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### UP FRONT

### Household hang-ups

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HEN you need one, there is none to be found. What am I talking about? A cop? True, there never seems to be a police officer around when some idiot driving like a madman has cut you off on Elkton Road. A flashlight? It's only after the power goes out that

you begin your search for a handheld light, trying to avoid knives and scissors as you ruffle through kitchen drawers in the dark (and when you locate a light, the batteries usually are dead).



Streit

One item always plentiful are wire coat hangers. When you don't want one, they're all over the place. When you really need one, they're nowhere to be found.

Nearly every morning when I reach into my closet to select my apparel for the day, more often than not I remove the shirt or sweater but not before entangling four or five other coat hang-ers in the process. Usually, two hangers refuse to dis-engage and, like the party favors that you used to stick your fingers into, the harder you pull, the tighter the hangers entwine. Often during the struggle the neatly ironed shirt has fallen into a heap on the closet floor. Wire hangers can be use-

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#### By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HEN Sue Thompson walks through her front yard off Unami Trail, she's greeted at the gate by 10 happy haveling the state of the sta happy, howling dogs, all with some Siberian Husky in them.

The dogs — different sizes and colors schemes with a range of personalities — share several traits common to a Husky: those snow blue eyes and a love for a

cool day outdoors.
Six of the dogs make up a sled dog team Thompson recently expanded from a hobby into a part-time business. Howling Huskies Sled Dog Adventures takes riders down a scenic trail by a dogpowered sled or cart.

Thompson's interest in the sport of mushing grew out of trip to a Christmas tree farm about 15 years ago.

She and her husband were looking for a Christmas tree with their dog, Bambie, a mix of Husky and German Shepherd. Thompson said Bambie kept pulling on her leash and managed to pull her to the ground.

When they got home, Thompson decided to tie the dog to her daughter's red wagon. As she describes it, the Husky instinct in Bambie



Top of Page: The sled dog team looks ready for a run. Carmel and Mars are the lead dogs, followed by swing dogs Candy and Polar and wheel dogs Nugget and Milky Way. Above: Sue Thompson gets some kisses from her sled dog team.

came out, and the dog pulled Thompson all the way down a residential street.

"I had such fun. I thought this was amazing," said Thompson. "I've been in love with it ever since.

She adopted her first lead dog and rescued several others. Her team grew two-fold when Candy came on board.

Candy came, unknowingly, to the Thompson house-hold expecting five puppies. She and her puppies — now 5 years old — make up "one sweet team," according to Thompson.

Mars and Carmel act as the lead dogs; Candy and Polar are the swing dogs and Milky Way and Nugget are the wheel dogs that run closest to the sled.

Thompson said Carmel and Mars are natural leaders and keep everybody on the team going. Their curiosity pushes them to see what's around the next bend. The other dogs add their own strengths to the team, she

The dogs follow voice See snowdogs 7 ▶

### Change costs money

Christina District seeks \$112.5 million from voters to finish transformations

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE total amount for the bond referendum was breathtaking even though the Christina District School Board had pared it down since their November meeting. On Tuesday night, the board voted to ask for authority in January 2006 to issue bonds totaling \$112,449,600. District administrators say this amount is needed to:

Renovate and expand three high

Renovate four middle schools and construct an addition at one;

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### **Adult condos** hit roadblock

City council declines changing comprehensive plan for Elkton Rd. project

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

proposal to build a housing community on Elkton Road next to the Newark Interstate Business Park led the Newark city council into a discussion on its long-term vision for the planning area at Monday's meeting.

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

A change in the land-use plan would

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#### UD police investigate armed robbery

NIVERSITY of Delaware Police are investigating the robbery at knife point of a female pizza delivery driver that occurred around 12:45 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, in the fire lane by the Harrington A/B residence hall.

The driver from Pizza U came out of the breezeway and saw the suspect at the top of the stairs. When she approached him, he demanded money and displayed a 12-inch stainless steel knife. After taking an undisclosed amount of money, he fled. The driver was not hurt.

The driver returned to Pizza U and contacted the Newark Police, who called University Police. A New Castle County canine unit was called in, but the attempt to track the suspect was unsuccessful.

The suspect is described as an 18- to 24-year-old man, 5 foot 7 inches to 5 foot 9 inches tall, weighing 140 to 160 pounds, wearing a ski mask and dark clothing.

Anyone with information is asked contact University Police at 831-2222.

#### **Attacked at party**

Newark police reported that a 22-year-old Bear man was beaten by three white males following an argument at a party in the unit block Kershaw Street.

The victim told police that he had been drinking "a lot" and became engaged in a verbal altercation with a woman. The three males then ejected him from the party on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2:30 a.m. The victim told police the trio then beat him.

When police arrived, they discovered the victim had a bloody nose and cuts on his mouth and right eye.

A witness told police that the attackers told the victim "this is what you get for hitting a girl" during the assault.

The three suspects were last seen fleeing towards East Cleveland Avenue, police said.

Investigation is continuing.

#### **Coatjacking at Gore**

Employees at the Gore Outdoor store at Suburban Plaza told Newark police on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1:22 p.m. that \$1,500 in coats were stolen.

Officers were told that a white male entered the store and asked about layaway, then left the store carrying five coats. Middletown teen, 17, dies in Sunday crash

HE Delaware State Police's Fatal Accident Investigation and Reconstruction Team is investigating a two-vehicle crash which took the life of a 17-year-old Middletown teen and sent four others to the hospital Sunday morning.

On Dec. 11 at approximately 10:17 a.m., troopers rushed to Pole Bridge Road in the area of Blue Ridge Drive after learning of a two-vehicle crash.

Troopers reported that a 1998 Dodge Neon, operated by Amanda Miller, 17, of Middletown, was traveling westbound on Pole Bridge Road west of Blue Ridge Road when Miller lost control of the vehicle in a curve.

Police said the Neon crossed the double yellow centerline directly in front of a 1998 Toyota Tacoma pick-up truck, operated by Peter S. Suski, 37, of Newark. Suski's wife, Tammy, 36, occupied the right front seat and his eight-year-old son and six-year-old daughter sat in cab seats. The Tacoma was traveling eastbound

on Pole Bridge Road.

Police said Suski applied his brakes and steered to the right to avoid the Neon, but was unsuccessful. The front end of the Tacoma struck the Neon's right side. Both vehicles came to rest in a cornfield south of the roadway.

Miller was pronounced dead at the scene. Miller was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash,

According to police, Peter Suski was not treated for any injuries at the scene. Tammy Suski was admitted to Christiana Hospital for observation due to chest pain. Both front seat passengers were properly seatbelted. Troopers said the children were both secured in booster seats and suffered only minor head contusions. They were released from the Christiana Emergency Room after being treated.

The crash remains under investigation.

Pole Bridge Road was closed for approximately two hours.

Investigation is continuing, police said.

#### Partygoers return to damage residence

Residents of a home in the 100 block East Cleveland Avenue summoned Newark police on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 3:24 a.m. when a group of vandals attacked the exterior of a home.

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About 30 minutes before the attack, a white male, a black male and a white female were told by residents that they were no longer welcome and to leave. A fight quickly erupted outside the home and the trio left.

At 3:24 a.m., the three returned along with others and pulled off a porch railing. They kicked in the front door, punched holes in a wall inside, and kicked in a bedroom door. They then fled.

A 20-year-old Newark man suffered a bruised cheek in the attack. Investigation is continuing, police said.

#### Arrest at Galleria

Newark police were called to the Galleria parking lot, 45 E. Main St., on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 12:13 a.m. after being told a fight was in progress.

During their investigation, police arrested Arthur Lee Wilson Jr., 25, of Clayton, and charged him with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and criminal impersonation. During processing, officers learned that Wilson was wanted on a failure to appear capias by the Kent Couty Court of Common Pleas. Wilson was released after posting \$175 cash bond, police said.

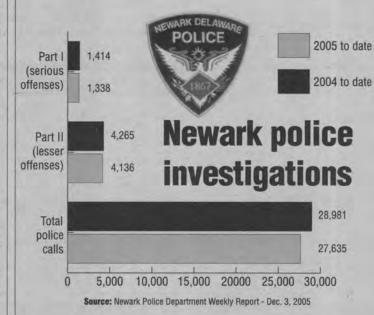
#### The Grinch strikes

Various clothing items valued at \$200, intended to be Christmas presents, were stolen from a SUV parked outside Matilda's restaurant, 801 S. College Ave., police were told on Monday, Dec. 5, at 11:29 p.m. The vehicle driverside window had been shattered.

#### Other incidents

- A resident of the 800 block Cambridge Drive told Newark police on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4:16 p.m. that vandals had driven a vehicle across the lawn leaving about 30 yards of tire tracks in the soil.
- A rear window at the **Heart** and **Home store**, 230 E. Main St., was broken, police were told on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m.
- Credit cards and cash were removed from a 19-year-old woman's purse while it was left unattended at a party at 400 Wollaston Ave., police were told on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 3:10 p.m. The victim told police that 30 to 40 persons attended the gathering.
- Between Nov. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 10, personal checks disappeared from a purse hanging in the closet of a home in the 100 block Madison Drive. The victim told police that she is a beautician and and several customers entered her home during that time period.
- A lawn in the 300 block Paper Mill Road was "turfed," police were told on Friday, Dec. 9, at 1:28 p.m.
- A leather coat and cell phone, total value \$550, were removed from a coat rack inside the **Stone Balloon**, 115 E. Main St., on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 1 a.m.
- An estimated \$200 in change was stolen when thieves forced open laundry machines at **91 Thorn Lane**, police were told on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 3:02 p.m.
- Graffiti was written on aluminum siding at 132 E. Main St., it was reported to police on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 4:03 p.m.

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### Historic site sought for adult community

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

lime has passed by the 5.6-acre site at 708 and 712 Nottingham Road chang-

ing little in its path.

A gristmill first built in 1795 and the mill owner's house built in the late 18th-century can be seen from one entrance to the site off Nottingham Road. The stately Thomas Phillips home, built in the late 19th-century, sits on a hill a short walk from the mill.

Developers with the Village of Old Mill LLC would like to turn this property into an adult community for people 55 years of age and older by restoring the historic homes and building nine

new townhouses on the site.

Their project, Phillips Mill, received a nod last week by the city's planning commission.

The commission, by a 4 to vote, recommended the city annex the property and approve a major subdivision and related permits for the project after the council receives comments from the state historic preservation

About half of the five-acre property is in the 100-year floodplain. This land will be dedicated to the city of Newark as open space with public access if the project receives approval.

In all, 17 living units are proposed for the site. Two units

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PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE NEFF

### A site with history

The two parcels that makes up the Thomas Phillips Mill complex were nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

The Thomas Phillips Mill complex is composed of a late 18th-century mill owner's house, a mid-19th century miller's house, a barn and the grist mill, as well as several out buildings.

The complex overlooks the Christina Creek. The grist mill, built in 1795, was in continuous operation as a family-owned business until the 20th-century.

In 1849, the operation was known as W. Robertson's Saw and Grist Mill. From 1868 to 1881, C. McLaughlin ran the

The original mill machinery was replaced in 1885. About this same time, the owners installed an iron waterwheel to replace the wooden one.

Taken from research done by the Department of the Interior for the National Register of Historic Places nomination.



Phillips residence sits up on a Phillips residence sits up on a hill from the grist mill on the Phillips Mill property along Nottingham Road. Developers would like to turn the property into an adult community while preserving the historic homes. Left. The historic grist mill and miller's house on the Phillips Mill property can be seen from Mill property can be seen from an entrance on Nottingham

Above: The stately Thomas

Road. Developers would like to renovate these buildings as par of an adult community.

### Council votes down changes to project review process

Country club reps speak out against bill

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

y a 7-0 vote Monday, the B city council voted down a change to the zoning code meant to give the city an additional tool to review new, high-density residential develop-

The amendment would have required developers of more than 25-acres to apply for a special use permit. Permits must be reviewed by the planning commission and approved by the

Opponents to the bill said it unfairly targeted one project in particular and warned that passing it could result in a lawsuit for the city.

Members of the Newark Country Club told the council the bill was an unfair attempt to stop their plan to move to a new location across the Maryland line, swapping land with Newark developer William Stritzinger for a residential development.

Ronald Gardner, club president, said the zoning code changes could essentially kill this exchange agreement that has been in the works for several years.

'What makes this entire scenario so bizarre is that these actions are aimed not at a trouble-making bad neighbor of business but at an organization that has been in Newark since 1921," he said.

The property, said Gardener, is not the "open space" some of the city's residents see it as. "It is RS-zoned property," he said.

Several councilmen said they agreed with the concept behind

the ordinance but not the way it was executed.

Councilman Paul Pomeroy first introduced the idea of an additional review for intensive development projects in order to give the public more voice in the

"Newark is not a blank can-vas," said Pomeroy on Monday. Every new development has some affect on the community, and residents have a right to voice their opinions, he said.

New development has an impact on quality of life issues. water and sewer and traffic, and people in the community have a rightful interest in what will happen on these properties, he

Councilman Karl Kalbacher said expectations for new development should be clearly laid out and conveyed to developers. "I don't think special use permit is the way to go," he said.

### **Home Depot eyes Suburban Plaza site**

Planning commission to discuss at Jan. 3 meeting

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

OME Depot would like to put in a store at Suburban Plaza Shopping Center off Elkton Road.

The company has filed an application for a rezoning and major subdivision at the site with the city of Newark.

Recently, the city's Subdivision Advisory Committee met to review the proposed Home Depot rezoning. The item will be on the

planning commission's agenda for the Jan. 3 meeting. Planning Director Roy H. Lopata said the application is to build a 115,000-square-foot facility at the west end of Suburban Plaza behind the existing shops. Changes will need to be made to

the Christina Parkway to accommodate the project, he said.

The Home Depot has become the world's largest home improvement retailer since its founding in 1978. The company has more than 1,900 retail locations in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Since June, 75 Home Depot stores have opened around the country.

According to the company's Web site, stores are "designed to suit the needs of each community." The signature "orange box" stores stock up to 40,000 different kinds of building materials and lawn and garden products.

Two Home Depot stores can be found now in the greater Newark area, including one in Christiana on New Churchman's Road and one in Glasgow at People's Plaza. A third store is located on Sunset Boulevard in New Castle.

# In Our Schools

**EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS** 

### NOTE PAD

#### Winter break

CHOOLS and offices in the Christina District will be closed for the Winter Break starting Dec. 23. District offices are open Dec. 27 to 29. Schools and offices reopen on Jan. 3, 2006.

#### Safe school bus riding

Riding on a school bus starts well before the student climbs aboard. And some tips published by AAA bear repeating when cold and snow arrive. Leave home early enough to arrive at your bus stop on time. Wait well off the roadway – more difficult around snow piles. Be alert to traffic when approaching and leaving the bus. Don't take for granted that other vehicles are following their rules of the

#### Student of the Week

The staff at Shue-Medill Middle School selected Alla Mageid. The eight-grader was born in the United States but her family is from

Khartoum,
Sudan, where
they still visit.
She is fluent in both
English and
Arabic and her
teachers said
she has been a
"tremendous
asset" to the ESL
at Shue. Alla rece
two students from

asset" to the ESL Program at Shue. Alla recently helped two students from Yemen make a "smooth transition culturally and socially" into the Shue community. Her favorite subject is science and she hopes to pursue a career in pharmaceuticals.

#### Measure your school

SchoolMatters.com provides educators, policymakers, business leaders, parents, and taxpayers with an objective, independent analysis of school and school district. Access info on Delaware and Christina public schools at www.christina.k12.de.us/schools\_district/schoolmatters.htm

Standard & Poor's (S&P), a recognized name in data collection and analysis, created a website called SchoolMatters.com.

### Running with the children

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Wednesday afternoon, a stream of children and adults has been flowing into the streets around Jennie Smith Elementary School. "We started an eight-week program in response to type-2 diabetes and the national trend toward obesity," explained Charlene Bell, Smith's school nurse. "At 3 p.m., the children come to the cafeteria for a healthy snack, followed by stretching and our run."

Some parents have joined in the fitness activity and every child has a folder to record their mileage and progress. "The aim is to get up to three miles," Bell said. "We started at one-and-a-quarter mile in the first week."

Bell said 84 students are signed up and committed to the program. On a recent Wednesday, the bitter cold and some early coughs detered some young athletes. But the rest of the pack was in high spirits and exploding with energy

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PHOTO BY MARY E. PETZAK

Parents, students and teachers at Jennie Smith Elementary School stretch and count in unison before starting their run.

### Fire essays earn prizes for fifth-graders

TWO fifth graders at The Independence School in Newark were took the first and third place prizes in a

contest sponsored by the Mill Creek Fire Company during Fire Prevention Month. Emma Lam and T.J. Barnett were among area



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Fifth-grade teacher Tanya Godsey congratulated Emma Lam and T.J. Barnett on their winning essays.

students in kindergarten through grade eight invited to write on the topic, "Fire Prevention in the Kitchen." Separate awards were given at each grade level.

Fire officials said there were more than 100 entries spread across all grade levels. The 25 winners attended an ice cream party and award ceremony in November.

Lam received \$50 for her first place entry and Barnett received \$20 for third place. Both students are in Tanya Godsey's fifth-grade classroom.

The Independence School is a co-educational day school.

#### Bancroft wins national HOSTS award

ANCROFT
Intermediate School
received national recognition as an exemplary
learning center for its efforts
in serving low-performing students through HOSTS (Help
One Student to Succeed).

Principal Margaret Mason and two HOSTSLink Math coordinators, Jackie Lee and Sheila Weinberg, administer the mentoring and academic intervention program at Bancroft.

The HOSTS award is presented to high-performing intervention programs using HOSTSLink Math. The award is based on HOSTS quality assurance program that measures seven characteristics of an effective, structured mentoring program.

During the 2004-05 school year, 25 students and 28 mentors participated in Bancroft's HOSTSLink Math Program. Bancroft is the only Christina District school to receive the Exemplary Award for 2004-2005 year. This is also the first time Bancroft's Math HOSTS program has received recognition.

### NHS alumna celebrates turkey day with win

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

EN Andres, daughter of Kari Gulbrandsen of Newark, spent Thanksgiving in West Palm Beach, Fla., - but turkey was not the top thing on her agenda. The proud mother of the 2005 graduate of Newark High School could hardly wait to tell the world that her child, was a member of a team that won their pool in the National Field Hockey Festival over the holiday.

"The festival is an annual event, which spanned four days beginning on Thanksgiving Day,' Gulbrandson explained in an email. "It featured 226 teams and more than 3,500 athletes.

Called the world's largest amateur field hockey event, the USA Field Hockey's National Hockey Festival traditionally attracts athletes from across the United States, Canada, Europe and the Caribbean competing for titles in men's and women's divisions including women's Under 16 and Under 19, men's U16 and U19, women's open, men's open, sectional, masters (women 35+), veterans (men 30+) and mixed.

"Jen played on the Delaware Blue Sharks U19 team that won their pool," Gulbrandson said. "Paige Scholes, currently a sophomore at Newark High School, was also on the team. Their coaches were Nicol DiMarzio of Wilmington and Laura Lee, of New Castle.



The Sharks team included:

- Maura Breen West Chester, Pa.
- Jen Andres Newark, Del.
- Amanda McCardell Elkton, Md.
- Hannah Scheckelhoff Blacklick, Ohio
- 23 Claire Chapman Besley, Ohio
- Randi Goodman Wilmington, Del.
- Amanda Town Downingtown, Pa.
- **Caitlin Borris** Bear Del
- Hannah Kuranz Landenberg, Pa. Jessica Clausen
- Middletown, Del. Megan Lasako
- North East, Md. Brittani DiPaolo Boothwyn, Pa.

75 Paige Scholes Newark, Del.

Catalina Epalza Landenberg, Pa.

New Castle resident Amber Tank is also on the Sharks roster but did not attend the festival.

"It was the first time that the Sharks, a club team, participated in the

festival," Gulbrandson added. "They sent two other teams -the Hammerheads, who also won their pool, and the White Sharks.'

Originating as the National Sectional Championships in 1922, the Festival adopted its current multi-divisional format in 1981 by introducing tournaments for high school-aged players and club and open teams.

For more information about the festival, including the rosters of all the teams, vivit www.usfieldhockey.com/festival.

#### DOE honored for international education

ELAWARE'S Department of Education was named co-recipient of the 2005 Goldman Sachs Foundation Prize for Excellence in International Education. Delaware and Kentucky were selected from more than 450 educational institutions and other states. The following initiatives earned Delaware's

Delaware has professional development clusters for teachers to enhance their knowledge and skills about the world.

DOE, the University of Delaware and the International Council of Delaware published an analysis of Delaware's capacity in international education in

Memorandums Understanding have been signed with Japan and are under development with China and Spain.

Several statewide conferences have been held to allow teachers to examine instructional strategies and best practices in model programs of IE.

Under various local and federal grants, DOE offers scholarships for teachers to study abroad outside of traditional nations.

■ Delaware-Miyagi Education Exchange Program, a two-week reciprocal cultural home-stay, has brought Delaware and Japanese students and educators together.

Civitas, the International Civic Education Exchange Program, is a cooperative project of civic education organizations in the United States and emerging or established democracies throughout the world.

■ The DOE plans to create a curriculum that integrates IE across all subjects. It will be shared with all states.

"International education in Delaware is not about adding more courses to its curricula, Dr. Shuhan Wang, DOE's education associate for world languages and international education stated. "Rather, it is about ensuring that Delaware students will develop a body of knowledge. skills, perspectives and experi-ences that will enable them to become successful global citizens and leaders in the 21st century." Surveys conducted by the gap in most U.S. students' knowledge of the growing importance of Asia and other world regions to the nation's economic prosperity and national security. In addition, recent reports from the Southern Growth Policies Board, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, and Harvard's curriculum review committee conclude that most K-12 students would not be effective employees of globallyoriented organizations.

Asia Society and the National

Geographic Society show a huge

The Asia Society is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening relationships and understanding among the peoples of Asia and the United States. The Goldman Sachs Foundation is a global philanthropic organization funded by The Goldman Sachs Group Inc. to promote excellence and innovation in education and to improve the academic performance and lifelong productivity of young people worldwide.

#### Cold and coughs deter only a few

#### ► RUNNING, from 4

after a day inside classrooms. "Children are not supposed to be running around the room," velled an exasperated teacher dispensing sign-in folders. "Please sit down so we can take the roll before we run.

A final bathroom rush was

followed by much grunting and huffing as the children zipped and stuffed themselves into winter jackets, hats and gloves. Then they were off - hopping, skipping, sometimes actually sprint-ing, into the nearby neighborhood

#### Christiana student organizes homeless awareness vigil

Carl Wright, a senior at Christiana High School organized a Homeless Vigil outside the school on Saturday, Dec.10, at 7 p.m.
Wright held the event to bring

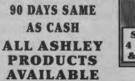
awareness to the tragedy of homelessness in our community and around the world.

A blanket drive for the homeless also took place.



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THIS week, "Out of the Attic" features a pair of photographs offered by Julien W. Rittenhouse, of Newark, whose family operated automobile dealerships in Newark for decades. These photographs show the two buildings of the Rittenhouse Motor Company, which operated from the mid-1920s until

1942 on property along South College Avenue. The former Rittenhouse tract now is the site of the Trabant University Center. The Rittenhouse firm served as a dealer for Durant, Star, Dodge and Plymouth automobiles in these buildings. Later, the family operated Rittenhouse Dodge on Elkton Road adjacent to

the Newark Muncipal Building, now Newark Dodge. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

MARK MY WORDS

### Turn off the lights

By MARK SISK

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

THE new club that opened on Main Street had a perfect name for the time: The Stone Balloon. The name is reminiscent of "Led Zeppelin" – heavy yet not earthbound. In the case of the Balloon, it was remarked at the time, the

word implicating heaviness also carried a hint of herbal refreshment (this was, after all, the early Seventies).

That was over 30 years ago. By the time you read this, it may well be closed. And it seems like the blink of an eye. But it can't pass without someone noting its unique place in local musical history. I volunteer.



SISK

I never asked Bill Stevenson exactly what he had in mind with the original Balloon, but I think it's pretty apparent. He saw an opportunity. There was no venue in northern Delaware where music was professionally presented. What better place than near the University of Delaware?

Outside of the fraternity houses and an

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occasional dorm dance, there was no live music in Newark at that time. He took a moribund Main Street establishment and redid the inside. He ended up with a unique facility that combined functions of tavern and concert hall.

The potential passing of the Balloon has been in the public eye for over a year. In that time, many people have shared memories. No doubt many will share more in the days approaching and after the actual closing. Each of us has memories as a patron and some of us – to our great good fortune – have memories as musicians.

The focus of public attention in recent years has been on bars as a place where people drink. This is true in the literal sense. But, if one had been dropped into Newark in 2005 from, say, Mars, the public discussion of alcohol has obscured the social reasons people go out in the first place. The Balloon was popular in large part, then and now, because people like to socialize.

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### PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

■ Dec. 18, 1930

### Free medical aid for the needy

Free medical treatment will be given to the needy of the county during the present period of economic depression. This was announced at monthly meeting Tuesday night of the New Castle County Medical Society.

It was explained by several of the members that in other crises a formal announcement was made of this willingness to serve gratuitously the worthy indigent of the community, and that it was the desire of the physicians to inform the public that this custom will be in vogue.

#### Area short of water

The Havre de Grace City Council is at its wits end about the water supply for the town, notwithstanding the town's location along the Susquehanna River.

For years the town has drawn its water supply from the river and this has been satisfactory and economical. This year's drought, however, combined with the construc-

tion of the Conowingo dam, has brought a different story. Gradually the water has backed up from the Chesapeake Bay and is so brackish it has become impossible to use it for drinking purposes.

■ Dec. 17, 1980

#### Performance planned

Ann Martin, violist and newly appointed faculty member of the Wilmington Music School, will give a viola recital on Friday evening, Jan 9, 1981 at the Wilmington Music School Concert Hall. The recital is open to the public.

Ms. Martin will perform sonatas by Franz Schubert



"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.

and Rebecca Clarke and her program will also include works by Bach and Gabriel Faure. She will be accompanied by wellknown Philadelphia pianist, Darrell Rosenbluth.

### Winter calendar announced

The Christiana Cultural Arts Center has announced the Center's curriculum and special events calendar for winter 1981. The quarter is from January 5 to March 20.

Several new classes have been added, including an intermediate and advanced course in black and white photography a beginning class for adults in poetry, and an applied theory class for musicians of all skill levels.

■ Dec. 15, 2000

#### Seatbelts a big issue

In just one week, police in Delaware issued more than 100 tickets to drivers who didn't have their children properly restrained.

Early results from the Operation ABC Mobilization to buckle up

See PAGES, 7 ▶

### Jim Morrison said, 'when the music's over, turn out the lights'

#### ➤ SISK, from 6

There is an obvious draw in a town full of young people for a place where one can meet the opposite sex, enjoy adult beverages, and hear music. And I enjoy reminding musicians who express some sense of superiority on account of being there as performers that David Crosby perhaps spoke for us all. When asked why he started playing in bands, he said he desired (I paraphrase) female companionship, and he couldn't play sports well. Your columnist submits himself as Exhibit A; there is frequently a nod of recognition by other musicians.

Everyone seems to know the big Balloon stories. How it became a place for up and coming national acts, sandwiched between stops in Philadelphia and Baltimore. How Bill Stevenson's life went awry, and the Balloon passed to other ownership (Bill has written a book which I am told is excellent). How the last five years especially have changed the business model, with the result that it's closing shortly.

But it's the smaller stories that I remember at least as well, and maybe you do, too. Here are a few of mine.

It's great that so many big name bands passed through Newark, and it was a thrill to see them up close. But it is notable that many of the bands But it is that performed at the Balloon regularly were oh-so-close to national breakout, and performed like it. It was like watching them reach for the brass ring every night. It became a College of

Musical Knowledge for aspiring musicians. In the later Seventies, Dakota, a descendant of a band from Wilkes Barre called The Buoys (who had a national hit in 1970 with 'Timothy', a paean to cannibalism, but I digress) had a national record contract. They were virtually the house band for several years. My friend and band mate Dana Sutcliffe became a skilled and eventually nationally known luthier, in part because of his work for bands like Dakota, and through him we got to see them up close - not on one night, but as a working band. They never quite broke out, but watching them for an evening was like seeing a clinic in musicianship and stage presentation.

Jack of Diamonds, a band composed of mostly Delawareans featuring Ed Shockley of Lewes (who would, in a just world, have been stars, and one of whose members did become a star in the 80s with The Hooters) performed a similar role. And, through various ownerships, one thing remained standard: there was no pass for locals. If a band was on that stage it met the Balloon's standards.

There is probably no better story known to me than two of the original cleanup guys at the Balloon, Bill Blough and Tom Soukup. I knew Bill through his band that played the same circuit as mine, Rudy Baker and the Vegetables (I am not making this up). Tom, a multi-instrumentalist, played in the school band. They literally swept the floors at the end of the evening. But each received, in a manner of speaking, his MBA (Master's of

Band Arts). Tom has a family and a day job, but performs locally with the excellent band Duck Soup. And Bill, to the great pride of those who ran the streets with him years ago, has for the last 30 years been George Thorogood's bass player.

Larry Kane, the former local news anchor, has written an excellent and unexpectedly insightful book about John Lennon. Kane traveled with The Beatles on their first American tour and remained close to Lennon. He tells of sitting with George Harrison as Harrison warmed up for a concert. Harrison became lost in some scale he was playing and said to Kane, almost "Larry, you have to understand, for people like us, the music is our passion." It was a simple statement of fact, not an

expression of superiority.

I call tell you for a fact that you don't have to have Harrison's talent to share the passion. This isn't the place for my complete musical history, but, as many readers know, I have the honor to be part of Club Phred.

Club Phred started as a mental health night for several of us who had played in days of yore, and never lost interest. After a time, Pinocchio became a real boy, so to speak. This publication has been very kind in mentioning our efforts for charity, which have raised over \$100,000 to date.

My band mates and I in Club Phred have the privilege to be part of the closing weekend. We are playing on what is being billed as Locals Night, Friday, Dec. 16. If you read this before that time, I hope you can join us.

Jim Morrison, late of life in

general and the Doors in particular, never played the Balloon. I think he would have loved it. In a recent biography, he was quoted as saying his club days had been the best performances of his career.

In one of the Doors' best

songs, Morrison wrote 'When the music's over, turn out the lights'.

The music will be over at the Balloon on Saturday. Switches will be thrown that extinguish the electricity. But the lights of our memories will never be turned

#### Rides continue through March

#### ► SNOWDOGS, from 1

commands when they're on the trail. "Gee" means turn right.
"On By" means to pass a deer or squirrel along the trail. And



Sue Thompson works to ready her sled dog team for a ride. The dogs wear a harness that attaches to a "gangline" in two places.

'whoa," the most important one, said Thompson, means to stop.

"They usually don't want to

stop," she said, laughing.

When their harnesses are hooked up to the "gangline" that's connected to a sled, the dogs look ready for a run.

Thompson said they start out going about 10 to 15 miles per hour but settle into a pace after the first half-mile. Their overall speed is around six miles per hour, she said, unless they see something cross their path and pick up pace.

Thompson said she doesn't push the dogs too hard on the trail. "I want them to enjoy it too, and they do. They get all excited," she said.

For more information on the Howling Huskies, visit the Web site, www.howlinghuskies.net. Thompson said rides will continue through March. She encouraged riders to dress warm.

### 2000: Choice decision expected

#### ▶ PAGES, from 6

children show that from Nov. 20-26 officers wrote 102 tickets for child restraint violations and 172 tickets for other violations.

Police also assessed 43 of

that seatbelts save lives, a study done recently shows that only 64 percent of Delawareans wear their seatbelts regularly.

#### District debates change

Christina School District board

Hill Road should be allowed to attend the secondary school of their choice next year.

However, the item will be on the school board agenda for a first reading in January and the board members could vote on it then. "They have that option," said Deborah Rosenhouser, director of student assignments for the





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#### OUTLOOK

#### Oh the weather outside is frightful

By CINDY GENAU

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

was sitting in a meeting last Monday, and it was Lhard to concentrate for two

For one, the room was cold and secondly, the weather outside was cold, dismal and snow was forecasted for later in the day. Many of us were concerned about how safe it would be to travel home if

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Delaware received its first real snowstorm.

We made it home before the snowfall, but it still made us nervous thinking about driving

in les than desirable conditions. Although the prediction was for more snow than we received, any snow is enough to cause concern about driving on the roads.

There is no doubt winter will bring us more snow and more undesirable conditions that we are forced to travel in. This is especially true during this time of the year when we there are many plans to celebrate the holiday season. There are parties for work, invitations to friend's homes and visits with relatives, which all usually involve traveling

Don't forget that this is the season of almost shopping till you drop as we decorate our homes, purchase food to prepare traditional family menus, buy gifts to share and then decorate them as well.

Why be nervous about all the travel and the possibility of bad weather conditions? The truth is most of us didn't grow up in places where it snows regularly. So we haven't acquired the skills it takes to be effective behind the wheel

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# pe season! NEWARK AREA ENJOYS FIRST TASTE OF WINTER

HE season's first real snowstorm dumped several inches of heavy, wet snow on the Newark area early last Friday morning, closing schools and mucking up the morning commute.

But, a sunny afternoon and temperatures hovering just above freezing helped to thaw out the city's slick streets and sidewalks, making clean-up just a little easier on Newark residents.

The city's snowplows were out in force Friday clearing off main access roads and problem areas before mov-

ing onto secondary streets.

The Newark Police Department reported no accidents Friday due to the inclement weather.

Many residents could be seen shoveling snow from their sidewalks and driveways and brushing the crunchy "white stuff" off their cars by mid-morning.

Using an electric-powered snow blower, resident Dean Lomis had no problem clearing his driveway and the sidewalks in front of his home on Chrysler Avenue. It took just over 20 minutes to do the job, he said.

Schools and offices in the Christina School District were closed Friday, much to schoolchildren's delight.

Octavia Johnson, 7, and Samuel Ongwae, 6, first graders at Downes Elementary School, spent their morning playing outside at their caretaker's home with several younger children.

Bundled up in colorful winter coats, hats and gloves, the kids took turns making snow angels. They all agreed, a day in the snow beats another day at school.



Clockwise: Octavia Johnson, 7, and Tatianna Mecen, 4, spent Friday morning playing outside in the snow. Six-year-old Samuel Ongwae looks out for the younger kids at his caretaker's home Friday morning after the season's first snow fall. A city snow plow makes its way down Chrysler Avenue. Dean Lomis uses a snow blower to clear snow from the driveway and sidewalks.

### 'Pirate Tales and Beyond' at Delaware Art Museum

CHOOLS will soon be closing for the Christmas holi-days. (Children may now cheer while parents suck air!)

Certainly everyone is excited this time of year, but sometimes parents and caregivers are not sure how to make the best use of the child's time over an extended

Today I offer an idea, which I think the young ones will love and older folks too. It will be an excursion into good fun, good reading and a trip to a fine art museum quite close by.

Fun is in store for the entire family with "Pirate Tales and Beyond: The Adventures of Rip Squeak and Friends" at the Delaware Art Museum on view through January 29, 2006.

The exhibition presents more



than 60 original paintings and drawings by children's book illustrator Leonard Filgate.

The colorful artworks created for the Rip Squeak children's books written by Susan Yost-



from Rip children's illustrated by Leonard Filgate will be on display at the Delaware Art Museum through Jan. 29

Filgate, depict the adventures of an unusual group of friends: a mouse named Rip Squeak and his younger sister, Jesse, an abandoned kitty named Abbey, and Euripides, a thespian frog.

The friends use their imaginations, improvisational skills, and

each other's unique qualities to care for one another, overcome challenges and have fun. The stories emphasize themes of tolerance, diversity and openness to new experiences.

It's a perfect holiday show for young minds. If your children are

not used to the museum experience, this exhibit would be a great way of establishing a beginner's interest in, and eventually a life-long love of, museums. Not a bad idea over this Christmas

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#### Winter weather driving tips: allow additional travel time, drive slower, leave extra space

#### ▶ OUTLOOK, from 8

in inclement weather. Most of us drive in snow only a couple times of the year, and therefore we just don't know how to do it properly because we get very little practice

As we all know it takes just one tenth of a second for a crash to occur. That crash can be the first in a domino effect of crashes because in slippery conditions it is harder to control and stop your car. We all know that one vehicle crash can be disastrous for many vehicles, especially at rush hour in the morning and evening when traffic is the heaviest. Those crashes can lead to injuries and death on our roadways.

So take some time to prepare yourself for those frightful snowy days. Think about some rules that can guide you to be a little bit safer when you have to travel in wet, slushy, snowy or icy roads. Take time to discuss and review these precautions with your teens who are even more inexperienced than adult drivers and more likely to speed or take risks even while driving, in bad weather.

The Office of Highway Safety offers the following tips on win-

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ter driving from the National Highway Traffic Administration, which I think are helpful to all

When the weather is predicted to be bad, allow extra travel time to your destination.

Know your car, SUVs handle differently than four door cars on wet and icy roads, and can rollover more easily.

Have your headlights turned on. It is the law to have your headlights on in poor weather conditions, but I see way too many cars that do not have them on. Having headlights on makes it easier for other divers to see you. Utilize low beam headlights as it helps provide better visibility than high-beams.

Drive slower. Travel at or below the posted speed limit because those limits are posted for normal or good road conditions. It also is harder to control or stop your vehicle in slick or snow -covered surfaces.

When you have to use your brakes, do so carefully so that the vehicle does not begin to skid. Allow extra time for braking and to stop on hills or highway entrance/exit ramps

If you do hit the brakes and your car begins to skid, do not panic. Stay calm, take your foot off the gas, ease your foot on the brake and steer in the direction you want the front of vehicle to

■ Leave extra space in front of you so you have enough time to react and stop if a driver loses control of their vehicle. Defensive driving classes suggest at least four seconds between you and the car in front of you.

■ Be extra careful on bridges because they freeze faster than other road surfaces. Beware of patches of black ice not visible to

Intersections can be more dangerous as people may suddenly decide not to go and you must stop in time behind them. Drivers may not stop in time for a yellow or red light and be in the intersection when your light is green.

■ Definitely, wear your seatbelt every ride and every time.

Your seatbelt will help keep you in place so that you can be in a position to control your vehicle in case of an emergency. Seatbelts are proven to reduce chances of serious injury or death by 50 percent.

So use those chances to help you have a great holiday season; Buckle up, travel safe and slow, and designate a driver for all those holiday parties - even if the weather turns a little bit frightful.

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FRIDAY

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, brandywinemuseum.org.

EXHIBIT 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs till Jan. 2,
2006. "Christmas at Hagley." \$5 adults, \$2 children
Info., 658-2400. Chadds Ford, Pa. Info., 610-388-2700 or

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 Wassens and Library 19:50 adults, \$2 children 6-14, for the control of th

free under 6. Hagley Museum and Library, Route 141, Wilmington. Info., 658-2400.

638-2400.

LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. Ernest Goodlige will perform. No cover charge.

Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or homegrowncafe.com.

HOLIDAY SHOPS 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs through Dec. A market featuring beautiful and unique created some of the region's best craftspeople. \$8 for adults. \$5 for seniors and children. Brandywine River Museum

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MUSICAL PERFORMANCE 7:30 p.m. The First State Symphonic Band will perform their annual Christmas concert. Faith Baptist Church, 4210 Limestone Rd., Wilmington. Info., 292-2233.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE 8 p.m. The Yellowjackets will perform Jazz music for the holidays. \$27.50-31.50. The Grand Opera House, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Info., 652-5577.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 7 p.m. Also on Dec. 17 and 18. "My

Deliverer" will be performed. Family Life Church, 430 Century Blvd., Centerville Road, Wilmington. Info., 998-8274.

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

1000 or longwoodgardens.org.

CONCERT 7 and 8 p.m. The Feng Ling Singers 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.

CAROLING 7 - 8:30 p.m. Christmas caroling in Trolley Square. 1601 Delaware Ave., Wilmington. Info., 652-9840.

SATURDAY

LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. John Pollard will perform. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or homegrowncafe.com. MUSIC PERFORMANCE 7:30 p.m. "A New Ark Chorale Christmas with Brass and Bells." \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$5 for students. Newark Mathediet Church, 60 F. Main St. Newark Info. Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St., Newark. Info.,

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER 2 - 7 p.m. Spaghetti dinner, moon bounce, face painting. \$10. United



### YULETIDE

The Montmorenci stairs of Henry Francis DuPont's estate, Winterthur, are lavishly decorated for the holiday season. The Yuletide tours feature historic holiday decorations, recreations of historic feasts and a dried flower tree with hundreds of dried blossoms, as well as four rooms decorated for the 21st century by New York interior designer Thomas Javne. Winterthur is

located six miles north of Wilmington on Rt. 52. For ticket prices, hours and special services, call 800-448-3883.

Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, Red Lion Rd., Bear. Info., 456-1222. CRAFT SHOW 10 a.m. 3 p.m. Collectibles, arts and crafts will be on display. Odessa Fire Hall, 304 Main St., Odessa. Info., 494-9902.

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

CONCERT 7 and 8 p.m. The Forty-Niners 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.

DANCE SOCIAL 8 p.m. - midnight. For all adults over 21. \$10. Best Western, I-95 and 273, New Castle. Info., 998-3115.

SUNDAY

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL 6:30 p.m. "The CHRISTMAS MUSICAL 6:30 p.m. "The Worshipping Church" will be performed with choir and instrumental ensembles. Faith Baptist Church, 4210 Limestone Rd., Wilmington. Info., 998-4105. SPECIAL SERVICE 7 p.m. "A Blue Christmas: Worship for the Bereaved." For people having difficulties at Christmas time. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. Info., 368-8774. COLLECTIBLE SHOW 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sports card, comic book, NASCAR and collectible show. \$2. Aetna Fire Hall, 400 Ogletown Rd. Info., 559-7962.

FAMILY CONCERT 3 p.m. Sweet Suites will perform. Independence School, Newark. Info., 369-3466.

CONCERT 3 p.m. A festival Christmas concert will be presented. Newark United Church, 69 E. Main St. Info., 368-8774.

WALTZ AND MUSIC 2:30 - 3 p.m. lessons. 3:30 - 6 p.m. dance. Band will perform and waltz lessons will be given. \$10. Arden Gild Hall, 2406 Granby Rd., Wilmington. 478-7257.

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

CONCERT 7 and 8 p.m. The Brandywine Celtic Harp Orchestra 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.

CONCERT 3 p.m. Holiday concert "Sweet Suites" by the Newark Symphony Orchestra. Independence School, Paper Mill Road, Newark. Info., 368-2948.

MONDAY

ASTRONOMY PRESENTATION 8 p.m. "Hubble Ultra Deep Field" presented by Billie Westergard. \$2 for adults. \$1 students. Mt. Cuba Astronomical Observatory, 1810 Hillside-Mill Rd., Greenville. Info., 654-6407.

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

#### ■ TUESDAY, DEC. 20

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

#### ■ WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

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

ISREALI DANCING 7:30 -9:30 p.m. With Sharon Kleban and Howard Wachtel. \$4. Arden Gild Hall, 2406 Granby Rd., Wilmington. 478-7257.

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

#### FRIDAY, DEC. 16

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. 17

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. Saturday. \$5 donation goes to missions. Greater Grace Church, 750 Otts Chapel Rd. Info., 738-1530. KARAOKE 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Saturday.

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

#### ■ SUNDAY, DEC. 18

**DELAWARE ACCORDION CLUB 2** - 5 p.m. Third Sunday. Meeting for an open mic session. Open to the public. Bear Diner & Restaurant, Rt. 40 and School Bell Road. Info., 738-7378.

#### MONDAY, DEC. 19

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

CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES 1
p.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays. Classes for
English Conversation. Registration
required. Newark United Methodist
Church 69 Fort Main St. Lafe 269 Church, 69 East Main St. Info., 368-

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. Mondays. Meeting for grandparents and all those raising others' children. Children & Families First, 62 N. Chapel St. Info., 658-5177, ext. 260.

### MEETINGS

**NEWARK ROTARY CLUB 6:15** - 7:30 p.m. Mondays. The Holiday Inn, Route 273. Info., 453-8853. NCCO STROKE CLUB 12 p.m. Mondays. The Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., 324-4444. SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. Mondays. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, S. College Avenue. Info., 368-

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. 20

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

GRIEFSHARE 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Seminar and support group for those who have lost someone close to them. Union United Methodist Church, 345 School Bell Rd., Bear. Info., 737-5040. NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays. For men who like to sing. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 368-3052. DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Support group meeting. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd. Info., 737-7239. SWEET ADELINES 8 - 10 p.m. Tuesdays. 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. Tuesdays. Nursery, \$2 per child. Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian

Church, Summit Bridge Road, Glasgow, Info., 834-GRPC. MS SUPPORT 4 - 6 p.m. Tuesdays.

MS Society Headquarters, 2 Mill Rd., Wilmington. Info., 655-5610.

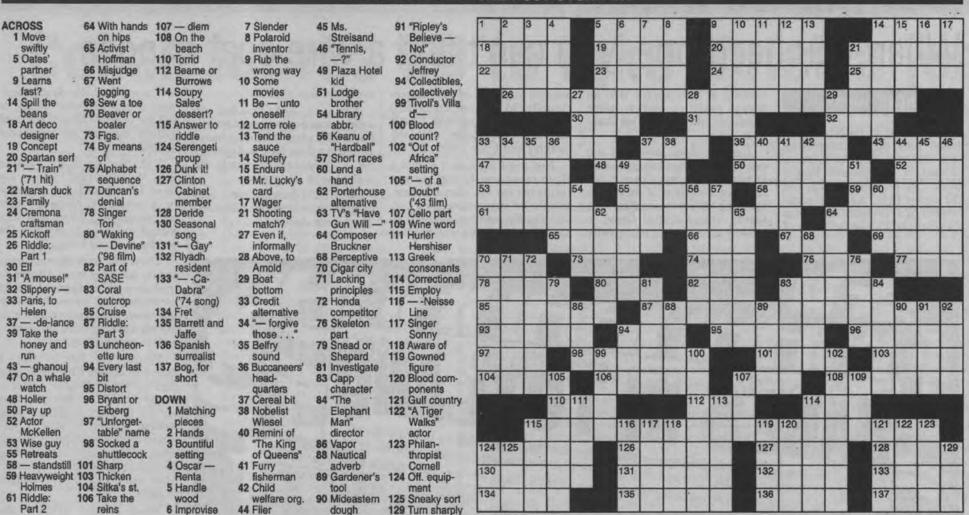
STAMP GROUP 1 p.m. First and third Tuesday. Newark Senior Center, 200
White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336. NEWARK LIONS 6:30 p.m. First and third Tuesday. Lions meeting with program. Holiday Inn, Route 273 and 1-95. Info., 731-1972. NO MEETINGS JULY OR AUG. **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 7** p.m. First and third Tuesdays. Liberty Baptist Church, Red Lion Road, Bear. Info., 838-2060. CAREGIVER SUPPORT 7 - 9 p.m. Third Tuesday. Free & open to public. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

#### ■ WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

**CONSTIUENT BREAKFAST 7:30** - 8:30 a.m. Terry Schooley will attend to field questions and concerns. Eagle

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#### ► MEETINGS, from 10

Diner, Elkton Road. Info., 577-8476. C.H.A.D.D. 7:30 p.m. Parent/Educator support group meeting to support the lives of people with attention disorders through education, advocacy, and support. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 737-5063.

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD 7 p.m. Meetings alternate between Bayard and Keene schools. Info., 454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

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

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

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 6:30 p.m. Meeting for men who are survivors of and newly diagnosed with prostate cancer. The American Cancer Society Office, 92 Reads Way, Suite 205, New Castle. Info., 234-4227. FAMILY CIRCLES 5:30 p.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 658-5177.

AT HOME MOTHERS
CONNECTION 7:30 p.m. Meeting
for moms only. St. Barnabas Church,
Duncan Road. Info., 610-274-2165.
CROHN'S AND COLITIS
FOUNDATION 7:30 p.m. Wilmington
Satellite Group. Christiana Hospital,
Room 1100. Info., 764-5717.
BGCCCO MEETING 7 p.m. Bear
Glasgow Council of Civic Organizations.

Pencader Grange Hall, Glasgow Avenue/ Old Rt. 896. Info., 832-0793. DIAMOND STATE CROCHETERS 6 p.m. Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Road. Info., 324-8585. 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. 15

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

WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7 - 9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740.

EVENING YOGA 6:15 p.m. Class to encourage relaxation and improve strength, balance, and peace of mind. \$15 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336. BLUEGRASS/OLDTIME JAM 7:30 - 10 p.m. Any skill level welcome. Bring your own instrument. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, S. College Avenue. DIVORCECARE 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Separated/divorced persons meet. Southern Chester County YMCA, East Baltimore Pike, Jennersville, Pa. Info., 610-869-2140.

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

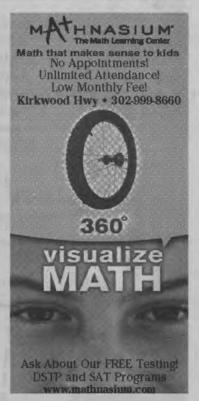
DSI THUMBS UP 7 - 8 p.m. Stroke support group meeting offering educational topics, peer support and guests who are experts in rehabilitative services. Sponsored by Delaware Stroke Initiative. Free. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 633-9313.

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

BRIGHT FUTURES 1 p.m. Breast cancer support group. Medical Arts Pavilion 2, Christiana Hospital. Info., 733-3900. COLONIAL STATES KNITTERS 7 p.m. Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Road. Info., 994-2869.

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### When you need one, you can't find a wire coat hanger

#### **▶** UPFRONT, from 1

ful. When that flashlight you found rolls off the countertop and behind a difficult-to-move cabinet, a straightened hanger often can be used to fish out the errant light. And any homeowner of a residence more than 20 years old knows the value of

crafting a wire hanger into an instant snake to quickly solve bathroom and kitchen sink drain back-ups.

I get my shirts laundered and empty white wire hangers seem to multiply in my closet expotentially, almost as if they were breeding. My saviour has been family friend Cathy Drew, a kindergarten teacher who gladly accepts huge lots of the hangers (usually 95 percent entangled) for use in her classroom. I have no idea how Cathy uses the hangers and I don't ask.

Not too long ago, I pulled a Bozo move and locked my key inside my car at College Square. In spite of suggestions by a certain family member to carry an extra key inside my wallet, I had none and was stranded.

Once, I had watched in amazement as a teenaged neighbor used a plain wire coat hanger to trip a door lock and quickly get inside his locked vehicle. He was gone in 20 seconds.

So I went looking for a coat hanger. First stop, the cleaners. They were closed.

I went into the Sears hardware store. They were willing to sell me several types of retrieval gizmos but had no wire coat hangers.

I shuffled up to the Fashion Bug. With a pitiful look on my face, I explained my presence in a women's clothing store by announcing, "I've foolishly locked my keys in my car. Do you have a coat hanger?"

They had 'em, by the thousands, but they were all industrial-strength hangers. I could have used one to easily smash the window to gain entrance to my car but they were not conducive to car thievery.

Putting my life at risk, I hiked across the College Square parking lot to K-Mart. After a lengthy wait at the customer service counter, a polite young woman offered to help. I followed her to the employee break room where every coat was hung on those plastic hangers that K-Mart sells. Not a wire hanger in sight.

What to do? (Perish the thought of calling AAA – that would be the equivalent of asking for directions).

Ready to buy a "slim Jim," the flat metal tool used by AAA, the police and thieves to pop open locked car doors, I mosied into Pep Boys. A sympathetic clerk asked if he could help me. I poured out my sad story and he said, "I'll be right back."

A few seconds later, he appeared with his coat on and asked where my car was. Even after telling him that it was parked on the other side of the globe near Blockbuster, he offered that his manager said he could go and help me get into my car.

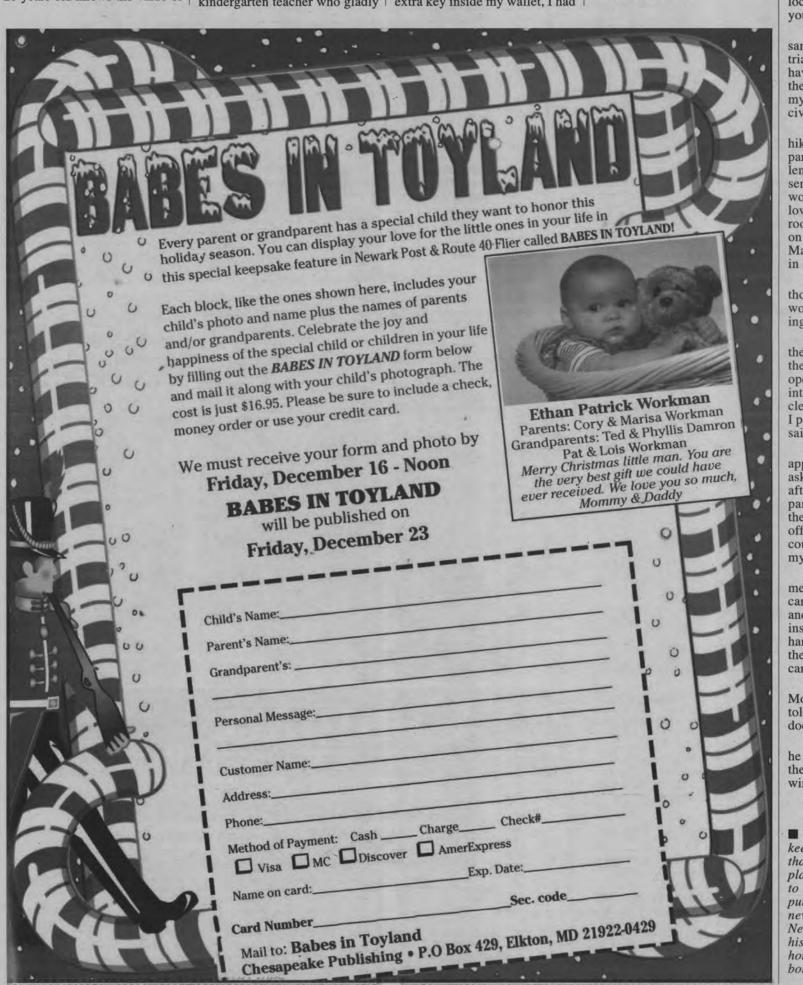
After earning our hiking merit badges, arriving at my car the clerk opened his coat and revealed not a slim Jim but instead a straightened wire coat hanger. He fashioned a hook on the end and 10 seconds later the car door was open.

On the ride back to Manny, Moe and Jack's, the employee told me that the auto parts store does not sell slim Jims.

"This happens all the time," he said, "we just go next door to the cleaners and get a couple of wire coat hangers."

That is, when they are open.

When not figuring out why he keeps saving more plastic bags than he can ever use in the goofy plastic contraption that attaches to a pantry wall, the writer is publisher of this and three other newspapers headquartered in Newark. He regularly misplaces his car keys at the Streit family home in the Cherry Hill neighborhood of Newark.



Obituaries are printed free of charge as space permits. Information usually is supplied to the newspaper by the funeral director. Additional local obituaries are posted each week on the Newark Post web site. The web address appears at the top of every right-hand page.

#### **Howard Mills**

Howard J. Mills Jr., 65, of Newark, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005.

Mr. Mills had been employed as a truck supervisor for The Salvation Army, retiring after 35 years of dedicated service.

George W. Mills; daughters, Josephine Marie Mills and Lillian Mills; brothers, Robert Mills and Richard Mills; steer, Lillian Mills; and six grandchildren.

Visitation and funeral were to be on Thursday, Dec. 8, in the chapel of Gracelawn Memorial Park. Burial was to be in the adjoining park.

#### **William Everett**

Newark resident William Robert Everett, 72, formerly of Mountain City, Tenn., died Monday, Dec. 5, 2005.

William was born in Mountain City, Tenn., to Paul and Sally Everett, and made Newark his home for the past 45 years. He was a supervisor at Chrysler Corporation, retiring in 1992.

William is survived by his beloved wife, Carolyn Douglas Victoria daughter, Brown and her husband, Dale, of Cumberland, Md.; son, Michael R. Everett, at home; stepdaughters, Chris Tina Couch and Leslie Redman, both of Taylors, S.C.; brother, James Everett and his wife, Daisy, of Dallas, Texas; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by a daughter, Lisa Everett; son, Michael Brad Everett; and sister, Mary Grayson.

A life celebration memorial service was to be on Saturday, Dec. 10 at Beeson Funeral Home of Newark.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, Del. 19720.

#### **Robert Cramer**

Newark resident Robert Nguyen Cramer, 55, died Dec. 4, 2005.

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

Howard Mills
William Everett
Mamie Ruffin
Martin Davis
William Mitchell
Charles Boulden
Margaret Melton
Ernest Coverdale
Agnes Roney
Thomas Twardus

#### Martin G. Davis, 64, teacher Newark, Maryland

ARTIN G. Davis, 64, of Newark, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005. Mr. Davis was born on Aug. 12, 1941, in Wilmington, to the late Raymon and Elsie Davis. He spent the first 13 years in Newark. He attended Salisbury State University and earned his teacher's degree. He began his math teaching career at Bohemia

Manor High School in Chesapeake City, Md. He retired in 1994 and really enjoyed retirement

really enjoyed retirement.

He is survived by his wife,
Doris, of Newark; a son, Gregg
M. Davis and his wife, Susan;
and granddaughters, Lauren K.
Davis and Kelsey D. Davis, of
Landenberg, Pa.; and a brother,
Harvey J. and his wife, Lynne, of
East New Market, Md. In addition

to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald R. and C. Alan Davis.

A service was to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Ebenezer United Methodist Church. Burial was to follow in the adjoining cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Delaware Hospice c/o R.T. Foard & Jones, 122 W. Main St., Newark 19711.

Mr. Cramer was born Oct. 29, 1950, in Philadelphia to Russell Ellis Cramer Jr. and Eleanor Coffman Cramer. He graduated from Haddonfield Memorial High School in Haddonfield, N.J. in 1969 and from Dickinson Coll,ege in Carlisle, Pa. with a Bachelor's degree in political science in 1973.

He is survived by his wife, Thuc-Trinh Nguyen Cramer; daughter, Tiffany Joanne Cramer; son, Jeffrey Jeremy Cramer; daughter, Allison Beatrice Cramer; son, Jason Timothy Cramer; brother and sister-in-law, Russell and Katherine Cramer III; sister, Kathleen Hodges; and a brother-in-law, John Parker, III. He was predeceased by a sister, the late Janice Parker.

A service in celebration of his life was to be on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at the Haddonfield United Methodist Church.

#### **Mamie Ruffin**

Mamie L. Ruffin, 90, of Newark, died Dec. 3, 2005.

A viewing and funeral were to be on Friday, Dec. 9 at Latter Day Baptist Church.

#### **William Mitchell**

Newark resident William Henry Mitchell III, 66, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2005.

Born in Pittston, Pa., on Sept. 5, 1939, Mr. Mitchell was the son of the late Rosemary and William H. Mitchell, Jr. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps and later worked for many years in the construction industry.

He is survived by seven brothers and a sister, Matthew Mitchell, Robert Mitchell, Michael Mitchell, Martin Mitchell, and Wayne Mitchell, all of Newark; Patrick Mitchell, of Homestead, Fla., Margaret Ann Wallace, of Camdenton, Mo., and Thomas Mitchell, of Elkton. He was preceded in death by a sister, Rosemary Mitchell.

A Mass of Christian Burial was to be at Holy Family RC Church on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Interment was to be private.

#### **Charles Boulden**

Charles H. Boulden Jr., 74, of Newark, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005.

Mr. Boulden was born in Stanton on March 2, 1931, the son of the late Charles H. Sr. and Elizabeth V. Boulden. He was employed as a truck driver, working for over 20 years at Corrado-American Co. and was a member of Teamsters Local #326. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Boulden, of Newark; four children, all of Newark, Ruth Ann Gregg, Charles H. Boulden III, Lawrence Edward Boulden and Kellie Roxann Boulden; three grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Isaac Lawrence Boulden.

A funeral service was to be held at R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Burial was to be in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Charitable contributions in his memory may be made to the

American Diabetes Association; The Kidney Foundation; or the American Heart Association, c/o the funeral home.

#### **Margaret Melton**

Newark resident Margaret Melton, 82, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005.

Ms. Melton is survived by companion Joseph Rafferty, of Woodlyn, Pa.; sons; James Melton, of Chesapeake, Va., and Michael Chaney, of Newark; daughters, Linda Gunnoe, of Scott Depot, W.Va., Carolyn Frederick, of Port Deposit, Md., and Brenda Sergent, of Bristol, W.Va.; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

A funeral service was to be on Monday, Dec. 12 at Handley Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Boone Memorial Park.

#### **Ernest Coverdale**

Ernest Burton Coverdale, 90, of Newark, died Thursday, Dec.

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8, 2005

Mr. Coverdale was born Feb. 21, 1915, in Felton to the late Frank and Arminta Coverdale. He retired from Speakman Company in Wilmington. After 42 years as a brass polisher, he also worked parttime at The Devon Apartments in Wilmington and Klenk Industries in Newark.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jack B. Coverdale, in 1940. He is survived by his wife, Frances, of Newark; his son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Mary Ann Coverdale, of Snow Hill; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Dennis Mikell, of Dover, and Debi and John Wray, of Middletown; two grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

A memorial service was to be on Sunday, Dec. 11 at Torbert Funeral Chapel South.

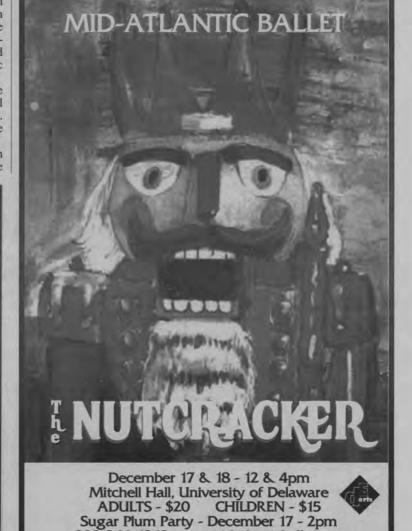
#### **Agnes Roney**

Agnes Roney, 90, of Newark, formerly of Glasgow, Scotland, died on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005.

Ms. Roney came to the United States of America in 1960. She lived in New York City, N.Y., until 1987, then moved to Delaware.

Ms. Roney was predeceased by her son, Robert Roney; and by her granddaughter, Allison Conaghan. She is survived by her daughter, Moira Conaghan and her husband, Charles; her daughter-in-law, Nancy Roney; five grandchildren. She is also survived by 13 great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

A funeral service was to be on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Doherty Funeral Home.



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### Second phase of filling

starts at reservoir

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ow holding more than 20 feet - or 40 million gallons — of water, Newark's reservoir has successfully completed its first phase of filling.

Filling started a month ago with pumps adding a foot of water each day. After a seven-day observation period, the second phase of filling began.

Roy Simonson, Newark's director of water and wastewater, has been evaluating the operation and maintenance plans for the facility.

Simonson said the "well-thought out design" has numerous safety features built into it. A variety of sensors around and under the reservoir monitor water pressure; flow meters under the reservoir liner monitor runoff from a few natural springs.

Inspections are made twice daily, once by city staff and once by a consultant from URS, the company that engineered the design. Simonson said inspectors check the reservoir for signs of distress and monitor the instrumentation.

"We're being very cautious. We're confident in the structure, but it's not something you fill up and walk away from," he said. So far, the reservoir has met all

expectations. "The filling process is going well," said Simonson.

On the advice of consultants, the city will be adding two feet of water a day for the next phase. A longer observation period will follow this filling phase, he said.

Contracting firm George and Lynch have finished construction

on the bowl-shaped reservoir.

The firm's president Will
Robinson said contractors are now putting the "buttons and zipon the project in the form of a walkway around the top and public benches.

Robinson said he thought construction "went perfectly." Coming into the project, he said, there were a number of uncertainties and risks involved, but no major problems were encountered.

He said he anticipates coming in below the original budget of \$6 million set aside for the work done by his firm.

City Manager Carl Luft said the city anticipates having this additional water supply option available next year.

"This project has been a long time in the making, and I am proud that despite hurdles in get-

ting to this point, our community and our state will be better off as a result of this new water supply," he said in a statement.

A successful bond referendum in 1999 allowed city officials to purchase land to build the town reservoir off Old Paper Mill Road. Water revenues are paying for construction of the huge dam and other water projects.

Since northern New Castle County draws most of its water supply from groundwater resources, the need for water during drought conditions has been a concern. A summer of drought in the late 1990s contributed to the public support for Newark's reservoir.

More pictures of the reservoir during this filling phase can be seen at the city's Web site, http:// newark.de.us.



### Property lends itself to 'peaceful village'

► MILL, from 3

would be built in a rehabilitated stone frame barn; four condominium units would be put in the gristmill and the Phillips House and miller's house would become single-family homes.

Developer Raymond Becker said all attempts will be made to preserve the existing homes, which are in disrepair. "They'll finally be appreciated, and they'll finally be restored," he said.

He said the homes will likely range in size from 1,800-square feet to 3,600-square feet; prices could range from \$360,000 to \$600,000.

Architect Marjorie Rothberg said the proposed new town-houses will complement the historic homes and create a backdrop for them. Construction materials will be kept consistent, she said.

Commissioner Celeste Kelly asked Becker why he wanted to restrict the development to people 55 years of age and older.

Becker said he wanted to

reduce traffic flow through the area by having fewer residents. The property, he added, lends itself to a peaceful village.

The proposal has a residential density higher than what is per-

mitted by the county's zoning.

Commissioner Marguerite
Ashley said that though the Christina streambed may get more protection in the county, the buildings are more likely to be damaged. She recommended the council consider comments from the state historic preservation office before approving the

Kelly voted against the project. She said she had concerns about the housing density near the floodplain and with the slope of the site. She suggested keeping the density at the county's one house per acre.

"I don't think for this land... that's unreasonable," she said.









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#### By MARTY VALANIA

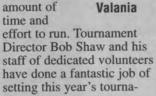
NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

If you're a wrestling fan, there is no better place in the country to be this weekend than right here in Newark.

The Beast of the East Wrestling Tournament will again be held in the Carpenter Center and the best teams and best wrestlers in the country will

be on hand to challenge themselves against each other.

It's an amazing tournament that takes an unbelievable amount of



ment up.
It will beinteresting to see how the in-state teams do this year. There are a host of Delaware wrestlers that have a good chance of placing. A group of those comes from St. Mark's. The middle of the Spartan lineup is stocked with studs and they'll get their chance to see how the match up against the nation's best.

Jeremy Shaw, Andrew Riley, Eli Norvel, Tommy Abbott, Zack Frederick, Andrew Bradley and Kenny Zell all have legitimate opportunities to place.

The tournament is also the first time this year that St. Mark's and Caesar Rodney will be at the same tournament. The Rider skipped Milford last week for the opportunity to take part in the prestigious Ironman in Ohio where they finished in 20th place. Hopefully, we'll get an idea of where both teams stand this year.

### Newark boys in Kappa opener

#### Tourney continues through Saturday

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Newark took the wrappings off the brand new season with a 55-53 victory over Concord Tuesday night in the opening round of the 17th Annual Kappa Klassic Basketball Tournament.

Newark's senior guard A. J.

Woolfolk hit a buzzer beater from just inside the arch for the game winning The Jackets got possession with five seconds remaining thanks to errant pass Woolfolk Raiders. finished the night with 11 points.

"I got a great pick and saw an opening on the right side, so I got open and fired the shot," said Woolfolk.

Newark coach Greg Benjamin said he was pleased with the firstgame victory.
"We've worked hard in the

instructions and followed directions very well tonight," said Benjamin.

Newark trailed 12-10 after the first period, but grabbed its first lead of the night on a three by freshman Greg Benjamin, Jr., right after the second quarter got underway.
With both offenses operating

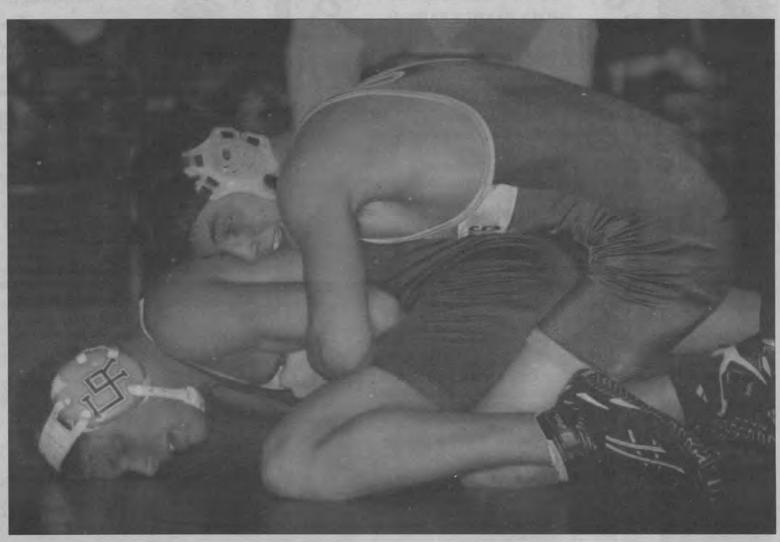
at full throttle during the second quarter, the Jackets surged to a 30-28 lead at halftime on a halfcourt buzzer beater by senior

Concord and Newark continued to shoot well in the second half, but the Jackets maintained a slim 44-42 lead after three quarters. Emmanuel Tyner fired up a shot with several seconds remaining in the period. The Raiders tied the game 49-49 late in the contest, but Newark played a strong defense over the last two minutes to grab the vic-

Concord's Brandon Tunnell led all scorers with 20 points on

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### **Nation's best come to Newark**



St. Mark's two-time state champion Andrew Bradley will try to place at the prestigious Beast of the East wrestling tournament this weekend.

Over 30 teams and over 100 nationally ranked wrestlers will participate in the Beast of the East high school wrestling tournament this weekend at the Carpenter Center.

The Beast, ranked as the toughest high school tournament

in the country for the seventh time in eight years, will take place Saturday and Sunday.

St. Mark's and Hodgson will be among the local teams competing this week.

The Spartans are off to a good start this season, winning five

straight dual meets to capture the championship of the Boyertown tournament two weeks ago and then capturing a tournament high six individual crowns at last week's Milford Invitational.

Jeremy Shaw (125), Andrew Riley, (130), Eli Norvel (135),

Tommy Abbott (140), Zack Frederick (145), Andrew Bradley (152) and Kenny Zell (275) all enter the tournament with legitimate opportunities to place among the top six.

- By Marty Valania

### Cohen leaves UD to take Hofstra job

University of Delaware football defensive coordinator and linebackers coach David Cohen has resigned to accept the head coaching position at Atlantic 10 Conference rival Hofstra University.

The announcement was made by Hofstra during a press conference Tuesday morning. Cohen replaces Joe Gardi, who announced his retirement following 17 seasons as the Pride's head coach.

Cohen's departure from Delaware, along with those of defensive backs coach Isaac Collins and graduate assistant coach Lyle Hemphill, has created several changes to the Blue Hen coaching staff, head coach K.C. Keeler has announced.

Former Richmond and Massachusetts assistant coach Ben Albert has been named linebackers coach, current UD defensive line coach Rob Neviaser has added responsibilities as defensive coordinator, and offensive line coach Jim Turner has added the title of associate head coach. Hemphill has left Delaware to join Cohen's new staff as a defensive backs assistant at Hofstra while Collins has departed to take an assistant coaching position with another NCAA I-AA school. That announcement will be made by that school at a later date. Delaware is currently conducting a search to fill Collins' position.

"Dave is ready to become a head coach," said Keeler, who has led the Blue Hen football team to a four-year mark of 36-16, the 2003 NCAA I-AA national title, and a 6-5 mark this past fall. "We are excited for him because he has looked forward to this for a long time. It's a great opportunity for him and we wish him the best. Hofstra is very fortunate to hire such a quality coach like Dave."

Cohen coached nine seasons in two stints at Delaware, serving as defensive line and linebackers coach in 1994-98 and as linebackers coach and defensive coordinator in 2002-05. He led

Blue Hen teams to a combined record of 94-31-1, three Atlantic 10 Conference titles, five NCAA Tournament appearances, and the 2003 NCAA I-AA national title. Hepreviously served as an assistant coach at Albany and Lafayette and was defensive coordinator at Fordham in 1999-2001. Collins served just one season as defensive backs coach at Delaware in 2005 after previously working as an assistant coach at Hobart, Columbia, and Lehigh and as defensive coordinator at Holy Cross. Hemphill served two seasons as graduate assistant coach at Delaware after coaching two seasons at Delaware Valley College. He was a member of Delaware's 2004 NCAA I-AA tournament staff.

Albert comes to Delaware with nine years of college coaching experience, most recently at Atlantic 10 rival University of Richmond where he was defensive line and special teams coach in 2004 under first-year head coach Dave Clawson. He began

his coaching career in 1996 at Massachusetts, coached his first stint at Richmond in 1997-00, moved to Rutgers for the 2001 season, and went back to Massachusetts for two seasons in 2002-03 before returning to Richmond. He was a three-year starting defensive lineman at Massachusetts where he earned All-Yankee Conference honors in 1994 and posted career totals of 187 tackles and 14 sacks. He earned both his bachelor's degree (1995) and master's degree (1997) from Massachusetts.

Neviaser, who has served as defensive line coach at Delaware for the past four seasons, will add the defensive coordinator role to his responsibilities in 2006. A 1993 graduate of Williams College, Neviaser was an assistant coach at King's (PA), Harvard, Boston College, and Yale before joining the Blue Hens in 2002. He has helped lead Delaware to a four-year record of 36-16, consecutive Atlantic 10 Conference titles in 2003 and

2004, an NCAA I-AA quarterfinal appearance in 2004, and the NCAA I-AA national title in 2003. His units have consistently helped Delaware rank among the league leaders in rushing defense (No. 3 in 2005 at 119.6 yards per game) and have averaged 30.2 sacks per season. The 2005 squad ranked fourth in the Atlantic 10 with 30 sacks led by 2004 All-American and two-time All-Atlantic 10 defensive tackle Tom Parks.

Turner, who will begin his second season with the Blue Hen staff in 2006, previously was an assistant at Northeastern, Louisiana Tech, Harvard, and Temple before joining Delaware last spring. His offensive line unit last season helped Delaware rank third in the Atlantic 10 in rushing (195.0 yards per game) and paved the way for All-American running back Omar Cuff, who ranked second in the league in rushing at 109.5 yards per game.

### Wesley falls in semifinal

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Welsey College's dream season came to an abrupt ending Saturday afternoon on the snow-covered, frozen tundra of Perkins Stadium in Whitewater, Wisc. The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater trounced the young, upstart Wolverines 58-6, in one of the NCAA Division III national semifinal contests.

Prior to this season, Wesley had made only one appearance in the NCAA tournament, and lost to a team from Texas in the first round.

Mount Union, Ohio, who's won six of the last nine D-3 titles, defeated Rowan, N.J., 19-7 in the other semifinal matchup.

Mount Union 13-1, and Whitewater, 14-0, will square off this Saturday afternoon in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl in Salem, Va. for the Division III national championship. "I'm very proud of what we've done this year," said Wesley coach Mike Drass. "The team has taken our program to a level we've talked about before, but were never able to accomplish. I

thought we were at least a year a way from this kind of success," said The Wolverines (12-2) struggled from start to finish in this game. On the opening kickoff, freshman Larry Beavers bobbled the ball, but retained possession at the Wesley one yard line. Senior running back Kevin Nelson was nailed in the end zone on the first play from scrimmage, giving the War Hawks a quick 2-0 lead only 11 seconds into the game. Whitewater then drove a short distance on their next possession to build a 9-0 lead, and with a heavy snow falling, the romp was in progress.
The Wolverines had trouble building any offensive consistency in the first half, and committed several turnovers. The Wesley defense was also unable to stop the powerful War Hawks running

The deadly combination resulted in Whitewater dominating the game, and building an insurmountable 37-0 lead at half-time.

Field conditions continued to deteriorate in the second half, but the War Hawks kept up the offensive and defense pressure, not allowing the Wolverines to get untracked.

Wesley finally scored in the third quarter following a strong punt return by Beavers to the Whitewater 39-yard line. Junior quarterback Chris Warrick scored the only Wolverine touchdown of the day at the 7:26 mark of the period. The extra point try was no good due to a bad snap. Warrick ended the game going 12-28 for 84 yards and four interceptions. Nelson ran for 138 yards on 28 carries in his last college football game. The diminutive running back out of Delcastle High School in Wilmington, finished his Wesley carreer with more than 2,500 yards in two seasons. Nelson transferred to Wesley after his previous school, New Haven, Conn. dropped football after the The future, however, looks bright for the Wolverines as the team will return the majority of this starters including year's Beavers, receivers Warrick, Marcus Lee and Jon Lanuette, a Newark High grad, who was redshirted after a knee injury early in the season.

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### Yellowjackets top Concord in close game

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the night. His teammate Erick Black added 19 and Nigel Lum-Cox added seven. Woolfolk's 11 points led the Jackets, while Benjamin and Kenneth Skinner each had points each, and Steve Williams added 7 points off the bench for Newark. The Kappa Klassic continues at

Newark High School all week. The consolation games and c h a m p i o n s h i p contest will be held Saturday, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

start this winder wanting five. Refer. (130). Eli Norvel (135)

## Girl Scouts give back to community



Brownie Girl Scout Myia Neal, age 6, helps Marine Corps Cpl. Erin Locklear pack a stage full of toys for children in need during the Newark-area Girl Scouts Toys for Tots collection.

In Girl Scouting, girls are encouraged to discover, lead, and take action. From the youngest Daisy Girl Scouts to teen Girl Scouts, girls have taken their need to make a difference in the lives of people in their communities and put it into action. Girl Scout troops from all over Newark participated in Toys for Tots collection program. This year more than 170 girls brought toys and food; last year more than 150 Girl Scouts donated toys for other children in need.

Each girl is asked to bring a new or gently used toys unwrapped or a canned or dried food item for the food bank. They will sing Christmas carols, do a holiday activity, and have a few minutes of questions about Toys for Tots from the Marines

attending and their service to our country.

### When holidays aren't merry

Groups help bereaved through holiday season

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

RIEF knows no bounds.
As the holidays approach, those experiencing the recent loss of a loved one and those grieving from past losses may be dreading a difficult few

Feelings can be more tender, and pain more real during the holiday season, as expectations couple with memories of past holidays spent together.

Knowing this, several groups in the Newark area have offered grief counseling and services to those people living with grief during this holiday season.

The University of Delaware offers free weekly seminars to faculty and staff from Thanksgiving to Christmas on how to deal with grief.

Cecily Sawyer-Harmon, coordinator of faculty-staff assistance programs at the college, said people coming to the seminar have experienced a recent loss or may be grieving a loss that's many years old.

Counselors talk about how

grief has no time limit, she said, and ensure people there's no "right way" to grieve. They offer suggestions for ways to remember loved ones

They offer suggestions for ways to remember loved ones at the holiday, such as lighting a candle, reading a favorite poem or book and going around the room to say what each person loved about the deceased.

Rituals like these, said Sawyer-Harmon, can help in the healing process.

The Newark United Methodist Church on Main Street is holding a special "worship for the bereaved" at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Dr. Jim Faltot said the service acknowledges that the holidays aren't "merry and bright" for everyone in the community.

"For some people," he said,
"holidays hold painful memories. Many have lost loved ones
recently, and this is their first
time celebrating Christmas
without them."

Grief can come in different forms, he said. It's an emotional response to any kind of loss – losing a loved one, losing a job, having a family member serving overseas at the holidays.

"We all experience losses at some time," said Faltot. "All of us are grieving or need to grieve."

Holidays can be especially

difficult because of expectations for what should happen. We're told to be one big, happy family at the holiday, and the concept that the whole family can't be together anymore is hard to accept, he said.

Faltot said the special service – a first for the church – will recognize the holiness of the season and the hope that still exists for the bereaved, taking into account their pain and suffering at this time of year.

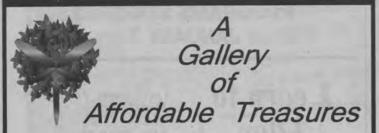
The biblical Christmas story, he said, speaks to grief and suffering, though it's not often told that way at the holidays. Joseph and Mary were poor and essentially homeless, he said. Mary was a teenage mother.

"They knew sorrow and grief," said Faltot of the holy family. "Jesus, in the words of the old gospel tune, knows our sorrows, knows our grief."

Faltot said he hopes this service will help people make that connection and be spiritually refreshed, knowing that their sorrows are understood.

The service, which will be held in the chapel, will include Holy Communion and a fellowship time. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Dr. Jim Faltot at 368-8774 ext. 212.

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### Public wants change, change costs money, says board president

#### ▶ BOARD, from 1

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- Formula adjustments to cost of new middle and elementary schools\*; and
- Modular classrooms during construction\*.

If voters choose not to fund the items with asterisks (\*), the bond amount would shrink to \$68,965,600. The district is also seeking additional taxes for school operating expenses that have risen due to inflation and increased energy and transporta-

In November, the district presented the school board with a construction and operating needs' shortfall of approximately \$128 million.

"We're short," assistant superintendent and chief operatassistant ing officer Jeffrey Edmison told the school board then. "I'm not gonna' kid, you, we're short.'

Among the items taken out by the school board since November

#### Klondike Kate's takes grand prize

Nearly 40 businesses partici-pated in the downtown Newark Holiday Decorating Contest this year. Winners were announced at Winterfest.

Klondike Kate's took the grand prize. First place went to Olde Tyme Antiques, second place to Central Perk, and third place to Hollywood Tans. Honorable mentions were given to Bloom, Grassroots and

#### FOR THE RECORD

The house at 29 West Park Place and empty lot across the street were left, directly and outside a trust, to Leland Crist by his late wife, Kip Kelso Crist.

were partial funding for renovat-ing and opening a new behav-ioral school at the Eden Support Services Center in Bear and NETworks School in Newark, as well as science labs and other equipment for the Sarah Pyle Academy in Wilmington.

According to Thresa Giles, assistant superintendent and chief financial officer, the taxes for the owner of a property with an assessed value (not market value) of \$60,000 would increase \$138 per year or \$11.50 per month if the full referendum amount is approved by voters.

School board president Brenda Phillips vehemently defended the need for added funding at this time. "The board and the public wanted change in the district," Phillips said. "and change costs money as everyone knows.

In addition to the curriculum improvements, such as small learning academies at high schools, Phillips said new construction became essential when neighborhood schools were mandated in Delaware. "That's the law of the land, and based on that, we brought in a school superintendent that could give us what we needed," Phillips continued. "And at every opportunity, we brought along the community and even the business community. Now we're being asked to shape the future for our kids - to give this district the tangible assets to do what is needed.

In response to criticism regarding where the money would be spent and only six weeks until the vote, Phillips noted that "65 percent of what we're asking is going to benefit kids in city" schools. "I want the best shot for kids at getting the best edu-cation they can," Phillips concluded, "and I'm willing to beat the streets on Christmas Eve if that's what it takes to [get this referendum passed].

Wendy Lapham, public information officer for the district, said meetings are already scheduled in the first week of January for school PTAs to hear about the referendum.

For more information, visit the district Web site at www.christina.k12.de.us.

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#### NEWARK POST \* POLICE BLOTTER

#### ▶ BLOTTER, from 2

#### **Vehicles targeted** by thieves, vandals

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

■ Vandals apparently used a BB gun to shot holes in windows of a motor home parked in the City of Newark's long-term lot at 260 E. Delaware Ave., police were told on Sunday, Dec. 11, at

1:36 p.m. Damage was estimated to be \$650.

■ An estimated \$600 in damage was done when a 2000 Volvo was "keyed" while it was parked at 329 E. Main St., police were told on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1:32 p.m.

■ An amplifier valued at \$400 was stolen from a 2003 Chevrolet S-10 on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1:09 p.m. after the vehicle had been left for service at an auto dealership in the 200 block East Cleveland Avenue.

■ A hockey stick was used

to smash the windshield of a 1998 Ford Explorer parked in the 100 block Kershaw Street, police were told on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8:07 a.m. The stick was found near the vehicle.

■ Two vehicles parked at an auto dealership in the 200 block East Cleveland Avenue were damaged by rocks heaved from nearby railroad tracks, police were told on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 2:13 p.m.

Front door window of a 1989 Volkswagen Golf was broken while parked at 227 Witherspoon Lane, police were told on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at

■ A car stereo valued at \$200 was removed from a 1997 Honda Accord parked at 607 Lehigh Road on Monday, Dec. 5, at 8:26

#### Alcohol, noise law violations detailed

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

Some of the recent arrests include:

Jacquelin M. Ronca, 19, of Marlton, N.J., noise law violation, on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 12:32 a.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave.:

Zachary F. Werde, 21, of Newark, trespassing, on Friday, Dec. 9, at 12:21 a.m., at the Stone Balloon, 115 E. Main St.;

Courtney E. Wilmer, 23, of Newark, disorderly conduct, on Friday, Dec. 9, at 1:21 a.m. after plainclothes police officers saw a man shove another at the Stone

Samantha D. Siegel, 20, of East Brunswick, N.J., noise violation, on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 1:56 a.m., at 218

E. Main St.;

Kathryn C. Murphy, 20, of Ponte
Verda Beach., Fla., misrepresenting
age, on Friday, Dec. 2, at 10:36 p.m., at Timothy's restaurant, 100 Creek View Road; and

Jennifer M. Jarvis, 18, of Westbury, N.Y., misrepresenting age, on Friday, Dec. 2, at 10:30 p.m., at Timothy's restaurant, 100 Creek

All were released pending court appearances, police said.

#### Three teens arrested on drug charges

Delaware State Police arrested three teenagers on drug related charges on Sunday, Dec. 4, after cocaine and marijuana were found in their disabled car on U.S. Rt. 13 in the area of Red Lion Road.

Around 6:50 p.m., a trooper stopped to check on a Chevy Lumina, which was parked on the shoulder with its hazard lights on. The trooper smelled burnt marijuana coming from inside the car.

About 1.3 grams of cocaine, 0.7 grams of marijuana, a knife, and a straight razor were found during a search of the vehicle.

Troopers said Marquis D. Merriam, 19, of Newark, was charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine, maintaining a vehicle, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and conspiracy. Merriam was released after posting \$17,500 secured bond.

Ryan D. Barber, 18, of Wilmington, was charged with possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony, possession with intent to deliver cocaine, maintaining a vehicle, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, possession of

cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and conspiracy. Barber was committed to the Young Correctional Institution in default of \$28,500 secured bond.

Geralle I. Daniels, 19, of Adelphi, Md., was charged with possession with intent to deliver cocaine, maintaining a vehicle, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and conspiracy. Daniels was committed to the Young Correctional Institution in default of \$17,000 secured bond.

#### Pair arrested after burglary spree here

The Delaware State Police Burglary Squad have arrested two people who they believe are responsible for a series of smashand-grab burglaries over the past several weeks.

On Friday, Dec. 9 around 2:10 a.m., troopers went to the Game Stop store at 1015 Governor's Place, Governor's Plaza Shopping Center, for a report of a burglar alarm. Upon arrival, troopers saw that the front building structure and windows had been smashed. Police said the suspects had tried to remove the ATM, but were unsuccessful and had fled

Around 2:25 a.m., a burglary alarm was received at the Country Farms Store, 2480 Glasgow Ave. Troopers saw that the front building structure and windows had been shattered.

Acting on a hunch, a trooper responded to the Game Stop store in the Peoples Plaza.

Cpl/3 Troy Frey, of DSP Troop 2, saw a 2000 GEO Tracker with a broken rear window exiting the parking lot of the shopping center. Frey activated his emergency equipment and stopped the vehicle on Route 40 west bound.

As the trooper approached the vehicle, which had been reported stolen in Maryland, the occupants fled into a wooded area.

After about 30 minutes a county police K-9 dog led police to a female hiding behind a tree. The woman was taken into custody without incident. A man was found in an abandoned house about 500 yards from the vehicle

Brian A. Davis, 28, of Elkton, Md., was charged with burglary, possession of burglary tools, felony theft, criminal mischief, conspiracy, attempted theft, receiving stolen property and resisting arrest. He was arraigned at Magistrate Court 2 and committed to the Young Correctional Institute in lieu of \$60,000 secured bond.

Investigators said they were able to link Davis to the following burglaries:

On Nov. 20, Shell Gas Station at 2410 Pulaski Hwy., Dunkin Donuts at 1204 Pulaski Hwy, Valentina Liquors at 430 Old Baltimore Pike and La Casa Pasta at 4 Seasons; On Dec. 3, 4 Seasons Liquors

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### Put a festive 'art touch' on your holidays this year

#### ► THE ARTS, from 9

The Delaware Art Museum is located at 2301 Kentmere Parkway in Wilmington, not far from Rockford Tower. It is an easy drive from the Newark area. You may go right up Interstate 95 to the Delaware Avenue exit, then left on Delaware Avenue to Bancroft Parkway, right on Bancroft Parkway, then left on Kentmere Parkway to the museum.

"Pirate Tales and Beyond" will enjoy a perfect context at the Delaware Art Museum where Filgate 's lively images will be in the company of the Museum's wonderful collection of American illustration, including many of Howard Pyle's pirate paintings on view in the newly expanded museum.

Some of these paintings inspired Leonard Filgate's illustrations for Rip Squeak's pirate adventures. An exhibition catalog accompanies the exhibition and includes essays by the Museum's curator, Joyce K. Schiller, exploring the evolution of the Rip Squeak stories as well as Leonard

Filgate's working style and the creation of the story's images.

While you are all enjoying the exhibits at the Delaware Art Museum, especially if this is your first visit or the first one in a long time, enjoy the "new" museum. The location has been closed for three years for a major reworking and lots of new areas. It reopened earlier this year. It was worth every penny spent on it.

The newly-redesigned Delaware Art Museum includes 17 galleries of 19th and 20th century and contemporary American art, a nine-acre Sculpture Park, interactive Kids' Corner, Education Wing, Helen Farr Sloan Library and Reading Room, reception areas to serve community groups and special events, DelART Cafe, Outdoor Terrace and Museum Store.

I wouldn't suggest too much time on the Outdoor Terrace this Christmas season, but you can get a look at it through the plentiful fenestration at the museum. On the other hand I would suggest a visit to the museum store. There are many wonderful things for sale that would make great Christmas presents and/or great

mementos of a child's first visit to a museum!

The Delaware Art Museum is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Wednesday it is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The museum

is closed Monday. Admission is adults, \$10; seniors, \$8; college students (with ID) \$5 and the youth ticket is only \$3. Children 6 and under free. On Sundays, everyone enters free of charge. The museum is closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

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#### Arrests lead to wider investigation

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at 702 Plaza Drive;

On Dec. 7, Pietros Pizza at 4569 New Linden Hill Rd., Wings to Go at 4567 New Linden Hill Rd., Cavazinnis at 3200 Kirkwood Hwy.; and

Kirkwood Hwy.; and
On Dec. 7, Quick Mart at 103
S. Maryland Ave., SuperMart at
4111 Newport Gap Pike, Shell
Gas Station at 2501 Newport Gap
Pike, and Video Showplace at
320 Lantana Square.

Maryland authorities have tied Davis to about 30 other burglaries, which were investigated by Elkton Police Department, Cecil County Sheriff's Office and the Maryland State Police, a state police spokesman said.

Investigators also arrested Samantha R. Orr, 19, of Perryville, Md., and charged her with burglary, possession of burglary tools, felony theft, criminal mischief, conspiracy, attempted theft, receiving stolen property and resisting arrest.

She was arraigned at Magistrate Court 2 and committed to the Baylor Correctional Institute in lieu of \$12,000 secured bond.

#### Week 2 of holiday DUI patrols results in 11 arrests

Police conducting driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI) patrols as part of stepped up enforcement efforts for the holidays arrested 11 drivers last week. This brings the total number of DUI arrests for last week during special enforcement efforts to 31.

Enhanced DUI saturation patrols began Nov. 23 as part of the Safe Family Holiday campaign, and will run through New Year's Eve.

Twenty-six state and local police agencies are conducting patrols, often in conjunction with locations near scheduled DUI checkpoints.

Since Nov. 23, officers on patrol have arrested 24 drivers for DUI, and another 45 at sobriety checkpoints for a total of 69 DUI arrests over the last two weeks.

#### Need a speaker?

The staff of the Newark Post is always eager to get out in their community and meet the members of local clubs and organizations. And we welcome the opportunity to provide a speaker for a program. We could discuss the importance of community journalism today or share an entertaining 20-minute program of unintentional but nonetheless hilarious headlines. Call publisher Jim Streit to set a date with our speakers bureau. Telephone 737-0724.

# On Campus News For Newark From The University Of Delaware

### BRIEFLY



#### Hotel to deliver letters to Santa

THE Courtyard Newark-University of Delaware hotel is collecting letters to Santa Claus for delivery to the North Pole.

The letters must include the sender's full mailing address in order to receive a personal reply from Santa. Senders are invited to pick up special gifts from Santa inside the hotel.

The letters should be dropped in a special mailbox in front of the hotel, 400 Pencader Way, off New London Road, on UD's Laird Campus, no later than Tuesday, Dec. 20.

#### Saturday Morning Math registration set Dec. 16

Registration for the second session of the Saturday Morning Math enrichment program at the University of Delaware is set for 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16, in room 103 at 200 Academy St. in Newark.

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Academy St. in Newark.
Open to all students in
grades 1-8, Session II of
Saturday Morning Math runs
for six consecutive Saturdays
beginning Jan. 7. The
program, which is designed
to make math fun for
elementary students, teaches
problem-solving skills
through hands-on activities
and computer work.

Classes are offered Saturdays at 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and noon. The cost for the six-week course is \$60.

### **Newarker wins Marshall scholarship**

Delaware seniors, Thomas Isherwood and Newark resident James Parris, have been awarded Marshall Scholarships to study and conduct research in the United Kingdom for up to three years beginning next fall.

The competitive scholarship, which was awarded to 43 students nationwide, covers university fees, cost of living expenses, an annual book grant, thesis grant, research and daily travel grants, fares to and from the U.S. and, where applicable, a contribution toward the support of a dependent spouse. The total value of each scholarship is about \$100,000.

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UD was among only six universities with more than one Marshall Scholar this year.

The others are Stanford, Yale,

Princeton, Georgetown and the U.S. Military Academy.

"These students and their predecessors who have won national and international awards have established a wonderful legacy for the University of Delaware," UD President David P. Roselle said. "Their successes most assuredly speak to the quality of the student body and they also make evident the careful, competent mentorship of members of the faculty. All of us at the University are very proud of our students and faculty, alike."

"Thomas Isherwood and James Parris have been outstanding students at the University of Delaware, and the entire UD community should extend congratulations on their selection as Marshall Scholars," Provost Dan Rich said. "It is gratifying that UD is among a very small number of universities with more than one Marshall Scholar."

Parris, a senior biochemistry major with a minor in biology, will join the University of Newcastle upon Tyne to study for a master's degree in human genetics in the first year and conduct supplemental research in his second year.

Isherwood, a double major in economics and international relations from Wichita, Kan., also will earn a master's degree in political science next spring and then study modern Middle Eastern studies for at least two years at Oxford University.



Parris

### Students demo Rube Goldberg devices

HOW many steps does it take to turn a page in a college textbook in under three minutes? That was the question 130 University of Delaware Mechanical Engineering 101 students tried to answer ast week at the 2005 Rube Goldberg Machine Contest, and answers, naturally, varied wildly.

Yet, despite the varying factors of end-of-semester time constraints and general dumpster-diving finesse, three things held constant: ingenuity, duct tape and overall optimism in creativity trumping efficiency.

"We've done something like this every year for awhile," Dick Wilkins, professor of mechanical engineering, said, "and this was probably the most optimistic assignment yet. But, it worked out pretty well, and it was clear that participants got a kick out of inventing."

Counted as the practical component of the introductory-level course's final exam, the task this year was to build a contraption that took at least five steps to turn one page in the MEEG 101 textbook in no less than half a minute and no more than three minutes. Each machine could weigh no more than \$50 dollars, be no taller than four feet and contain no animals, explosives, firearms or fire.

Winning teams and top-shelf machines--those meeting the page-long list of construction requirements--would enjoy the



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One of the winning teams (from left) Raquel Ciappi, Kyle Bouchard, Blair Jones and (not pictured) Cara Giberson.

honor of temporary fame as the Department of Mechanical Engineering would buy the topfour contraptions for \$50 each to use in upcoming departmental recruitment events this spring and fall.

The quartet of four-member teams that walked away with top honors included students Kyle Bouchard, of Milford, Raquel Ciappi of Bel Air, Md., Cara Giberson of South Windsor, Conn., and Blair Jones, of Dundalk, Md.; Ying Chen of Newark, Christopher Hazel of Wilmington, Robert Christopher Jones of Fork, Md., and Bradley Miller of Ellicott City, Md.; Matt Bowen of Pennsville, N.J., Andrew Dubina of Millersville,

Md., Bassil Salman of East Windsor, N.J., and Joseph Walther of West Nyack, N.Y.; and Joseph Baumgartner of Columbus, N.J., Alicia DeMarco of New Hyde Park, N.Y., Sarah O'Neill of Sterling, Va., and Thomas Petrella of West Grove, Pa.

#### **Balloon founder signs books**

ILL Stevenson III, original owner and founder of the Stone Balloon, signed copies of his new book Saturday at Lieberman's Bookstore on Main

His book, "The Stone Balloon: he Early Years," details the



Stevenson

start-up and expansion of the bar, its glory days, the challenges it faced, and, of course, the music.

Stevenson signed and sold more than 25 books Saturday. He will sign books at Borders Express at the Christiana Mall one day before Christmas.

Stevenson said the books have been selling well online at www. cedartreebooks.com and at local stores. Books can be purchased downtown at Lieberman's and the Newark Newstand.

The Stone Balloon approaches a final closing this weekend. Friday, Dec. 16 is being promoted as a goodbye for locals. Stevenson will sign copies of his book and the Newark-based Club Phred oldies band will play.

Saturday, Dec. 17 will be the legendary bar's last night. Tommy Conwell & the Young Rumblers and Snap will perform. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

In the spring, the Main Street building will be demolished and construction will start on a 54unit condominium project.



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### SHARING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Members of the Kappa Alpha fraternity at the University of Delaware helped the Brookside Lions Club set up for the club's annual Christmas tree sale. Vince Smolzynski, Nick Baldini, Andy Albeck, Andy Goldman and Zack Scholl put up lights and fencing, unloaded the trees and arranged them for display at the Lions site on Route 4. The Lions are selling trees, Monday to Friday, noon to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Christmas.

### 4-2 vote stalls adult condo project

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have let Lang Development Group move forward with a condominium project for persons 55 years of age and older.

The development would require a land annexation by the city, as well as a special-use permit and major subdivision approval.

approval.

Developer Jeff Lang gave a summary of the project before the vote. Lang said the plan called for 11 buildings, each with eight apartments, to be built on the 18.4-acre site adjacent to the Newark Interstate Business Park.

The buildings would use a "big house design," he said. Amenities would include a clubhouse, pool, walking trails through open space on the site and a bus stop on the DART route. Prices would start at \$225,000, he said.

Planning Director Roy Lopata spoke to the need for adult housing in the city. He said the market is restricted to high-end units with few places available to people of moderate- income levels

"I encourage developers to consider adult communities in almost every instance where we think it makes sense," he said.

Jean Williams, director of the Newark Senior Center, said she bemoaned the fact that Newark doesn't have enough affordable senior housing. Newark could be a destination for retirees, she said, because of it's location and amenities.

"But what Newark lacks is dedicated housing to the over-55 age group," said Williams.

A majority of the councilmen said they supported the project's concept but did not want to make a change to the comprehensive

land use plan.

"We really need to maintain a healthy portfolio of land use types," said Councilman Kevin Vonck. "And we have that now."

Vonck said, though senior housing might work now in the planning area that runs along Elkton Road to the Maryland line, it will be tougher to revert back to industrial land uses when the city needs it.

Councilman Paul Pomeroy agreed, saying the community needs viable areas for potential business growth.

Lopata argued that adding a residential use to the planning area would not take away these industrial and commercial uses. "It provides the flexibility good

comprehensive planning is supposed to have," he told the council.

Mayor Vance Funk and

Councilman Frank Osborne voted in favor of changing the compre-hensive plan to allow for this residential use. Councilman Jerry Clifton, David Athey, Vonck and Pomeroy defeated the ordinance.

Councilman Karl Kalbacher abstained from the vote.

The city's planning commission recommended the project,

In a letter to the city, the Office of State Planning said it did not support the proposal to reclassify "rare and valuable industriallike land that could be used for economic development and job creation.'

#### UD's Disabella host of sports health show

Dr. Vincent Disabella, sports medicine physician for the University of Delaware, is the host of the new "Sports Health Highlight" show on the VoiceAmerica online radio network.

The talk show airs at 7 p.m. Tuesdays on the VoiceAmerica Health and Wellness channel, which can be found at www.

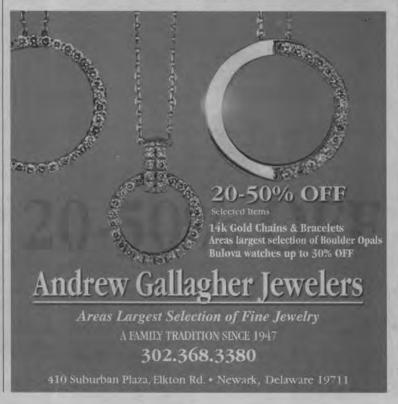
health.voiceamerica.com. "Sports Health Highlight" addresses public health issues, injury prevention, strength and conditioning and alternative medicine as they pertain to the care of athletes and people living healthy lifestyles.

Disabella has been with UD

since 1999. He came to the University after having served as sports medicine and internal medicine physician at the Healthplex Sports Medicine Institute in Springfield, Pa. He is a fellow of the

American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine and was board certified by the American Osteopathic Board in Internal Medicine in 1998.

A native of Ringtown, Pa., Disabella earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Albright College in 1987 and earned his doctor of osteopathy degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1992.



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### Police chief defends zero tolerance

Chief, Mayor speak at university forum

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

EWARK'S Acting Police Chief William Nefosky tried to clear up misconceptions about the controversial zerotolerance policy at a meeting last week with University of Delaware students.

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

Nefosky said the policy came about because of an increase in assaults occurring at parties or by people leaving parties. Nine assaults fell into this category this year. Several assaults caused severe injuries — including brain damage and a permanent eye injury — to the victims.

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Nefosky said pressure from parents and students concerned with safety led to the decision to crack down on large, disorderly parties. Now, police officers have been encouraged to take enforcement action at parties absent a complaint by neighbors.

"In my profesional opinion, this is the way to go to reduce fights," he said

Nefosky said some city residents do not call the police about parties. They fear retaliation, he said, or do not want to get involved with the court system. "That's why we take action before receiving complaints," he said.

Nefosky said the department's handling of noise violations has

not changed with the zero tolerance policy, though there is a misconception among students that it has.

"We have always had a very strict enforcement policy regarding noise violations, and we'll continue to do so," said Nefosky.

He said officers must respond to complaints about noise. After 9 p.m., if noise can be heard across a neighbor's boundary, it is in violation of the city's noise ordinance.

Officers use discretion in issuing a violation and will not make an arrest that can't be justified in court, he said.

Students took turns questioning Nefosky about the zero tolerance policy and its effects. Several asked why students were not included in discussions about the policy before it was implemented.

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

Also attending the forum, Mayor Vance Funk spoke in support of the policy.

"The violence is really increasing, and it's really scary," he told students.

The city, he said, has been working to address the issue of safety. Next year's budget includes funding for five new police officers and a police cadet program, he said.

He told students the city cares about their safety and encouraged them not to "get hooked on this term 'zero tolerance."

### **Newark Chorale performs**

The New Ark Chorale will perform a Christmas concert, "A New Ark Chorale Christmas with Brass and Bells," at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec.

The concert will be held in downtown Newark at the Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. Tickets are \$12 for seniors and \$5 for students.

The concert will feature music by American composer Daniel Pinkham, English composer Peter Warlock and Renaissance composer Michael Praetorius.

Since its founding in 1977 by music director Dr. Michael Larkin, the New Ark Chorale has been recognized as one of the premier choral music ensembles in the Delaware Valley.

The group's mission is to present innovative, unique concerts sung at the highest level of musical and artistic excellent. The 30-member Chorale has sung in five states and typically gives between five and seven concerts per season.

Director Larkin is chairperson of the vocal/choral department at the Wilmington Music School. He has taught on music faculties at several colleges. He directs music ministry at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Wilmington and serves as the Delaware state chairperson for community choirs.



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### **Newark veterans donate playing cards**

merican Legion Post 10 of Newark recently delivered 720 decks of cards to the Seamen's Center of Wilmington at the Port of Wilmington.

The cards were collected for the Christmas at Sea program that seeks to provide a box filled with gifts to every seafarer arriving in Delaware during the month of December.

Last year, the Seamen's cen-

ter provided gifts to over 1,500 mariners. For more information about the program, contact Joan Lyons, executive director of the Seamen's Center, at 302-575-

Other projects and activities of Post 10 include providing telephone cards to our service men in Iraq and Afghanistan, supporting youth athletic teams in the area, providing support to the National American Legion

They also provide achieve-ment medals for the university and high school ROTC programs in the Newark area. An oratorical contest based on the U.S. Constitution gives local high school students the opportunity to compete for prizes that include scholarships at the national level.

Post 10 meets the second Tuesday of the month in the VFW building located behind the City of Newark offices. All veterans are invited to join them.

For more information, call Post 1st Vice Commander Dennis Kane at 302-737-9417 or Post Commander Art Bailey at 302-292-2206.



Jim Schubert, Adjutant of American Legion Post 10 of Newark, delivers 720 decks of cards to Joan Lyons, executive director of the Seaman's Center of Wilmington at the Port of Wilmington.

### State treasurer issues check fraud advisory

elaware State Treasurer Jack Markell asked area businesses and consumers to be especially vigilant in watching for fraudulent checks this holiday season. Check fraud can take a number of forms including the use of fake identities for cashing stolen checks and elaborate lottery scams crossing state and national boundaries.

State Treasurers from across the country have reported "official looking" treasury checks being mailed to citizens in other states. These fake checks may include a letter about possible state lottery winnings and may instruct the recipient to deposit or cash the check and then send money to a specified address. Markell said his office has

recently received reports of these fake checks being mailed to Delawareans.

"Unless you've purchased a state lottery ticket and checked the numbers yourself, or Ed McMahon shows up on your doorstep with a large check— be wary of anything promising large cash prizes," Markell said. Citizens who have questions

about mailings they receive should contact the Delaware Attorney General's Office Fraud & Consumer Protection Division

#### Holiday trash schedule

Due to the Christmas holiday, refuse normally collected on Monday, Dec. 26 will be picked up on Tuesday, Dec. 27, said the City of Newark.

Refuse normally collected on Tuesday, Dec. 27 will be collected on Wednesday,

#### Highway campaign reaches 5,000 arrests

The Delaware State Police's initiative to "Take Back Our Highways" reached 5,000 traffic arrests early this week.
On July 18, a four-trooper

enforcement team was assigned to New Castle County in an attempt to meet one of the strategic priorities of the highway safety division. This special enforcement campaign has used unconventional vehicles, enforcement activities, the redeployment of resources into traffic hot spots and educational

On Wednesday, Dec. 12, the

team was on interstate 95 northbound in the area of Delaware Route 72 when a vehicle was stopped for traveling 111 mph. The driver was charged with aggressive driving, unsafe lane change, failure to signal, driving while suspended and unsafe vehicle.

The team has led an intensive crackdown on aggressive driving in which the state police has made almost 80 percent of the aggressive driving arrests statewide. To date this team has issued 5,011 citations in New Castle County

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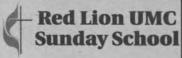




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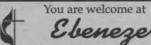


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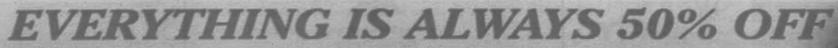
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# CompanyMAN

Rising star Carl Edwards develops strong ties with primary sponsor Office Depot, employees

By ALAN TAYS
Cox News Service

Before the 2005

season finale at

Cup star Carl

Edwards visited

Depot, based in

with employees of

his sponsor, Office

Delray Beach, Fla.

Homestead, Nextel

Delray Beach, Fla. he first time Carl Edwards apcampus as NASCAR's hottest young driver. He won four races in 2005 and finished third in the points standings.

This time, Babboni stuck around to meet Edwards. Wearing an Edwards golf



NASCAR driver Carl Edwards signs an autograph for Office Depot employee Cathy Antonacci as

#### Rusty proud to leave as respected star

By ALAN TAYS Cox News Service

Rusty Wallace was hoping for a different ending. He was hoping he would compete at Homestead-Miami Speedway in the season-finale Ford 400 with a chance for another championship, a bookend to go with his 1989 title.

"I thought I'd have plenty more after that one," Wallace said on a recent conference call, the last call of "Rusty's Last Call," the marketing slogan created by Wallace's sponsor, Miller Brewing Co., for his final season as a Nextel Cup driver.

Wallace, 49, made his 706th career start at Homestead. Since 1980, when he first got behind the wheel of a Roger Penske-owned car for two races, Wallace has compiled 55 victories (eighth all-time), the last one coming in the spring of 2004 at Martinsville.

"The Driver of the Year awards (in 1988 and '93) were nice because I was voted in by the media and other drivers. The IROC championship (1991) was awesome, and 55 wins is a

lot of wins. I feel like I'm going out respected, at the top of my game. I just wanted to be



WALLACE

remembered as one of the competitors who quit at the top of his game."

Michael Babboni was mildly interested.

"I came down, I took a picture with the car because I thought that was cool, but I didn't even hang around to meet him," Babboni said. "I just wasn't into it at the time.'

At the time, Edwards was a littleknown driver with just 13 Nextel Cup races on his rsum. With four experienced drivers ahead of him in the Roush Racing stable, Edwards was Roush's fifth wheel. Office Depot had signed on to sponsor him and his No. 99 Ford for eight races, with the possibility of adding more.

How times have changed. Edwards recently returned to the Office Depot

adorned with two Office Depot Racing flags and an Edwards license plate, Babboni left no doubt that he has become a fan of his company's 26-year-old

"Yeah, when I get into something, I really get into it," said Babboni, who works in information technology for Office Depot.

Mildly curious about Edwards after the January appearance, Babboni and his 9-year-old son, Matthew, watched their first NASCAR race, the Daytona 500, in February.

"We were hooked. Since then we've been watching every race.

Edwards spent nearly two hours answering questions submitted by employ-



AACTIF ILL III IC during Edwards' visit to Office Depot's corporate headquarters last month.

ees - "How did you learn to do a back flip?" "What parts of a stock car are actually stock?" — recording promotional messages — "This is Carl Edwards, and I wake up every morning to Cold Pizza." 'This is Carl Edwards, and you're watching Speed Channel." - and signing autographs for a long line of admir-

Among them was Dan Depace, the company's director of finance, who got two No. 99 die-cast cars signed for his sons, Daniel, 9, and Angelo, 6.

"I had watched NASCAR, I'd been to Daytona a couple times many years ago, but now that Office Depot and Carl Edwards are partners, I'm a 'NASCAR Fan,' "Depace said.

Since the company announced its original deal, Office Depot has twice extended its relationship with Edwards, first adding sponsorship for nine races in 2005, then becoming his exclusive primary sponsor for three years beginning

That ensures that an Edwards victory won't come in a car featuring another company's logo, as did Edwards' first two wins in 2005.

When Edwards won in March at

Atlanta Motor Speedway, Scotts lawn and garden products was the car's primary sponsor.

A couple of months later, Babboni took his son to the Pepsi 400 at Daytona.

'His favorite color is green," Babboni said, "so for most of the season he's been holding on to his Scotts car. But now that Carl won in the Office Depot car he's changed over to an OD fan.'

After last month's appearance, there are plenty of black-and-red Office Depot Edwards cars circulating in South Florida. They're autographed, too.

"I don't think we could have picked a better driver," Babboni said. "It's not just that he wins races. Once I saw a couple of his interviews and his attitude and how nice he was, I think he just pulls you in."

'The success we've had on the track has been unbelievable," Edwards said. "One of the neatest things about the season has been Office Depot signing up for multiple years. That lets us build a team that we can go try to win championships

"At the same time, we've had such an awesome year. It's different. It's really

ule, was a renaissance for Wallace. He finished eighth in the standings after finishing 14th in 2003 and 16th in 2004. Between 1986 and 2002, Wallace finished the season outside the top nine just twice, adding two second-place finishes to go with his one

Wallace will be replaced in the No. 2 Penske racing South car by Kurt Busch, the 2004 Nextel Cup champion who was originally scheduled to join Penske in 2007, but was released from his Roush Racing contract a year

Busch sat out the final two races of this season, having been suspended by Roush after being cited for reckless driving by police near Phoenix International Raceway.

Wallace said he thinks working for Penske, the team owner, will be good for Busch, who has had run-ins with NASCAR officials and turned off some fans with his behavior.

'Well, there's one thing about Mr. Penske," Wallace said. "He always stands behind his guys through thick and thin."

### **Edwards**

- · Sponsor: Office Depot
- · Owner: Jack Roush
- · Crew Chief: Bob Osborne
- · Car: No. 99 Ford
- · 2005 avg. start: 18.9 • 2005 avg. finish: 13.9
- . No. of 2005 wins: 4
- 2005 finish: third
- 2005 winnings: \$4,889,990





### TV rights net NASCAR \$4.4 billion over eight years

By TIM TUCKER Cox News Service

If you're looking for NASCAR Nextel Cup races on television, you'll find them on Fox early in the season, TNT in midseason and ESPN or ABC down the

That's the lineup, beginning in 2007, under a new TV deal announced last week by NASCAR.

NASCAR will get about \$4.4 billion over eight years — an average of \$555 million per season or \$15.4 million per race for its TV rights, according to a person familiar with the deal.

Fox will pay about \$205 million annually for the season's first 13 races, including the season-opening Daytona 500; TNT about \$80 million annually for six midseason races; and Disney-owned networks ABC and ESPN about \$270 million annually for the final 17 races, which include the 10-race Chase for the Nextel Cup play-

The 2006 season is the last on NASCAR's previous TV contract, a sixyear, \$2.4 billion (\$400 million per season) deal with Fox, NBC and TNT.

In that deal, NBC and TNT share the



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second half of the season under a jointventure partnership.

NBC pulled out of the bidding on the deal that begins in 2007, but Turner Broadcasting kept intact its long relationship with NASCAR by buying a package of six consecutive June and July races for TNT, including the July 4 Daytona race.

One of our goals from the beginning was to have a consistent and concurrent schedule and also to get marquee races," Turner Sports President David Levy said, "and in this deal we do both."

By the end of the contract, which runs through 2014, Turner will have aired NASCAR races for 31 years.

NASCAR Chairman Brian France declined to comment on the financial details of the new deal, but said he expects to continue the current formula of dividing the TV money: 65 percent to the tracks, 25 percent to the teams and 10 percent to NASCAR's corporate coffers.

The new

agreement will

average out to

\$15.4 million a

million annually,

race or \$555

up from the

current \$400

million.

When we started with the [current] package in 2001, there was a question of whether we could become a franchise sport for broadcast carriers," France said on a conference call. "And I think ... we have certainly proven that we are.'

The largest television deal in sports is the NFL's, worth about \$3.7 billion per

#### Biffle remains emphatic in his defense of Busch

By ALAN TAYS Cox News Service

Kurt Busch got a "bum rap" in the way he was treated after a run-in with Arizona police while in

Phoenix last month for the Checker Auto Parts 500, driver Greg Biffle said.

"He got a bum rap on the whole deal." Biffle said.

BIFFLE

Team owner Jack Roush suspended Busch, the 2004 Nextel Cup champion, for the season's final two races after Busch was cited by police for reckless driving. Police initially said they suspected alcohol was involved. One of the primary sponsors of Busch's No. 97 car is Crown Royal.

"The way it was reported was that there was alcohol involved, he was reckless driving and the Breathalyzer machine failed," Biffle said. "So automatically, all of us, including myself, accuse him of drunk driving. Instantly. That's our first thought."

Biffle said he changed his mind after learning that Busch registered a 0.017 blood-alcohol level on a preliminary sobriety test, well below Arizona's limit of 0.08.

"Yeah, he acted like a jerk, yeah, he might have been speeding or done something that he shouldn't have, but are those grounds for taking him out of the race car, not letting him drive for Crown Royal, which is why the whole thing happened? When alcohol wasn't even a factor in the whole thing?
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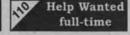
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> Susan A. Lamblack, MMC City Secretary

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#### CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the City of Newark, at its regular meeting held December 12, 2005, adopted the following ordinance

Ordinance 05-32 - An Ordinance Amending Ch. 32, Zoning, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Prohibiting the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in the Downtown Portion of the City for Properties Adjacent to Residentially Zoned Lands

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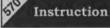
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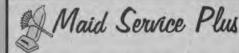
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NORTH CAROLINA ROBESON COUNTY JOHN LYNDON HARDEN PLAINTIFF EUNICE NYAKUNDI-HARDEN DEFENDANT

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NUMBER: 05CVD3198 NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY

TO: Eunice Nyakundi-Harden, the above-named

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief is sought as follows: a claim for divorce absolute.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the enter date 40 days from 1st publication of this notice December 5, 2005, said date being 40 days first publication of this notice, and upon failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the \_ day of December, 2005.

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np 12/9,16,23

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, at public auction, on January 10, 2006 at 3801 Dupont Parkway, New Castle, DE 19720 at 4:00 p.m. The personal property heretofore

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D026 - Joe Miller - books, dresser, exercise equipment, fishing equipment, speakers, toys,

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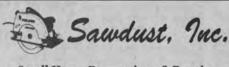
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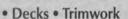
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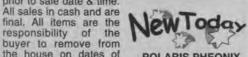
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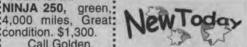


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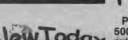
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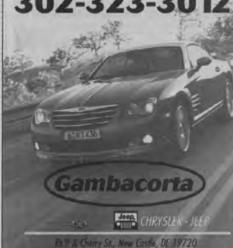


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### Affordability gap prices out some home buyers

By David Bradley AP Weekly Features

News of robust home sales and persistent low mortgage rates would seem to indicate a strong and vibrant housing market.

But overlooked amid the hubbub are signs of a growing affordability gap that threatens the ability of millions of Americans to own their piece of the nation's economic pie.

Escalating home prices in major markets are a root cause, yet not the only factor. Lower paying service jobs, shifts in household demographics and poor personal savings habits all combine to chip away at the American dream of homeownership.

"It is clearly a case of housing haves and have-nots," says Nic Retsinas, director of Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies. "In the midst of a record shattering housing market, a lot of people are left behind."

By any measure, housing is an enormous cost for families. At least one in three - some 28 million households spend more than 30 percent of family income on housing, and one in eight spends more than 50 percent, according to the JCHS. Low interest rates mask the looming problem for low to mid-range earners.

Coupled with a plethora of new

loan programs including interest-only repayments and zero down payments, some families in still-affordable markets have clawed their way into housing. Yet, if interest rates should rise precipitously, families may be hard pressed to plunk down more down payment dollars. They may see adjustable rate loans climb, too, further pinching family dollars.

Price pressures force potential buy-ers press forward while they can. Christine Weil, a communications executive in Chicago and one month away from her wedding, says she and her fiancee need to "figure out a way to make this homeowning thing work. We have to do this." Weil figures a modest jump from her \$1,300 rent to a real mortgage could land the couple a \$300,000 home that will be "one bedroom and a den."

She sees a silver lining in the purchase. A transplant from San Francisco, Weil views even a modest Chicago home as doable compared to the Bay Area where ownership "just wasn't a reality for us."

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communities. The JCHS reports jumps in housing value in 2004 marked the highest single year for appreciation since 1979.

The rise in housing values in many major metropolitan areas has created what housing authorities term a real estate "bubble" where prices escalate for no apparent reason other than desirable location or sheer curb appeal. Some experts predict the bubble is ready to burst. But as long it stays inflated, many families are priced out of the market.

The nearly two-thirds of Americans who already own a home may wonder "what's the problem?" Indeed, most welcome real estate appreciation because a home is a large chunk of their asset base.

Retsinas says these homeowners view this as the best of times for housing. "Many people go to sleep knowing that when they wake up, they will have more equity," says Retsinas, who believes such thinking stifles "national debate about new housing initiatives."

He also cites a shift in the economic paradigm where "it used to be an implied social contract in this country that if you had a job, you could get a decent place to live. Now, you have a situation where people work long hours but at the end of the day, they can't make the numbers work." He points to an economy that continues to produce lower paying service jobs or push jobs outside the U.S.

The disparity in affordability is notably seen in price to income ratios. These indices compare the market value of homes against wages in a community. In more than half of metropolitan areas evaluated by the Joint Center for Housing Studies, price ratios outstripped income levels by a rate of four or more. This is the highest point in 25 years.

An offshoot of complicated affordability issues is that housing within the price range of many homebuyers directly impacts other costs, namely transportation. The number of large city areas with more than half of households at least 10 miles from the city core has tripled from 13 in 1970 to 46 in 2000. In the six largest metropolitan areas, one in five households is 30 miles or more from the central business district.

This sprawl contributes to a sharp rise in transportation costs and further drains wage earner resources. The tendency to spread out is another doubleedged sword. The heightened demand for homes, condominiums and other housing near city centers only makes

this housing that much more expen-

"One of the reasons this hasn't been seen as dire has been low interest rates that have given us a buffer or cover,"

Retsinas says. "I think these problems will become more self-evident. We've been used to having the next generation being better off, and that's going to be tested in the future."

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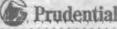


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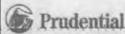


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A handsome wooden post highlights the Tyson's front porch. Two gridded windows, one of them arched, also add visual interest to this clean-lined,

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A vaulted entry leads directly into the wide-open, vaulted great room that fills the center. This room offers the most generous view of the landscape behind the house. You can take it all in from the kitchen as well, which also has a view of the street. Seated at the long eating bar that bounds the two spaces, family and friends can chat with kitchen workers, or swivel around to watch the waves, sail boats, bird feeders, or whatever comes into view.

Kitchen counter space is well supplied. Cupboards wrap around two sides as well, plus there's a roomy pantry near the door to the utility room which has a

direct link to the garage.

Secondary bedrooms are well separated from the master suite. The Tyson's master suite boasts a roomy walk-in closet, tub & shower, and dual towel cabinet for storage. It, too, has a great rear view. Two more bedrooms, or one bedroom and a home office/study, are on the left where they share a bathroom.

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