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UP FRONT

Rewriting history

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Γ'S easy to rewrite history, particularly when Ldoing so erases a personal weakness

With all the hype this week about Valentine's Day, I've been recollecting the first 30 years of my marriage to Linda.

We've grown up together. She was 19 and

I, 22, when we got hitched March 3, 1973. (I correctly figured I'd never forget our anniversary date of 3-3-73.) Neither of us had lived away from home.



Streit

Like most couples, we endured ups and downs. We have moved nine times but managed to raise two kids who are reasonably prepared to deal with what life presents them. We've had some great times and some not so pleasant moments. But we made it through everything

In other words, we've enjoyed a normal marriage. But the part of our history together that I'd like to rewrite is who asked Linda out on our first date. It wasn't

My brother-in-law Mike, now a retired Navy pilot dou-ble dipping in Florida, is one of my good friends since kindergarten. We went to elementary school together and crossed paths repeatedly

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Sweep

Plan for new city high school, end of feeder patterns outlined for Christina board

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HE Christina School District took a giant step forward in its journey from good to great with eight staff recommendations presented to the Board of Education at the meeting Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Based upon the vision for

reform that was outlined in the Superintendent's Task Force Report Jan. Superintendent Dr. Joseph Wise laid out more specific goals with tentative time lines to transform the district.

Perhaps the boldest recommendation from Wise's staff is the consideration of building a new high school in the city of Wilmington, funded by partnerships with the city, business leaders and high ranking officials, carrying a potential price tag of \$25 million. It would be called the James H. Gilliam Preparatory School and would be a "first rate, first class, spectacular school," according to Wise.

A backup plan, if a new structure would not be feasible, would be to renovate the current Bayard Intermediate School Wilmington at a cost of \$8 million and name it the Delaware School for Mathematics and Science

Another significant change affecting all students in the Christina School District is eliminating traditional feeder patterns and attendance boundaries and opening up all schools to full Choice. Every student would decide what schools they want to attend. A weighted lottery system would be used, with first preference given to those within specific "walk-zones," followed by

low-income students. This would keep the economic diversity of the schools intact through choices rather than forced as it is now. Implementation could begin in the 2005-06 school year.

The eight recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board of Education as a first reading. The board did charge the Superintendent's Task Force and staff to return on March 9 with specific details for implementation of each initiative. The board will then move to act on the recommendations or reject them.

The Task Force had been charged by the board in October

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Man wanted on drug charges

24-year-old Newark man is wanted by Newark Police after officers conducting surveillance witnessed what they believe was a drug deal occur in a vehicle on South College Avenue, near Marvin Drive, on Monday, Feb. 9.

Michael P. Dolotosky, of Newark, wanted for trafficking marijuana, delivery of marijuana and possession with intent to deliver the drug, police

Police also said that when officers approached the vehicle Dolotosky was in, he drove off and "attempted to run over one of the officers. Instead, Dolotosky hit a parked vehicle in the Wachovia Bank parking lot, exited the car and fled. He was not

Police reported they later found drug paraphernalia in the car and more than five pounds of marijuana.

Police ask that anyone with information on the whereabouts of Dolotosky to call 1-800-TIP-3333 or police at 366-7120.

Sprinklers set off

Newark police and fire department personnel were summoned to 700 Scholar Dr., University Courtyard apartments, at 2:52 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, after alarms sounded.

Newark police reported that soneone ripped the fire alarm out of the ceiling of a hallway, which caused the sprinkler system to acti-vate. Water soaked carpets and damaged wallboards. City building inspectors responded and declared the apartments habitable. Residents were allowed to return to the units, police reported.

DUI arrest

After seeing a vehicle disregard a stop sign at South Chapel Street and Wyoming Road at 1:16 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, an officer on patrol made a traffic stop near Duke Street, Newark police said.

After a short interrogation, Glenn Douglas Barber, 33, of Bear, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, disregarding a stop sign, and insurance not in possession. After processing, he was released to his wife pending court appearances, police said.

Youthful shoplifters

Two 15-year-old girls were arrested by Newark police after officers were summoned by security person-nel at Pathmark in the College

Square shopping center.

Store employees told police the two Newark High School students took cosmetics, potato chips and lemonade, total value \$25, from the market without paying for the items.

The two were charged and released pending Family Court appearances.

ew Castle County Police arrested Richard Neil, 19, of Newark after he fired three gunshots at an unknown target outside and then barri-caded himself inside his home in the SWAT team 1000 block of Creek Road. He was apprehended by SWAT Team On Saturday, Feb. 7 at 5:50p.m., offi-

cers were dispatched to a Creek Road home to assist State Park Rangers for a report of "shots fired." When the officers arrived, they knocked on the front door of the home and witnessed at least two people inside. The occupants refused to answer the officer's request at the door and began closing window blinds, police said.

The officers discovered a "spent" 9mm shell casing on the steps near the front door and watched as the occupants placed a large sheet over the French

Due to the possibility of an injured subject inside the residence and the pres-ence of at least one weapon, a SWAT Team and negotiators were called to the scene. Negotiators repeatedly attempted to contact the occupants via telephone and bull horn for several hours, police

At about 11 p.m., the SWAT Team entered the residence and took two subjects into custody without incident. Police reported that an investigation revealed a man had fired at least three shots from a 9mm handgun at an undetermined target. Police later learned Neil had two outstanding warrants for his arrest.

Neil has been charged with discharging a firearm in a safety zone and resisting arrest. He was arraigned and committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institute after failing to post \$500 secured

Assault on Center

stand-

Newark police are attempting to serve a warrant on a man for assault following two altercations in the unit block Center Street on Saturday, Jan. 31. Police reported entered a student apartment unlawfully and assaulted am man with a Stone Balloon mug.

Fight at NHS

Two Newark High School students, ages 14 and 16, were arrested and charged with various following a fight at 10:20 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4, in the E hallway of the East Delaware Avenue facility.

Faculty, administrators and the school resource officer, who is a Newark police officer, separated the two girls.
One youth was charged with two

INVESTIGATIONS

PART I OFFENSES

Attempted murder

Kidnap

Robbery

Burglary

TOTAL CALLS

Murder/manslaughter

Unlawful sexual contact

Aggravated assault

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counts of disorderly conduct and two counts of offensive touching. The other was cited for assault, offensive touching and disorderly conduct. Police reported both students were suspended and released to the cus-tody of parents pending court appear-

Alcohol violations

Officers of the Newark Police Department have continued their stepped-up enforcement of alcohol-related laws.

Marked units and special plainclothes details operated here during what police describe as "peak party periods.

Some of the recent arrests include:

Brian Scott Wendell, 19, of Olney, Md., underage consumption of alcohol, on Monday, Feb. 9, at

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1:38 a.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave.,

Building B, Ivy Hall apartments; and Lindsey Christeen Bart, 20, of Newark, underage consumption of alcohol, no headlights when required, and failing to signal a turn, at a traffic stop on Friday, Feb. 6, at 12:51 a.m., at O'Daniel Avenue and Elkton Road.

Police said both were released pending court appearances.

Hotel site burglary leads to arrests

The Newark Police Department arrested Larry W. Hodge and Christopher M. Smith, both of Newark, after an investigation of a burglary at the Homewood Suites construction site on South College

The operator and two passengers of a red Ford Ranger pickup truck were contacted by police during the investigation of a suspicious vehicle at the site at approximately 2:44 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3. The officer observed several tools in the bed of the pickup truck.

When the site superintendent returned to the construction site at 7 a.m., he realized the trailer on the site had been broken into and approximately \$4,500 worth of tools had been stolen.

Hodge and Smith were arrested in connection with the burglary and committed to Gander Hill Prison in lieu of \$35,000 cash bail.

Other warrants are pending.

Rape charges lodged after summer incidents

A 38-year-old Wilmington man accused of three counts of third degree rape of a 15-year-old Glasgow girl surrendered to police Thursday, Feb. 5. New Castle County Police said

Mitchell Griffin was wanted for hav-ing "sexual relations" with the underage girl on three occasions in the summer of 2003. Police found out about the encounters after interview ing the girl on Jan. 28. She told police she first talked to Griffin on a telephone "chat line," and the two met at her home after several conversations

Detectives later searched Griffin's home and "located evidence linking him to the victim," police said.

Police located Griffin after a Wilmington resident's tip. When police responded to his location, Griffin walked outside, raised his hands and surrendered, county police

THIS WEI	EK 2003	2003 TO D	ATE	THIS WEEK 2004	2004 T	DATE
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	1166	962	225	0	0	0
Suspicious person/vehicle	76	82	18	0	0	0
Service	906	713	163		0	0
Recovered property	19	11	3	0	0	0
Animal control	32	41	8	0	0	0
Alarm	133	115	33	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL PART II	354	284	78	214	165	31
All other	75	72	15	67	28	2
Trespass	9	13	- 4	1	3	2
Disorderly conduct	101	57	28	9	13	1
Noise/disorderly premise	21	44	10	23	18	5
Drugs	7	11	4	9	12	7
Alcohol	46	11	5	80	46	4
Other sex offenses	0	1	0	0	0	0
Weapons	1	3	1	5	8	0
Criminal mischief	78	47	6	1	5	1
Receiving stolen property	0	0	0	3	1	0
Other assaults	16	25	5	16	31	9
PART II OFFENSES						
TOTAL PART I	111	104	27	27	18	3
Arson	0	1	0	0	0	0
Auto theft	11	10	2	1	1	0
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Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR IAN. 25-31, 2004 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIMINAL CHARGES

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lvy Hall owner, city craft deal

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

questioning and concerned Newark City Council approved Ivy Hall's request to build six more apartment units only after owner Michael Purzycki agreed to security patrols, stricter lease controls on problem tenants and working more closely with

The council's unanimous vote Monday, Feb. 9 means that 80-unit Ivy Hall will have the new apartments on line sometime next year. But Purzycki promised to implement the new security patrols by the spring of this year.

In agreeing to new terms, Purzycki also reduced his original request from eight units to six units, while assuring council members that he's committed to doing his best to make Ivy Hall a better

"All I can tell you is I will submit to a process where everyone will do what it

All I can tell you is I will submit to a process where everyone will do what it takes."

MICHAEL PURZYCKI

The agreement is unusual but might be more in line with how the council will deal with future apartment proposals.

The agreement came after December meeting in which Purzycki and the council clashed over his proposal. Council said they were concerned that expanding Ivy Hall - considered by city officials one of the more troublesome complexes in the city - would lead to only more problems for residents. Purzycki said the city's rules permit expansion and that he felt the council was not following its own rules.

At the end of that meeting both sides agreed to was to discuss the matter and come to a resolution, which they did.

Purzycki told council Monday that he was surprised to hear that his complex was linked to so many disruptions and responses by police.

Making it better, he said, will require a better line of communication between Ivy Hall managers and the police department, and a better understanding from his managers about what is unacceptable behavior.

Councilman Jerry Clifton, who was one of harshest critics of the proposal in December, said at Monday's meeting both sides came a long way.

"Mr. Purzycki and I have had quite a few conversations and no one knew my anger like he did," Clifton said. "But from that point we've come quite a distance. I see this as something that may have a positive impact on the area.'

BRIEFLY

Comment period ends

The public comment period about a \$7.5 million proposal to relocate of the Newark Train Station from College Avenue to Chapel Street, north of Farm Lane, ends Thursday, Feb. 19.

The project is one of many proposed for the 2005-2007 years by the Wilmington Area Planning Council, or WILMAPCO.

Relocating the train station would allow more parking spaces, park trains overnight, move the current station away from the DaimlerChrylser plant, and possible serve as a future rail link to Dover. Already, however, some have questioned the logic behind moving the station further away from downtown, and away from a planned transit hub there.

Comments can be forwarded to WILMAPCO by calling 737-6205, or check out the plans on the Web at www.wilmapco.org/TIP.

Holiday refuse collection

Due to the Presidents' Day Holiday on Monday, Feb. 16, city of Newark garbage customers who normally have their trash picked up on Monday will have it collected Tuesday, Feb. 17. Refuse normally collected on Tuesday will be collected on Wednesday. There are no changes to Thursday and Friday collections.

Auto plants going strong

General Motors' Wilmington Assembly Plant at Boxwood and Dodson roads officially announced Monday, Feb. 9 that it will produce the 2006 Pontiac

The plant had been producing Saturn

The announcement is significant for Delaware and its thousands of auto workers and other businesses that rely on the GM plant. The state's other major auto assembly plant, DaimlerChrysler's Newark Assembly Plant, the "Home of the Durango," is also going strong thanks to the 2004 version of the Durango.

With both plants appearing to thrive, Delaware's economy benefits, said U.S. Sen. Tom Carper, who was on hand for the announcement with GM and union officials, and called the announcement 'great news for Delaware.'

'It means the future of the assembly plant looks bright," he said.

The building of the Solstice comes on the heels of the Newark plant's announcement that it has built one million Durangos since 1997.

Budget commendation

The New Castle County budget earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada for its 2004 annual budget sum-

It's the 14 straight year the county has earned the award. County officials said that of an estimated 40,000 local governments nationwide or 2 percent earn the award. County Chief Financial Officer Ronald A. Morris was honored as the individual primarily responsible for the

Curbside recycling begins this week

By DARREL W. COLE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ELAWARE Solid Waste Authority trucks and employees will begin picking up curbside recycling for at least 127 city residents on Thursday, Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb. 13.

The number of recycling customers is expected to climb each day as more people sign up and send checks into the DSWA.

Possibly by March, the weekly service could be expanded to include county areas just outside city limits (in zip codes 19713 and 19711), according to Rich Von Stetten, manager of the DSWA's recy-

cling program.

The DSWA service is voluntary and separate from the city of Newark's refuse collection routes. The city will also continue curbside pick up of leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste during

specified periods.

The 127 households that will receive curbside pickup this week already sent money (\$6 per month) to the DSWA as of Tuesday, Feb. 10.

In return they received information packets, recycling bins and marked bags.

The DSWA mailed sign up forms last week to almost 500 households, all of whom previously committed verbally or in writing that they would voluntarily

time in the unit's 33-year history it has

been mobilized by presidential order, and

is the longest "real world" deployment in

ble, capable of rapid deployment to forward operations, able to set up bases to

move troops and equipment and perform

other loading and unloading functions.
Core functions of the unit include load-

ing and downloading large cargo aircraft,

supporting airdrop missions and operat-

The group is highly mobile and flexi-

Von Stetten said the responses so far are enough to get the program going.

"We originally planned March 1 but because some people responded so quickly we decided to go forward sooner," Von Stetten said.

The DSWA began the program in Newark after a survey of some 6,400 households revealed that approximately 409 as of December 2003 would pay for

The hope is that as others witness the work being conducted, they will sign up.

Von Stetten urges city residents or those close to city limits who are interested in the service to call 302-577-3457 to sign up.

Newark deployed even from

EVEN of the 23 Delaware Air National Guard airmen deployed two weeks ago to help support the U.S. operations in Iraq and elsewhere are from the Newark area.

The soldiers will serve a one-year active tour, leaving from Dover Air Force Base for Ramstein Air Base in Germany. Newark residents with the 166th Aerial Port Flight of the

Delaware Guard include Staff Sgt. Robert Bagwell, Staff Sgt. James Skilling Jr., Tech. Sgt. John White Sr., Airman 1st Class Michael Boyd, Senior Airman Samuel Lewis, Senior Airman Jason Grazer and Airman 1st Class Jesse

The airmen are traditional reservists, meaning they previously performed parttime military service with full-time civilian responsibilities before they were called to duty. The unit received notice it would be sent out Jan. 15. It's the first



Grazer

its history.

ing air terminals.







PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. KEITH STROUSS, 166TH AERIAL Johnson Lewis

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Forsyth, 166th Aerial Port Flight Troop Commander, of Smyrna, said the unit is excited.

'We want to mix in with Dover and then the Ramstein members, get spun up, just step

right in and keep the mission going," said Forsyth, a member of the unit since

1990

He said his unit trains all year round, and has experience with strategic ports, which are large cargo processing facilities, thanks to the unit's two week deployments to Germany's Ramstein Air Base and Rhein-Main air base, and to Charleston AFB in South

Contemplating the one year active duty mission the unit is facing, Forsyth said, "The difference now compared to when we deployed before is that it was just for two weeks previously and we

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In Campus NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

BRIEFLY

Black history celebrations go beyond February

he Univesity of Delaware's Center for Black Culture will host a wide range of events, including lectures, a "hair party" and a performance by the Urban Bush Women and a film screening to help mark "50 Years After Brown: Has There Been Social Transformation?," as part of "Celebrating Black History-February and Beyond" events. All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise indicated.

Some of the spring semester events sponsored by the Center for Black Culture include

■ Black Student Union Community Meeting. WIVERSITY OF ELAWARE featuring a

discussion on "A Retrospective Look at UD History: Gearing Up for a New Race," 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 16, in 115 Purnell Hall.

Black History Month Extravaganza, featuring Michael Eric Dyson and the Duke Ellington School of the Arts Show Choir in "Where Are We Now: Race, Government and Contemporary Reality," at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the Multipurpose Room of the Trabant University Center.

The Gospel in African-American History, with guest speaker Carl Ellis, president of Project Joseph and author of "Beyond Liberation," "Malcolm: The Man Behind the X" and 'Free At Last?: The Gospel and the African-American Experience," at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19, at 120 Smith Hall

■ Hair After Party, 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m., Friday, Feb. 27, in the Multipurpose Room of the Trabant University Center, is a chance to get hyped about the latest in hair care, from new styles and products to tips on having healthy skin and hair.

■ Úrban Bush Women perform "Hair Stories" at 8 o.m., Saturday, Feb. 28, in Mitchell Hall.

For more information, call 831-2991.

Newarker wins top gra

UD prof Schneider wins NSF career development award

"You'll get a kick out of this" is how Joel Schneider, Newark resident and assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Delaware, introduces self-assembling peptides to an audience that has never taken even a high school chemistry

This assistant professor, who segues from layperson's lingo to postdoctoral parlance with aplomb, recently received the Faculty Early Career Development Award from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

One of NSF's highest honors for new fac-

ulty, the award recognizes and supports the early career development activities of "those teacher-scholars who are most likely to become the academic leaders of the 21st cen-

The more than half-million-dollar NSF award will support Schneider's research on the construction of new biomaterials, an approach that could eventually be used to grow and replace human tissue.

Schneider also is UD's 2003 recipient of the Francis Alison Society's coveted and competitive Young Scholars Award. Admirers call Schneider a natural mentor

with a gift for translating science into lay-

The professor's own take is much more odest: "I didn't start out breaking the information down for anyone else. I think I did it because I wasn't the sharpest knife in the drawer. I would have to explain things to myself so they made more sense. That's the God's honest truth."

An unexpected confession from a researcher who has been published nine times in the Journal of the American Chemical Society, who did his postdoctoral work with leading international experts in his field and



SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST • U.D. PHOTO BY KATHY ATKINSON

Joel Schneider, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, of Newark

who, with several other UD assistant professors, attracted more than \$9.7 million in funding since he came to Delaware five years ago.

He recently spoke at the 2003 Gordon Research Conference on Bioorganic Chemistry, where talking time is reserved for top scientists conducting innovative studies.

Scientists around the world are watching the collaborative research Schneider and Darrin J. Pochan, assistant professor of materials science, are conducting on the construction of new biomaterials.

The researchers design short segments of proteins called peptides so that they form responsive hydrogel materials—watery gels that form and dissolve in a predictable manner when exposed to a catalyst.

The material's properties can be manipulated at the molecular level by controlling the folding and self-assembly of these peptides.

Schneider hopes these materials could someday function as staging grounds to grow a patient's own tissue cells so they can be used to repair burned skin, or to grow bone cells for a patient with osteoporosis.

As Charles G. Riordan, chairperson of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry who nominated him for the Alison Young Scholars Award, said, "Joel's scientific background has positioned him to make important and lasting contributions to the field of bioor-. ganic chemistry.

Despite the importance and complexity of his research—it takes a grad student more than two years to understand the basic science—Schneider paints images in his audiences' minds with sentences that might start with "Mother Nature makes..." or end with "That's it in a nutshell."

When Schneider talks about his research, he uses sentences like, "It's like a cement, but it's like a live cement. That's what people are really going for these days."

He makes his fingers walk to illustrate how a cell would become acclimated to the peptide. "The cells kind of send out little feelers," he said, wiggling his forefinger and middle finger on his desk.

"Title Town" celebration draws 3,000

Photos by Kathy Atkinson, Greg Drew and Kevin Tucker

Article by Jerry Rhodes, University of Delaware

World send-off skating exhibition Feb. 20

OP skaters from the United States and around the world who train at UD will perform in the World Send-off Ice Skating Exhibition at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20, in the Fred Rust Ice Arena.

The event is a prelude to the 2004 World Figure Skating Championships, which will be held March 22-28 at the Dortmund Westfalenhallen in Dortmund, Germany.

Featured in the show will be Kimmie Meissner, 2004 Junior Ladies National Champion; Christine Zukowski, 2004 Novice Ladies National Champion; Natalya Gudina and Alexi Beletsky, who will represent Israel at the World Championship; and Nozomi Wantanabe and Akiyuki Kido, who will represent Japan at the World Championship.

Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$10 for senior citizens, children 12 and under, UD faculty and staff and groups of 10 or more.

Tickets can be purchased at UD box offices and through Ticketmaster and also will be sold at the arena the day of the show.

For more information, call UD1-HENS (831-4367) or the Fred Rust Ice Arena, 831-2868.

Also featured at the Feb. 20 exhibition will be: Emmanuel Savary, 2018 Olympic hopeful; Isabella Cannuscio and Kyle Herring, 2004 South Atlantic Intermediate Dance silver medalists and Junior National Team

Anna Peng, Novice Ladies competitor; Jeff Varner, Junior Men competitor;

Nicole Tahtouh, 2004 Eastern Sectional Novice Ladies, fifth-place; Andrea Varraux and David Pelletier, 2004 National Junior

Pairs bronze medalists and Junior World Team members; Jennifer Don, Nebelhorn Trophy Championship Ladies

Colin Pennington, 2003 Novice Men National Champion and Junior Men competitor; Emma Phibbs and Mike McPherson, 2004 Eastern Sectional

Championship Pairs silver medalists;
Shaun Rogers, 2004 Eastern Sectional Championship Men

Christie Moxley and Alexander Kirsanov, 2004 National Championship Dance sixth-place; Jennifer Don and Jonathon Hunt, 2004 National

Championship Pairs pewter medalists; and Kendra Goodwin and Brent Bommentre, 2004 National Championship Dance pewter medalists.



NEWARK POST * ON CAMPUS

UD celebrates its national title...finally

Newark renamed 'Title Town' by mayor

By JERRY RHODES

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

ORE than 3,000 UD and Newark High School football fans, students, alumni, players and coaches huddled together Tuesday night, Feb. 10, in the Bob Carpenter Center for a joyous celebration of the 2003 NCAA Division I-AA national champion Fightin' Blue Hens and state champion Newark High School.

Official campus celebration had been delayed because the university was not in session when the Hens trampled Colgate.

Newark Mayor Hal Godwin took the stage late in the event with a proclamation naming Newark "Title Town" in honor of the UD and NHS championships, won Dec. 19 and Dec. 13, respectively.

"Newark is a town of champions!" Godwin said. To celebrate the Title Town designation, Godwin said scores of merchants in downtown Newark are offering special discounts on goods and services.

"Are you ready for some football?" UD President David P. Roselle asked the crowd.

"This is truly a great night in the history of the University of Delaware, almost as great as that cold, snowy night of Dec. 19 when the Hens dominated Colgate University 40-0 to win the national championship," Roselle said.

Roselle said Delaware Stadium drew nearly 190,000 fans this year, more than any

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other team in Division I-AA, while its 21,000 home game average was also more than any other.

"It was a particularly great year for student support, with student attendance doubling and the south end zone easily becoming the loudest section of the stadium," Roselle said.

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Roselle then introduced U.S.
Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., a member of UD's Class of 1965.

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The crowd at The Bob gives a standing ovation to the members of UD's 2003 National Championship team.

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST BY GREG DREW

Village- ages newborn to 18 mos.
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Newark's spectacular disaster of 1918

Editor's note: From time to time, the president of the Newark Historical Society will present a column about Newark's history. Thomas is a life-long Newark resident who grew up on Cleveland Avenue.

By BOB THOMAS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

NE of the most spectacular disasters ever to occur in Newark took place at a former industrial facility once located at the intersection of North College Avenue and Cleveland Avenue, now known as the University of Delaware's Hollingsworth lot.

At the time of the fire, Jan. 11, 1918, the business there was the Jacob Thomas Wallpaper Company, that incidentally is no relation to the writer of this column.

The building was originally built during 1889 and 1890 as the Theodore C. Knauff Organ factory.

The site was chosen because of its proximity to the Baltimore

and Ohio Railroad and the availability of a public water supply from Newark's newly-installed water system for fire protection.

Ironically, Newark's first water system had just been completed a few years earlier as the result of another spectacular fire at the Dean Woolen Mill.

The organ factory included an electric power plant capable of providing power to the town as well and did so as the first source of electric power in Newark.

The manufacturing of organs never

got off the ground and was discontinued in 1893, but not before the Council of Newark purchased the power plant for \$3,200.

Newark entered into the electric business which today is the major source of revenue for city coffers.

The Jacob Thomas Company began producing wallpaper there from 1898 to 1918, the time of the fire.

According to Anne Hossinger, who lived where the Trabant Center is located, the fire burned for five days shooting rolls of paper into the night sky unrolling as they arose.

Today there is no evidence at that location that the facility that employed many area residents and introduced Newark to electric power ever existed. It all literally went up in smoke on Jan. 11, 1918 as one of Newark's most spectacular disasters.



Pages from the past: Sunday liquor sales pushed

■ Feb. 14, 1929

Two suicides in same hour and manner

Two men, yesterday, committed suicide in identically the same way at about the same hour.

Shortly after noon, Harvey Peterson, 45 years old, was found dead in the barn of the farm from which he was moving, at Cowentown, Md., his throat cut with a razor; and at the same hour Dr. Harry Marshall Armitage, of Chester, Pa., was found dead from the same action, in the home of Walter Arrants of Elk Neck, Md.,

Both suicides were investigated by Coroner Howard Green of Elkton.

B&O offers annual club scholarship for agricultural work

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad announced that it will award again this year a one-hundred dollar scholarship in this state to the boy or girl who most efficiently completes his or her project in agricultural club work during 1929.

Large crowd attends Continental concert at Opera House

A large gathering were very pleasantly entertained Sunday afternoon at a two-hour concert, given by the Continental Band in the Newark Opera House.

No admission was charged and Louis Handloff donated the Opera House for the occasion.

■ Feb. 14, 1979

Martin urges Sunday liquor sales

People who make the trip across the Delaware-Maryland state line to buy liquor on Sunday may get the chance to stay home if a bill compiled by state Sen. Roger Martin is approved by the Delaware General Assembly.

Such a change in the state's liquor code is "long overdue," said Martin.

The Sunday ban, he said, is causing the state to lose a "tremendous amount of revenue."

2004 note: Sunday liquor sales here began in 2003.



"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.G. probing police chief on charges

The Attorney General's office will investigate charges of sexual harassment brought against Newark Police Chief William Brierley, according to Attorney General Richard Geblein.

Newark City Council, requested the investigation Monday after it learned of the sexual harassment charges reported in an article in the Sunday News Journal.

The article said five women claimed to have been sexually harassed by Brierley, a 23-year-veteran of the Newark Police

Students say schools are a zoo

Jenny recalls her junior year in high school with fondness.

It was a year, she says, when she looked forward to going to school. Spirit was high, students were actively involved and the atmosphere was relatively pleasant.

Jenny, however, can not say the same about her senior year at Newark-area high school.

Instead of school pride, her senior year is marked by apathy and tension.

Jenny blames the problems at her school this year on a breakdown in discipline. And she is not the only student who feels this way.

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Falling head over heels in love with Linda

► UP FRONT, from 1

in junior and senior high schools.

When my parents went away for a week while I was in second grade, they arranged for me to spend time at my friend Mike's house. I don't remember his sisters; I recall the huge variety of cereal from which he could select his morning munchies. At my house, corn flakes were the only option (unless you liked oatmeal and – trust me – I didn't!)
In later years, I learned Mike

had a younger sister who went to school with my sister, Janet. Both are four years younger than me.
In 1970 when I was working

in the Camera Department of a Baltimore department store, I was not wife hunting but I was very accomplished at girl watching, as most 20-year-old males

One great benefit of my work was binoculars. We sold few but often used them for the previously mentioned pursuit.

One day I was "testing" a pair of 7x50 Bushnells when I noticed a young woman folding shirts in the mens clothing area.

I was first struck by her legs (this was the miniskirt era) and second by her smile. She was cute, pure and simple.

In between ringing up sales of flashcubes and Instamatic film, I continued my testing. When it was obvious that the focus of my binocular vision was preparing to take a break. I abandoned my coworker, nearly hopped over the counter and soon found myself queued up in the cafeteria next to my young vision.

She was even prettier and her smile brighter up close. We exchanged greetings and quickly realized our link via Mike.

We sat together and introduced ourselves. The details are fuzzy because I was quickly smitten. What I do recall is her intention at that age to help others, something she has never stopped

I thought I had been in love before, However, after meeting Linda I instantly learned the difference between true love and infatuation.

I pined to be with her - I'd try to schedule my hours the same as hers. I'd ask my sister each night about Linda until she told me to shut up. I'd find some reason to call on the phone, but I never asked her out. (Her brother was away at East Carolina University so I couldn't utilize that option to see Linda).

That first meeting happened in the summer between her junior and senior year. By the start of school, I was passing notes, that would be not too cleverly disguised love notes to her via my

But I never asked her out.

To be honest, I'm not sure

I think maybe I feared that this wonderful friendship we were sharing would be changed if I asked her out. There was the chance that she'd say "no."

I also reasoned that her parents would never let their daughter, who was 16, go out with a 20year-old. Those four years made a big difference then.

To further frustrate me, previously Mike had complained about how strict his parents were. Eee-gads, I worried, they'll never let me take Linda on a date.

Meanwhile, I was falling deeper in love with Linda.

Each afternoon, the moment my sister arrived home, I'd grill her. "Did you deliver my note to Linda? What did she say? What did she wear? What's she doing tonight?" and so on.

Finally, as my 21st birthday approached, my sister, Janet, was getting sick and tired of my not acting on my love-sick inten-

It was Janet, not me who invited Linda to our family's home to "help" with my birthday party.

Three decades later, the rest is

history, history that will not be rewritten.

■ When not wimping out, the writer is publisher of this and three other Delaware papers that are headquartered in Newark. He and Linda will exchange Valentine gifts at the family home in the Cherry Hill neighborhood of Newark.

'Student' returns to library

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■ Feb. 12, 1999

Choice requests increase

District officials told the Christina School Board on Tuesday night, that the latest numbers showed the School Choice program has been successful in that district.

For the 99-00 school year 714 Choice applications were received overall.

"A jump," said Debbie Rodenhouser, district supervisor for the Choice program, "from 602 last year." Other statistics presented to the board showed the direction the Choice process is taking for the up and coming school year.

'The Student' returning to place of honor

After a long convalescence, Charles C. Parks sculpture is returning to its place in front of the Newark Free Library.

Absent for almost a year, "The Student" will resume its job of welcoming the public to the library on Sunday, Feb. 14. The statue of a bearded and barefoot young man sat in front of the library from 1975 until 1998, when it was removed to be recast in bronze.

2004 note: 'The Student' was moved again in 2002 when the enlargement and renovation of the library took place.

Eckerd's will stay

Permission granted by city council this week for a drive-thru prescription window means Eckerd's Drugs will be staying near the Fairfield Shopping Center on New London Road.

Attorney William Manning told Newark city council members on Monday night that with-out approval for the drive-thru feature, the company would close their existing store and not relocate to a site across Country Club Drive. 'If we don't get the drivethru, we will build some where else," said Manning.



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OUTLOOK

Chefs of tomorrow?

By DORIS BEHNKE

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

RE you a young person that dreams of being a chef someday?

Are you a young person that likes to cook?

Or are you a young person that wants to know and understand the nutritional component of the foods you prepare.

If you are between the ages of eight and 19 and you are interested in one or more of the above categories, then you are the perfect candidate to join the 4-H program that is offered by the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Office located at 910 South Chapel Street in

Newark.
The
Extension
Office has
many opportunities for
young people,
but the one I
would like to
talk about is
the annual

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

Favorite Foods cooking contest.

Recently the New Castle County 4-H Office and Leaders of the 4-H program, held their Favorite Foods Contest at the Kirk Middle School in Newark. We had approximately 70 4-H members participate in this awesome opportunity.

The amount of work you had to do for the contest was dependent on your age so the older group did more than the younger groups. For instance, the seniors, ages 14 and older needed to prepare a "full day" meal plan for the meals they would serve in a day. The beginners, ages eight to 10, and the juniors, ages 11 to 13, only had to one meal.

Each age group also submitted a recipe for the dish that they prepared for the judges to sample the day of the contest, and brought all of the items needed to decorate their place setting. The talent and imagination that was displayed at the

Mrs. Newark does it all!

Minkalis to compete for national crown April 10

SUSAN Minkalis, the reigning Mrs. Newark, Del. 2004 will be representing the city at the Mrs. Delaware U.S. Pageant on April 10 at Wesley College's Wells Theater in Dover.

The title honors married women throughout the U.S. and acknowledges that many married women are also mothers and career driven, while finding time to maintain their health and beauty.

Minkalis has a full life. She recently changed careers after 17 years in the corporate banking arena to the medical field.

She is married to George Minkalis and the two have three children, Melissa, 21, Robbie, 19 and Autumn, 16.

She is a volunteer and advocate

for Habitat for Humanity, Delaware Hospice, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, St. Joseph's Indian School and Christian Appalachian Project. Through owning her own

Through owning her own business — Heartly-Known Candle Co. — she donates a portion of her earnings to further those causes.

In her free time, she likes to camp and hike with her family, is a published writer/songwriter and plays the percussion with her 32 exotic drum ensemble, reads and maintains an organic garden.



COOKIES AND COPS

A group of Newark Girls Scouts from the group's Chesapeake Bay Council took some time to share the famous Girl Scout cookies with Newark Police Department, including a happy NPD officer Steve Heckman. The Girl Scouts are currently selling their famous cookies, and will have them on sale at a special Tailgate For Troops sale Saturday, Feb. 14 from noon to 2 p.m. at Saturn of Newark, 1801 Ogletown Road. People can purchase cookies that will be sent to the troops overseas.



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Arts alliance offers youth classes here

Accomplished Newark artist Carrie Ida Edinger will be teaching two unique printmaking classes at the Newark Arts Alliance.

Calligraphy and Basic Screen Printing for teens and adults each will run six weeks starting in March. Also starting in March, a children's (ages 6 -10) Wednesday Afterschool Art Club will run for 13 weeks with students able to learn and experiment with different art media along with putting their own expression into their projects.

Edinger is the recipient of the 2003 Delaware Division of the Arts Fellowship for works on paper/ printmaking. She shows her work nationally and received her BFA from the University of Delaware. She teaches printmaking workshops locally and is involved with the Delaware Center for the Contemporary

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.



Arts artists residency program. This winter she is working with a sixth grade social studies class at P.S. duPont Middle School studying Japan.

For more information please call 266-7266 or www.newarkartsalliance.org.

Love hike

Snuggle up on the arm of your loved one while listening to the inviting sounds of winter during an enchanting silent hike along the White Clay Creek.

Don't forget to wear you scarf and hat. Hot chocolate will be provided to help keep you warn.

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Fee is \$4 per person. To register, call 366-6900.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

Former University of Delaware football coach Tubby Raymond was honored with a ceremony at the Wilmington Riverfront for his legendary and hall of fame coaching career. Those praising Raymond at the Jan. 24 event were many, including Philadelphia Phillies coach Larry Bowa and Gov. Ruth Ann Minner. Pictured left, current UD coach K.C. Keeler, and, right, UD alum and Oakland Raiders quarter-back Rich Gannon pose with Raymond.

'Oral reasoning' benefit of 4-H contest

▶ OUTLOOK, from 8

contest was beyond description. I wish I could provide a page or two layout of the pictures taken that day.

In addition to the hands-on learning experienced by the students, they also gained the invaluable "oral reasoning" lifeskills we all need to possess for our success in everyday life as well as for future personal development. The "oral reasoning" part comes into play once the

judges get involved in the con-

The judges go around to each of the members and taste the food that the members have prepared. Judges look at the meal plan for the prepared meal, and ask the contestant questions about food preparation, nutritional value, and food selection to men-

tion a few. Based on the meal plan selected, the preparation of the food, the table setting, and the overall contestant knowledge; each contestant is then scored. A champion and honorable mention

is named in each food category and age group. The champion awardees received a certificate and a monetary certificate good for \$15 that can be used toward any 4-H event or program. These monetary certificates were provided by

the Delaware 4-H Foundation.

The Honorable Mention in each category and age group

received an "Honorable Mention" certificate and a State 4-H Cookbook; and all contestants received a ribbon.

If you were not part of this contest, you missed an elaborate display of talent, creativity, and enthusiasm. Everyone is already planning for next year. Hope you can make it.

For information about the New Castle County 4-H Program, call the NCC Cooperative Extension 4-H Office at 302-831-8965 and ask for a 4-H informational packet.







Diversions

THEATRE • EVENTS • EXHIBITS • NIGHTLIFE • MEETINGS

FRIDAY

THE COLE YOUNGER BAND 6-9 p.m. entertainment at The Blue Crab Grill in Suburban Shopping Center.

FIBRE RICE Through March 3. Exhibit presenting fiber arts in their functional aspect and as beautiful material expressions of different regional, ethnic, and religious symbols at Wheaton Village in Millville, N.J. Info. and directions, 856-825-6800 or visit their web site at www.wheatonvillage.org.

ERICKSONS BY ANDREW WYETH Through April 11. Exhibition featuring 20 drawings, watercolors and temperas that mark a significant turning point in Wyeth's career at Brandywine River Museum in Chadds Ford, Pa., Info. 610-388-2700.

SATURDAY

TAILGATE FOR TROOPS Noon - 2 p.m. Girls Scout cookie sale at Saturn of Newark. Cookies will be delivered to the USO in Dover and sent to members of the Armed Forces overseas. For more information, visit

WILD LOVIN' 1:30-3:30 p.m. indoor/outdoor program for ages 18 and over. Learn about the courting and reproductive behavior of animals at the Brandywine Zoo. Info., 571-7747.

ANTIQUES Through tomorrow. Thirty dealers from four states displaying their finest antiques at Singerly Fire Company in Elkton.

ROMANCE OF SPOKEN WORD & JAZZ 2:30 p.m. Valentine's Day concert at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pa., For more info., call 610-388-6771.

CRAFTS IN THE WINTER 10 a.m.-5 p.m. crafts show featuring the regions top crafts people in Cape May's Convention Hall, \$2.50 per person. For more info., call 800-275-4278.

CONSTANT STAR Through tomorrow. Play about civil rights pioneer

Ida B. Wells containing classic sprituals, performed a cappaella in a 5-part harmony at the Deaware Theatre Company, 200 Water St., Wilmington. For more info., call 594-1104 ext. 228.

A GENIUS FOR PLACE: AMERICAN LANDSCAPES OF THE COUNTRY PLACE ERA Through April 25. Severety black and white photographs and severe add partition of the country of the country place.

white photographs and seven color prints showcasing the work of landscape architects at Winterthur. Info., 888-4600.

CASINO NIGHT 6 p.m. to midnight. Poker and wheel at Newark Elks #2281, 42 Elks Trail, New Castle. Free admission for players. Info. 328-2281.



GETTYSBURG AND VICKSBURG

This photo, "Big Black River Bridge, Vicksburg, 1995" by William E. Williams is one of many of the photographer's that will be on display in the Gallery at the Cecil Community College Cultural Center through Feb. 22. The display, "Gettysburg and Vicksburg," shows the sites of the two battles that changed the direction of the Civil War, while focusing on the key role blacks played in the clashes. Williams is chair of the fine arts department at Haverford College in Pennsylvania. The Gallery, located at One Seahawk Drive in North East, Md., is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For special appointments, call 410-287-1023.

LUNCHBOXX 6-9 p.m. down home back porch blues at Home Grown Café & Gourmet to Go, 126 East Main Street. Info., 266-

COMEDY CABARET 8 p.m. From ABC Comedy Special, the comedy and impressions of Pat O'Donnell; from Comedy Central Steve Zorbales; and radio personality Cathy Caldwell at Air Transport Command in New Castle. \$15 cover. Info., 652-6873.

WINTER WEEKENDS FOR FAMILIES Through March 14. Explore Brandywine River Museum with a "Museum Discovery Game." Visitors will receive a free copy of the "Family Guide: A Museum Activity Book." For info. and reservations, call 610-388-

BABY EXTRAVAGANZA Every Saturday in February. Noon-4 p.m. seminar with product demonstrations and tips on selecting furniture to help you make the baby's room extra cozy at Babies "R" Us on New Churchman's Road.

SUNDAY

KING KLEWLESS AND THE COBBLER'S **DAUGHTER** Musical performance of original production based on "The Cobbler and The Elves" created specially for children and families, by the Shoestring Productions of Brandywine Valley at The Rollins Center for Performing Arts of Saint Edmond's Academy, 2120 Veale Road, Wilmington. All seats \$5. Group rates available. Info. 762-0505.

■ MONDAY, FEB.16

LINE DANCING 1 p.m. beginner class; and 2 p.m. advanced class every Monday at Newark Senior Center. 737-2336.

WEDNESDAY

JOHN POLLARD 6-9 p.m. Local sing/songwriter from the Cole Younger Band at Home Grown Café & Gourmet to Go, 126 East Main Street. Info., 266-6993.

STORYTIME 4:30 p.m. indoor fireside story with a Park Ranger at Brandywine Creek State Park. \$1 per person. Preregistration strongly recommended. 368-6900.

TWO-PIANO RECITAL 8 p.m. musical entertainment featuring Marie-Christine

Delbeau and Julie Nishimura in Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. duPont Music Building, Amstel Ave. and Orchard Rd. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Info., call 831-2577.

THURSDAY

BEGINNER LINE DANCE 6 p.m. beginner classes at the Newark Senior Center. Info. 737-

LET'S DANCE CLUB 4 to 6 p.m. Thursdays. Bring partner and dance to DJ and Big Band Music at Newark Senior Center. Info., 737-2336. OKTOBERFEST Every Thursday. Special menus featuring German cuisine at Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant, 147 E. Main Street. For more info., call 266-9000.

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

FRIDAY, FEB. 13

SETON SENIORS 6-8 p.m. meeting with special guest Fritz Land from Conectiv in Gardiner Hall, Rt. 7, Bear. For info., call Ann Otteni at 834-8632. FAMILY & COMMUNITY 1 p.m. second

Fridays. Continuing education to promote better way of life at County Extension Office, South Chapel Street, Newark. New members welcome. Info. 738-4419

STRENGTH TRAINING Fridays and Mondays at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

■ SATURDAY, FEB. 14

CPR 9 a.m.-5 p.m. class at the Glasgow Medical Center, Suite 209, Newark. To register, call the Red Cross at 656-6620. LYME SUPPORT GROUP 10:30 a.m.

second Saturday of each month at the Kirkwood Highway Library. Info. 996-9065 or e-mail TLizzy@snip.net. RECYCLE ALUMINUM 9 a.m. to noon

second Saturday each month at Center for Creative Arts, off Route 82, Yorklyn. Anything except foil. Remove non-metal portions like glass or chair webbing. Call for house siding and large pickups at 239-2690 or 239-2434. MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. at Greater Grace Church, 30 Blue Hen Dr. \$5 dona-tion goes to missions. Info., 738-1530.

KARAOKE 8 p.m.-midnight every Saturday night at the American Legion of Elkton. No cover, all welcome. Info. 410-

DIVORCECARE Saturdays and Wednesdays. Separated/divorced persons meet at Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark. All welcome Info, 737-5040.

NATURE VIDEOS Every Saturday, 1 p.m. video and one-hour guided walk for all ages at Ashland Nature Center. All welcome. Info., 239-2334.

■ SUNDAY, FEB. 15

DELAWARE ACCORDION CLUB 2-5 p.m. open mic session at the Adria Cafe in the Newark Shopping Center. Open to the public. Info., 738-7378.

A PEACEFUL MIND IN A CHAOTIC WORLD 7-8:30 p.m. Buddhist Lecture Series.

Wilmington. To reserve your spot, call Mary Jane at 383-9340.

BALTIMORE ABLAZE Through October 31. 5000 foot exhibition illustrating the entire story of the Great Baltimore Fire in the Maryland Historical Society's new

Carey Center for Maryland Life. Info., 410-685-3750.

■ MONDAY, FEB.16

CAREER WORKSHOP 5:30 p.m. Five two-hour session workshops for individuals who want a more satisfying career at the Brandywine Center on Grubb Road in Wilmington. To register, call 475-1880,

NEW DIRECTIONS 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. support group for families, friends and persons with clinical and manic depres-sion at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Wilmington. For information, call Dolores at 286-1161 or June at 610-265-1594.

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

ESL Afternoon and evening classes for English Conversation held every Monday at Newark United Methodist Church, 69

East Main Street. Registration required.

SIMPLY JAZZERCIZE Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info., 737-2336.

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

NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15-7:30 p.m. every Monday at the Holiday Inn, Route 273, 453-8853.

GUARDIANS' SUPPORT 6-8 p.m. Mondays. Meeting for grandparents and all those raising others' children at Children & Families First, 62 N. Chapel St., Newark. Information and registration, 658-5177, ext. 260.

NCCo STROKE CLUB noon on Mondays

at the Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. For information, call Nancy Traub at 324-4444.

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. Mondays at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Avenue, Newark.Info. 368-2318.

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

NEWARK LIONS 6:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday of month. Lions meeting with program at the Holiday Inn, Newark

273/I-95 . Call Marvin Quinn at 731-

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 7 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Liberty Baptist Church, Red Lion Road, Bear. 838-2060. CAREGIVER SUPPORT 7 to 9 p.m. third

Tuesdays at Newark Senior Center, White Chapel Road, Newark. Free & open to public. Info. 737-2336.

NARFE 11 a.m. third Tuesday of month. Newark Chapter of National Association of Retired Federal Employees meets at the First State Diner & Restaurant, 1108 S. College Ave. Info. 731-1628 or at 836-

NEWARK DELTONES Every Tuesday. 7:45 p.m. For men who like to sing at NewArk Church of Christ, East Main Street. For more information, call Will at 368-3052.

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

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

SCRAPBOOKING 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays at Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church,

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

■ WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

DEFENSIVE DRIVING 6-9 p.m. class (second class held Feb. 25) sponsored by the Delaware Safety Council at the Del DOT office, Floyd I. Hudson Center, 501 Ogletown Rd. (between Bennigans and the Post Office) Upon successful completion. participants will be eligible for a minimum 10% reduction in the liability portion of their automobile insurance policy for a three year period. To register, call 654-

TOURETTE SYNDROME 7-9 p.m. support group meeting at Aldersgate United Methodist Church on Concord Pike.

C.H.A.D.D. 7:30 p.m. third Wednesday. Parent/Educator Support Group meeting to support the lives of people with attention disorders through education, advocacy, and support the third Tuesday of month at New Ark United Church of Christ, Main Street. 737-5063.

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD 7 p.m. third Wednesday of each month alterna between Bayard and Keene schools, For more information, call 454-2500, or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

CONSTITUENT MEETING 7 a.m. first and third Wednesdays of the month. Rep. Melanie George of the 5th District and Rep. John Viola of the 26th District will meet for morning coffee and discuss a wide variety of concerns with constituents at the Bob Evans Restaurant at Governor's Square in Bear.

CROHN'S AND COLITIS FOUNDATION 7:30 p.m. third Wednesdays. Wilmington Satellite Group meets at Christiana Hospital, Room 1100. Info. 764-5717.

BGCCCO MEETING 7 p.m. third Wednesdays. Bear Glasgow Council of Civic Organizations meets at Pencader Grange Hall, Glasgow Avenue/Old Route 896. 832-0793.

DIAMOND STATE CROCHETERS 6 p.m. Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Road. For information, call Ann at 324-

BINGO 12:45 p.m Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center. Lunch available for \$2.25/platter at 11:45 a.m. 737-2336.

DIVORCECARE 7 p.m. Separated/divorced persons meet at Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info. 737-3544.

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

NEWARK DELTONES 7-10 p.m. a Newark United Church of Christ, Main Street. Info. 737-4544.

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

FAMILY CIRCLES 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Newark Senior Center, 658-5177.

AT HOME MOTHERS CONNECTION 7:30 p.m. First and third Wednesdays. Meeting for moms only at St. Barnabas Church, Duncan Road. For more information, call Darlene Regan at 610-274-2165.

■ THURSDAY, FEB. 19

BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT 7 p.m. support neeting with special guest spea Kelli Martin from Easter Seals at Rockford Center, 100 Rockford Drive (near Christiana Hospital). For more info., call Margie Goodier at 378-3035.

NETWORKING MIXER 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Great Room in The Residences at Rodney Square. \$5 for New Castle County Chamber members, \$10 non-members. Info., 738-8450.

HOLISTIC HEALTH 7 p.m. third Thursdays. Workshop by certified natural health professional at Rainbow Books, Main Street, Newark. Free, preregistration required 368-7738

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AARP 1:30 p.m. third Thursdays. New Castle Chapter No. 4265 of AARP meets at the Weston Community and Senior Center, New Castle. 328-2830.

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

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EVENING YOGA 6:15 p.m. class to encourage relaxation and improve strength, bal-ance, and peace of mind. \$15 per month at Newark Senior Center. Info. 737-2336.

DIVORCECARE 7-8:30 p.m.

Separated/divorced persons meet at Southern Chester County YMCA, East Baltimore Pike, Jennersville, Pa. Childcare available; ages 7 and up get to swim. 610-869-2140

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

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

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Strings to perform

The Shue Strings of Shue-Medill Middle School and the Newark High School orchestras will present a joint "Orchestrated Performance" on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. in the auditorium of Newark High School. Admission is free. Ninety student musicians from four orchestral ensembles will perform classical works by Vivaldi, Brahms and Mozart as well as popular selections and international folk melodies. The concert will feature a work for three string ensembles which will include orchestra members from Bayard, Drew-Pyle, Downes and Wilson elemen-tary schools.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

AMES JOHNSON, a fourth grader at Leasure Elementary School, was selected by Principal Linda Ochenrider and staff as this week's Student of the Week. In addition to being a hard

working student. James always gets his homework turned in on time and completes classroom assign-



Johnson

ments. He follows school and classroom rules and is a great role model for all students. He gives extra effort for everything he does.

Happy new year?

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

APPY Chinese New Year. It's the year of the monkey. But there is no monkeying around when it comes to local students learning about the Chinese holiday.

Students at two elementary schools in the Christina School District recently integrated their academic studies with lessons about the dragon and Chinese customs.

At Downes School, under the direction of music teacher Joe Ambrosino, all third graders learn to play the recorder. Each student must learn to play a melody in the Chinese style as well as an "ostinato" accompaniment. The students who passed their music test participated in the New Year parade that went through the hallways.

The parade consisted of musicians, some playing recorders and some playing Asian style percussion instruments. The chimes used were recycled metal from a volleyball net. In addition to the instrumentalists, some students danced inside a dragon constructed from recycled fabrics, old Styrofoam and remnants of carpet. Other decorations included a sign with Chinese characters wishing prosperity and health, lanterns and ribbons.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Second graders at Wilson School celebrated Chinese New Year with a catered luncheon of typical Chinese fare and received red envelopes. Red is a lucky color in China. It is traditional to give a red enve-

"The dragon parade is symbolic of many Asian cultures, bringing good luck blessings and scaring away evil spirits, which I teach as 'bad feelings,'" said Ambrosino. "I feel this is less frightening to the younger students." The dragon parade ties together parts of the music program where students learn to play instruments, move to music,

study beat patterns and other | music fundamentals.

At Wilson School, the Chinese New Year was a two-week unit that wove together language arts, math and social studies. The goal of the unit for second graders was to appreciate a culture that was different, and yet similar to their own. Of the 560 students at Wilson, 9 percent, or 50 of them are of Asian background.

The students compared Lon Po Po, a Chinese version of Little Red Riding Hood, to their own familiar story and completed a math activity with tangrams based on the story Grandfather Tang's Story. Tangrams are Chinese puzzles made up of a square, triangles and a rhomboid

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Fewer boo-boos at recess time

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

OR many children the favorite part of the school day is recess, but that can also be one of the worst times for getting hurt or getting sent to the office.

Thanks to a recently acquired grant, students at McVey Elementary School can look forward to well marked game activities on their playground this spring that will help reduce accidents and referrals.

A nationally renowned education program, Teaching Tolerance, awarded a \$1,100 grant to McVey's PTA to implement a peaceful play-ground project that is designed to provide children with motivation to get involved in games and purposeful play, thus cutting down on playground confronta-McVey counselor Mary Cullen applied for the grant on behalf of the PTA.

The grant was awarded because of a newly formed school health council that had identified recess risks as a major issue at McVey. The group collaborated with the PTA for ways to create more cooperative play and promote healthy interaction during recess.
"There are 125 kids at

recess at any one time," said Cullen.

"Impulsivity is one of the biggest drawbacks at this age. They get so excited. They don't stop, wait and think."

The grant will pay for The Peaceful

Playgrounds Program, which includes blueprints, paint and related equipment for games such as hopscotch and four-square that will be painted on the playground blacktop. The games will be distributed evenly throughout the play area so a maximum number of children can play at one time. A packet for training the teachers in conflict resolution is also

included.

PTA president Mindy Cox anticipates a reduction in play-ground accidents.

"It will give the kids more focus, a purpose during recess," said Cox. And the children can also begin policing each other by reminding each other of the rules of the games, she said.

In a survey done by Peaceful Playgrounds, there is approximately 68 percent decrease in playground injuries, confrontations and bullying as a result of having more structured activities available. Visits to the school nurse decrease by 55 percent. There is an 83 percent increase in students using conflict resolution strategies and participation in games.

St. Mark's wins grants

THREE "Excellence in Education" grants from MBNA Foundation have recently been awarded to St. Mark's High School to support special programs in math, science and social studies.

The math department will purchase supplies to set up a math lab, complete with a calculator-based learning device, graphing calculators, motion detectors and additional sensors. "Math In Motion" will give the students hand-on experiences analyzing,

Lunch ends cultural fest

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that can be combined to form a variety of shapes.

One Chinese parent visited the classes and shared his own childhood experiences of growing up in China.

The culmination was a catered luncheon by a local Chinese restaurant, with chicken rice soup, egg rolls, pork fried rice, chicken lo mein and fortune cookies.

Every child left with chopsticks and a lucky red envelope. Extra food was donated to area shelters. graphing and interpreting reallife data.

The science program involves an exchange with 20 students from Italy, with both the St. Mark's and Italian students researching their local aquatic environments. They will present their findings when the Italian students visit here in March 2004. St. Mark's students participating in the program, "Two Continents: One Water," will travel to Italy in spring 2005.

The history program, "Architechnology," will purchase digital cameras, posters, videos and teaching guides to help students document different architectural periods and styles. Students will learn how to use digital cameras and make Power Point presentations following field trips.

Montessori award

The Newark Montessori Center for Learning received the fifth annual Governor's Award for Excellence in Early Care and Education at a ceremony held in Dover.

Gov. Ruth Ann Minner said, "You are providing them with a firm educational foundation that will benefit them for a lifetime."

The preschool was nominated for the award by parents of former and current students.



NEW CENTURY CLUB CONTEST WINNERS

Winners in the New Century Club poster contest "Caring" show off their certificates of recognition. Pictured are, from left, contest judges Lynn Schulz and Pegi Burkert, Taisija Perry, Alyson Keene, Taylor Lackford and Lauren Biddle. The students attend Newark Charter School.

Marilyn Tokarsky, head of the school, accepted the award.

The Montessori Center for Learning was established by Carol Boyd in 1978 and taken over by Tokarsky in 1987. The Montessori Center is

The Montessori Center is located in the First Presbyterian Church at 292 W. Main St. The preschool offers classes for ages two and one half to five. For information, call 292-2533.

Preschool 35 years old

Newark Cooperative Preschool is celebrating 35 years of providing a unique program to preschoolers and their families in the Newark/Bear/Elkton area. In celebration, the school will be creating a "wall of fame." Former and current families may purchase a pre-decorated tile or join the school on Saturday, Feb. 21 to decorate their own tile. The tiles

will then form a border and wall in the classroom.

Enrollment for the 2004-05 school year begins on Feb. 15, with a two-day per week program for three year-olds and a three-day per week program for four year olds.

The school is located in the New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St.

For information, call 368-0178.







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Great gifts offer creature comforts

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History Channel.com, one legend says he was a priest who defied the emperor and performed marriages for young lovers in secret. When he was imprisoned, St. Valentine fell in love with his jailor's daughter and wrote her a letter before his death, signing it "From your Valentine." Hence,

the beginning of the card indus-

Another legend Valentine's Day is celebrated in February to commemorate the saint's death. In ancient Rome, February was the official beginning of spring and was considered a time for purification. Houses were ritually cleaned by sweeping them out and then sprinkling the floors with salt and wheat.

Gentlemen, if you really want to impress your modern day sweetheart on Valentine's Day, forget the broom and box of salt and simply spend a little time

pampering your loved one.

Mary Konwinski, public relations officer for Blood Bank of Delaware, said she would love to



Happy Harry's, on Main Street, has a wide selection of candy in the traditional heart-shaped boxes. Kelly Smith said, "Valentine's Day will be insane. People will be four deep at the counters." The heart boxes are 25 percent off through Saturday.

have someone else run all those little annoying errands for just one weekend.

A seaweed wrap, massage, facial, manicure and pedicure at a day spa would be perfect for travagent Donna Friswell, of Charlie B Travels.

Fiona Tresolini, wife of sports writer Kevin, would appreciate a simple date with her husband. Since he travels so much, Fiona would like the simple gift of time, without the kids tagging along.

Betsy Manglass, a retired public health nurse, is tired of pam-pering others and would like a surprise stay at a bed and breakfast. But it has to have eggs on the menu.

Even the male counterparts appreciate a little tender loving care on this sacred day.

Vance Funk III, local attorney and mayoral candidate, would like a Hotel DuPont Romance package: a stay for two, with champagne, bubble bath, chocolates and a rose, waking up to a continental breakfast fit for a king and his queen.

But if pampering is not enough and the red roses, gooey chocolates and sparkling jewelry are preferred, you still have one more day to do your shopping.

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- Robin Broomall



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Reservoir contractor wants more talks

By DARREL W. COLE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE attorney for the contractor hired to build the city's 318-gallon reservoir has asked that the Newark City Council reconsider its Feb. 2 decision to terminate the \$9.68 million contract, according to City Manager Carl Luft.

Luft said he received the call from Donald M. Durkin Contracting of Pennsylvania the day after the council's action. However, as of press time Wednesday, Feb. 11, Luft said the city has received no further formal letter or other communication from Durkin.

"In the interest of good faith we will listen to them if they want," Luft said. "But we've not heard anything since then."

In light of that, Luft said the city will stick by its decision to terminate and has begun drafting bid specifications for a new contract that would finish the last 30 percent of the \$15-million reservoir project.

The council terminated the contract because Durkin did not agree with the city and its consultants about how the remaining construction should proceed, city officials said. There had been disagreements about how the remaining liner in the reservoir should be installed, and that, along with problem weather, pushed back completion from late last year, to early this year, to now the end of the year.

Newarkers Perry, Styles honored

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knew exactly when we were coming home."

Guardsmen singled out

Meanwhile, nearly 300 airmen of the Air National Guard were honored at the annual Enlisted Recognition Banquet Saturday, Feb. 7, and Newark resident Charles Perry Jr., a senior airman, was named Airman of the Year.

Perry is an aeromedical evacuation technician in the Medical Aircrew Training section, 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadran. Perry was singled out for being part of a crew that flew 25 patient evacuation missions while on his 90-day tour in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. As a member of the community, Perry is involved in many fundraising events, including Bike-to-the-Bay.

In addition, Master Sgt. Robert Styles of Newark was recognized along with others for

In addition, Master Sgt. Robert Styles of Newark was recognized along with others for having graduated from the Community College of the Air Force last year. Styles is with the 166th Mission Support Flight.

Luft and other council members said they are determined to get the taxpayer-approved project complete, and will not waste time going over disputes that have already been debated with Durkin

"We are on a tight schedule and we want this done and finished," Luft said. "We are serious. We can't mess around and spend three or four more months waiting."

The project is about 70 percent complete, city officials said, and if nothing can be worked out quickly with Durkin new bids for the remainder of the work could be voted on by the end of this month or early March.

The reservoir is being constructed along Old Paper Mill









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State title chases a sure cure for Winter

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

If there are dog days in winter, these are it.

Thankfully, though, state tournaments are right around the corner. The first will take place Wednesday when the Division I and Division II wrestling dual meet state championships will be decided at Delaware State University.

St. Mark's will once again bea contender for the Division I

crown. The Spartans were beaten by Caesar Rodney in last year's championship match. CR, once again,



Valania will be St. Mark's toughest

The Riders will enter the tournament as favorites to repeat, but don't count out the Spartans.

The conference championship tournaments will follow next weekend and the individual state tournament will be Feb. 27-28.

The inddor track state championship will be held next week at the Univeersity of Delaware Fieldhouse.

The state swimming championships will also be held the last weekend of the month.

The state basketball tournaments will follow closely behind the rest.

The second part of January and the first half of February is always the toughest period of the sports year to get through.

Fortunately, the end is

There is nothing quite like the winter post-season. Spring is in the air and some of the best competition of the entire high school sports year takes place.

Newark boys lose to William Penn

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Guard Chaz Ortiz scored 19 points, and center Joe Griffey added 15 more, to lead William Penn to a 68-53 victory over Flight A Conference rival Newark, Tuesday night in New

The Colonials, winners of seven out of their last eight games, including a 41-40 upset victory over highly-ranked St. Mark's on Saturday, improved their overall record to 11-7, and

in conference. The Yellowjackets slipped to 5-12, and 3-9 in Flight A

Newark's poor shooting from the field, and numerous turnovers throughout the game made a big difference in the game's out-

With about 4:30 left in the Newark trailed 51-45. William Penn then scored nine straight points to put the contest out of reach.

In the fourth quarter, the Jackets shot 11-14 from the free throw line, but failed to connect on any shots away from the charity stripe. On the night, the team shot well under 50 percent from the field.

Penn coach Steve DiGennaro said he was glad to beat a conference opponent.

"I don't think we played very well tonight. My expectations may have been too high for this team coming off the big win on Saturday, but we got outside of ourselves and that disappointed me, because I feel we're getting hot at the right time," he said.

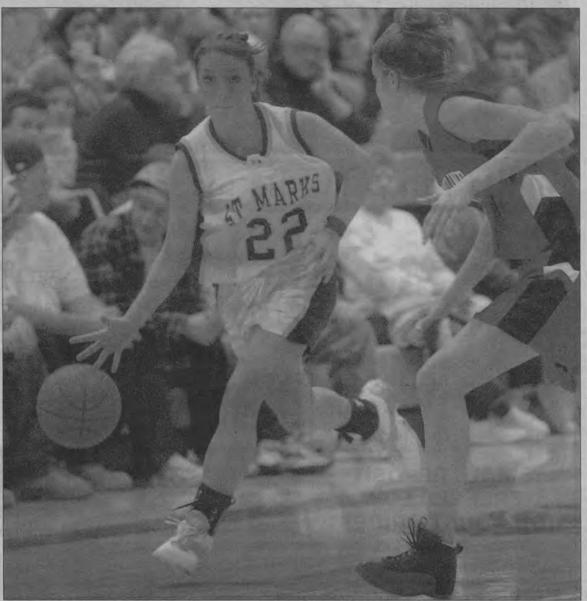
Newark only trailed by one as the first quarter came to a close, but a technical foul resulted in two more points for the Colonials and a 19-16 lead. The free throws were part of a 10-0 run by Penn that stretched into the second period, and rebuilt their lead by nine points.

Later In the second quarter, Terrence Williams had the hot hand, scoring six points down the stretch to keep the Jackets close 32-26, at the half.

DiGennaro said his team should have played better during the game.
"I felt we didn't handle their

See NEWARK, 17 ▶

St. Mark's falls to Ursuline



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

Alyssa Hertsenberg drives by Elena Delledonne to score during the Spartans' game against the Raiders last week at St. Mark's High.

But Spartans rebound to beat Seaford

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The St. Mark's girls basketball team had an up and down week, playing very well, but losing to top-ranked Ursuline 42-36 Thursday night, but rebounding to defeat non-conference oppo-nent Seaford 48-37 Saturday afternoon at home.

The Raiders played intense

defense and eventually outscored the Lady Spartans 8-2 in the fourth quarter to earn the victory and improve their record to 11-3. This was Ursuline's first victory over St. Mark's in several

The Spartans jumped out to a first period 13-9 lead against Catholic Conference Ursuline, behind the play of seniors Jenna Logan, Andrea Hochstuhl and Alyssa Hertensberg.

But eventually the Raiders used their height advantage to limit St. Mark's to only four points in the second quarter, and take a 24-17 lead into the locker room at halftime. Ursuline junior Sarah Williams dominated the first half by scoring 15 of her game-high 19 points.

St. Mark's regained their poise, and shooting touch in the third quarter, behind the clutch shooting Logan Hertsenberg.

See SPARTANS, 17 ▶

Romanczuk named state's Athlete of the Year

Former high school and Little League star excelling at Stanford

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

He's now known as the "Friday Night Guy" on campus and in the locker room, and as a pitcher for the Stanford University baseball team, that's a very good label to own.

Stanford's new "Friday Night Guy" is 20-year-old Mark Romanczuk, from the Newark area, and a 2002 graduate of St. Mark's High School.

He also pitched very successfully in the Newark National Little League program as a youth.

Romanczuk is a tough, lefthander power pitcher with a 90plus mile-per-hour fastball, and a wicked curve ball. He's only in his second season, but now is considered the ace of the Cardinal mound staff.

"I'm ready to be a team leader this year," said Romanczuk in a recent interview from his Stanford dormitory. "The coaching staff now has a lot of belief in me, but I also know I have a lot of responsibility to my teammates, after pitching for a full season,'

He finished last season with an impressive 12-2 record, one of the best in the nation. After starting the season in the Cardinal bullpen, where he recorded several saves, Romanczuk was elevated to the starting rotation, where he didn't lose a game until the College World Series. The Cardinal fell to Rice in the national championship game.

Romanczuk said one of the biggest differences between high school and college ball was the amount of innings he was required to pitch.

"In my senior year, I pitched about 70-75 innings, including playoffs, but last season I pitched about 150 innings for Stanford,"

Romanczuk is an Economics major in school, and said it's not easy balancing academics with a baseball career. He and his fellow pitchers start off each day with a distance run at 7:30 AM, before heading to classes, and then practice later in the day.

But I also organize my day to save plenty of time for studying in order to keep up my grades," he said.

Stanford is currently 3-0 on the season after opening the 2003-2004 season against in-Cal-State rival Fullerton. Romanczuk was the opening night starter and winner, going five innings in the Cardinal 16-3 victory.

"I have higher expectations for myself this season," said Romanczuk. "I hope to keep my team in every game I play, and I hope to pitch well during the entire season and post season.

He's received numerous honors for his achievements on the baseball diamond. Recently, Romanczuk was named the state's "Athlete of the Year" for 2003 by the Delaware Sports Writers and Broadcasters Association.

"It's a great honor to receive this award, and to be remembered back home where I started my career. It's greatly appreciated.'

Blue Hen men win and ther tight game over

10th game decided by three points or less or in overtime

Mike Ames hit a three-pointer with two seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime and Delaware connected on four free throws with 28 seconds remaining in the extra session as the Blue Hens posted a thrilling 80-76 Colonial Athletic Association men's basketball win over Towson Saturday afternoon at the Bob Carpenter Center.

Delaware (13-8, 7-5 CAA) continued its string of tight contests as the game marked the Blue Hens' 10th game decided by three points or less or in overtime this season. Towson (6-15, 3-9 CAA), which lost its sixth straight game, lost its 16th, straight conference road games dating back to the 2001-02 season. The game was the 50th meeting between the longtime rivals with the Hens winning for the 15th time in the last 18 meetadvantage to 32-18.

Blue Hen junior forward

Robin Wentt posted his second consecutive double-double with 16 points and a career-high 18 rebounds, the most rebounds by a UD player since Greg Smith pulled down 21 vs. Vermont on Jan. 12, 1997. Ames also added 16 points for the Hens while guards Mike Slattery, David Lunn, and Rulon Washington all added 10 points with Washington also hauling in 10 rebounds off the bench.

Despite shooting just 36 percent from the field (11 of 30) in the first half, the Hens built a 38-29 halftime lead and stayed in

front until Towson's Jonathan Pease connected on a three-pointer to tie the game at 54-54 with 6:26 remaining in regulation, capping an 11-4 Tiger run.

Towson later broke a 57-57 tie with a 6-0 run as Gilchrist and Derrick Goode converted layups and Green hit on two free throws with 2:17 left to take a 63-57 advantage. But the Hens, as they have done so often this season. rallied back in the final moments. Washington connected on a three-pointer and Wentt scored inside to tie the game at 64-64 with 1:03 remaining. Hamm gave Towson the lead back with a jumper and the Tigers led by three when Gilchrist converted two free throws with 18 seconds remaining.

ings and upping its all-time

St. Mark's notches seventh win of season

► SPARTANS, from 16

The Spartans doubled their first half points to pull even with Ursuline at 34-34 with eight minutes remaining.

In the final quarter, both teams played rugged defense, but Ursuline went on top to stay after a basket by 8th-grade star Elena Delldonne, who scored 13 points for the Raiders.

coach George Spartan Chellew said he felt his team matched up well with their taller

opponents.
"We were aggressive all night, and I thought our defense played very well for most of the game," he said. "We had a real nice crowd and an exciting game for them to watch tonight.

In Saturday's matchup against Seaford, the Lady Spartans found the range early and a swarming defense kept the Lady Blue Jays under control in building a 23-14 halftime lead.

The third quarter was marked by tight defenses by both teams, as St. Mark's outscored Seaford 8-6 before the scorers took over in the final period.

Both teams knocked home 17 points in the fourth quarter, the Spartans hung on for their seventh victory of the season against eight losses.

Logan scored 16 points for the Spartans, while Hertensberg and Michelle Doherty added 10 points each.

Jackets beaten by Colonials

NEWARK, from 16

press very well, we just turned the ball over too many times tonight," he said. "I'm sure we'll see more pressure now at the end of the season."

After a seesaw battle through much of the third period, William Penn again regained the momen-tum and built up a double-digit lead to 46-36. In a wild fourth quarter, Penn outscored Newark 22-17 to finish off the victory.
Steve Williams was the top

scorer for Newark with 14 points, while Terrence Williams added 12, and Johnson Cartier chipped in with 10 points.

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Boys that cannot make registration can send a self addressed stamped envelope to Newark Youth Lacrosse Club, 11 Morning Glen Lane, Newark, DE 19711. Boys contact information: phone: 737-9087. Email: NYLC84@aol.com.

Super Soccer Saturdays

The Newark Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring Super Soccer Saturdays between March 27 and April 24 from 9 – 10:30 a.m. at Handloff Park for kids ages 6-9. Registration is on-going. Fees are \$20 for Newark residents, \$25 for non-residents. For more informa-

tion, call 366-7060.

Youth baseball

The City of Newark will be sponsoring t-ball and baseball for boys and girls. T-ball is for ages 6-7. Colt baseball using a pitching machine is for ages 8-9. Leagues emphasize sportsmanship, participation and the fundamentals of the game.

Practices begin the week of March 15. Games begin the week of April 19. Each team plays or practices twice weekly.

Registration is on-going. Fees are \$34 for Newark residents, \$39 for non-residents. For more information, call 366-7060.

Soccer camps

The Newark Department of Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with the Soccer Academy, will present week-long day camps and half-day camps for kids ages 5-13.

The camps are designed to be fun for the players as they learn the techniques and tactics of the sport.

Day camp hours are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for ages 7-13. Half-day camp is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 5-7. Fees for the day camp are \$165 for residents, \$170 for non-residents. Fees for the half-

day camp are \$130 for Newark residents and \$135 for non-residents. Camps run June 21-25 and Aug. 9-13 at Downes Elementary. For more information, call 366-7060.

Youth softball

The City of Newark is sponsoring a youth ponytail softball league for girls ages 10-13 and a senior softball league for girls ages 13-17. Practices begin the week of March 15, games begin the week of April 19. Fees are \$34 for Newark residents, \$39 for non-residents. For more information, call 366-7060.

Newark American Little League

Newark American Little League has held its registration already. For more information, call 368-8026 or go to

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Midway Softball signups

Midway Softball will hold registration for girls ages 5-18 on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Harmony Grange on Limestone Rd. For more information, contact Patty at 302-494-5450.

Bear Babe Ruth holds softball registration

Bear Babe Ruth has held its softball registration for girls ages 7-16. There will be opportunities to sign up for recreation teams or travel teams. There will also be three divisions of play - minor, major and senior. For more information, please call Joe Furness at 323-0407.

Parks and Rec. offers fee assistance

Newark Parks and Recreation is committed to providing recreational opportunities to everyone. For this reason, a fee assistance program is available for qualifying individuals (youth and adult) to aid in the expense of its recreation programs. All inquiries and requests are strictly confidential.

For more information, please contact Joe Spadafino, recreation superintendent at 366-7060.



302-454-2836

Fans, students, team relive '03 season

RALLY, from 5

Biden said he came to UD in 1961 as "a half-baked halfback." While he didn't play on a championship team at UD, Biden said it was thrilling to watch the Hens throughout the 2003 season.

"This is a classy football team that we can be proud of on and off the field," Biden said. He went on to invite the team to a reception with members of the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C.

Delaware Gov. Ruth Ann Minner told the players and fans that they "put the First State on the map."

After describing a recent visit by Coach Keeler and the team at Woodburn, the official governor's residence in Dover, Minner described the athletes and coaches as "the cream of the crop."

"I look forward to going to another championship game again this year," Minner said. Mayor Godwin introduced

Mayor Godwin introduced Newark High School's football coach, Butch Simpson, and three of the team's co-captains—P.J. Lloyd, Dan Perkins and Jon Lanouette—who attended the event. It was NHS' sixth state title in seven years.

title in seven years.

When trophies won this season were brought on stage, UD senior defensive back Mike Adams reminded the audience that this was a defense that only

allowed an average of 15 points per regular season contest and that held its opponents in four playoff games to a minuscule 23 total points.

As video clips chronicled the UD defensive heroics, the audience cheered and rose to its feet.

"I would like to thank all the players and the fans and the coaches," Adams said. "Did we dominate the defense this year or not?"

For senior offensive lineman Jason Nerys, the most exciting moment of the championship season came when the goalpost came down during the final moments of the 24-9 semi-final win over Wofford College on Dec. 13.

"That's the game where they brought out all those big horses so you couldn't get to the goalposts, but you did," Nerys said.

Senior quarterback Andy Hall noted that the offense also played a large part.

"Don't forget who put those 143 points up on the board during the playoffs," Hall said. "I also have to thank the fans, because without them, it's nothing. The two years I have been at Delaware have been the best of my life. I would like to thank you all for this."

After the players and Blue Hen coaching staff were recognized, it was head coach K.C. Keeler's turn. Keeler reviewed the second half of the season, beginning with the come-from-behind victory 21-17 victory over a resurgent Navy squad at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis on Oct. 25.

"I think it all started with the Navy game," Keeler said. "We were down 14-0, but we didn't panic. When we scored just before the end of the half, we went into the locker room knowing that the game was ours."

Keeler said fans made many away games feel like home games.

"There were 12,500 people at

the Villanova game, and 8,000 of them were ours," Keeler said. "When we came on the field in Tennessee, it felt like a home game because all our fans were there."

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Disney World also offers romantic getaways for couples celebrating Valentine's Day, from a private yacht rental along Seven Seas Lagoon to a Valentine's Day dinner at the Hollywood Brown Derby at Disney-MGM Studios.

For more information on Disney weddings, call (407) 828-3400; for the yacht rental, call (407) 824-2439; for the MGM dinner, call (407) WDW-DINE.

Irip tips

DEOPLE may be traveling less, but they are still traveling _ some to visit family or to a nearby town for a getaway weekend. Meanwhile, business travelers

are still going to wherever an important meeting or convention is taking place.

With shorter vacations and endless airline restrictions, smart packing is more important than ever. Here are 10 smart packing tips to ensure that each and every trip will be hassle-free, at least regarding your luggage.

Plan ahead

Know what type of weather to expect and what your activities might be, then pack the right clothes for the climate and your events.

Pack less

Expect to wear each clothing item more than once. Choose versatile pieces that can be worn in different combinations so you don't get bored.

Pack a 'go-anywhere' wardrobe

This means taking clothes that blend in with the local population and provide safety from those who target tourists. For instance: modest necklines for women; long pants or skirts; shirts with a collar and sleeves; and comfortable

Pack easy-care clothes you love

To ensure that you will look and feel great on your trip, choose clothes from your closet that still appear fresh at the end of a long day. If things wrinkle at home, they will wrinkle while traveling.

Comfortable shoes

You will not have a good time if your feet hurt. Three pairs of shoes are the maximum for most trips: one to

wear and two to pack. Include good-looking and comfortable walking shoes or sandals, more dressed-up shoes for dinner and social events and sport or athletic shoes.

Choose the right bag for the trip

Structured bags with wheels protect the contents and offer independence in airports, while bags without wheels and without structure are generally easier to squish into small places, such as in the trunk of a car.

Know current luggage rules

To avoid additional fees and confusion at the airport, understand how many pieces of luggage may be checked, plus the maximum dimensions and allowable weight for each bag. Call your airline or check www.smartpacking.com for the latest information.

Pack smart

Group small items in seethrough containers or selfsealing plastic bags to make locating them easier. Take less or pack two bags to speed the security check process as an overstuffed bag takes longer to check manually and is more difficult to repack.

Travel light

Two smaller bags are usually easier to manage than one larger bag. Wheels are an asset on smooth terrain, but you must still be able to carry your bag on rough streets and up steep flights of stairs.

Take a lock

Today's airport security requires luggage to be unlocked, but pack a lock so you can secure your bag when you leave your room. However, leave valuables at home, as there is really no safe place for them when trav-



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Mobile home evictions on hold, judge rules

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NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ESIDENTS of Waterford mobile home community in Bear, and several other such communities in Delaware, will not have to immediately vacate their homes as the mobile home property owners had ordered, according to a recent ruling by Sussex County Superior Court Judge T. Henley Graves.

The ruling is the latest in a two-year legal battle between Chicago-based Manufactured Home Communities - which owns the land that houses seven mobile home communities in New Castle and Sussex counties — and the State Attorney General's Office. Typically, ten-ants own the mobile homes but lease or rent the property from MHC

In the fall of 2001, MHC sent notices to some of the 700 tenants affected regarding new renewal leases and new terms which the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit contended were in violation of the Delaware Mobile Home Lot and Leases Act. MHC also advised it intended to raise lot rent in excess of certain rent cap provisions contained in many of its leases, according to Attorney General M. Jane Brady.

State law provides that unlike apartment leases, which can be terminated by the landlord at the end of the lease term, mobile home lot leases renew automatically every term, and cannot be unilaterally terminated or changed by the park owner,

Brady said.

After negotiations, MHC agreed to cease issuing the "new" renewal leases, and replace already issued renewal leases with a corrected form. However, four months after entering into the agreement, MHC asked the a judge to rule that these disputed business practices, including its stated intention to eliminate its rent caps, were legal, Brady said.

On August 29 Judge Graves sided with the state and also ruled that MHC was prohibited by law from modifying any existing mobile home leases.

Graves' recent ruling allows

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tenants who refuse to pay the lot rent increases to remain on the properties until the state Supreme Court rules on the matter.

His ruling: Preserved MHC's ability to send default notices beginning this month to tenants

who have not paid the increased rent; delayed MHC's ability to initiate eviction action until April; delayed MHC's ability to take possession of any lots until the Supreme Court has ruled on the rent cap issue.

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MIXED MEDIA: Mask Making/132	3/13-3/27	11 am-1 pm
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DRAWING: Drawing 11/139	5/1-5/29	1-2:30 pm
PAINTING: Intro/140	3/6-4/17	1-2:30 pm
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Knarr joins **Lums Pond as** volunteer chief

Bill Knarr has joined Lums Pond State Park as volunteer through coordinator AmeriCorps State Park Partner program.

This is Knarr's second year of AmeriCorps service. He worked in 2002-2003 with Volunteer Maryland at the Cecil County Red Cross in Elkton, where he helped to establish a Youth Corp.

For the 10 years previous to joining AmeriCorps, Knarr was employed as a news director, most recently at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

He received a Media Award for community-focused programming with the state of Maryland.

Knarr, a resident of Bear, is currently working on his masters degree in public administration at Wilmington College.

Bossert inducted into honor society

Blake Bossert was inducted into the Delcastle Chapter of the National Honor Society in November. Bossert is the son of Ellen Bossert of Newark. He is a senior studying general construc-

Melody Meadows elects officers

Melody Meadows Civic Association, located in Glasgow, has elected the following new officers for 2004: Breakiron, president; Mike Brown, vice president; Jill Margherita, treasurer; and Annette Hickman, secretary.

Anderson receives religion scholarship

Newark resident Kathryn A. Anderson, a senior religious studies major at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania, has received the Religion Scholarship.

The college, which was founded in 1899, is located in Lancaster County near the worldfamous Hershey, Pa.,

Karate Studio students compete

Eighty-three area martial artists, ages 6 to 16, competed at an in-house karate tournament at American Karate Studios. First place winners were: Clement Ng (11), Dan Fahey (13), Ann Marie Fitch (12), Sydney Spicer (8), Dan Buri (11), Ethan White (8), Kyle Schweizer (7), Dan Favuzza (10), Erin Yatzus (9), Melanie Kasey (11), Katie Yatzus (13), Barkley Powell (10), Rory Greever (9), and Tomasz Szostek

The first place winners in the kempo techniques were: Lauren Lynch (7), Benjamin Start (7), Marissa Thompson (7), Kenny Rader (8), Kyle Butkiewicz (10), and Jordan Tibbels (11).

Sparring division winners were: Francis Fish (9), Tyler Prusisz (10), Ryan Schmidt (12), Joshua Epps Forst (7), Bryce Hoffman (9), Dan Favuzza (10), Al Grandell (10), Shannon Johnson (12), Evan Allen (13), Brian Haraida (12), James Lagasse (11), Matthew Schmitt (12), and Richard Clark (13).

Paige Guilfoyle receives scholarship

Paige C. Guilfoyle of Newark, first-year student Elizabethtown College



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Newark Mayor Hal Godwin, left, shares a laugh with Dover Mayor James Hutchison, right, during the Jan. 23 ceremony when Godwin took over as president of the Delaware League of Local Governments. Hutchison was the former president.

Lancaster, Pa., has received a merit scholarship. Guilfoyle received the dean's scholarship. She is an undecided major.

Dispenziere named to dean's list

Jamie Dispenziere of Newark was recently named to the dean's list at The Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga.

Dispenziere is the daughter of Karl Dispenziere and Joanne Dispenziere of Newark.

Hendrix joins **Fort Delaware**

Bear resident Kathryn Hendrix has joined Fort Delaware State Park for her second year of AmeriCorps service, after working in White Clay Creek State Park and Lums Pond State Park last year.

Hendrix is part of the State Park Partners program, which places members in parks throughout the state to hire, train and supervise volunteers.

Hendrix's goals for the park this year are to develop more community service programs in the state. This includes working closely with larger corporations in the Delaware City area to encourage them to support community service projects.

Ulbrich elected

State Rep. Stephanie Ulbrich (Newark South) has been elected as the vice-chair of a regional council that advises the legislators, educational policy makers and governors of 16 states.

Ulbrich, who also serves as the vice-chair of the Education Committee in the Delaware State House of Representatives, noted that Delaware is farther along the reform process than many other

Locals win young musicians contest

The following area residents were awarded prizes in the Delaware Contest for Young Musicians: Genia Maslov; flutist, Rachel Maclary of Newark; pianists Grace Chou and Paul Orlov, soprano Monica Farmer, a University of Delaware student; and countertenor Augustine Mercante, a University of Delaware student. Prize-winners are invited to join the Delaware Classical Showcase artists roster, through which they receive performance coaching and opportunities.



New officers

Two Newark residents were among 33 graduates of the Delaware Department Correction's eight-week training program in December.

Emmanuel W. Duo, pictured above left, and Shelton Hargrave are assigned to work at the Baylor Women's Correctional Institution and the Multi-Purpose Criminal Justice Facility, respectively.

At the graduation ceremony the cadets took the oath of office and received assignments before family, friends and DOC officials at the Department's Administrative headquarters in Dover.

Plummer named

Newark resident Melissa Plummer, a senior majoring in bioengineering in the L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science in Syracuse University, has been named to the 2003-04 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Wik earns degree

John Wik has earned a bachelor's degree in biology from West Virginia University, and a master's degree in marine science from the University of Delaware.

Wik serves on the Board of Directors for the Port of Wilmington, and the Delaware Financial Advisory Council.

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Details, Christina board okay expected March 9

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to investigate the feasibility of a secondary school in Wilmington and the possibility of changing feeder patterns. After more than 30 hours of meetings, the 10member committee arrived at a vision for the district which was presented to the board in January and to the public in six different

meetings throughout the district.

The recommendations

Relocate district administration offices and support services to Drew/Pyle School in Wilmington, allowing those students to choose another school in the district. Combining all administrative operations in one site would improve organization-

al effectiveness.
This would allow the NETworks program in job training for special education students to move into the 83 E. Main Street building, so it would have its own building, own school and storefront.

Redesign Christina high schools to achieve high levels of academic excellence

Newark High School would be



FILE PHOTO

Wise

considered for a school-within-aschool site for Visual and Performing Arts in 2005-06.

Christiana High School would be considered for a site for a and Culinary Hospitality Institute, with direct connections to the Hotel DuPont, implementation in 2005-06.

Glasgow High would be considered as a site for an International Baccalaureate Programme with a pilot in 2005 and implementation in 2006. This is an advanced college placement program that must be approved by the Geneva, Switzerland officiating body.

A new high school would be considered for Wilmington, known as Gilliam Prep.

Grade configurations would be expanded to minimize the number of transitions for students between schools, bringing fifth graders back to certain elementary schools that are able to accommodate them in the 2004-05 year.

The staff will research the feasibility of establishing sixth grade teams in Gauger-Cobbs, Kirk and Shue-Medill middle schools, making them sixth, seventh and eighth grade schools.

Convert the entire district

to a new grade configuration for the 2005-06 or 2006-07 school year by having elementary schools be prekindergarten to grade five or kindergarten to grade five schools.

Middle school would include grades six, seven and eight.

The current intermediate schools (four, five and six) would be dissolved.

Wise said this would slow down the number of transitions students need to make during their school years.

Replace the traditional feeder pattern and attendance boundary structure with an expanded full-option Choice

Expand bilingual program to Brader Elementary School on Four Seasons Parkway.

■ Establish expanded three and four-year-old programs at three elementary schools for the 2005-06 school year.

Pursue assuming Colonial School District's portion of Wilmington, the Riverside neighborhood area. This would give Christina the current Martin Luther King Elementary School building that can be utilized for a state-of-the-art, nationally recognized prekindergarten center.

Elements of success

Wise and his staff said they will know the proposed recommendations, if implemented, are effective when the following occur:

■ Grade configurations support instructional continuity and social development of the students, with greater family and community involvement.

Families are choosing schools for their rigorous and

challenging programs. ■ More high school options are available.

Students return to the Christina schools, reversing the trend of declining enrollment.

Complete report available on web

The complete report is available on the district Web site at www.christina.k12.de.us.

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Colonial 'shocked' by Christina proposal

Colonial School District officials on Wednesday, Feb. 11 said they were "shocked" by Christina's proposal to assume Martin Luther King school.

In a press release, Colonial Superintendent George Meney said "About a month ago, Dr. Wise approached me with his ... ideas. Our board of education's focus is the students and the impact of any proposal on their learning. Since Colonial operates with an interestbased approach to decision making which calls for gathering input from all stakeholders and analyzing the impact of decisions on the best interests of our students, we replied that we'd be willing to start a discussion process. We had heard nothing substantive from Christina in reply until today (Feb. 11).'

Meney said his district expects more information and discus-

the former Yugoslavia. He immigrated to the United States 13 years ago. A police officer in his native country, he had worked for the Chrysler

Corporation in Newark for the past 11 years. Mr. Slijepcevic enjoyed

soccer in his leisure time and played

and coached for the F.C. Balkan

Express team. He taught and practiced the martial art for many years. Above all, Mr. Slijepcevic was

He is survived by his wife of 28

years, Mika (Licina) Slijepcevic; sons, Vojislav and Dragoslav Slijepcevic; brothers, Nikola, Petar

and Djuro Slijepcevic; and a sister,

Lillian George, all of Newark; and

many nieces, nephews and cousins. A service was scheduled at the

Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home in

devoted to his family.

Newark.

■ 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 left-hand page.

William E. Covey, 73, avid UD football fan, Korean war veteran

Former Newark resident William E. Covey died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004. Mr. Covey, 73, was the founder and chairman of the Board of Hair Systems, Inc., headquartered in Englishtown, NJ. During Mr. Covey's tenure with Hair Systems, Inc., he expanded the company from five employees to over 125 with a subsidiary located in the United Kingdom.

He graduated in 1948 from Wilmington High School and entered the University of Delaware.

In 1952 he graduated from his beloved alma mater as a chemical engineer and later went on to earn his professional engineering license

He will be missed by his fellow fraternity brothers of Sigma Nu, Delta Kappa Chapter.

Mr. Covey was an avid supporter of the Blue Hen football team.

When he was not in his season ticket seats to watch the Blue Hens, he could be found deep sea fishing and sailing the waters of the world.

He was also active with Boy Scouts, having served as a Webelos leader, cub master and scoutmaster.

He is a veteran of the United States Army, having served as a lieutenant in the Korean War from 1952-

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; children, Marjorie Covey Borsina and her husband, Larry, Anne Covey Morris and her husband, Michael, William E. Covey, Jr. and his wife, Mabel and Sharon Covey Griffith; grandchildren, William E.

David Michael Poppiti, 45, coach, managed championship team

TEWARK resident David Michael Poppiti died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004 after

a long illness.

Mr. Poppiti, 45, was owner of
Poppiti Roofing until his illness.

Dave was active in youth football and baseball teams and was ball and baseball teams and was a manager and or coach for Capitol Trail Junior Football League, Holy Angels CYO Football, NCFFL, Midway Little League, Brookside L.L., Newark Babe Ruth, AAU and American Legion. Most notably, in 1997 he man-

A service was planned at St. Denis Church in Manasquan N.J.

Newark resident Andrew A. Wolf died Saturday, January 31, 2004.

assembly line worker at the Chrysler Corp in Newark.

been a coal miner and was a WWII

Army veteran. He was a beloved

He is survived by his children, Rose E. Gibson, Andrew H. Wolf and

Cheryl A. Fleeger; sister Helen Wolfe; grandchildren, Michael, Brian, Martha, Rachael, Rosemary and Chad; and his great grandchil-

dren, Evan and Lily. He is also sur-

Services will be scheduled at a

father and best friend.

vived by his dog, Mickey.

Mr. Wolf, 77, was a retired

Born in Pennsylvania, he had

where he was a parishioner.

Andrew A. Wolf, 77,

WWII Army veteran

aged the Newark National Junior 13 year old Division State and Regional Championship and in 1999 he managed the N.N. Senior 15 year old All Star Division, State and Mid-Atlantic Championship and Eastern Regional.

He is survived by his wife, Debra Sloan Poppiti; children, Adam, Matthew, Michelle and David Joseph; his parents, Patricia H. (Green) Poppiti and Felix A. Poppiti, Jr.; his brother and sister-in-law, Felix A. Poppiti, III and

Sibil Poppiti; their children, Nicole, Anthony and Allyson; and his brother, Scott Matthew

A service was scheduled at Parish of the Resurrection, 3000 Videre Dr., Skyline Ridge. Burial is in All Saints

Cemetery.
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Albert Einstein Hospice, 5501 Old York Rd., Philadelphia, Pa.19141.

> ■ Obituaries of the following persons will be posted this week on the

Sharon Copenhaver Elsie J. Schurgard Mico Slijepcevic Michael D. V. Thompson Fred K. Nabb Valarie Claire Elliott Florence M. "Marge" Helm Andrew A. Wolf, **David Michael Poppiti** George S. Simpers Joyce D. Smith Adele Laws Crumety Marie Nelrose Crescenzi William E. Covey Sarah M. Campbell William E. Covey Marie Nelrose Crescenzi Adele Laws Crumety Joyce D. Smith George S. Simpers Andrew A. Wolf

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Florence M. "Marge" Helm

Covey, III, Aimee Sowu, Anthony Florence Helm, nurse Richardson, Trevor Covey, DJ Griffith, Sarah Griffith, Matthew Griffith, Katy Morris and Michael Morris; and his sister, Elsie Carey. at Christiana 33 years

Newark area resident Florence M. "Marge" Helm died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004 at home.

Mrs. Helm, 61, was born and raised in Salem, NJ.

She had been employed as a nurse at Christiana Care Hospital for the past 33 years.

She was devoted to her nursing career and her children and grandchildren.

Her hobbies include stain glass, going to Atlantic City, playing the daily lotteries and avidly collecting Beanie Babies and antiques

She is survived by her husband of 15 years, Clinton Helm; daughters, Sonya Morrison Porch, of Newport Josette Morrison Clark, of Glasgow; step-daughter, Debbie Johnson of Townsend; and stepsons, Jeff Helm and Bob Helm, both of Smyrna, Robert Cross of Salem, N.J.; and nine grandchildren.

A service was scheduled at the McCrery Memorial Chapel. Burial is in Salem First Baptist Church Cemetery, Salem, NJ.

Michael Thompson, attended Brookside

Newark resident Michael D. V. Thompson died Saturday, January 31, 2004. Michael, 5, attended Brookside kindergarten at Elementary School.

He is survived by his parents, John H. Sr. and Luana Linscott Thompson; siblings, John H. Thompson, Jr., Nicole C. Thompson and Dusty J. Thompson; grandparents, Donna and William Perry, Jerry, Sr. and Diane Thompson, Alberta and Gary Linscott; great grandparents, Loretta Gibson and Robert Jenness; and numerous aunts and uncles.

A service was scheduled for Feb. 5, 2004 at Hicks Homes for Funerals in Elkton, Md. Donations may be made to the Crozer Chester Burn Treatment Center; or the Michael D. V. Thompson Memorial Fund, c/o the

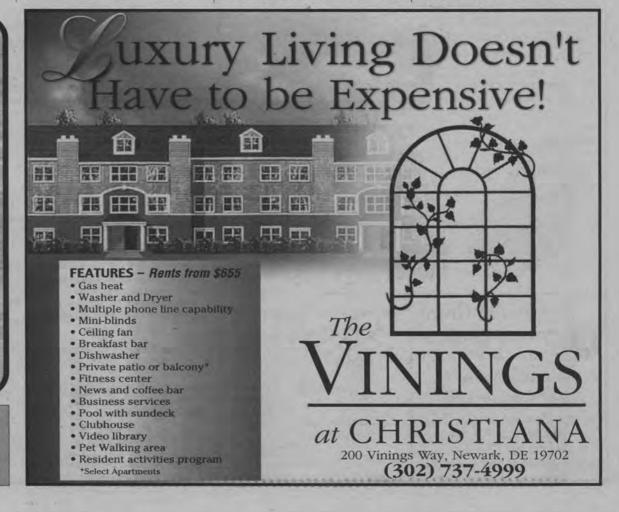
Mico Slijepcevic, 56,

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Mr. Slijepcevic, 56, was born in

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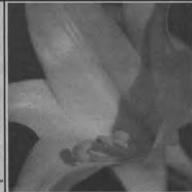


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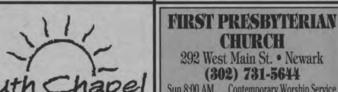
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Just when you need a little extra cash!

Now through April 15, 2004, get a great low rate on our After Holiday Signature Loan. Pay off your holiday bills, including all your high rate credit cards.

7.5% APR*
12 Months to Repay
Maximum \$3,500

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*to qualified applicants

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So, BEFORE you sign those loan documents at the dealer or mortgage company office, be sure to contact your Credit Union Loan Officers to see if you qualify for our rate matching program.**

*Annual Percentage Rate
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- Full Service Cash
- Direct Deposit
- Safety Deposit Boxes
- Full Service Lending

New Year's "To Do" List

Get a 3.00% Home Equity Line

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of Credit at American Spirit

of Credit Union

Federal Credit Union

Pay off Holiday Bills

Plan a Vacation

Have furnace checked

• Borrow up to 90% of your home's value - up to \$100,000

• 15 year term with low monthly payments

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