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UP FRONT

Meetings of note

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THERE were two meetings last week of significance to Newarkers.

On Thursday, April 14, Mayor Vance A. Funk III's energized Town and Gown Committee hosted its second "town conversation."

And that's just what it was - discussions of resident-student issues by residents and students. There were elected, city and University of Delaware officials participating, but it was the communication between the three constituencies (officials, citizens, students) that made the session noteworthy.



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The gathering was a follow-up to and fashioned after the first "town conversation" last November.

Chairman Ron Smith tells me that the city and university are trying to meet Funk's challenge to boost the effectiveness and influence of the long-standing town-gown panel. Its goal, simply, is to make the relationship between everyone in Newark as good as it can be.

Kaytie Dowling's story in this issue offers details about the conversation.

There was no shouting, finger-pointing or blaming. Instead, reasonable people sat together and thoughtfully shared their perspectives on a

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Land swap one step closer

Proposed development over state line in Maryland one step closer to reality

By SCOTT GOSS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

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

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...those opposed to this project have no financial interest but still want to control what happens...”

RONALD GARDNER

NEWARK COUNTRY CLUB BOARD LEADER

step in the county's three-phase subdivision process.

"This is a huge weight that's been lifted, but we've only just made headway," Aston Pointe developer and Newark resident

William Stritzinger said after an April 18 nine-hour planning commission meeting, which concluded with a narrow two-one vote granting his request.

The president of the Newark

Country Club's Board of Directors also testified during the hearing on Aston Pointe.

Last January the country club's membership voted to accept a proposal from Stritzinger to swap their current location for the golf course the developer is proposing to build in Cecil County. The former site of the country club would then be converted to a residential development.

Comments from country club president and former Newark mayor Ronald Gardner are believed to be the country club's first public statement regarding

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Changing of the 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.

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State

of Delaware and will faithfully perform the duty of council member to the best of my abilities, so help me God," they each said, repeating the oath after Mayor Vance Funk.

And with those words, the city council reinstated its most senior member, Jerry

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POST PHOTOS BY SCOTT MCALLISTER



Above: Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III swears in the winners of last week's elections. Councilman David Athey was reelected to his seat in District 4, Councilman Jerry Clifton was returned to his seat in District 2 in a historic write-in vote, and Paul Pomeroy won the seat for District 1. Right: New councilman Pomeroy shows his son, Paul IV, his name plate. Left: Clifton celebrates his win with family and supporters.



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B'side baseball treasurer charged

NEW Castle County Police have arrested Victoria Hall, of Bear, in connection with the theft of more than \$16,000 from a Newark baseball league.

Hall, 39, was arrested on April 19, after detectives alleged she made several checks out to herself and her husband over a two-year period while she was the president of the Brookside Bambino Baseball League.

Officers said she inflated the cost of items and is accused of stealing at least \$16,177.

According to police, Hall has been charged with five counts of felony theft and seven counts of misdemeanor theft.

Robbed at gunpoint

The New Castle County Police arrested Isaiah Ross, of Wilmington, early Monday morning in connection with a Newark robbery.

On April 18, at approximately 12:28 a.m., police responded to the 1600 block of Blatty Place for a report of a possible fight in progress.

According to police, several male subjects were witnessed running from the building with their faces concealed.

Police said they gave chase and caught Ross after a lengthy foot pursuit. A pair of black gloves and a loaded firearm were found after a search of the area, officers said. Police said the handgun was tossed while the pursuit was in progress.

According to reports, a 27 year-old male and a 21 year-old female were robbed at gunpoint by four males, who had kicked in their door and demanded an undisclosed amount of cash. It was also reported that a Sony Playstation and several video games were also stolen.

Police said Ross, 23, was charged with robbery in the first degree, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, burglary in the first degree, wearing a disguise during a felony, receiving stolen property, conspiracy, criminal mischief and resisting arrest. He was transferred to the Howard Young Correctional Institution after failing to post a \$59,250 secured bail.

Police said the other three suspects and they are still at large.

Newark teen held after 7-Eleven hold-up

The Delaware State Police Robbery Squad arrested a Newark teenager early Saturday morning in connection with a Newark robbery.

Two hit by 2x4 with nail sticking out

TWO men were struck by a 2x4 with a nail sticking out of the lumber after they denied entry to a party to a group of about 12 men, it was reported to police Saturday, April 17, at 2:25 a.m.

The victims told police they were hosting a party at 18 Ritter Lane when the group of suspects attempted to enter. They had told the party crashers to leave when one of the group suddenly swung the lumber at the victims. The assailant swung the timber at one man's head.

The victim stopped the swing with his left hand and the nail pierced through the palm of the man's hand, police said.

The attacker suddenly swung the board and nail at another victim, hitting him in the forehead. He suffered a cut and swelling, police said.

Both men told police that they would seek treatment at the Christiana Hospital.

No suspects were arrested but an investigation is underway.

On April 16, at about 3:24 a.m., officers responded to 7-Eleven, 100 Four Seasons Parkway, after receiving a report of a robbery.

According to police, a cashier was working behind the counter when two masked assailants entered the store. They approached the counter with handguns and demanded an undisclosed amount of money. The assailants then removed 27 cigars and two bottles of water from a display and fled.

During an immediate search of the surrounding areas, police said that one gunman was found in the Strawberry Run Apartments.

The suspect, a 17-year-old Newark resident, was charged with robbery in the first degree, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, wearing a disguise during the commission of a felony and conspiracy in the second degree. He was released after posting a \$20,750 bond, police said.

The second suspect has been described as a white male, approximately 18-20 years old, 5'7" in height, weighing approximately 150-160 pounds. He was wearing dark colored clothing.

Any person with information should contact state police detectives at 834-2620, ext. 4.

Police seek gunman in liquor store robbery

Newark Police are looking for the gunman in an early Saturday morning armed robbery took place in the College Square Shopping Center on April 16.

According to police, the Peddlers Liquor Mart, 110 College Square, was robbed of an undisclosed amount of money and several bottles of alcohol.

Police stated that as an employee of the liquor store was leaving, an

unidentified man approached him and displayed a firearm. The employee was ordered back into the store and was ordered to give the suspect cash from the register.

Police said that the gunman removed several bottles of liquor from a display before fleeing.

A New Castle County Police Department K-9 Unit responded and tracked the suspect to a lot behind Sears Hardware in the same shopping center. The suspect was last seen walking eastbound, towards Marrows Road.

According to police, the suspect was described as a black male, 5'10" to 6' tall with a large build. He was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt.

Persons with information are asked to contact Det. Bryda at 366-7110 or call 1-800-TIP-3333.

Four arrested here on drug charges

The Delaware State Police Special Investigations Unit, along with assistance from probation and parole officers, arrested two men and two women in Newark on multiple drug charges.

Police said officers received a tip about drug activity and responded to the Red Roof Inn, 415 Stanton-Christiana Road, on Friday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m.

During a search of the premises, investigators seized: 56 bags of heroin, totaling approximately 1.68 grams; approximately .6 grams of crack cocaine; and assorted drug paraphernalia. Also seized was an undisclosed amount of cash, police said.

State police charged Thomas Graves, 28, Hugh Black, 34, Pamela Russo, 28, and Donné Crowe-Duffy, 27, all of Wilmington, with possession with intent to deliver heroin, possession of crack cocaine, maintaining a dwelling for drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia and conspiracy in the second degree. Graves was also charged with possession of marijuana.

Officers said Graves and Black were transferred to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institute, while Baylor and Crowe-Duffy were transferred to the Baylor Women's Correctional Institute, all in lieu of secure bonds.

Man arrested on RR

After being alerted that there was a man with a shotgun on the Amtrak railroad tracks near the Marrows Road bridge, Newark police rushed to the area and discovered a 40-year-old man walking a dog on the tracks on Sunday, April 17, at 3:09 p.m.

A BB rifle was found nearby,



Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR APRIL 3-9, 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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	1	1	0	1	1	0
Rape	9	5	0	0	0	0
Unlawful sexual contact	1	2	0	2	2	0
Robbery	19	14	0	15	8	0
Aggravated assault	9	10	3	5	1	1
Burglary	50	55	3	21	26	6
Theft	261	247	22	79	95	7
Auto theft	27	32	1	4	6	2
Arson	3	1	0	2	0	0
All other	--	15	2	--	35	0
TOTAL PART I	380	381	31	129	174	16
PART II OFFENSES						
Other assaults	99	124	12	95	76	1
Receiving stolen property	0	0	0	2	7	0
Criminal mischief	192	184	11	102	21	4
Weapons	5	5	0	30	19	1
Other sex offenses	3	5	1	2	5	0
Alcohol	120	81	12	248	140	26
Drugs	25	35	5	94	80	2
Noise/disorderly premise	164	198	27	85	79	5
Disorderly conduct	223	205	20	56	43	2
Trespass	46	53	5	23	27	1
All other	194	157	9	97	41	4
TOTAL PART II	1071	1047	102	834	538	46
MISCELLANEOUS						
Alarm	362	409	33	0	0	0
Animal control	159	101	11	8	0	0
Recovered property	66	56	2	0	0	0
Service	2307	2462	206	0	0	0
Suspicious person/vehicle	262	604	24	0	0	0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	3156	3632	276	8	0	0
TOTAL CALLS	611	8345		680	8106	

Talk doesn't find solutions, but does give perspective

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

SHEILA Smith has had to deal with vandalism on her Kells Avenue property more and more over the years as



Newark Mayor Vance Funk discusses how to address the relationship between city residents and their student neighbors as the Town Conversation meeting, held on April 14.

students have moved into rental properties on her street. Now, she's looking for change.

"I'd like to see landlords take more responsibility for their tenants," she said.

Vandals, who she suspects walk through the neighborhood after a late-night party, have damaged her cedar fence, pulled mirrors off of neighbors' cars, and just before Christmas, sawed off part of a small pine tree.

But Smith isn't making any accusations. She's just looking for a solution. That's why she, and about 60 other residents and University of Delaware students, turned out for the April 14 Town Conversation meeting. The forum, which was sponsored by the Town and Gown committee, brought university officials, students and Newark residents together so they could discuss cohabitation problems and solutions.

There were three main focus groups that individuals could choose to participate in. Topics centered on the acceptance and inclusion of university students in the community, making a cooperative effort to address alcohol abuse and ways to reach a mutually beneficial relationship between the city and university. These three topics were chosen after last fall's first Town Conversation meeting.

"We asked participants, 'What's on your mind?' and when we got those answers, we felt that everything was related to these three issues," said Ron Gardner, chairman of the Town and Gown committee.

John Cordrey, representative

from the Delaware Undergraduate Student Council, gave a voice for the students' concerns.

"We're trying to fix problems and we're trying to build this community," Cordrey said. He pointed out that one of the keys to unlocking the door to a better relationship can be uncovered through cooperation. He encouraged residents to get to know their student neighbors, and even exchange phone numbers with them. That way, if a situation arises, a call can quickly be made.

Several residents voiced their support for being proactive. "It's a good idea to make first contact and welcome them into our community," said resident Hal Prettyman.

Cordrey also pointed out that student organizations have several self-monitoring devices in place.

"Greek organizations must register any party that they host," he said. "Then, a Party Patrol goes out, makes sure that if there is a party that all of the rules are being followed. That includes offering safe rides home and ID-ing everyone at the door."

Brain storming in the other groups was productive, as well.

Those who participated in the discussion on how to improve city and university relations analyzed where the relationship was flawed. They encouraged city officials to be more vocal about what they hope to see in new buildings.

"It's not just the university," said resident David Robertson.

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AMA honors work here to combat binge drinking

THE Building Responsibility Coalition - a University of Delaware and City of Newark partnership advocating policies for the responsible and legal use of alcohol and promotion of a healthy environment for students, residents and businesses - has won special recognition from the American Medical Association for its efforts.

Donald Zeigler, deputy director of AMA's Office of Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse, presented BRC leaders with a plaque Wednesday evening, April 13, citing the partnership's "pioneering work to reduce high-risk drinking" in Newark.

The presentation was made at a dinner celebrating BRC's groundbreaking work since it was established in 1996. That year, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded UD a \$700,000 grant to

“
We're going to keep doing what we've been doing.
”

DAVID P. ROSELLE

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE PRESIDENT

help lead "A Matter of Degree: The National Effort to Reduce High-Risk Drinking Among College Students." The five-year grant, which was extended in 2001 for four more years, continues through August.

"It's remarkable that you've done all you've done," Zeigler said. "Your coalition gets it, and

you're working hard to change attitudes about drinking."

Zeigler urged BRC partners to continue their collaboration and to press for the adoption in Delaware of several "best practices" to further discourage binge drinking, including:

- Reducing hours and days when alcohol can be sold;
- Restricting the number of alcohol sales outlets;
- Strictly limiting "happy hour" reduced drink pricing;
- Increasing alcohol taxes;
- Strengthening efforts to combat drunk driving; and
- Holding bars and bartenders responsible for continuing to serve intoxicated customers.

"Doing the right thing isn't easy. Do it anyway," Zeigler said. "Your work is incredibly important. Keep up the good fight."

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Cal Ripken Jr.'s character indisputable

Baseball hero speaks to students about choices, consequences

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

YOUR character is what you are about. The decisions you make define your character. And the better the decisions are, the better your character will be.

That was the message from the "iron man of baseball" to hundreds of eighth-grade students from around the state at Monday's Character Rally held at the Bob Carpenter Center.

Sponsored by Junior Achievement of Delaware, two rallies were held, one in Newark and one in Milford, featuring Cal Ripken Jr., former Baltimore Orioles star. This was the fifth year for the rally, bringing the worlds of business and education together to discuss the importance of ethics. More than 13,000 eighth grade students, along with hundreds of business volunteers, have attended the rallies.

Ripken knew he would be playing to a tough crowd, with a subject that is considered boring by today's teenagers. The words "character" and "peer pressure" do not get kids excited.

Even though the concepts are hard to absorb, they are critical to a young person's success in later years. The ramifications of decisions made will impact you for years to come.

Everyone is curious these days about the use of steroids. Ripken said he was fortunate to never have been pressured into using them during his baseball career, even though he saw players around him making that decision.

"Is it cheating or not? Is it science or not?" he said. "Easy as it sounds to make it sound good, if you have a sports career, you can look around and say 'everyone else is doing it, it can make me stronger and get a scholarship, in the future it will be seen as a good thing.'" It's easy to make a bad decision by rationalizing something wrong into something right, he added.

The Golden Glove Award Winner still follows his father's advice to be a "man of conviction."

"When you feel it's right,



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

Cal Ripken Jr. autographed the shirt of Joe Demkowich, 13, of Elkton. Ripkin spoke before 4,300 eighth graders at the Junior Achievement Character Rallies held in Newark and in Milford. Students in all three Delaware counties, as well as Salem and Cecil counties, were invited.

stand up for what you think," he said.

Critics often said he was selfish for starting in almost every game, not allowing others to start.

"I thought it was right as a professional ballplayer to come to the park ready to play. If the manager put you in the line-up, you should be ready," Ripken said. When others around him were weak, not able to play that day, he stood up and was strong.

He always questioned his decisions with "Is it ethical, is it moral, what does it say about my character?"

Before heading back to the classroom, the students were entertained by the U.S. Army Showband, "Raw Material." Their neatly creased pants and shiny black shoes were in sharp contrast to the rock music they played.

Business connection

Local business volunteers with JA also heard Cal Ripken Jr.'s message to the students. In a few weeks they will be in the classrooms to discuss how being an honest and ethical person will lead to long-term success in business and in life.

At the rally students from Cab Calloway School presented a skit raising the questions of ethics and morals. The volunteers will review the skit and

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In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

NOTE PAD

Public invited to bleed for schools

THE public is invited to participate in Christiana High School's Blood Drive, sponsored by the school's National Honor Society. The drive will take place in the school's gym, Wednesday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The blood drive is conducted by the Blood Bank of Delmarva and follows all procedures just as if it were held at the Blood Bank itself.

Christiana High School is one of many local schools who participate in a blood drive contest to see who can collect the most pints of blood from donors. The contest ends in August. If you are a member of the Blood Bank, your donation will still count toward your membership obligations.

Biking into Spring

With the nicer weather comes more outdoor activity for everyone, especially bike riding. It's the law in Delaware that all persons under the age of 16 must wear a properly fitting and fastened bicycle helmet while riding a bicycle, riding in a trailer being towed by a bike or riding upon a bike while in an attached restraining seat.

Parents or guardians can be fined if the child is found not to be wearing a bicycle helmet. The first offense is \$25, and \$50 for subsequent violations.

Student of the Week

Jacinda Tran, an eighth grader at Kirk Middle School, was selected by Principal Don Paton as this week's Student of the Week. Jacinda is

working in the 10th grade geometry class and has the highest scores of all Spanish classes. In February she participated



Tran

in the Business Professional of Am. State Leadership Conference and has earned a trip to national competition in Anaheim, CA. She recently earned four medals in the Science Olympiad.

Mysteries of the deep

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

IS it art, or is it science? Is it math, or is it reading? Is it computer research, or is it music?

At Thurgood Marshall Elementary School it's all the above.

Take a walk through the corridor leading to the fifth grade classrooms and you will think you are in the middle of the deep blue ocean. Coral reefs and colorful schools of fish surround you. Manatees float over the music room door. Turn the corner and a full-sized great white shark is on your right. But the further along you go, the darker and more mysterious the water becomes. Suddenly penguins on the icy seas pop out to greet you. The stage area in the cafeteria looks like Monterey Beach in California with otters floating through the giant kelp.

Step into the art room and you feel like you are swimming in an aquarium full of tissue paper fish that are suspended in mid air. Clay manatees and sea turtles, with green boa feathers imitating sea grasses, sit in tiny diorama habitats.

On each wall of the "ocean" there is a chart with questions about the types, sizes, shapes and habits of the creatures that live there. The questions involve answering math questions or doing research in the library.

What started out as a fifth grade project, quickly became a school-wide phenomenon with students at all levels getting into

adopted the project, incorporating all aspects of their learning.

Each fifth grader researched a fish through books in the



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

If you walk through the corridors of Marshall school wearing the right colors, you will blend into the ocean scenes covering the walls. Fifth graders Earl Morris and Alina Ehsan check out a school of water-colored fish done by first graders. Even though it started as a fifth grade project, the entire school got involved with the art/science project. Art teacher Minnie Hutchison will present the unit to the National Marine Educator's Conference this summer in Hawaii.

the swim of things.

It all started last summer when art teacher Minnie Hutchison learned of a science project through the University of Delaware's Marine Studies Department that worked with school classes around the country. Marshall's three fifth grade classes

library and the Internet. They wrote essays and acrostic poems. With the technology instructor they used a graphic organizer to build a sea creature on the computer, calculating its body size and shape and type of locomotion. Directions were written for other students to duplicate their

creature of the deep. Their clay creatures adorn the classrooms.

In art class, the students worked on perspective, shapes, dimensions and colors. In science they researched their creatures. In math they calculated lengths and numbers of fish. In music they sang songs about manatees. Hardly any aspect of their classes was not involved somehow with the project.

One classroom even had a giant stuffed octopus.

"The librarian said the books were flying off the shelves," said Hutchison.

But that often happens at Marshall School. When one teacher or class gets started on a project, everyone else joins in.

"That's become part of our culture," said Hutchison. "We get a fever."

The fifth graders will go to the IMAX theater in Philadelphia to view the movie "The Deep."

Hutchison will be presenting the project of teaching science with art at the National Marine Educator's Conference in Maui this summer.

Swimming with manatees

Being a lover of the beach, Hutchison decided to try swimming with the manatees last December in Florida. She fell in love with the gentle giants and came back full of excitement for the project. Most days her sweaters are adorned with fishes.

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Uncle Sam attracts students

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE whorl of a Delaware Army National Guard helicopter caused a lot of attention at Glasgow High School last week when it took off from the front lawn. At the same time dust was being kicked up by the 832nd Medical Company Air Ambulance, hummers and Army trucks lined the field. Commands of drills could be heard from the other side of the parking lot.

The military had been called in to the school, not to calm any disruptions to classes, rather to create one of their own.

For Military Career Day, students were invited to talk with representatives from the Navy, Marines, Delaware Army National

Guard, Air Force Reserve and Engineer Company of the 249th Battalion.

The objective of the fair, coordinated by Col. Huber and the school's Air Force JROTC was to inform students of the options and benefits of joining a branch of the military.

Staff Sgt. Jason Armistead, recruiter in the Newark Marine Corp office, said many students do not realize what the military branches have to offer. He is on a three-year assignment as recruiter, a role every officer needs to complete sometime during their career, he said. Then he will head back to his regular job as a sniper for the Marines.

But it's not just about rifles. Career training, education oppor-

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Glasgow High students get questions answered from SSgt. Jason Armistead at the school's Military Career Day. Other students lined up to try the pull-up challenge. Unfortunately, many of the students were not able to complete many chin-ups. "Today's kids have big brains and thumbs," said Armistead. "They spend too much time with video games."

Inquiring minds want to write

LOCAL authors share tips on creative writing with area students

Ed. note: The Reading Council of Northern Delaware sponsored its annual Young Author's Workshop, with 13 authors from the region conducting seminars to help area elementary and middle school students sharpen their skills in creative writing. Following are two items on the activities of the day, written by fifth grade students in a journalism class.

Young students attend workshop

By Shannon Pearsall, of Bear

Nearly 200 students, from 34 different local schools and home-schooled, attended a Young Author's Workshop at Wilson Elementary School on Saturday, April 16.

Thanks to the 13 authors, these young people will learn the real life of writing books, short stories, poetry and journalism. Some of these students came because they either got chosen by their teacher or they love writing.

Mrs. Karia, the librarian at Wilson School, said, "I think it's fantastic that 207 kids are willing to give up a beautiful Saturday to be here with famous authors."

Some of the authors and other staff members were shocked and amazed at how

many students and schools attended.

One of the participants, eight-year-old Skylar said, "Because I can be creative when I write poetry, I wanted to come today."

My opinion: the writers workshop

By Courtney Chang, of Middletown

Today, on April 16, about 200 kids came to the Writer's Workshop at Etta J. Wilson Elementary School.

Some people came because they loved to write. Some people came because they wanted to learn how to write. Some people came because they wanted something to do. But they all thought that it would be interesting to work with 13 authors that gave their time to teach kids how to write better.

I think that coming to the Writer's Workshop is important because you can learn so many things from authors. They can give you good advice that you won't forget as long as you live.

And if you really think about the advice the authors gave you and use it when you're writing a story or an article, whatever it is, you could become one of the best writers in your class. Maybe even in your school.

So keep on working and you never know. Someday maybe you might become an author.

Project brings ocean inland to Marshall School

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That excitement carried over to one student's Spring break.

When fourth grader Troy Glenn heard about his art teacher's experiences, he wanted to try it, too. Since his family was going to Florida for spring break, he convinced his parents to go snorkeling with the manatees.

"One was covered in algae, but when I started to scratch him, he rolled right over so I could scratch his belly," said Glenn. "They are gentle but very gentle."

Glenn said he always liked marine science. He even recalled doing a report in first grade called Mystery of the Sea. Now when he reads about the manatees and their habitat, it means much more to him since being there in person.

Marine studies included

Besides working on art, technology, reading, math and science for their investigation into the mysteries of the oceans, the fifth graders emailed regularly with UD Marine Science students who were on a three-week expedition to the depths of the eastern Pacific Ocean.

On Friday, April 15, Mike League, the education coordinator for Extreme 2004 Marine Studies program with UD, visited

Marshall students to tell them what it was like to go down 1 1/2 miles to the floor of the ocean in a tiny cramped submarine.

The expedition on the 274-foot-long R V Atlantis took the team 1,500 miles off the coast of Mexico into the eastern Pacific. In a tiny sub named Alvin, three divers spent nine hours cramped into a six-foot space, documenting the ocean floor and sea life, sending back photos and collecting samples.

Thirteen dives were made in two weeks, at a cost of \$30,000 per dive.

More than 700 classrooms across the country followed the activities of the three-week expedition of scientists on their Website, reading daily journals and looking at "tons" of pictures taken from the bottom of the ocean.

Using lights from their sub, the ocean floor looked like the Grand Canyon with volcanoes. They saw anemones, blood fish, tube worms and deep sea sponges. But they also saw a toilet, Styrofoam and plastics that had been discarded from ships. Even at 1,500 miles away from land, the oceans are polluted with litter.

For more on the Extreme 2004 expedition visit www.ocean.udel.edu/extreme2004.

BRIEFLY

Spring concerts, musicals

■ April 25: Shue-Medill School Cabaret Night

■ April 26: Bancroft School Spring Concert

■ April 28-30, 7 p.m.: Newark High musical, A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum

■ April 28: Brader School Spring concert

Student performs on Dr. Phil

Watch Dr. Phil's show, channel 3 (CBS) at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 22. Dominique Johnson, a ninth grader at Newark High School will be performing. She is an accomplished singer and has traveled across the country performing at various events.

Shue strings to perform

The 40-member Shue Strings orchestra will perform on April 28 at the Wilmington Trust Bank, 11th & Market Streets in Wilmington, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The public is invited. Before leaving for Wilmington, the orchestra will perform at Marshall Elementary School at 9 a.m. The student body will sing God Bless America with the orchestra. The orchestra is directed by Rosaria Macera.



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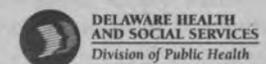
At the conclusion of the Young Author's Workshop, the students made presentations to their parents. The above group of fifth graders worked on a newspaper they named the Writers Post. Each was assigned a position on the staff and wrote news and feature stories, police items, community events, advertisements and obituaries. From left are: Jonathan Farmer, of Wilmington, Jeffrey Xu, of Wilmington, Rebecca Gedde, of Newark, Nick Hoffman, of Newark, Courtney Chang, of Middletown, Lily Gates, of Middletown, Robert Gaus, of Newark, and Shannon Pearsall, of Bear.



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Opinion

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POST COLUMNIST

Science, technology helps America adapt

By ALFRED GRUBER

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

LATELY, the media has been giving much space to outsourcing. India is front and center. Indians are snapping up American jobs. For those displaced, it is painful. "Something should be done."

Remember the child's game of Simon Sez? When the leader said, "freeze," you had to obey and stiffly hold your position.

On an adult level we could freeze everyone in their jobs - no movement allowed. No advancements, no retirements, no firings, no new job creation, no displacement, no outsourcing and no employment except replacing those leaving involuntarily. Inventing and improving would be illegal.



Gruber

An attractive prospect? Here in America, we have grown the open-market capitalistic system; always foaming, frothing and bubbling, often painfully.

Everything is unpredictable, uncontrollable and frequently uncomfortable; always changing.

And we humans do fear change, particularly loss of employment.

With our system we are continuously in revolutions ever since the big one we celebrate each July fourth.

Webster defines revolution as an overthrow of a government or social system (and no one is exempt). Our social fabric is continuously being ripped and re sewn.

Consider:

Steam replaced animal power. A few million simple folks who knew nothing other than the ox and horse became obsolete because of the new complicated mechanical monsters on ships, rails and farms. It's hard to believe this started in the early 19th century. Hewers, coal miners, or oil drillers and refiners replaced animal valets.

The revolutions roll on through good times, recessions, wars and depressions. One seems to power another. Cars and airplanes require infrastructure unknown before. Millions of people are displaced or outsourced. There are whole new sciences and engineering categories developed.

How about this for a trifecta; the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl and World War

Retired after 32 years with Dupont, the writer also was a Christmas tree farmer for 25 years. He is a member of the Scribblers group at Newark Senior Center and has lived in Newark for four decades.

“...depleted science ranks will have longer term consequences.”

II; massive displacements in lockstep?

Then followed the social revolutions of women working and improved racial relations.

The revolutions keep coming faster: Stone Age, Iron Age, Steam Age, Oil Age, Atomic Age, Plastics Age, Robot Age, Electronic Age, Computer Age, Space Age.

This free enterprise system is really strange. We manufacture less, import more and still maintain the highest living standard and a lengthening life span. It's pure magic. How does the system do it?

The answer lies in America's always finding someone with an idea.

A great example is a monument in the small town of Enterprise, Alabama; a 12-foot replica of the cotton boll weevil.

Very early in the last century, the boll weevil struck the south's main crop when recovery from the Civil War was still in question. The weevil was ruinous. An unnamed group in Enterprise decided to abandon single cropping and diversify into corn, tomatoes, beans and other crops. The monument's inscription says it best: "In profound appreciation of the boll weevil and what it has done to herald prosperity."

These people weren't going to be outsourced by an insect. They did something.

Outplaced Americans can and do learn other skills. Look at what we did inside our homes for entertainment. We learned how to operate magic lanterns, Brownie cameras, 8 mm movie cameras and projectors, then on to 16 mm and radio. Along came 35 mm units, color slides and television. Lately we've enjoyed camcorders, VCRs, power point projectors, digital cameras and hundreds of gadgets available in the marketplace.

Americans adapt, but to do so we need that troubling open market system plus engineering and science to achieve it.

Stanford University's President, John Hennessey, points out the U.S. now ranks 17th in the world in the number of undergraduates in engineering and the natural sciences it produces.

Outsourcing is usually neutralized in a short time, but depleted science ranks will have longer term consequences.

I think that's the greater worry.

OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, Out of the Attic features an uncaptioned photograph that appeared in the Newark Special School District booklet that was distributed in 1958 in honor of the dedication of the "new" Newark Senior High School. Built at a cost of \$3.5 million, the Delaware Avenue facility first opened for students on Oct. 17, 1955, but was not fully completed until the fall of 1958. This photo was labeled simply an "activity program." The booklet came from the James Owens Historic Collection at the Newark Free Library. Readers are encouraged to provide historic photos for publication in "Out of the Attic." Special care will be taken. For information, call 737-0724. Send submission to: "Out of the Attic," Newark Post, 168 Elkton Road, Newark 19711.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

April 24, 1930

Dogs quarantined on account of rabies, at-large dogs to be killed

Owing to an outbreak of rabies in the town of Newark, the State Board of Agriculture, co-operating with the State Board of Health and Fish and Game Commission, by power of the laws of Delaware, does hereby quarantine all dogs in White Clay Creek Hundred, Mill Creek Hundred, south of Milford Cross roads and the northern portion of the Pencader Hundred as far south as Cooch's Bridge and Iron Hill until further notice, requiring that all dogs in quarantined area be securely tied or confined on owner's premises.

All dogs running at large shall be killed.

First cow testers meeting success

More than 35 dairy-men, members and friends of the New Castle County Cow Testing Association attended the first annual tour and meeting of this organization yesterday.

The dairy farms of J. Wirt Willis of Glasgow, the Krebs Estate Bredablik Farm and

Winterthur Farms were visited. Dinner was served to the members at the Winterthur Farms Club room.

Gathering at 10 a.m. the dairymen inspected the Jersey herd of Mr. J Wirt Willis at Glasgow.

Mr. Willis has a herd of around 70 milking cows, which averaged about 360 lbs. of butterfat last year.

He has several imported cows and some with state records in the Jersey breed. The farm is managed by Mr. J.A. Correll.

April 23, 1980

City fights waste plant on zoning

City officials, who have already protested a proposed waste treatment plant in the Delaware Industrial Park on environmental grounds, are also fighting



"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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Keeping up anti-binge drinking fight may not be hard

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variety of issues.

It's easy to stereotype students as loud, inconsiderate, boozing pains in the butt. Some are just that and most of us who live here have seen examples of rowdy behavior (on Saturday, April 9, at a house on West Main Street near the railroad tracks, an early porch party got underway with a painted sheet that asked "You honk, we drink.")

But most students are not offensive. They have schedules and lifestyles that are different than most Newarkers, but muddle through their time in our city without annoying, awaking or offending anyone. It was students representative of this majority that contributed greatly to the discussion last week.

No magic pill will be developed to make resident-student relationships perfect. But communicating is never a bad thing. And a lot of that took place last week.

The other meeting of significance last week was the Building Responsibility Coalition's dinner. It was, in effect, a farewell dinner. After nine years, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funding has ended and the BRC is packing it in.

That's the bad news. The good news is that efforts on and off campus to fight binge drinking by college students will continue. UD president David Roselle pledged simply, "we're going to keep doing what we're doing."

That may not be as hard as it may appear even with the dismantling of the BRC.

In the past nine years, much of what the coalition dreamed of early on has been institutionalized on campus and in city laws and programs. Roselle said funds of anti-binge drinking programs now are part of the university's operating budget. The same is true for the City of Newark's enforcement efforts — alcohol cops are part of the city budget.

All this is good news for those of us who live and work here and

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We know of some lives that have been lost to excessive alcohol use, but we'll never know how many we have saved.”

for the students as well.

At the dinner, the deputy director of the American Medical Association flew in from Chicago to address the dozens of BRC volunteers.

He detailed the progress, albeit painfully slow, the BRC has made here and in similar efforts around the country.

Donald Zeigler interpreted the results of a 2001 study that clearly confirms that campus-community efforts to curb binge drinking are successful. Numbers prove that binge drinking is significantly lower in states where laws and programs discourage excessive

drinking.

He noted that Delaware's alcohol lobby is powerful in battling down keg registration and dram shop laws, witness the First State being the last state to adopt the .08 blood alcohol standard.

"In this context," Zeigler said, "it's remarkable that you've done all that you've done."

Dozens of Newarkers, myself included, have been part of BRC through the years. John Bishop and former Newark mayor Ron Gardner have provided dynamic, effective leadership that guided the development of innovative, effective programs. Roselle and

city mayors Godwin and Funk, as well as city manager Carl Luft, have each supported the work of the coalition. But the real work was done by a legion of campus, student, city and citizen volunteers, all of whom deserve a pat on the back.

At times, I have personal issues with the prohibitionist aspects of fighting binge drinking.

But I know that Newark is like every other college town. The students who arrive each fall are more likely to drink excessively than those of previous generations. And we must do what we can to combat this trend.

We know of some lives that have been lost to excessive alcohol use, but we'll never know how many we have saved.

■ *The columnist has been a community journalist for more than three decades. He became publisher of the Newark Post and moved to Newark from coastal Maine in 1992. He also publishes three other newspapers that are headquartered in Newark.*

1980: Overcrowding in high schools boost thefts, suspensions

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on another front — through the county zoning laws.

City planning officials contend that because the county zoning laws do not allow manufacture of corrosive acids in areas zoned M-2, medium industrial, they should not allow "demanufacture" either, said Ray Lopata, city planning director.

Manufacture of acids falls under M-3, or heavy industrial, zoning. The zoning code specifically names some of the acids: Waste Conversion would be treating hydrochloric, sulfuric and nitric acid wastes — as belonging in an M-3 district.

High schools overcrowded

The Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) of Glasgow High charges that overcrowding in Area III senior high schools is creating more theft, a greater number of suspensions and general disruption of the educational process.

And CAC member Richard Lash says that though New Castle County School Superintendent Dr. Carroll W. Biggs knows about the problem, "He does nothing."

The CAC is convinced that the problems are a direct result of overcrowding and has asked Superintendent Biggs to correct the "unconscionable inequities" by redistricting all county schools.

The group asked for help early last month and says that Dr. Biggs "agreed that redistricting

is necessary to correct the imbalances."

Car dealers suffer at vandals' hands

It's 3 a.m.

A teenage boy crouches up to a 1979 Ford van parked in the used car lot of Porter Chevrolet. With the handle end of a screwdriver he shatters the vent window on the driver's side and reaches in to unlock the door. The boy, unskilled in the practice of stealing radios from dashboards, destroys \$1,000 worth of equipment in prying out a \$200 radio that he will later sell for \$30.

Meanwhile, at the other end of Cleveland Avenue a uniformed Newark policeman inspects the cars at Rockhill Pontiac.

Thefts similar to the one described occur weekly on auto row, the string of car dealerships lining both sides of West Cleveland Avenue. They occur in cycles, said Newark police Lieutenant Larry Thornton. Last year thieves were hitting Ed Fine Automobile, he said. Now Porter Chevrolet seems to be the most frequent target.

■ April 28, 2000

Students propose 'Clean Power' study

In the spirit of the 30th anniversary of Earth Day, students at the University of Delaware unveiled their "Clean Power" proposal on Saturday, April 22.

Students want the University to fund a feasibility study, to be conducted by an interdisciplinary group of students and supervised by UD faculty, regarding the economic, technical and environmental implications of supplying one percent of the University's electricity needs from solar power, a total of about 1.3 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity annually.

UD to help police Newark

In response to complaints

about off-campus student behavior, the University of Delaware is increasing funding to the city of Newark which will be used for additional city police officers.

According to Mayor Hal Godwin, he has met a number of times over the past two years with University President David Roselle to discuss the concern.

"I started meeting with Dr. Roselle almost immediately after I became mayor," said Godwin. "We discussed off-campus student behaviors and ways the University could help."

Neighborhood Schools bill now law in Delaware

Surprising no one, the fast track Neighborhood Schools bill was signed into law by Governor Thomas R. Carper on April 23.

H.B. 300 sets up a panel of Wilmington residents to present recommendations to that city's mayor and city council by neighborhood schools for students currently divided among four northern Delaware school districts.

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OUTLOOK

Using the Web to grow financial skills

By MARIA PIPPIDIS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

APRIL is national Financial Literacy Month and a great time to showcase some of the resources Cooperative Extension has to assist families in learning about money management or how to teach money management to their kids.

There are two programs coming up in Newark at the New Castle County Extension office. On May 2 at 6:30 p.m., learn about how to set up a workable spending plan. Sticking to your budget will be reviewed along with ideas to cut costs to meet your goals.

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

On May 9 at 6:30 p.m., Cooperative Extension will be addressing strategies to reduce debt and increase savings. We'll also touch on starting a savings program and where to put the money. Call Bonnie to register for these workshops at 831-1239.

A new 4-H Consumer Champions bowl is being developed for youth ages 10 - 16. Teams of kids will work together to review materials and prepare for a jeopardy like contest that will be held at the state fair. If you have a team of 2-4 kids, give me a call and, we'll get you set up. It's a fun way to learn about consumer and financial literacy topics.

If you need some online resources there are several that I would suggest. All created by Cooperative Extension professionals around the country.

Extension Cord: <http://ag.udel.edu/extension/fam/> provides many resources from around the country on various topics such as money and divorce, retirement and all sorts of topics. Look under items for

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GIRLS GO GOLD!

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Udinski and her hats.



FOR Newark-area teens Charvi Ganatra and Lindsey Udinski, earning their Girl Scout Gold Award was about accomplishment. But for the people whose lives they affected, the projects were much more. For some, it was an opportunity to learn and grow. For others, it was a chance to be strong and beautiful.

Ganatra, a 17-year-old music fanatic, spent the past year collecting music and instruments to send to a new school in the British Virgin Islands. In all, she collected 25 instruments - 20 recorders, a drum set, two flutes, a trombone and a tuba - and more than 300 pieces of sheet music.

"I wanted to do something in a place that was in more need than Delaware," she said. So, after working with her church leaders who were also doing international volunteer work, Ganatra found St. Mary's. It's a new school in a financially-strapped area of the islands. But more importantly, plans for its music program were marginal, at best. When she heard about the school, Charvi knew this was the right place for her to help.

"I feel it's really important to have a music program," she said. "It's a whole different aspect of education, and I think all people should have the chance to appreciate the arts."

She learned first-hand how frustrating it can be to not have a music program offered in school. Charvi is a junior at Wilmington Charter, a school noted for its math and science - not its arts. So when she wants to participate in chorus, and she does (Charvi is trained in Indian Classical vocals), she has to join students from the Cab Calloway School of the Arts.

While not having a program in her own school can be difficult



Ganatra

at times, it hasn't prevented her from studying what she loves. And Charvi didn't want the same problem to affect students in the British Virgin Islands, either. That's why she gave them the gift of music.

Udinski, a sophomore at Cab Calloway, gave a different gift with her Gold Award project.

She gave the gift of beauty. Udinski built a hat rack and



A student at St. Mary's in the British Virgin Islands plays the tuba provided by Charvi Ganatra.

collected approximately 150 hats for women and children going through chemotherapy at a local wellness center. Udinski remembered what it felt like to go shopping for a hat after a relative went through chemotherapy treatment. "She had to go shopping, and it was so embarrassing that it was out

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Diversions

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FRIDAY

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UP, UP AND AWAY AUCTION 6:30 - 10 p.m. Bid on several kinds of items. Food and drinks included. \$30 each, \$100 for 4 people. Cathedral Church of St. John, 10 Concord Ave., Wilmington. Info., 654-6279.
PUSH LAWN MOWER TUNE-UP 4 - 9 p.m. Also available April 23 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and April 24, pick-up only, 12 - 6 p.m. oil change, blades sharpened and balanced, spark plug replaced, air filter checked and cleaned, and deck power-washed. Behind Townsend Hall, S. College Avenue. Info., 831-2502 or visit <http://copland.udel.edu/stu-org/agr>.

MEDICINE BALL 7 - 11 p.m. A benefit for nursing scholarships and education. Bank One Center, Riverfront, Wilmington. Info., 836-1573 or 239-2011.
LONGBERGER BASKET BINGO 7 p.m. Door prizes, raffles, cash snack bar available. \$20 for 20 games. Ladies Auxiliary, Mill Creek Fire Company, 3900 Kirkwood Hwy. Info., 998-9685.
COMEDIC PERFORMANCE 8 p.m. Available weekends through May 7. Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. The Chapel Street Players will present show. \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$7 students. 27 N. Chapel St. Info., 368-2248.
DANCE SOCIAL 8 p.m. - midnight. Open to the public, 21 and over. \$7 members, \$9 non-members. Best Western Hotel, Route 273 and Interstate 95. Info., 998-3115.
LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. Bluegrass group The Delaware Rag will perform. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info, 266-6993.
FROG FAMILY FRIDAYS 7 p.m. Also available May 6. Learn about different frog families and listen to their calls. \$4. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd. Info., 368-6900.
FUN FROG CRAFT 6:30 p.m. Also available May 6. For those with children. Before Frog Family Fridays. \$1. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd. Info., 368-6900.
THE 2X4 SQUARE DANCE CLUB 8 - 10:30 p.m. Plus level square dance with rounds. \$6. Medill School, 1550 Capitol Trail Rd., Kirkwood Highway. Info., 738-5382.
OVER AND UNDER: PAINTINGS BY N.C. WYETH 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs till May 8. This exhibition explores the artist's practice of reworking and reusing canvases. \$8 adults. \$5 seniors, students with ID, children 6-12. Free to children under 6. Brandywine River Museum and Environmental Management Center, Route 1, 141 Chadds Ford. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org or www.brandywineconservancy.org.
ART EXHIBIT 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Runs till April 29. Exhibit from Delaware artists who traveled to Tuscany. The Lorelton, 2200 W. 4th St., Wilmington. Info., 998-9142.

■ SATURDAY, APRIL 23

EARTH DAY CRAFTS 12 - 5 p.m. Make a small vase or planter using



CHILDREN'S CHORUS SPRING CONCERT

The 83 voice Kennett Sympony Children's Chorus, directed by Karen Markey, will present its 2005 spring concert at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Unionville on Sunday, May 1 at 4 p.m.

recycled materials. Free. Village Imports, 165 E. Main St. Info., 368-9923 or visit www.villageimports.com.
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Curves will celebrate its second anniversary with fun, games and prizes. Curves, Suburban Plaza, Elkton Road and Christina Parkway. Info., 292-2920 or visit www.curvesinternational.com.
PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7 - 11 a.m. Newark Lions Club hosts "All You Can Eat" affair. \$6 adults, \$4 children 6-12, free to 5 and under. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Rd. Info., 368-0776.
THE LOIS YOUNG SHOW 10:30 a.m. One hour children's production. Each month children learn a different style of music. Theme is "Toot, Toot, Giddy-up, Zoom Zoom." Bring ponies, cars, trucks or trains. \$6. No reservations. The New Century Club of Newark, Delaware Ave. and Haines St. Info., 456-9227 or visit www.loisyoung.com.
CONCERT 8 p.m. David Scheel will perform his renditions of classical com-

positions. \$10 advanced, \$12 at door. The Everett Theatre, 47 W. Main St., Middletown. Info., 378-7994.
COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP 9 - 11 a.m. T-shirts given to first 200 people. All materials supplied. Newark Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Rd. Info., 366-7033.
SPEAKER 8 p.m. Ira Glass, host of National Public Radio's "This American Life", will speak. \$24.50, \$26.50 and \$28.50. The Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Info., 658-7897 or visit www.grandopera.org.
COMEDY SHOW 7:30 and 10 p.m. HBO star Bob Nelson will perform. \$20. Air Transport Command, 143 N. duPont Hwy., New Castle. Info., 652-6873 or visit www.comedycabaret.com.
LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. Folk rock group What's Eating Annie will perform. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info, 266-6993.
BOAT SAFETY COURSE 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Delaware Safety Council offering 8 hour course. \$30. Delaware Safety Council Training Facility, 3 Old Barley Mill Rd., Wilmington. Info., 654-7786.
SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT 3 p.m. \$10 adults, \$7 seniors, \$3 students. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road. Info., 831-2577.
EARTH DAY ENERGY ACTIVITIES 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Also available April 24. Wide range of activities about energy will be offered. \$11 adults, \$9 students and seniors, \$4 children 6-14, free to children 5-under. Hagley Museum and Library, Route 141, Wilmington. Info., 658-2400.

■ SUNDAY, APRIL 24

OPEN HOUSE 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research will feature dedication of new flight-cage and a visit from Eagles mascot. Frink Center for Wildlife, 110 Possum Hollow Rd., Newark. Info., 737-9543 or visit www.tristatebird.org.
THE FROG PRINCE 2 p.m. A play presented for children by the Gingerbread Players & Jack's. \$17 general public, \$12 UD faculty, staff, alumni and senior citizens, \$5 students and children. Mitchell Hall, UD Campus. Info., 831-8741.
TRUMPET CONCERT 7 p.m. Wynton Marsalis will perform. \$45, \$48 and \$53. The Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Info., 658-7897 or visit www.grandopera.org.

■ MONDAY, APRIL 25

NEWARK AAUW MEETING 7:30 p.m. Speaker Neda Shashani-Green will talk about women's rights in Iran. First Presbyterian Church, Memorial Hall, 292 W. Main St. Info., 731-4724.

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■ FRIDAY, APRIL 22

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.
BABY STORY TIME 10:30 a.m. Program runs till May 13. For baby's ages 6-18 months. The New Castle Public Library, 424 Delaware St. Info., 328-1995.
TODDLER STORYTIME 11:30 a.m. The program runs until May 13. For ages 18-36 months. The New Castle Public Library, 424 Delaware St. Info., 328-1995.

■ SATURDAY, APRIL 23

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. \$5 donation goes to missions. Greater Grace Church, 750 Otts Chapel Rd. Info., 738-1530.
KARAOKE 8 p.m. - midnight. The American Legion of Elkton. Info., 410-398-9720.
POST-POLIO SUPPORT 10 a.m. - noon. Easter Seal Independent Living Center, Reads Way, New Castle. Info., 369-3905 or 764-1714.
WOMAN'S MINISTRY Meeting to unite and share fellowship. Dale United

Methodist Church, 143 E. Lake St., Middletown. Info., 378-9744.

■ MONDAY, APRIL 25

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 JAZZEXERCISE 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 Noon. Mondays. The Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., 324-4444.

MEETINGS

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Avenue. Info., 368-2318.
TAI CHI 2:30 p.m. Mondays or Wednesdays; 11:15 a.m. Friday. \$20 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

■ TUESDAY, APRIL 26

BUT YOU LOOK SO GOOD! 7 - 9 p.m. A support group that meets at Grace Lutheran Church, Graves Road, Newport Gap Pike, Hockessin. Info., 994-3897.
NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. For men who like to sing. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 East Main St. Info., 368-3052.
DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support group meeting. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd. Info., 737-7239.
SWEET ADELINES 8 - 10 p.m. Singing group. Listeners and new members welcome. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 731-5981.
SCRAPBOOKING 7 - 9 p.m. Nursery,

\$2 per child. Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow. Info., 834-GRPC.
MS SUPPORT 4 - 6 p.m. MS Society Headquarters, 2 Mill Rd., Wilmington. Info., 655-5610.
EATING DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP 7 - 8:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Naaman's and Darley Roads, Wilmington. Info., 475-1880.
CANCER SUPPORT 6:30 p.m. 405 Silverside/Carr Executive Center, Wilmington. Info., 733-3900.
ADULTS WITH AD/HD 7:30 p.m. Support group meets at New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 737-5063.
UNSCHOOLERS & OTHERS 7 p.m. Parents meet. Group also holds activities for homeschool families. Kirkwood Library. Info., 322-5950.

■ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

CONSTITUENT BREAKFAST 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Terry Schooley will attend to field questions and concerns. Eagle Diner, Elkton Road. Info., 577-8476.
DIVORCECARE 7 p.m. Separated/divorced people meet. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info., 737-

3544.
ANXIETY DISORDER 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. To maintain the privacy of members, support group locations not published. Info., 765-9740.
GRIEFSHARE 7 p.m. Seminar and support group for those who have lost someone close to them. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info., 737-5040.
PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 6:30 p.m. Meeting for men who are survivors of and newly diagnosed with prostate cancer. The American Cancer Society Office, 92 Reads Way, Suite 205, New Castle. Info., 234-4227.
FAMILY CIRCLES 5:30 p.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 658-5177.
BINGO 12:45 p.m. Lunch available for \$2.25 a platter at 11:45 a.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

■ THURSDAY, APRIL 28

STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Animal stories read by a lively storyteller near the Otter

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 - 25 Second Triumvirate member
 - 26 Soda jerk?
 - 28 Laundry CEO?
 - 30 Revolutionary Guevara
 - 31 Opie's aunt
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 - 33 "NYPD Blue" creator
 - 37 — sauce
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 - 44 Soap additive
 - 45 Charlotte, for one
 - 48 Sacred song
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 - 66 Gimpel and Jong
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 - 84 Manuscript imperative
 - 85 Yacht peddler?
 - 90 Roller coaster operator?
 - 92 — Dawn Chong
 - 93 Baby beaver
 - 94 Record player
 - 95 Actor Chaney
 - 96 Attract the IRS?
 - 98 Minnie of "Circle of Friends"
 - 101 Sturdy trees
 - 102 Inc., in England
 - 104 Spare fare
 - 106 Mrs. McKinley
 - 107 Unrefined
 - 109 "Midnight at the —" ('74 hit)
 - 112 Joplin composition
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 - 115 Herpetologist?
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 - 12 Dons one's duds
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 - 14 Range
 - 15 College collar
 - 16 "Stop!"
 - 17 Sneak a peek
 - 21 It's often jumped
 - 27 Travel agcy.?
 - 29 Egyptian statesman
 - 31 "Later!"
 - 33 Cinderella's soiree
 - 34 Spread in a tub
 - 35 Nag subtly
 - 36 Towel word
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 - 38 Wordsworth work
 - 40 Certain inscription
 - 42 One of the Judds
 - 43 It's in the groove
 - 46 Page or LaBelle
 - 47 Waugh's "Brideshead —"
 - 49 Fragrant neckwear
 - 50 Butte
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 - 57 Texas river
 - 59 Cryptanalyst's concern
 - 61 UN agency
 - 63 City in Kyrgyzstan
 - 66 New Haven hardwood
 - 67 — -dope (Ali tactic)
 - 69 Pop Art pioneer
 - 70 Impassioned
 - 71 "Graf —"
 - 73 Fleur-de- —
 - 74 Raise spirits?
 - 75 Parisian polentate
 - 77 Monastery garb
 - 78 Computer command
 - 81 Matterhorn, e.g.
 - 83 Potok's "My Name Is Asher —"
 - 85 Hindu deity
 - 86 Restaurateur Toots
 - 87 Ditch under a drawbridge
 - 88 Egyptian symbol
 - 89 Investigative
 - 91 Chatter box?
 - 93 Baby butter
 - 97 Cause confusion
 - 99 Fix a fight
 - 100 Courbet, e.g.
 - 103 Pharmacist's concern
 - 105 Wall Street figure
 - 108 Half and half?
 - 110 Moving
 - 111 Mikita of hockey
 - 113 Battery part
 - 114 Kind of soup
 - 115 TV's "Spenser: For —"
 - 116 "What's — for me?"
 - 117 Cross inscription
 - 118 Use a dagger
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exhibit at Brandywine Zoo. Info., 571-7747.

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

765-9740.

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

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

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

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

DSI THUMBS UP 7 - 8 p.m. Stroke support group meeting offering educational topics,

peer support and guests who are experts in rehabilitative services. Sponsored by Delaware Stroke Initiative. Free. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 633-9313.

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

Info., 443-553-5358.

BRIGHT FUTURES 1 p.m. Breast cancer support group. Medical Arts Pavilion 2, Christiana Hospital. Info., 733-3900.

COLONIAL STATES KNITTERS 7 p.m. Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Road. Info., 994-2869.

EVENTS, from 10

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

VEGETABLE GROWING CLASS Learn how to grow great, fresh produce in your backyard. \$15. Fischer Greenhouse Laboratory, Townsend Hall. Info., 831-1355.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

5K RUN/WALK 6:30 p.m. Delaware Heritage Commission is sponsoring event. \$16 prior to registration, \$20 at event.

Overlook Pavilion, Riverfront, Wilmington. Info., 744-5077.

LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. Jazz musician Bruce Anthony will perform. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. No cover charge. Info, 266-6993.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

SILENT AUCTION Women Build 2005 will sponsor "Red, White and Build-A Wine Tasting and Silent Auction" to benefit Habitat for Humanity projects. Habitat for Humanity New Castle County, 1920 Hutton St., Wilmington. Info., 652-0365.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

RARE PLANT AUCTION 5 p.m. April 30. Rare and unusual plants will be on sale for auction. \$200 and up. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 658-6262.

BUFFALO DRUM WORKSHOP 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Also available May 15. In this workshop you will learn about the ancient traditions and cultures of the rattle and drum. Two-day workshop. \$175 for rattle only, \$225 for drum only or \$300 for both. Minimum registration is 10 participants. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

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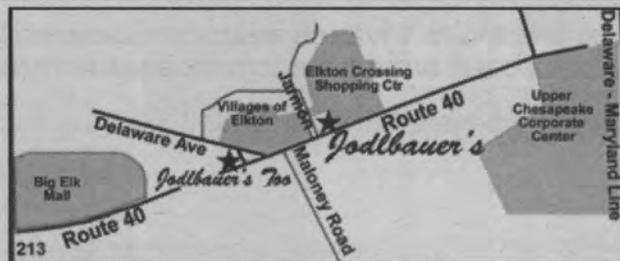
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▶ **BLOTTER, from 2**

police said.

James R. Schmalbach, of Newark, was charged with trespassing on the railroad tracks and released pending a court appearance, police said.

Guitar disappears

Residents of a home in the unit block Choate Street told Newark police on Sunday, April 17, at 1:07 p.m. that a guitar valued at \$500 had been removed.

The victims told police that the instrument disappeared between 12:45 and 4:30 a.m. while the owner was away and others in the home were asleep.

Police said there were no signs of forced entry and that doors and windows of the home may have been unlocked.

Wallet stolen

An 18-year-old University of Delaware student told Newark police that her wallet was stolen from her purse while she attended a birthday party in the unit block Madison Drive, police were told on Saturday, April 16, at 12:58 p.m. An undisclosed amount of cash was reported missing.

Cards missing

A 15-year-old Glasgow High School student told Newark police that 30 Yu-Gi-Oh collector cards and a black carrying case were taken from a back room at Days Of Knights, 173 E. Main St., it was reported to police, on Saturday, April 16, at 1:43 p.m.

The missing items were valued at \$250.

Dog abandoned

Two passers-by found a note taped to the collar of a friendly dog they encountered while walking on the James Hall Trail near South Chapel Street, Newark police reported on Friday, April 15, at 2:03 p.m.

The walkers called officers, who reported the note stated the dog needed a good home, was seven years old and named "Daisy," and was friendly and liked to play. The pooch was turned over the SPCA, police said.

Man punched in face

A 19-year-old University of Delaware student from Annapolis, Md., told Newark police on Friday, April 15, at 2:37 a.m., that he had been punched in the face while attending a party at 329 E. Main St.

Vehicles hit

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

729 Bent Lane, on Sunday, April 17, at 8:53 p.m., license plate stolen from 1993 Ford Taurus; and

5 Courtney St., on Friday, April 15, at 4:50 p.m., tag removed vehicle parked in metered space.



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Sports

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Opening Day is still a big deal

By **MARTY VALANIA**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Generally, a phone call before 8:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning means something is amiss somewhere in my life. It's never good news and this time was no exception.

"Coach, my pants don't fit."

Like I said, it's never good.

Yes, it was more than five hours before game time and my new centerfielder was already putting his uniform on. I was impressed by his eagerness but didn't have the heart to tell him that my shortstop slipped his on the night before and slept in it — cup and all.

Really, is there anything better than Opening Day of the Little League season?

Well, yes, actually it would be better if more of my kids' pants fit. After the first, came two more calls about pants being too big.

Great, we'll look like clowns.

Thank goodness my house doubles as a sporting goods store warehouse and my effort at finding three sets of smaller pants sounded far more grandiose than it really was.

It's 10 a.m. and still three hours until game time. The weather's beautiful and the whole uniform pant problem is fixed.

Is there anything better than Opening Day of a Little League season?

Well maybe.

Another phone call — another problem.

It seems our team was scheduled to work the concession stand the first day of the season. Nothing like a nice three-hour warning for everybody to plan. If you've ever tried to get par-

See **OPENING DAY, 15**

Newark falls to William Penn

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

William Penn pitcher Rob Bryson fired a four-hitter in an 11-1 romp over Newark Tuesday afternoon.

The junior had another big day on the mound, as he struck out eight, and walked only four batters in pitching the complete game victory. Meanwhile, Newark pitchers had

a tough day, collectively giving up 14 hits, walking six and hitting four Colonial batters. A total of eight of the batters who reached without a base hit eventually scored a run. "We walked a lot of batters and we didn't play as well defensively as we can," said Newark Coach Curt Bedford. "You can't do that against a good team like that and expect to win a game," he said. William Penn jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the second

inning. Newark's Todd Heller walked several batters and hit two more to hurt his own cause. The big hit of the inning was a one-out, bases loaded triple by outfielder Darin Henry.

While Newark's lineup continued to struggle with Bryson, the Colonials sent nine men to the plate to extend their lead to 7-0 in the fourth. Walks again hurt the Jackets, as they surrendered four free passes in the inning. William Penn clinched the victo-

ry by added two runs in both the sixth and seventh innings. Newark scored its lone run in the top of the six inning. Penn's defense ended both the sixth and seventh innings by turning double plays. The Colonials improved to 9-1 on the season and 2-0 in Flight A of the Blue Hen Conference. The Jackets fell to 6-2 overall, and 0-1 in conference play. "This was a huge conference win

See **NEWARK, 15**

Jacket players to go to Wesley

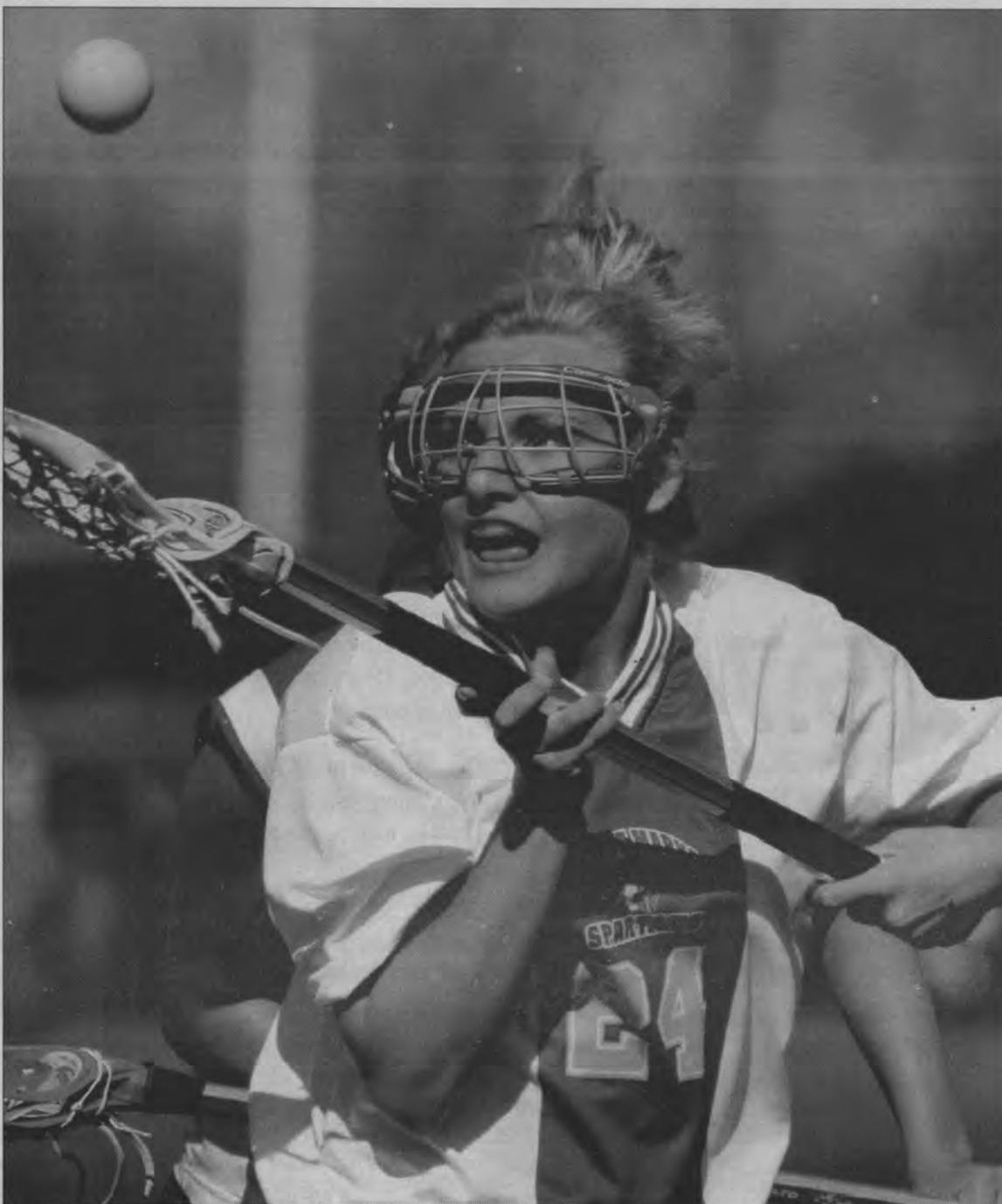
By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Wesley College in Dover has recruited four members of the state champion Newark Yellowjackets for its 2005 football roster. All-staters Jon Senkus (O/DL) and Chet Turner (DB), and Austin Becker (TE) and Jeff Peoples (OL) are heading to the state capitol this fall. Newark coach Butch Simpson said he has no doubts his former players will do well at Wesley, "as long as they make the commitment to college football." Simpson said he hasn't sent a lot of players to Wesley in recent years, but that could change quickly. "I do believe in coach Mike Drass's program, and his commitment to his players. Wesley College could be a perfect place for our guys."

Former Jacket Jon Lanouette, who's now a starting wide receiver for the Wolverines, had a huge influence on these players choosing the Division III school to play their college football. "Jon had a lot of influence on this year's senior class," said Simpson. "He was our leader a year ago, and he was a personality in the locker room, and a leader on and off the field."

See **WESLEY, 15**



Hens top Hornets this week

The University of Delaware baseball team defeated Delaware State, 8-7 on Tuesday afternoon at Bob Hannah Stadium when consecutive errors in the bottom of the ninth cost the Hornets the game.

Brent Rogers (Claymont, DE/Mt. Pleasant) reached first on an error by second baseman Kevin Hill and scored from first when Ryan Graham (Danville, IL/Triton-at right) reached first due to an overthrow by third baseman Jesse Tyler.

Kevin Brown (Wilmington, DE/McKean) evens his record at 1-1 with the win as the Hens improve to 15-18 overall while Delaware State dips to 14-22.

Adam Tsakonas (Pottstown, PA/Boyertown Area) led Delaware with a pair of hits including one two-run homer while Brian Valichka (Frederick, MD/Urbana) and Kelly Buber (Yuba City, CA/Yuba Community) each doubled.

Chad Kerfoot (Owings, MD/Northern) took the start and

allowed four runs on eight hits but struck out seven in five innings on the mound. He was replaced by Brown who in four innings of work allowed three runs on four hits and struck out five.

Five Hornets captured two hits in the contest as Jon Ricketts, Brandon Gravely, and Hill each singled twice while Matt Folke doubled and singled and Randy Boyer added a single to go along with a three-run home run.

Dan Perkins took the start for Delaware State and allowed four runs on four hits in four innings pitched and was replaced by Joe Brzeczek who allowed three runs on three hits in 3.2 innings on the mound. Chase Korneman took the loss and faced only two batters in the ninth.

Delaware State jumped on the Blue Hens early with two runs on three consecutive singles in the top of the first. Ricketts dropped a bunt between Kerfoot and Valichka and was followed by Hill who singled to center.

Gravely sent them both home with a single to the left side and a throwing error that advanced him to second.

Delaware responded with a four-run inning in the bottom of the third when Dan Richardson (Bear, DE/Caravel) ledoff the inning by sending a single to rightfield and stealing second followed by Dan Kozek (Medford, NJ/Shawnee) who walked. Graham drove in a run by singling to second base but it wasn't until Buber connected for a two-RBI double off the left field fence that the Hens took the lead. Tsakonas singled home Todd Davison (Somers Point, NJ/St. Augustine) who reached on a walk but the rally was cut short when Brandon Menchaca (Wilmington, DE/Concord) went down swinging.

The Hornets came from behind to tie the game at 4-4 in the top of the fourth when Folke singled to center field and Boyer followed with a single down the left field line.

Newark players headed to Wesley

► WESLEY, from 14

Wesley coach Mike Drass echoed Simpson's remarks.

"Jon had a very fine season for us in 2004. He's had a positive experience with us, on the field and in the classroom," said Drass.

Drass said Senkus is probably the best player in the state. "We feel he could come right in and compete for a starting position," he said.

Simpson said Senkus had offers from other schools, "but decided Wesley offered an opportunity to get out on the field right away."

Simpson said Turner is a gifted, and skilled athlete who is an exceptional defensive player.

"And I think he is ready to make the transition from high school to college both in the classroom and on the football field," said Simpson. The 6-foot-6-in., 290 lb. Jeff Peoples could be a "diamond in the rough" according to both

coaches. "If Jeff continues to work hard and improve next year as he did for us, he could have a tremendous college career," said Simpson. "His improvement over the past season had a big influence in our team getting to the championship game." Simpson said he was also very proud of the career achieved by Austin Becker.

"He was late on the scene, but worked very hard, and endured. Once football became a priority for him, Austin became an outstanding player," said Simpson.

Drass added Becker could see plenty of playing time since the team has only one experienced tight end right now. The Wolverines also selected a group of players from the New Castle County area including Jeffe Stille (QB), McKean, Zach Shelker (G), and Brandden Thompson (DT) from Mount Pleasant, Brandon Glynn (LB) Hodgson, Brian Taylor (LB) Glasgow, and Sean Smith (DB) from St. Mark's.

Win or lose, opening day is great fun

► OPENING DAY, from 14

ents to work the concession stand on short notice, you'll know how painful the next hour was.

"Yes, Mrs. Wilson. I know it's your son's first game in the majors and you'd like to see it. But there are 19 more and I really need you to cook hot dogs today."

Thankfully, after an hour of

phone calls and pleading, four full-fledged canonized saints step up and I'm spared the embarrassment of an opening day forfeit because we couldn't get help.

It's two hours before game time and I decide to head to the field before the phone rings again.

Now we're talking - it's 70 degrees, sunny and I've just chalked the most perfect batter's

box and foul lines ever. Life is good.

Well, until the game starts that is.

The highlight of the day is our pants fit much better than the Waste Management Cardinals. They, however, pitch, field and hit much better in a 14-6 romp.

The kids, though, don't seem affected by the defeat as they happily sit on the bleachers and scarf down their free hot dogs and sodas after the game.

Really, is there anything better than Little League Opening Day?

Nope, there's really not.

Yellowjackets fall to Colonials

► NEWARK, from 14

for us today," said Colonial coach Mel Gardner, who won his 300th career victory recently.

"We hit the ball well early, and we played also very well defensively today," said Gardner.

Baseball trip to raise money for All-Star wrestling team

See games at Fenway Park and Yankee Stadium both in one weekend. Cost is just \$295 per person (double occupancy) and includes deluxe motorcoach transportation with tour host on board, overnight accommodations at the Courtyard Marriott, game tickets, driver/tour host tips and

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School board candidates to square off

Two forums set to hear positions, answer questions

By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

TWO forums are scheduled for residents of the Christina School District to meet the six candidates in the upcoming school board elections.

Region III PTA Council is sponsoring non-partisan, question/answer forums in Newark on Monday, April 25 and in Wilmington on Wednesday, April 27 to give the public an opportunity to meet and ask questions of the school board candidates.

Running in District A are George Evans, a 24-year board member, Brenda Phillips, the current board president, and Paul J. Falkowski, a newcomer.

In District D, the candidates are Beverly Howell, current board member, and Lorraine Thomas and Arthur Halprin, both newcomers.

Questions from the audience will be submitted in writing to the moderator. Campaigning will not be permitted at the events, however, a table will be available for candidates to leave their

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The election will take place on Tuesday, May 10.

This year's election will be an unusual one in that two of the candidates running against each other are current members of the Christina Board of Education and, if one of them wins, they could both possibly remain on the board.

When the county election district lines were redrawn last fall as a result of the latest census, the Wilmington city portion of the Christina area was realigned. Both Evans and Phillips were thrown into the same district. Evans is finishing out his fifth term, which will expire June 30,

2005. Phillips term was not to expire until 2006.

However, because Evans filed to run in her district, Phillips had to file to run again as well. If Evans wins over the other two candidates, then he continues into a sixth term and Phillips can remain on the board until her term expires in 2006. If Phillips wins she continues until 2010 and Evans and Falkowski are out. If Falkowski wins, Evans is out but Phillips remains for one more year.

The confusion continues with District D.

When Christopher Reed resigned his post on the board last fall, Beverly Howell was appointed by the Board of Education to fill his spot. Now, less than four months later, Howell must run against Thomas and Halprin.

The future make-up of the board gets even more interesting.

At last week's board meeting, current board member Constance Merlet resigned effective April 26 to assume a paid position with the school district. Because her vacancy in District B occurred after the deadline for filing to run in the election, President Phillips must appoint someone to fill Merlet's seat until the 2006 general school board election.

In the newly created District F, no one filed to run. The incoming board president will need

to appoint someone to file that vacancy so that a seven-member board will be in place after July.

Current board members Jim Durr, from District E, Dr. John Mackenzie, from District C, and Cecilia Scherer, from District G, will continue until their terms expire in 2008, 2008 and 2007 respectively.

The school board elections are at-large elections, meaning any resident of the Christina School District, 18-years and older, can

vote in the May 10 election, regardless of what Christina district they reside in. All those voting can cast a vote for someone in District A as well as someone in District D. Also, you do not need to have a child in the school system at this time. All residents have a say in the make up of the school board.

■ Watch for profiles on all six candidates and voting locations in an upcoming issue of the Newark Post.

Girls go for the gold

► **GOLD, from 8**

in the open," she said. "But the wellness community is so nice. People can be comfortable looking for a hat there."

Equipped with the motivation to lessen the stress of hat shopping, Udinski collected caps from companies like Lands End and Walmart and found a craft group to hand-make dozens more. These homemade hats are Udinski's favorite. Created by the loving hands of Retired Seniors Volunteer Persons, the hats were cut from the most comforting of cloths.

"They are made from a really soft material," she said. "A

lot of people who have had to go through chemotherapy, don't want to wear hats that are rough and itchy. These are soft and colorful and really beautiful."

It seems that the cancer survivors who have used her hat rack share her appreciation of the RSVP caps. The very first woman who picked one out from the rack had a hard time choosing. She mulled over the decision for a few minutes, but finally fell in love with one of the bright, hand-made ones.

"It felt really good," Udinski said, remembering how she felt when the first woman used her hat rack. "But it felt really weird, too. I was just thinking, 'I can't believe this is over.'"

"I felt there was a need in Delaware for something like this. [The state] has the highest rate for cancer," she said. "And the whole point for the Gold project is to look at a community and see where its needs are."

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Old instrument, new sounds

Combining stings and dance takes local teens to higher level of performance

WHEN Kyle Frey started violin lessons at the age of seven, like many other aspiring young musicians, everyone in the family came to his recitals. It didn't matter if he was good or needed more practice, grandmas and papas applauded his efforts.

Jump forward 10 years, and those same aspiring artists are now busy adolescents. Weekly violin lessons can seem like a chore. Recitals have lost their charm. Their friends are not into such things.

How do you spark the teen who is classically trained on the violin to continue his playing?

Suzuki violin teacher Kathy Hastings and artistic director Cathy Cochran hit on the answer.

They combine the violin skills of 18 teenagers from the tri-state area, ages 13 to 18, with dance steps to create a new type of performance, one that is appealing to the participants as well as the audience. Add a cellist, bass guitar and two drummers and you have a complete package.

The group, known as Culmination, started playing together three years ago. They perform en masse classical, jazz, rock, big band era, Benny Goodman style and popular selections with dance steps to create a real performance. Because the students are all classically trained

If you go

Culmination performing at The Independence School, 1300 Paper Mill Rd., Newark Saturday, April 23 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 students and sr. citizens. For more info, call 737-9904

on the violin, they can perform fiddler, Latin, picking - all genre of music.

Cochran's daughter, Christina, is the choreographer. She worked with Delaware Dance Company in Newark and was classically trained in ballet, jazz and tap.

In Vivaldi's 1600 piece, Four Seasons, The Storm, thunder claps and strobe lights give the effect of lightening as violinists move about the stage in precision timing.

"All the music is memorized, no music stands," said Cathy Cochran at a recent Friday evening rehearsal. "There are no barriers to get between the kids and the audience. Their personalities really show through."

The teens also speak to the audience between pieces, explaining the music or giving some history of the composer.

And the teens now have a blast performing. Hardly anyone misses their Friday evening rehearsals. Four family members of the group travel from Dover

each week.

Culmination recently performed a concert at Longwood Gardens. Next week they will be at The Independence School.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

It takes a sense of coordination to play the violin and dance at the same time, but members of the 18-piece Culmination have found the right combination. Shown above are Newark members of the group, front row, from left: Justin Lee, Stephanie Chen, Jennifer Wilson, Bonnie VonDyke. Back row: Tim Wu, Nick Cochran and Kyle Frey.

Seventeen-year-old Jennifer Wilson, of Newark, has been performing with the group for two years.

"It challenges me in a way other music doesn't," Wilson said. "There is no other group like this. It's work but it's a lot of fun dancing and playing at the same time."

The performers say they play off the emotions and reactions of the audience. They also play off the energy of each other.

"I go home with a lot of energy. You get to feel every aspect of the music," said Bonnie Von Dyke, 15, of Newark.

What do their friends think? "Some think it's funny," said Kyle Frey, 17, of Newark, "Others say they are jealous they can't play the violin, too." This is his third year with the group.

Most of the teens will probably not become music majors, but their training is so excellent that they could still succeed in music.

"You're looking at a lot of future symphony members," said Cochran.

- Robin Broomall

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World War II lecture

A lecture on World War II by visiting scholar Carol Gluck, the George Sansom Professor of History at Columbia University, is set for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 21, in Bayard Sharp Hall, Elkton Road and West Delaware Avenue, on University of Delaware's Newark campus.

This year's Bosley Warnock Lecture, "Keeping the World in World War II: Thoughts on the 60th Anniversary of the End of the War," will examine World War II from an historic standpoint and relate it to the state of current global affairs.

The free event, which is cosponsored by UD's East Asia Studies Program and several other campus units, is open to the public. For more information, call (302) 831-8413.

Class of 2005 votes to spruce up 'The Beach'

The University of Delaware's Class of 2005 has voted to make its legacy to UD a new and improved Harrington Beach, also known as The Beach.

In March, 40 percent of 1,000 voting seniors decided to make \$30,000 worth of improvements to The Beach. Enhancements will include landscaped seating areas and a plaque to acknowledge the Class of 2005, according to Robert Davis, vice president of university development and alumni relations.

Summer splash

The 2005 season of the University of Delaware's Outdoor Pool runs from May 29-Aug. 29, plus Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-5. Beginning May 2, membership applications will be accepted from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday, at the Fred Rust Ice Arena.

The UD Outdoor Pool, the largest in the state, is located behind the Gold Ice Arena and features new slides and new pool heater. Lessons are available to members on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Retiree inducted into hall of fame

RONALD "Ronnie" M. Robinson, recently retired University of Delaware employee and formerly one of Delaware's premiere high school pitchers, has been inducted into the Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame.

Robinson, a native of Lewes who worked for 18 years as a maintenance technician in Facilities Operations and Management on the Sharp Campus in Lewes, was among 11 individuals who were honored during an induction ceremony on Saturday, April 16, at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover.

A graduate of Jason High School and a familiar figure in the Delmarva semipro baseball scene for many years, Robinson, 65, is being honored for his achievements as a player and a coach from the mid-1950s to the mid-1980s.

Robinson, who started playing baseball when he was about 11 years old, began playing semipro for the Bridgeville Comets while still in high school.

After graduating from high school, Robinson attracted scouts from the Philadelphia Phillies, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Cleveland Indians, but injuries he sustained in an automobile accident kept him from landing in the major leagues.

Other individuals with a UD connection entering the Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of

Fame this year include:

Theopolis K. Gregory, the senior member of the Wilmington City Council, got his bachelor's degree from UD in political science and earned his law degree from the University of Florida College of Law.

A graduate of De La Warr High School in New Castle, Gregory was a member of the Fightin' Blue Hens football team that won national championships in 1971 and 1972.

Gregory also coached in the Naylor Football League from 1990-98 and is the founder of the Greater Wilmington Youth Athletic Association.

Andrew "Andy" Haman was an outfielder for the Fightin' Blue Hens baseball team in 1971-72 for head coach Bob Hannah. During the 1972 season, Haman earned a letter at UD, playing in 16 games, while scoring eight runs with three runs batted in and three stolen bases. He also played for the UD basketball team during the 1970-71 season.

Haman, who played for the Crawford All-Stars, enjoyed a 15-year semipro baseball career and was selected to the SemiPro All-Stars in 1972-73.

Joseph V. Purzycki, was a captain and honorable mention All-American football player at UD. In his years of coaching for Delaware State University, Purzycki won or shared several Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

(MEAC) football championships, and was named MEAC Coach of the Year in 1983. He also coached

Caesar Rodney High School to a 12-0 record and a Division I state football championship in 1975.



Ronald "Ronnie" M. Robinson

PHOTO BY KATHY F. ATKINSON

Prez briefs faculty on construction

DURING the recent semi-annual faculty meeting, University of Delaware President David Roselle provided an update on campus construction projects that ranged from the \$48 million Center for the Arts to a summer makeover for Magnolia Circle.

"It does appear that next year's class will be remarkable," Roselle said, noting that 4,280 parents and admitted students were registered for Delaware Decision Days, held April 9 and April 16. He added that 500 students who have been admitted to the Honors Program were among those attending the first open house.

Several UD students have earned prestigious scholarships, Roselle said, pointing out that two students recently won Truman scholarships of \$30,000 for graduate study, three undergraduates received Barry M. Goldwater

scholarships of up to \$7,500 for tuition, books and room and board and one senior received a Marshall scholarship worth about \$100,000 for graduate study in Great Britain.

The 500-bed George Read Hall, the first building in the new Laird Campus Residence Hall Complex, is scheduled to open in the fall, Roselle said. The remaining Pencader Complex sites will be torn down during the spring of 2005 and replaced by two 250-bed buildings. The new complex is in the Georgian style of the main campus.

As part of this project, a new walkway and footbridge



Roselle

extending from the Ray Street Residence Hall Complex to the Laird Campus Complex will replace the current steps, Roselle said. The sidewalks on the left side of North College Avenue also will be widened to better accommodate foot traffic.

Magnolia Circle near the Morris Library was designed by landscape architect Marian Coffin in the early 20th Century to create a transitional space between the former Women's College campus and the Delaware College campus. The project, to be completed this summer, will transform Magnolia Circle into a "gathering place," Roselle said. The president said that plans call for brick walkways radiating inward to a water feature with a seating wall.

Two former fraternity houses near Elliott and Mechanical halls are being renovated to provide offices and a language lab for the

Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. A central structure, including an elevator and rest rooms, will connect the two buildings.

The new \$48 million Center for the Arts is on schedule and slated to be completed in 2006, Roselle said. The center will include new performance space for both music and theatre, a room large enough for the marching band to rehearse and practice rooms for music students. "The architectural plan includes a concert hall, and I believe that it will be added later," he said.

A \$22 million renovation of Brown Laboratory will begin this summer, Roselle said. The architecture firm, The Stubbins Associates, of Cambridge, Mass., has been selected to modernize the north and west wings which house teaching and research laboratories.

Two veterans, one newcomer take city council seats

► COUNCIL, from 1

Clifton, who has served District 2 for eight years, and initiated its newest member, Paul Pomeroy, representing District 1. David Athey also took the oath as he

returned for his second term as representative for District 4.

Clifton said that he is looking forward to serving the residents who returned him to his seat, even though he wasn't on the ballot. Clifton won the District 2 race through write-in ballots.

More than 100 voters turned out in support of the incumbent, who had removed himself from the race in early March.

"I'm looking forward to the next two years, and just hitting the ground running," he said. Council members will face a hefty agenda at their first meeting on April 25, which will include a proposal for the 82-unit Waterstone condominium building planned at the Stone Balloon site.

Athey also said he is looking forward to serving another term. "I'm really energized after the election," he said. "I really appreciate the good turn out from my district."

But it was newcomer Pomeroy who was the most warmed by the ceremony. "There is something very humbling about getting up there and taking that oath," he said. "It's exciting and will forever be the most remarkable moment."

JROTC strong at Glasgow

► UNCLE SAM, from 4

tunities, travel, and an opportunity to serve your nation are among the benefits. He said Glasgow was among one of the better schools for recruiting because of its strong JROTC program. Typically eight to 10 students from the program at GHS enlist, with another 100 expected from the school each year. Students in the JROTC programs can enlist at two pay grades higher than those who do not go through the program.

There are 105 members of GHS's JROTC program in leadership training this year.

Smoke out

At the same time students were visiting representatives from the military, the Kick Butt Generation campaign to stop teens from smoking was holding their own show. Students were encouraged to spin the Smokers Roulette wheel to win prizes, sign up for free information and get bags of popcorn.

Tenth grader Shinequa Bennett, an intern for Students Kick Ash, said "A lot of kids smoke in our school and we're trying to get it out. They try to enforce it as much as they can, but kids still smoke in the bathrooms."

The KBG is part of the Lung Association of Delaware.



COPS ON SHOPS

Local officers camped out atop Krispy Kreme on Rt. 40 over the weekend, but not just for the doughnuts and coffee. They were there to raise money and awareness for the Special Olympics of Delaware. Lt. Susan Poley, from the Newark Police Department, shown here heaving goodies from the rooftop, joined Lt. Mark Daniels of the Delaware State Police and Lt. Bruno Battaglia of the Wilmington Police Department for the weekend. The trio spent the night sheltered in tents on the roof of the doughnut shop. During daylight hours, they threw beads and leis to those who made donations. By the end of the weekend, the group raised \$2,200 for the Special Olympics.

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Ann Cooper

Ann Doris Cooper, 77, of Newark, died on Saturday, April 9, 2005.

Mrs. Cooper was born Dec. 20, 1927 in Chichester, Pa., to the late William Thomas Downes and Hattie Downes Cruise.

She is survived by her husband, Paul W. Cooper, her children, Paul A. Cooper and his wife, Lynnette, of Austin, Texas; Robert T. Cooper, of Niceville, Fla.; Keith A. Cooper and his wife, Beverly, of Newark;

and Cheryl A. Rutter and her husband, David, of Newark; and ten grandchildren. Also surviving are her brothers Thomas Downes, of New Castle; Robert E. Downes, of Orlando Fla.; Bernard Downes and his wife, Joyce, of Central, S.C.; her sisters Marion Gilchrist, of Long Beach, Calif.; Margaret Nelson, of Middletown; Catherine Pierce, of Elsmere; and Violet Jean Dalecki and her husband, Henry, of Newark; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers, Vernon and Joe Downes, her sister Dorothy Downes Elliot and her step father Theron Cruise.

A funeral service was to be on Friday, April 15 at the Doherty Funeral Home. Burial was to be in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to

Ralph N. Helm, 84, former Lions District Governor

RALPH N. Helm, 84, formerly of Newark, died Friday, April 15, 2005. Mr. Helm was born on Nov. 13, 1920, one of twin sons, to the late Herschel and Sally Helm, of Dover.

He and his twin enlisted in the Navy together during World War II, serving in the supply corps. He attended Dartmouth College on the V-12 Program, graduating with a degree in Accounting. He was employed by the I.R.S. in Georgetown and Wilmington, retiring in 1980 as Supervisor of Field Audit Group 5.

He became active in Lions Clubs International in 1950 with Lord Baltimore Lions Club, trans-

ferring to Lions Club of Newark in 1966. He served as the District Governor of 22D, International Director, Vice President of Lions Club International Foundation and President of the Board at Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley.

He was awarded nine Melvin Jones Fellowships and 12 International President's Awards.

He had been a resident of Cokesbury Village in Hockessin since 1994, where he served as President of the Residents Council for four years.

He was predeceased by his brother, Robert. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Steele Helm; a daughter, Sally Jo Helm and her husband, Gary Bledsoe, of

Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister, Hazel Helm Hargadine, of Bethany Beach; a sister-in-law, Betty C. Steele, of Dagsboro; nieces, Jane H. Layton, Patricia H. Radcliffe, and Helen S. Lareau; and a nephew, Charles W. Steele, III.

A service was to be held on Tuesday, April 19 at R.T. Foard and Jones.

Another service was to be held on Wednesday, April 20 at Melson Funeral Home.

Burial was to follow at St. George's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Delaware Lions Foundation c/o, R. T. Foard and Jones Funeral Home.

Vitas Hospice, 100 Commerce Dr., Suite 302, Newark, Del. 19713.

Kathleen Golon

Newark resident Kathleen C. Golon, 87, died Tuesday, April 12, 2005.

Mrs. Golon was a homemaker. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward R. Golon. She is survived by her sons, Donald E. Golon and his wife, Janice, of Chicago, Ill.; and Richard C. Golon and his wife, Diane, of Bear; four grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

A funeral service was scheduled to be at the Doherty Funeral on Saturday, April 16. Interment was to be in Silverbrook Cemetery.

Sharon Moore

Sharon Lee Moore, 46, of Newark, died on Monday, April 11, 2005.

Mrs. Moore was a member of Cornerstone U.M. Church.

She is survived by her brothers, Thomas E. Moore and his companion, Dorothy Anderson, and David

Moore and his wife, Laurie; her sister, Normajean Bleacher and her husband, Dale, Jr.; and five nieces and nephews.

A service was to be on Monday, April 18 at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Special Olympics Delaware, 619 S. College Avenue, Newark, Del. 19716.

Marian Payne

Marian A. Payne, 55, of Newark, died on Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

Mrs. Payne was born March 2, 1950 to Thera Mae Parker and the late William M. Anderson in Chester, Pa.

She is survived by her husband, Donald; five sons, Aaron and his wife, Keesha, of Lynchburg, Va.; Baron, Carlos and Donald, Jr., all of Pa.; and Eric, of Newark; and two daughters, Felicia and Gabrielle, both of Newark. Other survivors include her mother, Thera Mae Parker; four brothers, Alvin Parker, of Pa.; William E. Anderson, of New Castle; Carey Parker, of Pa.; and

Eugene Matthews, of Wilmington; four sisters-in-law, Betty Anderson, Jean Goldsmith, Francine Banks and Anna Matthews; and three brothers-in-law, Tyrone Payne, Tracy Payne and Thomas Payne. She is also survived by her grandmother, Josephine Anderson, of Wilmington; 12 grandchildren; and a host of niece and nephews.

A homegoing service was to be on Monday, April 18 at Murphy AME Church. Burial was to be in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in her name to the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, Suite 205, New Castle, Del. 19720.

Barbara M. Perkins

Newark resident Barbara M. Perkins, 67, died on Friday, April 8, 2005.

Born in Reger, Mo. on April 19, 1937, Mrs. Perkins was the daughter of Tharen K. Wright and Dora Blanch Hoselton Wright. She was a member of St. John's/Holy Angels parish and a former member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

She is survived by four children, Gary Johnson, of Sacramento, Calif.; Cynthia K. Perkins, of Odessa; Juanita L. Belford, of Newark; and Trina L. Clark, of Yuma, Ariz.; a sister, Sandra Bellingier, of Palm Desert, Calif.; and ten grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; two sisters; and a grandson.

A memorial mass was to be offered on Thursday, April 14 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton R.C. Church. Interment was to be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

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

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Cecil County commissioners have final say on project

▶ ASTON, from 1

Stritzinger's Aston Pointe proposal.

"Generally, those opposed to this project have no financial interest but still want to control what happens to land that belongs to someone else," he said, in an obvious reference to organized opposition to the project in Cecil County. "Frankly, I believe Bill has gotten a bad rap in the news for his efforts and contribution."

Gardner also stated that moving the private country club to

Cecil would preserve 179 acres of otherwise buildable land as open space.

Cecil County Commissioner Phyllis Kilby responded by asking if the golf course would seek a permanent easement on the property to prevent its future development.

"No, it would still be SR," Gardner said, referring to the property's county zoning designation, which would allow the property to be developed in the event that the country club closed. "I said it would have the same effect as open space."

Planning Commission members William Mortimer and Mark Clark voted in favor of the request. Clay McDowell cast the lone vote against the proposal after his motion to deny Stritzinger's request died for a lack of a second.

Fellow commission member Ethel Murray recused herself, while Caroline duPont Prickett left the monthly meeting prior to the Aston Pointe hearing.

Mortimer went so far as to lament what he called numerous outstanding questions even as he cast his vote in favor of the project.

"I have questions about the long-term viability of a private golf course... and I have concerns about recharging the groundwater, but that's up to (the Department of the Environment) and we're not in a position to question their business plan," Mortimer told the audience.

Clarke called the decision the most difficult of his life.

"Somethings are not under the purview of this commission," he said. "Given our role, I don't believe we have the basis to deny this request."

More than two dozen people from Cecil County, Newark and Chester County spoke against

Stritzinger's request.

Nearly all of those who spoke in opposition identified themselves as associates of a local anti-sprawl watchdog group, the Appleton Regional Community Alliance. ARCA has consistently challenged the Aston Pointe proposal in public hearings and before various boards and commissions in Cecil County.

For Stritzinger, Monday's decision appeared to be a major breakthrough that followed several months of disappointment.

In January, the Cecil County Commissioners voted to postpone Stritzinger's request to be included in the county's water and sewer service area. At the time, the commissioners said Stritzinger would first have to prove that wells on the Aston Pointe property could produce 400,000 gallons of water a day.

Stritzinger earlier this month reported that the wells could produce enough water to meet Aston Pointe's requirements and supplement the county's water supply. However, he was also forced to concede that two rounds of testing did not result in conclusive proof that the wells could produce the full amount required by the county commissioners.

By seeking preliminary

approval yesterday, Stritzinger hoped to nail down the general layout and design of his proposed community while leaving the water production question unresolved for the immediate future.

Stritzinger must now convince the Cecil County commissioners to approve his request for a water sewer plan amendment before he can receive final approval from the county in order to start building. He also must comply with an additional 24 conditions set out by the planning commission Monday.

"It allowed us to have a little breathing room," Stritzinger's lawyer Stephen Lucher said of the approval. "Preliminary plan approval is valid for two years so we've now got some time to resolve those issues."

■ *Goss is a staff writer for the Newark Post's sister publication, the daily Cecil Whig based in Elkton, Md.*

Artists on Main Street

Newark artists Karen O'lonc-Hahn and Robert Temko are showcased this month at Main Street's You've Been Framed. The framing shop will feature both artists in its gallery.

O'lonc-Hahn has a unique style that utilizes color and whimsy to give a lighter look at her favorite subject - cows. Temko also has

a favorite subject in the natural world. He paints the stoic and graceful trees in the area.

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays or from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Saturdays, the shop is open until 4 p.m. Call 366-1403 for information.

Fight will continue

▶ COALITION, from 3

"We're going to keep doing what we've been doing," UD President David Roselle said. "We value this coalition. We really do appreciate the work that's been done, and I think it's fair to say that we have pursued every idea that has been suggested during the life of this program, and we will continue to do that."

Newark Mayor Vance Funk said he has noticed a friendlier, more positive atmosphere in the city since the BRC began its work.

"The future of this program from the city's viewpoint is going to come from the Town & Gown Committee," Funk said.

"This committee meets on a regular basis to talk about any problems that arise, and we've organized two Town Conversations to encourage dialog and build a stronger community."

Funk also said that it is hoped that Newark City Council will approve his recommendation to add BRC co-chairperson John Bishop, UD associate vice president for counseling and student development, to the committee's membership.

After Funk's remarks, BRC co-chairpersons Bishop and Ronald Gardner, former Newark mayor, and Tracy Downs, BRC project director, presented certificates of appreciation to coalition members.

Talkers learn as they listen

▶ TALK, from 3

"The city has not always stood up and said 'no.' There's enough responsibility to go around."

Residents urged representatives to voice concerns early and often and remain informed about the university's plans. They also suggested increasing the number of joint events hosted by the city and university. That could include planning the annual Community Days event during the university's Parent's Weekend.

The group that debated solutions to alcohol abuse were not able to develop a cure-all, easy fix. But they did learn more about university and city's judicial processes. Most of the participants knew that the university enforces a three-strike policy, where students who have three violations

on their record can be kicked out of the school. However, few realized that a single instance could lead to more than one violation. And, starting next year, the police agencies will report alcohol-related driving violations to the school, which would count as one of the three strikes.

"I hadn't heard that," said resident Carl Anastasia. "I think that there's a lot of information that's not known."

And that's what the meeting's organizers hoped to accomplish - improved communication.

"We're communicating with the population," said Newark's Mayor Vance Funk. "We're building a sense of community and building relationships. Newark is a wonderful place to live, but it's going to be even more wonderful over the next few years."

Students learn about ethics

▶ RIPKEN, from 3

conduct conversations with the students on issues such as teen pregnancy, smoking, racial bias and drugs.

Jon Shockley, environmental health and safety training coordinator with Rohm and Haas, said ethics is huge today.

"We have a generation of students leaving high school and heading to college, a generation that is searching for truth in people. Honesty is paramount. We can't be behind closed doors. Openness is necessary to do business properly, especially being so global," Shockley said.



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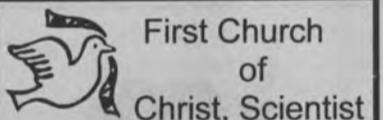
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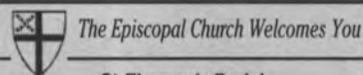
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t-shirts. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 366-7060.

There are events especially designed for the whole family, too. Parents and kids alike can discover how energy from many different forms works at the Hagley Museum and Library on Route 141. Families can uncover energy secrets on a scavenger hunt, learn how the gunpowder was first made using the earth's

energy and even throw a water balloon or two. Tickets for the event are \$11 for adults, \$9 for students and seniors and \$4 for children. The programs run from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call 658-2400 for more information.

The Tri-State Bird and Rescue will hold its annual open house on Sunday, April 24. Newarkers can experience all things bird related. Two bird mascots, YoUDee from the University of Delaware and

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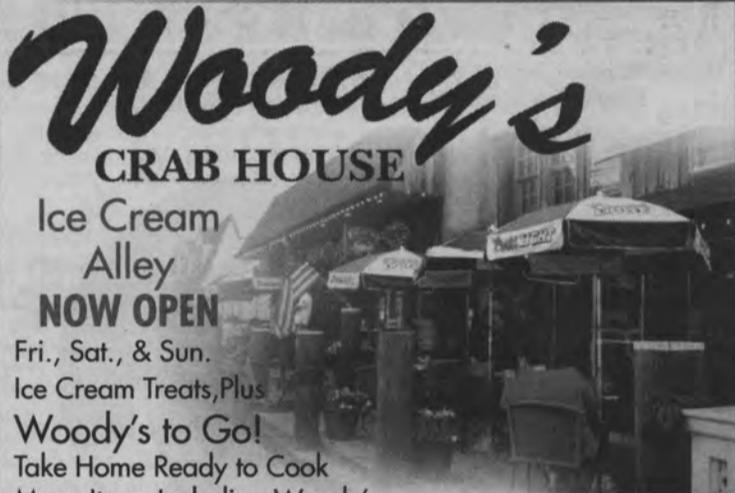
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