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UP FRONT

Hovering on campus

By JIM STREIT

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THERE's a great new term bounced around the media these days — helicopter parents.

The term describes Moms and Dads who hover over their kids, tracking their progress and often intervening on their offspring's behalf.

The term appears to have surfaced in academia, where increasingly parents intervene in their children's affairs.

Instant messaging, e-mail, and cell phones keep Mom and Dad more connected with their collegiate generation than ever before. When my Class of 1968 went off to college, Mom and Dad were lucky to get a phone call once a week and a visit at Thanksgiving.

Today, because of the ease and frequency of communication, parents know when the dining hall food is cold, the lines are long at the financial aid office, and their son or daughter couldn't get into a class he or she wanted.

And, with this knowledge and the trend today to advocate for their kids, Mom and Dad often intervene.

My daughter is a judicial officer at Drexel University in Philadelphia and previously worked in student affairs and residence life at the University of Delaware. She tells me that



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National tragedy, local events mark a year centered on community

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The headlines of 2005 reveal the year's focus on community.

Some local events strengthened the city's sense of self. Others surprised Newark residents, bringing the community together or calling into question just what this community is and where it's going.

National events broadened the definition of community to reach out to people and places separated by hundreds of miles and a world of experiences.

Everyone wanted to help after seeing the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf states.

Newark residents went into action, sending donations and volunteers south. On Sept. 12, the City of Newark "adopted" Pascagoula, a city in Mississippi of similar size and character that had been ravaged by the hurricane. The city sent several used service vehicles to the flooded town and raised money for its recovery.

Here, in 2005, downtown Newark saw some traditions fade while others came on strong.

The closing of the legendary Stone Balloon on

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Sunshine funds stolen

A 62-year-old woman told police on Monday, Dec. 19 at 8:05 a.m. that more than \$300 was missing from her apartment at Gardens of White Chapel.

The woman told police the money was collected by residents for the sunshine committee. She kept the money in a black leather bag in an unlocked file cabinet drawer in her room, she told police.

Police said the room had no signs of forced entry.

Leasing office robbed

Thieves broke into the basement leasing office at New Colonial Gardens in the 300-block of Main Street, making off with a small safe, police were told on Sunday, Dec. 25, at 10:48 a.m.

Police said a window pane of the front door was smashed in. A tan lockbox that held two store debit cards, 30 tenant rent checks, laundry cards, management cards and a digital camera memory card was missing from the office.

Investigation is continuing.

GPS stolen

Thieves smashed in the window of a truck parked in 900-block of Pickett Lane and made off with a GPS Navigator, police were told on Friday, Dec. 23, at 10:57 a.m. The owner told police the GPS system, which was on the front windshield, was worth nearly \$2,000.

No suspect leads were provided.

Paint balls damage house

Vandals shot yellow paint balls at a home in the 100-block of Winterthur Lane, police were told on Friday, Dec. 23 at 10:07 a.m.

Police said 12 shots were fired at the west side of the home facing Paper Mill Road. One of the shots cracked the vinyl siding, causing minor damage.

No suspect information was provided.

Party busted

Police broke up a large party at a home in the 100-block of Kershaw Street on Friday, Dec. 23, at 3:39 a.m. after an unknown partygoer threw a brick through a front window and two people got into a fight.

Police saw Brian B. Canuso, 20, of Aston, Pa. and James Joseph Radano, 17, of Glenolden, Pa. fighting on the sidewalk in front of another home on the street. The two men were taken into custody for disorderly conduct.

Police were told between 50 and 80 people were at the party. The crowd dispersed when police came on scene.

Vehicles targeted by thieves, vandals

Newark police reported that

Armed robbery at Audioworks

Newark patrol officers responded to Audioworks store in the Newark Shopping Center on Monday, Dec. 19, at 6:45 p.m. for a report of an armed robbery.

Police were told two black males wearing masks and armed with handguns had help up the store employee. A witness gave officers a description of the suspects and their getaway vehicle, a red Dodge Neon.

Officers searched the area and located the car on Route 273 at the intersection of Red Mill Road.

During the high risk felony car stop, police arrested three men, Mark A. Watson, 25, John M. Chavous, 22, and Idyll F. Allison, 39, all of

Wilmington.

Police said one suspect had a loaded 9 mm pistol in his waistband. A second gun was found in the car, along with money from the robbery and the masks used by the suspects, said police. Police said 57 bags of crack cocaine were seized as well.

The men were charged with first-degree robbery, possession of a firearm and ammunition by persons prohibited, possession of a firearm during commission of a felony, possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute, maintaining a vehicle for the delivery of drugs, wearing a disguise during commission of a felony, possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, conspiracy.

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

The owner of a VW Beetle parked in the parking lot at Newark High School found a large dent in the roof of the driver's side, police were told on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 2:16 p.m.

The driver's window of a 2005 Toyota Scion parked at 900-block Pickett Lane was shattered by an unknown suspect, police were told on Friday, Dec. 23, at 7:50 a.m. The owner told police the cord to his radar detector was stolen.

Vandals apparently used a pellet gun to shoot holes in the windshield and windows of a Honda Civic parked in the unit-block of South Fawn Drive, police were told

on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 9:40 a.m. Police said the windows were shattered.

The driver's side window of a red Chevy Corsica parked in the 400-block of Webb Road was shattered, police were told on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 8:45 p.m. The car's owner told police nothing was taken from the vehicle.

A purse was taken from a Honda Accord parked in the parking lot of the Newark Senior Center, police were told on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 7:56 p.m. Police said an unknown suspect smashed the window to get into the car.

Alcohol, noise law violations detailed

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

Some of the recent arrests include:

Brian B. Canuso, 20, of Aston, Pa., underage consumption of alcohol, on Friday, Dec. 23, at 3:39 a.m., in the 100-block of Kershaw Street;

Mark Alyn Steimer, 20, of Newark, disorderly premises, on Friday, Dec. 23, at 3:39 a.m., in the 100-block of Kershaw Street;

Robert M. Payne, 19, of New Castle, underage consumption of alcohol on Friday, Dec. 23 at 3:39 a.m., in the 100-block of Kershaw Street;

Gregory A. Lambert, 22, of West Grove, Pa., possession of an open container of alcohol, on Friday, Dec. 23 at 1:44 a.m., on Elton Road;

Jennifer H. Potts, 19, of Newark, noise law violation and underage consumption of alcohol, on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 5:44 a.m., at Park Place Apartments in the 600-block of Lehigh Road.

Other incidents:

A coin-operated laundry machine at Thorn Lane Apartments in Newark was damaged and had about \$50 taken from it, police were told on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 10:11 a.m. The investigation is continuing.

A laptop valued at more than \$1,200 was taken from a store display at Radio Shack in College Square Shopping Center, police were told on Monday, Dec. 19 at 6:31 p.m. No suspect information was given.

A vandal damaged three store signs at Herman's Quality Meats on Cleveland Avenue and painted graffiti on them, police were told on Monday, Dec. 19 at 9:38 a.m. Investigation is continuing.

Graffiti was found painted on the Atlas Van Lines building in the Interchange Industrial Park, police were told on Monday, Dec. 19 at 9:31 a.m. Damages were estimated at \$100. Investigation is continuing.

Graffiti phrases, including "Mr. Moist 2005" and "All American fiend team" were found spray-painted on an abandoned building in the unit-block of North Street, police were told on Monday, Dec. 19 at 8:19 a.m. No suspect information was provided.

A patrol officer found several graffiti 'tags' in the Park 'n' Shop shopping center in the 200-block of Elton Road on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 12:47 p.m. Police said the word "orca" was written in black and silver paint on a sign, door and several dumpsters in the shopping center.



Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR DEC. 4-10, 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	5	0	4	5	0
Rape	14	17	0	27	5	0
Unlawful sexual contact	8	11	0	6	7	0
Robbery	45	45	0	38	39	1
Aggravated assault	29	42	0	9	21	2
Burglary	200	182	1	54	58	1
Theft	1070	876	17	351	250	1
Auto theft	79	113	1	8	14	0
Arson	7	5	0	2	1	0
All other	--	62	2	--	91	4
TOTAL PART I	1454	1359	21	500	492	9
PART II OFFENSES						
Other assaults	371	408	12	285	281	5
Receiving stolen property	0	1	0	34	17	0
Criminal mischief	673	668	21	352	117	1
Weapons	7	13	0	79	85	2
Other sex offenses	15	11	1	14	10	0
Alcohol	545	509	7	937	1017	8
Drugs	101	124	1	307	389	1
Noise/disorderly premise	764	809	10	342	427	5
Disorderly conduct	990	949	13	171	181	3
Trespass	186	180	2	66	90	3
All other	675	543	12	243	205	3
TOTAL PART II	4327	4215	79	2830	2819	31
MISCELLANEOUS						
Alarm	1389	1400	32	0	0	0
Animal control	716	542	5	43	20	3
Recovered property	266	260	7	0	0	0
Service	9066	8473	199	0	0	0
Suspicious person/vehicle	989	1355	24	0	0	0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	12426	12030	267	43	20	3
THIS WEEK 2004 2004 TO DATE THIS WEEK 2005 2005 TO DATE						
TOTAL CALLS	562	29543		556	27921	

2005 The Year In Review

■ January 7

Burglaries increase compared to last year

A string of burglaries and thefts over the past months have hit Newark residents hard. Compared to last year, burglaries are up almost 20 percent, with most happening in the past few weeks.

Chief of Police Gerald Conway said that the number of burglaries started picking up in November, with 22 break-ins during the month. In December, that trend continued with 30 break-ins. Last year's average for the two months was 13.

Planners table Stone Balloon project

Newark's Planning Commission delayed making a decision on whether or not to grant approval of a zoning change and parking waiver that would allow builders to construct an 85-apartment complex on the current site of the Stone Balloon at 115 E. Main St.

The Commissions concerns centered around the height of the proposed building, the number of apartments and the modern facade.

■ January 14

Vacancy to be filled

After a series of extended deadlines, the Christina School Board has announced a candidate to fill its seventh seat.

The Board members voted to "extend an invitation" to Beverly Howell to fill the District D position left vacant by the resignation of Christopher Reed in October 2004.

Farrell not running

Newark's District 1 city council representative had barely announced that he would not seek another term Monday night when a contender to be a replacement surfaced.

Newark City Councilman John Farrell stated he would not seek re-election once his term expires in April. Newark resident Paul Pomeroy immediately announced he will run for the council post.

■ January 21

Burglaries continue

Despite collecting physical evidence and statements from multiple victims, police still



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY KAYTIE DOWLING

A burglary spree early in the year caused many residents to seek out ways to keep their homes safe. About 250 people received advice from Cpl. Tracy Simpson on ways to protect their property at this meeting in January.

have little to go on, said Chief of Police Gerald Conway at the Downtown Newark Partnership meeting.

The burglar or burglars have gotten more daring lately, making the issue even more pressing in the hearts and minds of city residents. For the past two months, the break-ins were centered within the Newark city limits. However, that seems to no longer be the case. A break-in fitting the emerging pattern - entering through a rear window, running straight to the bedroom, displaying no weapon, targeting a senior citizen and only taking things that can be easily sold for cash - occurred in Pennsylvania just one half mile from the Delaware border during the first week of January.

Timothy's liquor license suspended

Timothy's Restaurant's two bars will run dry for the next month. The restaurant's liquor license has been suspended until Feb. 10 for selling alcohol to three different minors. Until then, the restaurant will stay open.

Timothy Diver, licensee of the restaurant, pled guilty to six charges at a Jan. 6 hearing before the Delaware Alcoholic Beverage control commission. Charges include: two counts of selling liquor to a minor, two

counts of having untrained wait staff and one count of making unapproved alterations to the floor plan.

■ January 28

Club okays swap

It was a scene of jubilation at

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the Newark Country Club when members realized that the future of the club just might lie in Cecil County, Md. Members were shouting, singing and clapping as the news was announced.

"I haven't seen that kind of enthusiasm and applause," said Ron Gardner, a board member at the club. "That's never happened here before."

A vast majority of voting members - a 4-1 ratio - voted for a land swap deal with Newark developer William Stritzinger. It would relocate the club a few miles down the road in Maryland and allow Stritzinger to build homes on the current property.

\$10,000 to NHA

The Newark City Council gave the Newark Housing Authority \$10,000 from Community Development Block Grant funds to help clean up a former landfill, the cost of which will be shared by NHA and the city of Newark.

The site, which is now the NHA's Cleveland Heights, was originally a landfill for the city. However, NHA purchased half of the property in 1960. The site was not identified as one that must be cleaned up until recent years. Because the parties own almost equal shares of the polluted site, both are required to cover costs of its cleanup.

While costs for an initial site investigation and the development of a work plan are supposed to be shared, the NHA asked Newark to cover the costs of services done by city workers because of the authority's budget shortfall.

■ February 4

Planners okay review

The Newark Planning Commission voted 6-1 to recommend that the Newark City Council reconsider existing liquor laws. The controversial recommendation could end a prohibition in buildings that are adjacent to protected areas, but would also

give City Council members a tight reign on which establishments could or could not serve alcohol. Another major change proposed by commissioners would remove university dormitories from the list of protected areas that cannot border properties that sell liquor.

Smile for the (red light) camera

Newark will get two new traffic signal video cameras at intersections that the Delaware Department of Transportation has deemed to be the most dangerous - at Christina Parkway and Rt. 896 and at Rt. 4 and Marrows Road - in an effort to make city roads safer.

■ February 11

Frat suspended

Alpha Tau Omega fraternity brothers will have a few more weeks in their fraternity house on Courtney Street after filing for an appeal on an eviction notice from the City of Newark.

The fraternity was evicted from the house by the City of Newark after the university suspended its activity until 2009. The original deadline for eviction was Feb. 4, but was pushed back once to allow brothers who were traveling over the winter class session to return. However, before the revised eviction date of Feb. 8 came, the fraternity had taken its own legal action, allowing members to continue living in the house for a few more weeks.

Code taken seriously

"We cannot put our staff in jeopardy. They need our support," said Board member Jim Durr at a recent Christina Schools Board of Education meeting.

Durr was referring to a recommendation to expel a student for striking a teacher.

Since then the Board has approved four more expulsions in January. So far this school year, eight students have been expelled from Christina schools. Last year there were none. "Most of them were weapons charges," said David Sundstrum, chief of staff for the district.

■ February 18

Project okayed, finally

After three years of delay in litigation and negotiations, building plans for a 12-apartment subdivision on South Chapel Street have received the go-ahead from Newark City Council. During the

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past three years, the city and Delta Eta the company overseeing the building and construction, have been in and out of courts trying to reach a compromise.

Cleveland Heights could be razed

The Newark Housing Authority submitted plans to its parent U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on Feb. 8 for the demolition of the rent-subsidized Cleveland Heights apartment complex, citing crime, environmental concerns and outdated facilities.

The demolition application came after a troubled year for Cleveland Heights. In the past six months, residents have rallied around the Newark City Council to address ignored maintenance issues while the Newark Housing Authority has been held partially financially responsible for investigating environmental concerns at the property.

■ February 25

New middle school site

Christina School's Board of Education approved pursuing the purchase of an existing building in the Pencader Business Park, off Rt. 896 north of Rt. 40, that had been originally built as an office complex but will now be reconfigured as a new middle school, serving 800 students in

grades six, seven and eight.

The 160,000 square foot building at 300 Executive Dr., owned by Sedona Inc., was previously occupied by AstroPower for administrative purposes and used for less than one year. It was constructed in 2002.

School administration moves

On Friday, Feb. 25, the long-awaited move is scheduled to relocate the administration offices of the Christina School District out of 83 E. Main St., in Newark, to the Drew Building at 600 N. Lombard St., in Wilmington. The staff of 70 administrators, secretaries and clerks will officially report to the Drew Building on Monday, Feb. 28.

When the move is completed, demolition will begin on the interior of the old building on Main Street that will convert it back to its original purpose, a school.

■ March 4

Candidates file for school board elections

Five candidates have filed to run in the school board elections for the Christina School District, including two incumbents in the same district. But even though two are running against each other, both could potentially remain on the Board of Education for the next year.

The Department of Elections



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO

Eight-year Newark city council veteran Jerry Clifton announced in March that he would not seek reelection. The decision, he said, was based on reasons both personal and professional. He later became a write-in winner.

for New Castle County has announced that both board members George Evans and Brenda Phillips have filed to run in District A in the May elections. With only three days left to file, candidate, Paul J. Falkowski, filed to run in District A, too.

Train strikes third person in six months

University of Delaware student Michael Lombardo, 20, of Bellmore, N.Y. is now the third pedestrian to be hit by a train while crossing the CSX tracks in the past six months.

Two other pedestrians have been hit before this incident. On Sept. 12, 18-year-old Rachel Payne was fatally struck by a CSX train on her way home from a party. Then, on Jan. 14, a 33-year-old man was seriously injured while crossing the tracks behind the Deer Park.

■ March 11

Council vet Clifton withdraws

Veteran Newark City Councilman Jerry Clifton announced that he would not seek re-election after eight years of public service. He will leave the race behind with a two-way race between political newcomers Peter Shurr and Sharon Hughes.

His decision not to run was based on several factors, including what he called, "an adversarial relationship" between himself and City Manager Carl Luft.

Model program approved

The Board of Education gave their unanimous approval for an intense academic/work program designed to fulfill the needs of students traditionally at risk for dropping out of high school.

The Sarah Pyle Academy for Academic Intensity will provide a select student population with a no-frills, but challenging and innovative, academic program combined with on-the-job experience.

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■ March 18

Fatality on CSX tracks

After a second fatality on the CSX tracks in the past six months, members of city council, the Newark Police Department, the University of Delaware and CSX are collaborating on a way to increase safety along the rail.

Newark police officers arrested four individuals in the past week for trespassing on the CSX tracks.

Truck crashes into toll booths

The Delaware State Police

is investigating a tractor-trailer crash that occurred early morning on Thursday, March 10 on southbound I-95 at the Delaware Turnpike Toll Plaza north of the Maryland line.

As the truck neared the EZ pass lanes, Wallace fell asleep. The truck struck the concrete barrier leading into the lanes and then struck an unoccupied tollbooth.

■ March 25

Seniors gamble for a good cause

To tell the dealer to "hit me" or stay on 15 was the big question on Saturday, March 19 at the Newark Senior Center. It was the group's 12th annual Casino Night.

The Senior Center was transformed into a casino for the evening, fully equipped with blackjack and poker tables, a roulette wheel and slot machines.

"The slot machines kept ringing and ringing throughout the night," said the NSC's representative, Karen Krauss. More than \$13,000 was raised for the center activities.

Conflict in District 2

The contender for the Newark City Council District 2 seat, Peter Shurr III, is running for office this April despite entering the third year of legal action against the City of Newark and nine Newark Police officers.

The series of lawsuits stem back to a 2002 incident where

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Donna Dirienzo, of the school district's Business Group, stacks paced boxes higher and deeper in the hallways, waiting for the moving vans to take them to their new home in Wilmington.

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Shurr, who has worked for the Daimler Chrysler Newark Assembly Plant for 27 years, was accused of damaging a PT Cruiser at the plant during that year's labor dispute.

■ April 1

Reservoir is not forgotten

Tractors and bulldozers will return to the site of Newark's future reservoir for the first time this week since construction came to a halt in December 2003.

While the contractors, George and Lynch, have been doing preparatory work for a month, heavy construction will start once again. That means work on a 1.2 million square foot liner will soon begin, in an effort to protect what will become a 317 million-gallon water supply.

Last council meeting for two members

The Monday, March 28 Newark City Council meeting brought the end of a combined 14 years of service for two council members.

For both Jerry Clifton and John Farrell, the meeting marked the conclusion of their terms. Farrell cited personal reasons for not seeking reelection, while Clifton chose not to run for a combination of reasons, both personal and professional.

■ April 8

A fine wine time

Wind and rain couldn't dampen the spirits of crows that enjoyed Newark's first Wine and Dine Downtown event on Saturday, April 2. Heavy rains early Saturday failed to deter crowds. Visitors came downtown to the 12 participating restaurants for a sip from select vineyards and a taste from local chefs.

Explosions at Chrysler plant

Newark Police, Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder and Delaware State Police Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit were summoned to the Mopar Distribution Plant, next to Daimler Chrysler Assembly Plant on Tuesday, March 30, where several explosions took place as a result of "improvised explosive devices."

One employee was arrested for possession of an incendiary device and reckless endangering first degree.

■ April 15

Debbie Chien, Helen Chan, Kevin O'Brien and Lauren Wagner, left to right, enjoy spirits and fellowship at the Iron Hill Brewery during Newark's first Wine and Dine Downtown event.

**Merlet resigns**

Constance Merlet, Christina District board member since July 2001 and this year's vice president announced her resignation in Tuesday's meeting so that she can assume a paid position with the district. Her resignation is effective April 26.

Merlet, whose term would have expired in June 2006, accepted the position of manager of Gifted Education and Talent Development.

Election results surprising

Tuesday's election for Newark City Council was full of surprises, despite returning two incumbents to their seats.

A last minute write-in campaign elected George J. Clifton, better known as incumbent Councilman Jerry Clifton, by a margin of 69 percent. He received a total of 109 votes.

Incumbent David Athey easily defeated Rob Foraker by 161 to 9 in district 4. Paul Pomeroy was unopposed in District 1, replacing John Farrell who decided not to run again.

■ April 22

Land swap closer

A proposed development that would build 300 new homes in the area and relocate the Newark Country Club to Maryland overcame a second wave of regulatory hurdles on April 18 and moved one step closer toward final approval from the Cecil County government.

Aston Pointe, a 300-home community and private golf course proposed east of Fair Hill, Md., won preliminary approval from the Cecil County Planning

Commission April 18 - the second step in the county's three-phase subdivision process.

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Changing of guard

Each with their right hand on the City of Newark's gilded Bible, the three victors of Newark's city council election took the oath of office on April 19.

And with those words, the city council reinstated its most senior member, Jerry Clifton, who has served District 2 for eight years, and initiated its newest member, Paul Pomeroy, into District 1. David Athey also took the oath as

he returned for his second term as representative for District 4.

■ April 29

Project pulled

The controversial Waterstone condominium building that is planned for the Stone Balloon site was pulled from the Newark City Council's agenda just hours before it was scheduled to be considered. Critics accused the developers, Graceland Group L.L.C. of underhanded intentions, while the project's lawyer, Mark Sisk, said it was a matter of poor timing.

Newark cleans up

Newark's streets were littered with them on Earth Day. They were everywhere, completely drenched from the morning's rain. Students, business owners and kids and their parents

filled roadways like Elkton Road, cleaning out gutters and picking up trash for the 35th Earth Day anniversary.

Uniformed in oversized yellow "Community Clean Up" tee-shirts, the group of 175 residents and nearly 400 students gathered as much trash from the town as they could find. Two dump trucks were filled to the brim with dilapidated tires. More than 3,280 pounds of trash were collected.

■ May 6

Student's murder covered up by fire

The life of 20-year-old Lindsay Bonistall was cut short on Sunday, May 1.

A University of Delaware sophomore, from White Plains, N.Y., was found strangled in her Towne Court bathroom after a fire ravaged her two-bedroom apartment. Firefighters responded to the fire just before 3 a.m. where they extinguished the blaze. They were then called to a second fire in the 200 block Murray Road, which turned out to be arson.

Upon returning to the apartment fire, nearly eight hours after the blaze began, they discovered the girl's body covered by debris in the bathtub.

Reward offered

Newark Police are hoping that a \$10,000 reward and a composite sketch will encourage anyone who might have information about the murder of Lindsey Bonistall to come forward.

A sketch was made of a suspect who broke into a West Park Place rental home the day before Bonistall's murder. Police believe there may be a link between the two crimes because of their close proximity.

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Nursing careers begin here!

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Stubborn pickle jar lids

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The connection between Clovis stone points and pickle jar lids has escaped anthropologists so far.

The Clovis point, you recall, was the big-ticket invention in the negative 130th century. Our scientific types decided the points were the business end of a thrown spear used to kill large meat on the hoof.

But the learned ones overlook the power of the kitchen. Every woman knows dill pickles go with joint of mammoth like sauerkraut with a hot dog. While the men were out drinking, smoking, hunting and lying, the women were putting up pickles.

Opening the pickle jar then was like it is now. The woman said to her Sven, "Get me a pointy stone I can stick in this #*&^\$/pickle jar lid." Sven did that and later found he could also stick it into live meat.

The obvious question that asks itself hasn't been raised yet — was the Clovis point invented first to open pickle jars or to take down mammoths?

Like so much knowledge, the opening of jar lids was lost in time, but the problem survived all these centuries. Pull out a typical kitchen drawer and discover the artifacts for century #22.

There are big rubber discs and plastic gloves with protruding plastic dots. In one drawer we have a baby food jar opener unused for a half century. Sometimes it worked on a screw-top by disturbing the metal a little.

I saw a woman nudge a recalcitrant top using a "church key." That device, an ancient inquisition torture tool, opened beverage cans before pull-tabs. While I gritted my teeth she waggled the pointed end between glass and steel — Bingo. (Bingo is a modern adaptation of an ancient Viking shouting game.)

One of my friends, a direct kind of fellow, stabs an ice pick straight down into the lid center and relieves the vacuum inside. He rarely has the tool confiscated when he travels by air. A slightly more civilized chap tells me he depresses the lid's center button if it wears one. That sounded good until I checked. The ominous directions said don't use the contents if the button is up.

Then there's the "hot and cold" school. Run hot water on top to expand and loosen

the metal top or alternately cold water which should do what — tighten the metal! When this doesn't work or induces carpal tunnels, firmly grip a table knife by the blade swatting the lid rim all around with the handle. (Note to husband, — don't use the good silver.) Twist the lid and open a Band Aid. Some swear the answer is hammers or oil filter wrenches.

For cooks who plan ahead, pick a son-in-law with big strong hands. Call him for the jar job and while he's in the house, there is the dog's ball behind the fridge and a dripping faucet, etc.

Being this is the 21st century we should have expected a better jar opener — maybe nuclear. Happily there is a new solution to the problem. Phone 1-800-672-5041 and tell the monk at Mt. Olive you couldn't open the !@#%\$^&* lid on their jar. He doesn't need to know it was three jars back. He will send you a new strong opener that works nicely, to put in your kitchen drawer plus some other goodies.

Thinking back to the children's game of rock, paper or steel, remember rock conquered steel?

The ancient wife had it right when she jammed the pointy rock into the jar top and twisted.



Gruber

■ Jan. 1, 1931

Court a cause for worry

Considerable speculation is being heard in political circle as to the controlling power of the next Levy court, which will organize next Tuesday.

While there are reports that anti-organization forces have the upper hand with the Levy Courtmen, there are other rumors that the organization forces will organize and control it.

The organizations group is said to be favorable to the election of Levy Court Commissioner-elect Jas. Keenan for president.

Recess may be abolished

The 1931 session of the Legislature, which will convene next Tuesday, may not take the usual recess of a week or so for committee appointments, following organization, it was reported this week.

If it meets with the convenience of the presiding officers,

efforts may be made to continue the session straight through from Tuesday, with as few delays as possible. This would indicate that the hearings of the budget committee of the General Assembly will take place shortly.

■ Dec. 31, 1980

Studio holding open house

On Saturday, Jan. 10, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Art Studios of the New Castle County Department of Parks and Recreation will hold an open house.

The program will be free and open to the public.

The open house will be held at the Art Studios facility in the Absalom Jones Community Center, 310 Kiamensi Rd., Wilmington, DE 19804. At the open house, the public will be able to visit the various studio areas in pottery, photography, dance, drawing, painting and

weaving. Instructors for winter programs will be available to answer questions concerning winter programs.

Winter programs announced

The Art Studios of the New Castle County Department of

Parks and Recreation will be offering a full line of adult and children's programs this winter.

All adult programs will provide some basic materials and supplies as well as open studio hours when registered students may use the various studio facilities during designated times.

Most children's classes will be held on Saturday mornings beginning January 17. Drawing and painting will provide eight, hour-and-a-half classes.

■ Dec. 22, 2000

New principal at Sterck

According to school director Ed Bosso, John Persinger will take over the position of acting principal at Sterck School on East Chestnut Hill Road until the search for a new principal is completed.

"Mr. Persinger has been a tremendous help during our

OUT OF THE ATTIC



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

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years



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

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Helicopter parents try to oversee college administrators

► UPFRONT, from 1

parents call her with questions, complaints and requests that she would never had heard a decade ago. (When she was a Resident Assistant at Dickinson, a mother called my daughter to complain that no one had changed a burned-out light bulb in her daughter's dorm room even though she had given Facilities' phone number to the student. The student never called, but did complain to Mom...and she acted!)

Strangely, the federal privacy laws enacted in the late 1990s

prevent my daughter from discussing anything with Mom or Dad unless she has the expressed permission of the student. This usually angers the parents who quickly point out that they pay the freight.

Frustrated at not getting what they want from college officials, the latest tactic used by helicopter parents is turning to state legislators. This strategy was taken to an extreme recently in Wisconsin when a parent got a parking ticket for illegally parking during move-in day at the dorms in Madison. Rather than pay the ticket, the errant parent lobbied the state legislature, which voted

in a change to suspend parking enforcement during the first week of the semester.

Delaware's state legislators also become targets of helicopter parents. Frustrated that their attempts failed to get their child into a closed class or a private dorm room, local helicopter parents call their state reps. Of course, the elected officials can't tell constituents to "pound sand" so they have to investigate. And sometimes officials at UD, Del Tech and Del State grease the wheel, and the intervening parents get what they want. But more often than not, the state legislator gets the same response that the

parents and the student got.

I think my wife and I were decent parents. We did intervene on our kids' behalf several times. And it was extremely hard to "let go" and see a child treated unfairly by the system and not do anything. But, at some point, you have to let your children run their own lives, take their lumps, be taken advantage of, experience the consequences of failing to act, and other developmental experiences. It's called "growing up."

Helicopter parents are like my wife and me — they're simply doing what they believe is in the best interests of their children. They do this with good inten-

tions.

But they do a disservice to their youngsters when they keep running their lives, telling them what to do, and intervening against the system. They rob their kids of important life experiences in college, a pretty safe environment in which to make mistakes and learn from them.

■ *When not patting himself on the back for being a wiser parent than his helicopter counterparts, the writer is publisher of this and three other newspapers headquartered in Newark. The Streits moved to the Cherry Hill neighborhood of Newark in 1992.*

Murder of UD student dominates police news in 2005

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the weekend of Dec. 16 brought out many residents and former residents for a goodbye to the Main Street bar.

The Balloon's future was uncertain at the start of the year, as city planners wrestled with a proposal to raze the building and construct an apartment complex on the site. The project, known as Waterstone, was reduced from 84 to 54 units, and received approval from the city council in August.

The success of several downtown events proved at least one truth in 2005: Newark residents like to eat.

Newark's first Wine and Dine festival featured 12 restaurants and select vineyards. Beer fans came from across the mid-Atlantic region for the second Food and Brew Festival in July.

The Taste of Newark event, held on Oct. 2, proved to be another big success. The city's second annual food fest sold more than 650 tickets to a hungry crowd, raising \$50,000 for charities.

In politics, the April elections for Newark City Council had surprising results.

One councilman made history by winning an election with write-in votes. Veteran Newark City Councilman Jerry Clifton announced in March he would not seek re-election, leaving the race between newcomers Peter Shurr and Sharon Hughes. A last minute write-in campaign elected Clifton to office, by a margin of 69 percent.

In November, the city sighed with relief after years of bated breath when filling began at the long-awaited reservoir. By the end of the year, the 317-million-gallon basin held more than 40 feet of water, with no problems apparent.

Educational reforms continued at a brisk pace for the Christina School District, with the relocation of administration to Wilmington offices and the purchase of a new middle school site in the Pencader Business Park.

In September, school superintendent Joseph Wise surprised the district with his resignation. Wise had just 20 months on the

job when he relocated to Florida to head Duval County Schools.

But the wheels of change first turned under Wise's watch continue to spin. Taxpayers and homeowners living in the district will be asked to approve a new tax referendum to complete the Transformations and redistricting started by the former superintendent.

Perhaps the biggest, on-going story of the year centered on Newark's public safety concerns.

The year started with a string of burglaries and thefts. Burglaries were up almost 20 percent compared to 2004.

The burglars were of a daring type, with most break-ins fitting a pattern. The burglar targeted the homes of senior citizens, entered through a window, ran straight to the bedroom and took only things that could be easily sold for cash.

Safety issues came to a head with the murder of 20-year-old Lindsay Bonistall, a University of Delaware sophomore, from White Plains, N.Y. Bonistall was found strangled in her Towne Court bathroom after a fire ravaged her two-bedroom apartment on May 1.

Soon after, the city council approved the addition of five new police officers, vowing to pay for their salary through a property tax increase.

The city council also boosted safety standards for new city apartments, requiring upgraded locks on unit doors, locking bars for sliding glass doors, peepholes, exterior lighting and auto-locking building entrances, as well as outdoor security lights in public passageways.

In October, Acting Police Chief William Nefosky came at crime from a different angle. In the wake of four assaults in one weekend, officers were encouraged to take enforcement action at large, disorderly parties, absent a complaint by neighbors.

This "zero-tolerance" policy was met with backlash from University of Delaware students who saw the policy as unfairly targeting them.

At a December forum on

campus, Nefosky said he expected the backlash from students. "But, in my heart, I knew this was the best course of action, and I'm committed to it," he said.

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2000: Aetna plans addition

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transition at DSD and we are very fortunate to have him in the role of acting principal until the position is filled," said Bosso in a letter to the Sterck community.

According to Bosso, Persinger has been a teacher at the Delaware School for the Deaf for more than 30 years.

Fire station expanding

Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder

Company plans an addition at its Thorn Lane fire station off Elkton Road in Newark.

The addition to the 16-year-old station has been planned since the 1980s, according to Aetna spokesperson John Farrell. "We always knew we would expand there, so the utilities and approvals were in place from the beginning," he explained.

The more than 4,000 square-foot addition will cost approximately \$600,000—entirely funded through donations from citizens and businesses served by the fire company.

Diversions

THEATRE • EVENTS • EXHIBITS • NIGHTLIFE • MEETINGS

FRIDAY

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ART EXHIBITION 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs till Jan. 8, 2006. "The Night Before Christmas." An exhibit examining many artistic interpretations of the famous poem. \$8 for adults. \$5 for seniors, students with ID, and children, free to children under six. Brandywine River

Museum Conservancy, Route 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-2700 or brandywinemuseum.org.

EXHIBIT 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs till Jan. 2, 2006. "Christmas at Hagley." \$5 adults, \$2 children 6-14, free under 6. Hagley Museum and Library, Route 141, Wilmington. Info., 658-2400.

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 Dec. 30. Holiday Art Market. The Newark Arts Alliance, 100 Elkton Rd. Info., 266-7266.

EXHIBIT 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs till July 31, 2006. "Centuries of Progress: American World's Fairs, 1853-1982." \$5 adults, \$2 children 6-14, free under 6. Hagley Museum and Library, Route 141, Wilmington. Info., 658-2400.

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

HOLIDAY SHOPS 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs through Dec. A market featuring beautiful and unique objects created some of the region's best craftspeople. \$8 for adults. \$5 for seniors and children. Brandywine River Museum Courtyard, Route 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-2700 or brandywinemuseum.org.

WINTER BREAK CAMP 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Camp ends today. Spend your vacation learning about winter. You'll be amazed about how much there is to do in winter. \$175. Bellevue State Park. Info., 793-3046.

Saturday, Dec. 31

BASKETBALL 7:30 p.m. Fightin' Blue Hens vs. Loyola, Md. Bob Carpenter Center, David M. Nelson Athletic Complex, S. College Ave., Newark. Info., UD1-HENS.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Hot Buffet, Champagne Toast and dancing. Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. \$45 per person. \$85 per couple. Mill Creek Fire Company, 3900 Kirkwood Hwy., Wilmington. Info., 994-6361.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE 7:30 p.m. Music theatre classics directed by David Amado. \$55, 65, 75. The Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Info., 656-7442.

CELEBRATION 7 p.m. New Year's Eve celebration with buffet and theatre. Big Band music led by Craig Raymond. Dance the night away! \$99. Three Little Bakers Dinner, 3540 Three Little Bakers Blvd., Wilmington. Info., 368-1616 or 3Lbonline.com.

Sunday, Jan. 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY DANCE 2 - 5 p.m. Folk dancing. 5 - 7 p.m. Pot luck dinner. 7 - 10 p.m. Contra dance. \$10 for one dance. \$19 for both dances. Arden Gild Hall, 2406 Granby Rd., Wilmington. Info., 478-7257.

Tuesday, Jan. 3

CHESS NIGHT 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Open chess games for all. Targeted at teen players, but open to all. Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave., Newark. Info., 731-7550.

Wednesday, Jan. 4

FOLK DANCING 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. \$4. Arden Gild Hall, 2406 Granby Rd., Wilmington. Info., 478-7257.

Thursday, Jan. 5

MENS BASKETBALL 7:30 p.m. Fightin' Blue Hens vs. UNC Wilmington. Bob Carpenter Center, David M. Nelson Athletic Complex, S. College Avenue, Newark. Info., UD1-HENS.

Friday, Dec. 30

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, Dec. 31

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

KARAOKE 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. The American Legion of Elkton, 129 W. Main St. Info., 410-398-9720.

Monday, Jan. 2

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.

FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES

1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Classes for English Conversation. Registration required. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 East Main St. Info., 368-4942 or 368-8774.

SIMPLY JAZZ 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, ext. 260.

NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

The Holiday Inn, Route 273. Info., 453-8853.

NCCO STROKE CLUB 12 p.m. 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, Jan. 3

GRIEF SHARE 7 p.m. Seminar and support group for those who have lost someone close to them. Union United Methodist Church, 345 School Bell Rd., Bear. Info., 737-5040.

COPING WITH LIFE & MS 4 - 5:30 p.m. A support group. St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1314 Foulk Rd. Info., 479-5080.

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

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. 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.

MOMS CLUB/NEWARK 9:30 a.m. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 834-1505.

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

NEWARK LIONS 6:30 p.m. Lions meeting with program. Holiday Inn, Route 273 and I-95. Info., 731-1972.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 7 p.m. Liberty Baptist Church, Red Lion Road, Bear. Info., 838-2060.

MEETINGS

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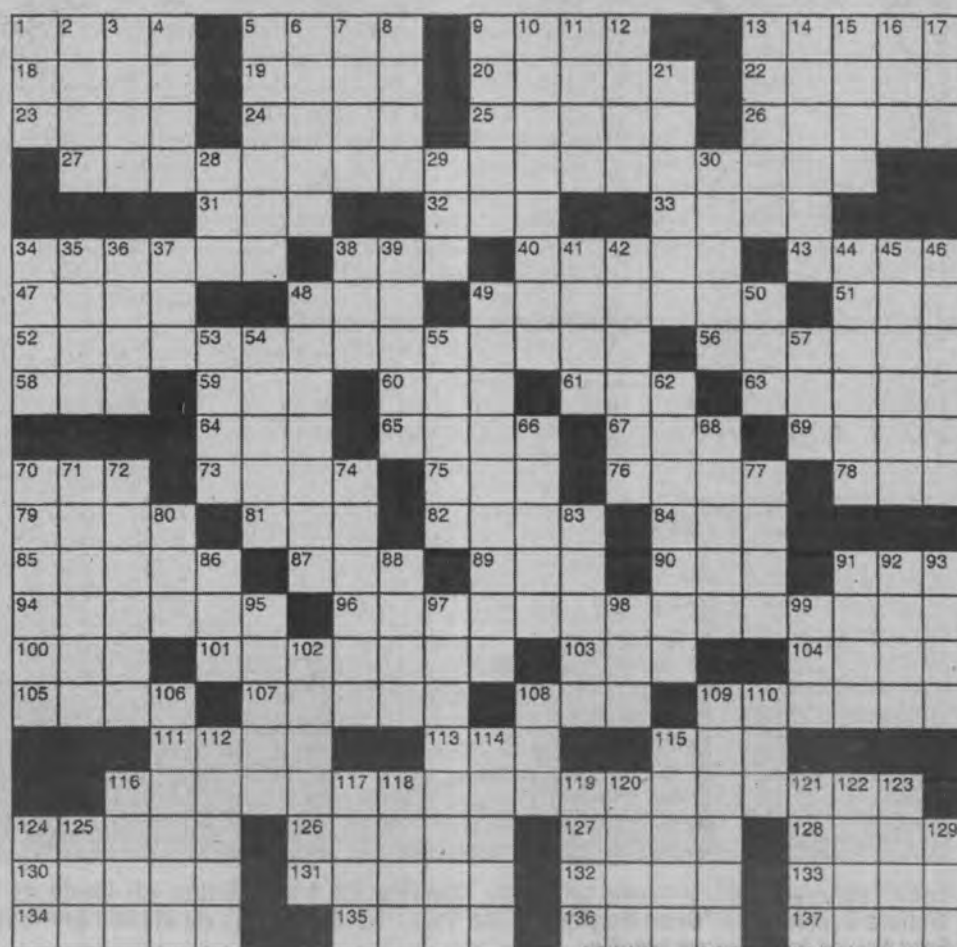
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■ May 13

City approves new officers

Will the addition of five new police officers help reduce crime in Newark? City Council members believe the answer to that question is yes and on Monday, May 9 voted to hire five sworn officers and to pay for their salary through a property tax increase.

The police-hiring debate came to a head at the council meeting, a week after the slaying of University of Delaware sophomore Lindsey Bonistall. Talk of increasing the police force had been on the table for nearly two years, and only increased after this winter's rash of burglaries. But it was the Bonistall murder that fueled the discussion.

Christina board remains intact

George Evans won in District A, putting him on the board for a sixth time. His opponent, current board president Brenda Phillips was forced to run against him due to a change in election district lines. Even though she lost in the election, Phillips will be permitted to finish out her term which expires in 2006. Also running in District A was newcomer Paul Falkowski.

In District D Beverly Howell

won her first full term over newcomers Arthur Halprin and Lorraine Thomas. A member of the board since January, Howell was appointed to fill a vacancy.

■ May 20

Good Neighbor feeds Newark

His selfless spirit has shone in the Val Nardo's Needy Family Fund for years. He and a group of dedicated volunteers have fed Newark's families during the holiday season for years. The group collects food throughout the year and parcels it out to different need-based organizations. One of those recipient groups, the Newark Area Welfare Committee, has taken the opportunity to honor Nardo as the Good Neighbor of the Year.

Ceremony honors troops

Soldiers stormed Newark on Sunday, May 15. Equipped with bayonet-spiked muskets, swords and rifles, it looked like a coup d'état gone historically wrong. But Newarkers had nothing to fear. All of the soldiers, with their dated garb and weaponry, were part of the 70th annual Memorial Ceremony.

■ May 27

More hoops for hops

Despite eliminating protected areas in downtown, new restaurants in Newark will have to jump through a few more hoops to be able to serve alcohol after the May 23 City Council meeting. Council approved a two-part change to existing liquor laws at the meeting. Restaurants will now have to obtain a special use permit to serve liquor anywhere within the city limits.

2005

the year in review

Boundaries under study

All residents of the Christina School District will now have an equal opportunity to voice their opinions on three different options for realignment of the school feeder patterns. Public meetings are scheduled to inform residents of the options that will improve grade configurations and reduce the number of school changes that students will need to make.

■ June 3

Ethics investigation to move forward

An ethics investigation on City Secretary Sue Lamblack is now being scheduled to go before the city's Board of Ethics this month. Lamblack will face at least one complaint in the hearing, but that number could increase by June 8.

The City Secretary is being accused of acting unethically in the April election cycle by Sharon Hughes, a contender for the City Council's District 2 seat. Hughes initially accused Lamblack of acting unethically after the spring election. Ed. note: Hearing was scheduled for June 13.

Widespread impact

With the Superintendent's plan well on its way to transforming the local public schools, possibly one of the most significant pieces is about to fall into place, potentially affecting all students in the Christina School District.

In less than six weeks, the Christina Board of Education will vote on a plan that will put into place new school boundaries, feeder patterns, extended Choice options, and hopefully, reduce the number of transitions students need to make through their 13 years of public school and get them back into neighborhood schools.

■ June 10

Students disappointed

After a national search lasting nearly one year, a candidate for Newark High's band director has been identified, much to the chagrin of many of his future students.

A band director from Florida, James Smisek, currently finishing his doctorate at the University of North Carolina Greensboro, will have his name presented to the Christina Board of Education next week for final approval to fill the position vacated by Lloyd Ross's retirement in December.

When it was announced that interim band director Jonathan Wittman was not the selection committee's final choice, nearly 100 students protested peacefully in front of the school at dismissal time on Wednesday, June 1.

Alderman Court survives

Newark officials are pleased

that a Delaware State Senate vote ended the threat to the city's Alderman's Court. By a vote of 16-4, the Senate action continues an exemption in state law that prevents defendants from transferring Newark Alderman's Court cases to the New Castle County Court of Common Pleas.

■ June 17

City Secretary cleared

City Secretary Sue Lamblack did nothing wrong in the eyes of the city's Board of Ethics.

Lamblack faced the board on Monday, June 13, after a local resident and unsuccessful political candidate filed a complaint about her behavior during the city's April elections.

Finally, an arrest

Newark police believe they have the man who raped and killed 20-year-old University of Delaware student Lindsey Bonistall and then torched her apartment. The Newark Police announced this week that they have charged Newark resident James E. Cooke, 34, with the girl's murder.

■ June 24

FOIA foils council

The Newark City Council violated the Freedom of Information Act, according to a recent Attorney General decision. Newark resident Al Porach filed a FOIA complaint on April 14, arguing that the Newark City Council violated open meeting requirements while discussing the hiring of the city's lobbyist, Robert Maxwell.

Christina revising code of conduct

The information age has overtaken and passed the code of conduct rules in the Christina School District. "Electronic devices have become a chronic problem in the high schools," said David Sunstrom, assistant superintendent and chief of staff. "We need to clarify the rules and we are also adding substantive provisions."

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Gene Zabrowski, left, presents an award honoring the humanitarian Val Nardo as the Newark Area Welfare Committee's "Good Neighbor of the Year." Nardo's efforts via his non-profit Val's Needy Family Fund helped feed Newark families.



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■ July 1

Cecil Planners reject Aston Pointe addition

On Monday, June 20, the Cecil County Planning Commission said Newark developer William Stritzinger would also have to supply the water before they will consider adding another 75 homes onto the Aston Pointe project.

Condo count shrinks

If the latest development in the proposed Waterstone Condominium building is any indicator, its builders don't prescribe to the old adage. The controversial condo building plan has been scaled back from its original 85 units to 54, a number that just might get a vote of approval from the Newark City Council.

■ July 8

Credit giant sold

Delaware's credit card giant MBNA will be no more by the end of the fourth quarter of 2005. The company that began locally in Ogletown and domi-

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nated globally has been bought by Bank of America.

Board considers boundary changes

After six weeks of public conversations, Christina District administrators have made a recommendation to move forward with one of the proposed options for reconfiguring grade levels and student assignment boundaries throughout the district.

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.

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Amy and Dr. Peter Roe enjoy a drink along Main Street during Newark's second Food and Brew Festival. Beer fans came to Main Street from across the mid-Atlantic region for the event.

■ July 15

State buys Deerfield

Newark's nearest MBNA neighbor is packing up and leaving. The Deerfield site, located just outside of the city boundaries on Papermill Road, will be sold to the state. The 145-acre property, including the golf and tennis club, will eventually become part of the White Clay Creek State Park.

Swim club okayed

The corner of So. College Avenue and West Park Place made a splash with the announcement City Council had approved the building to be used as a non-profit swim club. Previously the property housed the YWCA and the JCC.

■ July 22

Newark waits for street work

Newark's Main Street is going to have to wait some time before it gets the makeover it was promised. City planners had expected to see construction in the heart of the downtown this summer, but because of planning and funding issues, that will be delayed indefinitely.

Small but steady gains

The 2005 DSTP scores released to the public show small but steady gains for Grade 3 students statewide. Grade 3 went up two percentage points in students meeting or exceeding the standard

in reading and one percentage in math.

■ July 29

Food, brew, good times

Beer friends came to Main Street from all across the mid-Atlantic region for the second Food and Brew Festival held in downtown Newark on July 23.

Merchants and restaurateurs were pleased with the response and credited the low humidity with high attendance.

Stone Balloon condos tabled

It was back to the drawing board for Jim Baeurle and his proposed condominium building, Waterstone. City Council tabled the proposal to replace the Stone

Balloon with a 54-unit condo building after a last-minute offer to reduce Baeurle's parking waiver from 32 spaces down to 12.

■ Aug. 5

Frat suspended

The University of Delaware chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha has been suspended through spring 2009 after violating the University Code of Conduct. The fraternity was found guilty of three charges in the Student Judicial System, including providing false information to the City of Newark about a party on April 16, serving alcohol to underage students at that party and allowing an intoxicated, underage student to leave the party without providing assistance or a safe ride.

School boundary shifts

Christina School District administrators released additional details of the modified plan for student reassignment. New grade configurations, a new middle school and a new elementary school created the need for new attendance boundaries. The approved plan will go into effect for the 2006-2007 school year.

■ Aug. 12

Another 55-plus plan surfaces

A plan to reuse an "older

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This architect's drawing shows how the approved Waterstone condominiums will fit into the downtown streetscape. The city council okayed the project in August, nearly a year after the first papers were filed with the city.

Sports

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Local athletes excel in 2005

January 7

Newark boys top Delcastle

Newark's junior guard Steve Williams collected 27 points to lead the Yellowjackets to a 59-56 home victory over Flight A rival Delcastle. The win improved Newark's record to 4-2 overall and 2-0 in conference.

January 14

Glasgow boys top Christiana

Glasgow's offense exploded for 19 points in the pivotal third period, while the team's stingy defense surrendered only four points in the quarter, as the Dragons defeated cross-town rival Christiana, 55-44. The Dragons improved their record to 6-3 overall, while the Vikings watched their season record drop to 2-9.

January 21

Hens blow out James Madison

Junior guard Rulon Washington hit on 7 of 9 shots from the field, including six three-pointers, and finished with a career high 20 points as the University of Delaware easily handled James Madison for a 75-40 Colonial Athletic Association men's basketball win.

January 28

St. Mark's senior Matt Romanczuk dropped a 25-footer to tie the score with time running out in regulation. Then his Spartans outpaced Salesianum in a second overtime period to defeat their Catholic Conference opponents 57-62 before a packed house.

February 4

NHS boys end Sallies streak

Congratulations are in order for Coach Clint Orem and his Newark High boys swim team. NHS Yellowjackets ended one of the longest streaks of any kind in state history. Newark defeated Salesianum 96-90 to end the Sals' unbelievable seven-year in-state winning streak.

February 11

UD women receive votes

The UD women's basketball team, which has won 16 straight games, received 21 votes in the USA Today/ESPN/WBCA



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

Omar Cuff's was one of the highlights of the University of Delaware football season, which saw a home game moved to Richmond because of horrible field conditions.

Division I Top 25 Coaches poll. This marks the fifth time in history of the Blue Hen women's basketball program that Delaware has received a vote and the third time the team has received multiple votes. Currently the Blue Hens are 18-2, 11-0 CAA.

February 18

Newark boys fall

Middletown nailed a series of clutch free throws down the stretch to help preserve a 66-53 Flight A victory over host Newark. Cavalier's Mike Shipman lead all scores with 22 points for the contest. The senior was also perfect from the charity stripe for the night, hitting all ten free throw attempts.

February 25

St. Mark's dominates

St. Mark's continued its end of season surge with a second-place finish in the Delaware High School Dual Meet Tournament and strong showing in the Independent Schools State Qualifying Tournament. The sec-

ond-seeded Spartans knocked off No. 3 William Penn 35-26 in the semifinals before falling to top-seeded and powerful Caesar Rodney 52-10 in the championship match.

March 4

Newark boys win swim title

The Newark boys team won its historic, first-ever, state swim title at the University of Delaware, after claiming victory in the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Newark replaces defending state champion Salesianum as the top swimmers in Delaware.

March 11

State hoops in full swing

Mike Shipman and Paris Horne combined for 44 points to lead Middletown to a 72-61 victory over Glasgow in the quarter-final round of the Delaware High School Boys Basketball Tournament. The defending state champs lead from start to finish, but were unable to put the determined Dragons away for good until the fourth quarter.

March 18

Middletown tops for title

Senior Sam Shipman scored 26 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Middletown to a 77-58 victory over Caravel in the title game of the 2005 Delaware High School Boys Basketball Tournament at the Bob Carpenter Center. The win marked the Cavaliers second consecutive championship.

March 25

Blue Hen women fall

The UD women's basketball squad shot just 26.4 percent from the field for the game and St. John's forward Angela Clark scored 25 of her game-high 18 points after halftime as the Red Storm got past the Blue Hens for a 48-42 victory in the first round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

April 1

UD wins season opener

Junior left-handed pitcher Brent Gaphardt threw a no-hitter

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and struck out three sides of a seven-inning contest for the UD baseball team, who swept a conference opening doubleheader with Hofstra at Bob Hannah Stadium Saturday afternoon.

April 8**Keith pitches to victory**

The Newark High baseball team improved its record to 3-1 on the young season with a 2-0 home victory over McKean in a non-conference contest Tuesday afternoon. Newark's Jordan Keith allowed only three hits in pitching the complete game shutout. He struck out 10 batters for the second straight game, including the last five McKean batters.

April 15**Long balls lift Newark**

Newark batters blasted two long home runs and pounded out eight hits in a 7-5 road victory over Dickinson Thursday afternoon. The Jackets defense also made several spectacular plays in the bottom of the ninth to prevent a Dickinson comeback.

April 29**Hodgson wins cup**

Hodgson Vo-Tech scored a come-from-behind, 6-3 victory over Sussex Tech to capture the championship of the four-team, Stenta Cup bracket of the Delaware Stadium Corporation Cup baseball tournament. The Silver Eagles won the Vo-Tech school's division for the third time in five years, capturing trophies in 2000 and 2003.

May 6**Riccio shines in Blue-White**

Senior quarterback Sonny Riccio completed 13 of 20 passes for 114 yards and a touchdown and was the game's leading rusher with 36 yards as the University of Delaware football team concluded spring drills

with the annual Blue-White Spring scrimmage. Both teams played to a 50-50 tie.

May 13**Hens lacrosse makes NCAA**

The 16th ranked Blue Hens have earned an at-large berth in next week's NCAA tournament and will travel to fourth ranked and tournament No. 5 seed Navy for an opening game at Navy-Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis. Delaware, the CAA regular season champion, will be making its third trip to the NCAA Tournament and its first since the 1999 season.

May 20**Blue Hens fall to Navy**

The Navy men's lacrosse team scored six consecutive goals during the second and third quarters and held off a furious Delaware rally to defeat the Blue Hens 9-7 in the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse First Round at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

May 27**Glasgow girls win track title**

The Lady Dragons outscored Caesar Rodney 102 to 79.3 to take the Division One Girls Division state title in track and field championship at Polytech High School. It was their first title win in eight years.

June 3**Spartans win state crown**

St. Mark's won an unprecedented third straight Delaware High School baseball title with a 7-0 victory over Dickinson. Senior left-handed John Dischert was the hero of the game for the Spartans.

June 10**Romanczuk drafted**

Former St. Mark's standout Mark Romanczuk has achieved one of his life-long dreams: to play major

league baseball. The Stanford University junior was drafted yesterday by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the fourth round of baseball's amateur draft. He was also drafted out of high school by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, but declined to further his career.

June 24

Newark's baseball program will be looking for a new leader next season, and that person will have a tough act to follow. Coach Curt Bedford announced his resignation from the position at the end of the just-concluded high school baseball season.

July 8

What a great week for Kevin Mench.

When the hometown guy belts three home runs in a Major League Baseball game, it's a good bet that people outside the hometown think he's pretty good, too. Such is the case with Kevin Mench. Mench grew up in Newark. He played at Newark American Little League, St. Mark's High and the University of Delaware. The local resident blasted three home runs last week in the Texas Rangers 18-5 victory on the Anaheim Angels.

July 22**Ticket sales crack 10,600**

Last year more than 125,000 True Blue fans of Delaware football passed through the turnstiles at Delaware Stadium to watch the Fightin Blue Hens go 9-4 enroute to a second straight Atlantic 10 conference championship and NCAA I-AA Tournament appearance.

July 29**Newark National Seniors advance**

The Newark National Little League senior squad advanced to the Delaware State Tournament with a 6-3 victory over New Castle. Their victory avenged a loss to New Castle

in the 2004 District Two tournament finals.

Aug. 12**Blue hens start ranked No. 10**

The UF football team, which finished the 2004 season with a 9-4 mark and berth in the NCAA I-AA quarterfinals, was picked No. 10 in the Sports Network Pre-season I-AA poll.

Aug. 26**Atlantic-10 provides stiff competition**

The UD Fightin Blue Hens face an imposing NCAA I-AA schedule during the 2005 season. Delaware has perhaps one of the toughest schedules in their division by virtue of playing in the A-Ten.

Sept. 16**Victory over Lehigh**

10th ranked University of Delaware opened its 2005 football season by rallying for a 34-33 victory over No. 14 Lehigh at Delaware Stadium.

Sept. 23**Newark routs Kennett**

NHS football team regained its winning touch with a 35-0 victory over Kennett High at Hoffman Stadium.

Sept. 30**Newark falls in overtime**

"We had every chance to win this game, but just didn't get it done," said Newark coach Butch Simpson following his Yellowjackets 27-20 overtime loss to Middletown.

Oct. 7**Hens lose conference opener**

In the fourth quarter, Towson University Tigers scored two touchdowns to upset fifth-ranked Delaware in Atlantic 10 football action by a score of 35-31. The Blue Hens dropped to 3-1 overall and 0-1 in the conference.

Oct. 14**Hens move home game**

UD's home football game against University of Richmond was moved to Richmond Stadium due to unplayable field conditions at Tubby Raymond Field at Delaware Stadium. Summer drought, four inches of rain the previous weekend and hosting four games in the first five weeks of the season left the field mostly mud.

Oct. 21**Jackets pound Charter**

Newark High running back James Snider raced for 325 yards and four rushing touchdowns to lead the Yellowjackets to a 54-18 road victory over Charter School of Wilmington.

Oct. 28**Newark falls in OT**

After losing nine of the last ten games to Newark, William Penn won a hard-fought, 21-20 overtime decision over the Yellowjackets. William Penn improved to 7-0 overall, 5-0 in Flight A while Newark's record fell to 4-3, 2-2 in the conference.

Nov. 4**Newark tops Glasgow**

Newark's quick-strike offense proved to be too much for Glasgow to handle in a 35-0 rout over the Dragons. The Yellowjackets scored three consecutive touchdowns on their first three possessions of the game in the first quarter and all on first downs. This shutout moved the Yellowjackets to 8-3

Nov. 11**Blue Hens soundly beaten**

Quarterback Liam Coen completed 21 of 36 passes for 318 yards and a touchdown and scored another on the ground as No. 8 ranked U of Mass. Spoiled Senior Day for UD with a 35-7 Atlantic 10 Football Conference victory at Delaware Stadium.

Nov. 18**Newark qualifies for state football tournament**

Newark finished the 2005 regular season with a 49-14 home romp over Flight A opponent Alexis i. DuPont. The Jackets finished the season with a 7-3 record overall and 5-2 in Flight A, good for third place in conference.

Nov. 25**Newark wins first round**

The Yellowjackets offensive explosion continued in a 46-6 home victory over Dover in the first round of the Delaware High School Division I Football Tournament. After giving up early points for the second straight week, the Jackets went on an offensive rampage, scoring five, first-half touchdowns.

Dec. 2**Newark to play for state crown**

Newark's Yellowjackets advance to their third consecutive state high school championship game after defeating William Penn 28-6. Newark scored three touchdowns, one by the defense in the final frame, to earn the upset victory.

Dec. 16

Newark took the wrappings off the brand new season with a 55-53 victor over Concord in the opening round of the 17th Annual Kappa Kappa Basketball Tournament. Newark's senior guard A.J. Woolfolk hit a buzzer beating from just inside the arch for the game winning shot.

Dec. 23**Simpson takes baseball post**

Newark High School's long-time football coach, Butch Simpson, has been named the new head coach of the varsity baseball team.

Simpson, 57, replaces Curt Bedford, who resigned after 10 successful seasons as the Yellowjackets' mentor to take an assistant principal position at Christiana High School.

Newark wins in Kappa final

Newark's basketball team remained undefeated following the Yellowjackets exciting 53-52 victory over Howard in the championship game of the 18th Annual Kappa Kappa Basketball Tournament.

The Jackets won all three games on their home court in dramatic fashion.



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industrial site" for age-restricted, adult condominium community is going to City Council. Lang Development and the Edwards family want the city to annex approximately 18 acres of land adjacent to Elkton and Otts Chapel roads so they can build 88 condominium-style units for persons 55 and older.

25 years of Safety Town

This year Safety Town celebrated its 25th anniversary with programs about what to do if there is a fire, where to cross the street and the importance of wearing a seatbelt. Educating four and five year olds about the dangers of fire, unleashed pets and strangers, is what drives Newark's Safety Town each summer.

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■ Aug. 19

Bike trail stalled

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 bill stipulates that 20 percent of the funds must come from the state and DelDOT does not have the matching funds for 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 the financing or the money has to be returned.

Students return to safer schools

Security initiatives begun last year in the Christina School dis-

trict will be augmented this 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.

■ Aug. 26

Aston Pointe water plan rejected

Newark developer William Stritzinger suffered a major blow in his two-year quest to build a golf course community north of Elkton, just over the Delaware line on Rt. 273. Cecil County Commissioners voted 3-2 to deny his second request to have the project added to the county's future public water and sewer service area.

Balloon condo project okayed

Nearly a year after the first papers were filed with the city, the owner of the Stone balloon has permission to raze the landmark bar and construct a 54-unit condo building called Waterstone in its place.

■ Sept. 2

Not only at pump

Oil prices aren't just making the cost of driving more expensive - they are increasing the cost of maintaining a home, too. Electric rates in Newark have jumped for the second time in two months, totaling a six percent increase.

Train hits car

On Sunday, Aug. 28, at 8:56 p.m., a vehicle was struck by a CSX freight train near the Deer Park Tavern, according to police. The driver was traveling across the tracks at West Main Street and Elkton Road when he realized he needed to be northbound on New London Road. As he attempted to turn, his vehicle became stuck and was struck from behind. There were no injuries.

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Safety Town celebrated its 25th anniversary with programs teaching fire safety.

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Laura Gleason of Elkton is one of nearly 500 area residents who attended a Cecil County Commissioners' meeting to speak about the proposed Aston Pointe development near Fair Hill Md., and just over the Maryland-Delaware border near Newark.

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Homes on Wilson Farm?

Many neighbors have a fear that a proposed 84-townhouse development could be built on the Wilson Farm, just off Casho Mill Road. The development, which could be called Casho Crossing, was tabled at the Planning Commission meeting until more public meetings could be held.

Largest grant ever received

Christina School district announced that it had received \$1.5 million over the next three years to support "New Directions," its plan to improve student achievement. The grant, from the Broad Foundation, is the largest ever received by the district from a national foundation.

■ Sept. 16

Mississippi town adopted

Pascagoula, Miss., isn't so different from Newark, Del. Both towns are home to about 30,000 residents. Both flaunt successful Main streets and host community events. Pascagoula has its Fall Festival. Newark has Community Day. The two towns are quite similar, save one thing. Pascagoula was nearly flattened two weeks ago by Hurricane Katrina. Newark City Council adopted the Mississippi city as a sister city, collecting donations for the town in hopes of easing the challenge of rebuilding.



Pascagoula, Miss. was nearly flattened by Hurricane Katrina. The City of Newark adopted the Mississippi town, providing resources and financial support for its recovery.

Smooth Main Street

Main Street won't get the makeover it was promised for 2006, but it will get a fresh shave.

Just after DelDOT announced it would not have the money to move forward with Streetscape, it announced that Main Street will finally be milled down and repaved.

■ Sept. 23

Great day in community

Perfect weather prevailed last Sunday as the City of Newark and University of Delaware improved on a popular September tradition - Community Day. Thousands of residents, students and freshmen parents poured onto the Green and Newark Shopping Center.

Police chief leaves

Chief of Police Gerald Conway announced his retirement from the Newark Police department and will join the state as an Automated Red Light technician. At the same time Councilman Karl Kalbacher will become a New Castle County employee as Director of Redevelopment. His career change will not effect his elected position on city council.

■ Sept. 30

Wise resigns

School superintendent Dr. Joseph Wise sent his letter of resignation, effective Nov. 29, to the Christina School District Board on Sept. 21. He is relocating to Florida to head Duval County Schools which is located in Jacksonville, Fla.

Sewer rates rise

Sewer rates are scheduled to jump by 36 percent in the next billing cycle. The jump reflects a 27 percent increase in costs handed down by New Castle County, the city's supplier for sewer services.

■ Oct. 7

Taste of money

Mayor Vance A. Funk's gigantic food fest sold out, raising \$50,000 for charities, 35 local

restaurants served up their best-loved menu items while a dozen businesses offered liquid fare of beer and wine at the second annual Taste of Newark.

Townhouses on S. Chapel

Newark's Planning Commissioners recommended a project that would replace High Energy The Gym on South Chapel Street with 15 rental townhouses. The complex, known as Bradford Place, is slated in an area of the city designated for off-campus student housing, which would mean that up to four students could live in each unit.

■ Oct. 14

Kelly brings new perspective

Celeste Kelly is the newest member of the City of Newark Planning Commission, replacing District 1's 17-year veteran Joe Wald.

Do you dare?

Do you dare to visit The Scare? Creator Niles Norton and his crew have returned with their frights to delight Newark residents this Halloween season.

This year the 15-room haunted house has taken over the former Colorado Ski Company building at 5 North College Ave.

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■ Oct. 21

Energy costs soar

According to online reports, gasoline prices fell almost two cents in the past week. CNNMoney reported that the average price nationwide for a gallon of unleaded gasoline was \$2.752. But according to MSN Autos, the average price locally was \$2.78

Zero tolerance

Newark's new acting police chief, Capt. William Nefosky, has issued his first order: crack down on partiers. In the wake of four assaults during the past weekend - one of which left a man in a coma - Nefosky will urge officers to ramp up enforcement of alcohol and noise violations, which are often associated with student parties.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

University of Delaware student Joseph D'Agostino speaks out against the controversial zero-tolerance policy at a city council meeting. Nearly 150 students attended the meeting.

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■ Oct. 28

Priceless property

When sale signs went up on the lot at the corner of S. College Avenue and West Park Place, people all over town were amazed and curious. Longtime residents know the historic tract as part of the former Deer Park Farm. Even fewer are aware that the better known Deer Park Tavern was built and named by the owner of the farm, James S. Martin, in 1851. The 1.6-acre lot for sale has a price tag of \$1.5 million and is zoned residential.

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Council divided

Low-to-moderate income families will have to wait a bit longer for a financial boost in the housing market from the Newark City Council.

Council tabled a controversial plan called Inclusionary Zoning at its Oct. 24 meeting. IZ would require developers to either provide on-site housing at reduced costs for low-income families, or contribute to a trust fund that would build a low-cost community.

■ Nov. 4

Parking amendment proposed

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

The city's Planning Commission voted to recommend amending current parking requirements at its last meeting

on Nov. 2. The final decision rests in the hand of City Council, when it votes on the matter in December.

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

Newark suspect could face death penalty

The death penalty could be a reality for James E. Cooke. Accused for murdering and raping 20-year-old Lindsey Bonistall, the Newark man will not be allowed bail as he waits for his September trial. The decision was announced at his proof positive hearing on Friday, Oct. 28, where details about the crime scene were revealed.



Newark man James E. Cooke will face trial next year. Cooke has been accused of murdering and raping 20-year-old Lindsey Bonistall at her Towne Court apartment.

■ Nov. 11

Hopes to extend restaurants' hours

A few establishments, like Pat's Pizzeria on Elkton Road and Home Grown Café on Main Street, now are required to stop serving alcohol at the stroke of midnight. But depending on which side of a street a business

sits on, neighboring restaurants can keep bars an hour later.

No fair, said the owners of Pat's, Home Grown and the Newark Planning Commission, which voted unanimously to recommend a special-use permit allowance in this situation.

If passed by Newark City Council, any restaurant that falls into this category can apply for a

permit to stay open until 1 a.m. The permit can be rescinded by council if abused.

Reservoir begins to fill

Newark's 317-million-gallon reservoir began filling on Tuesday after more than seven years of studying, planning and construction. Newark's water


director, Roy Simonson, said the pumps ran for about 10 minutes on Tuesday. "We're following a strict process established by dam officials and URS engineers who designed the reservoir for us," Simonson said. "We're doing about a foot a day and the first foot goes quickly because of the elevation."

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■ Nov. 18

More funding needed

The numbers are a welter of statistics, every one of which was laid out for the Christina District School Board. But the bottom line is that if taxpayers and homeowners living in the district want to complete the Transformations and redistricting plan, they need to approve a new tax referendum. The Board approved holding a referendum on Jan. 26.

UD students protest

UD students crowded into the City of Newark's Council meeting to protest the city's recently-revamped zero tolerance policy - a program meant to stem violence related to alcohol use.

More than 100 undergraduate students were in the audience as John Cordrey, chair of the Delaware Undergraduate Student Congress, said the policy unfairly targets students playing music. "This policy is totally addressed at noise. It's not addressed at parties or alcohol or anything of

that nature," he said.

■ Nov. 25

Money's not the problem

School board member George Evans said he had received calls indicating that teachers are using money out of their own pockets to purchase needed school supplies.

School superintendent Joseph Wise said, "there is not one excuse" for the district to be short of classroom supplies. "If anyone, parents, teachers, anyone sees any shortage, we have a hotline in place to call the district office and take care of it."

Outdoor lights required

Safety standards for new city apartments received another boost from the Newark city council. By a unanimous vote, the council approved an ordinance that will require new multi-family dwellings to have outdoor security lights in public exterior passageways.



PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

The Stone Balloon, a local landmark, closed its doors on Saturday, Dec. 17.**New building director named**

Thomas J. Sciulli, a long-time employee of the city of Philadelphia, was appointed director of building for the city of Newark, replacing Ron Sylvester who retired in August.

Sciulli worked for the city of Philadelphia for more than 32 years. He is to begin work on or around Jan. 23, 2006.

■ Dec. 2

Tax hike okayed

Property tax rates will be set at \$0.52, an increase of \$0.07 or 16.3 percent over last year's rates. The approved budget has several new initiatives, including \$400,000 to expand public safety programs. Five police officers, six part-time police cadets, three patrol cars and related equipment and supplies will be added.

Personnel moves upset Christina District

Changes in school leadership are wide-reaching, affecting three secondary schools, one intermediate school, three middle schools, two elementary schools and the Sterck School for the Deaf.

Two factors caused many, if not all of the promotions and reassignments: Glasgow High Principal Todd Harvey's decision to apply for the vacant position at Sterck, and the pending 2006 opening of a new middle school and elementary school and the closing of an intermediate school that will reopen as a middle school.

■ Dec. 9

Planners recommend Amstel Square project

The corner of Amstel Avenue and Elkton Road, home to The Trap seafood restaurant, may be getting an update. Newark's planning commission, by a 3 to 2 vote, recommended the city council approve a rezoning and major subdivision on the 1.4 acre property.

The owners would like to construct a new 60-seat facility for The Trap, a retail space and 24 apartments. Residents at the meeting looked favorably on the project.

**2005
the year in review****Stone Balloon countdown**

A local landmark, the Stone Balloon starts a two-week countdown to its closing. Owner Jim Baeurle and former owner and founder Bill Stevenson remarked that the closing would be bittersweet.

■ Dec. 17

Adult condos hit roadblock

The city council voted 4-2 against revising the city's comprehensive plan to allow for medium to high-density residential building in an area recommended for commercial and manufacturing uses.

A change in the land use plan would have let Lang Development Group move forward with a condominium project for persons 55 years of age and older on an 18.4-acre site adjacent to the Newark Interstate Business Park.

Change costs money

The Christina District School Board voted to ask for authority in January 2006 to issue bonds totaling \$112,449,600. Administration said this amount is needed for a number of projects, including the renovation and expansion of three high schools and the renovation of four middle schools.

■ Dec. 23

The curtain falls

Newark bid farewell to one of its most famous the weekend of Dec. 16 when the Stone Balloon hosted two good-bye concerts. Friday was dubbed "townies night" and they came 700-strong to hear the Newark-based oldies band Club Phred perform. On hand were Stone Balloon founder Bill Stevenson and former Newark mayor Hal Godwin.

Council approves Chapel townhouses

Big changes will be coming soon to 162 S. Chapel St., home of High Energy The Gym.

At its Dec. 12 meeting, the city council approved a major subdivision and rezoning for a 15-unit townhouse complex, now known as Holly Woods, to be built on the property.

Owner Chris Cochran said construction could start as soon as late January or early February.

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Catherine Love

Catherine V. Love, 83, formerly of Newark, died Oct. 27, 2005.

Mrs. Love was born Dec. 10, 1921 in West Virginia. She was a member of the Newark Senior Center in Newark.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John S. Love, who passed in 1978. She is survived by her daughter, Joann S. Kinder, of Port St. Lucie, FL; and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was to be on Monday, Dec. 26 in Newark Cemetery.

Suzanne Mastracchio

Newark resident Suzanne B. Mastracchio, 84, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2005.

She is survived by her daughter, Antoinette Strenk, of Newark; and her granddaughters, Jennifer Strenk, of Newark, and Andrea Strenk, of Camp Hill, Pa.

The service and burial was to be held privately.

Heather Byrne

Newark resident Heather M. Byrne, 78, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005.

Mrs. Byrne was born Dec. 27, 1926 in Edinburgh, Scotland. She was the daughter of the late Jacob Lumsden and Margaret Lumsden.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Jennifer Byrne, of Newark; daughter and son-in-law, Heather Good and Jacob Good, of Newark; four grandchildren; and brother, Robert Lumsden, of Scotland. She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph P. Byrne.

The service and burial were to be held privately with the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Alzheimer's Association of Delaware, 2306 Kirkwood Hwy., Wilmington, Del. 19805.

Rose Fiori

Rose M. Fiori, 84, of Newark, formerly of Maywood, N.J., died on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005.

Mrs. Fiori worked as a clerk for the Red Carpet Inn in Paramus,

Richard E. Almone, 82, U.S. Navy WWII Veteran

Richard E. Almone, 82, of Newark died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2005.

Mr. Almone was born and raised in York, Pa., and has made Newark his home for the majority of his life. He served his country proudly as a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a chemical technician for the DuPont Company, Chestnut

Run Facility for 25 years and the Ciba Geigy Company, Newport, for five years, retiring in 1988. He was a member of the DuPont Country Club.

He was predeceased by his wife, Nina Jo. He is survived by his sons, Richard M. Almone and David L. Almone and his wife, Lori, all of Bear; daughters, Lisa Mann and her husband, Ron, of Wilmington and

Sandy Boles and her husband, Mark, of Newark; and four grandchildren.

Services and committal were to be private.

In his memory, a contribution may be made to the Veteran's of Foreign Wars, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, Mo. 64111; or your favorite charity.

James Arant

James B. Arant, P.E., 83, of Newark, died Friday, Dec. 23, 2005.

Mr. Arant was born on Aug. 2, 1922, where he was raised as a child by his proud parents, Harry and Irene Arant, in El Paso, Texas. He attended the University of Texas and graduat-

ed in 1946. He moved to Newark, where he worked at the Louviers Engineering Building for the DuPont Engineering Co. He was a member of the Newark United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie V. Arant; two children, Gale Ann Trego and her husband, Timothy Trego, of Newark, and J. Michael Arant and his wife,

N.J., for 25 years, retiring in 2000. She was a parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Church in Maywood, N.J., and lived in Maywood for over 50 years before moving to Newark 3 years ago.

She was predeceased by her husband Vincent. She was survived by her son Frank, and his wife, Louise, of Newark, and Vincent, and his wife, Rita, of Ramsey, N.J.; her sister Pat Policastro; sister-in-law Rose Policastro and Virginia Policastro; nine grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. Rose was also predeceased by one daughter and 10 siblings.

Visitation was to be on Monday, Dec. 26, and on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at the Trink-Faustini Funeral Service. The funeral service was to be on Wednesday, Dec. 28. A funeral mass was to follow at Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Church. Burial was to be in George Washington Memorial Park.

Louis Datilio

Newark resident Louis A. Datilio Sr., 90, formerly of Philadelphia, Pa., died on Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005.

He was an ironworker for Local #401 in Philadelphia for about 40 years.

He was predeceased by his wife, Rita A., in 1999; brother, Francis; and sister, Rose Urban. Survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond J. and Irene, of Newark, Louis A., Jr. and True, of New Hampshire, and Ronald G. and Deborah, of California; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The funeral service was to be on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at the Nichols-Gilmore Funeral Home. Burial was to be private.

The family suggests contributions in his memory to St. John's-Holy Angels Church, 82 Possum Park Rd., Newark, Del. 19711.

Suzanne R. Arant, of Newark; two grandchildren; and two cousins.

A funeral service was to be held on Thursday, Dec. 29, at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home. Interment was to be in Gracelawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, Del. 19810.

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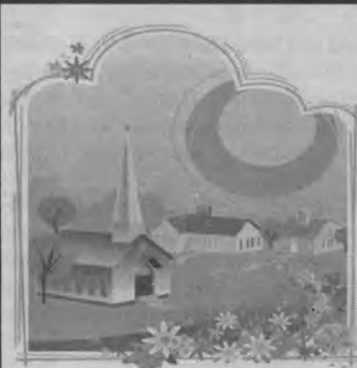
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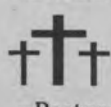


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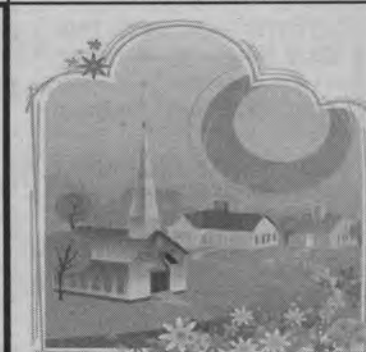

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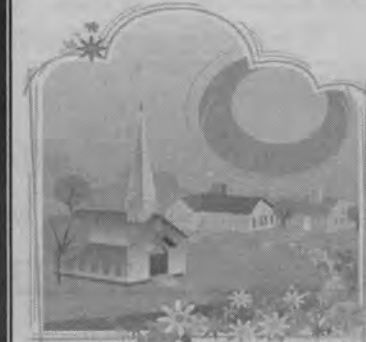
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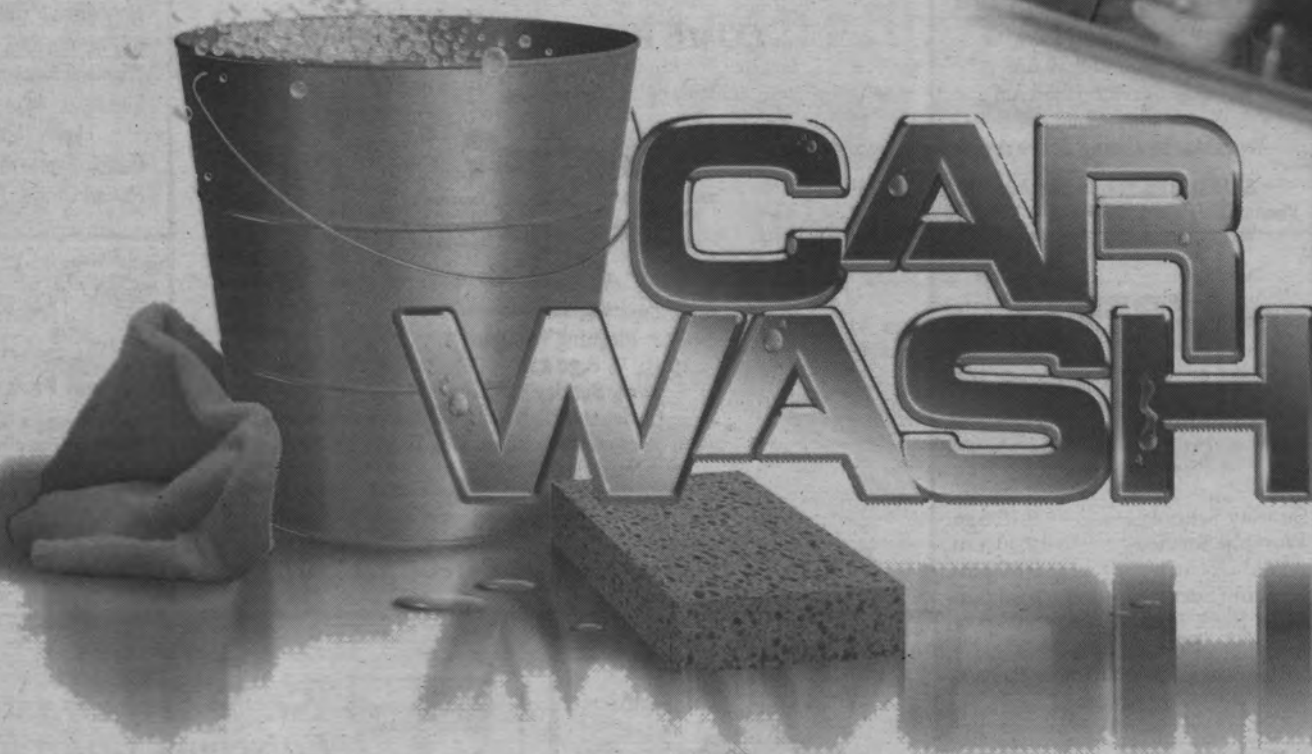
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