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UP FRONT

Reasons to be thankful

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

WITH apologies to the turkey in our freezer, as I gather with family and friends I count my many blessings. I'm thankful... once again to be able to spend this holiday with the ones I love. Many can't. Some don't want to.

I'm thankful... that I live close to work. Many make the draining trip into Wilmington and Philadelphia each work day. A neighbor commutes to Washington, D.C. I'm a seven-minute walk from my office (not something I do often but, hey, I did it once). The savings in gasoline for my mini-commute is nice but not losing an hour or more each day is priceless.

I'm thankful... that I live in a town where getting rid of leaves is as simple as raking them into the street.

I'm thankful... for those teachers, staff and administrators in the Christina School District who are transforming our educational system. Too much too fast, some say. But change is always difficult and lots of it, fast and furious, can be overwhelming. Stay the course and you could be part of a national model for serving the public education

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Money's not the problem

Funds have been available for classroom materials

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The message could not have been clearer. Teachers should have, or know the number to call to get, the classroom supplies needed to educate Christina District students. Also, complaining only to a school board member

is not the best way to help children or their teachers get classroom materials.

School board member George Evans commented at the November school board meeting that he had received calls indicating that teachers are using money out of their own pockets to purchase needed school supplies. "I hear a lot about shortages," Evans said. "I hear that buildings were told not to spend money, even if it is available."

School superintendent Joseph Wise said "there is not one excuse" for the district to be short of classroom supplies. "If anyone,

parents, teachers, anyone sees any shortage, we have a hotline in place to call the district office and take care of it," Wise said. "And the school board also has a responsibility to get the message to [the administration] about any needs they hear — that's the stated policy of the board."

Wise also told the board that allowing anyone to "play politics" with children's education is doing the students a disservice.

School board president Brenda Phillips backed Wise's comments. "[The board] has

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Philly vet new building director

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THOMAS J. Sciulli, a longtime employee of the city of Philadelphia, has been appointed director of building for the city of Newark.

Sciulli replaces Ron Sylvester who retired this August.

"I'm extremely excited for the opportunity to serve the people of Newark," said Sciulli, by phone Friday. "From what I saw it's a beautiful city and its management is very professional, very excellent."

Sciulli, 50, has worked for the city of Philadelphia for more than 32 years. He started his first job with the city when he was just 17 years old. He currently serves as permit services manager for the city's department of licenses and inspection.

He is code certified — a self-described "code geek" — and has years of experience as a code technician and inspector.

In Newark, Sciulli will supervise an operating budget of about \$1 million and 14 employees. He will manage building administra-

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THE LEAVES LEAVE

Nottingham Manor resident Carol Gray rakes leaves last week. The landscape artist commented that the ginkgo tree that is shedding as she works is a species that dates from the age of the dinosaurs. "Paleontologists found ginkgo fruit in the stomachs of dinosaur remains," Gray explained.

Giving comes with thanks

UAW veterans group has donated holiday turkeys for 15 years

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

TWO hundred frozen turkeys rolled out of the Super G on Route 40 Wednesday afternoon as members of the UAW 1183 Veterans Committee looked on.

For 15 years, this group of volunteers, many of them workers or

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NEWARK POST PHOTO BY CHRISTINE NEFF

Nora Wright, secretary of the UAW 1183 veterans committee, picks up a box of frozen turkeys to load for delivery.



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PNC bank robbed

The Newark Police Department is investigating the robbery that occurred at the PNC Bank on New London Road in Newark.

According to police, on Friday, Nov. 18, at 3:59 p.m., a suspect entered the bank and handed a note to the teller demanding money. The clerk turned over an undisclosed amount of cash before the suspect fled on foot.

Police said the suspect is described as a white male, 5'7"-5'9", early 20s, and was wearing a black leather coat and a Philadelphia Eagles hat.

Anyone with information is asked to call 366-7110 or 1-800-TIP-3333.

Newark man dies

The New Castle County Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident that killed a Newark man on Reybold Road.

According to police, on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 5:21 p.m., officers responded to the 200 block of Reybold Road after receiving a report that a lawnmower stuck in a ditch, with a man trapped underneath.

When officers arrived, they discovered a man beneath under a log splitter device. He was transported to Christiana Hospital, where he later died of massive head injuries.

Police said an investigation revealed that the victim was driving his lawn tractor, pulling a log splitter from his driveway onto Reybold Road, when he was struck from behind by a white minivan. The minivan fled the scene towards Old Baltimore Pike.

According to police, they found the vehicle in the parking lot of the Pike Shoppes on Old Baltimore Pike. At press time, they were searching for the owner.

Man arrested in shooting incident

After two days of searching, the Delaware State Police Major Crimes Squad arrested a 27-year-old Wilmington man who was wanted for shooting another man in a fight.

Angel R. Mena, 27, of the 400 block of West Fourth Street, was arrested without incident Tuesday, Nov. 15. He was charged with one count attempted first-degree murder, one count of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony and one count of possession of a firearm by a person prohibited.

The charges stem from a shooting on Sunday, Nov. 13.

Police said around 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Mena and his friends confronted a 23-year-old man and his friends at the entrance to Els Zarape Restaurant and Bar in the Red Mill Square Shopping Center on Capitol Trail.

The two men engaged in a verbal argument, which escalated into a fight in the parking lot.

During the fight, a man was shot in the chest.

Two days later, detectives went to the 800 block of Varsity Lane, School Bell Apartments, to serve an arrest warrant. While there, detectives received leads that led them to Mena's address.

Mena was arraigned at Magistrate

Two kidnap attempts thwarted

THE Newark Police are investigating a an attempted kidnapping and terroristic threatening that took place on West Main Street near the Trabant University Center and on North College Avenue.

According to police, on Friday, Nov. 18 at 2:25 a.m., a woman was confronted by a black man who signaled her to be quiet or he would shoot her. The victim screamed and fled the scene.

Police reported the suspect's vehicle, an older tan or gold Isuzu Rodeo, was parked in the travelled portion of the roadway on South College Avenue near the Trabant center.

Less than 10 minutes later, at 2:34 a.m., a second female victim was confronted while walking on North College Avenue near East Cleveland Avenue. She was approached by a black male and told not to say anything or he would shoot her. The man grabbed her arm, pushed what is believed to be a weapon into the backpack she was carrying, and led her to a parking lot on North College

Avenue where the suspect's vehicle was parked between other cars.

Police said the woman was able to break free of the suspect's grasp as he was unlocking the car door. The victim ran screaming from the lot until she located a passing University of Delaware police unit.

An immediate search of the area failed to locate the suspect, however, police learned that the Isuzu had been spotted minutes prior to the first attack parked under the pedestrian walkway on South College Avenue near Smith Hall.

According to police, the suspect is described as a black male, clean shaven, "buzz cut" haircut, 5'7"-5'10" in height, thin build, possibly early to mid 20s, and was wearing a white T-shirt and a light colored jacket. He was driving the tan or gold colored Isuzu Rodeo.

■ *Persons with any information about the attacks or suspect are asked to call 366-7110, ext. 132, or 1-800-TIP-3333.*

Court 11. He is being held at Young's Correctional Institution on an \$85,000 cash bond.

Dead fish found

A resident of the unit block Kershaw Street told Newark police on Friday, Nov. 11, that he discov-

ered dead fish and molasses on the front steps and rear deck of his apartment.

Three arrested at Newark reservoir

Three persons — an 18-year-old Newark man and two teens, male and

female, both age 17 — were charged with trespassing after being discovered at the top level of the south side of the new city reservoir, 240 Old Paper Mill Road.

Police stopped the trio at 10:15 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, near the bridge structure, which has been the target of graffiti artists in past weeks.

All three suspects were dressed entirely in black, police said, and they carried no weapons or graffiti supplies.

The area is posted with numerous "no trespassing" signs, police said.

Scott Andrew Booth, 18, was charged with trespassing. The two juveniles were similarly cited. All three were released pending court appearances.

'Shots fired' report

Newark police rushed to the unit block of Madison Drive after received a report of "shots fired" only to discover that someone had ignited firecrackers on the front porch of a home.

Police received the tip at 12:46 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

After a brief investigation, police arrested Jacob Rivera, 32, of Newark, and charged him with possession of fireworks.

Police said that during processing, officers learned that Rivera was wanted on three outstanding capias, two from Justice of the Peace Court 10 and one from the New Castle County Court of Common Pleas, arising from traffic charges.

Rivera was arraigned via video-phone and released on \$250 unsecured bond pending court appearances, police said.

Withdrawal made

A Pennsylvania woman found her bank account \$300 lighter after leaving her ATM card in a bank machine.

Police reported that the woman used the ATM at the PNC Bank in Newark Shopping Center at 6:20 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12. She took



Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR OCT. 30-NOV. 5, 2005 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

	INVESTIGATIONS			CRIMINAL CHARGES		
	2004 TO DATE	2005 TO DATE	THIS WEEK	2004 TO DATE	2005 TO DATE	THIS WEEK
PART I OFFENSES						
Murder/manslaughter	1	1	0	1	1	0
Attempted murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	1	3	0	4	5	0
Rape	12	16	1	27	5	0
Unlawful sexual contact	8	10	1	6	7	1
Robbery	43	42	0	38	38	0
Aggravated assault	25	37	1	7	18	0
Burglary	172	168	3	54	52	1
Theft	954	789	29	340	235	13
Auto theft	68	104	6	7	13	1
Arson	7	5	0	2	1	0
All other	—	59	4	—	79	6
TOTAL PART I	1291	1234	45	486	454	22
PART II OFFENSES						
Other assaults	326	356	7	246	253	24
Receiving stolen property	0	1	0	31	17	1
Criminal mischief	597	592	25	339	98	3
Weapons	7	12	0	72	81	3
Other sex offenses	14	10	1	13	10	0
Alcohol	496	482	6	864	974	19
Drugs	89	116	4	286	367	6
Noise/disorderly premise	687	717	17	289	375	16
Disorderly conduct	931	873	34	149	68	5
Trespass	160	168	5	51	82	0
All other	632	506	5	231	192	13
TOTAL PART II	3939	3833	104	2571	2617	90
MISCELLANEOUS						
Alarm	1263	1255	27	0	0	0
Animal control	667	502	20	37	17	6
Recovered property	249	240	11	0	0	0
Service	8206	7613	170	0	0	0
Suspicious person/vehicle	896	1238	19	0	0	0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	11281	10848	247	37	17	6

	THIS WEEK 2004	2004 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2005	2005 TO DATE
TOTAL CALLS	684	26637	630	25334

Christina's Fast ForWord plan brings fast results

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

BOB Bowen, CEO of Scientific Learning Corporation, made a personal visit to Christina District schools last week. Bowen and his staff wanted to view the progress of Fast ForWord, SLC's innovative, computer-based system to boost academic achievement. "I visit schools across the country," Bowen told the Christina school board. "I recognize when students are engaged, and you should be proud. I saw wonderful, wonderful students in your schools."

Implemented in the district last year, a recent study found that students using Fast ForWord improved significantly in reading and math. Results were determined after school personnel tested the students' reading skills at the beginning and end of the study. "Students in grades five and six had the biggest gains," explained Margaret Sharp, Christina's executive director for curriculum and instruction. "We believe we'll see greater gains as we expand the use of Fast

“Using the right tools, the brain can be changed and altered to learn at any age — even for adults.”

BOB BOWEN

CEO OF SCIENTIFIC LEARNING CORPORATION

ForWord and refine our goals."

Bowen visited three Christina elementary schools, a high school and a middle school. "We ask outstanding school districts to share research and allow visits from other school districts that want to learn how they can also [get these results]," Bowen said. "Christina District has agreed to do this."

Sharp reported that 1,270 students, grades two to 10, in 19 schools used the program during the 2004-05 school year, plus 700 more worked with Fast ForWord in summer classes. "Our students

had statistically significant gains in reading compared to their peers nationally," Sharp told the board.

The software products focus on reading skills and include exercises designed to build skills critical for learning, such as auditory processing, memory, attention, and language comprehension. "Our program works on the scientific premise of 'brain elasticity,'" Bowen said. "Using the right tools, the brain can be changed and altered to learn at any age — even for adults."

Student reading and academic performance was evaluated before and after using Fast ForWord with the STAR Reading, Reading Benchmark, Standards Master, Gates MacGinitie Reading Tests (GMRT) and/or the Delaware Testing Program (DSTP) assessments. "Regardless of the test used," Sharp noted, "Christina students achieved significant gains."

Before Fast ForWord participation, the average score of Christina students was 42.4, which corresponds to the 36th percentile, according to the measures of the study. Afterwards,

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Outdoor lights required for new city apartments

Council to consider four bills Dec. 12

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

SAFETY standards for new city apartments received another boost from the Newark city council Nov. 14.

By a unanimous vote, the council approved an ordinance that will require new multi-family dwellings approved after Sept. 26 to have outdoor security lights in public exterior passageways.

Passageways include stairways, open parking spaces and carports, parking garages and access ways to garages and carports.

The lighting will be deflected to minimize its impact on adjacent properties and right of ways.

The council approved the lighting standards without discussion.

Just two months ago, the

council hiked safety standards for new apartments by okaying an ordinance that requires upgraded locks on unit doors, locking bars for sliding glass doors, peepholes, exterior lighting and auto-locking building entrances.

Funds will be available starting Dec. 1 to support landlord's efforts to increase safety standards at existing buildings. A community development block grant worth \$25,000 will be doled out to landlords on a first-come-first-served basis.

Apartment safety issues came before the council after the murder of a 20-year-old University of Delaware student, Lindsey Bonistall, at the Towne Court Apartments on Elkton Road this spring.

In other business, four bills were introduced that will go to second reading at the council's Dec. 12 meeting:

■ An ordinance to rezone 1.34 acres of land at 162 S. Chapel St. from MOR (manufacturing office research) to BLR (business limited residential).

■ An ordinance to amend the city's comprehensive plan to add to the recommended uses for planning area 2 — the area that runs along Elkton Road to the Maryland line — single-family residential (medium density) and multi-family residential (medium to high density). The bill was introduced 5 to 1. Councilman Karl Kalbacher did not vote; Mayor Vance Funk voted against introducing.

■ An ordinance to annex a about 18 acres of land, referred to as the "Edwards Annexation," on the east side of Elkton Road next to the Newark Interstate Business Park. The majority of the land would be rezoned AC (adult community). A two-acre section would be an open floodway district. The bill was introduced 5 to 1. Kalbacher did not vote; Funk voted against introducing the bill.

■ An ordinance to amend the city's zoning code to prohibit alcohol sales in the downtown portion of the city if the property borders residentially-zoned lands.



NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO

Children of all ages enjoyed Winterfest in 2004. The downtown Newark promotion begins Dec. 2.

Free parking, specials help holiday countdown

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

EVEN before the Thanksgiving dishes can be washed and dried, the Christmas holiday — in all of its shopping, caroling, and "ho, ho, ho-ing" splendor — is upon us.

The city of Newark and the Downtown Newark Partnership have planned several holiday events to boost Christmas spirits and help residents ready for the season.

Winterfest, the city's traditional holiday celebration, will be held this year from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2, on Main and Academy streets in Newark.

Though organizers at the Newark Parks and Recreation Department have not finalized a schedule of events, they said Winterfest 2005 promises to be "a wonderful addition to the holiday season."

Tentative events include roasting chestnuts, carolers, tree lighting, carriage rides and an ice carving demonstration. Santa is set to make a 6:30 p.m. appearance at the Academy Building for tree lighting and pictures.

Downtown Newark will begin to look a lot like

Christmas in the last week of November as shop owners decorate their storefronts for the holiday decorating contest.

Maureen Feeney Roser, Downtown Newark Partnership administrator, said any downtown store that decorates is eligible. Five awards will be given out at Winterfest to the top stores.

The DNP and the city of Newark have teamed up to make holiday shopping a bit

easier on Newark residents with special shopping days with free parking.

"The parking is free, and the merchants and restaurants are doing specials. It's our attempt to say thank you to our customers," said Roser.

On the Friday after Thanksgiving, known by shoppers everywhere as "Black Friday," downtown stores will have holiday promotions. Parking will be free all weekend in municipal parking lots and at Main Street meters.

Roser said Black Friday shopping at downtown stores has a much more relaxed atmosphere than a large mall. Some shops will open a little earlier than usual that day, she said.

The Wonderful Winter Wednesday program will start the evening of Nov. 30. Stores

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In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

NOTE PAD

Shue hosts musicians

SHUE Strings, an ensemble of student musicians at She Medill Middle School welcomes visiting artists on Monday, Nov. 28. Members of the Philadelphia Orchestra will work on tone production and ensemble technique with the string students during the first of three visits this school year. In addition to the Orchestra, the visits are sponsored by the Delaware Chamber Music Festival.

Holiday craft fair at GHS

Glasgow High School will hold its annual Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 10., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Unique handmade crafts and holiday decorations will be joined by mouth-watering foods during the event. Spaces (not tables) for craft vendors available by calling 738-9555.

Student of the Week

The staff at Bayard School selected Deano Dittami, a student in the sixth grade class of Sandra Jones and Heidi Bowman. "Deano represents Bayard's 'FAB 4: caring, trustworthy, reliable and respectful,'" Jones said. "He always participates in class and does his personal best. He's an overachiever."

Jones also noted that Deano has very supportive parents.

"He's a perfect gentleman," Jones said. "And he has mentored a second grade student previously and will again this year."



Stock Market Co.

Superintendent search

Brenda Phillips, the president of the Christina District School Board, and James Durr, the Board's vice president, are posting updates on the School Superintendent search on the District's web site. The message reaffirms the Board's commitment to continued reform and to maintaining focus on high academic standards for all students. To view updates, click on Superintendent Search at www.christina.k12.de.us.

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

FOR the first time in decades, the weight room at Newark High School is filled with working – and intact – exercise machines. "The 1980s equipment we previously had here was some bars, weights and dumbbells without parts," said Wesley Jones, Wellness Center director at NHS. "The freshmen phys ed class would mainly consist of messing with the dumbbells."

Lou Cox, a parent who saw the deplorable weight room when he was helping with a basketball tournament last spring, convinced the Western YMCA on Kirkwood Highway to come to the rescue. "His help resulted in the YMCA donating 17 pieces of equipment that they normally would return for credit at the end of their lease period," Jones explained. "The Y absorbed all of the cost."

Staff at the Y also found a source of new weights, dumbbells and bars for the school. "They connected us with LeisureFitness to get the parts that the Y did not give us," Jones said. "The school and the NHS sports boosters split the \$3,000 needed to buy the remaining equipment."

The weight room has become a very busy place. "Sometimes, we have students standing in line for a turn on the equipment," Jones said. "Members of the NHS sports teams – football, track, wrestlers and others – come in to workout before and after school when they're competing. They're the most dedicated."

A few NHS fullbacks and linebackers were on hand to show

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PHOTO BY MARY E. PETZAK

Newark High School linebackers and fullbacks who use the upgraded equipment in the weight room include sophomore Chad Davis and seniors, Justin Bowie, Shane Cavanaugh, Scott Gardner and Zach Donovan.

ECAP jumpstarts achievement

PRESCHOOL students enrolled in the Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP) at Keene and Leisure elementary schools in the Christina District are demonstrating remarkable gains in learning.

Between September 2004 and May 2005, the students increased their print and alphabet awareness by 24 percent, geometry and spatial sense by 25 percent, measurement

abilities by 21 percent, patterning by 18 percent and early writing skills by 16 percent. The Delaware Department of Education tracked the gains in a longitudinal outcomes study.

A family partnership agreement is required for each preschool student. The agreement identifies family strengths and needs and targets child and family goals of improved literacy/education, improved employment, improved links

with social services, improved well-being and improved parenting skills.

Since 2001, with the assistance of ECAP staff, the families enrolled each year have completed over 95 percent of their goals.

"Our program is helping Christina School District close the achievement gap through increasing school readiness and supporting and empowering families," said Nancy Smith,

ECAP program coordinator.

Children living in poverty who participated in ECAP when they were 4-years old:

■ Were significantly more likely to earn passing performance scores on the reading and math sections of the DSTP than those students who were not enrolled in ECAP.

■ Earned passing performance scores on the math and

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Award-winning educators share secrets

WINNERS of the 2005 Superstars in Education and Models of Excellence awards revealed their classroom success secrets at a Sharing Forum in Dover. Other educators learned how to rep-

licate award-winning programs and increase student achievement through applied strategies. Three sessions allowed each attendee to visit all nine presentations, providing them with a thorough exposure to each winning pro-

gram.

Guest speaker Dr. Linda Poole, former executive director of academics for Colonial School District, emphasized equal and fair treatment of all students from

kindergarten through high school and praised the success of the award winners.

"You made student-centered decisions," Poole told the presenters. "You looked at the data, created approaches and programs, changed schedules, assignments and used the resources."

Superstars in Education is a statewide awards program that promotes practices that show measurable results and raise student achievement. The Models of Excellence in Education Initiative

uses state test results to identify schools that have shown continuous improvement over several years with a particular focus on those schools that have closed the achievement gap with respect to minority and low-income children.

Downes Elementary School's "Know YOUR History" and The Charter School of Wilmington's "A Growing Partnership," were among the programs earning 2005 Superstars and Models of Excellence awards.

Horsing around at school



PHOTO BY MARY E. PETZAK

Students at Gauger Middle School got an up-close look at New Castle County Mounted Police and their equine partners. The police trotted and galloped their mounts in a display of horsemanship that drew a round of applause from the children. The officers also answered questions about their jobs but regretfully declined to let students ride on the horses. The visit was part of enrichment programs that bring new and unfamiliar experiences to Christina District students.

Students who use weight room want to lose weight, get fit

► WEIGHT, from 4

off their much-improved training space. "We're here every day when the weight room opens at 7 a.m.," said one player.

Jones also refers students for individual after-school exercise programs up to three days a week. "In conjunction with help from the dietician," Jones explained, "we encourage overweight stu-

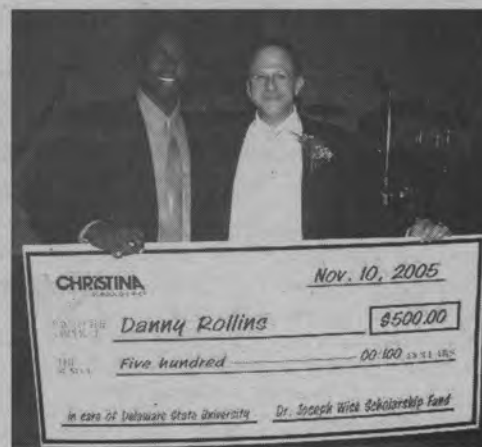
dents to workout until they get to a point where they can sustain the changed lifestyle on their own."

The school found football players coming in as obese on body mass indexes. "We try to get them involved in exercise the rest of the year when they're not playing a sport," Jones said.

Jones is in his fifth year with the Wellness Center at Newark. The Center is managed by VNA (Visiting Nurses Association) of

Christiana Care, which hires the physician, nurse and counselors. "We examine up to 500 student athletes each year," Jones said. "And we get counseling referrals throughout the year from parents and teachers and student self-referrals. Some students also come in to talk with us out of concern for friends who have a problem."

Parting gift



School superintendent Joseph Wise, whose position with the Christina District officially ends on Nov. 30, showed even in leaving that "it's always about the kids." In lieu of a traditional parting gift from the community, he asked that \$500 scholarships be given to District

graduates Kyle Nelson and Danny Rollins, both of whom now attend Delaware State University.

Higher scores later

► ECAP, from 4

reading DSTP tests at about the same rate as those students not living in poverty

■ Had significantly higher grades than did their peers who also live in poverty but did not participate in ECAP

■ Had a rate of grade retention that was half that of their

peers who did not participate in ECAP. (Interagency Resource Management Committee, 2003 Annual Report)

ECAP serves low-income preschool children and children with developmental delays. The comprehensive preschool program established in November 1999 meets 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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AMUSED, BEMUSED, CONFUSED

Reviewing and reflecting

By MARVIN HUMMEL

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

ON the first day of class, the canny professor asked us what we thought we knew about America's origins. We all agreed on Christopher Columbus and then, jumping a century-and-a-quarter, we all cited the Pilgrims and the Mayflower, arrival date 1620. He nodded. (This course was going to be a snap.)

Next question: What did the Pilgrims give us? We had ready answers: individual freedom; free speech; the rights of all to worship in their own way; a democratic form of government; new ways of thinking about everything. After each contribution, he nodded. Class dismissed.

The second class session was a dismaying revelation: we had all been wrong about almost everything.

The Pilgrims had brought over ideas that had been churning in English and European minds and hearts for a long, long time.

The professor anticipated our response: if England and Europe had had all these ideas long before 1620, why didn't they put them into practice? He answered his own question: distance.

Distance? Yes. Since these "new" ideas threatened each country's established order, they were suppressed by force, terrible force.

Only the Atlantic Ocean gave these revolutionary ideas the proper safe distance. America was literally a laboratory where these ideas could be experimented with and put into practice.

Then he took off on the Pilgrims.

They had come over to have their own little kingdom where all religions, except theirs, were totally forbidden. And, as he dryly put it, "Ladies and gentlemen, they would not have liked you."

But what about religious toleration? The Society of Friends (Quakers) were all for it. But the first laws declaring it were passed in the colony of Maryland under Lords Baltimore and Calvert. They had seen enough religious persecution in Europe. No more. Not in their colony.

Then he went back to the disenchant-

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... Somehow through the years, English became the one true language of all Americans, the essential mark of being one of 'us'."

ing Pilgrims and Puritans, but this time he complimented them.

Their great gift to all of us was their great respect for education. Many of them were university graduates and they founded Harvard a mere 16 years after they landed. (They were teaching Hebrew and Greek in the wilderness and giving the students armed security guards to protect them from "Indians" and predatory animals.) Soon each little town would be required to have a public school, and the larger settlements were expected to add secondary education offerings.

Then he went half-positive, half-negative about them. In the midst of nowhere, they never doubted that they would succeed in this strange and frightening land. That was good. But their reason for absolute certainty? God would not allow them to fail. The Puritans convinced themselves that they were the lost tribe of Israel and God had given them — and only them — America as their Promised Land. They could not fail. And because they could not, they did not. That first winter they lost so many men that they propped up their frozen dead and gave them rifles so they would appear to be sentries. But they never doubted.

Subsequent generations of people coming here would be immigrants: they would be leaving home. But not the Puritans. By coming here, they had come home.

Somehow through the years, English became the one true language of all Americans, the essential mark of being one of "us."

Every subsequent group that came over has had to endure the name of "foreigner" and be treated as suspect. Centuries later, Robert Kennedy related how his grandfather had seen signs on factory doors in Boston: Men Wanted. Irish need not apply" and signs in public parks, "Dogs and Irishmen: Keep off the grass."

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OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, "Out of the Attic" features a snapshot from the family archives of Newark City Council member Jerry Clifton. Believed to be taken between 1958 and 1960, it shows the Delaware Association of Police pushmobile track that was located across the roadway from what was then the Louviers operations of the Dupont company, now occupied by MBNA. The track was located off Paper Mill Road where the Shoppes At Louviers now are located. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

■ Nov. 27, 1930

Last day to file

Next Wednesday, Dec. 3, is the last day on which claims for compensation for injuries resulting from service in the World War can be filed.

Anyone who has any illness traceable to hardship due to service, or injuries sustained while in service, should file a claim now with the Veterans Bureau.

The illness may not be serious at this time, but the claim should be filed so that if it becomes more serious later, compensation can be secured.

Motion pictures will be shown

The "Ag" Club of the University of Delaware will give its annual banquet on Friday evening in the Blue Hen Tea Room.

A very interesting program has been arranged

for the evening.

After enjoying dinner, guests, alumni and members of the club will be welcomed by the president of the club, W. R. Haden. His talk will be supplemented by motion pictures.

Invitations have been extended to area vocational teachers of agriculture as well as members of their classes who are especially interested in agriculture.

■ Nov. 26, 1980

Six more schools to share principals

Six area III elementary schools are scheduled to share principals in the new plan being proposed by the school board.

The board believes principal sharing is a necessary fiscal move because enrollment at some schools have fallen below the necessary level to obtain state funding for principals.

Nineteen county schools are at or below the minimum population level the school board reports.

Police promotion procedure changed

City council approved changes in the promotion procedure for policeman Monday night, despite opposition from Newark's Fraternal Order of Police.

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

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

Unfortunately, Mr. Mulch never cracked a smile

► UP FRONT, from 1

needs of all children.

I'm thankful... when I call a business and get to talk to a human being immediately.

I'm thankful... that county exec Chris Coons made the retro-naming of the Newark Free Library one of his first orders of business.

I'm thankful... that I was able to cruise around Newark twice earlier this month in my Corvair convertible, top down.

I'm thankful... that petit fours will still be sold at Bing's Bakery. I'm equally grateful that Mrs. Bing now can enjoy the retire-

ment that she has delayed for 59 years and so richly deserves.

I'm thankful... for the people who donated to the Downtown Newark Partnership's CSX bridge mural fund. The new gateway is a pleasant addition to our community.

I'm thankful... that Newark's zero tolerance noise policy wasn't around in the days before my wife became a light sleeper. I like my rock and roll and I like it loud. Now I use my iPod and Linda sleeps soundly.

I'm thankful... for two children who make me proud, not so much for what they've accomplished as much as who they have become.

I'm thankful... to live in a town where the police respond. My daughter works at Drexel in Philly. They only call in the Philadelphia police for the most serious of offenses at the university and handle most drug and alcohol incidents through the student judicial system. Philly cops don't have time to deal with minor offenses. However, in Newark, the cops will respond to help with the most trivial of matters.

I'm thankful... for the smoking ban. Now we take smoke-free environments for granted. A quick stop in a Maryland or Pennsylvania eatery quickly reminds us of what used to be.

I'm thankful... that my kids never put me in the tough spot that a Glasgow couple recently found themselves in when they hosted a high school party that involved underage drinking. Parents know high school kids are going to experiment with alcohol — it's a rite of passage. And we know inebriated teens behind the wheels of cars can be deadly. So, on the surface, grabbing car keys and turning a blind eye seems like a smart move by parents. But it isn't.

I'm thankful... that I can sleep at night. Oil company execs



shouldn't be able to.

I'm thankful... for bumper stickers. They amuse and entertain and are a forum for expression, often of thoughts and views that would never be uttered in casual conversation.

I'm thankful... that I've only been to the mall once this year. All my shopping needs have been satisfied elsewhere. Of course, there is that obligatory pre-Christmas trip ahead.

I'm thankful... for the woman who has loved and supported me through nine moves, job changes and losses, and endured 34 years of my idiosyncracies. She's the best mother possible and continues to work way too hard at everything she does.

I'm thankful... that I don't

work for a company named Got Poop? I saw their truck on Elkton Road last week and can only imagine what their 1-800 number spells.

I'm thankful... for people with a sense of humor. Life's too serious and short to not have fun. I bought some top soil and asked the stone-faced truck driver who I should make the check out to. He said, "Mr. Mulch." I opted, "Technically, shouldn't it be to Mr. Dirt?" He never cracked a smile.

I'm thankful... for all the do-gooders who respond generously at this time of year, supporting the Salvation Army, Val's Needy Family Fund, the Newark Area Welfare Committee and others. With the rightful focus of hurricane relief, it's important that we remember to take care of our own.

I'm thankful... that you are still reading. I wish you and yours a happy Thanksgiving.

■ *When not dreaming up excuses to avoid the mall on Black Friday, the writer is publisher of this and three other newspapers headquartered in Delaware. He and his family moved from Maine to Newark in 1992.*

Thanksgiving is our day

► HUMMEL, from 6

Apparently the Irish spoke the one true language but with an accent. The comic irony is also tragi-pathetic: Bostonians sneering at someone else's accent?

A lot of modern Americans are surprised and a little hurt that people in other nations often dislike us, if not downright hate us. A quick and partially accurate explanation is that they are jealous of us, our standard of living, our creativity and inventiveness. They even resent our generosity to them; yet, when we do not step in and offer them help, they think we should have. That's not fair.

But a quick look at our history should give us pause for thought: are there wisps of "God's on our side!" still in our air? Are we always right? Is "our way" the one true way?

Zelda Fitzgerald once summarized that incredible notion by saying, "Spain would be a lovely country if there weren't so many Spanish there." Mercifully, that dear, demented lady did not live long enough to hear our American telephone operators offer us a choice of English or Spanish.

Thanksgiving Day is our holiday and ours alone. We should observe it, be grateful for it, and reflect upon it.

2000: Charter needs \$650,000

► PAGES, from 6

In the past, promotions have been based on a four-step process of testing, seniority, evaluation and a personal interview.

The new procedure calls for the police chief to evaluate past performance and an interview solely by the city manager. The FOP believes that representatives from inside and outside the department should do the interview, not just the city manager.

■ Nov. 24, 1980

Transit riders needed

Delaware Transit Corporation officials gathered community input during a local open house Thursday, Nov. 16, in hopes of beginning the blueprint for the future of Delaware public transportation.

Noting this was the 30th public meeting of this kind this year, DTC executive director Raymond Miller said transit officials need

public guidance to formulate a Long-Range Transit Plan they hope to "get off the curb" by 2025.

Key issues of concern at the meeting held in Clayton Hall on the University of Delaware campus include air quality, land use, traffic congestion, public relations and a possible monorail.

School given good start

The Newark Charter School, which is scheduled to open in September 2001, recently received a \$7,500 contribution from Rodel Inc. to help purchase equipment for a science classroom.

The corporate contribution is part of the "Building the Future" capital campaign, established by founding board members of the charter school.

School director Gregory Meece said they hope to raise \$650,000 from private funds that would help pay initial costs for outfitting the school with furniture, equipment and educational resources.

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OUTLOOK

What children really want

By MARIA PIPPIDIS

CHANCES are your children have a long list of gifts they'd like to receive during the holidays. And you've already started to plan for the holiday season. Are you frustrated because your children don't seem to understand the spirit of the season? Maybe they just need some coaching. According to child development experts, children *really* want four things during the holiday season. Now's the time to start making plans for a happy holiday season.

Actually, I think we all want relaxed and loving time with the family. During the holiday season, lives become crowded with program practices, shopping trips, and parties. Even when parents are at home, they are often busy with holiday chores, plans and money worries. Lots of gifts and attention when the holiday arrives won't make up for your absence now. Children want love in a steady, constant way.

Set firm priorities so you can give your children the attention they need. Consider turning down some social invitations to spend more time with your family. You may decide to order gifts from a mail-order house to save time shopping.

The second thing children need is realistic expectations about gifts. Children who think only about gifts at this time of year can feel terribly let down when the holidays are over. Their new toys can't possibly be all they thought they would be after they've waited for them for weeks.

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

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TO HELL & BACK

BY ROBIN BROOMALL

A PARENT'S TALE OF DEALING WITH AN ADDICTED CHILD AND HER DEATH

As a parent Marie Allen has been to hell and back.

Babies don't come with instruction manuals. While most parents can muddle their way through their child's adolescent years, being the parent of one addicted to drugs is a totally different ballgame.

Marie Allen and her husband Jerry faced the typical challenges of raising a child, until that child reached 15 years old and innocently

tried alcohol. The next six years were ones no parent ever expects - or wants - to endure.

"From 15 to the day she died, we were like crazy," Allen said.

Their oldest daughter Erin quickly turned into a full-blown alcoholic, fighting addiction, being in and out of six rehab centers.

She had attended Mt. Aviat Academy, Elkton, Rising Sun schools, then dropped out of Padua Academy. She did get her GED while in a court ordered treatment center in Maryland.

One night while attending an AA meeting, Erin was offered heroin. Later, she told her parents, from that first time she was hooked. For the next two years, Erin did whatever she could to support her \$250-a-day habit. Driving to Kensington in Philadelphia for her drugs, she stole from family, friends and strangers and eventually started selling drugs to support her own need. At times she slept in the cemetery off Main Street.

At one point Erin's parents even had their daughter arrested for stealing Marie's car to get to Kensington. They pleaded with the judge to set bail high enough that Erin would be forced to stay in prison where she would get help.

Years later, while in therapy, Allen realized they were like junkies themselves because they enabled Erin by trying to protect her, buying her lunches, letting her stay at home.

After months of treatment, Erin seemed to be on a stable course, holding a steady job at Brew HaHa in Wilmington and living in The Crest nearby. But one day, after having a blood test, the single prick of that needle was enough to trigger the need for heroin again.

A short time later Allen got a call while working in her hair salon on Main Street in Newark. It was a coroner in Philadelphia telling her

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Book detailing tragedy may go to all Delaware's eighth-graders

► HEROIN, from 9

was June 23, 1997. Erin was just 21.

In May 1998, Col. John Cunningham, of the New Castle County Police, saw a TV program about heroin addiction, recognized a problem in this area, and asked his paramedics to look into starting a program. Newark and Wilmington areas were hot-spots for teen drug abuse. When they found out Marie Allen was talking to schools on her own, they asked her to join with them and Heroin Alert was started.

Allen and one police officer and one paramedic now deliver a message of warning to students and parents in schools, youth centers, churches and anywhere they are requested. After Erin's

death, Allen closed her shop on Main Street and worked at Doc's in Wilmington. But the work with Heroin Alert became her passion and she now works on sharing Erin's story through a heart-wrenching 90-minute presentation.

"It's powerful," said Allen. "It doesn't get any easier."

"The only reason I do this is kids need to be told the truth. Drugs are bad. If I save one kid for each talk I do, it's worth it."

At one point, Erin had told her mother she wanted to write a book some day to tell her story. She never got the chance. But her mother has made that dream come true.

In 1999, Allen started Erin's book, telling it from Erin's perspective.



Allen updates her website.

PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

More time doing things that matter

► OUTLOOK, from 8

The answer is to make other parts of the holiday as exciting as opening presents.

Children need their parents to define the celebration for them. It's important to talk with your children about gifts and your own sense of values. Then plan family activities in which gifts play only one part. Shift the focus from receiving to giving by making special treats or crafts for neighbors and friends, a homeless shelter or a crisis nursery.

Plan exciting family activities to look forward to before and after you open gifts. That way, gifts start taking their rightful place in the activities. They also suggest teaching your children the difference between commercials and regular television programs. As powerful as commercials are, a parent's influence can be more powerful. One way to start teaching this is to watch an hour of television with your children and have them yell "Commercial!" each time a new one appears on the screen. Then talk about what you have seen. Help your children learn that the purpose of advertising is to sell products.

Children need an evenly

paced holiday season. Because stores start cranking up for the holiday season sometime around Halloween, children wait and wait for the holidays to arrive. Then, when the last gift is unwrapped, suddenly it's all over. One strategy is to plan important family traditions a week or so before and after the holiday. For example, consider hosting a potluck dinner for family and friends a week after the holiday.

Holiday time is a wonderful time to reinforce and develop strong family traditions. Traditions are important to children because they give them comfort and security. They help children understand how the season will unfold, and they bring back happy memories of past holidays together. Most families have more traditions than they realize. Even simple traditions will do. Ask your children which activities mean the most to them. Then, be sure to do them every year.

Give your children these four gifts and you'll give yourself a lovely present. You'll spend more time doing the things that really matter and less frenzied time at the mall and the toy store.

"It was almost like Erin was saying 'tell them this, tell them that,'" Allen said. It took her nearly six years to complete the book, but when she did, Allen said it was like she had just completed her own therapy.

The book "Dope. Help." is in the early stages of publication by Cedar Tree Books in Newport. Through monetary help by the Newark Morning Rotary Club and the community, it is hoped that enough copies of the book

will be printed to distribute to eighth graders across the state, through schools, youth groups and churches.

Allen also maintains a website detailing Erin's story. Replies to the site have come from states all across the U.S. and many foreign countries, showing the desperation people have. Allen answers every letter.

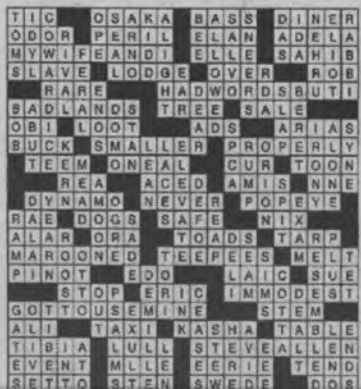
"I was so uneducated," Allen said, "stupid to the fact drugs would affect our family."

Today Marie and Jerry Allen, who live outside Newark, find solace in their daughter Theresa and 2-year-old granddaughter Sophia.

"She saved my life," said the proud grandmother. Sophia, who is the spittin' image of her Aunt Erin, is Marie Allen's lucky charm. Erin's book will be dedicated to Sophia.

■ For more info and resources, visit www.heroinalert.org

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FRIDAY

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ART EXHIBITION 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs till Jan. 8, 2006. "The Night Before Christmas." An exhibit examining many artistic interpretations of the famous poem. \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors, students with ID, and children, free to children under six. Brandywine River Museum Conservancy, Route 1, Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-2700 or brandywinemuseum.org.

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

ART EXHIBIT 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday. 12 - 4 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday. Runs till Dec. 30. Holiday Art Market. The Newark Arts Alliance, 100 Elkton Rd. Info., 266-7266.

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

ART GALLERY 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Wednesday. 1 - 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Runs till Dec. 9. "Abstract and All That," featuring works from various artists. Mechanical Hall Galleries, Newark. Info., 831-8037.

ART GALLERY 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Wednesday. 1 - 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Runs till Dec. 7. "Quilt Voices" featuring quilts from 25 different quilters. Mechanical Hall Galleries, Newark. Info., 831-8037.

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

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

SATURDAY

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LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. What's Eating Annie will perform. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or homegrowncafe.com.

VISIT FROM SANTA 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1 - 2:30 p.m. Bring your children to visit Santa. Also enjoy activities, refreshments and a gift. \$10. American Helicopter Museum, 1220 American Blvd., West Chester, Pa. Info., 610-436-9600.

PERFORMANCE 7 p.m. Handel's "Messiah" will be presented by the choir. St. Mary's The

Assumption Church, 7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin. Info., 239-7100.



HOLIDAY SHOW SUNDAY

Longwood celebrates the holidays with music from the Diamond State Chorus of Sweet Adelines on Sunday, Nov. 27. The Newark-based music group returns to perform a holiday-season show. The active organization of women, currently under the direction of Pamela Nichols, has been committed to excellence in singing barbershop style harmony since 1978. Admission to the performance is included in the regular admission fee of \$15 for adults and \$6 for children ages 16 - 20 and \$2 for children 15 and younger. For more information, call 610-388-1000.

SUNDAY

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FILM 7:30 p.m. Intermission will be shown. Trabant University Center Theatre, Main Street and S. College Avenue. Info., 831-2361.

CONCERT 2:30 p.m. The Northern Delaware Oratorio Society and the Johannes Brass Ensemble will perform. \$7. Auditorium, John Dickinson High School, 1801 Milltown Rd., Wilmington. Info., 737-1082.

CONCERT 3 p.m. "Christmas Echoes" by the Madrigal Singers of Wilmington. First Presbyterian Church, 292 W. Main St., Newark. Info., 731-5644.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. One-day shopping featuring hand-

crafts from artisans of the club. The Arden Club, 2126 The Highway, Arden, Del. Info., 475-6678.

COLLECTICLE SHOW 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Delaware Comic-Con. Sports cards, comic books and various other memorabilia. \$2. Aetna Fire Hall, 400 Ogletown Rd., Newark. Info., 559-7962 or a2zshows1.com.

MONDAY

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PERFORMANCE 7 - 8 p.m. The Chorus of the Brandywine. Light refreshments to be served. Absalom Jones Senior Center, Kamiensi Rd., Wilmington. Info., 995-7636.

CONCERT 7 and 8 p.m. St. Marks High School Concert Choir will perform. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Conservatory, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or longwoodgardens.org.

ORGAN SING ALONGS 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 p.m. Don Kinnier will perform Christmas carols.

\$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Conservatory, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or longwoodgardens.org.

■ TUESDAY, NOV. 29

CONCERT 8 p.m. Jazz Ensemble I and II will perform. \$10-3. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road. Info., 831-2577.

COMEDY 8:30 p.m. Aziz Ansari and Margot will perform. The Scrounge, Perkins Student Center, Academy Street, Newark. Info., scpab.com.

THEATRE 7:30 p.m. Also on Nov. 30. Heartbreak Hotel will be performed by the Professional Theatre Training Program. Info., 831-2204.

ORGAN SING ALONGS 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 p.m. Justin Hartz will perform Christmas carols. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Conservatory, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or longwoodgardens.org.

CONCERT 7 and 8 p.m. Choral Society of Montgomery County will perform. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Conservatory, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or longwoodgardens.org.

■ WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

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

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■ FRIDAY, NOV. 25

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

■ SATURDAY, NOV. 26

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

POST-POLIO SUPPORT 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. 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, NOV. 28

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 E. Main St. Info., 368-4942 or 368-8774.

SIMPLY JAZZERCISE 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

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

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

NCCO STROKE CLUB 12 p.m. The Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., 324-4444.

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

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

■ TUESDAY, NOV. 29

CONSTITUENT COFFEE 7 - 8 a.m.

MEETINGS

Tuesdays. State Representative Stephanie Ulbrich will be on hand to discuss issues and concerns in the community. Friendly's, S. College Avenue. Info., 368-5122.

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

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

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

SWEET ADELINES 8 - 10 p.m. Singing group. Listeners and new members welcome. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 731-5981.

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

■ WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

CONSTITUENT BREAKFAST 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Terry Schooley will attend to field questions and concerns. Eagle Diner, Elkton Road. Info., 577-8476.

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

GRIEF SHARE 7 p.m. Support group and seminar 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, DEC. 1

POTPOURRI - A COMBINATION OF INCONGRUOUS THINGS 4 p.m. Ages 7 and older. Pre-registration necessary.

Limited to 20 children. The New Castle Public Library, 424 Delaware St. Info., 328-1995.

MIDDLETOWN LUNCHEON GROUP 12 p.m. Social group. McGlynn's Pub & Restaurant, Route 40 and Route 896. Info., 378-2573.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. A peer-facilitated group. Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington. Info., 764-4335.

STORYTIME 10:30 a.m. Animal stories read by a lively storyteller. Near the Otter exhibit, The 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.

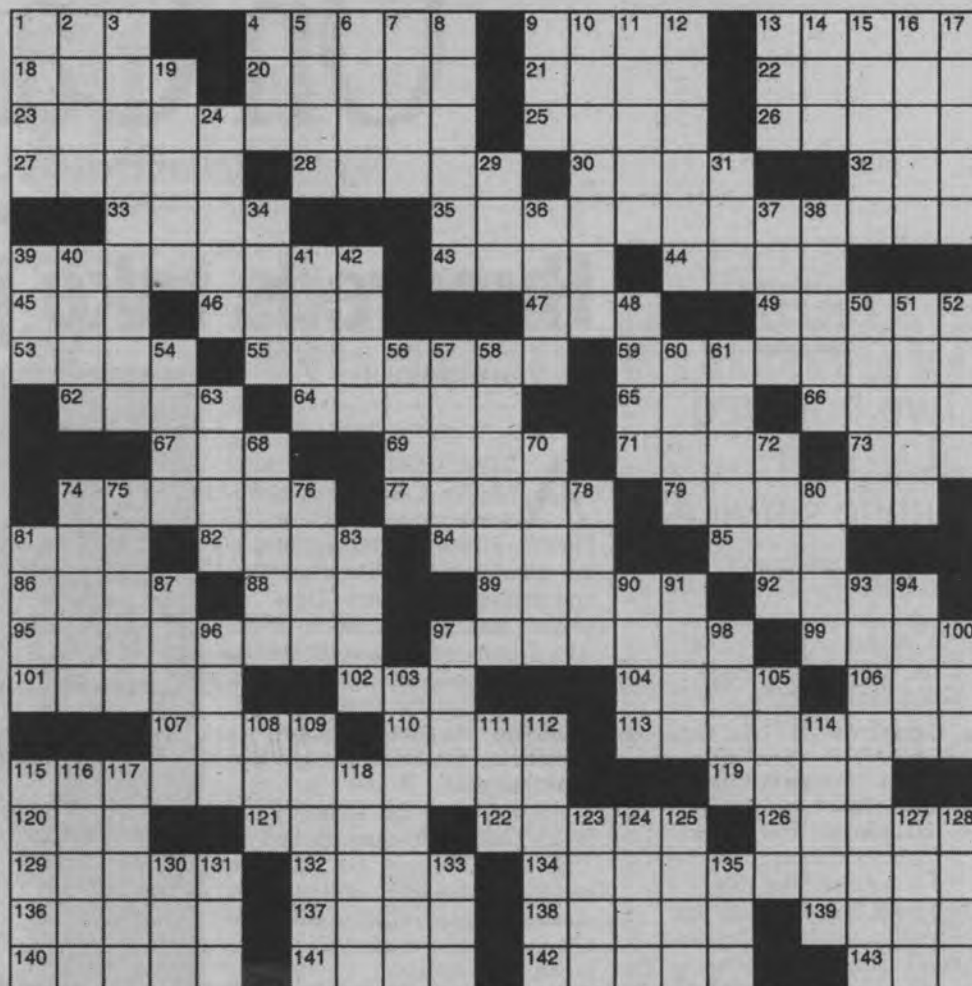
EVENING YOGA 6:15 p.m. Class to encourage relaxation and improve strength, balance, and peace of mind. \$15 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

TRICKS OF THE TRADE 7 p.m. Real estate seminar on home buying and selling. Free. Refreshments will be provided, seating is limited. DEXA Federal Credit Union, 300 Foulk Rd, Wilmington. Info., 772-1200.

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HIGHLIGHT TOURS 5:30 p.m. Music 6 - 7:30 p.m. Siora will perform. Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Info., 571-9590 or delart.org.

IRSREALI DANCING 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. With Sharon Kleban and Howard Wachtel. 54. Arden Gild Hall, 2406 Granby Rd., Wilmington. 478-7257.

ORGAN SING ALONGS 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 p.m. Marc Cheban will perform Christmas carols. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Conservatory, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or longwood-gardens.org.

CONCERT 7 and 8 p.m. Haverford School Notables will perform. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Conservatory, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or longwood-gardens.org.

■ THURSDAY, DEC. 1

MUSIC RECITAL 8 p.m. Also on Dec. 3. Concert of string chamber music. \$10-3. Bayard Sharp Hall, Delaware Avenue and Elkton Road. Info., 831-2577.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM 8 p.m. Quartetto Ensemble will perform. \$25-29. The Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Info., 652-5577.

FEZZIWIG'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 7 - 9 p.m. Open house and tour as well. \$5. Elk Forge B&B Inn and Spa, 807 Elk Mills Rd., Elk Mills, Maryland. Info., elkforge.com.

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Nominations sought

The Delaware Commission for Women is seeking nominations for the Hall of Fame of Delaware Women, which will be holding a special 25th anniversary celebration during Women's History Month in March 2006.

The deadline for nominations is Nov. 30.

The Hall of Fame of Delaware Women annually includes a select group of Delaware women who are pioneers or leaders in their communities or professions and whose contributions will have lasting impact.

Nominees must be native-born Delawareans or have resided in the state for at least 10 years. Nominees may be deceased.

The 2006 Hall of Fame Award Ceremony and Banquet will be held March 16 at the Hotel DuPont in Wilmington.

To obtain a nomination form, call 302-761-8005 (New Castle County) or 302-424-6257 (Kent or Sussex counties) or visit www.delawareworks.com, then click on Hall of Fame of Delaware Women under News on the home page.

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Two honored at UD for public service

Ed Kee, director of agriculture for Delaware Cooperative Extension and an instructor in UD's Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, and Carol Vukelich, director of the Delaware Center for Teacher Education at UD and L. Sandra and Bruce L. Hammonds Professor in Teacher Education in the School of Education, received the 2005 Ratledge Family Awards for Delaware Public Service recently.

The Ratledge family established the award to recognize the contributions of University of Delaware community members to the well-being of all Delawareans. The \$1,000 award is intended to encourage and recognize significant public service by faculty, staff and students.

"Public service is a central part of the University of Delaware's overall mission," president David P. Roselle said during the ceremony.

By JERRY RHODES

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

ALTHOUGH the results of the Colonial Athletic Association's "Have A Heart" Blood Challenge won't be announced until after the competition ends on Dec. 7, donors and staff members from Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) say that Wednesday, Nov. 16's blood drive at the University of Delaware was a huge success.

When the doors to the Multipurpose Room in the Trabant University Center on South College Avenue opened at 7:30 a.m., a small, but steadily increasing number of potential donors greeted BBD staff and UD volunteers on hand to get the blood drive rolling.

"We are so grateful to each and every person who waited in line and gave blood or attempted to give blood," Karen James, BBD external communications coordinator, said. "This is an exciting event for the donors and the students who volunteer. They are involved in something bigger than themselves. It's a life-saving effort, and it's great to be a hero to somebody."

Throughout the day, the numbers increased, and by late afternoon dozens of UD students



SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST • UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE PHOTO BY KATHY F. ATKINSON

Marilyn Prime, student center director, and Eric Nelson, a manager in public relations, donate blood at the fourth annual CAA blood drive in the Trabant University Center.

and staff were waiting patiently to help UD in its campaign to win its fourth consecutive CAA Blood Challenge. Last year, UD won the "Have A Heart" blood drive with 857 potential donors

and 588 units of blood collected, more than doubling the number of attempted donors from the previous year.

"We started early, and we will be going [until] late tonight," Marianne Lazorick, BBD supervisor of the mobile blood donor operation, said. "I love it. The bigger the event, the better I like it. I like the challenge."

Jen Sutherland, a freshman Spanish and political science major, began giving blood while a student in Smith High School in Storrs, Conn.

"I saw that UD was having this CAA Blood Challenge, and I just wanted to help out," Sutherland said. "Things went fine here today, and I'm really glad I came."

For Adria Andersen, a senior anthropology major, this year marked the fourth time she has participated in CAA blood drive competitions at UD.

"It only takes an hour or so to give blood," Andersen said. "It also is a really neat way to give back to the community what I have received. This is something that I will continue to do."

Camilo Morales, a senior animal science major, said, "My mother was a volunteer with the American Red Cross, and she got me into becoming a blood donor when I was 17," Morales said. "I have been doing it ever since, and it was fun coming out here today."

Meghan McGovern, who had

a special reason for participating in this year's "Have A Heart" Blood Challenge, said that BBD staff members helped make giving blood a positive experience.

"I was scared, but the head nurse helped me through the process," McGovern said. "I thought the whole affair went very well, and I'm glad I came out."

Student organizations sponsoring the event included the Resident Student Association, Kappa Alpha Theta and HOLA.

"This is the second blood drive that I have participated in," Nadia Abdelkhalek, senior psychology/criminal justice major and HOLA member, said. "I can't give blood, but I can give my time."

Competition for the CAA "Have A Heart" Blood Drive ends at Northeastern University on Dec. 7.

Joining UD in this year's CAA Blood Challenge are the University of North Carolina, Wilmington; Drexel; George Mason; Hofstra; James Madison; Old Dominion; Towson and the Virginia Commonwealth universities; and the College of William and Mary.

The annual CAA Blood Challenge began in 2002 at the suggestion of UD President David P. Roselle as a fun way to emphasize the critical importance of donating blood. Each institution promotes the event on its campus and encourages student groups, faculty, staff and alumni to participate.

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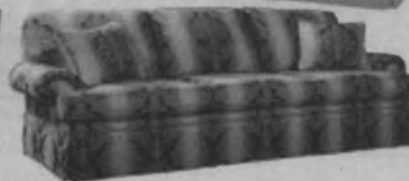
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NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

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Members of the Newark, Newark-Morning and Christiana clubs purchased paperback dictionaries for the students as one of their community service projects.

The specially designed paperback, containing more than 32,000 of the most commonly used words in the English language,

includes weights and measures, the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, maps, biographical information on the presidents, information on the 50 states and facts about the nine planets. Third-graders can use the dictionaries to enhance their vocabulary and spelling skills.

Project coordinator Fiona Tresolini noted that many students receive classroom and homework assignments that require a dictionary. However, because many students do not have one at home, they must use free time at school to complete their work.

Rotarians handed a dictionary to each third-grader, then

spent some time helping the students become familiar with the resource.

Many Rotarians had the classes look up the meaning of "truth" and explained Rotary's Four Way Test. As businessmen and women, Rotarians ask themselves, "Is it the Truth?"

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Right: Phil Hickman, a member of the Newark Morning Rotary Club, describes how to use the dictionary to third-graders.



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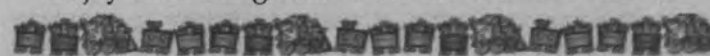
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UD ice hockey team tops Towson

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The University of Delaware's Ice Hockey club swept Towson University in a weekend set 6-3 Friday night, and 4-2 Saturday afternoon at the Rust Arena on the UD campus. The Blue Hens improved to 10-8 on the season, and are now ranked in the Top 25 in the country for club-level ice hockey teams.

"What a great way to celebrate the Alumni Weekend," said Blue Hen coach Mike DeAngelis. "This is the time of the year when we celebrate our heritage by inviting our former players and coaches back to campus to enjoy camaraderie and see the current Blue Hen team in action."

On Friday night, the Blue Hens skated to a 3-2 lead over Towson after two periods.

But the Tigers roared back with a quick goal to start the third period to knot the game at 3-3.

Blue Hen senior forward Howie Kosel then took matters into his own hands by scoring the next two goals at 5:47 and again at 6:46. Sophomore Joe Colletti clinched the victory with the final goal of the game at 13:53.

"That was a clutch effort by Howie and Joe," said DeAngelis. "A lot of different guys are stepping up when we need some scoring," he said.

Saturday afternoon began with an Alumni Game with players from recent teams, and as far back as the 70s. More than sixty players from the four decades donned their old jerseys and equipment, and enjoyed some fun ice time, many for the first time in a number of years.

The Blue Hen varsity team then took to the ice and defeated Towson 4-2, the Hens' second victory over the Tigers in less than 24 hours.

Hens go out with win over Villanova

UD storms past Wildcats 38-13

The University of Delaware football team concluded its 2005 season with a 38-13 Atlantic 10 conferevictory over Villanova University Saturday afternoon at Villanova Stadium.

Senior quarterback Sonny Riccio rushed for a career-high 90 yards and four touchdowns in his final collegiate game. Riccio's four touchdowns tie a Delaware record for rushing touchdowns in a game by a quarterback, a mark previously set

twice by Bill Vergantino in the early 1990's.

The win was Delaware's second straight to finish the season, clinching Delaware's 17th .500 or better season in 18 years. The Hens rushed for 228 yards, including 125 by Omar Cuff, and took advantage of three turnovers and a botched punt snap on the way to the victory.

"This is always a rivalry game so it's very rewarding getting a win at their place today" said Delaware head coach K.C. Keeler, who improved to 3-1 against the Wildcats. "We really wanted to finish the season off in the right

way and we won two big games on the road. We were really charged up to play today, and our kids really came through. This is a great way to finish the season and it gives us a nice springboard to next year."

The Blue Hens (6-5, 3-5 Atlantic 10) took the lead on the Wildcats early on. After receiving the game's opening kickoff, the Hens marched 74 yards in 11 plays for the games first score, a three-yard run by Cuff just 4:36 into the contest. The drive narrowly avoided disaster when at the end

of an eight-yard catch and run, Mike Mailey was leveled, causing the ball to fly straight up into the air. Right tackle Rob Bergman, downfield looking to make a block, snagged the ball out of the air keeping the drive alive for the Hens. Six plays later Cuff took a handoff headed left, and after being stonewalled reversed his field back to the six yard line and sprinted right, reaching the inside of the front pylon to give Delaware the lead. The

See **HENS, 18** ▶

Newark opens tourney with win



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JEFF BOWENT

Yellowjackets romp past Dover in first round game; Wm. Penn is up next

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The Newark Yellowjackets offensive explosion continued Saturday night in a 46-6 home victory over Dover in the first round of the 2005 Delaware High School Division I Football Tournament.

The Jackets are now 8-3, and face off against Flight A Champion William Penn Saturday afternoon at Bill Cole Stadium in New Castle, in the semifinal round of the state tournament. Dover, champions of the Henlopen North Conference, ended the season with an 8-3 mark.

After a tough loss to William Penn on Oct. 21st, Newark responded with three high-scoring victories over conference opponents. That effort earned the Jackets a spot in the playoffs, and gained them an opportunity to defend their 2004 and 2003 state football crowns.

Newark running back Estherville Cotton ran for 164 yards on 11 carries, and added two touchdowns. The senior made his first appearance since injuring his elbow in a game at Middletown in late September. The Jacket's Brandon Norwood

See **JACKETS, 18** ▶

Newark quarterback Steve Williams scrambles up field during the Jackets' victory over Dover.



PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

Omar Cuff had another big day to lead the Blue Hens to a win over archrival Villanova Saturday afternoon.

Cuff helps leads Hens past Nova

► HENS, from 17

touchdown was only the third in the first quarter this season for Delaware, all scored by Cuff.

"Things really worked out great today" said Riccio, who finished his Delaware career 15-9 as the starting quarterback. "We did a great job running the option. We wanted to take the ball on the opening drive and go up 7-0 right away, and that's what we did."

The Wildcats (4-7, 2-6 Atlantic 10), who suffered their first losing season since 2000, drew even before the end of the first quarter, taking advantage of excellent field position following a Delaware drive that saw them backed up to their own two yard line. Villanova took over at the Delaware 35, and after gaining only six yards on three plays, Wildcat quarterback Frank Jankowski found J.J. Outlaw over the middle for a gain of 14 yards. Three plays later,

DeQuese May found the endzone from two yards out to tie the score.

On the ensuing drive, the Blue Hens took the ball 77 yards in 10 plays to take the lead for good. Delaware used a pair of 14-yard completions, one to Danny Jones and one to Armand Cauthen, to move the Hens down the field. On a first down from the Villanova 23 yard line, Riccio rolled left on an option and kept the ball when the Wildcat defender went straight for Jones, the running back. Riccio outraced the Wildcat defenders to the end zone for his first touchdown of the day.

With only 52 seconds remaining in the first half, the Blue Hens took advantage of a Villanova miscue to extend their lead to 14 points. As the Wildcats lined up to punt from the Delaware 48 yard line, the long snap sailed over the head of punter Adam James. When James recovered at his own 19, the Wildcats had lost 34 yards and Delaware was in position to score again. On second and goal from

the six-yard line, Riccio burrowed up the middle for his second touchdown of the game.

After receiving the second half kickoff Villanova marched 85 yards in only eight plays, capped by a two yard run by Matt Dicken to cut the Delaware lead to 21-13, following a missed extra point. Delaware then took advantage of a short field, and travelled 19 yards to the Villanova 17 to set up Zach Hobby's season-long 34 yard field goal to restore the Hens' double-digit lead. The field goal was Hobby's seventh of the season, tying a school record by a freshman.

Early in the fourth quarter, freshman defensive end Matt Marcorelle forced a fumble by Jankowski that was recovered by Tom Parks, and the Hens in workmanlike fashion then went 19 yards, all on the ground to move ahead 31-13. On the scoring play, Riccio kept the ball on an option rollout right and coasted into the endzone for his third touchdown.

Newark stomps Dover in first round game

► JACKETS, from 17

and Isaiah Fleming each chipped in with two rushing touchdowns on the night. Cotton's availability and contribution proved invaluable, as fellow running back James Snider, who led the state in rushing with more than 15-hundred yards on the season, left the game early with an ankle injury. "We believed in what we were doing from the beginning, but we just ran into a great team tonight," said Dover's first-year coach Carlton Brown. "They have a lot of weapons on offense and a great group of running backs who can beat you any time," he said.

Dover got on the board at 4:05 of the first period when Senator running back Lavesta Bryant raced 61 yards down the left side for the score. The extra-point attempt was blocked by a swarm of black-shirted Jackets, leaving the score 6-0. After giving up early points for the second straight week, the Jackets went on an offensive rampage, scoring five, first-half touchdowns.

Norwood scored his first on a 39-yard run, and Fleming added another Jacket TD on a 10-yard scamper to give Newark a 14-6 lead after one period. "I'm scared to death any time a quality team has momentum go their way," said Newark coach

Butch Simpson. So once they got in the end zone, it inspired their group, and you can't help but think 'where we are now?', but we answered that pretty well, and played a good game after that," said Simpson.

Newark's barrage continued in the second quarter, as Fleming scored on a 2-yarder, Cotton pounded in from three yards out, and quarterback Steve Williams hit Hayden Boyd on a 40-yard touchdown pass. When the dust settled at halftime, the Jackets were in control 34-6. In case there was any doubt about the outcome, Cotton raced 81 yards on the first play of the second half to give Newark an insurmountable lead. Norwood added the final points late in the fourth quarter.

"Our guys were pretty resilient tonight," said Simpson. "And I thought we played a great night of football, except for a couple of fumbles in the second half when we were moving the ball," he said.

In the other Division I, first-round playoff contest, Salesianum (8-3), defeated Sussex Central (6-5), by the score 27-12 Friday night at Baynard Stadium in Wilmington. Salesianum's Sal Viscount scored two touchdowns and ran for 230 yards. The Sals play second-seeded Middletown (9-1), Friday night on the Cavaliers home turf. Game time is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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Citizens get hands-on police training

EIGHTEEN residents of the greater Newark area graduated Wednesday night as members of the 7th Citizens' Police Academy.

The students took eight weeks of classes, totaling 40 hours of instruction, in a variety of police-related topics.

Graduation ceremonies were held at the City of Newark Council Chambers and attended by Acting Newark Police Chief William Nefosky, Mayor Vance Funk, City Manager Carl Luft and Councilman Jerry Clifton.

Cpl. Tracy Simpson, program director, said students found the course to be a "positive educational experience."

The classes offered a "behind-the-scenes" look at law enforcement. Topics included police culture, forensic science, use of force, enforcing DUI, ride-along and crime scene investigation.

Simpson said officers within the department took turns teaching classes in their specialty.

"Everybody has a lot of fun doing this," she said. "It gives the police department a chance to give our residents an inside look."

This year's class is the seventh to graduate from the citizens' academy. Classes start each September and run for eight weeks.

The academy, said Simpson, turns citizens into community advocates for the police department. "They become a member of the family," said Simpson of the graduates.

The following Newark-area residents graduated with the 7th Citizens' Police Academy: Shannon Bruno; Catherine Chudzik; Michael Fernbacher; Howard Fletcher; Richard Gays; Charles Griswold; Kenneth McConahy; Linda McConahy; Bill Mee; Jennifer Nation; Doug



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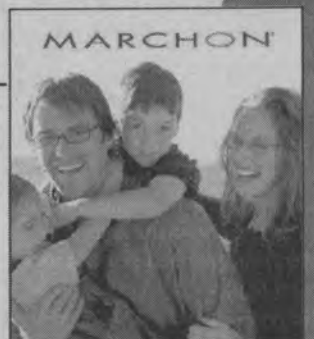
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Brookside Lions honored on 50th anniversary

Club meets first, third Thursday at Glass Kitchen; focuses volunteer efforts, fund-raising on vision

DELAWARE'S House of Representatives commended the Brookside Lions Club on the celebration of their 50th Anniversary.

State Rep. Stephanie Ulbrich (R-Newark) relayed the message from the House: "We applaud this outstanding organization for [50 years of] serving the residential areas in the Greater Newark region surrounding Brookside."

Lion Don Godfrey, a Brookside member for 45 years, said the 32-member organization has adopted eyesight as their primary area of support.

"We help the Eye Bank of Delaware Valley and buy glasses

for children whose parents can't afford them," Godfrey explained. "We also pay for children's eye exams, because it's better if sight defects are discovered early."

The Lions purchased a braille typewriter for a local resident.

"He's now a member," Godfrey said.

They also support a leader dog school, build access ramps for people who need them, and provide hospital equipment for in-home use. "We have a supplier," said Godfrey.

The Brookside Lions' largest fundraiser is their annual Christmas Tree sale on West

Chestnut Hill Road.

"We also sell crab cakes at community days and hold a chicken barbeque at the Newark Senior Center once a year," Godfrey added.

Together with other Lions clubs, the Brookside members also collect funds on "Lions Low-Vision Day" to help support the Lions Low-Vision Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md.

The Brookside Lions have a dinner meeting every first and third Monday at the Glass Kitchen on Route 40. "New members are always welcome."



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Janice Burke was sponsored by Lion Ken Beam when she recently joined the Brookside Lions.

NEWARK POST • OBITUARIES

Obituaries are printed free of charge as space permits. Information usually is supplied to the newspaper by the funeral director. 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.

James L. Casey, 63

James Lane Casey, 63, of Newark, died Tuesday, Nov. 15,

2005.

Born in Elkton, Mr. Casey was the son of the late James W. Casey and Verna Bryson Casey Krastel.

He served in the Delaware National Guard. He was very involved with the Maryland Renaissance Fair, where he sold sculpted pewter figures and jewelry.

Survivors include his siblings, Patricia Dale Woodman,

of Newark, Audrey Casey, of Florida, and Jimmy Casey, of Riverview, Fla.; nieces, Wanda Barclay and Belinda Woodman; nephew, Roy Woodman; 11 grandnieces and grandnephews; and three great grandnieces and great grandnephews.

Funeral service was to be on Saturday, Nov. 19, at Hicks Home For Funerals. Interment was to follow in North East Methodist Cemetery.

Leslie Ekstrand, 60

Newark resident Leslie Ekstrand, 60, died on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2005.

Born in New Britain, Conn., Mrs. Ekstrand lived in Newark since 1975.

Leslie was a member of the Newark Junior League, the Wilmington Flower Market and the DAR.

She was predeceased by Gunnar Ekstrand in 1990. Survivors include her son, S. William Ekstrand and his wife, Cheryl, of New York City, N.Y.; and daughter, Annika Piper and her husband, William, of Norwich, N.Y.; her mother, Arliss Wishart Lyons, of Wallingford, Conn.; a brother, William H. Wishart, Jr. and his wife, Joanna, of Harwich, Mass.; two granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

Private funeral services were to be in West Lane Cemetery in Kensington, Conn.

Edwin Stula, 81

Edwin F. Stula, 81, of Newark, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2005.

Born Jan. 3, 1924 in Colchester, Conn., Mr. Stula graduated from Bacon Academy, the University of Connecticut and Ontario Veterinary College.

He was employed by the University of Connecticut as an instructor and extension veterinarian and later by the Dupont Co. as chief research pathologist.

He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, the Hockessin Lions Club and the Dupont Country Club.

His wife, Elizabeth; and three brothers, Michael, Fred and Bruno, predeceased him. He is survived by his son, Edwin J., of Atlanta, Ga.; three sisters, Alice Hardy, of Phoenix, Ariz., Frances Zawacki, of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Sister Helen Stula, of Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y.; and three brothers, John, of Ft. Meyers, Fla., George, of Colchester, Conn., and Kenneth, of Athens, Ga.

Visitation was to be on Friday, Nov. 18 at the Mealey Funeral Home. A Mass of Christiana

Burial was to be on Saturday, Nov. 19 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church. Interment was to be at All Saints Cemetery.

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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By **ROBIN BROOMALL**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

SMELLS of freshly baked goodies and ripe fruit wafted from the community room when Friends of the Newark Free Library celebrated "a great community and a great year" by honoring library supporters who provide time, talent and funding to the library.

According to Pat Birchenall, manager of the library, volunteers worked more than 1,600 hours in the past year, with 17 volunteers coming in on a regular basis.

The Newark library, completely renovated and expanded in the last few years, is among the busiest in the county library system, with 1,200 to 1,300 patrons daily checking out books and audio visual material, attending programs, and using the 19 computers.

Birchenall told the approximately 100 attendees at the breakfast that volunteers check out books, work with the independent film series and special collections, straighten shelves and do a

host of other jobs.

Even four-footed friends volunteer. Through the PAWS program, service dogs sit and listen to children read stories, being non-judgmental on the reader's performance.

Volunteer John Merrill started working at the library this past summer. "The library is very important to the community as you can tell from the attendance figures," Merrill said. "I think the volunteers get something out of it for themselves."

He has taken on the Adopt-A-Shelf program where volunteers keep a designated shelf in order.

Bob and Mae Carter are two of the founders of the library's Friends group. "I can't imagine not belonging to the library," said Mae Carter. "It's good for young people and adults. There's no way they can buy all those books for themselves."

As part of the celebration, Friends president Catherine Pomeroy announced the opening of a library at Grace Cottage, a girls' juvenile justice facility in New Castle County. The new library will be dedicated to the memory of long time Friend John Wriston.

For more information on the Newark Library and volunteer opportunities, call 731-7550.



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Friends of the Newark Free Library chat during the volunteer appreciation reception.



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Neil Vokes, artist for Superman

Adventures, and Robert Tinnell, writer of the graphic novel "Feast of the Seven Fishes," will sign autographs and answer questions about their work.

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Auto workers help

► **TURKEYS, from 1**

retirees of the Daimler-Chrysler plant in Newark, has raised funds to purchase turkeys for needy families in three states.

A men's shelter in Elkton, Md., a church in Salem, N.J., the Sunday Breakfast Mission in Wilmington and patients and families at Delaware's VA hospital near Elsmere are among those that will receive turkeys this holiday season.

Chairman Al Lawler said the veterans committee collects donations from local organizations and raises a portion of the funds needed to purchase turkeys through raffles held at the Chrysler plant.

The annual event can be a busy one to organize, he said, but it's well worth it to be able to help the needy in the community.

The frozen birds picked up Wednesday each weighed a hefty 12 to 14 pounds. They were packed four to a box, with boxes stacked higher than some volunteers could reach.

But within minutes, the group had loaded the 50 boxes into a caravan of vehicles — trucks and minivans — all headed to different locations.

Michael Tucker with the Sunday Breakfast Mission packed

25 turkeys into his vehicle. This year was his first to volunteer driving turkeys for the UAW committee, he said.

Tucker said the turkeys and a basket of food would be handed out to needy families the Monday before Thanksgiving. He said the Mission would feed hundreds of people this holiday season.

The bulk of the donated turkeys went to the VA hospital, where they were put on cold storage overnight and handed out to 45 families the next day. Veterans received first priority.

Another 45 turkeys will stay frozen at the hospital until Christmas, when they will be given out to another round of families.

Though the veterans committee does not have an exact count of the number of turkeys they have donated since 1988, the number tops 10,000, said member Rich Magner.

He and Lawler pointed out that the annual turkey giving makes up just one of several events held by the committee each year.

Last year, the group raised more than \$2,000 to buy phone cards for soldiers overseas and \$1,300 to help families of the National Guard.

"It's about veterans helping veterans," said Lawler.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE NEFF

UAW 1183 veterans committee members load up 200 turkeys for the gove-away

NEWARK POST ❖ OF INTEREST

Give the gift of art

Newark Arts Alliance annual holiday sale begins here Friday

THE Newark Arts Alliance's annual Holiday Art Sale of original, one-of-a-kind artwork and fine crafts, opens Friday, Nov. 25, with an artists reception from 6-9 p.m. at 100 Elkton Road.

Artists include: Elisabeth Bard, photography and handknits; Terry Foreman, collage boxes and polymer jewelry; Carole Fox, functional and decorative pottery; Dragonfly Leathrum, stained glass; Wendy Shipman, hand-dyed and woven wearables;

Sondra Osuchowski, jewelry; Jennifer Davies-Reazor, mixed-media clay and handmade journals; Karen L. Hornor, jewelry; and Ingrid Jackoway, stained glass panels and lamps.

The event will continue through Dec. 30, open Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday from noon-4 p.m.

Proceeds support the NAA's programs and activities, designed to meet the organization's mission of "developing community through the arts."

For more information on NAA events, exhibits, and classes, visit the Web site (www.newarkartsalliance.org) or call 302-266-7266.

'Host of ways to get what you want'

► SUPPLIES, from 1

been very vocal about getting all necessary supplies in the classrooms," Phillips said, "and we need to hear from teachers the minute there is a need, not at a board meeting."

Jeffrey Edmison, assistant superintendent and chief operating officer, said a slowdown in spending during September's cash-flow event (see *Newark Post*, Nov. 18 issue) was not directed at materials needed in classrooms. "People approaching board members or administrators should know that there is a host of ways for them to get what they need," Edmison said.

Theresa Giles, assistant superintendent and chief financial officer, said every school building has the "largest budget" they ever had. "Each building administra-

tor or principal was authorized to use their 'supercards' for urgent supplies," she said. "Some of those cards have credit limits as high as \$10,000, and if they go over that, they can contact us for an extension."

School board member James Durr said he knew of three reports of supplies needed. "I followed up and those were taken care of by the district," Durr said. "I know all three cases were resolved."

Giles told the board that they, but not the general public, have access to the district's online accounts and spreadsheets. "You can see what each building and principal is doing with their funds," Giles explained.

Phillips concluded. "We are open as board members to concerns, but teachers need to be reaching out to the resources already in place for them."

Begins work here in January

► SCIULLI, from 1

tion and plan review, building inspection, property maintenance enforcement, fire codes and emergency management functions.

City Manager Carl Luft said, "I am very pleased with making this appointment and am sure the community, customers and municipal personnel will respond positively to Tom when he arrives."

Sciulli is to begin work on or around Jan. 23, 2006.

He anticipates moving to the area and said he looks forward to enjoying the local wildlife and outdoors activities, such as hunting and fishing. A lifelong city

resident, he said, "It's time to move, literally, to greener pastures."

When asked about leaving the city he has served for so long, Sciulli called it a "bittersweet moment."

"You always hope to make an impact on where you work and live. Apparently, I've done that to a certain extent up here, and I hope to carry that on," he said.

Sciulli is a member of the International Code Council as well as the Pennsylvania Building Code Officials organization. He has an associate degree in construction Technology from the Community College of Philadelphia.

He is married with one child.

Free parking part of Winterfest 2005

► FEST, from 3

and restaurants will have special promotions, such as discounts and free gift-wrapping, every Wednesday until Christmas. Parking will be free each Wednesday after 3 p.m.

The city of Newark has agreed to provide free parking all day,

every day from Friday, Dec. 16 through Sunday, Jan. 1.

Of the free parking, Roser said, "It's been wildly successful. People are really happy about it."

Again this year, stores will be collecting canned foods and non-perishable items for the Newark Area Welfare Committee. Last year's drive raised more than

2,500 cans. This year's goal is 3,000, said Roser.

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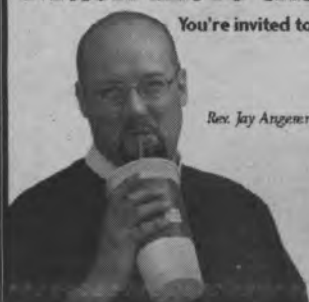
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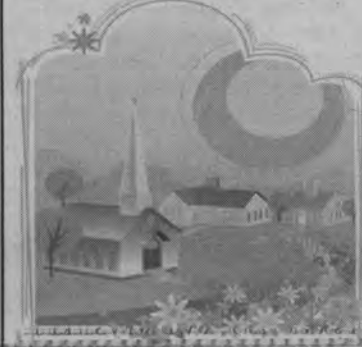
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► **BLOTTER, from 2**

her cash and receipt but left her card in the machine. About two hours later, the woman realized her mistake and had the card cancelled.

The victim told police that upon checking her account records on Nov. 14, she learned that a withdrawal had been made from the account just two minutes after she left the ATM.

Investigation is continuing, police said.

Burglary attempt

Newark police learned on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 12:48 p.m. that someone had attempted to force their way into a home in the 300 block South College Avenue.

After hearing noise in the rear of the home during the night before,

residents discovered that a rear basement door was slightly ajar, the dead bolt lock and knob loose and the door frame damaged. Damage to the frame prevented the door from fully opening.

The residents told officers that people often walk through the rear yard using it as a short cut.

Police said there was nothing missing from the home.

Damage to the door was estimated

to be \$130.

Textbook stolen

A couple in their late teens-early 20s fled Lieberman's University Bookstore, 45 E. Main St., after being confronted by store personnel.

Clerks told police at 2:10 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13, that a man and woman had sold back text books. A few minutes later, an employee saw

the woman walking with one of the store's biology books tucked between her body and a coat.

When questioned by a clerk, the pair ran out of the store and jumped into a waiting green Subaru that drove away.

Generator stolen

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See **BLOTTER, 27** ►

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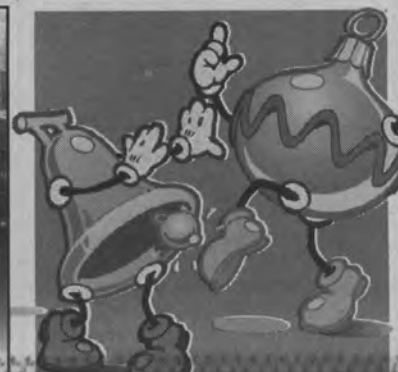
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► **BLOTTER, from 26**

from the rear of a pick-up truck that was parked in the rear of Teacot Electrical Supply, 501 Interchange Blvd., Newark police were told on Friday, Nov. 11, at 2:16 p.m.

The theft took place during the 20 minutes that the victim spent inside the store.

Alcohol, noise law violations detailed

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

Some of the recent arrests include:

Martin E. Connell, 24, of Newark, noise law violation, on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 12:55 a.m., at 1110 Blair Ct.;

Two male juveniles, ages 16 and 17, both of Elkton, Md., each charged with underage possession of alcohol and possession of an open container of alcohol, on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 9:24 p.m., near the bowling alley at Newark Shopping Center, 230 E. Main St.;

Harold G. Schoenberg, 20, of Newark, noise violation, on Friday, Nov. 11, at 11:18 p.m., at 58 New London Road, after dispersing 50 to 75 people from a party; and

Ryan Flanigan, 20, of Newark, possession of an open container of alcohol, underage possession of alcohol and criminal impersonation, and **Jared D. Vanacker**, 21, of Medford, N.J., disorderly conduct, on Friday, Nov. 11, at 11:29

p.m., after plainclothes police watched a man drinking beer in the parking lot while another urinated in public. Police said they seized a fictitious license.

All were released pending court appearances, police said.

■ *Police Blotter is compiled each week from the files of the Newark Police Department, New Castle County Police and the Delaware State Police by the newspaper staff.*

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