

## UP FRONT

### Retailing during the holidays

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

LATER in the day on Black Friday, our family ventured to Christiana Mall.

My wife, Linda, and our daughter, Mackenzie, had ventured out early the day after Thanksgiving to gobble up the "early bird" bargains. It's become an annual tradition for our mother-daughter team and, again this year, they scored big savings.

Our family trip to the mall was more of a stroll than a shopping expedition. For the holiday, we hosted a visitor from Colorado and exposing her to tax-free mall shopping seemed appropriate.

At a relaxed pace, we toured the department stores, checked out the latest iPod offering at the Apple store, and opted out of a food court meal in favor of leftovers. I tried not to blush when I saw the lingerie the Victoria's Secret mannequins were (or were not) wearing, a controversy that I had read about in the national media.

I can't believe I'm writing this but I actually had fun touring the mall, taking in the sights casually as those around me frenetically shopped away.

I find shopping interesting

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## Tradition continues to feed local families

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

IT started 37 years ago as an act of thanks giving.

Since then, Val's Needy Family Fund has fed countless people in the Newark area and in needy communities around the country.

When Val Nardo tells the story now, of how his giving grew into something of a Newark institution, he shrugs it off, humbly, as "old news."

He started small, he said, handing out 10 baskets of food in 1968 — the year his wife, Mary, had a cancer scare. Mary turned out to be healthy; the cancer was non-malignant. The two have been married now 65 years.

Nardo's thanks giving for

his wife's health grew from 10 to 30 boxes of donated food the next year. He started storing food in basements and empty rooms in the homes of friends and relatives.

Now, he has a basement warehouse in an apartment at Fairfield Apartments. The room holds between 800 and 1,000 cases of food. Cans are stacked high under signs that name their contents: beets, corn, chicken broth, apple sauce and potatoes.

As needs surface through the year, Nardo and the community groups he works with hand out baskets of food from his storehouse. Victims of hurricanes Katrina and Wilma and Stanton families affected by local flooding

were among those receiving baskets this year.

Val's Needy Family Fund works closely with the Newark Area Welfare Committee. Volunteers Beverly Stoudt and Kathleen Davis head Christmas basket donations for the committee.

The two women, who have worked together for 15 years on the project, said more than 400 families will likely receive food baskets this Christmas. The baskets go to families throughout the Christina school district.

Stoudt said the project is unique because so many in the community volunteer. Schoolchildren, college kids, scout groups and professionals work side-by-side to ready the baskets for delivery, she said.

This year, work starts on Thursday, Dec. 15. Volunteers

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Val Nardo, left, has been collecting and donating food to needy families for 37 years. He works with the Newark Area Welfare Committee and volunteers Beverly Stoudt and Kathleen Davis, right.



## Tax hike okayed

Property tax rates to increase by 16.3 percent

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

PROPERTY tax rates for Newark residents will go up, but not as high as originally thought.

When council sent City Manager Carl Luft 'back to the drawing board' to cut items seen as non-essential from next year's tight budget, the typical taxpayer's bill was lowered by about \$20.

Now, according to the budget approved Monday, property tax rates will be set at \$0.52, an increase of \$0.07 or 16.3 percent over last year's rates. The city's typical single-family residence will pay an additional \$49 per year.

The approved budget has several new initiatives, including \$400,000 to expand public safety programs. Five police officers, six part-time police cadets, three patrol cars and related equipment and supplies will be added.

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## Cause for concern

Personnel moves upset some residents in Christina District

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

EVEN before the November school board meeting, residents in the Christina School District were perturbed by rumors of administrator changes. "I hear the district is moving more principals around," said one caller. "You might want to look into that."

Parents and students seemingly had begun to adjust to last year's new hires, retirements and reassignments, particu-

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## Man stabbed on Madison Drive

**N**EWARK police are searching for a man that stabbed a 24-year-old Kemblesville, Pa., man minutes before midnight on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

The attack took place in the 200 block Madison Drive. The victim told officers he was walking in an alley when he was approached by two men who demanded money. When the victim refused, he was stabbed in the chest.

Police said the victim was treated for a punctured lung at Christiana Hospital and was in stable condition.

Police are looking for the assailant who is described as a white male in his late teens, 5'8" to 6', who was wearing a black knit cap and black hooded sweat-shirt.

Any person with information is asked to contact Newark police at 366-7110, ext. 133, or Delaware Crime Stoppers at 800-TIP-3333.

## Sexual assault

Newark police are investigating sexual assault of a 21-year-old woman at 4 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Police were told that the attack took place in a bedroom of an apartment in the 200 block West Main Street.

The crime was reported to police on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

An investigation is underway, police said.

## Home burglarized

Coins and jewelry were taken by thieves who entered a home in the 200 block South College Avenue, Newark police were told on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 1:42 p.m.

The burglary took place between Monday and Friday last week while the residents were away for the holiday. The thefts were discovered upon their return.

Police said there were no signs of forced entry. Investigation is continuing.

## Jewelry missing

Thieves forced their way into a home in the 100 block Country Club Drive while the 78-year-old resident was away and made off with jewelry valued at \$1,099, police were told on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 8:47 p.m.

A neighbor checking the home noticed that items inside had been disturbed. Investigating, he discovered that the interior of the home had been ransacked.

Police discovered that the rear

# Bear woman held for officer assault

By ARI NATTER

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

**ELKTON, MD.** - A Bear woman accused of intentionally striking an Elkton police officer with her car was arrested and charged with multiple counts of assault and other crimes early Sunday morning, Nov. 27, police said.

"She actually hit him with the car," Elkton Police Department spokesman Lt. Lawrence Waldrige said. "She accelerated in an aggressive manner. He was unable to get out of the way, and she hit him."

Patrolman Jamie McMillan was knocked to the pavement during the incident. He was treated and released for minor injuries to his legs and left arm after driving himself to Union Hospital.

After a brief chase, police arrested Mary Graham, 23, and charged her with first- and second-degree assault and issued several traffic citations relating to the police pursuit, Waldrige said.

In addition, she was found to be wanted by the Cecil County Sheriff's Office for a failure to appear on charges of driving on a suspended/revoked license, he said. She was released after posting \$25,000 bond.

The incident began around 12:30 a.m. when McMillan was dispatched to the parking lot of Slacker's Irish Pub at the Elkton Crossing shopping center on Rt. 40 in Elkton after police received a report of possible drug activity in the area, Waldrige said.

After locating a vehicle police described as being involved in the drug activity, McMillan activated

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living room window and garage door had been tampered with.

## No tips for employees

Newark police are investigating the theft of money from a "tip jar" on the counter at Number 1 Chinese Food in the Newark Shopping Center at 8:12 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27.

Employees told police that a woman wearing glasses, 30 to 40 years old, was seen taking money from the receptacle on the restaurant counter. When confronted, the woman said she needed the money and left the eatery.

Witnesses gave police the license tag number of a vehicle used by the suspect. Investigation is continuing.

## Woman punched

A 20-year-old Newark woman told police she was struck in the face after she refused to leave

a party at a home in the 100 block East Cleveland Avenue on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 2:16 a.m.

The victim, whose face was bloody, told officers that she was punched by a 21-year-old Elkton, Md., woman after she was told to leave. The victim countered stating that she had been invited by another person. She was then punched, police were told.

Warrants are expected soon, police said.

## Marijuana charge

Suspected marijuana and rolling papers were seized from a vehicle during a routine traffic stop on East Cleveland Avenue near North Chapel Street, Newark police reported on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 1:58 a.m.

Police charged Matthew A. Capozziello, 19, of Bear, with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, no registration in possession, license plate

not displayed, no license in possession, failure to produce proof of insurance, and display of a fictitious license plate. He was released pending court appearances.

## Bouncers bounced

Police were called to assist personnel at Klondike Kate's on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 1:19 a.m. Bouncers were assaulted as they attempted to remove a disorderly man from the front porch.

No charges were pressed but police escorted the male out of the area.

## Business damaged

A 25-foot section of aluminum gutter and downspouting was ripped from the west side wall of Charlie B Travels, 77 E. Main St., Newark police were told on Monday, Nov. 21, at 8:46 a.m.

## Women assaulted

Two women, both 18, told police that they were assaulted in the unit block North Street on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 3 a.m., after leaving a nearby party. Both women were punched. Eye glasses and a digital camera were damaged during the altercation.

## Graffiti report

City of Newark employees told police they discovered graffiti spray-painted on the wall near tennis courts at Norma B. Handloff Park, 1000 Barksdale Road, on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

## FOR THE RECORD

The name of the Newark High School alumna, Jamie Varsalona, who directed the student production, "Bang, Bang You're Dead," was omitted from the Nov. 18 issue.

## Weekly traffic report

STATISTICS FOR NOV. 13-19, 2005 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005	This week 2004	This week 2005
Moving	3484	3872	94	35
Non-moving	2601	2260	74	18
Total	6085	6132	168	53

PARKING SUMMONSES	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005	This week 2004	This week 2005
Meter tickets	40565	37438	1120	996
Parking summonses	9012	9390	297	315
Total	49577	46828	1417	1311

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005	This week 2004	This week 2005
Fatal	1	1	0	0
Personal injury	273	263	12	4
Property damage (reportable)	478	400	8	2
Property damage (non-reportable)	495	496	13	15
Total	1247	1160	33	21

Hit-and-run reports	255	200	4	4
DUI cases	160	182	2	1



# No changes for zero tolerance

Council members defend policy

By **CHRISTINE NEFF**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**M**EMBERS of the city council defended the police department's zero tolerance policy on Monday, pointing to the need to keep students and residents safe.

Since October, the Newark Police Department has ramped up its enforcement of alcohol and noise violations in an effort to stem violence related to parties.

The policy came before the council two weeks ago when University of Delaware students protested it, saying it discriminates and gives officers too much discretion in deciding violations.

Taking in the students' concerns, Councilman Kevin Vonck asked Monday to revise the city's noise ordinance.

He called for officers to give a verbal warning instead of criminal charges to violators except in cases when danger is imminent, when the violator is uncooperative

or a frequent offender and when the crowd is beyond control.

"I believe the accused should be given an opportunity to right the problem before issuing criminal charges," said Vonck.

City Manager Carl Luft said

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## Some say policy works

Community responds to zero tolerance

By **CHRISTINE NEFF**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**Z**ero tolerance works, say several Newark residents who share their neighborhoods with University of Delaware students.

Richard Boucher, a Newark resident since 1997, told the council Monday the zero tolerance noise ordinance is a "step in the right direction" that must "remain in the books."

Boucher lives near Towne Court Apartments. He said his family has endured countless

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# POOH helps renters buy homes

By **CHRISTINE NEFF**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**A**LREADY, the city of Newark's newest housing program has put homeowners into two previously rented properties.

POOH, which stands for Promoting Owner Occupancy of Homes, has helped two renters purchase the homes they were living in from their landlords. One more application is being

processed this year.

POOH was designed with dual purpose: to cut back on the number of rental properties in a city of 3,700 rentals and to encourage affordable housing.

City Planner Mike Fortner said, "(POOH) has targeted the exact community of people we were hoping for."

Those participating in the program have been of low to moderate-income levels. Four of the five applications have been for people wanting to buy

a home they currently rent, he said.

The program offers a zero percent interest loan of up to \$50,000 to homebuyers who want to turn a rental property into a primary residence.

Loan payments are deferred until the property is sold. At that time, the city collects the full amount of the loan plus 25 percent of any property appreciation.

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## Winterfest celebration starts Friday night

Santa comes to town at 6:30 p.m.

**N**OW that the weather has turned "see-your-breath" cold, it's time to go out and celebrate the season.

Winterfest 2005, the city's traditional holiday celebration, will be held this year from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2. Events will take place on Main and Academy Streets in Newark.

The festival features holiday favorites, such as roasting chestnuts, carolers and carriage rides. Santa will make a 6:30 p.m. appearance at the Academy Building just in time for the annual tree lighting.

Winners of the Downtown Newark Partnership's storefront decorating contest will be announced at that time.

Here's a schedule for Friday's performances:

6:15 to 6:30 p.m. — Girl Scout Troop 16

7 to 7:30 p.m. — Brownie Troop 343 and Cub Scout Pack 205

7:30 to 8 p.m. — Diamond State Chorus

Local performers John and Morgan Pollard will fill in through the night.

In case of inclement

weather, call the Leisure Time Hotline at 366-7147. The rain date will be Saturday, Dec. 3.

From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, children are invited to Santa's Secret Shoppe at the George Wilson Center to shop for gifts for family and friends.

Prices range from \$0.75 and \$5. Gifts will be wrapped for free, and volunteers will be on hand to help pint-sized shoppers.

Admission is free.



# Tracks brings new flavor to old hangout

By **CHRISTINE NEFF**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**S**OME may know it as Maxwell-T's or the Cheese Steak Warehouse.

Others remember it as the Down Under or, most recently, the Ground Floor Grill.

In its newest incarnation, the basement restaurant at 60 N. College Ave. brings a new, classier flavor to the longtime city

hangout.

Opened to the public on Oct. 24, the restaurant and bar have been renovated to the point of being almost unrecognizable to those that used to frequent the place.

Glenn Sadler, a trained chef, manages the restaurant and its staff of more than 50 servers and cooks. Sadler's wife, Christy, is the head chef.

Owner Phil Reynolds, a Newark area resident, said a

month into his new business venture, "Things have been slow, but they're getting better every week."

Gone are the exposed beams, the corrugated tin and the black floors that set the scene for the Cheese Steak Warehouse and the Ground Floor Grill.

Tracks' dining room — a mix of booths and tables — is lit with hanging, incandescent lights. The walls are painted now a tan color,

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Above: Warm paint colors and low, hanging lights brighten up the basement dining room at 60 N. College Ave. Designer Maria Kunkulis said the look is unique to Newark. Far left: The familiar façade of the basement restaurant at 60 N. College Ave. gets a new sign. Tracks opened Oct. 24. Local jazz acts often headline on weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Center: Tracks' manager Glenn Sadler (left) and owner Phil Reynolds man the bar at the recently renovated restaurant at 60 N. College Ave. The restaurant has departed from its rowdy history by offering casual fine dining and jazz music. Right: One of the signature dishes (pictured) is homemade chips loaded with cheese, bacon bits and a spicy sauce.





# In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

## NOTE PAD

### Open house for Choice at NHS

**A**LL Choice and incoming ninth grade students are invited to a School Choice open house at Newark High School on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m. Please take this opportunity to meet the staff, receive information regarding our Small Learning Community as well as tour the facility. Anyone can attend.

### TV show features teacher

Newark resident and Red Clay School District teacher Cynthia Pochomis will be a contestant on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," Thursday, Dec. 8, during a special "Teacher Week" edition of the show. Locally, "Millionaire" can be seen at 12:30 p.m. on Channel 6, WPVI and ABC.

### Groves Distance program

The Groves Diploma-At-A-Distance program is taking applications for Spring 2006 semester. Orientation for New Castle County students is Jan. 17, 2006. Out-of-school adult learners who have Internet access can complete course work leading to a high school diploma. For info, call Harry Davies at 1-888-321-GRAD.

### Student of the Week

The staff at West Park Elementary School selected Leigh Spencer. "Leigh is definitely a pleasure to have in class," said her teacher, Gina Rexrode. "She has a very sweet spirit and seems to enjoy all aspects of school, from writing to playing football." Her teachers report Spencer enjoys creative writing and loves science. "But I bet her favorite subject is gym!" Rexrode said. "Even some of the boys have a hard time keeping up with her at recess."



## Holy Angels student wins McDonald's Award

Top prize for World Children's Day art

By **MARY E. PETZAK**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**R**ONALD McDonald's recent visit to a sixth-grade classroom at Holy Angels School in Newark surprised and delighted the students and staff. Ronald was there to recognize Danielle Wegrzyn as the Delaware winner of the 2005 McDonald's World Children's Day Art Contest.

McDonald's Restaurants of the Greater Philadelphia Region asked students in grades 4-6 to create a unique artistic interpretation of "A Celebration of World Children's Day at McDonald's." A panel of judges selected one winner in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware from among nearly 1,000 entries. According to the school staff, this is the second year a student at the K-8 school on Possum Park Road has won the award.

Ronald McDonald personally delivered the news that Wegrzyn was the Delaware winner. She received a \$500 U.S. savings bond, an art supply kit and her original work in a frame. In addition, McDonald's awarded \$500 to benefit her school's art program directed by Melissa Taylor, the school's art teacher. The sixth-graders and their teachers also got an "impromptu" show of Ronald's jokes and

juggling skills.

World Children's Day is a global fundraising effort to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities® and local children's causes.

From Nov. 18-20, 15¢ from the sale of every Extra Value Meal, Happy Meal or Mighty Kids Meal sold in participating restaurants worldwide was donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities®.

The non-profit organization creates, finds and supports programs and organizations that directly improve the health and well being of children. This includes the Philadelphia, Southern New Jersey and Delaware Ronald McDonald Houses and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, that provides free healthcare to under-served children.



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY MARY E. PETZAK

Above: Ronald McDonald personally delivered the prizes to Danielle Wegrzyn, the Delaware winner of the 2005 McDonald's World Children's Day Art Contest. Left: Melissa Taylor, the school's art teacher, congratulated Wegrzyn.

## NHS students attend JA, honor society events

### Two Merit Scholars hope to be finalists

By **MARY E. PETZAK**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**N**EWARK High School had 10 students at the Hall of Fame Symposium sponsored by Junior Achievement of Delaware. Top students from Delaware, Salem County, N.J., and Cecil County, Md., were invited to the event.

Attendees from Newark's National Honor Society and Newark Student Government were: Daniel "D.J." Strouse, Jung Kim, Craig Nichols, John

Kowalko, Stephen Dotts, Jason Angelo, Laura Yarnall, Chelsea Maher and Sarah Talmo, all seniors; and Justine Watson, Catharine Parker and Alexis Cutionilli, juniors.

Kim, treasurer of Newark's National Honor Society, plans to major in business in college. "The symposium gave me the opportunity to experience the real business world first-hand," she said. "I especially enjoyed talking to the vice president of the auto insurance department of AIG who sat at our table."

Members of the National Honor Society also competed with students from across the country at the annual National Honor Student Scholars Bowl in Washington, D.C.

Sponsored by Pearson Prentice Hall, the Bowl is comprised of qualifying, quarterfinal and final rounds. The four best teams face-off in the final round for the championship. The top teams and individuals that exhibit superlative performance in English, math, science, social studies and general knowledge receive awards.

The National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society are the nations premier organizations recognizing outstanding middle and high school students who excel in scholarship, leadership, service and character. The National Association of Secondary School Principals sponsors the honor societies.

D.J. Strouse and another

Newark senior, Emily Maclary, are National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists, scoring in the top 2 percent of students in the nation on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). They will each submit an essay and application to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for consideration as National Merit finalists. Finalists are notified each February.

Kim and Nichols were among 10 other seniors at NHS recognized for outstanding performance on the PSAT. Others include: Nadia Lepori-Bui, Ben Morrison, Elizabeth Nelson, Anna Peng, Kevin Romero, Kathryn Saltz, Jason Schwartz-Glassner and Corwin Wickersham.



# Students help create wetland

**S**TUDENTS at Christ the Teacher School in Glasgow planted hundreds of native trees, shrubs and wetland grasses on their newly created wetland habitat on the school grounds. The plantings culminated three weeks of work in October by the school and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's (DNREC) ecological restoration team.

The student's first learned the various techniques used to create wetland and the benefits it provides. More than 175 students participated, working for about 35 minutes in groups of about 25 planters at a time.

According to Stephen Williams, ecological restoration coordinator, the 1.5-acre wetland will filter surface-water runoff from the school's parking lots, roads and athletic fields, into the existing stormwater basin and eventually into the Chesapeake Bay. "The wetland will improve water quality through nutrient reduction and establish wildlife habitats, increasing diversity," Williams said.

School staff explained that the wetland is an excellent "outdoor classroom" for students, parents and other members of the community.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MARY E. PETZAK

A pond is part of the wetland where students at Christ the Teacher School in Glasgow planted hundreds of native trees, shrubs and wetland grasses.

In addition, it enhances the aesthetic value of the area and saves money by cutting down maintenance of grassy areas.

Part of the Livable

Delaware's Green Infrastructure Conservation program, this project was funded through a grant from the EPA Chesapeake Bay program.

## Christiana High begins Extra Time program

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**A**N after-school program started at Christiana High School in November provides students with extra support in English, math, science and social studies.

According to Mary C. Hite, co-lead teacher for the Extended Time Program, students can use educational software programs in Math Challenge, the Delaware State Testing Program (DSTP), Fast ForWord, and Integrated Math.

"The Extra Time Program is an excellent opportunity for students to increase achievement at all levels," Hite said.

Students also receive home-

work help and tutoring. "ETP helped me bring up my math grades," said sophomore Shavar Shepard. "When I had bad grades, I knew I could go there and get the specific help I needed."

Sophomore Michael Gantt agreed. "I like ETP because it helps me pick up the pace in math, and keeps me on track with my English homework," Gantt said.

Linda Hawthorne, ETP co-lead teacher, noted that having the program after-school makes for a more relaxed learning environment for students. "It provides a greater student-to-teacher ratio regarding assistance," Hawthorne explained, "and has been proven to increase student achievement, self-esteem and productivity."

## Technology workshops

**C**HRISTINA District's Parent Resource Center is hosting technology workshops through May 2006 at Stubbs Intermediate School in Wilmington for participants in the Title I Program.

Word processing, spreadsheets, e-mail and Power Point are among the topics covered in 12 separate one-hour sessions.

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# Opinion

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MARK MY WORDS

## A different kind of music at The Balloon

By MARK SISK

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

We're saying goodbye to the Stone Balloon this month. My farewell is in two columns. As a band guy - that's the next column - I'll talk about its unique place in Newark's musical history. In this offering, my lawyer hat is on.

I don't feel it is appropriate for me to use this forum to advance individual clients' matters. But I did have the privilege of being part of the team that took the Balloon through the planning process, and that process is concluded. The Balloon is a fascinating case study to me, both as a watershed Newark event and a roadmap for successfully pursuing any development project.

If you are sitting and reading this column and are thinking about buying, say, the Academy Building, knocking it down and putting up a fast-food restaurant (I exaggerate, of course, to make a point) here are some things you may wish to consider.

You need your team in place before you consider the principles. This is something like Steve Martin's preliminary advice about how to avoid paying taxes on a million dollars ("First, get a million dollars"). Jim Baeurle, the managing partner of the Graceland Group, assembled a team that included Todd Breck and Jay Cooperson from the Breckstone Group, creative and insightful architects and engineers (and Todd scores points as an amateur musician in a band called 'Whirled Peas' whose latest offering is called 'Peas in Our Time'); Richard Beck, a regionally prominent land-use attorney, and, for local color and advice, yours truly. Make sure you like the team because you are going to spend a lot of time together as the project goes forward.



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Now, to the principles.

First, anticipate that change will bother people and deal with it up front. A constant undertone in land-use planning is the tension between the right of the owner of private property to do with it as he or she sees fit, and the public's natural desire to continue enjoying pleasant or familiar vistas. This is particularly true if the property is historic or the public has strong emotional ties to it. Both were true in the case of the

Balloon.

Once my name had become publicly associated with the project, a lawyer came up to me in the courthouse and said, half joking (but half not) "Mark! How could you!"

What he meant, I think, was how could I, band guy and lover of music be party to the demise of the Balloon. I asked him when he had last spent money in the Balloon and he said, after a pause, "1982." He saw my point.

We then talked quite seriously not just about his failure to personally drink up on Main Street, but the context of the project. I made the point that in many ways the end of the Balloon was the culmination of the city's efforts, through the Mayor's Alcohol Commission, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and a general change in society's views toward consumption of alcohol.

This change had the effect, intended or not, of making the Balloon's business model different. Frankly this was unfair to the Balloon. I can tell you as the person who served as Newark city prosecutor for many years and a downtown business person since that time, that the Balloon, especially under the current ownership, is a model corporate citizen. The responsible professional servers of alcohol are the least of our worries, but there it was.

Getting people ready for change is, essentially, an educational process. Putting the transition in the larger context of the alcohol laws working - and making the point early that it was economically unfeasible to preserve the current façade, which virtually everyone would have liked to do, and that there was nothing else of real architectural uniqueness in the existing structure - turned the discussion from whether the project would happen at all to how it would happen.

Second, there is no substitute for openness from the developer. None. From the beginning, Jim Baeurle was available day or night to whoever had questions, suggestions or concerns. This takes, among other things, infinite patience, courtesy and flexibility on the part of the developer. The building that will rise in time is substantially different because Jim was willing not just to listen, but to hear, and adjust, consistent with his vision and economic reality.

But, with the 20/20 vision of hindsight, there is a part of the process on which I would like a "do over."

The national data on urban revitalization all indicate that putting residents in downtown areas is the key to revitalizing them. This could not have been a more timely argument in Newark. My friends and clients who provide dining, retail and professional services downtown all need the same thing to succeed - customers. If

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## OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, "Out of the Attic" continues a months-long series of photographs taken in the early 1950s of all buildings on Main Street in the downtown area. Few details were discovered with the color slides but they were believed to have been taken by Leo Laskaris in 1954. The building shown in this photograph housed Sheaffer's Paints (out of photo on right) in the unit block of East Main Street. Part of the Newark Special School District building can be seen at left. No further information is available. Readers with details about the buildings in this series are asked to contact the newspaper staff. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. For information, call the Newark Post at 737-0724.

## PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

### ■ Dec. 4, 1930

#### Officers elected

Officers of the Executive Committee of the Newark Music Society held a meeting last Thursday to consider plans for the remainder of the season.

Several delightful musical affairs have been held at homes of the members during the winter, and in addition the society has sponsored the concerts given free to the public by pupils of the Curtis Institute of Music.

Also recently, the society has elected members for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and publicity manager.

Two home musical concerts are planned to finish the holiday season through the month of December.

#### Lecture given

The first of a series of educational lectures on

child safety will be given at the University of Delaware this evening, at 7:30 p.m. at the Wolf Hall auditorium. Dr. Herbert Stack will give the lecture.

Arrangements for the lecture have been concluded with the advantage of using the latest information on child safety activities.

The lecture's subject is "Organizing a Safety Program in Schools." Dr. Stack is well known for

organizing safety demonstrations in New York City.

### ■ Dec. 3, 1980

#### Pollution risks addressed

The recent stirs over New Castle County pollution problems may see updating of zoning and waste codes.

The county zoning code was developed and adopted in 1954. Since then it has gone through various, ongoing amendment procedures. The recently appealed interpretation by the county Planning Department has called to question the clarity of wording and intent of the ordinance.

Chemical treatment, storage and location of facilities are the main targets by the proposed ordinance amendment.

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



# Just at closing time Dec. 24, woman rushes into toy department

## ► UP FRONT, from 1

in that everybody shops. Rich, poor, black, white, young, old, polite, rude, they all appeared at the mall last week, providing a cross-section of Delaware seen few other places but the Department of Motor Vehicles.

We did it subtly but my wife and I steered both of our offspring to retail jobs when they were teens. Generally, kids grow up with kids like themselves. Working a retail job introduces a young person to all types of people, expanding their horizons to meet the best and worst Americans. My wife and I each had retail jobs as kids and believe they were important growth experiences.

Our daughter for many years worked at Formal Affairs on Main Street. She dealt with people who were happy with their tuxedo rentals and with some who were angry, sometimes very angry. She worked a number of "prom seasons" at Formal Affairs, when lines snake out the door onto Main Street as high schoolers pick-up their tux rentals.

One of her duties was to accept returns of the rented clothing. It was mandatory for her to go through all pockets because people don't. She once found a wad of cash — hundreds of dollars — in a pocket and had to chase the

renter down to the street to return his cash.

My favorite story of hers was when one considerably hung-over high school senior returned a vomit-decorated tuxedo. Holding the clothes at arm's length as she checked the pockets, a long strand of unopened condoms, individual plastic perforated packages strung together, unfolded out onto the floor. My daughter picked them up, counted 24 out loud, and handed them to the youth as she announced, "Pretty optimistic, eh?" The kid never made eye contact.

Our son worked at Wings To Go on Main Street. There, he got to see coworkers who did not share his work ethic and how their work standards impacted his work load. He took complaints from nasty customers who claimed their orders were wrong even though it was they who misordered. One summer, he was a delivery driver and learned how people in the biggest homes can be the smallest tipsters (one Christianstead resident told him to "keep the change" as he shut the front door. Our son left the 15 cents on the doorstep.)

Later, he worked the counter at High Energy The Gym where he was guardian of the gate. Hardly a shift went by when someone did not try to sneak in to use the gym equipment.

Working retail is an eye-opening introduction to American society and I'm glad our kids had their experiences.

One of my youthful retail ventures was as a holiday season stock clerk and cashier in the toy department of a busy Baltimore store. These were the days before Toys R Us and Kay-Bee and our department was busy all the time.

Even though I was in high school, I worked many hours, weeknights until midnight, and 12 to 15 hours on Saturdays and Sundays.

As the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas progressed, the fast pace of the toy store took its toll on me. People were nasty when they didn't see the toys they were looking for. Some would yell at me while I was stocking shelves, as if a pimply-faced teenager did the ordering.

During the long days, my coworkers and I dreamed of the end of the madness — 6 p.m. sharp on Christmas Eve. For seasonal help like myself, this would be our retirement from the toy biz and life could return to normal.

Christmas Eve arrived and I was pumped. This was it, the end

of the insanity. I was in a great mood as I headed off to work.

The euphoria didn't last long. The Christmas Eve shoppers were the worst by far. They weren't out to pick up an additional stuffed toy; they were there to do all their toy shopping. All the popular items were gone and many shelves were bare. They took out their frustrations on us, the lowly \$3 an hour part-time employees.

The day dragged on. Previously, long lines and blocked aisles speeded time along. But not on Christmas Eve.

As closing time neared, we began making public address announcements that proclaimed, in essence, "we're outta here at 6 p.m."

Finally, at 5:59 p.m., all employees watched as the manager carried his wad of keys to the door. An approaching well-dressed woman deduced the situation and made a mad dash into the toy department.

Somehow, it became my job to tell this woman that the store was closed, she had no time to shop, and the cash registers were emptied.

I anticipated that she'd be like most of the other explosive Christmas Eve customers who

didn't get what they wanted.

Instead, the woman just looked into my 16-year-old eyes and started crying, at first tears streaming down her face then uncontrolled wailing.

She grabbed my arm and pleaded, "You gotta help me. My kids won't have any Christmas unless you help me."

I couldn't. The store was closed. The manager, a grisly veteran of such scenes, came over and ushered her out.

I'll never know the woman's story, what caused her to be so desperate at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, or whether it was her fault that the kids had no gifts Christmas morning.

I'll always wonder, though, as I did again last week when we ambled by the toy store at the mall.

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# Lifestyle

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## OUTLOOK

### Plan holiday shopping to save time and money

By MARIA PIPPIDIS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

**L**AST week at a Delaware Cooperative Extension financial management workshop, we were talking about holiday gift giving. The consensus was that tight budgets and limited free time can be a source of stress during the holiday season. Finding enough money in your budget to make gift giving enjoyable can be a real challenge.

It is possible, however, to cut back on your gift budget and still be a generous gift giver. As one woman in the group reminded us "It's the thought that counts, not the price that's paid for the gift."

The key is not to wait until the last minute when stores are crowded and everyone else seems to be there to do your holiday shopping. Most department stores make about 25 percent of their annual sales between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Plan ahead, so that you have time to enjoy the traditional pleasures of the Christmas season. Here are some of the ideas generated by our group discussion that will help to trim gift-giving expenses:

- Make a Christmas gift list with names, gift ideas and price estimates. Next, total the amount you plan to spend. If this figure is more than you can afford, you will need to make some changes.

- List several alternatives for each name on your list, then look for sales in the price range you can afford. Most importantly, stick with your plan.

- Check sales for gift items. See newspaper ads and store cir-

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## Camping that 'costs an arm and a leg'

Scouts learn about life with a disability

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**I**T was the usual Boy Scout camping trip, except "two of the boys were blind, two deaf, two mute, two had broken legs, one had only one arm, and one was paraplegic."

Vint Bossert, Scoutmaster for Troop 316, took it all in stride. "They cheated a little," he admitted, "but for the most part, I think the boys who played it straight now really understand some of what it feels like have a disability."

The Scouts, who meet Tuesday nights at Ogletown Baptist Church in Newark, range in age from 11 to 18. In November, they spent a weekend working on requirements for a Disabilities Awareness merit badge.

Arriving at their Smyrna campsite on Friday evening, they first were assigned a disability. "We gave each boy the one that would be most disabling for him," Bossert explained. "A boy who talked all the time had to be mute, for instance."

The scout leader emphasized the hardship of being disabled — even for 24 hours. "I told them it wouldn't be as much fun as a usual camping trip," Bossert said. "I said they would want to quit before the end — and they did!"

When they woke up on Saturday morning, the boys had to assume their disabilities. Bossert said some Scouts couldn't believe they had to "do their disability" during lunch or in the bathroom.

On Saturday afternoon, they played a "disabled soccer" game. "I had to do something," Bossert said, "because they were so full of energy."

The two boys who were blind for the day were put in goal and the rest took the field. "It was hilarious," Bossert recalled. "That's where the guys on crutches cheated the most — they kept switching the leg that was supposed to be unusable."

Sunday morning, the Scouts shared their feelings and thoughts



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Members of Boy Scout Troop 316 spent a weekend learning what it's like to have a disability.

about the experience. "Their response was remarkable — huge, really, given their ages," Bossert said.

The Scouts found out that one of the temporarily mute "knows himself" very well. "For someone who likes to talk," the Scout named Ben said simply, "it was very, very hard."

The other mute Scout was not as accepting of the experience. "Ben played it straight up," Bossert said, "but Aaron kept trying to talk — he just couldn't believe that he had to be mute all the time."

A boy named Scott said he found eating was the most difficult part as a blind person. "I couldn't figure out what was on my fork," he said. "And where I thought my mouth was, I think was an eye."

The Scout who was a paraplegic in a wheelchair had a particularly grim day. "He said he almost gave up and cheated in the bathroom," Bossert said.

A few of the Scouts were given roles as "helpers" instead of a disability. But they found this to be equally challenging. "I tried to help one blind guy because he

kept walking into the wall," said a young Scout named Colin. "He swung his stick at me and told me to leave him alone. Then he turned around and walked into a door!"

Disabled or not, all the campers got the point of the merit badge. "I learned it is not good to be disabled," said one. "You can't do the things you want to do."

Bossert said camping with disabilities was only part of the requirements for this particular merit badge. "The weekend was just to give them a flavor of what it means to be disabled all the time," Bossert said. "The boys all know the rest of the requirements to qualify for the badge."

One requirement is speaking to a person with a disability and reporting on what you learn. "We had Jonathan, who has to use crutches and a wheelchair, come to a Scout meeting and talk to the troop before the camping trip," Bossert said. "The boys couldn't believe it when he told them that kids held him and poured toilet water on his head in junior high. They were really impressed with Jonathan's positive attitude."



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The Scouts had to maintain their "disability" during all the camp activities.



# Longwood's beauty famous around the world

THE beauty of Longwood Gardens as far as our eyes are concerned is legend around the world. But Longwood is also demanding the attention of our ears as well. The former estate of Pierre S. du Pont in nearby Kennett Square, Pa., is the site of more concerts annually than the Grand Opera House in Delaware, the Academy of Music in Pennsylvania or the Lyric Theater in Maryland!

This Christmas season performing arts groups from the tri-state area gather in the Special Events Pavilion at Longwood to present music to add to our celebration of this joyous time of year. There will be organ concerts, instrumental and vocal groups. That doesn't mean Longwood is cutting back on its Christmas floral exhibits. Nothing could be further from the truth! Thousands of poinsettias accented with amaryllis, narcissus, begonias, cyclamen, tulips and many other flowers will be on display for us to enjoy. The music is an extra

## THE ARTS



By PHIL TOMAN

bonus.

I selected the word "bonus" very carefully. All of the concerts, and there are several of them each day, are free to those visiting Longwood. There is no charge to attend. Just pay the garden admission and celebrate the Christmas season in style. There are Christmas organ sing-a-longs everyday from now through Dec. 23 at 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. From Dec. 24-30, two more



One of the handbell choirs to perform in the Longwood Gardens Christmas concerts this month is The First State Bell Ringers from Newark. There will also be vocal and instrumental groups and organ sing-alongs throughout the month. All of the concerts and other events are free to those visiting the gardens this Christmas season.

concerts will be added, one at 7 p.m. and one at 8 p.m. On Dec. 31, there will be four organ sing-a-longs scheduled as there are right now. You and your whole family can be part of the excitement and the wonderful music.

There will be two concerts every evening now through Dec.

23 and they are also free. The concerts are scheduled at 7 and 8 p.m. on the following schedule:

Dec. 3, Westminster Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir. Dec. 4, St. Paul's Lutheran Church Bell Choir. Dec. 5, Abington Chorale Club. Dec. 6, The Heritage Chorale. Dec. 7, West Chester University Chamber Choir. Dec. 8, Choir of St. Dennis Church. Dec. 9, Drexel University Chorus. Dec. 10, Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale. Dec. 11, The Brandywine Singers. Dec. 12, Concord High School Chorale and Madrigal Singers.

On Dec. 13, The Dickinson High School Ensembles will appear. Dec. 14, the Annapolis

Area Christian School Madrigal Singers. Dec. 15, Dingman Delaware Children's Chorus. Dec. 16, a Chinese Christmas Concert with the Fenling Singers. Dec. 17, The Forty-Niners Chorus. Dec. 18, The Brandywine Celtic Harp Orchestra.

On Dec. 19, The Upper Darby Summer Stage Shooting Stars will perform. Dec. 20, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Choir. Dec. 21, The Haddonfield Methodist Church Adult Choir. Dec. 22, Chancel Choir of the First Presbyterian Church. Finally in the series, on Dec. 23, The First State Bell Ringers.

On Saturday, Dec. 31, there will be a family oriented New

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## Avoid last-minute holiday shopping

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culars for gifts you are considering. See which stores are running specials and shop where prices are lowest. Keep in mind that during November and December, prices are normally reduced on a number of items, including children's clothing, women's coats, shoes, slippers, men's clothing, resort and cruise wear, blankets, table linens, party goods, and appliances such as radios, toasters, stereos and televisions.

■ Don't rush into a purchase because of an advertised claim of a low price. Know what the regular price is before buying an on-sale item. Often one store's sale price is another's regular price.

■ Shop different types of stores to compare prices. Look at discount stores, catalog showrooms, factory outlets, as well as department stores.

■ Be sure to keep receipts

of credit purchases and total the expenditures at regular intervals to make sure you stay within the limits of your Christmas spending plan. Also check and keep receipts. If mistakes occur you will need the receipt to help in correcting errors.

■ Buy online if that will help you spend less and reduce your stress. Many online retailers are offering free shipping. Be sure to check the return policy before you submit your purchase.

■ One group member suggested creating lasting memories as a way to cut costs. Plan fun activities together during the holidays and possibly as your gift.

■ Limit gift exchanges at the office or other organizations you belong to. Suggest alternatives like a cookie exchange or going out to lunch instead of buying gifts for one another.

The consensus was to try to avoid last minute shopping. It

leads to not only fatigue but also overspending and often making poor selections. Planning ahead helps to focus on what you can afford, helps you be "ahead of schedule" and gives you the opportunity to enjoy the holiday season.

### Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.

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# Diversions

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

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

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

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

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

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

**LIVE MUSIC** 7 - 10 p.m. John Reda will perform. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info, 266-6993 or homegrown-cafe.com.

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

**THEATRE** 7:30 p.m. "Major Barbara" will be performed by the Professional Theatre Training Program. Hartshorn Theatre, Academy Street and E. Park Place, Newark. Info, 831-2204.

**MUSIC** 8 p.m. The University Singers will perform under the direction of Nicole Aldrich Clouser. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info, 831-2577.

**CRAFT SALE** 4 - 9 p.m. Also on Dec. 3 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. A group of

## HOLIDAY MAGIC



The season comes alive in the Christmas Celebration 2005 at Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre through Dec. 30. The golf-country club show place in Pike Creek off Route 7/Limestone Road has newly produced segments of the holiday favorite with Christmas songs, dazzling costumes and scenery. Children and adults will enjoy the Living Nativity and a caroling medley, as well as a trip to the North Pole and a visit from Santa. Santa is also available for photos before each show. Call 302-368-1616 or visit [www.3LBonline.com](http://www.3LBonline.com) for show times and ticket prices.

regional craftsmen and artists will be selling their work. Free admission. The New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info, 239-5110.

**POTTERY SALE** 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Also on Dec. 3. All proceeds go to the students of the University of Delaware ceramics department. University of Delaware Ceramics Studio, N. College Avenue and Cleveland Avenue. Info, 831-4394.

**BINGO** 5 p.m. Doors open. 6:55 p.m. Games begin. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. \$20 for 20 games. Mill Creek Volunteer Fire Company, 3900 Kirkwood Hwy., Wilmington. Info, 994-6361.

**CONCERT** 7 and 8 p.m. The Wilmington Children's Chorus will perform. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Conservatory, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info, 610-388-1000 or [longwoodgardens.org](http://longwoodgardens.org).

### ■ SATURDAY, DEC. 3

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

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**MUSIC** 3 p.m. A student chamber music recital will be performed. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info, 831-2577.

**THEATRE** 2 p.m. "The Play's The Thing" will be performed by the Professional Theatre Training Program. Hartshorn Theatre, Academy Street and E. Park Place, Newark. Info, 831-2204.

**MUSIC** 8 p.m. Collegium Musicum will perform under the direction of Russell Murray. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info, 831-2577.

**CONCERT** 7 p.m. Isaiah's Fool will perform during an evening of contemporary Christian music. \$10. Greater Grace Church, 750 Otts Chapel Rd., Newark. Info, 981-0244.

**SNACK WITH SANTA** 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Join Santa for juice, donuts and a relaxing visit. Adult must accompany a child. \$2. George Wilson Center. Info, 366-7060.

**MUSIC PERFORMANCE** 8 p.m. The Irish Rovers will perform a festive holiday program. \$23-27. The Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Info, 652-5577.

**CONCERT** 7 and 8 p.m. The Westminster Presbyterian Church Concert Ringers will perform. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Conservatory, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info, 610-388-1000 or [longwoodgardens.org](http://longwoodgardens.org).

### ■ SUNDAY, DEC. 4

**MUSIC** 3 p.m. A choral celebration will be performed featuring schola cantorum and concert choir. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info, 831-2577.

**THEATRE** 2 and 7:30 p.m. "Heartbreak House" will be performed by the Professional Theatre Training Program. Hartshorn Theatre, Academy Street and E. Park Place, Newark. Info, 831-2204.

**MUSIC** 8 p.m. A wind ensemble will be performed. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info, 831-2577.

**MOVIE SHOWING** 7 p.m. "A Christmas Story" will be shown. \$5-3. The Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Info, 652-5577.

**CONCERT** 7 and 8 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church Jubilate Bell Choir will perform. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Conservatory, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info, 610-388-1000 or [longwoodgardens.org](http://longwoodgardens.org).

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### ■ FRIDAY, DEC. 2

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

### ■ SATURDAY, DEC. 3

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

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

**CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION** 8:30 a.m. Denny's, Route 13, New Castle. Info., 838-6458.

### ■ MONDAY, DEC. 5

**FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES** 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Classes for English Conversation. Registration required. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. Info., 368-4942 or 368-8774.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ■ TUESDAY, DEC. 6

**CONSTITUENT COFFEE** 7 - 8 a.m. State Representative Stephanie Ulbrich will be on hand to discuss issues and concerns in the community. Friendly's, S. College Avenue. Info., 368-5122.

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

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

## MEETINGS

368-3052.  
**DIVORCECARE** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support group meeting. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd. Info., 737-7239.

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

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

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

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

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

### ■ WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

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

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

**SPINAL CORD INJURY SUPPORT GROUP** 5 - 7 p.m. Meetings feature speakers and topics of interest to people with spinal cord injuries, as well as the opportunity to speak with therapists and social workers. Wilmington Hospital, Floor 6, OT Gym. Info., 428-6669.

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

**GRIEF SHARE** 7 p.m. Support group and seminar for those who have lost someone close to them. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info., 737-5040.

**LA LECHE LEAGUE** 9:45 a.m. Meeting and discussion on breast-feeding and mothering. The Bible Fellowship Church, Newark. Info., 838-9444.

**FAMILY CIRCLES** 5:30 p.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 658-5177.

**MOMS CLUB/BEAR** 9:30 a.m. 345 School Bell Rd., Bear. Info., 832-2604.

**AT HOME MOTHERS CONNECTION** 7:30 p.m. Meeting for moms only. St. Barnabas Church, Duncan Road. Info., 610-274-2165.

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

Info., 737-2336.

### ■ THURSDAY, DEC. 8

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

**NAMI-DE** 7:30 p.m. Support group meeting for family members of persons living with mental illness. St. James Episcopal Church, Kirkwood Highway. Info., 427-0787.

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

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

**NEWCOMERS WELCOME CLUB** 10 a.m. For new residents in the area. Membership is open to all women who would like to meet new people with similar interests. PAL Center, Hockessin. Info., 449-0992 or 733-0834.

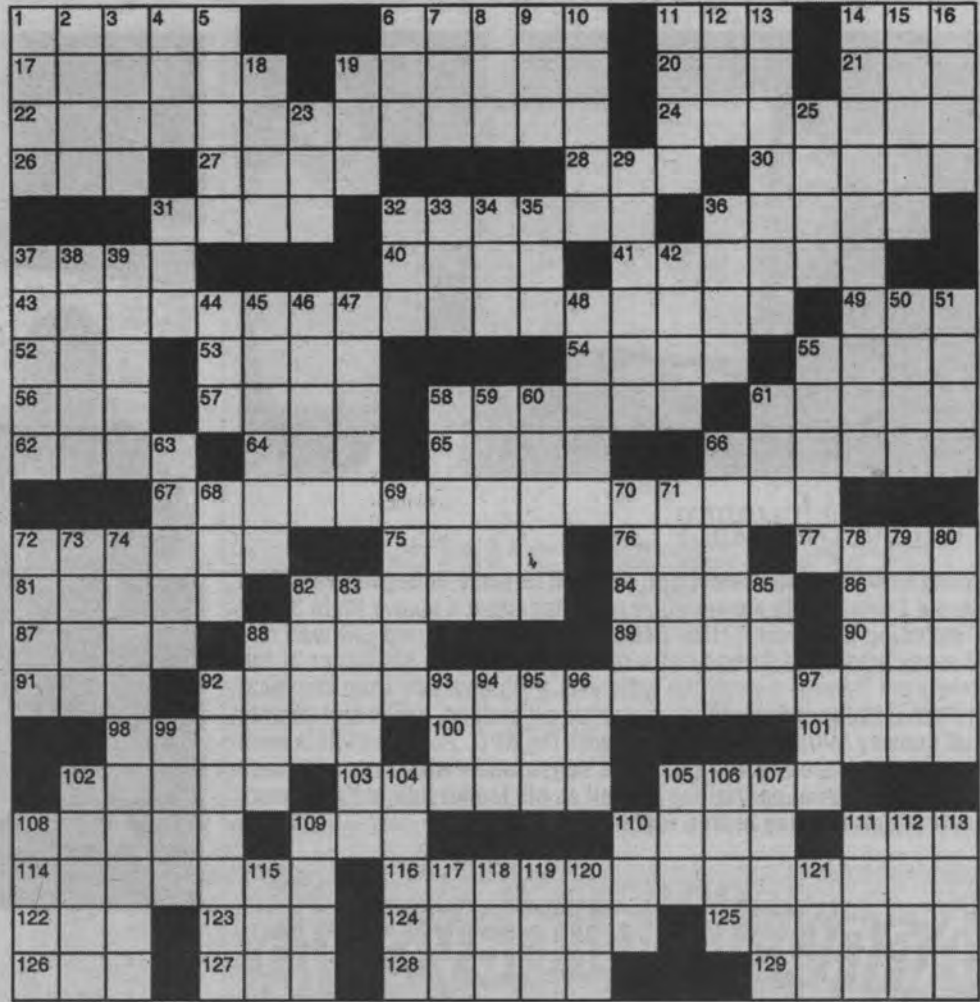
**NEWARK MORNING ROTARY** 7 - 8:15 a.m. Meeting and breakfast. The Blue & Gold Club, Newark. Info., 737-1711 or 737-0724.



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108 Way over yonder  
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112 It should be square  
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118 Where goats gambol  
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## ■ MONDAY, DEC. 5

MUSIC 8 p.m. Del 'Arte Wind Quartet will perform. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info, 831-2577.

## ■ TUESDAY, DEC. 6

THEATRE 7:30 p.m. "The Play's The Thing" will be performed by the Professional Theatre Training Program. Hartshorn Theatre, Academy Street and E. Park Place, Newark. Info, 831-2204.

MUSIC 8 p.m. A jazz chamber ensemble

will perform. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info, 831-2577.

## ■ WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

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

THEATRE 7:30 p.m. "Major Barbara" will be performed by the Professional Theatre Training Program. Hartshorn Theatre, Academy Street and E. Park Place, Newark. Info, 831-2204.

LIVE HARP MUSIC 6 - 8 p.m. Village Imports, 165 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 368-9923.

## ■ THURSDAY, DEC. 8

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL 7:30 p.m. Also runs Dec. 9 and 10. True Light Productions present "A Little Princess Christmas Musical." \$8 for adults in advance, \$10 for adults at door, \$5 in advance for children 12 and under, \$6 at door for children 12 and under. The Everett Theatre, 47 W. Main St., Middletown. Info, 378-7994.

THEATRE 7:30 p.m. "The Play's The Thing" will be performed by the Professional Theatre Training Program. Hartshorn Theatre, Academy Street and E. Park Place, Newark. Info, 831-2204.

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## NEWARK MEMORIES

Acting Newark police chief Capt. William Nefosky, left, presents Chief Gerald Conway with a watercolor print depicting a snowy Main Street — including a Newark police patrol car. The retirement gift was one of many presented Conway at a recent reception in his honor at the Deer Park Tavern. Among the gifts was a shadow box from the local Fraternal Order of Police that contained all badges, ranks and awards that Conway tallied in his 27 years with the NPD. Police officials from around Delaware saluted Conway's cooperation with statewide task forces and special operations as well as his leadership of the Newark department. Conway retired last month.



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

## CUB SCOUTS AID FOOD BANK

Cub Master Benton Garrison and Pack 941 of Newark collected dry goods for the Food Bank of Delaware Nov. 21. Garrison said the project helped the community and taught the boys the importance of community service.

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## Youth board seeks grant applications

The Delaware Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Board for New Castle County

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Applications will be taken for programs that provide early education intervention for at-risk children through age 5 and arts and cultural programs for disadvantaged youth ages 6 to 18.

Individual grant requests can not exceed \$2,500.

The Youth Philanthropy Board is a group of high school students from 20 public, independent and diocesan schools in New Castle County. The students have been meeting since October to discuss youth issues in their neighborhoods and schools, as well as effective grant-making.

Applications must be postmarked by Jan. 9. Grant recipients will be announced in May 2006. For more information, contact Beth Bouchelle at 504-5239.

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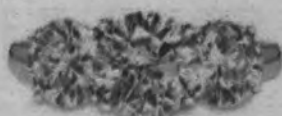
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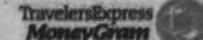
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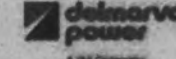
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## Jackets' streak is still amazing

By **MARTY VALANIA**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

If it feels like you've read this before, you're close to being right.

As a matter of fact, just about every year for the past decade I could've written something about Newark High being in the Division I state championship football game.

The Yellowjackets have won two straight state titles and are

seeking a third Friday night against Salesianum.

That, alone, is a remarkable accomplishment. Now add to that



**Valania**

Newark has actually won seven of the last eight state championships. The lone exception in that streak was 2002.

In addition, prior to the five straight crowns that started the streak, Newark was in the state championship game two straight years. This year's appearance makes it 10 times in 11 years that Butch Simpson's Newark High Yellowjackets have played in the Division I state championship football game.

That is absolutely nothing short of amazing.

Each year has been different and has provided unique circumstances. This year's team lost three regular season games (all to the other teams in the state semifinals and two of them in overtime). Yet, there was Newark knocking off previously unbeaten William Penn in last Saturday's semifinal game.

The Jackets get another chance to avenge a regular season loss this week. The year started with a loss at Salesianum. The year will end with another shot at Sallies.

# Back to the title game!



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY JOSH NEWITT

## Jackets knock off Wm. Penn 28-6, will play Sallies for state crown

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Newark's Yellowjackets advanced to their third consecutive Delaware State High School Football Division I Championship Game after drubbing previously undefeated William Penn 28-6 Saturday afternoon at Bill Cole Stadium in New Castle. Newark scored three touchdowns, one by the defense, in the final frame, to earn the upset victory.

"You have to find your way against William Penn," said Newark coach Butch Simpson. "They're a great defensive football team, and have been for several years." The Yellowjackets (9-3), will face Salesianum Friday night at Alumni Stadium on the Delaware State University campus in Dover. The 9-3 Sals moved to the title game after beating Middletown 28-12 Friday night at Bill Billings Stadium in Middletown.

This will be the first meeting ever between the two schools in the football championship clash. "It feels great to have the opportunity to play in any championship game, let alone play in three in a row," said Newark senior fullback and linebacker Scott Gardner.

"And we have a chance to beat the team (Sallies) that beat us in the first game of the year." Newark held a fragile 7-0 lead heading into the fourth quarter, when fate's fortune turned the game in the Jackets favor. After a William Penn fumble deep in the Colonials' territory at the seven-yard line, Newark running back Ed Imeokparia scored on a three-yard burst. Sophomore Alex Carlton's extra point made the score 14-0 with just over nine minutes remaining.

Newark quarterback Steve Williams scrambles for yardage in the Yellowjackets' victory Saturday.

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# UD men's hoops teams falls at Marist

## Hens have lost three of first five games

The University of Delaware men's basketball squad suffered its third straight loss Saturday night as the Blue Hens shot just 29 percent from the field and dropped a 64-48 setback to host Marist at the McCann Center.

The Blue Hens (2-3), who got 12 points from Calvin Cannon and 10 points and a career high 14 rebounds from Herb Courtney (right), suffered their third straight loss after starting the year

2-0. The game marked the first ever meeting between the two teams in men's basketball.

Marist (1-1), which opened its season with a three-point loss to Seton Hall, improved to 1-1 as forward Ryan Stilphen led four Red Fox players in double figures with 14 points. Marist used an 18-6 burst to start the second half to break open a close game.

Courtney, a sophomore forward, notched his second career double-double as he scored 10 points and pulled a career-high 14 rebounds, helping the Blue Hens hold a 43-37 advantage on the boards. Cannon added a

team-high 12 points, including hitting four of Delaware's five three-pointers, while Zaire Taylor came off the bench to add 10 points and four assists and All-American candidate Harding Nana added nine points and 11 rebounds.

Stilphen also added seven rebounds for Marist while guard Jared Jordan added 13 points and a game-high six assists, James Smith added 12 points and seven rebounds, and Gerald Carter came off the bench to chip in with 11 points.

Delaware converted just 29.2 percent of its shots from the field, hitting 19 of 65 for the game for the team's lowest team shooting percentage since hitting .254 of its shots in an 85-59 win over Siena Dec. 23, 2003. The Hens' 48 points was the team's lowest

since a 74-46 loss to Auburn last Dec. 20.

"Defensively we did what we wanted to," said Delaware head coach David Henderson. "We wanted to take away their three-point shots and we did that, but offensively we squandered too many opportunities. We just didn't execute on the offensive end tonight. We got some good looks, but didn't knock down any open shots."

Marist led for most of the first half but the Hens did tie the game twice, the second time at 11-11 with 10:35 left in the stanza. Delaware still trailed by just three points when Taylor hit a jumper with 2:37 left to cut the lead to 24-21. Marist's Miles Orman hit one free throw and Carter hit a layup just before the halftime buzzer to push the lead to 27-21

at the break.

Cannon nailed a three-pointer for Delaware just over a minute into the second stanza to cut the lead to 29-24, but the Red Foxes scored 8 of the next 10 points, including three pointers from Smith and Jordan, to up the lead to double digits.

The lead stayed in double figures the rest of the way. Delaware cut the lead to 12 points several times in the last eight minutes, the second time with 3:11 left when Nana completed a three-point play to narrow the margin to 58-46. But the Hens never scored another field goal, missing their final five, and couldn't gain any ground. Jordan hit two field goals and Will Whittington added two free throws during the span to keep Marist in front.

## Newark to face Sallies for another state championship

### ► JACKETS, from 14

William Penn (10-1), then had its best drive of the day, in the final quarter. This one ended successfully when Colonial quarterback Steve Alexander hit Jamail Berry with a 16-yard touchdown pass at the 7:30 mark. The Jacket's Phil Hudson blocked the PAT attempt, leaving the score 14-6. Newark began to pull away when freshman Brandon Norwood raced 58 yards down the right sideline to extend the lead to 21-6 with about five minutes left. Senior running back Esthervell Cotton left the game early with just under 100 rushing yards after re-injuring his elbow. Teammate James Snider missed the entire game with a leg injury. "Whoever we put in the backfield, we seem to do well," said Gardner. "We keep plugging in different running backs, and somehow, we keep winning." The Jackets then iced the game when defensive back Hayden Boyd intercepted an Alexander pass and galloped 48 yards for a touchdown with 3:02 remaining. Senior Jamie McMahon's extra point made the final score 28-6.

"We usually do a pretty good job of holding onto the ball," said Penn coach Bill Cole. "But in a big game like this, in any playoff game, you can't have turnovers, and part of that was Newark forcing some of those turnovers, so you have to give them a lot of credit for that too."

Following a scoreless and defensive-minded first quarter, Newark capitalized on a William Penn fumble when Dwayne Simon recovered the ball on the Colonial 34 yard line.

The Jackets drew first blood on a Steve Williams 13-yard touchdown run. The senior quarterback's score, with only 20 seconds remaining until halftime, capped a five-play, 34-yard drive. Carlton's extra point kick made the score 7-0. "We didn't expect anything to be easy," said Simpson. "Obviously we won the game, but let's credit (assistant coaches) Mike Brogan, Steve Grundy, Kendall Mobley, they are the defensive coaches that put together the plan," he said.

Simpson also pointed out Newark's stingy defense came up with two fumbles, with both leading to touchdowns and the late interception that clinched the victory.



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## Business boosts local soccer programs

**M**ORE than \$1,500 in funds and equipment will go to local youth soccer programs, thanks to a donation by Delaware Tire Center and Uniroyal.

The donated funds will be used by Newark Parks and Recreation and the Community Athletic Association to buy soccer balls and support the league.



SHOWS BEGIN TONIGHT

## Annie production attracts Newark actors

**S**EVERAL Newark area actors will take to the stage in a production of Annie by Premier Centre for the Arts, a production company based in Middletown.

Shows will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9. On Saturday, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, there will be two showings at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Shows will be at the Middletown High School Theatre on Silver Lake Road in Middletown.

A number of Newark area residents have been drawn into the production.

Director Tracy Friswell Jacobs and her husband, choreographer Scott Jacobs, hail from Newark, as do set designer Candy McGee and actors Dan Sanchez who plays Rooster, Matt Waite, and Christy Wyatt, an understudy for Annie.

Premier Centre for the Arts opened three years ago. The company gives classes in theater, dance and voice to people of all abilities, backgrounds and ages.

Tickets for Annie are on sale now. They are available by calling 302-378-1384 or visiting the Web site at [www.pca-de.com](http://www.pca-de.com).

## Deadline looms for school superintendent apps

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**T**HE search for a new school superintendent in the Christina District is on schedule, according to James Durr, vice president of the school board. "We're proceeding just like we did in the last search," Durr said this week, "because that was so successful."

With the application deadline approaching on Dec. 5, Durr said Jim Hugu of the search firm, Hugu and Associates, had advised the board that there were more than 150 requests for addition-

al information. "He expects about 20 to 20 applications by the deadline," Durr said. "The board will sit down with Hugu during the week of Dec. 12 to review them."

Durr indicated that the board would look at all the applications received. "That's the only fair thing to do," he said. "We won't know anything more until we go through the list of applicants and review their information."

Durr said the board will provide more information and details for public input into the search at the Dec. 13 school board meeting.

## Holiday entertainment galore at Longwood in December

### ► THE ARTS, from 9

Year's Eve Celebration from 4 - 10 p.m. Like all the other Christmas concerts and activities this one is free as well. There will be holiday music, face painting, balloon artists and more. At 9 p.m. there will be a spectacular fireworks display to welcome in 2006.

For the "mature" garden

visitors on the 31st, Longwood will offer a "New Year's in Old Vienna" program featuring waltzes and other celebratory music. It will be front and center on New Year's Eve from 6 to 7:30 p.m. No extra charge!

Longwood Gardens is located on U. S. Rt. 1, just outside of Kennett Square. It is easily accessible via many roads from the Newark area. You may select from routes 41, 52, 896, 100 or

202 to get you up to Route 1. The entrance is clearly marked and there is plenty of free parking right by the main entrance. Longwood Gardens is a "must visit" spot for your family this year. The staff is pulling out all the stops to make this Christmas one of the most glorious ever for each member of your family.

For more information you may call 610-388-1000 or visit their web site at [www.longwood-](http://www.longwood-)

## Donations still sought

### ► HELP, from 1

will empty Nardo's warehouse, taking goods to Memorial Hall at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street. From there, the cans will be sorted and packed into baskets with frozen turkeys and other perishables.

Selected families will pick up their baskets on Dec. 17.

Nardo gives all credit to the volunteers. "I couldn't do it without them" he said.

Donations are still being taken for the holiday. "We can stand all the donations we can get," said Nardo.

Needs include frozen turkeys, canned foods, desserts and breakfast foods such as cereals and oatmeal.

Food can be taken to Hair Taker in Fairfield Shopping Center where Nardo's son, Steve, works. Monetary donations can be made at PNC Bank in the Fairfield Shopping Center. Deposit slips are available for Val's Needy Family Fund.

Individuals may contact Nardo by phone at 994-1453 or Stoudt at 368-9354.

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# Demise of Stone Balloon signals new chapter in downtown life

## ► SISK, from 6

some residents are good, aren't more better? Especially if those residents are relatively affluent?

The technical term for where there was a disagreement is "density." Newark's Director of Planning, the redoubtable Roy Lopata, had one vision. Jim Baeurle had another. Various Newark City Council members and community activists had ideas that were different. But somehow the basic idea that if some residents are good for downtown then more are better got obscured.

One reason it got obscured was the intersection of density and student housing. Student housing on the site was considered a

bad thing. Part of Dick Beck's task was to draft condominium regulations that encouraged owner occupancy to the limits of the law. Age-restricting housing is always delicate, and the law is confusing: it's okay to restrict to 'adult active' housing, but not okay to discriminate against students in certain ways (as the City learned the hard way in a recent lawsuit). Since the building was large, the line of reasoning went, what if, monstrosity horrendum, the building ended up being student rentals?

Now that the process is done, I say can what I (as a private citizen, not as one of Jim Bauerle's lawyers) was thinking when that argument was made. In short: so what? Isn't a building full of resi-

dents preferable to a facility that is open several nights a week, where everyone arrives and leaves in a four-or five-hour period?

A member of the Building Responsibility Coalition, the community outreach arm of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, clearly got this. He wrote an op-ed piece for this paper where he said, in essence, that whoever proposed a credible project that would end

the use of the property as a tavern - no matter how well run - should be given a parade, not a hard time. And the potential multi-generational occupancy of the project gives it a fair amount of vibrancy, in my personal opinion.

On one level or another, no one is happy to see the Balloon go. If you think, for instance, that Jim Baeurle isn't a music lover, you don't know Jim. Since he has

been the Balloon's operator since the early 1990s, his office wall of honor is filled mostly with bands I didn't know (got any pictures of Crosby Stills and Nash in the back room, Jim?)

But, if after a time the property is filled with residences where people are living and striving and dreaming, to me it's just a different kind of music.

## Taxes to jump 16.3%

### ► TAXES, from 1

The tax rate increase also helps to offset rising costs of health-care benefits, \$99,750, and fuel, \$80,000.

At the council's direction, several items seen as non-essential were removed from the draft budget since the last meeting.

Those included laptop computers for the council and a public information officer and equipment. Money for a Web site redesign was scaled back from \$20,500 to \$13,000 and funds in the annual Street, Curb and Catch basin program were reduced by \$93,000.

Altogether, the changes reduced the city's total proposed expenditures by more than \$230,000.

Councilman Karl Kalbacher made a motion Monday to cut the proposed police cadet program

from the budget as well.

The cadet program recruits students to support the Newark Police Department as interns.

Kalbacher said senior citizens in his district have contacted him with worries about the large tax increase. He did not want to support any "extramural programs" that would raise rates more than necessary, he said.

He suggested waiting a year to see what impact the five new police officers have on crime in the community.

Mayor Vance Funk III pointed out that the cadet program costs less than hiring one police officer. The program will give the city six extra people on patrol when needed, he said.

Kalbacher's motion did not receive a second.

The council voted unanimously to pass the amended budget and tax rate

## Bear resident arrested

### ► ASSAULT, from 2

his emergency equipment and then approached the car on foot, Waldrige said. It was then that the woman began accelerating towards the officer, Waldrige said.

"She just refused to yield," he said, adding the woman struck McMillan in the legs. McMillan radioed the vehicle's description to all available units in the area. A police chase ensued after another officer noticed the car traveling west on Rt. 40, Waldrige said. Police pulled the woman's car over after she turned north onto Rt. 213 and stopped in front of Commercial Plaza, he said.

Despite his injuries, McMillan was among the officers that responded to the traffic stop before continuing to the hospital,

Waldrige said.

"When that adrenaline is flowing, you don't really think about being injured," Waldrige said.

A short time after the traffic stop, officers reported back to the area of Slacker's Pub and arrested a man who had allegedly sold drugs to Graham, Waldrige said.

Marshall Brown, 24, of Elkton, was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of a controlled and dangerous substance: cocaine, and possession of a controlled and dangerous substance: heroin, police said.

He was being held on \$25,000 bond at the Cecil County Detention Center.

*Natter is a staff writer for the daily Cecil Whig in Elkton, Md.*



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## Five loans expected next year

### ► POOH, from 3

For example, said Fortner, if the owner purchases the house for \$200,000 and sells it at \$300,000, the city takes back the loan amount plus \$25,000 in shared equity.

The first two homes purchased with POOH's help were in the White Chapel area. Applications are in for homes in Devon and College Park neighborhoods, said Fortner.

The program does not target specific city areas or neighborhoods. It applies only to proper-

ties that have been rented for at least two years. Buyers must agree to forgo the rental permit while they own the home.

POOH loans are available on a first come, first served basis. The city anticipates giving out five loans — or \$250,000 — per calendar year.

## 2000: Alcohol limit down

### ► PAGES, from 6

#### Panel named

Four local businessmen have been named to advise the General Assembly on ways it can encourage small business in the state of Delaware.

According to legislatures, the two main problems facing small businesses are governmental red tape and unfamiliarity with expanding business and locating capital. The committee will work in conjunction with the Department of Community Affairs and Economic Development.

■ Dec. 1, 2000

#### Alcohol limit lowered

Newark City Council voted unanimously this week for a new municipal ordinance decreasing

the Blood Alcohol Content level for drunk driving from .1 to .08.

City solicitor Roger Akin said the BAC level is the number that provides almost an automatic case for drunk driving. "There's no defense to the drunk driving charge if this blood content alcohol level is present," said Akin. "Even if the driver can meet all other indications for sobriety like walking a straight line..."

#### Capacity mandate waved

A state law passed just over two years ago has been waived again to accommodate a lack of classroom space in the Christiana School District.

School Board members voted unanimously at their last regular meeting to again waive a law signed by Governor Thomas Carper in 1998 requiring that only 22 students may be assigned to any K-3 classroom in the state.

## More discussion urged

### ► ZERO, from 3

rewriting the noise ordinance would not be safe for the overall community.

He gave some background on the law and the city's on-going efforts to protect college students and stop disorderly conduct. It's a challenge, he said, to police a university town, and the city's large public safety budget reflects this.

Luft said officers have been fair in issuing noise violations. "I've never considered any of this discriminatory. This is just to keep the place safe," he said.

Councilman Jerry Clifton said he, too, did not see the policy as discriminating against students. "Quite frankly, I'm tired of hearing that," he said, adding that he knew several adults who have received violations.

Clifton said the noise ordinance

should not mandate a first warning because no other laws do. The city's "probation before judgment" program essentially grants that first warning, he said.

Both councilmen Karl Kalbacher and Paul Pomeroy encouraged the city to extend its discussion on zero tolerance to a broader look at public safety issues.

Kalbacher said landlords and businesses selling alcohol should be included in that discussion. "I don't view this issue as strictly a police issue. I view it as a community issue, and we need everyone involved," he said.

After hearing the council's comments, Vonck decided not to push forward with his changes to the noise ordinance. He said he would continue to look at the issue and may come back to the council with other ideas in the future.

## 'It's like they moved out'

### ► WORKS, from 3

incidents of loud parties, public drunkenness and even threats of violence from college students.

"We are here to say tonight that enough is enough," he said.

Boucher said his neighborhood has been quieted slightly in recent weeks by the zero tolerance crack-down. But, he admits, the noise ordinance will not solve all of the problems. Students need to share the city with its long-term residents, he said.

One Newark woman, a long-time Kells Avenue resident who asked not to be named, became familiar with loud college parties living near Ivy Hall Apartments.

She and her husband have had property damaged, including a

side view mirror on their car and their fence posts, and found trash scattered in their yard after parties.

One night this semester, the couple woke to find the adjacent street packed with college students and parked cars. They figured the neighborhood was in for a "really, really rough year."

But since zero tolerance went into effect, she said, "It's like they've all moved out."

The whole neighborhood has quieted down at night, she said. Students have not been having loud parties, which has surprised the couple.

"We're amazed. We are simply bowled over to tell you the truth," she said.



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# Owners hope to change image with upgraded restaurant

## ▶ TRACKS, from 3

and the tables are dressed with linens.

"It's completely different than it ever was," said Reynolds. "It used to be a bar with a restaurant. Now, it's a restaurant with a bar."

Reynolds brought in interior designer Maria Kunkulis of Breckstone Group in Wilmington to help improve the look of the place.

Of her design, Kunkulis said, "The idea kind of reflects an older, more sophisticated restaurant."

One challenge, she said, was to bring warmth, vibrancy and light into the basement restaurant. Warm paint colors and low, hanging lights helped, giving the room a nice dining atmosphere, she said.

She helped select the restaurant's glassware, silverware and bright white china with square plates. She called the look "unique" to Newark. "I wanted to give it a different flair," she said.

The paint colors are not the only changes at Tracks. Reynolds hopes, too, to break away from the stigma that came with the location's rowdy past.

"It operated as something of a dive," said Reynolds of his restaurant's predecessors.

Bars at the location were cited often for underage drinking and alcohol violations. A stabbing outside Maxwell-T's in 1998 brought on a raid by the Newark Police Department and the Delaware Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

As the Ground Floor Grill, the bar would host local rock, punk and metal bands, with crowds sometimes spilling out onto the streets.

"People came here to get cheap drinks and listen to bad music," said Sadler.

Reynolds added, "It was kind of rough and wild, and we knew we wanted to change that."

Responsible alcohol service has become a top priority for the restaurant, he said.

Recently, a former state trooper taught servers how to avoid serving drinks to underage patrons and to recognize someone who had too much to drink. Soon, electronic ID readers will be installed to check the validity of Delaware and out-of-state licenses.

On weekends, the light sound of jazz music will replace the rock concerts of the past. Local jazz acts sometimes play weekend gigs and Sunday brunch at the restaurant.

"The whole ambiance is completely different," said Reynolds. "The feedback has been quite positive from the public."

Reynolds even tried to distance Tracks from predecessors with its name.

He considered calling the restaurant Newark Underground and Other Side of the Tracks, he said, but found those "too edgy." He went with Tracks as a tribute to the railroad that crosses College Avenue and the music; the restaurant's logo shows a train chugging down a keyboard.

Reynolds, by day a certified public accountant, said he has enjoyed his first nine months in the restaurant biz, though, he said, it's "lots of work and lots of worry."

Sadler, his right-hand man with 16 years of experience, said Reynolds has started to pick up on the restaurant lingo.

The two worked together to come up with a diverse menu with everything from flatiron steak grilled to order to homemade chips loaded with cheese, bacon bits and a spicy sauce.

If they can get customers in the door and past any preconceived notions about the restaurant, said

Sadler, the public will be won over by its food and service.

"I think we're trying to do something unique," said Reynolds, pointing out that Newark has become home to several good restaurants like the Café Gelato and Iron Hill Brewery. The city,

he said, is becoming something of a destination for diners.

"And we have free parking," he said.

Tracks is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 9

p.m. Sunday. The restaurant is currently booking holiday parties.

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The bar at the recently renovated Tracks restaurant awaits customers. Owner Phil Reynolds said of the restaurant at 60 N. College Ave., "It used to be a bar with a restaurant. Now, it's a restaurant with a bar."



# On Campus

NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

## BRIEFLY

### Skating tickets now available

**T**ICKETS are now available for a special University of Delaware national figure skating championships send-off show to be held at 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Rust Ice Arena, off South College Avenue in Newark.

The show will feature skaters who train at UD and who will compete at the 2006 State

Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships to be held from Jan. 7-15 in St. Louis. Among them will be Kimmie Meissner, above, who won the bronze medal at the 2005 national championships and who recently competed in the Trophee Eric Bompard in Paris.

Tickets cost \$12, \$10 for children and senior citizens, and are available at the UD box offices in the Trabant University Center or the Bob Carpenter Sports/Convocation Center, or through Ticketmaster. Tickets also will be sold at the Rust Ice Arena on the day of the show.

### Zimbardo to discuss Abu Ghraib torture

Philip G. Zimbardo, professor emeritus of psychology at Stanford University who is widely credited for popularizing psychology through the PBS-TV series *Discovering Psychology*, will discuss "The Lucifer Effect: Understanding How Good People Turn Evil," at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 6, in Pearson Hall auditorium, Academy Street and Lovett Avenue.

The talk, which shares a title with a new book that Zimbardo is writing, will begin with a presentation of slides and video footage of prisoner abuse by U.S. soldiers at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.



## Top judge to speak to grads

**W**ILLIAM B. Chandler III, chancellor of Delaware's Court of Chancery, will speak at the University of Delaware's Winter Commencement, scheduled at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 7, in the Bob Carpenter Center, on UD's South Campus in Newark.

Winter Commencement, for students who complete their degree requirements in August and December, traditionally features a distinguished UD graduate as speaker.

Chandler, who graduated from UD in 1973 with a degree in political science, was appointed in 1997 as chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery, where he had served as vice chancellor since 1989.

The Delaware Court of Chancery is widely recognized as America's pre-eminent forum for the determination of disputes

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A graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law and Yale Law School, Chandler served as resident judge of the Delaware Superior Court from 1985-89.

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William B. Chandler III, chancellor of the DE Court of Chancery.

## UD students clean up Main Street

**A** student-sponsored clean up along Main Street in Newark Nov. 19 netted 20 bags of debris, thanks to the teamwork of University of Delaware student volunteers from the Dickinson Community Council, the Dickinson Community Service Club and the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity.

Although it took commitment and an afternoon of labor, the project wasn't all work, for what might have ended with a slice or two of celebratory pizza afterwards turned instead into a classy sit-down meal at Cucina Napoli, thanks to an offer made at the outset of the event by Newark Mayor Vance Funk III.

"Early in the afternoon, when we first met to divide into teams, Mayor Funk offered to buy us lunch," freshman Emma Devine, Dickinson Community Council president, said. "At the time, about 15 students were present."

As the two teams threaded their way along Main Street and surrounding streets, the volunteer corps grew by about 45 members, far exceeding expectations.

"By the time we met up again, we had collected about 20 bags of trash and about 500 cigarette butts," Devine said. "But, we also had about 60 volunteers!"

Funk, unfazed, sent Devine off to Cucina Napoli to bump up the reservation count, and within 20 minutes the back of the restaurant



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Newark's mayor Vance A. Funk III stands on Main Street with some of the 60 student volunteers.

was given over to the clean-up crew.

"It was an enormous turn-out," Funk said. "I'd initially figured between 15 to 25 students would show up, and I'd made arrangements accordingly ahead of time, without the volunteers knowing. But nothing ever surprises me about the University students, and that's what makes Newark so special."

Funk, who also helped by

picking up and by donating the bags and plastic gloves for the effort, said that the event was organized earlier in the fall as a way to strengthen community ties between UD students and Newark residents.

"Every fall, there is at least one very well-attended clean-up event," Funk said. "The students at Saturday's event did an incredible job, and the effort was very well-planned and organized."

Devine, who says she hopes to maintain the reputation Dickinson Residence Hall has won in recent years for community service and involvement, said that she also was pleased by the turnout.

"The pick-up was extremely successful," she said, "because besides picking up trash and making a positive impact in the community, we also sent the message that we do live here, and we do care."



# There's much pre-planning needed to open new schools

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larly of longtime staff members or administrators. Even so, the parent of a student at Newark High School called to complain about the October announcement of assistant principal Noreen LaSorsa's reassignment. (The same person called a day later and said, "Forget what I said; I apparently didn't know the whole story.")

Three months into the school year, parents do not want to hear that any school leadership will change at mid-year. And the latest changes are wide reaching, affecting three secondary schools, one intermediate school, three middle schools, two elementary schools and the Sterck School for the Deaf.

Proposed personnel moves are:

■ Todd Harvey, from principal at Glasgow High School to senior administrator at Sterck, effective 1/24/06;

■ Donald Patton, from principal at Kirk Middle School to principal at Glasgow, effective 1/24/06;

■ Josette Johnson, from senior administrator in student intervention services to principal at Kirk, effective 1/24/06;

■ Robert Anderson, from job coordinator at Sarah Pyle Academy to administrator in student intervention services, effective 1/24/06;

■ Noreen LaSorsa, assistant principal at Newark to principal at Bancroft Middle School, effective 2/1/06;

■ Margaret Mason, principal at Bancroft Intermediate School to assistant principal at yet-to-be announced location, effective 7/1/06;

■ Linda Ochenrider, principal of Leasure Elementary School to principal at new elementary school in Bear, effective 2/1/06;

■ Aaron Selekman, assistant principal to acting principal at Leasure, 2/1/06 through 6/30/06;

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

Jacob Hill  
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Louise Boyle  
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Janet Reed

■ Carol Russell, assistant principal at Kirk to principal at Leasure, effective 7/1/06;

■ Dana Crumlish, specialist I to manager 2 in student services and Education Options, effective 2/1/06;

■ Freeman Williams, director of K-12 school operations to executive director of student services and Education Options effective 2/1/06.

In addition:

■ Edith Moyer, who will retire on 7/1/07, will be assistant principal at a yet-to-be-announced location in the 2006-07 school year;

■ William Conley III, assistant principal at Gauger Cobbs Middle School will retire on 7/1/06.

Carolyn Strum, the district's director of human resources, said the decision to make mid-year changes "is painful for all

involved." But, when necessary, the district tries to make the best of it.

"The superintendents and other administrators meet to discuss available people and find the best move," Strum said. "In a lateral move, we try to put people in a position that meets their needs as well as the district's. And they can turn it down if they wish."

This week, according to a Christina employee, district administrators were to meet to discuss complaints from parents, and second thoughts of the administrator, on an announced move from one school on this list.

Many, if not all, of the promotions and reassignments announced in November were a result of two factors: Harvey's decision to apply for the vacant position at Sterck; and, the pending 2006 opening of a new middle school and elementary school and the closing of an intermediate

school that will reopen as a middle school. (These latter moves are indicated by an asterisk on the list above.)

In a statement posted on Glasgow's Web site, Harvey explained that he had "several inquiries" from a national search group during the year that the senior administrator's position has been open at Sterck. "This new opportunity allows me to use the full range of experience that I have accumulated throughout my professional career," Harvey stated. "[Nevertheless,] it has been a difficult decision to leave Glasgow High School."

According to school board members and district administrators at the November school board meeting, personnel changes related to the opening of a new elementary and two middle schools depend on a Certificate

of Necessity from the state of Delaware, expected on the Monday before Thanksgiving.

The Certificate determines the need and dollar amount for the January referendum, scheduled at the November school board meeting, to fund unforeseen construction cost increases. Information about the status of the Certificate was not available from the district as of press time.

Strum said the district had to announce the personnel moves in advance of securing the funding and completion of construction. "As a system, we're moving forward," she explained. "We have to assume the funds will be available and there's a lot of pre-planning that we like to have new principals involved in, even at this point."

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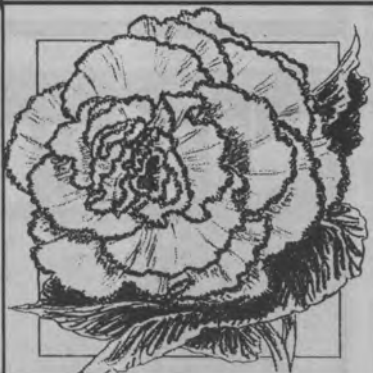
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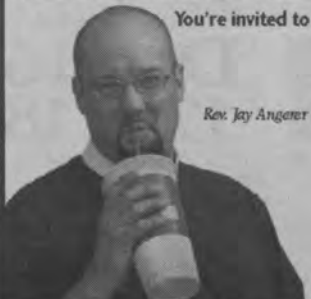
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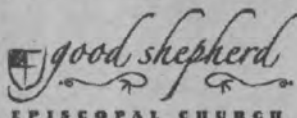


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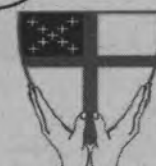
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