up that tradition. It helps you remember that child is in fact part of the family. Every family that I spoke with did this and it really helped them."

She also urges grandparents to

find a support group. Since she was unable to find one locally, she joined an online group.

The 24-hour encouragement she found was just what she needed.

"If you wake up in the middle of the night thinking about it, you don't need to wait for a weekly meeting," she said. "It's nice to know that there are people there for you at all hours of the day."

Her most important piece of advice is simple: Be patient. Grief is a long, unpaved road. Now,

almost two years later, Bennett isn't "back to normal."

"Normal will never be the same for me," she said. "There is this feeling of 'When are you going to get back to normal?' in society. But you have to redefine normal."

■ Bennett's book, "Forgotten Tears, A Grandmother's Journey Through Grief," is available at www.booklocker.com

Newark police step up alcohol, noise law enforcement

▶ BLOTTER, from 2

clothes officers go inside liquor establishments. Some of the recent arrests include:

Nathaniel R. Beavers, 31, of New Castle, and Jeffrey C. Banks Jr., 23, of Laurel, each charged with possession of an open container of alcohol, on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 12:02 a.m., on the parking lot of the East End Café, 270 E. Main St.;

Kate Lynn Welde, 20, of Wilmington, Leah E. Mitchell, 20, of Hockessin, Jessica A. Ross, 18, of Claymont, Japheth A. Crooks,

20, of Newark, and Julius B. Fletcher, 19, of New Castle, each charged with underage entry into a liquor store, on Friday, Aug. 12, at between 11 and 11:40 p.m., at Newark Discount Liquors, 230 E. Main St. Welde was also cited for underage possession of alcohol;

Scotty L. Moon, 48, of Newark, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Thursday, Aug. 11, at 12:09 a.m., at 140 College Square;

Timothy Toner, 25, of New Castle, buying or giving alcohol to a person under age 21, and Grant David Robinson, 20, of Newark, underage possession of

alcohol, on Thursday, Aug. 11, at 10:30 p.m., at Newark Discount Liquors;

Jessica Washington, 20, of Middletown, Emily R. Chickadel, 21, of Wilmington, and Jennifer L. Diffendall, 21, of Wilmington, noise law violation, on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 11:39 p.m., at 97 New London Road; and

Sean M. Brewer, 23, of Flemming, N.J., possession of an open container of alcohol, on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 1:33 a.m., at 164 E. Main St.

Police said all defendants were released pending court appearances.

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Bus drivers added to in-school security staff

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not outsiders, so they also develop rapport and trust with the students," said Edmison. "But as police officers, they are mainly involved in issues relating to the legal system that can be time-consuming and focus on one student at times."

The associates, on the other hand, are on patrol inside and outside the school and monitoring various areas throughout the day. "The SROs do not have the time to do that," Edmison explained.

Another piece of the safety initiative at the high schools is making use of bus drivers' "great coping skills" inside the school. "We

hired five drivers who already drive buses to those schools to be an additional staff presence in the middle part of the day," said Edmison. "This is a bit unique and I don't know of it happening elsewhere in the state."

The bus drivers are already familiar with the students they transport as well as staff at the schools. "Their presence is very

helpful at times like lunch when there is a lot of movement going on," Edmison said.

In March 2004, the District hired Richard Strickland as their first manager of school safety and security. "Most of these ideas and initiatives are his," Edmison said. "He provides training for the security associates and bus drivers as part of staff development in the schools."

The school security systems are going all-digital this year and new Web-based security cameras are coming to the high schools. "We're hoping to have these done by mid-fall," Edmison said. "We're upgrading to digital because analog is harder to use and this makes it easier to target a time period and find footage — it's gonna make post-incident investigation much simpler."

One mother whose daughter is starting at Newark High School this year praised the digital security system. "There was an incident at Shue (Middle School) where my daughter went last year," she said. "Because the cameras there were already digital, they were able to find it on the tape and zoom right in to look at the students involved. With digital,

security can even get a real tight shot of an ID badge and see the info and picture on it."

The District is also continuing the Save-A-Friend Hotline and Alert Now programs introduced in 2004. "Save-A-Friend is an anonymous way for students to report anything threatening or a possible suicide," said Edmison. "Younger grades go home and talk to their parents about scary things but it's very tough at high school age to get information out. This is a way to tell an adult with no negative consequence."

Posters about Save-A-Friend and how to report information are on walls throughout schools in the District.

"We also subscribe to Alert Now, a service that allows us to call thousands of telephone numbers immediately with a recorded message in the event of emergencies," Edmison said. "We enter the phone numbers when the student registers for school."

As many as 40,000 families can be called within minutes in the event of a District-wide alert. "But we can also do just one school if there's only an incident at one school," said Edmison.

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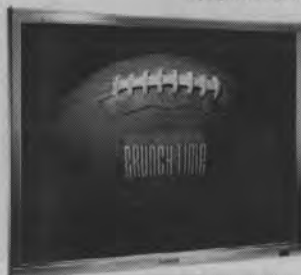


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- Senior golf league.

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crown. But that's still a few months away. For now, she just wants to take things easy.

"It feels good to be done for now," she said. "I haven't started getting ready for Florida. I'm still getting over the shock of winning."

When Devon does gear up for the competition it will mean hours of dance rehearsal and practice interview questions with her dad. That's the formula she put together for her last two competitions, and the results seem to speak for themselves.

"My nerves really got to me," she said. "I was very nervous the whole time. But when I was doing my dance routine, the



Gregg

adrenaline just hit me. I was not thinking about what I was doing, my body just knew what to do."

Devon has been perfecting

her jazz routine since May. It's set to a thumping techno tune called "Charlie's Angels 2000" and nearly requires wings to keep up with its relentless rhythm.

"It's very upbeat and fun," she said. "It showed of my personality. And because it's techno, it's really intense. It really challenged me as a dancer."

Her performance left an impression on the judges and she won the talent portion of the contest.

She also swept through the academic achievement, sportswear modeling, best smile and personality competitions.

While it seems that Devon must know the secret to her own success, she swears it's still a mystery to her.

"I'm not sure what I did that set me apart from everyone else,"

the Cab Calloway of the Arts student said.

"I guess it's that I've been performing for so long that I'm comfortable on stage," she said.

Her parents, Richard and Lori, are still awed by their teenage daughter's performance.

"We're just really proud of her," Richard said. "We're still new at pageants, so we weren't sure how this was going to be for Devon, but she just blew us, and the judges, away. Kids train for years and years for these things, and she won the first two ones she entered. That just floored us.

It's a little like winning the lottery twice."

Her dad, a high school principal, has seen hundreds of teens struggle with self esteem as they develop social skills. But as he watched his daughter thrive on stage, he knew Devon had grown into her own skin.

"When you see her in her gown or talking with the judges, you see that she's a confident person and that she's comfortable with herself," he said. "It makes me think that we must have done something right in raising her."

Registration set for parks and rec events

Officials of the City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department believe they have scheduled many fun and exciting programs this fall. With more than 170 activities planned, including day trips, tennis, swim lessons, quilting, basketball, dog obedience, youth and adult dance, arts and crafts, residents are sure to find something to interest them and their family.

A complete activity schedule was mailed this week.

Registration will begin for Newark residents on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. until noon and continues on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Registration for non-residents begins on Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 8:30 a.m. For detailed information, call 366-7060.



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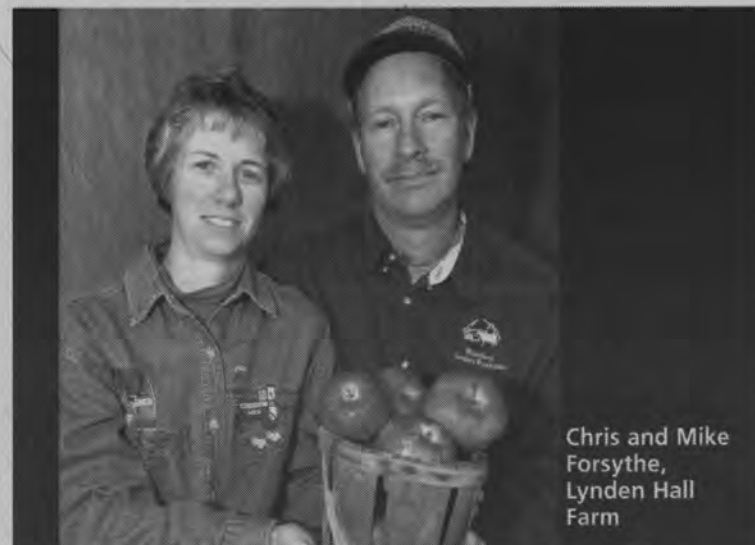
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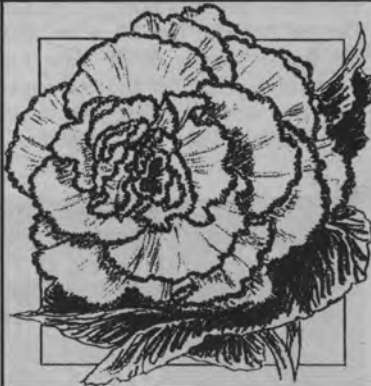
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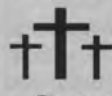
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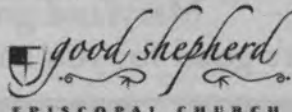
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