

## UP FRONT

### Lights on at NHS

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

If this were Hollywood the final score would've been different.

Unfortunately, in this case, it's not Hollywood and Concord High earned a 26-12 victory over host Newark High Saturday night at Hoffman Stadium.

That final score, though, was the only bleak spot on an otherwise remarkable evening.

What's so remarkable?

Let's just start with the fact that the football game was played Saturday NIGHT — that's under the lights.

No big deal, you say? Newark games have been played under the lights for years.

Well, the lights were condemned in the spring and it wasn't until June that an effort began to fix or replace the old lights so that games could be played there this fall.

That left less than three months to accomplish something of great magnitude in a school district already on the tightest possible budget.

It's doubtful that you could've found anybody that really believed that any games would be played at night this season — let alone the home opener.

Yet, by an amazing show of support and passion, Newark played its first night game right on schedule. And the lights? They are new and as good as lights at any high school stadium.

The community — and by community, I mean former Newark football players, former Newark students, current

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Valania

## Community Day '07

Perfect weather greets visitors to annual fall festival

Sunny skies and cooler temperatures greeted visitors to the city's annual Community Day last Sunday, Sept. 16, giving Newark residents an early taste of the fall

season to come.

Thousands of people from the university and Newark communities came out to the day-long event on the University of Delaware Green.

Attendees walked through the many informational booths, watched demonstrations of everything from Tai Chi to cheerleading and enjoyed performances by local bands.



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## New ruling in reservoir case

Judge denies city's motions for new trial on several claims

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

U.S. District Court Judge Gregory Sleet ruled this week on efforts by Newark attorneys to get new trials or reduced verdict awards in the city's lawsuit with Donald M. Durkin Contractors Inc.

Sleet denied the city's motions for new trials on several claims of the lawsuit, including one that the city violated the contractor's civil rights.

However, the judge asked for supplemental briefs from both parties to reconsider the measure and amount of damages awarded on the breach of contract claim. The amount of damages originally decided for that claim was

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## Public approval needed

Christina District will ask voters to decide on Neighborhood Schools plan

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Voters in Christina School District will be asked to approve a \$10.5 million Capital Referendum on Tuesday, Nov. 6, as well as a Neighborhood Schools Act (NSA) plan that will add an elementary school on the Route 40 corridor and convert Bayard Intermediate School to a middle school in Wilmington.

The Delaware Department of Education (DOE) has already approved increasing the state funding formula

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## POLICE BLOTTER

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

### Suspect grabs man, takes cell phone

An unknown white man grabbed the shirt collar of a 21-year-old man standing on Corbit Street west of Main Street and ordered him to "give me everything you have," police were told on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 12:26 a.m. The victim turned over his cell phone, and the suspect fled, police were told. Investigation will continue.

### Laptop reported stolen during party

Residents of a home in the unit block of Choate Street reported a laptop computer and an iPod being stolen from the house during a party there on Friday, Sept. 14, at 2:01 a.m. The electronics were being stored in a locked bedroom, police were told. The unknown suspects likely used a tool to force the door open. Investigation will continue.

### Attempted break-in investigated

A resident of a home in the 900 block of Devon Drive reported a rear porch window being broken and a screen door damaged by an unknown suspect who attempted to break into the home on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7:14 a.m. Investigation will continue.

### Other incidents

A New England Patriots flag was stolen from a home in the unit block of W. Park Place, police were told on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 7:41 p.m.

A DJ at an off-campus party

reported being struck in the face on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 1 a.m., at a home in the 100 block of Courtney Street. Police will continue the investigation.

A 22-year-old Newark woman was issued a criminal summons for offensive touching after a 17-year-old girl said the defendant slapped her on the face while on E. Main Street at Academy Street. Police said Emma Skillman was released pending an appearance in court.

Art supplies were taken from a book bag left unattended at the Newark Free Library in the 700 block of Library Avenue, police were told on Friday, Sept. 14, at 3:41 p.m.

An unknown suspect reached across the counter at a market in the 800 block of S. College Avenue and stole more than 120 scratch-off lottery tickets, police were told on Friday, Sept. 14, at 12:29 p.m.

Police investigated a reported bomb threat at a gas station in the 800 block of S. College Avenue on Friday, Sept. 14, at 7:05 a.m. An unknown caller told the owner a bomb was in the store. Officers did not find any suspicious items, said police.

Two Newark men were charged with terroristic threatening after threatening to shoot a 23-year-old man in the unit block of Benny Street, on Friday, Sept. 14, at 2:30 a.m., said police. Defendants Osasuyi Obazee and Jacob Katona were released on bail, said police.

A bike was stolen from the back yard of a home in the unit block of E. Park Place, police were told on Friday, Sept. 14, at 12:44 a.m.

Two unknown suspects removed more than \$100 worth of tools from a hardware store in the 400 block of College Square without paying for them, police were told on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 5 p.m.

A 22-year-old man was punched in the face by an unknown male suspect after

exchanging words with him in front of the Deer Park in the 100 block of W. Main Street, police were told on Friday, Sept. 14, at 1:33 a.m.

### Vehicles targeted

A GPS unit was stolen from a Chevy Suburban parked in the unit block of Fremont Road, after an unknown suspect broke the driver's side window, police were told on Monday, Sept. 17, at 6:27 a.m.

Eggs thrown at a foods truck driving in the 100 block of Elkton Road caused one of the side mirrors to break, police were told on Monday, Sept. 17, at 3:01 a.m.

An unknown suspect smashed the front window of a Ford F-150 parked in the 600 block of S. College Avenue and stole electronics equipment from inside, police were told on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 10:08 a.m.

The front window of a Jeep Liberty parked in the 1000 block of S. College Avenue was shattered by an unknown suspect who stole a GPS unit from inside, police were told on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 8:25 a.m.

An Infiniti was stolen from in front of a home in the unit block of W. Cleveland Avenue, police

were told on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 12:01 a.m.

### 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 violations include:

**Tyler Hammond, 18**, of Lincoln, under age consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 3:08 a.m., on Academy Street east of Delaware Avenue;

**Jorge Flores Cortez, 21**, of Wilmington, driving under the influence, and three juvenile males from Wilmington, under age consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 2:06 a.m., on E. Main Street at S. College Avenue;

**Danielle O'Neill, 18**, of Brigantine, N.J., under age consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 1:34 a.m., on Benny Street at Lovett Street;

**Michael Newberg, 18**, of Langhorne, Pa., under age consumption of alcohol, on Sunday,

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## Weekly crime report

STATISTICS FOR SEPT. 2-8, 2007, COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

PART I OFFENSES	INVESTIGATIONS			CRIMINAL CHARGES		
	2006 TO DATE	2007 TO DATE	THIS WEEK	2006 TO DATE	2007 TO DATE	THIS WEEK
Murder/manslaughter	0	0	0	0	1	0
Attempted murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	0	3	0	12	2	0
Rape	8	7	0	4	42	36
Unlawful sexual contact	4	6	1	4	1	0
Robbery	60	33	3	48	44	0
Aggravated assault	35	37	0	34	40	0
Burglary	103	131	2	45	203	1
Theft	631	623	18	172	300	20
Auto theft	99	68	2	10	10	0
Arson	6	1	0	6	0	0
All other	52	69	7	65	162	1
<b>TOTAL PART I</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>58</b>

PART II OFFENSES						
Other assaults	268	297	3	171	257	11
Receiving stolen property	2	0	0	32	27	0
Criminal mischief	493	368	15	294	150	5
Weapons	6	9	1	66	74	0
Other sex offenses	14	15	0	18	10	2
Alcohol	332	333	39	687	645	71
Drugs	84	103	0	300	296	6
Noise/disorderly premise	473	444	23	291	246	19
Disorderly conduct	931	765	48	131	174	14
Trespass	128	116	8	66	81	5
All other	15	10	10	3	9	9
<b>TOTAL PART II</b>	<b>3160</b>	<b>2849</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>2213</b>	<b>2137</b>	<b>144</b>

MISCELLANEOUS						
Alarm	1028	1125	39	0	0	0
Animal control	402	417	14	34	4	0
Recovered property	207	195	8	0	0	0
Service	6604	5812	161	0	0	0
Suspicious person/vehicle	707	702	23	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>8948</b>	<b>8251</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

	THIS WEEK 2006	2006 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2007	2007 TO DATE
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>19538</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>18929</b>

## Are you a VICTIM?

Have you or someone you know been...

- ...assaulted?
- ...robbed?
- ...sexually assaulted?
- ...abused by a spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions and are interested in learning of the possible resources available to crime victims in the City of Newark, the Newark Police Victim Services Unit can help.

If you would like more information about our services, please contact the Newark Police Department Victim Services Unit at 366-7110 ext. 137, Monday through Wednesday between the hours of 9:15 am and 3:15 pm.

\*The Newark Police Department Victim Service Program is funded through the Delaware Criminal Justice Council by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime.





## IN THE NEWS

# Special athletes take on challenge

Easter Seals  
Delaware hosts  
Special Olympics  
Challenge Day

By **CHRISTINE NEFF**

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As the golf ball Gary putted dropped into the hole, his friends at Easter Seals Delaware burst into cheers. His next shot, missing the target by a few inches, got a reassuring "so close" from the crowd.

Gary and 45 other athletes with disabilities and special needs were cheered on last week as they participated in a Special Olympics Challenge Day at the Easter Seals office on Pencader Drive in the Newark area.

The Challenge Day was the culmination of an eight-week Motor Activity Training Program in which participants worked on



Left: Terry gets a hole-in-one with the help of an assistive technology device. Right: Trooper First Class Lawrence Walther of Delaware State Police Troop 2 and Gary hold the Special Olympics torch.

their motor skills, gained self-esteem and learned sportsmanship with the help of volunteer coaches.

"Today we get to show off their

new skills," said Jeanne Connors, director of the program.

Participants, including some in wheelchairs, had the opportunity to swing at a softball and



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE NEFF

round the bases, make a hole-in-one on the putting green, bowl a strike and sink a basketball. In some instances, assistive technology was used to help participants

play the sports.

The event differed from typical Special Olympics meets in

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## Police put the brakes on street racing

Newark Police log  
175 related traffic  
charges this summer

By **CHRISTINE NEFF**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

In response to citizen complaints and a tragic traffic accident that happened last November at the intersection of Elkton Road and Casho Mill Road, the Newark Police Department this summer waged a campaign against street racing in Newark.

The "Street Racing Interdiction Patrols" were funded by a grant from the Delaware Office of Highway Safety.

Targeted patrols started in late June and went to mid-August. Lt. Brian Henry, public information officer, said 14 officers performed 180 hours of enforcement targeting violations associated with street racing during that time.

The effort resulted in a total of 175 traffic charges being lodged against drivers. Violations included speeding (122), drag racing (4), driving under the influence (4), driving with a revoked or suspended license (4), reckless driving (3) and open container of alcohol in a vehicle (2).

Henry said officers concentrated their efforts on some known "problem areas" in Newark, including Elkton Road, Otts Chapel Road, Barksdale

Road and Library Avenue, but arrests were made throughout the city.

Calling the enforcement effort "effective," Henry said the department hopes these arrests will deter future street racing activity on Newark's roads. "By making this effort known and making the results known, we hope the word gets out" among racers, he said.

Henry said, though this particular program came to an end in August, officers on normal patrol continue to watch for these traffic offenses. However, patrols targeting street racing violations are "something we would like to take up again," he said.

This summer's efforts were conducted, in part, because of a tragic motor vehicle collision on Elkton Road that killed 78-year-old Chin Su Park on November 2006.

Un's vehicle was struck by a car as she turned onto Casho Mill Road. The impact caused Un's car to split into two sections. She was taken to Christiana Hospital, where she later died from her injuries. The driver of the vehicle that struck hers was, allegedly, racing a third vehicle.

The accident raised concerns among Newark residents about street racing in town.

Henry said the department hopes the recent patrols will help ease those concerns. "We want people to know we were out there, we had good results, and we're doing what we can to keep them safe," he said.

## County, school taxes due soon

New Castle County is reminding residents that county property taxes and state school taxes are due at the end of September. To avoid late fees, residents are asked to pay their taxes on time.

Since the regular Sept. 30 due date falls on a weekend, payments will be accepted with-

out penalty up to Monday, Oct. 1. By law, any balance that remains on accounts as of Oct. 2 will be subject to a 6 percent penalty, and a 1 percent penalty each month thereafter.

New Castle County property taxes and state school taxes are combined into one billing statement. Property owners may

pay both amounts with a single check or money order payable to "New Castle County" using the return envelope provided with the bill.

Tax payers can also access their property tax information and payment status on-line

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## History lives here

Tour takes locals  
to historic sites in  
Pencader Hundred

By **CHRISTINE NEFF**

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From battlefields to churches, cemeteries to mills, the historic sites of the Pencader Hundred continue to shed light on this region's past.

Recently, the Pencader Heritage Area Association – an organization committed to promoting and preserving this history – took a group of locals on a bus tour of some of the area's more noted sights.

The first stop – the Wawa parking lot on E. Chestnut Hill Road – seemed an odd spot for sightseeing until tour guide John Slack pointed out the historic building adjacent to the parking lot. "The little girl who was born in this house," he said, "would go a long way."

That girl was the daughter of a pastor who went on to marry Everett Johnson, founder of the *Newark Post* and a representative



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE NEFF

Above left: Charles Eastman, left, and James Dickey check out the sign installation at historic Dayett Mills that tells about Pencader history. Above right: Ed Cooch Jr., the seventh generation of the Cooch family to live in the home on Old Baltimore Pike, spoke about his family's role in Pencader history.

in the Delaware state legislature. His wife, Louise, survived him by more than 50 years and continued his life's work.

At 91, she wrote a memoir, "Many Memories, Several Detours and a Few Thoughts." Slack said he had the pleasure of knowing Louise Johnson. "I think, quite simply, she was one of the most elegant women I have ever known," he said.

From there, the tour took participants to the shopping center on

S. Chapel Street where BJ's stands now. During WWII, long before the area became a strip mall, it was the location of five or six Army barracks. German prisoners-of-war lived in one of the barracks, and their services were often loaned out to local farmers. Nearby, American soldiers loaded railroad cars bound for New York City with ammunition as part of a re-supply program.

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# In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

## NOTE PAD

### Tuition for independent schools

A free workshop, "How To Pay For Independent School and College, Too!" will be held Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 6-8 p.m. at Hockessin Memorial Hall, Lancaster Pike/Rte. 41 and Yorklyn Road. Certified Financial Planner Melissa Diana, executive director of the Sage Educational Resource Group, will discuss how families can finance their children's education. For more information about the event, contact the admission/financial aid office of Independence School on Papermill Road, St. Anne's Episcopal School in Middletown or Ursuline Academy or Wilmington Friends School in Wilmington.

### High school teaching

The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that 85 percent of current jobs and almost 90 percent of the fastest-growing and best-paying jobs now require some post-secondary education. Nevertheless, according to the Alliance for Excellent Education, a Washington-based policy, research, and advocacy organization, a major disconnect continues between what is taught in high school and what is needed for success in college or the modern workplace. For info about the Alliance and "High School Teaching for the 21st Century: Preparing Students for College" visit [www.all4ed.org](http://www.all4ed.org).

### Virtual schools in Delaware

The Delaware Virtual School, a state-led online learning program, will begin offering courses in January 2008 so that students, no matter where they live or go to school, will have access to challenging and remedial coursework.

According to Education Sector Reports, a Washington, D.C. independent think tank, 700,000 U.S. students, mostly at the high school level, attended virtual schools in the 2005-06 school year. By the end of 2006, 38 states had established state-led online learning programs, policies regulating online learning, or both.

## Hockessin Montessori School marks two anniversaries

Hockessin Montessori School is celebrating the 45th anniversary of the school and the 100th anniversary of the Montessori Method of teaching during a two-day event set for Friday, Sept. 28 and Saturday, Sept. 29.

The school, which draws students from Landenberg and southern Chester County as well as northern Delaware, is also showcasing the completion of numerous campus renovations, including the addition of the Young Toddler and Middle School classrooms, interior building upgrades, installation of a new courtyard playground and gardens, completion of the loop road and parking lot, the school sign, and landscaping upgrades.

Finally, the school is announcing the completion of a state of the art collegiate-sized FIELDturf athletic field that is available for community sporting activities such as soccer, field hockey, and lacrosse.

The celebration will begin when the school children are officially introduced to their school mascot, Halyn the Red Tail Hawk, and a permanent gift to the school is unveiled at the front of the campus. Following the official Ribbon Cutting ceremony, the children will walk laps around the athletic field to raise money for a local charity. The Academy of Natural Sciences from Philadelphia will conclude the day's events with a program.

The School's Gala Celebration



on Friday evening will host approximately 900 guests that include families, alumni and grandparents, community members, Montessori educators and the organizations involved in the construction projects.

The public is welcome on Saturday for the "Hockessin Family & Friends Festival" from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Planned activities include a fire engine, a giant slide and bounce, an obstacle course, a balloon artist, an imagination

area, various crafts activities, carnival type games, raffles, and food.

Francine's Organic Market and Cafe, Korean Martial Arts Institute of Hockessin, The Zone Fitness and Wellness Center, and Canine Partners for Life will sponsor exhibits and activities for the festival.

Entertainment will include demonstrations by the school's dance team, the school's steel drum band, Korean Martial Arts

Institute, and jugglers. Admission is free for adults and \$10 for children.

The Hockessin Montessori School is a nationally recognized American Montessori Society accredited school. The school is dedicated to addressing the needs of the whole child while respecting each as an individual. A program specifically designed for children ages 12 months through 20 months opened for the first time for the 2007-08 school year.

## FMC Bio Polymer benefits Christina schools

Five elementary schools in the Christina District received mini-grants totaling more than \$3,000 from the FMC BioPolymer Community Advisory Panel (CAP) to advance educational studies in the way of science and the environment.

Classes from Keene Elementary, Brader Elementary, R. Maclary Elementary, Marshall Elementary, and Jennie Smith Elementary each received cash mini-grants of up to \$500 funded by FMC BioPolymer's Newark facility to use for unique educational experiences.

Teachers from the schools attended a meeting of the FMC BioPolymer Community Advisory

Panel to share with its members how those funds were utilized in the classroom.

Reading Specialist Ann Sylvester from Keene Elementary shared examples of science activity tubs purchased with her grant. The activity tubs contain materials for the study of plants, animals, insects, and the solar system.

Twenty-two students from Brader Elementary took part in the "Launching a Dream" aerospace program and engaged in a variety of scientific experiments with funding provided through its mini-grant.

Students at Marshall and Jennie Smith Elementary schools engaged in a unique project

to learn about the life cycle of chickens. Classes at each school received 12 chicken eggs, an incubator and a rooster as part of a "traveling farm" project. The students observed as the eggs were incubated and then cared for the newly hatched chicks.

A mini-grant awarded to Moira Snider - a teacher at Maclary Elementary - was used to help purchase four life-size human skeletons to help students better understand the human body and enrich the science curriculum.

Several other classes at Maclary also received mini-grants for the purchase of videos, books and other materials to study rocks and minerals and the life cycle of

insects.

This is the second year that FMC and its Community Advisory Panel have sponsored mini-grants for teachers in the Christina School District.

The FMC BioPolymer CAP, organized in 2002, serves as a forum for open communication between FMC representatives and the surrounding community. One of the objectives of the CAP is to further educational efforts in the Christina School District.

For more information about the mini-grant program or the FMC BioPolymer Community Advisory Panel, please contact CAP facilitator Marysue Knowles at 800-784-4343.



## IN OUR SCHOOLS

# Project L.I.F.E. promoted at Pyle Academy

BY MARY E. PETZAK

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Derrick Johnson, Wilmington pastor and national spokesperson for Project L.I.F.E. and entertainer Bill Cosby kicked off Phase 2 of their "Save Our Children" campaign on Thursday, Sept. 20, at Pyle Academy in the Christina District.

The Sarah Pyle Academy for Academic Intensity opened its doors in 2005 to provide a learning environment that accelerates achievement for students who have been unable to attain success in the traditional high school environment.

Johnson seeks to inspire,

encourage and motivate students to complete their education and look forward to their future. He and Cosby appeared earlier this year at a similar campaign presentation at the Community College of Philadelphia. Their 2006-07 "Save Our Children" campaign has impacted audiences across the U.S.

"It is imperative that we - inside and outside of the various communities in need - [focus] on these young males and females," Cosby stated. "Never giving up on them. The intention is to reset and heal those whose souls, hearts and minds are broken."

Project L.I.F.E. (Living In Freedom Everyday) was launched in 2006 "to inspire, teach, train



Wilmington pastor Derrick Johnson is national spokesperson for Project L.I.F.E.

and proclaim what it takes to be free within (emotionally and spiritually) while yet bound," said Que English, Project program director.

The program is an outreach of Inspired By Media Group (IBMG) that created a phenomenon with its audiobook, "Inspired By... The Bible Experience (New Testament)." The winner of the 2007 Audiobook of the Year Award features the voices and talent of more than 200 African-American actors, musicians and religious leaders. Notable personalities include Blair Underwood, Angela Bassett, Cuba Gooding Jr. and Samuel L. Jackson. The audiobook also features Hollywood-style sound design and effects and an original musical underscore with performances by the Prague Symphony Orchestra. In January, the Delaware General Assembly commended Johnson and Cosby for bringing "a message of nonviolence to crime-ridden sections of area cities, including Wilmington." The legislature also urged the Delaware Division of Libraries to purchase sufficient copies of "The Bible Experience" for each Delaware prison.

Known as Pastor D, Johnson serves Wilmington's Joshua Harvest Church with a membership of over 600 people. He also serves on the board of directors of the HOPE Commission, founded

in 2005 by Wilmington Mayor James M. Baker to find "solutions to the serious societal issues facing the City [through] a concerted collaborative effort..."



"Inspired By... The Bible Experience," winner of the 2007 Audiobook of the Year Award, sold 300,000 copies in eight months.

Inspired By Media Group (IBMG) is a Los Angeles-based production company committed to serving the faith-based and general markets by creating family oriented products that are culturally relevant in scope.

## St. Mark's senior wins SAR's National Oration Contest

Second time honor for St. Mark's and Delaware SAR

David Anguish, a senior at St. Mark's High School, won the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest sponsored by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) held in Williamsburg, Va., in July. Anguish gave an original speech entitled "On the Separation of Church and State."

"It is probable that we have moved away from the original thinking of the founding fathers in our approach to this issue," Anguish stated in his conclusion. "Most likely, their intent, and what ours should be today, is to defend the freedom of every American to believe whatever he or she wishes. While completely eradicating religious expression in public may be the most effective means of deterring abuse of this freedom, I believe that it would surprise our forefathers to find that the American people are so easily offended by the beliefs of others as to precipitate government involvement in this issue through lawsuits and legislation."

Per the contest rules, Anguish's speech was between five and six minutes duration; dealt with an event, personality or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War; and showed a relationship to America today. No notes or props were allowed to be used during the presentation.

As first-place winner, the son of Stephen and Linda Anguish of Elkton, Md., received a \$3,000 scholarship and a medal. He is the second St. Mark's student

to win this prestigious award. He is also only the second-ever winner for the Delaware SAR

chapter, which had never had a winner prior to last year when Edward Seage, St. Mark's High School class of '07, took top honors.

This annual contest is open to all sophomore, junior and senior students in public, parochial, private and home schools within the jurisdiction of the sponsoring state society or district. Full text of Anguish's speech is available at [www.sar.org/youth/rumbaugh2007.html](http://www.sar.org/youth/rumbaugh2007.html).

St. Mark's is a Catholic, college-preparatory, co-ed high school located in Millcreek.



St. Mark's senior David Anguish (center) received the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest medal and scholarship award from SAR President-General Nathan White (left) and National Orations chairman Larry McKinley.

### RUMBLEWAY FARM DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 • TIME: 1-5 PM

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# Opinion

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## MARK MY WORDS

### The catch in 'To Catch a Predator'

By MARK SISK

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

The Internet has always reminded me of G.B. Shaw's comment about alcohol, to the effect that on balance it's a good thing (he observed that alcohol permitted Parliament to do things at 3 in the morning that sane people would not attempt at 3 in the afternoon), but its down side should not be overlooked. I apologize in advance for the fact that a portion of this column will require you to contemplate the unpleasant in the context of the Internet, adults desiring sex with minors. Please know, however, that the subject of the column isn't that — it's about the legal and social implications of a popular television show. Like many of you, I have watched and occasionally been riveted by the MSNBC show "To Catch a Predator." This is where a decoy trolls the Internet, posing as an under-aged person, usually a young teenager, and convinces someone on another computer to come visit him or her with the intention of having sex. When the quarry appears at a house rented by MSNBC for this purpose, he (it is always a he, in the shows I have seen) enjoys a few moments chatting with the decoy, who then disappears (there is no harm to or actual contact with the decoy, who is of age in any case). Chris Hansen, your intrepid investigative reporter, quickly appears with his camera crew and interviews his quarry about why an adult male has dropped by a residence to see a young teenager. It's great TV.



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Hansen then tells the man he is free to go. But when the man leaves the house, he is pounced on by police, arrested, and charged with a felony or felonies along the lines of attempting to have sex with a minor. Hansen also has written a book called "To Catch a Predator" that is, to me, even more riveting than the television show (I am one of those "the book is always better than the movie" types). The book is a more complete statement of the philosophy behind the show, and, from that perspective, even more troubling. Please know I am not here to defend adults preying on children. But the more I watch the show, and particularly after reading Hansen's book, I am not sure the show is busting people who would be predators in any times other than these. Let me explain.

Both in the show and the book, Hansen points to how many responsible community members end up in these busts. I can personally remember a rabbi, a high school principal, a career fireman, and a career prosecutor, and that's from the top of my head. None of these men, as the show always points out breathlessly, had any criminal record whatsoever beforehand. There is no doubt that the mere act of being charged with a felony involving sex with minors is enough to ruin lives, and maybe it should be.

But I was uneasy with the show from the beginning, beyond the obvious "judge jury and executioner" aspect of national television exposure. I couldn't pinpoint it until I read the

book. There you will find transcripts of the chat logs, inserted, one supposes, to shock and disgust the reader, and they certainly succeed. But the chat logs also demonstrate that in many cases the decoy talked to the quarry for days, weeks, or months.

I leave it to the sociologists to explain why contact on the Internet causes people to lower barriers, trust when they should not (Ann Rule's latest true crime story has a significant subplot involving an Internet masquerade), and sometimes think the unthinkable, but there is no doubt that it does.

And that's the rub. We don't punish thoughts in this society, or expressions of those thoughts. We punish deeds. And certainly the deed of getting in a car and going to the decoy one thinks is underage takes the show out of the technical legal definition of entrapment.

But, as one attorney said to me in discussing the show, it's not entrapment but sometimes it's not fair. Another friend of mine, a serious Christian and no defender of the conduct that the subjects were attempting, also noted the days, weeks or months' time spent with subjects before the bust, and the increasingly intimate and lurid level of chat engaged in by the subject and encouraged subtly and sometimes not so subtly by the decoy. He said this was akin to waving a bottle repeatedly in front of an alcoholic. People are made of flesh and blood and sometimes less than excellent judgment; they are not made of stone.

I know, I know, you're saying they didn't have to get up from the computer and go do anything about it, and doubtless you're right. But I'm still troubled about the part where someone with a family, a responsible job and no prior record is busted. In some of these cases it is clear the Internet helped let an evil genie out of a bottle that wouldn't have been let out in pre-net days. In short, the show seems, in some cases, to be "preventing" crime that wouldn't have occurred if the sting never existed. Felony criminal charges — especially this kind — mean you lose your job if you have one that is worthwhile, your position in your community, and perhaps your family. Many lives are affected, not just the "perps."

During the recent media coverage of the arrest in a Minneapolis airport restroom of a United States senator, one of the TV talking heads spoke my exact thoughts about that particular sting operation. He said it must be nice for Minneapolis to have all of its other crime solved so that its detectives have time to be sitting in men's rooms, in essence manufacturing crime. I understand that "To Catch a Predator" is different. It does not involve consensual acts between adults, and there are certainly individuals busted in the show who have either criminal records or who confess in the chat logs to prior contact with minors. Read the book, if you are interested, read the chat logs, and consider whether in some cases this show isn't manufacturing crime.

That freedom of thought and speech thing I talked about earlier is a many-edged sword — MSNBC has a perfect right to do this show, and, if you happened to wake up this morning thinking of soliciting minors on the 'net you can't claim the price of being busted isn't fairly marked. But I am still troubled.

## OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, "Out of the Attic" continues a series of photographs taken in the early 1950s of all buildings on Main Street in the downtown area. This treasure trove of nostalgia is borrowed from archives in the City of Newark municipal building. The photos were made by artist Leo Laskaris in 1954. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 737-0724.

## PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

Sept. 22, 1932

**Rev. Edward Minor, "Marrying Parson," hurls defiance at Elkton enemies**

An impasse developed here this week in the struggle between the Rev. Edward Minor and other interests for control of the Elkton marriage traffic.

Earlier in the week, the Rev. Mr. Minor hurled defiance at the taxicab company which has purchased his strategically located home and the only other house in the vicinity.

It is important to the marrying business that it be established on the Glasgow road entrance to town, along which come so many couples from Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey bent on braving the uncharted sea of matrimony. With the taxicab company's pur-

chase of the only two residences in that section of town, this angle of the business seems to have been tied up by the firm.

**120 Girls enter Women's College**

Freshman week at the University of Delaware began today with an entering class of 120 at the Women's College and

about the same number at the Men's College. Activities at the both colleges began at 7:30 a.m., with registration closing at 11 o'clock.

Following lunch, group meetings were held at both Women's and Men's Colleges, and the program of acclimating the new students to college life was begun. The program will end Sunday, when the parents of the freshmen are invited to a reception to be given by President and Mrs. Walter Hulihan, at their home, "The Knoll."

Sept. 21, 1977

**Community Day bars anti-busers**

Two Newark-area officials from a prominent anti-busing group charged this week they were denied permission to hand

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



## COMMENTARY

# Community made night games possible

## ► UPFRONT, from 1

Newark High students, current parents, former parents, soccer parents, band parents, lacrosse parents, field hockey parents, members of the local business community and just plain interested citizens — came through in the greatest show of support possible.

Given the magnitude of the project and the time and fiscal constraints involved, I believe this is only community in the state that could have pulled off such a daunting project in so little time.

Like any major project, contributions had to come from many, many people. But — also like any significant undertaking — there had to be leaders.

For the Newark High lights project that leadership came from

people like David Dworsky, Peter Briccatto (Newark High band), Curt Bedford (Newark High principal), Tom and Linda Jones, Paul Lloyd, Marie Pilato, Lori Davis and Kelly Fowler.

They led the effort in raising money and in getting the word out to people. They spent countless summer hours trying to pull this thing off and should be congratulated for doing so.

In addition, it should be mentioned that this group was preceded and inspired by another group led by Jack Scannell, Bernie Macknis and Darren Cavanaugh that helped get the original set of lights 20 years ago.

On the business side, Commerce Bank has been one of the leaders to step forward and offer support. You'll notice their banners in the stadium.

The lights are up and they're amazing. There also is a new

sound system that will be in the stadium this year.

It all looks and sounds first rate. However, the job is not complete yet. There is still a good deal of money to be raised.

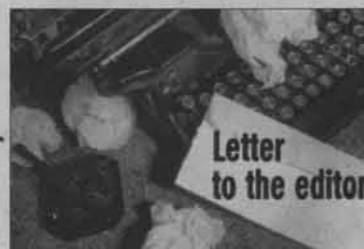
If you're shopping downtown, you may see labeled cans at local businesses where you can donate money. There will be plenty of opportunities to donate at home football games as well.

The first game under the new lights didn't have a perfect ending, but with the continued help and support of the community, we can be sure the new lights project does.

## Styrofoam is recyclable

To: the Editor  
From: Christina Giles  
Newark

I was recently reading an article in your newspaper about being "environmentally" friendly and I came across a quote in the article that I didn't quite agree with: "Try to use utensils and serving ware that can be recycled or reused. Don't use Styrofoam cups, but rather use plastic or



glasses that can be washed and reused."

I do agree that everyone should

use utensils that are recyclable/reusable, however Styrofoam is definitely recyclable. There is a recycle center in Newark that recycles Styrofoam (#6). FP International at 111 Alan Drive in Newark.

At the end of the article, it went on to list some suggested locations for recycling. FP International (www.fpintl.com) is my suggestion for those who wish to recycle their Styrofoam!

# Council weighs fate of off-campus frats

## ► PAGES, from 6

out literature at Community Day Sunday because of their anti-busing stance.

James Venema, president of the National Association for Neighborhood Schools Inc. (NANS) and Lillian Schick, NANS state membership chairman, leveled the charge against David B. Fitzgerald, Newark's director of human services.

## Fuel forecast looking bright...

Old Man winter may have pulled a fast one in New Castle County last year, but this year things are going to be different.

While the National Weather Service won't be making any predictions about the 1977-78 winter season until the end of November, four Newark oil distributors serving the southern part of the county are gearing up for a cold one.

The companies — Holly Oil Co., American Home and Hardware,

Boulden Oil Co., and Harold D. Crouse Inc. ... are increasing their supply storage in anticipation of increased demands and all anticipate being able to handle the coldest of situations without rationing or curtailment of any type.

Sept. 20, 2002

## Fate of frats due

The fate of fraternities and sororities in the City of Newark will be determined at the Newark City Council meeting on Monday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Two weeks ago, the council

tabled an ordinance that would amend the zoning code and allow for the revocation of a certificate of occupancy for off-campus fraternities and sororities if there are multiple violations at the dwelling.

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# Lifestyle

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## REDEFINING NEWARK

### Searching for the fountain of youth

By **NIC DECAIRE**

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In 1513 explorer Juan Ponce de Leon set out on a mission — to find the Fountain of Youth. Reputed to have restorative powers, giving those who drink its water a renewed vitality, the Fountain of Youth was a much sought-after destination. Juan Ponce de Leon never achieved his mission. Instead, he discovered Florida, which ironically has become an enclave of the aged, thanks to its warm climate and lower cost of living.

Today, many people still believe in the Fountain of Youth. They search for it constantly. They buy drinks, pills and creams. Some even have surgery. Infomercials bombard cable-TV with the latest quick-fix, feel-young formulas. Those in the business are getting rich selling their goods to people who believe they can recapture their youth by swallowing a pill or using a cream.

It's time to take off the blinders and get real. While no one can go back, they can go forward feeling younger and better by discovering the real fountain of youth — exercise and making healthy food choices.

We all want to feel good, look good and live a long life. Unfortunately today's society has set us up to fail. Most of the foods we eat are processed, for ease of preparation and to accommodate today's busy lifestyles. We don't eat enough fresh fruits and vegetables. Fast food is the norm for many families. Today's youth lead a much more sedentary lifestyle, choosing video games and their laptops over

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## New challenges for amputee

John Horne opens Newark business, trains for Main Street Mile on Oct. 20

By **CHRISTINE NEFF**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

In his line of work, Newark business owner John Horne meets many people he considers to be inspiring.

"Every person I see that is a prosthetic patient is an inspiration

knee a year later. The cancer was gone, but it took six months for him to learn to walk again with the help of a prosthetic, he said.

Since then, Horne has pursued a desire to make prosthetics and help patients who use them. He became a certified prosthetist, orthotist and pedorthist and has more than 12 years experience in the field.

Earlier this year, he opened his own company, Independence Prosthetics-Orthotics Inc. on

what they are going through. He understands the importance of dealing with the emotional side of a limb loss, in addition to the physical needs, he said.

"Everybody's experiences are different, but patients have a comfort level with me," he said.

question of why not, he answers, smiling, "That's what you have a car for."

But he has taken the challenge in stride. He trains at DeCaire's gym, Fusion Fitness on Main Street, and jogs outside. He wears a special prosthetic with a joint



NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE NEFF

**John Horne, owner of the Newark-based Independence Prosthetics-Orthotics Inc., trains for the Main Street Mile race. Horne lost his right leg to bone cancer as a teenager. He runs with a custom-made prosthetic.**

socket designed to handle the impact of running.

Come race day, Horne hopes for a successful finish. "I'm just looking forward to hanging my sneakers up after the run," he said.

Horne is a member of the Amputee Support Group of Delaware, which meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Riverside Medical Arts building, 700 Lee Boulevard, Wilmington. For more information about the group, call Gloria Price at 778-2227 or e-mail amputeesgofde@aol.com. Horne's business, Independence Prosthetics-Orthotics Inc., can be reached at 369-9476.

to somebody around them," he said. "When you see somebody with a prosthetic (limb) accomplish something, it seems that much more triumphant."

Horne knows how even the easiest tasks can be made more difficult by the loss of a limb. At 15, as a freshman at St. Mark's High School, he was diagnosed with bone cancer and had his right leg amputated below the

Meadowood Drive in Newark. "We go out of our way for our patients' needs," said Horne.

His four-person staff evaluates patients who have been referred by their physicians, makes measurements and designs custom prosthetics for them made of lightweight materials.

To his patients, Horne is something of an inspiration, able to relate his own experiences to

His own comfort level was disrupted, somewhat, earlier this year when a friend presented him with a challenge: to run the Main Street Mile, a race down Newark's Main Street planned for Oct. 20.

"Nic (DeCaire) was definitely the instigator," said Horne. Though Horne has participated in other sports, he never got involved with running. To the



## LIFESTYLE

# Gurudev seeks to inspire bliss

Special guest speaks to more than 300 people at UD

By **PATRICIA E. LANG**

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, approximately 325 people participated in a Satsang (from the Sanskrit "Sat" meaning true, and "sanga" meaning company) with Mahamandaleshwar Swami Nityananda at the University of Delaware Trabant Center.

Nityananda, known as Gurudev, is conducting a world tour "In the Footsteps of Bliss" in honor of his Guru, Baba Muktananda Paramahansa's, 100th birthday and 25th Mahasamadhi (anniversary of the death of an enlightened yogi).

"Meditate on your Self. Worship your Self. Honor your Self. God dwells within you

as you," was the heart of Baba's teaching and the main point of the night.

Following in the footsteps of Baba, who traveled and met with people around the world in the 1970s, Gurudev seeks to ignite people's enthusiasm for the path of inner transformation through chanting, yoga and meditation.

The evening was like a Hindu service. The priest chanted a Vedic mantra. The Shanti Mandir (Temple of Peace) organization, which Gurudev heads, was explained. A video was shown, which first examined the spiritual ancestral lineage of Gurudev and, then, the purpose of the tour. Then, there was a short kirtan (fast chanting) — its purpose to turn the mind inwards. The audience joined in.

Gurudev talked about "The

mind: friend or enemy?" "Who are you," he said. "That's what you need to answer. We are more

busy in today's world. We are not free. We are more stressed. Let go of it all, and look within."

Afterwards the "Om Namah Shivaya" meditation/chant was done, again with audience participation. "Om Namah Shivaya" is a sacred, fundamental mantra (meant to be constantly repeated to help focus the mind) that means, "I bow to Lord Shiva (who is my own Self)." After the Satsang, Vivek Desai,

the master of ceremonies, reiterated that the purpose of this yoga tradition is to still the mind's thought-waves.

Meditation is secular. "Baba used to say, that just like you do not need to change religion to go to sleep, you do not need to change religions to meditate," said Desai.

"Still, the yoga tradition is classified as Hindu religion. However, Hinduism is not a religion. It is a way of life. Yoga teaches oneself to become inward so that one can realize one's true nature, which is bliss."

After the program, several people, who were not familiar with Indian culture talked about how relaxed they felt. Some were so touched by Gurudev's words and the experience that they nearly cried.

For more information about the "In the Footsteps of Bliss" world tour go to [www.babasfootsteps.com](http://www.babasfootsteps.com), or [www.shantimandir.com](http://www.shantimandir.com) (Temple of Peace). To participate in a local Satsang, free and open to the public, contact Vivek Desai at 463-8163, (or Ashit Dave at 377-8688) or e-mail [desaivivek@hotmail.com](mailto:desaivivek@hotmail.com).



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**Mahamandaleshwar Swami Nityananda led a meditation/chant for more than 300 people who attended his talk last week.**

## Change your unhealthy lifestyle

### ► YOUTH, from 8

going outside to play with the neighborhood kids. Desk jobs are another culprit. Things that are purported to make life easier

and less complicated are, in fact, affecting the overall health of the U. S. population. We are growing older at a younger age. Statistics show an alarming trend of an increase in heart disease, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis and joint problems — all results of unhealthy lifestyles.

Starting at age 50, people begin to lose 12 percent of their muscle strength and 6 percent of their muscle mass every decade. These factors, coupled with a lack of attention to health and fitness are a dangerous combination. Weight training and exercise are the keys to reversing this loss. Studies have shown that two to three months of weight training for 30 minutes, three times a week can increase muscle strength and mass by one-third, making up for three decades of loss.

As they say, 50 is the new 30. People who exercise are

feeling better, looking better and living longer. They enjoy a better quality of life by incorporating these elements into their lives and the results speak for themselves.

Just do it. Get started. Set a goal. Whether it is to lose five pounds, run a mile, or even lower your blood pressure, just do it. Focusing on your goal will keep you on the right track to finding your own personal fountain of youth.

Stay healthy.  
E-mail your health questions to Nic DeCaire at [nic@fusionfitnesscenter.com](mailto:nic@fusionfitnesscenter.com) or send them to the Newark Post at [postnews@chespub.com](mailto:postnews@chespub.com). Answers will appear in this column during the third week of every month.

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**DANCE PARTY** 9:30 p.m. "Awesome 80s." Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-9414.

**FULL MOON FRIDAY** 7 p.m. "Owl Prowl." \$4, pre-registration required. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info, 368-6900.

**DINNER THEATRE** 6:30 p.m. Also Sept. 22, and Sept. 23 12 p.m. Presenting "Killer Cuisine," originally performed at Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre. \$50. Courtyard at Newark, 400 Pencader Way, Newark. Info, 737-0900.

**MOVIE NIGHT** 7 p.m. Creative Travel brings, a PG-comedy classic as part of Movies on the Riverfront. Free. Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Wilmington. Info, 658-2900.

**BREAKFAST** 7:15 a.m. "Farming Native Pollinators," by Dewey M. Caron, UD professor of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology. Sponsored by Friends of Agriculture. \$15. Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Ave., Dover. Info, 831-2504.

## ■ SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

**LIVE MUSIC** 9:30 p.m. Featuring "The Crash Motive," formerly Omnisoul. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-9414.

**RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE** 9:30 a.m. Also 12:45 and 2:55 p.m. Talks by Fr. Peter Gilquist, of Santa Barbara, Calif., national chairman of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship. UD Pencader Building, Room 115A, Newark. Info, 995-6775.

**MUSHROOM HIKE** 1 p.m. Join Glenn Cote, a local mushroom enthusiast, for an exciting hike in search of the fruits of fall. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info, 368-6900.

**OCEAN CITY TRIP** 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. To enjoy Sunfest, the city's most famous festival. \$39, Newark resident \$34. Bus departs from City Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Rd., Newark. Info, 366-7033.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY** 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. In honor of Bilbo from Tolkien's classic novel, "The Lord of the Rings." Free. Days of Knights, 173 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 366-0963.

**BOATING COURSE** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Delaware Safety Council is offering the official DNREC-approved boating safety course. \$30. Pre-registration required. Safety Council Training Facility, 3 Old Barley Mill Rd., Wilmington. Info, 654-7786.

**GENEALOGY WORKSHOP** 2 - 3 p.m. "Irish Genealogy: Searching for Your Irish Ancestor in Irish Records." Free. Woodlawn Library, 2020 W. 9th St., Wilmington. Info, 234-0460.

**DANCE** 7 p.m. Country and Western Dance sponsored by The Ladies

## NATIVE PLANTS IN MY YARD?



The White Clay Watershed Association, along with the National Park Service and the Delaware College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, is sponsoring a series of courses on how home gardens affect the watershed. "Threats to biodiversity being at home" is the title of the first talk to be held Tuesday, Sept. 25,

at 7 p.m. in Room 132 of University of Delaware's Townsend Hall. Doug Tallamy of the Entomology and Wildlife Ecology Department, will show attendees how home landscapes can have unintended effects on birds and other wildlife. For more information and to register, visit [www.whiteclay.org](http://www.whiteclay.org) or call 731-1756.

Auxiliary. \$10. Mill Creek Fire Company, 3900 Kirkwood Hwy., Wilmington. Info, 994-6361.

**FIREWORKS** 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Live music by "Midnight Hour." Gourmet tasting stations and dessert buffets. \$75. Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington. Info, 571-9590.

**BLUEGRASS CONCERT** 7:30 p.m. Featuring "White Clay Tributary's" unique style of traditional bluegrass. Adults \$10, children \$5, 3 and under free. Oxford Friends Meeting, 260 S. Third St., Oxford Pa. Info, 610-593-7122.

**CONCERT** 2 p.m. Featuring "King Wilkie." Included in general admission. Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square, Pa. Info, 610-388-1000.

**HORSHOE TOURNAMENT** 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by Perryville Community Fire Company. \$20. Perryville Fire Hall, Route 7, Perryville,

Md. Info, 410-642-6930.

## ■ SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

**CONCERT** 3 p.m. Featuring the Brandywine Celtic Harp Orchestra. Free. Oxford Presbyterian Church, 6 Pine St., Oxford, Pa. Info, 610-932-9640.

**RECITAL** 3 p.m. UD Dept. of Music presents the "Taggart-Grycky Duo." Adults \$12, seniors \$8, students \$3. Gore Recital Hall, Orchard Road, Newark. Info, 831-2577.

**5K WALK/RUN** 7:30 a.m. Race begins at 8:30 a.m. Sponsored by The Lupus Foundation of America, Delaware Chapter. \$20. Overlook Pavilion, Wilmington Riverfront. Info, 622-8700.

## ■ MONDAY, SEPT. 24

**CONCERT** 8 p.m. UD's Dept. of Music presents a faculty Jazz concert. Adults \$12, seniors \$8, students \$3. Gore Recital Hall, Orchard Road, Newark. Info, 831-2577.

**AUDITIONS** 6:45 p.m. For the Belle Voix Chamber Singers. Bring a prepared song to sing. First Unitarian Church, 730 Halstead Rd., Wilmington. Info, 731-5644.

## ■ TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

**GARDENING LECTURE** 7 p.m. "Threats to biodiversity begin at home." Free. UD Townsend Hall, Room 132, Newark. Info, 731-1756.

**HISTORICAL PROGRAM** 7:30 p.m. The Newark Historical Society presents, "The Cleveland Avenue Clippers." Newark Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 220 Elkton Rd., Newark. Info, 737-0643.

**SPEAKER SERIES** 7:30 - 9 p.m. Theme of "The Changing Face of Diversity in the 21st Century." Free. Cecil College, Milburn Theatre, One Seahawk Dr., North East, Md. Info, 410-287-1000.

**BLUEGRASS CONCERT** 2 p.m. Featuring the Mountain Laurel Bluegrass Band. Included in general admission. Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square, Pa. Info, 610-388-1000.

**RECRUITMENT** 6:30 p.m. For Girl Scouts. Mary B. Leasure Elementary, 1015 Church Rd., Newark. Info, 456-7170.

## ■ WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26

**LIVE MUSIC** 9:30 p.m. Featuring Mos Eisley. No cover charge. Deer Park

See **EVENTS, 11** ▶

## ■ SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** 7:30 a.m. Saturday. \$5 donation goes to missions. Life Community Church, 750 Otis Chapel Rd. Info, 738-1530.

**POST-POLIO SUPPORT** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Fourth Saturday. Easter Seals of Delaware, 61 Corporate Circle, New Castle. Info, 324-4444.

## ■ MONDAY, SEPT. 24

**DEPRESSION/ALCOHOLISM SUPPORT MEETING** 7:15 p.m. New Directions Delaware sponsors program on, "Dual Diagnosis - Depression and Alcoholism/Addiction." Free. First Unitarian Church, 701 Halstead Rd., Wilmington. Info, 286-1161.

**MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP** 7 - 9 p.m. Mondays. Sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info, 654-6833.

**NEWARK ROTARY CLUB** 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Mondays. Timothy's, 100 Creek View Rd. Newark. Info, 453-8853.

**SCOTTISH DANCING** 7:30 p.m. Mondays. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info, 368-2318.

**ENGLISH CLASSES** 1 and 7 p.m. Mondays. English Conversational Classes. Free. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 368-8774, or [esl-nunc@hotmail.com](mailto:esl-nunc@hotmail.com).

**TAI CHI** 3 - 4 p.m. Monday (Advanced); or Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. (Beginner/Intermediate). \$20 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr.

Info, 737-2336.

**TAI CHI** 10 - 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. \$70/month. Shaolin Martial Monks School, 181 Main St., Newark. Info, 373-2918.

**JAZZERCISE LITE** 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Mondays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 - 10 a.m. Wednesdays, and 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Fridays. Low Impact, modified version for Seniors. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info, 737-2336.

**JAZZERCISE** 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Certified instructor Nadine Weisenbach. George Wilson Center, 303 New London Rd., Newark. Info, 366-7060, or [www.newarkjazz.net](http://www.newarkjazz.net).

**PILATES** 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mondays, 9 - 10 a.m. Tuesdays, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Thursdays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 737-2336.

**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.

**STRENGTH & FLEXIBILITY CLASS** Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays; 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. \$4 per session/\$50 for 6 weeks. First Presbyterian Church, 292 W. Main, Newark. Info, 731-5644.

**KUNG FU** 6 - 7 and 7 - 8 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. \$70/month. Shaolin Martial Monks School, 181 Main Street, Newark. Info, 373-2918.

**KUNG FU** 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; 10 a.m.

## MEETINGS

Saturdays. \$100/month unlimited sessions. Shao Lin Tiger and Crane Kung Fu Academy, Market East Plaza, 280 E. Main, Newark. Info, 737-4696.

**PANIC RELIEF** 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Phone workshop. Programs available. Overcome fears, anxiety and agoraphobia, and achieve positive self-image. Info, 732-940-9658.

## ■ TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

**HEALTHY HIKE** 8 a.m. Tuesdays. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info, 368-6900.

**CONSTITUENT BREAKFAST** 7 - 8 a.m. Tuesdays. Join Rep. John Kowalko for coffee and conversation. Friendly's Rest, 1115 S. College Ave., Newark. Info, 577-8342.

**NEWARK DELTONES** 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays. For men who like to sing. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info, 376-8934.

**DIAMOND STATE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES** 7:30 - 10 p.m. Tuesdays. Women's acapella singing group. Curious and enthusiastic singers welcome. St. James Episcopal Church, 2113 St. James Church Rd., Wilmington. Info, 731-5981.

**PARKINSON'S STRENGTH TRAINING** 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 737-2336.

**OPEN SWIM** 4:30 - 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Gore Aquatic Center, Newark

Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 737-2336.

**YOGA** 2 - 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 - 10 a.m. Thursdays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 737-2336.

**TAI CHI** 6 - 7 and 7 - 8 p.m. Tuesdays. \$70/month; Shaolin Martial Monks School, 181 Main St., Newark. Info, 373-2918.

**TAI CHI** 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$70/month unlimited sessions. Shao Lin Tiger and Crane Kung Fu Academy, Market East Plaza, 280 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 737-4696.

## ■ WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26

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

**BINGO** 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays. Lunch available for \$2.25 a platter at 11:45 a.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info, 737-2336.

**EVENING YOGA** 5:30 - 7 and 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Sponsored by Newark Parks & Rec. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 366-7060.

**TAI CHI** 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Free for people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.

**DIVORCECARE** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Support group meeting. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd. Info, 737-2300.

**GRIEFSHARE** 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

## RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION GROUP

7 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Current events and religious discussions led by Rev. Bruce Gillette. Limestone Presbyterian Church, 2301 Limestone Rd., Wilmington. Info, 994-5646.

**ANXIETY DISORDER** 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Second and fourth Wednesday. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. To maintain the privacy of members, support group locations not published. Info, 654-6833.

**ADULTS WITH ADHD SUPPORT GROUP** 7:30 p.m. Fourth Wednesday. Newcomers meet at 7 p.m. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 737-5063.

## ■ THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

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

**YOGA** 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Thursdays. Free, pre-registration is required. For people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.

**TAI CHI** 4:15 p.m. Thursdays. Free for people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle County, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.

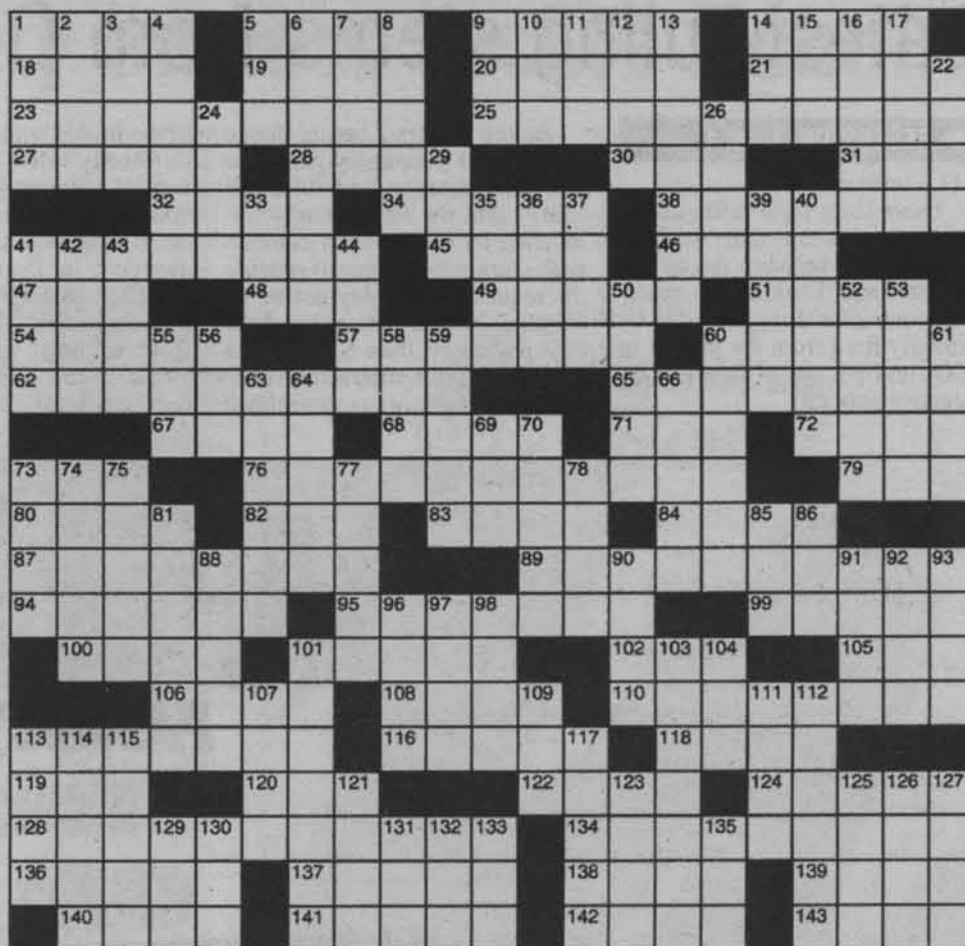
**LET'S DANCE CLUB** 4 - 6 p.m.

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## ▶ MEETINGS, from 10

Thursdays. Features ballroom and line dancing. Free. Meets at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 737-2336.

## WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7-9 p.m.

Thursdays. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registra-

## ▶ EVENTS, from 10

Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-9414.

**BUSINESS WORKSHOP** 8:30 a.m. — noon. Sponsored by the Delaware Small Business Development Center on legal issues in the contracting arena. Fees vary. Delmarva Power/Conectiv Conference Center, Newark. Info, 831-0783.

**LECTURE** 7 p.m. Mike Dixon, adjunct instructor at UD, will trace the social history of the railroad in Delaware. Free. Delaware History Museum, 504 N. Market St., Wilmington. Info, 655-7161.

**RECRUITMENT** 7 p.m. For Girl Scouts. Brookside Elementary, 800 Marrows Rd., Newark. Info, 456-7170.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

**MUG NIGHT** Featuring Liquid A. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main, Newark. Info, 369-9414.

**GARDENING WORKSHOP** 6-8 p.m. "Backyard Composting." \$15. UD Cooperative Ext. Office, 461 Wyoming Rd., Newark. Info, 831-2506.

**GOLF OUTING** 10 a.m. Benefits Delaware Hospice, presented by Coventry Health Care of Delaware. \$300. White Clay Creek Country Club at Delaware Park. Info, 800-838-9800.

**BOXING EVENT** 7 p.m. Sponsored by Delaware Park Racetrack and Slots and TNT Boxing, Delaware Park. Info, 994-2521, ext. 7180.

**RECRUITMENT** 6:30 p.m. For Girl Scouts. Albert Jones Elementary, 35 W. Main, Newark. Info, 456-7170.

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tion. Info, 654-6833.

**NEWARK MORNING ROTARY** 7-8:15 a.m. Thursdays. Meeting and breakfast. The Blue & Gold Club, Newark. Info, 738-9943.

**BLUEGRASS/OLDTIME JAM** 7:20-10 p.m. Thursdays. Any skill level welcome. Bring your own instrument. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Info, 368-4644.

**DSI THUMBS UP** 1 p.m. Second & fourth

Thursday. Support group sponsored by Delaware Stroke Initiative. Free. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr., Newark. Info, 633-9313.

**TOASTMASTERS** 7 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday. Develop potential and overcome fear of public speaking. Public welcome. Union Hospital, Level B, Chesapeake Room, 106 Bow St., Elkton, Md. Info, 443-553-5358.

**G.O.A.L.** 7:30 p.m. Second and fourth

Thursday. Meeting for widows and widowers sponsored by Going On After Loss. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Concord Pike, Wilmington. Info, 368-8980.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** 2-4 p.m. Second and fourth Thursday. Free. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. Info, 737-7080.

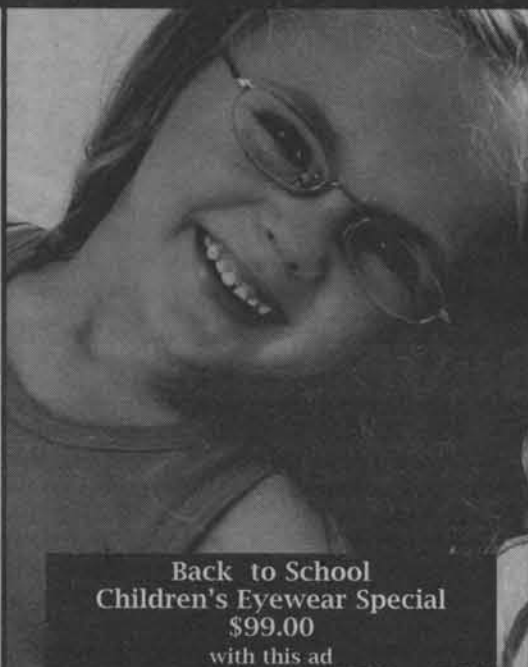
**COLONIAL STATE KNITTERS** 7 p.m. Fourth Thursday. Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Rd., Wilmington. Info, 838-0446.

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## IN THE NEWS

# Latest ruling stems from Oct. 2006 trial

## ► RESERVOIR, from 1

\$11.6 million.

These latest legal rulings stem from the lawsuit that went to trial last year between the city of Newark and Durkin, the reservoir contractor that claimed to be wrongly fired from the project in 2004 and put out of business by negative publicity.

Before the trial began, Judge Sleet issued a summary judgment -- a determination without a full trial -- that the city wrongly terminated its construction contract with Durkin by failing to provide the required seven-day notice. In October 2006, a jury ordered the city pay more than \$36 million for violating the contractor's constitutional rights, expenses related

to the project and legal fees.

Shortly after receiving this verdict, lawyers for the city filed documents seeking a new trial or a reduction in the damages awarded. In January 2007, City Solicitor Roger Akin said, "It's hoping, in this stage of the case, that the judge will consider the city's arguments in terms of potential legal errors with regard

to the verdict."

In his recent opinion, Sleet points out one potential error. He finds that the method used by Durkin -- and agreed to by the jury -- to measure breach of contract damages was improper.

He asks both parties to supply briefings and possibly oral arguments over the next weeks to determine what amount of money

is owed Durkin, by law, based on evidence heard at trial.

City attorneys also argued for a new trial for the civil rights claim, saying, in part, that the jury's damage award of \$25 million was "excessive" and not supported by the evidence presented in trial.

Sleet, though, does not accept this argument, writing, "The jury found that the City was liable for violating Durkin's constitutional right to a liberty interest in its chosen profession." The jury heard much "uncontroverted" evidence, he said, "of Durkin's business generally, the type of contracts it completed...and the fact that it has not obtained a job since the City's termination."

Sleet concludes that the court will not "on this record, second-guess the collective wisdom of this jury," and denies the motion for a new trial on the civil rights claim.

He also denied motions for a new trial, or judgment as a matter of law, on the conversion claim and on the attorneys' fees awarded to URS's counterclaim.

The District Court opinion was made available on Monday, Sept. 17. It can be found online at <http://www.ded.uscourts.gov/CLKmain.htm>, by clicking the "Opins. 30 days" button on the left hand side of the screen.

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## IN THE NEWS

# Boy Scouts help property owners tackle flooding

With hurricane season upon us, residents in the headwaters of the Christina Water Basin are taking flood control into their own hands.

When Pam Stephani and Richard Morelli saw the effects of recent fall floods destroying homes and wildlife habitat and polluting drinking water sources downstream from their Chadds Ford property, they sprang into action.

"The storm runoff picks up speed from our headwaters and heads downstream to New Castle County, so our efforts here are a big help," said Stephani. With the help of guidance from consultant Jessie Benjamin of Stroud Water Research Center near Avondale, Pa., the couple hired a reforestation firm and planted more than an acre of their land with 320 native trees and shrubs.

Twelve members of Boy Scout Troop 255 of Newark got into the act, providing free labor to plan plant locations and to install 70 of the plants.

"These streamside native plants or 'riparian buffers' are specially chosen for their ability to hold banks, stop runoff and erosion, and give the shade

and food wildlife needs," said Life Scout David Boyd, who led the effort as an Eagle project. "Cleaner drinking water for

New Castle County's half million residents all starts in places like this."



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Pictured left to right, Bill Boyd, Kyle Estheimer, Jerzy Wlock, Ian Hyde, Russell Davis, Christopher Mitchell, Adam Mitchell, David Boyd, Dan Wlock, Kyle DeMonte, Kirk Mitchell, Will Hammond and Justin DeMonte.

## Learn about Pencader Sept. 29

### ► PENCADER, from 3

The ride down Chapel Street (or Route 72) sparked another memory for some Newark residents on the tour bus — the distinct smell of "Purgatory Swamp." The swamp was to the west of Chapel Street near a wooded area. Longtime Newark residents remember groups of "gypsies" camping next to the swamp that smelled often of skunk cabbage.

Further down Chapel Street is the Dayett Mills Complex, one of the last two mills to operate in Delaware, said Slack. The state of Delaware now owns the property, and the Pencader Heritage Area Association uses one of the buildings on site to hold meetings and house artifacts for a museum. Signs installed on the portion of the property nearest Old Baltimore Pike tell the history of the mill and other historic sites in the area.

From there, tour participants went to the Cooch house on Old Baltimore Pike. Ed Cooch Jr., the seventh generation of his family to live in the home, stood on the front porch, recounting the history of the 1777 Battle of Cooch's Bridge, which, he said, took place "right on my lawn."

After the Americans retreated, British forces occupied the Cooch House for five days before going on to fight the Battle of Brandywine. When asked what it's like living in a house with so much history, Cooch replied, smiling, "I love it."

The tour continued with stops at several historic churches in the area — Pencader Presbyterian Church on Glasgow Avenue, Welsh Tract Baptist Church — said to be the oldest "primitive" Baptist Church in the country" and St. Daniels UAME, which was founded in 1813 on Whitaker Road on Iron Hill.

To learn more about Pencader

history, attend the 7th annual Pencader Day on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities will be at the Dayett Mills Complex at the intersection of Old Baltimore Pike and Route 72. Events include children's games, pony rides, hay rides, obstacle courses, performances by Glasgow High Band and

ROTC Drill team, NCC football league cheerleaders, Fife and Drum Corps of the Colonial Militias and more. All events are free to the public. A replica Revolutionary War cannon will be fired at noon. For more information, visit <http://www.pencaderheritage.org/>.

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Returning to the Fair Hill Natural Resources Area in the beautiful countryside of Fair Hill, MD, October 18-21, the Dansko Fair Hill International Festival in the Country features exciting world-class equestrian competition along with tons of fun family activities.

"We are extremely grateful for the long term association we have had with Dansko, and for their title sponsorship of the 2007 Dansko Fair Hill International Festival in the Country," said Trish Gilbert, Fair Hill International Co-President. "It is only through the generosity of our sponsors that Fair Hill can continue to provide the world-class equestrian competition and fun family atmosphere which spectators and competitors have come to expect from our event."

Dansko, famous for its equestrian friendly footwear, has been involved with the Festival as a presenting sponsor for the last five years. "For Dansko, our roots are firmly planted in the Equestrian world. Mandy and Peter, our founders, were former Olympic horse trainers and even had the first Dansko sale at a horse show," said Dansko's Diana Rowland. "For us supporting Fair Hill International is a way to give back to the equestrian and local community, two very important parts of the Dansko family."

World-class equestrian competition in the two international disciplines of eventing and driving highlights the schedule at the Festival. Other Festival activities also include pony rides, face painting, arts and crafts, food and merchandise vendors, classic cars, dog agility trials, and entertaining exhibits and demonstrations.

United States Pony Club riders who have been selected to participate in the President's Cup Invitational will be riding in Pony Club games at the Festival. Teams of five riders and their ponies compete in a variety of relay races, including the Three Legged Race, the Sack Race, and the Housewife Scurry. At the end of the day, awards will be given to the winning teams.

Returning to the Festival this year are the ever popular Dog Agility Trials with over 400 canine competitors, as well as the Delmarva Miniature Horse Club which will be on hand performing demonstrations for spectators. The Festival's Kids' Corner offers fun and educational activities for the younger set, while adults may choose to reminisce about their younger years over the many displays of classic cars, or shop at the many boutiques. Everybody will be able to enjoy the live music that will be playing throughout the weekend, as well as the many food vendors who will be serving traditional style Maryland cuisine. With all of this available, it's no wonder that the Maryland Department of Agriculture has named the Fair Hill International as a "Maryland Top Event!"

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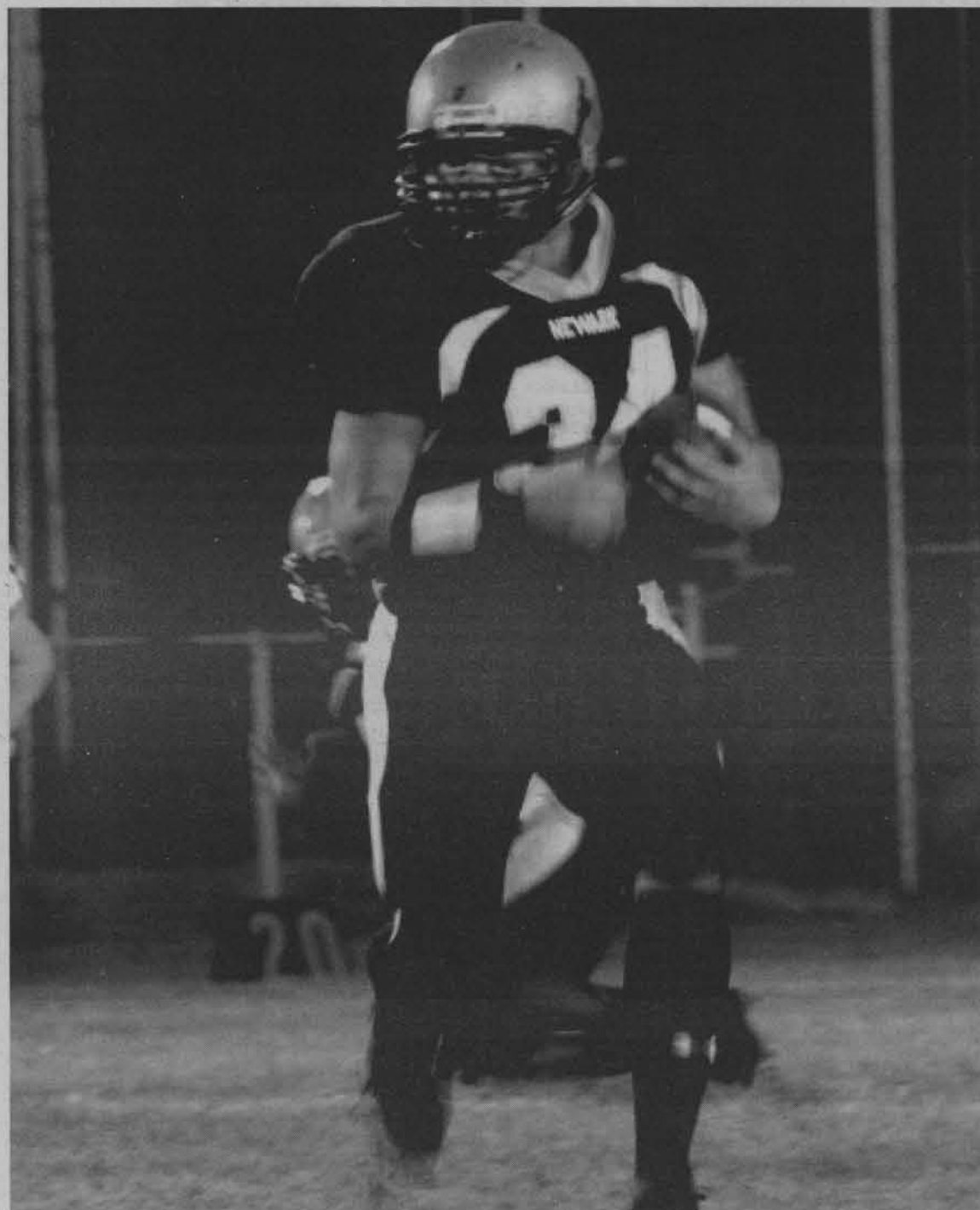




# Sports

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## Newark falls to Concord in home opener



Newark's Marc Tiberi runs for big yardage in the Yellowjackets' game against Concord Saturday night.

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### Late Concord touchdowns spoil christening of new lights

By **JOE BACKER**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Concord scored two fourth quarter touchdowns to defeat Newark 26-12 Saturday night under the brand new lights at Hoffman Stadium. The late tallies turned a close game into a rout as Flight B Concord handed the Yellowjackets their second straight loss to start the season.

"I asked my team to come and play with passion, and make an effort," said Newark coach Butch Simpson. "And I feel strongly that we improved in that part of the game. It's hard for us, we're a program that some people like to see us lose, and when it happens, we feel the embarrassment of it, and that's where we are right now," he said.

Concord is now 2-0 after defeating Archmere in its season opener.

This was the first meeting between two football programs in more than a decade. The teams have won a combined 14 state championships on the gridiron.

Newark senior place kicker Alex Carlton connected on four of five field goal attempts to account for all of the Jackets' points. Carlton nailed a 47-yarder, and his attempt at 51 yards would have split the uprights, but fell about two yards short.

Raiders running back Joshua Morris and fullback Paul Worriow both picked up substantial yardage on Newark's defense throughout the evening.

Morris ran for 130 yards on 21 carries and two touchdowns, while Worriow, an All-State lineman last season, carried the ball 11 times and logged 92 yards and

the game-clinching TD, on the cool, crisp night.

"We decided we wanted to give Worriow an opportunity to earn a scholarship," said Concord coach George Kosanovich. "At least one college is interested in converting Paul to the fullback position, so we thought we'd try that tonight, and you saw the results."

Newark broke out on top on their first possession of the night. After Shaun Thomas returned the opening kicking 58 yards to the Concord 32, the Raiders defense stiffened, and Carlton kicked his first field goal of the night, a 33-yard attempt that gave the Jackets a 3-0 lead.

Midway through the first quarter, Morris raced 59 yards to cap a two-play drive and give Concord a 6-3 lead. The point-after kick was wide to the left.

Near the end of the first quarter, Carlton hit his second field goal, this time from 32 yards away, to tie the score at 6-6.

Both defenses turned in strong performances in the second period. Early in the quarter, a Newark drive was halted by a combination of Concord's defense, a penalty and a couple of mistakes by the offense.

After Carlton barely missed on a 51-yard attempt, Concord drove inside the Newark ten, but the Jackets recovered a fumble to keep the game tied.

As time was running out in the first half, Concord drive inside Newark's five, but time ran out before the Raiders could execute a fourth down play inside the two-yard line.

Early in the third quarter,

See **NEWARK, 15** ▶

## Recent wins by Towson turns game into a rivalry

By **TOM TOMASHEK**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

When Towson State joined the East Coast Conference in 1982, rivalries in a variety of sports highlighted by baseball and basketball seemed natural considering that the two schools are approximately an hour apart.

What seemed unlikely was the possibility of the two becoming football rivalries because Delaware football was second to few between Baltimore and upper New England while Towson was taking the lower level approach. Towson didn't begin a football program until the late 1960s, and that was in Division III. The Tigers stepped up to Division II

in 1979, the year Delaware won the NCAA Division II title, and didn't acquire Division I-AA status until 1987.

While in Division II, Towson defeated Delaware in 1983, a 13-4 shocker in which UD's vaunted Wing-T never got off the ground. Some fans around the Towson area consider that victory over UD to be the all-time greatest

single-game victory. But the 1983 season was one of former coach Tubby Raymond's worst and the upset was sandwiched by a pair of Blue Hen routs, 51-7 in 1982 and 56-23 in 1984.

But fast forward to 2007 and one cannot help but notice that Towson is not just a member of the Colonial Athletic Conference, but has fashioned a competitive pres-

ence in a short time. The program that in 2002 lost to Georgetown 24-16, lost to Morgan State 19-16 in 2003, and finished 3-8 in its first CAA season has defeated Delaware in back-to-back seasons and is 4-4 in the series, the only CAA team over which Delaware doesn't own a series advantage.

See **HENS, 15** ▶



## IN THE NEWS

# Local players eager to face UD Towson's rise not an accident

Maurice Wilkins won't say it's the biggest game of the season. He's looking at the big picture during his senior year at Towson State.

The 6-foot-1, 225-pound line-backer, however, has a special interest in the contest considering that he is a former Delaware All-State running back from William Penn High where he rushed for 1,034 yards in his senior year.

"In addition to Towson, I heard from William & Mary and Lehigh, but Delaware never recruited me," Wilkins said.

Wilkins, an economics major, wasn't a starter until last year, but was an integral part of the team's depth and on special teams. He enjoyed a solid year in 2006, including a season-high 14 tackles against Delaware, only one less tackle than he had the entire season before. This year he is second in team tackles with 32, including a team-high 22 solos.

## Four Carlton field goals not enough

► NEWARK, from 14

Carlton nailed a 29-yard field goal, on a drive that was helped by a long pass play from quarterback Chris Cummings to Thomas.

Later in the quarter, Concord put together a long drive that ended with a 22-yard Jon Bacher to Justin Brown touchdown pass. Worriow rumbled into the end zone for a two-point conversion and a 14-9 lead.

Carlton's fourth kick, a 47-yard try, was good and Concord's lead was cut to 14-12.

But the Raiders' offensive line flexed their muscles and overpowered the Jackets over the last six minutes of the fourth quarter.

That's when Morris raced 34 yards for a touchdown to increase the lead to 20-12. Worriow then rumbled 38 yards for the game clincher.

"I knew the game would be this way. I knew it wouldn't be easy," said Kasonovich. "Boy, I'll tell you, Butch (Simpson) is quality, always has been, and he deserves everything that's ever come his way. He and his staff

"It's a conference game so it's a big game," Wilkins said of the 7 p.m. start. "It is definitely exciting for me because at least 15 relatives and friends are coming down for the game."

Leon Stevenson, a Newark resident who played ball at Howard, was another Delawarean who was looking forward to the game, but the 6-foot-4, 255-pound offensive tackle won't be playing Saturday night because of an injury.

## Playoff Bound?

If you believe in past performance, the University of Delaware is playoff bound if they defeat Towson Saturday night in the Baltimore area.

Since the NCAA playoff system began in 1973, the University of Delaware has enjoyed seven starts with at least four consecutive victories and reached the playoffs on each occasion.

have been together for a long time, and work very hard at the game."

Marc Tiberi led the Yellowjackets with 65 yards rushing on 10 carries, while tailback Brandon Norwood was limited to only 56 yards on the ground.

Cummings was 8-for-13 for 96 yards, but played part of the game with a thumb injury.

"Concord is a very good football team, one of the best teams we will play this year," said Simpson. "They are well coached, and they were well-prepared for us tonight. So hopefully, we'll just get better," he said.

► HENS, from 14

"Yes, I'm a little surprised," Raymond said of Towson's rapid rise to respectability. "But then in this era where you can spread the field out and have a capable quarterback who has a variety of choices enhances the on-any-given-day theory."

Anyone would be a fool to label Towson's rise as an aberration. For starters, the Tiger coaches now have the full complement of 63 scholarships based on athletic merit. They are recruiting some of the same caliber athletes that helped make neighboring Delaware, Villanova, William & Mary, and Richmond successful over the last 20 years. One can only speculate how many University of Maryland wannabes are beginning to make Towson their second choice. The campus, once an almost sterile looking commuter school, suddenly has an extremely sylvan appearance and outstanding facilities.

A quality that underscored Delaware's success through the years is coaching stability, an attribute also enjoyed in the Towson staff room. Since 1972, Towson has had only two head coaches. Phil Albert guided the Tigers from 1972 to 1993 and after a nine-year hiatus, including a seven-year tour with the NFL San Diego Chargers returned as offensive coordinator.

Gordy Combs, a Towson alum and long-time assistant to Albert from the day Combs graduated in 1970, now brandishes the clipboard. Albert's kinetic personality generated the program's early momentum — do you remember the verbal punching match between Albert and Raymond in 1984 — and Combs soft-spoken and knowledgeable approach has guided Towson's steady rise since taking over.

Keeler said that he and his players don't necessarily subscribe to history, but he and his Blue Hens are paying the price for the program's perennial success under Bill Murray, Dave Nelson, and Tubby Raymond. The New England schools aren't likely to forget some of the early poundings from the Blue Hens. William & Mary took some early lickings before the series became an intense annual showdown. And Villanova is Villanova, say no more. They all play to win every week, but they generally summon their A game for Delaware.

Combs and Albert know that many don't believe mention of Towson belongs in the same breath with established I-AA programs such as Delaware, Villanova, William & Mary. Towson has reached the NCAA's maximum I-AA number of scholarships, but must wait for maximum results. He said that although Towson reached the full complement of scholarships this year, programs

don't usually realize significant results until the third season and the full impact until around the fifth year. But he is pleased with the progress he's seen in the last couple years.

"Defeating both Delaware and Villanova in back-to-back years is significant," he said. "When you defeat Delaware and Villanova, you're defeating programs, not teams. You know the saying, 'Some teams rebuild and some just reload,' well those two programs just reload every years."

"I'd think we can have an excellent rivalry with Delaware, but it's going to take time. I can remember when I was a Towson student in the late 1960s and 70s. I'd come up from the beach and drive by Delaware Stadium, and think 'Boy, wouldn't it be great to just play in there one day.'"

Last year, Combs and his Tigers not only had the chance to play in Delaware Stadium, but they defeated the Blue Hens 21-17 before 22,782 spectators. On Saturday night, Towson will play Delaware on the Tigers' home turf, John Unitas Stadium, and the more than 11,000 who attend the game might witness a high-water mark in Towson's growing program. Who even 10 years ago could even have dreamed that Towson could beat Delaware in three consecutive years in football? Lacrosse, basketball, or soccer, yes. Football, not a chance.

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## IN THE NEWS

# No bull about it



## Newark designer fashions dress out of Red Bull cans

Fashion designer, artist and instructor Kalliope "Kallie" Mihalos, 40, of Newark, created "Red Carpet Bull," a fully wearable, red carpet-worthy formal dress of recycled Red Bull cans

PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

This dress, designed by Newark resident Kalliope Mihalos, is made from Red Bull drink cans.

and textiles.

Mihalos was selected as finalist and will exhibit her piece in "The Art of Can" and is in contention for the jury prizes.

Mihalos says she was very inspired by the challenge of Red Bull Art of Can and, since she's a fashion designer as well as an artist and instructor with the Chester County (Pa.) Art Association, she decided to create something wearable.

For her "Red Carpet Bull," Mihalos first turned three-dimensional cans into a two-dimensional textile, and then converted that textile back to three dimensions in creating a functional garment. The resulting strapless dress required 61 hours to finish and incorporates more than 80

cans, many contributed by friends and family who stopped drinking coffee in order to provide empty cans for the dress as quickly as possible.

Among the tools and materials Mihalos used to build the piece were a sewing machine, pattern paper, thread, a rubber mallet, "lots of" duct tape and fabric glitter paint. The artist wisely forced herself to peer through sunglasses as she sewed, just in case the needle broke on the tough aluminum.

"Red Carpet Bull" isn't Mihalos's first work of art — besides other clothing, she's created additional "trash to treasure" pieces, as well as some unique handbags.

Mihalos is a graduate of the Art Institute of Philadelphia with a Fashion Illustration degree and an alumnae of Moore College of Art & Design where she earned her degree in fine arts. She completed her master's in Arts and Cultural Management at Rosemont College.

"Red Bull Carpet" is one of 56 pieces to be displayed in The Art of Can Exhibit in Philadelphia, where Mihalos will vie for one of the three exhibition prizes, including a trip to Art Basel in Switzerland.

An exhibit of recycled art featuring Red Bull cans will be in Philadelphia, Pa., this fall, from Oct. 20 through Nov. 2.

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Payments are accepted at the New Castle County Government Center, 87 Read's Way, New Castle. The payment window is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Thursday, Sept. 27, the payment window will remain open until 6 p.m. On Friday, Sept. 28 and Monday, Oct. 1, the payment window will remain open until 7 p.m.

This year, for the first time, those paying in person have the option of using a PIN debit card, in addition to cash, check, or money order.

A drop box is available for check and money order payments 24 hours a day at the main entrance of the Government Center. Taxpayers can also send payments by mail to: New Castle County Property Taxes, P.O. Box 827593, Philadelphia, PA 19182-7593.

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## IN THE NEWS

## Referendum Committee forming

Christina School District is forming a Referendum Committee for the District's upcoming capital referendum on Nov. 6. The capital referendum seeks funding to support the District's preferred Neighborhood Schools Plan, which the District will submit to the Delaware School Board on Nov. 13.

A planning meeting for the Referendum Committee was held this week to share ideas and assist in developing a timeline and campaign strategy.

The preferred plan, called the Community Consensus Plan, requires a successful capital referendum to implement. The Christina Board of Education has approved Tuesday, Nov. 6 as the date for the referendum to ask for \$10.5 million in local funds.

"There has been a groundswell of support for the plan by parents, school PTA groups, and representatives of the City of Wilmington," said Christina school superintendent Lillian Lowery. "We want to put together a dynamic, community-based Referendum Committee to bring the message about the referendum to the public. I encourage anyone who supports positive change for Christina through neighborhood schools to volunteer some time to help us get the word out."

For more information, interested volunteers may call the Public Information Office at 552-2610 or email

## Jumphead Schools

### ► PLAN, from 1

to current market conditions for construction of an elementary school at Route 40 and Porter Road. The District owns this site, and design and New Castle County building approvals are in place. Sitework, including parking lots, grading and utilities, has been completed.

Building construction, playgrounds, furnishings and related items and contingencies are expected to total \$22.65 million, of which \$8.07 million is needed in additional local funding.

The DOE also approved funding for needed renovations to convert Bayard to a middle school for city students. Total funding need for this renovation is \$6 million, of which \$2.4 million is needed from local funds sought in the referendum.

Christina's school board approved two Neighborhood Schools Plan options at its regular monthly board meeting on Sept. 11, following nine public workshops held between July 10 and Sept. 4.

The first plan, called the Community Consensus Plan, is the preferred plan that was brought to the board. It includes:

- \* Simplified grade configurations with fewer transitions: K-5, 6-8, 9-12 in all District schools;

- \* All students attend elementary schools closest to their neighborhoods;

- \* All students attend middle

school closest to their neighborhoods;

- \* Keeps all schools in Wilmington open;

- \* Creates a middle school at Bayard for city students;

- \* Completes an elementary school at Porter Road and Route 40;

- \* Creates space for full-day Kindergarten district-wide;

- \* Requires a successful capital referendum to complete.

The second plan, called the Existing Buildings Plan, is an alternate plan required under the NSA. Key points include:

- \* Grade configurations K-5, 6, 7-8, 9-12;

- \* All students attend elementary schools in their neighborhoods;

- \* All 6th graders attend school in Wilmington at Bancroft or Bayard;

- \* All middle school students (grades 7-8) attend existing Christina middle schools;

- \* All high school students attend existing Christina high schools;

- \* Does not require a capital referendum;

- \* Does not guarantee space for full-day Kindergarten district-wide.

In accordance with the NSA, the District also must hold public hearings to present the plan options. Remaining hearings have been scheduled:

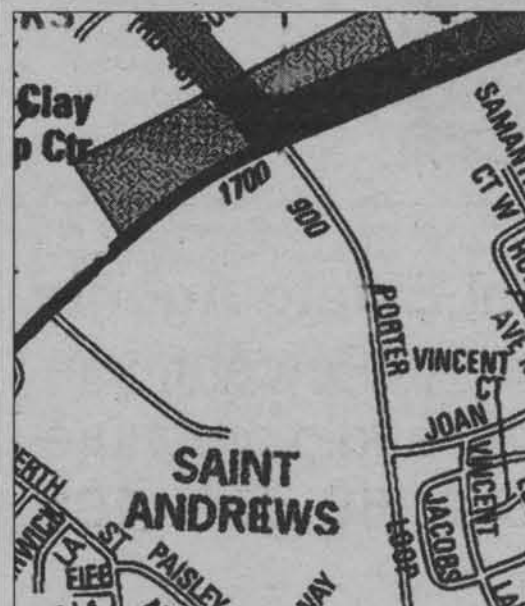
- \* Thursday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m.

- Leasure Elementary School, Newark

- \* Saturday, Sept. 29, 1 p.m.



Above: Artist's rendition of Porter Road School. Right: Christina District owns the site at Route 40 and Porter Road where a new elementary school is proposed.



Newark High School, Newark

\* Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m.

Gauger-Cobbs Middle School, Newark

\* Saturday, Oct. 6, 1 p.m.

Bayard School, Wilmington.

The Community Consensus

Plan requires the successful capital referendum to implement. Under the NSA, the District must have funding in hand prior to seeking state approval of its NSA plan on Nov. 13. For more info, visit [www.christina.k12.de.us](http://www.christina.k12.de.us).

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## IN THE NEWS

# Noted writer appearing in Newark



Mike Sager will read from new book, "Revenge of the Donut Boys"

Mike Sager, writer-at-large for Esquire magazine, will be appearing in Newark next Tuesday, Sept. 25, for a reading from his new book, "Revenge of the Donut Boys."

The reading and book signing will be at 7 p.m. at Lieberman's Bookstore on Main Street in Newark and is open to the public.

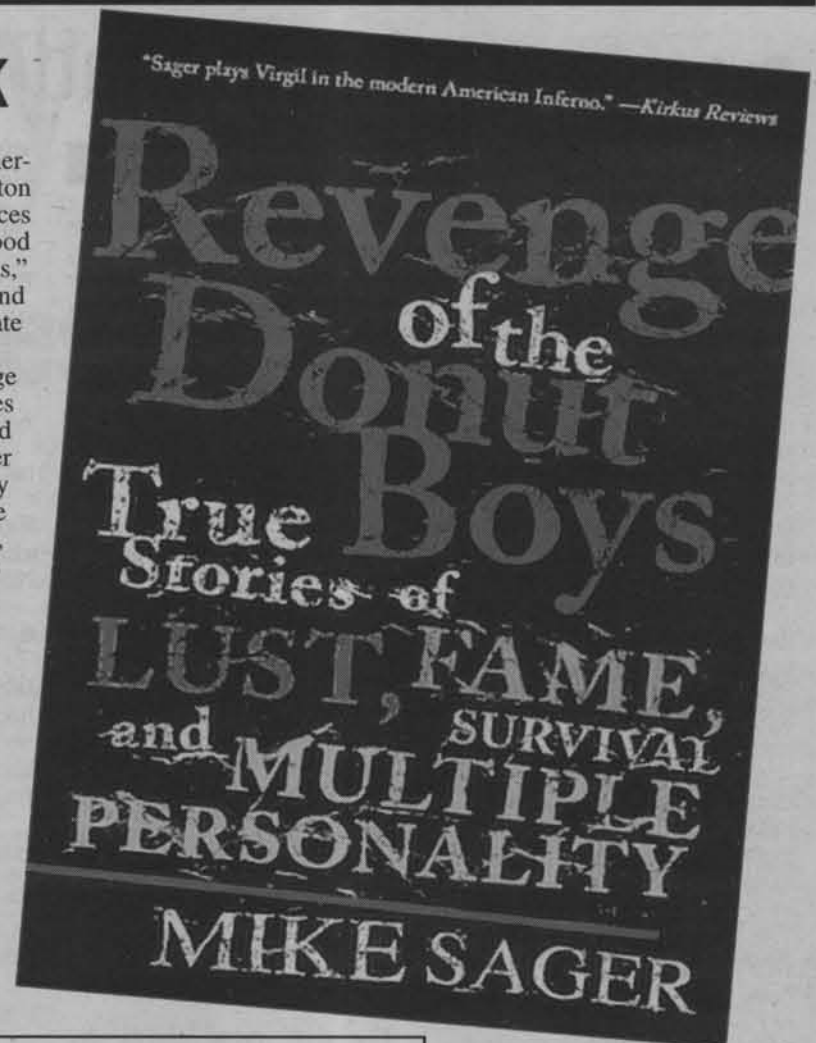
Sager, a contributing editor for

Rolling Stone and GQ and formerly a reporter for the Washington Post, has written several pieces that have inspired Hollywood films, including "Boogie Nights," starring Mark Wahlberg and "Veronica Guerin," starring Cate Blanchett.

In his new book, "Revenge of the Donut Boys, True Stories of Lust, Fame, Survival and Multiple Personalities," Sager takes readers on a journey across America and into the lives of the rich and the famous, the down and the out. Topics of his essays range from a day in the life of billionaire Mark Cuban to a day in the life of an Arizona nonagenarian.

Sager has read and lectured at numerous journalism schools, and will be a guest lecturer in Professor Ben Yagoda's classes at the University of Delaware next Tuesday.

He lives with his wife and son in La Jolla, Calif.



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This is the sixth year Easter Seals has hosted the Challenge Days program.

Easter Seals is a non-profit organization that provides services to people with disabilities or special needs and their families. The group has two locations in the Newark area, including one in Old Town Hall Center on Route 40.

The second Challenge Day will be held on Friday, Sept. 28, at the Old Town Hall Center location. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:30 a.m. For more information, visit [www.de.easterseals.com](http://www.de.easterseals.com).

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**Tommy Joe Blankenship**

Tommy Joe Blankenship, 47, of Newark, died on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007, at Heartland Hospice House.

Blankenship was born in Welch, W.Va., on Dec. 22, 1959. A construction worker by profession, he was employed with P.J. Fitzpatrick in Newark and also worked as an independent contractor.

He is survived by his son, T.J. of New Castle; his mother, Ruth Blankenship of Newark; two brothers, Jerry Blankenship of Newark and Jimmy Blankenship of Boca Raton, Fla.; his sister, Kathy Shrewsbury of Middletown; his granddaughter, Kaylee; and his companion, Mary Blankenship of Newark. He was preceded in death by his father, Maston Blankenship.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 1000 N. DuPont Parkway, New Castle.

Contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice House, 261

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Patricia Nepi

**Kimberly Estella Kogon, 44, record holder in Delaware races**

Kimberly Estella (Mitchell) Kogon, 44, of Newark, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007.

She was born Jan. 6, 1963, in Wilmington, youngest child of James G. and M. Janet Mitchell, and was a lifelong resident of Delaware. She graduated from Dickinson High School in 1981, the University of Delaware in 1985 and Del Tech in 1991 (physical therapy assistant). From 1999-2006, Kogon was the law librarian at Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz. She had renewed her physical therapy certification in June 2006.

Kogon had an outstanding running career, beginning at Stanton Jr. High and continuing at Dickinson and University of Delaware. In 1980, while

still in high school, Kogon ran the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., for the first time. While attending UD, she ran both track and cross-country, and was the top runner her senior year, qualifying for Division I Nationals. Over the years, she ran and excelled in many races, and continues to hold Delaware road race records for her age group in many distances. She was an avid reader, a creative writer and poet, and participated in the Delaware Writing Project in Cape Henlopen in 2005. She was invited back for the 2006 program.

She is survived by her sons, Aaron, Seth and Sam Kogon; father, James G. Mitchell; sisters, Susan Moqtaderi and

Carol McGirr; brother, James H. Mitchell; nieces, Nedda Moqtaderi and Amy McGirr; nephews, Jack Treml, Mehron and Cyrus Moqtaderi, Matthew McGirr, Kevin McGirr, Andrew and Alex Mitchell; grandnephew, Harry Treml; and sister-in-law, Deborah Mitchell. She was predeceased by her mother, Janet Mitchell in 1998; and sister, Catherine Treml, in 1990.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Doherty Funeral Home, 3200 Limestone Road, Pike Creek. A private burial was to take place in Lisbon, Conn.

Memorial contributions may be made to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

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**Robert L. Cassell Sr.**

Robert L. Cassell Sr., 71, of Newark, died on Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, at home.

He was born and raised in Patrick County, Va., the son of the late Roy and Alice Cassell and had made Newark his home for the past 43 years. He served his country proudly as a member of the U.S. Air Force. He worked in the parts department for the Chrysler plant in Newark retiring in 1997. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 475 of Newark and Moose Lodge 1578 of New Castle. Cassell was a NASCAR fan. His wife, Joyce, passed away May 11, 2006.

Cassell is survived by his sons, Robert L. Cassell Jr. of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Kenneth W. Cassell of Lexington, N.C., Ronald A. Cassell of Bassett, Va. and stepson, Grady Rathbone of Magnolia; his daughters, Marian

C. Ramsey and Karla Barker both of Bassett, Va.; his sisters, Martha Robertson, Barbara Blankenship and Jerolene LaRue, all of Bassett, Va. and Maggie Mitchell of Martinsville, Va.; his brothers, Roy Cassell Jr. of Bassett, Va. and John Cassell of Ridgeway, Va.; 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by brothers, Paul Cassell and Frank H. Cassell.

A funeral was held on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Beeson Funeral Home, 2053 Pulaski Highway, Newark. A committal service was held on Monday, Sept. 17, in the chapel of Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Bear.

**Leonard Edwin Cross**

Leonard Edwin Cross, 66, of

Newark, died on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007.

Born in Wilmington on June 29, 1941, Cross was a son of the late Harry B. Cross and Alice J. Faries Cross. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and National Guard and later was employed as a guard with a private security company.

He is survived by two children, Leanne Phillips and husband, John, of New Castle and Jay L. Cross and wife, Charlotte, of Newark; a brother, Harry W. Cross and wife, Bonita, of Salt Lake City, Utah; a sister, Alcinda C. Steele and husband, Timothy, of Bear; and nieces and nephews, Josette Cross, Harry Cross, William Cross, Patty Alice Cross and Alex Steele. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death

by a brother, William A. Cross.

A graveside service was held on Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at Gracelawn Memorial Park, 2220 N. DuPont Parkway, New Castle.

**Charles W. Griffin Sr.**

Charles W. Griffin Sr., of Newark, formerly of Wilmington, died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at Christiana Hospital.

He is survived by four sons, Charles Jr., Robert, Neal and Ronald.

Services were private at the convenience of the family.

Contributions may be sent to your favorite charity.

**Margaret S. Miller**

Margaret S. Miller, formerly of Newark and Fernandina Beach, Fla., died on Aug. 27, 2007, in Charlotte, N.C.

She was born on Jan. 4, 1925, in Gaffney, S.C., the seventh of eight children to the Rev. James and Myrtle Spaulding. Although she lived in many places, she lived most of her adult life in the greater Delaware Valley. She married J. William Miller of Ephrata, Pa., and had three children. She retired from Dupont after 29 years as a technician, and was a caretaker for her husband until his death in 1998. She was a talented vocalist who participated in many choirs and singing groups, especially at her home church, Ogletown Baptist.

She is survived by her children, Sylvia Berta and her husband, Dominic, of Newark, Gerald Miller and his wife, Ellen, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., and Patricia Duckworth and her husband, James, of Charlotte, N.C.;

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## IN THE NEWS

# Newark 4Hers head to Bosnia

Four members of Delaware 4-H, including two Newark residents, and one teacher will be leaving for Bosnia on Sept. 23 as part of a State Department-sponsored youth leadership program operated by Delaware 4-H in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo. The 4-H teens are Johnny Vann from Newark High School, Jordan Reardon from St. Mark's High School, Stephanie Bailey from Smyrna High School and Margot Miller from Padua Academy.

They will be accompanied by Kathy DiSabatino, a teacher and 4-H volunteer from Millsboro. The group will also be accompanied by 4-H staff members Mark Manno and Katie Daly, both of Newark.

The 4-H/Bosnian Youth Leadership program teaches teens from Bosnia about leadership, citizenship and democracy. While in Bosnia the group will be visiting schools and community organiza-

tions where they will talk about American culture and life. They will visit the 15 Bosnian teens that stayed here in Delaware in April and May.

The group will travel all over the country, spending time in Banja Luka, Tuzla, Zenica, Sarajevo and Livno. They will attend a reunion of past program participants in the 15th-century city of Mostar, experience Belgrade in Serbia and Split in Croatia.

The teens were chosen through a competitive process for the two-week program. For more information, contact Delaware 4-H at [de4h@udel.edu](mailto:de4h@udel.edu).

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Four 4Hers and one teacher leave for Bosnia this month as part of an exchange program. Pictured left to right are Margot Miller, Jordan Reardon, Kathy DiSabatino, Stephanie Bailey and Johnny Vann.



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as well as many others whom she called her own, especially Debra Miller and Bess McAneny and family. She is also survived by eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, Sept. 15, at St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark. Burial was private.

Donations may be sent to Hospice & Palliative Care, Charlotte Region, 1420 East 7th St., Charlotte, NC 28204.

## Patricia (Martin) Nepi

Patricia Nepi, 54, of Newark, died at Christiana Hospital on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007.

Born in Wilmington, she was the daughter of Dorothy P. Martin and the late Elmer F. Martin Sr. She was a graduate of St. Elizabeth High School. She spent many years working at St. Francis Hospital and most recently, along with her husband, owned and operated Delaware Shower Door.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel A. Nepi Jr.; her daughters, Teren Neal of Wilmington and Marsha Minutella and her husband, David; her eagerly expected granddaughter, Chloe of Hockessin; her son, Nicholas A. Yarrusso and his companion, Jamie Rouco, of Wilmington; and her mother, Dorothy P. Martin of Wilmington. Also surviving are her maternal grandmother, Naomi Corbin of Wilmington; her brothers, John of Wilmington, Fred and his wife, Sharon.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 9th and Dupont Streets, Wilmington. Interment followed at Cathedral Cemetery, Wilmington.

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## IN THE NEWS

▶ **BLOTTER, from 2**

Sept. 16, at 1:23 a.m., in the unit block of E. Cleveland Avenue;

**Jacob Troutman, 20**, of Bethlehem, Pa., underage consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 1:15 a.m., in the 200 block of Kells Avenue;

**Anthony Lipari, 20**, of Bridgewater, N.J., and **Thomas Sullivan, 20**, of Clinton, N.J., noise law violation, on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 12:53 a.m., in the unit block of Annabella Street,

after police forced more than 100 guests to exit the premises;

**James Ecret, 20**, of New Castle, and **Richard Saxton, 20**, of Wilmington, underage consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 1:03 a.m., on Benny Street;

**Katelyn Johnson, 20**, of Audubon, Pa., noise law violation, on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 12:29 a.m., in the 4000 block of Scholar Drive;

**Adam Decktor, 18**, of Newark, underage consumption of alcohol and disorderly conduct, on

Sunday, Sept. 16, at 12:20 a.m., on S. College Avenue;

**Michael Horkey, 23**, of Newark, providing alcohol to minors, on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 10:57 p.m., in the 200 block of E. Main Street;

**16-year-old Newark girl and 17-year-old Newark boy**, underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 10:45 p.m., in the 700 block of Delaware

Avenue;

**Alex Campos, 20**, of Westborough, Mass., noise law violation, on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 2:59 a.m., in the unit block of E. Main Street;

**Michael Brickman, 20**, of Milwaukee, Wis., and **Carl Larson, 20**, of Rehoboth, Mass., disorderly premises, on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 1:04 a.m., after police broke up a party of more than 30

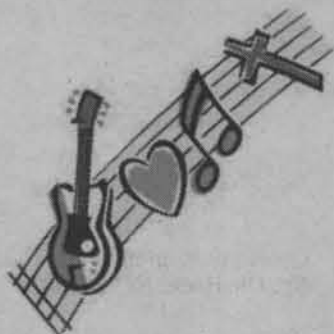
people in the unit block of W. Main Street;

**Roman Zilbering, 21**, of Richboro, Pa., and **Evan Schacter, 20**, of Armonk, N.Y., disorderly premises, on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 12:47 a.m., after police saw more than 200 people in and around a home in the 200 block of W. Main Street;

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Blue Grass/Country ~ Thursday, November 15, 2007

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World Music ~ Sunday, January 20, 2008

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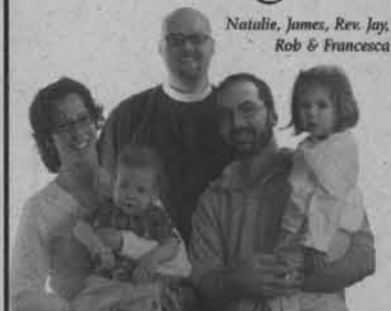


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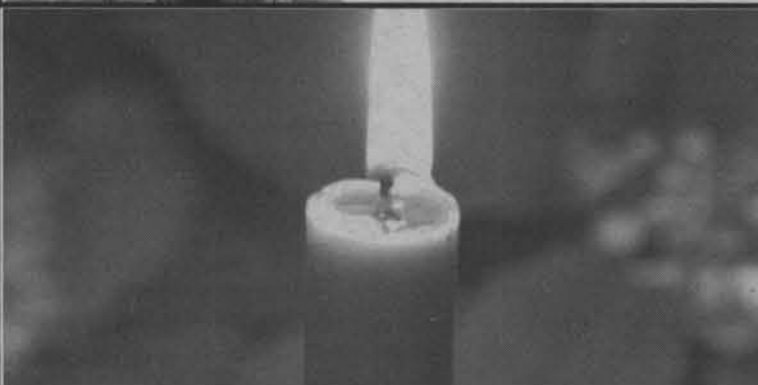
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## BUSINESS NEWS

# First State Gymnastics opens in Newark

New facility has state-of-the-art equipment

By CHRISTINE NEFF

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

**F**irst State Gymnastics, a new gymnastics training center in Newark, opened last week in a 15,000-square-foot facility adjacent to The Pond skating rink.

The center hosts recreational classes, a competitive team and will be the new home of Diamond Elite All-Stars Cheerleading squad.

The facility features state-of-the-art equipment, including a gymnastics spring floor, 84-foot power tumbling track, 40-foot in-ground tumbling track and a full-sized cheerleading competition spring floor.

Perhaps the most interesting and fun-looking feature of the gymnastics center is the foam pit — an in-ground trampoline cov-

ered with several feet of colorful foam blocks, enough to keep tumblers safe as they practice their moves.

"This is above and beyond what you're going to see in a gym in this area," said Joan Pierson, who co-owns the facility with her husband, Duke, and the head gymnastics coach, Slava Glazounov and his wife, Galina Glazounova.

Pierson said Glazounov designed the gym to meet the needs of his gymnasts. He previously trained most members of First State's competitive team at another area gym. Team members come from parts of New Jersey, Maryland and Pennsylvania to work with Glazounov, who is originally from Russia and participated on that country's national team, said Pierson.

But, gym owners welcome people of all levels of experience to use the facility and have scheduled classes through the week for everyone from toddlers to adults. "We think it's a great place, and we want the community to use it," said Pierson.

A lot of hard work went into getting the gym ready for use.

Pierson said the owners looked for a suitable location for more than two years. And, when construction finished on the facility, parent-volunteers were called on to set up the equipment.

"We wouldn't be open today if parents hadn't worked so hard to get us set up," she said.

First State Gymnastics will be opening its doors to the public during an open house on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. Diamond Elite All-Stars will be holding an open house and registration beginning at noon on Saturday.

Information about classes can be found on the gym's Web site, [www.firststategymnastics.com](http://www.firststategymnastics.com), or by calling 368-7107. For information about cheering, visit [www.diamondelite.org](http://www.diamondelite.org) or call 368-7104.

NEWARK POST PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE NEFF

**A new facility adjacent to The Pond in Newark is now home to First State Gymnastics. The gym has state-of-the-art equipment, including a 1,600-square-foot gymnastics spring floor and an 84-foot power tumbling track.**



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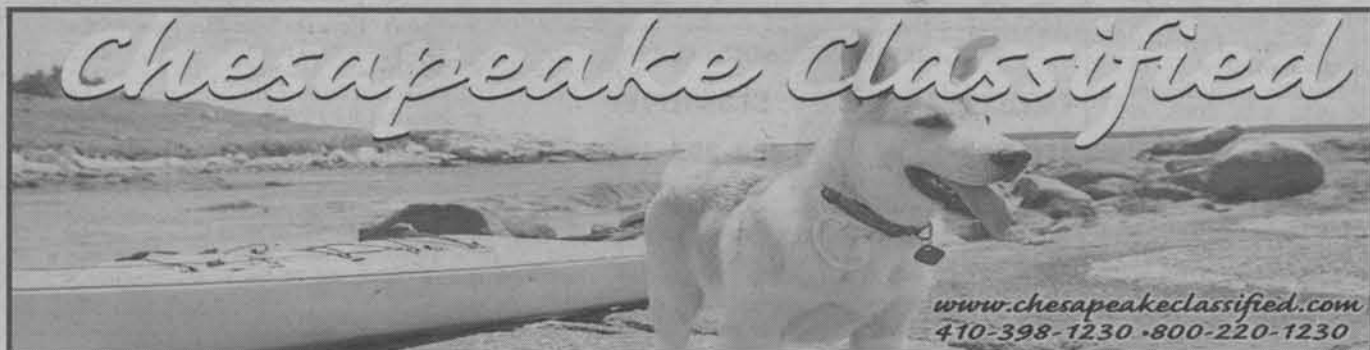
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# LEGAL NOTICE

## LEGAL NOTICE

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Shawn L. Harrison

9/11/07

np 9/21,28,10/5

## LEGAL NOTICE

Estate of **PATRICIA K. LONGO**, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that **Letters Testamentary** upon the estate of **PATRICIA K. LONGO** who departed this life on the 14th day of **June, A.D. 2007**, late of **4642 WELDON ROAD, WILMINGTON, DE 19803** were duly granted unto **LOUIS A. LONGO** on the 30th day of **August, A.D. 2007**, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make payments to the **Personal Representative** without delay, and all persons having demands against the deceased are required to exhibit and present the same duly probated to the said **Personal Representative** on or before the 14th day of **February, A.D. 2008**, or abide by the law in this behalf.

Personal Representative  
Louis A. Longo

### Address

Smith, George B., Esq.  
Smith, O'Donnell, Feinberg, & Berl LLP  
406 S. Bedford Street  
Georgetown, DE 19947  
np 9/14,21,28

## LEGAL NOTICE

Estate of **ANN I. BRANDI**, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that **Letters Testamentary** upon the estate of **ANN I. BRANDI** who departed this life on the 11th day of **July, A.D. 2007**, late of **91 Mercer Drive, Newark, DE 19713** were duly granted unto **Lynn M. Moorefield** on the 23rd day of **August, A.D. 2007**, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make payments to the **Personal Representative** without delay, and all persons having demands against the deceased are required to exhibit and present the same duly probated to the said **Personal Representative** on or before the 11th day of **March, A.D. 2008**, or abide by the law in this behalf.

Personal Representative  
Lynn M. Moorefield

Address  
Lynn M. Moorefield  
P.O. Box 5956  
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np 9/14,21,28

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D038 - Yvette Osborn - box spring, mattress, coffee table, portable TV  
G017 - Denise Wilson - bicycle, coffee table, 2 portable TVs, Xbox  
C183 - Kimberly Murphy - 20 boxes, 7 totes, 100 CDs  
C136 - John Werner - 20+ boxes  
np 9/14,21

## PUBLIC SALE

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3003 - Scott H. Goodman - kitchen chair, upholstered chair, table lamp, 10 totes  
5058 - Alfred Allison - 6+ boxes, folding table, 2+ totes, toys, game table (Foosball)  
3004 - Armando Gonzalez - box spring, mattress, bicycle, sofa, ironing board, floor lamp  
2042 - Charles Warren - air conditioner, box spring, mattress, clothing  
np 9/14,21

## PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public sale on **October 15, 2007 at PS ORANGECO INC./PUBLIC STORAGE, 201 Bellevue Rd., Newark, DE 19713 at 12:00 p.m.**, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

A064 - Edmond Villermux Jr - boxes, dresser, totes, toys  
A097 - Afum Ofum - headboard, clothing, totes, boxes, rug  
A082 - Patricia C. Rogers - bags, box spring, toys  
B139 - V. Oulds - boxes, clothing, totes, suitcase, briefcase  
B021 - Valari Lawson - misc. household items  
C021 - Steve Crumley - dresser, fan, dining table, kitchen chairs  
D005 - Ronald Cox - boxes, mattress, 2 floor lamps, briefcase  
D021 - Shantel Mathis - boxes, clothing, bags  
E148 - Carol Garcia - sofa, clothing, toys, stereo, sporting equipment  
E141 - William Robinson - sofa, suitcase, mirrors  
E059 - Amanda Hover-Woods - love seat, microwave  
E134 - Mary Conkey - boxes, totes, suitcase  
F003 - Patricia Wilson - bed frame, dresser, mattress, headboard  
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### CITY OF NEWARK

#### DELAWARE

#### COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 - 7:30 PM

#### 1. SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 2. CITY SECRETARY'S MINUTES FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL:

A. Regular Council Meeting of September 10, 2007

#### 3. ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA:

- A. Public (5 minutes per speaker)
- B. University
  - (1) Administration
  - (2) Student Body Representative
- C. Council Members

#### 4. ITEMS NOT FINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING: None

#### 5. RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTRACTS & BIDS: None

#### \*6. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING: None

#### \*7. PLANNING COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: None

#### 8. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

A. Bill 07-24 - An Ordinance Amending Ch. 7, Building, By Adopting the 2006 International Building Code with Supplements, the 2006 International Plumbing Code with Amendments Thereto, the 2006 International Mechanical Code with Amendments Thereto, & the 2006 International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings (2nd Read. 10/08/07)

B. Bill 07-29 - An Ordinance Amending Ch. 14, Fire Prevention, By Adopting the 2006 International Fire Code & Supplements, with Amendments Thereto (2nd Read. 10/08/07)

C. Bill 07-30 - An Ordinance Amending Ch. 17, Property Maintenance Code, By Adopting the 2006 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code with Supplements (2nd Read. 10/08/07)

D. Bill 07-31 - An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Newark, By Adopting the 2006 International Fuel Gas Code, with Supplements, with Amendments Thereto (2nd Read. 10/08/07)

E. Bill 07-33 - An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Newark, By Establishing a New Chapter 6, Entitled Energy Conservation Code, By Adopting the 2006 International Energy Code, with Supplements & with Amendments Thereto (2nd Read. 10/08/07)

F. Bill 07-34 - An Ordinance Amending Ch. 11, Electricity, By Establishing a New Electric Rate Tariff Referred to as Service Classification "ED" - Economic Development (2nd Read. 10/08/07)

G. Bill 07-32 - An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newark, By Rezoning from RS (Single-Family, Detached) to AC (Adult Community & BL (Business Limited) a 2.23 Acre Site Located at 29 West Park Place & a .15-Acre Site Located Along the Eastern Edge of 29 West Park Place to be Used for Additional Parking for 318 South College Avenue (2nd Read. 10/22/07)

#### 9. ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLISHED AGENDA:

##### A. COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- 1. Resolution No. 07- : In Appreciation of Cpt. John J. Potts, Newark Police Department

##### B. COMMITTEES, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

- 1. Appointment to Planning (Mayor & Dist. 3 Appts.)
- 2. Appointment to Board of Adjustment (Mayor Appt)
- 3. Resignation from Conservation Advisory Commission (District 6)
- 4. Planning Commission Minutes of September 4, 2007
- 5. Appointment to Community Development/Revenue Sharing - (Mayor Appt.)

##### C. OTHERS: None

#### 10. SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- A. Special Reports from Manager & Staff:
  - 1. Approval of Audit Report
- B. Alderman's Report
- C. Financial Statement
- D. Request for Executive Session re Pending Litigation (Durkin v. Newark)

#### \*OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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np 9/21

## THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF

Eric Nicholas Stewart  
PETITIONER(S)

TO  
Eric Nicholas Teel

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*Brandy A. Huffer*  
Petitioner

*Walt J. ...*  
Petitioner

Dated: 9/4/07

np 9/14,21,28

## THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF

Saymond You  
PETITIONER(S)

TO  
Alexander Saymond You

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*Joseph ...*  
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A115 - Diente Dulce LLC - machinery  
A169 - Dorothy Mangrum - TV, bags, speakers, mattress & box spring  
A175 - Antoine Gibbs - floor lamp, suitcase, stereo, laptop  
A239 - Joslyn Cunningham - bags, mattress, clothes, floor lamp  
A251 - James Perry - tools, speakers, fan, boxes  
B312 - William Bradley - air conditioner, mattress, sofa  
B432 - Larkia Jackson - head board, dresser  
B315 - Rahmorial Pennewell - TV, fishing equipment, mattress  
C517 - Janeen Jones - stereo, TV, bags  
C611 - Jim Wright - TV, books, boxes  
C616 - Nancy Mccarson - washer, toys, totes, toolbox  
D713 - Myrtle Collins - books, bags, totes  
D805 - Deborah George - printer, tool box, bicycle  
D822 - Donald Gatling - ironing board, suitcase, toys  
D824 - Cedric Beacham - stereo equipment, washer, speakers, dryer  
D832 - Tracey Nilan - boxes, box spring, tools, TV's  
E912 - Phyllis Willingham - couch, desk, kitchen table  
E934 - Ileen Smoke - totes, couch, bags  
E1029 - Stacey Tyson - microwave, file cabinet, car jack, car engine  
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Robert Gary Cooke  
9/13/07  
np 9/21

**THE COURT OF  
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OF DELAWARE  
IN AND FOR  
NEW CASTLE COUNTY**  
IN RE: CHANGE OF  
NAME OF  
Frank Sansu  
PETITIONER(S)  
TO  
Fanica Sansu  
NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that Frank Sansu  
intends to present a  
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Common Pleas for the  
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for New Castle County,  
to change his name to  
Fanica Sansu.

*Fanica Sansu*  
Petitioner

Dated: 9/4/07  
np 9/14,21,28

**THE COURT OF  
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FOR THE STATE  
OF DELAWARE  
IN AND FOR  
NEW CASTLE COUNTY**  
IN RE: CHANGE OF  
NAME OF  
Teresa Sharp Tritt  
PETITIONER(S)  
TO  
Teresa Louise Sharp  
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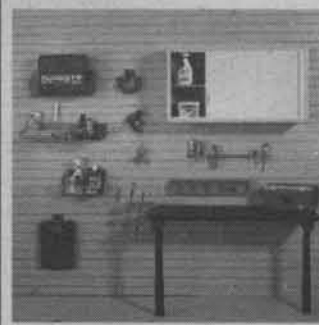
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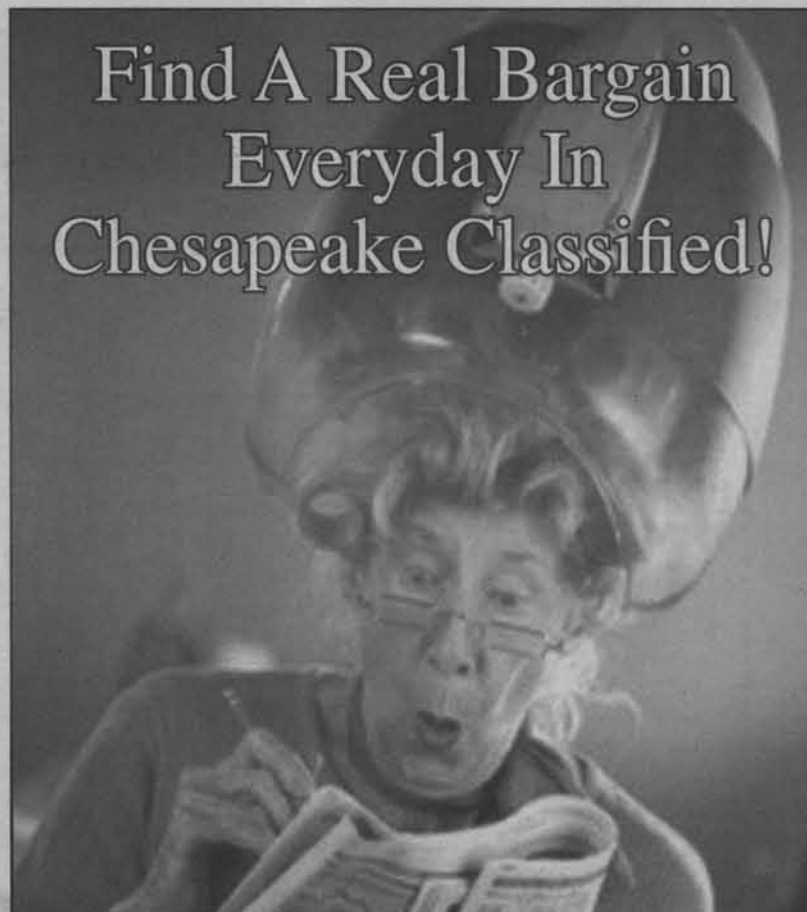
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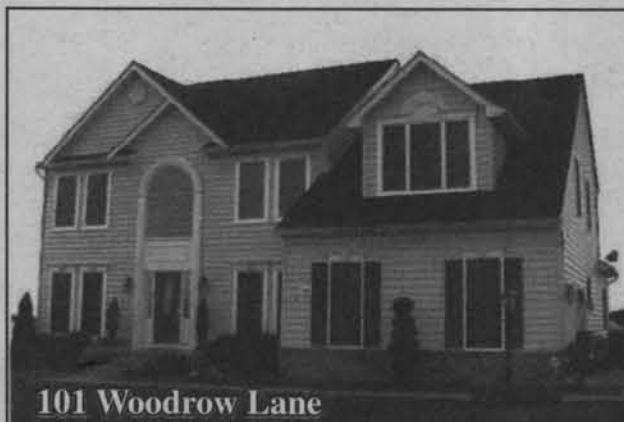
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**BEAR** Rose Hill Comm. at Rt 896 & Denny Rd, Sat 9/22, 8-2p Rain Date Sun 9/23

New Today



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New Today

**CONOWINGO-** 1323 Liberty Grove Rd Sat Sept 22nd, 7-? Lots of things!

**COLORA-** 1775 Colora Road., off 276 & Firetower Rd. Sat & Sun Sept 22 & 23. 8am-3pm. Crib, bedding, books, baby items/ clothes, toys, bouncers, swing, HH items, movies.



**COLORA:** Macintosh Dr off Liberty Grove Rd. Sat, 9/22, 8-? Fabulous deals, furn, food, hot tub anything from A-Z.

New Today



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**ELKTON-** 109 James St (Gilpin Heights by High Sch). Sat Sept 22nd, 7:30-? Washer/ dryer, h/h, toys, clothes.

New Today

**ELKTON-** 607 Rickets Mill Road, off of Appleton, Sat Sept 22nd 8-2. Kids clothes, barbies, Wilton Cake pans. H/h.

**ELKTON.** 32 Childs RD on Sat. Sept. 22 @7am. **MULTI-FAMILY.** Electronics, household, weights, furniture, books & so much more. Rain or shine!

New Today

**ELKTON:** 121 Hollingsworth Manor, Rd #5. Sat & Sun, 9/22 & 9/23, 10am-4pm. Old glassware, 125 VHS movies, womens clothes, household & misc items. Everything in good condition.

New Today



**ELKTON** 150 Mike Ct Walnut Hill Dev. Sat 9/22, 9a-3p microwave, h/h items & more!

New Today



**ELKTON** 2028 Blue Ball Road, Saturday 9/22 7am-2pm clothes, furniture & misc.



**ELKTON:** 9 Chesapeake Elderly Apt's. Off White Hall Rd & Rt 40. Sat, Sept 22, 8am-? H/H baby items, plants, etc.

New Today

**ELKTON / CHES CITY** 145 River Rd. (Rt 213 South, right at Bakers, turn at first right, left at the y.) Sat, Sept 22, 8am-4pm. Antiques, collectables, 60's pin ball machine, small sailboats, gas range, furn, oak refrigerator, Hoosier, '48 Chevy pick up.

## 660 YARD SALES

New Today



**ELKTON** 113 Park Town Dr, off Delaware Ave, Sat 9/22 8-2p Rain Date 9/23 pool, bicycle, candles, ladies clothing, dishes, h/h goods & etc

New Today



**Elkton** 1856 Old Elk Neck Rd Fri 9/21 & Sat 9/22 8-? Country decor, h/h, toys, clothing, inf. girl & boys 5-6, lawn and garden, lots of misc.

New Today



**ELKTON** Leeds United Methodist Church, 1579 Blue Ball Rd Sat 9/22 8-1p Rain or shine **HUGE** - 14 plus families, children items, h/h something for everyone!



**ELKTON-** 69 Mary Anita Court, (213 to Leeds to Daniel Bathon). Sat Sept 22nd, 8-1. Furn, computers, desk, set of golf clubs, craft supplies, clothes, tools, books and toys.

New Today



**ELKTON-** 2021 Blue Ball Rd. If rain on Fri no sale on Sat, Sat 9/22 7am-? Rugs, halogen heaters, curtains, dehumidifiers, pots & pans, dishes, knick knacks, bed spreads, blankets & sheets, pillows, microwave, TV, lots of mens & ladies coats & clothing, sewing machine, mirrors, park benches, pool table (needs covered) & much much more!

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New Today



**ELKTON** 318 Maloney Rd, 3rd house on left past the Indoor Tennis Courts Sat 9/22 8-? No early birds please. Men's clothes Nike sweats & nylon pants, name brand jeans 34-36, name brand Hilfiger, Polo, Nautica, dress shirts & 3 button polo shirts 15-16 & lg - xlg, some still w/tags, sweaters, women's name brand Charter Club, Kasper suits, pants, twin sweater sets 8-16, blouses, jackets, shoes sz 8 1/2-9, girl baby winter clothes 3 mos-18mo, boys clothes sz 3-4 T, high chair & swing, jr clothes 5-11, towels, framed pic's, new Subwoofer, Abflex, computer monitor, Beanie Babies (1st out), Vanguard ventless gas heater, Peachtree steel door w/glass w/removable grid (woodgrain finish), 2 maple youth beds complete & boys linens, flr lamp w/marble shelf in center, solid cherry desk w/leather inlay & locking file drawer, Christmas items, toys, books, RCA XL 100 wood cabinet 24 in. color tv, Bissell rug shampooer, & many more items!!!!

New Today

**FAIR HILL:** 235 Fair Hill Dr. Rt 213, last turn before Rt 273. Sat, Sept 22, 7am-? Early birds welcome! Furniture, lawn equipment, clothes, housewares, toys, lots of misc.

New Today



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## 660 YARD SALES

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**MOVING SALE** **ELKTON-** 111 Stratton Circle in Academy Hills off 213. Sat Sept 22nd, 8-2. Seasonal decor, lots of plastic shelving, furn, tons more come see.

New Today



**RISING SUN-** Rt 273 North of the circle @ Benjamin's Market. Saturday Sept., 22nd, 8AM. Baby toys, clothes, furn, brass and silver, videos & household items.

New Today

**NORTH EAST:** 647 Mechanics Valley Rd. Saturday, September 22, 7:30am-Noon.

New Today

**N. EAST-** Bouchelle Rd/ Rock Creek Park ( off of 40 & Mech's Valley). **FRIDAY only.** 9/21 8-5. A little of everything.

New Today

**NORTH EAST:** Manor Motel on Rt 40. Sat, Sept 22 & Sun Sept 23, 7-4. Bring a little \$. Take home shoes to leather. Leather coats \$5 & up, kids & adult shoes \$1 & up, kids clothes up to sz 8, Halloween items, bookshelf, display racks & much more!

New Today



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New Today



**PORT DEPOSIT** On Rt 276 across from Waterwitch Fire Co. Sat, 9/22, 8am-? H/h, yarn.

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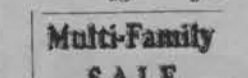


**PERRYVILLE** 110 Greenbank Rd, off Carpenters Point Rd, Sat 9/22 9am-3pm house hold items, toys & etc.

New Today

**RISING SUN** 84 Codjus Dr in Octoraro Lakes off Rt 1 Saturday, 9/22, 8am-2pm. Lawn mowers, housewares, antiques, collectibles

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**RISING SUN-** 26 Post Road off Biggs Hwy. Saturday 9/22. 8am-? New windows, crib, h/h, furniture, collectibles.

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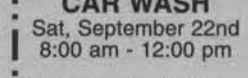
**RISING SUN** 88 Bard Cameron Road, off Ebenezer Church Rd Fri & Sat 9/22 8a-? Multi-family / **MOVING SALE**, A little bit of everything

New Today



**RISING SUN** 26 Calvert Rd just off Biggs Hwy Rt 274 Sat 9/22 & Sun 9/23 9am-? collectible Barbies, youth hunting clothes, h/h items lots of odds & ends

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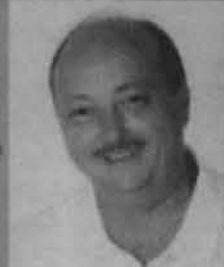


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BY MARGARET LITTMAN  
CTW FEATURES

If you're green-minded, you may have been looking at all the pretty, eco-friendly décor options for your house with a touch of envy. Maybe it's the bright colors in the recycled glass countertops or the crisp, sleek look of bamboo bedding that you found attractive. But then there's the price tag.

The downside of all the latest and greatest in eco home décor is that they have the latest and greatest prices to match. But never fear – there are ways to go green and save some green, too. Make your home an eco-friendly, second-hand rose by using recycled and repurposed materials that don't cost much, if anything.

Whether scavenging for goods at a flea market, in your grandmother's attic or even in your own basement, certain rules apply when assessing what makes for a great, and not-so-great, find. Some second-hand experts weighed in with their rules of turning trash into home décor treasure, while simultaneously treading lightly on Mother Earth.

When Kathy Peterson, design expert and author of *Kathy Peterson's Great Outdoor Decorating Makeovers*



**Repurpose and reinvent:** The addition of some paint, pillows and plants to the room above gave it a new identity; sprucing up an outside refuge is as simple as dressing up a vintage sugar can with fresh flowers. (Images courtesy of Kathy Peterson's *Great Outdoor Decorating Makeovers*)

(Watson-Guptill, 2004) had a favorite chair break, she took the decorative back and hung it on the wall in a guest bedroom. There it has served as a sturdy quilt rack, as well as a fun conversation piece. And it allowed her to keep looking at the piece she loved.

Not every second-hand home décor project is that simple. Sally Schwartz, one of the founders of the Chicago Antique Market (a favorite

stop of local interior designers), is a fan of using broken or old dishes and porcelain that no longer serves your tabletop as the perfect substitute for tile. This project takes several days, but no more than it would take to tile with store-bought squares. Smash the dishes into appropriate-sized pieces (with a hammer) and then use a clear epoxy to tile the backsplash in a kitchen, the funky floor of an entrance way, or the top of a coffee table. Grout between the pieces as you would grout between tiles.

"A lot of furniture gets messed up because of the top surface," Schwartz says. Rather than pitch that piece of furniture, she says an old mirror can be cut to any size to replace a beaten-up table top, either on a coffee table or end table. Then, you get to keep the piece's good legs without cringing every time you look at the beaten-up top.

The opposite works, too, points out Florida-based Peterson. "Kitchen tables with damage on the lower part of the legs can be made into coffee



## Sometimes, things are too far gone

Almost anything can be repaired with enough elbow grease and effort. But those who have been there and done that say there are some kinds of damage that simply aren't worth the hassle.

- Rust stains are notoriously difficult, if not impossible, to remove. Corrosion or significant rust on a metal item is only going to get worse and is difficult to stop.
- Chips in glassware that are used as planters or vases are hardly noticeable. But stay away from such imperfect pieces in your table setting — you don't want to risk cutting a lip or a finger.
- Short of a dye job, there's not much you can do to restore faded fabrics.
- Anything painted with lead paint isn't worth your time or energy.
- Wood furniture with burrowing holes from bugs? Enough said.

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## Twice as nice –

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tables and sideboards. Simply cut the damage off to shorten the legs." When Peterson spruces up furniture she likes to use easy-to-clean-up latex spray paints.

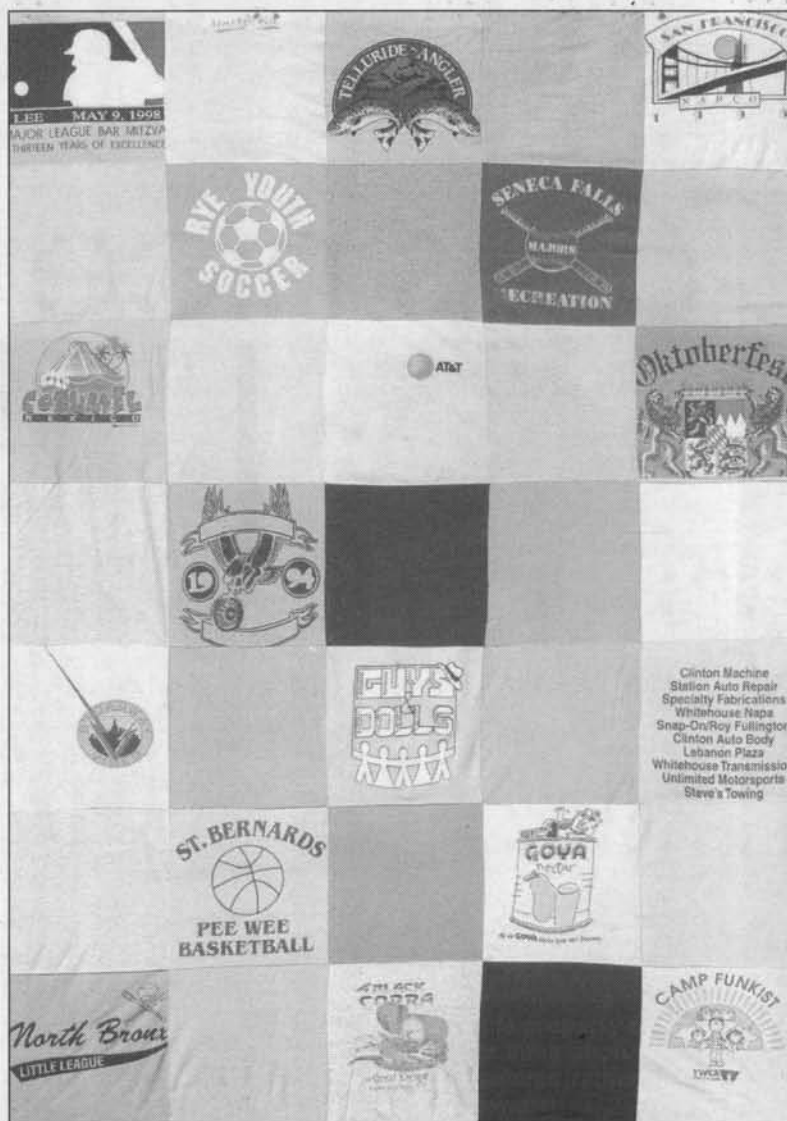
"It is nice to mix old and new," adds Kate Shifrin, a Chicago style consultant and owner of Come Flea with Me, a company that takes aspiring collectors on flea market tours in locales from Pasadena to Paris. "The trick is to think about using things in different ways. You can have a picture from a magazine or ideas from other people's houses, but I think it is best just to look for things that really speak to you."

You don't have to limit your environmentally friendly décor to furniture and backsplashes. Old clothing can be made into pillow shams while shower curtains are easily turned into waterproof outdoor tablecloths.

New York-based stitch'T will take a collection of old T-shirts commemorating anything from vacations to 5K runs to concerts and turn them into a wall hanging, duvet cover or other recycled keepsake within weeks. If you own a sewing machine, you might think this is a project you can do on your own – and you might be right.

But second-hand mavens caution that loading up on supplies for possible projects does not make for an improved quality of life. Take on projects that you know have time, equipment and inclination to do.

Otherwise, it just becomes clutter. Either pay someone else to repurpose or repair your finds, or pick a different project, they say. ■



## Safety first

When repurposing furniture and bedding to help make your home makeover green, make sure to use cleaning and refinishing products that are safe for the environment.

Instead of using toxic chemicals to clean furniture, for example, try borax or baking soda to banish dirt and mold. Vinegar and lemon juice will work their magic on waxy tabletop buildup.

If you plan on freshening up your finds with a new coat of paint, choose one of the new low-VOC paints.

**Left:** There's no need to part with that collection of beloved old T-shirts taking up space in a much-needed drawer. They can be reborn as a quilt, wall hanging, or handmade recycled keepsake. Do it yourself, if you feel so inclined, or pay someone else and free up your time to enjoy your other finds. (Image courtesy of stitch 'T)

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# Who lived here?



*The internet and old public records can help reveal a house's history*

By Melissa Kossler Dutton  
Associated Press

Jenne Scigo's curiosity about the original owner of her home began before she even took possession of the 100-year-old Victorian. While looking at the house with a real-estate agent, she noticed small carvings of lions and bears around the windows in its two parlors.

"What made them choose wild animals?" she wondered.

After Scigo and her husband, Rob Erickson, bought the house in Fremont, Neb., she used records from the deed office at the courthouse, building permits, newspaper archives and files from the historical society to research the history of the house and its former occupants.

"I was kind of hoping my house had an interesting history to it," says Scigo, a 28-year-old software designer who always dreamed of restoring an old home. Learning about the previous owners makes her feel connected to the property.

Owners of older houses often develop a sentimental curiosity: It's common to wonder about who slept in the bedrooms, cooked in the kitchen or entertained in the living room.

Research has become easier as more records are posted online, and amateur historians trade information and strategies via the Internet.

There generally are two kinds of information to look for when delving into a home's history: previous owners, and physical changes to the prop-

erty or structure.

Creating a list of former owners is a natural first step. Some of that information can be obtained from local deed offices, says Georgen Charnes, curator of library and archives at the Nantucket (Mass.) Historical Association. Deeds are a good starting point because you begin with the present owner and work backward.

"Find out who owned it before you and who owned it before them and who owned it before them," she says.

To learn who designed a building and what renovations have occurred, visit the local office that handles building permits. Permits may have been filed when electrical, plumbing or other construction work was done.

Detailed maps created for the insurance industry also may contain rewards for house sleuths. The most popular, called Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, give block-by-block renderings of many cities. Created between 1867 and 1961, they were periodically updated. Some include information about construction materials and what a building's primary use was.

Consult as many sources as possible, advises Jana Armstead, manager of the Research and Building Permit Collection at Ramsey County Historical Society in St. Paul, Minn. Much depends on who happened to write out the permits or forms. She loves finding paperwork from conscientious clerks who filled in all the blanks and added handwritten notes.

"We're completely at the mercy of the people that filed these documents,"



The home of Amy Handford in St. Paul, Minn., yielded many treasures during a recent remodel, including a Prince Albert tobacco tin, a blue medicine bottle, and several overshoes. (AP Photo/Ann Heisenfelt)

she says.

Robert Goodspeed, a graduate student who used to work for a research company, located the original 1885 building permit for the brick row house he rents in Washington. He says he spent 15 to 20 hours researching the building and its former tenants by looking at census records, city directories and newspaper archives.

"None of the skills you need are very complicated," he says. "It just takes a little time."

Goodspeed undertook the project to feel connected to his new hometown.

"I'm a newcomer to Washington, D.C.," he says. "Many of the previous residents are similar to me — younger people coming to the city looking for opportunities."

Census records, taken every 10 years beginning in 1790, may provide names, occupations, birthplaces and ages of a home's occupants.

City directories, the forerunner to today's phonebooks, often listed names, addresses, occupations, spouses and children, and whether occupants owned or rented. Some larger cities began publishing the directories in the late 18th century, and they became widely popular in the 1800s.

Amy Handford found old upholstery tools during the restoration of her 1877 Gothic Stick and Italianate home in St. Paul. The city directory confirmed that the original owners, Michael and Rose Walter, ran a nearby upholstery shop, she says.

Handford believes the Walters were German immigrants because a

German newspaper from 1877 was found attached to a stud in the kitchen. The neighborhood was predominantly German during the late 1800s.

"We were finding things all the time," she says. "We found a petrified banana peel with an electrician's card from the '20s in the ceiling. I was just fascinated."

Scigo learned the name of her house's original owner — Ross Hammond — from a printout the Fremont deed office gave her listing all transactions related to the property. A Google search revealed Hammond was the editor of the town paper, which his family owned.

Scigo then went to the historical society. The lives of prominent citizens are more likely to be chronicled in newspapers, but even short obituaries and marriage notices can offer insights. She learned that Hammond was raised a Quaker, married in 1885, had four children, and was active in civic organizations and politics.

She also learned something about two of the house's other previous owners: a beloved college math professor who listed "maintaining a house" as one of his hobbies in a work survey, and a piano teacher who gave lessons in the front parlor.

The animal carvings in the parlor? Well, some things are still a mystery.

But Scigo is happy with her progress.

"I'm just amazed," she says, "that I found any information at all about the people that owned my house." ■

## More tips to help research a house's history

1. Find the property's parcel number — usually listed on tax documents or deeds of sale — because older records may be filed by parcel number rather than address.

2. Call ahead to see where old building permits are filed or if they are available on microfilm. Old permits are not necessarily stored in the current planning office.

3. If you're having difficulty finding information about your address, consider the possibility that the house may have been renumbered, the street renamed or county lines redrawn.

4. See if the local library has any historical files.

5. Put an ad in the local newspaper or neighborhood newsletter asking for information about the property or photos of it.



# The next generation of swimming pools

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By Margaret Littman  
CTW Features

Your swimming pool — whether it's the one next to your deck or the one in your imagination — is supposed to be a backyard oasis. An oasis is intended to be a place to escape from work and sweltering weather. But if your pool is like many built in the last several decades, it likely looks less like an oasis and more like a concrete trough with a blue-tiled bottom.

That turquoise rectangle may date your outdoor décor as much as those 1970s avocado appliances that once made your kitchen look passé. As is the case with home décor and fashion, the hot trend in swimming pools can be summed up in one word: natural.

Lucas Congdon, president of Sarasota, Fla.-based Lucas Lagoons Inc., says "natural is very much in." In fact, designers say the majority of high-end swimming pools installed today have some "organic" element to them, whether that element is the use of natural rock and stone, greenery planted in the water, or a free-form shape.

In addition to new construction, existing pools also can be retrofitted for a 21st-century natural look. Congdon estimates that between 60 percent to 75 percent of his work is rehabbing existing swimming pools.

Congdon and other landscape architects, designers and contractors are increasingly creating free-form



Enhance your pool with organic elements, such as a fire pit. (Image courtesy of Lucas Lagoons, Inc.)

swimming pools that are integrated with the surrounding gardens. "I like to make the yard an extension of the house, turn it into living space outside, and the pool is part of that," Congdon says.

These custom-built pools can evoke the great outdoors in all its glory.

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"Pool building is so advanced these days that there isn't anything they cannot do," says Justin Cave, host of HGTV's "Ground Breakers" and owner of Sierra Consulting, an Atlanta-area landscaping firm.

All 13 of the backyards being overhauled on "Ground Breakers" include swimming pools. While Cave says kidney-shaped swimming pools are the most popular, pools can be built to fit almost any lot shape and house plan, mimicking Mother Nature's ponds, lagoons and swimming holes. In fact, many designers prefer to call their man-made creations lagoons or swimming ponds to help distinguish them from the more traditional pool.

"The natural, free-form pool is all about the materials," Cave says.

To begin to create the look of your

dreams, the first question to ask is whether to use real rock or faux stone. For Congdon, it isn't even a question; he goes for real rock all the time. He feels that faux rock doesn't stand the test of time as well. It can fade and chip in as little as two years, making the big investment look dated more quickly. At Lucas Lagoons he hires old-world-style stone-masons to find rock that matches the look the homeowner wants, such as going to Kentucky for indigenous rock for one Florida homeowner who wanted to be reminded of his native Kentucky hill country.

Congdon developed a system to make "coping," the material that covers the circumference edge of the pool where the deck and the pool meet, out of real rock. He hollows out triangular pieces of rock to give a natural appearance to the man-made elements of the pool.

Cave has what he calls "many little tricks" for incorporating real rock into swimming-pool design, of which one of his favorites of which is the pebble-bottom floor.

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This pool, which won a medal in design from the Florida Swimming Pool Association, has an entryway made of real sand. (Image courtesy of Lucas Lagoons, Inc.)

factor in both the cost of going to a quarry to acquire the rock and the fact that its increased weight requires a larger team to install it. Ron Smith, a California landscape contractor whose work has been featured on HGTV's outdoor rehab show, "Get Out, Way Out!," is impressed by man-made rock created by going out into nature and making molds of boulders and other wilderness finds, and then using those molds to build replicas from synthetic materials.

Pine Hall Brick, Winston-Salem, N.C., has seen an increased use in pavers made from North Carolina and Georgia clay for patios surrounding swimming pools. Because of the bricks' lighter color and the natural origin, they create a less-jarring visual border to the pool than concrete or a wood deck.

No matter the type of landscaping, it is the plants that are the essential finishing touches. "You never see rocks in nature that are just rocks without plants," Congdon says. Depending on the desired look and the climate, these range from sea grasses in a beach area to tall palm trees that can provide shade during a hot day. (Most natural pools use an ionization system to control algae, as opposed to chlorination, so plants can survive, but the water can still be bacteria-free. However, plants must be salt-tolerant in order to thrive in the splash-heavy environment.)

"You can give it a natural free-form look and still have a natural look," Cave says. "It does not have to look

like you are in a jungle."

One particular design, the beach entry, appeals both to those with young children — because it creates gentle shallow areas — as well as those whose kids have flown the nest. Like many other features of natural pools, the beach entry lends itself to grown-up entertaining — it is much more festive to gather 'round the beach than a concrete staircase. Congdon says many of his empty-nester clients will pull up beach chairs and relax in the shallow end waters.

"That old, ugly pool becomes a lot nicer for people to use when it fits in with the landscape," Smith says.

But just because these custom pools have high price tags and are often thought of as more grown-up, it doesn't mean that natural pools can't be fun. Cave has installed "dive rocks," which are essentially large boulders that can be used as a diving board without breaking up the pleasant view like a traditional diving board would.

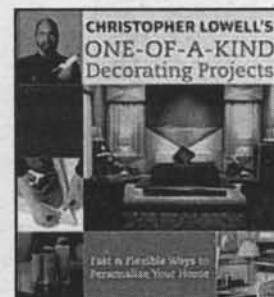
And Congdon breaks his no-fake-materials rule for one element: water slides. He'll build a grotto out of real rock, then use synthetic materials and paint to carve out a "stream" that functions as a slide.

"It is really nice for me when people tell me that they feel like they can use their pool again," he adds. "They talk about entertaining and how the lagoon is part of the atmosphere. But adults are just big kids, they want to have fun." ■

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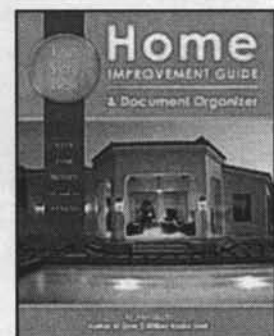
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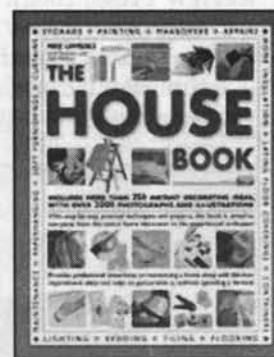
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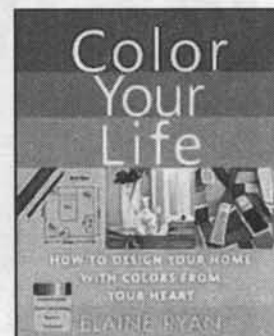
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# How can you assess child-safety risks in your home? Learn, listen to your gut — and get down on the floor

By Melissa Rayworth  
Associated Press

Erin Street's 15-month-old, Nate, finds fresh opportunities for exploration — and injury — each day. "Before, you could just put him in one area and he'd pretty much stay there," says Street, of Hoover, Ala. "Suddenly, he was running across the house ... he's just in the thick of getting into everything."

So, like many parents, she began buying childproofing products. "We started with a couple of gates and closing up electrical outlets," she says, "but there's so much more out there."

Some she has resisted buying. "Nothing is going to keep kids 100 percent safe, unless you put them in a bubble. And that's not how I want my child to grow up," she says. "It's a tough line, because of course you want to wrap them in your arms and never let them down."

In an age when professional services will come to your home and childproof the stairs, fireplace, cabinets, bookcases and other possible risks, many parents are struggling to decide where to draw that line.

The market for childproofing products has grown considerably, according to Amy Miles, project manager for One Step Ahead, which offers the basics (drawer locks, doorknob covers, bed rails, etc.) and some less obvious items, such as knee pads and helmets for fledgling walkers (Miles says they're "actually a huge, huge seller").

Today's parents are "really into protecting their child," she says. "People generally start out with what they remember or what they've seen in someone's house — the toilet lock for the lid, a gate or two. Then, it's really funny because if you track that customer, you see them coming back with, 'I need that, and I need that, too...'"

"It's the old philosophy of 'you turn your head for a minute and something happens,'" Miles says.

Emily Heagle, a Minneapolis mother of a 19-month-old girl, concurs: "If you go to Babies-R-Us or a place like that, there's a child safety section and it's huge ... And suddenly every other parent is saying, 'Do you have the foam helmet?' Then it becomes this word-of-mouth thing, where you're the bad parent if you don't have the foam helmet."

So how can safety-conscious parents cut through the hype to decide what's really necessary?

- *Get educated. Talk with parents you trust, and your pediatrician.*

"Experienced parents love to pass on good safety tips," says Alan Korn, director of public policy for the advocacy group Safe Kids USA. And "pediatricians are now making it part of their responsibility to educate."

- *Learn about safety risks in your home by literally exploring it from a child's perspective.*

"Getting down on the floor, looking around, you'll get a better idea of all the hazards," says Dr. Joan Shook, medical director of the emergency department at Texas Children's Hospital.

After analyzing their home in Washington, D.C., Lynne Emanuel and her husband, Mike, decided their marble coffee table could be a risk to their son, Savas, now 19 months. "So we got one of those



Erin Street's 15-month-old son Nate looks through a baby gate at the top of the stairs at their home in Hoover, Ala. (AP Photo/Butch Dill)

pads that go around it," she says. They also moved several plants.

- *Trust your instincts.*

"Parents face tremendous pressure to act responsibly through purchasing the latest safety product. They are continually incited to fear the worst. As a result they are discouraged from relying on their common sense and intuition," said Frank Furedi, professor of sociology at the University of Kent in England and author of *Paranoid Parenting* (Chicago Review Press, 2002).

"The use of safety products can send out the signal that rather than being a safe haven, your home is a threatening environment."

Shook advises against hiring an expert. "I've

never seen any data that suggest that professional childproofing decreases the likelihood of an accidental problem over just appropriately vigilant home childproofing by somebody who is looking out for the child," she says.

- *Reassess frequently.*

"Childproofing needs to be looked at as sort of a continuous process," says Shook. "What you need to do for somebody who's crawling is pretty different than for someone who's walking, and then somebody who is walking well and is able to get into things."

Once children begin walking, that's when cabinet locks or a stove guard might be necessary.

"Once they can go outside, do you have a swimming pool in your neighborhood? Do you have a busy street close to your home?" Shook asks. If so, a door chain might be a good investment.

And as older children graduate to toys with smaller pieces, a baby gate or playpen may be needed to keep smaller siblings from swallowing something.

- *Supervision is vital.*

"Over the past 15 years we have seen the injury death rate drop by 45 percent, which is really a miraculous improvement," Korn says. Shook has seen a similar drop in injury-related emergency room visits by children.

But both attribute that improvement mainly to increased knowledge and supervision by parents, rather than to specific childproofing products. Even the most high-tech item can't replace a watchful adult.

- *Consider the value of a few scrapes and bruises.*

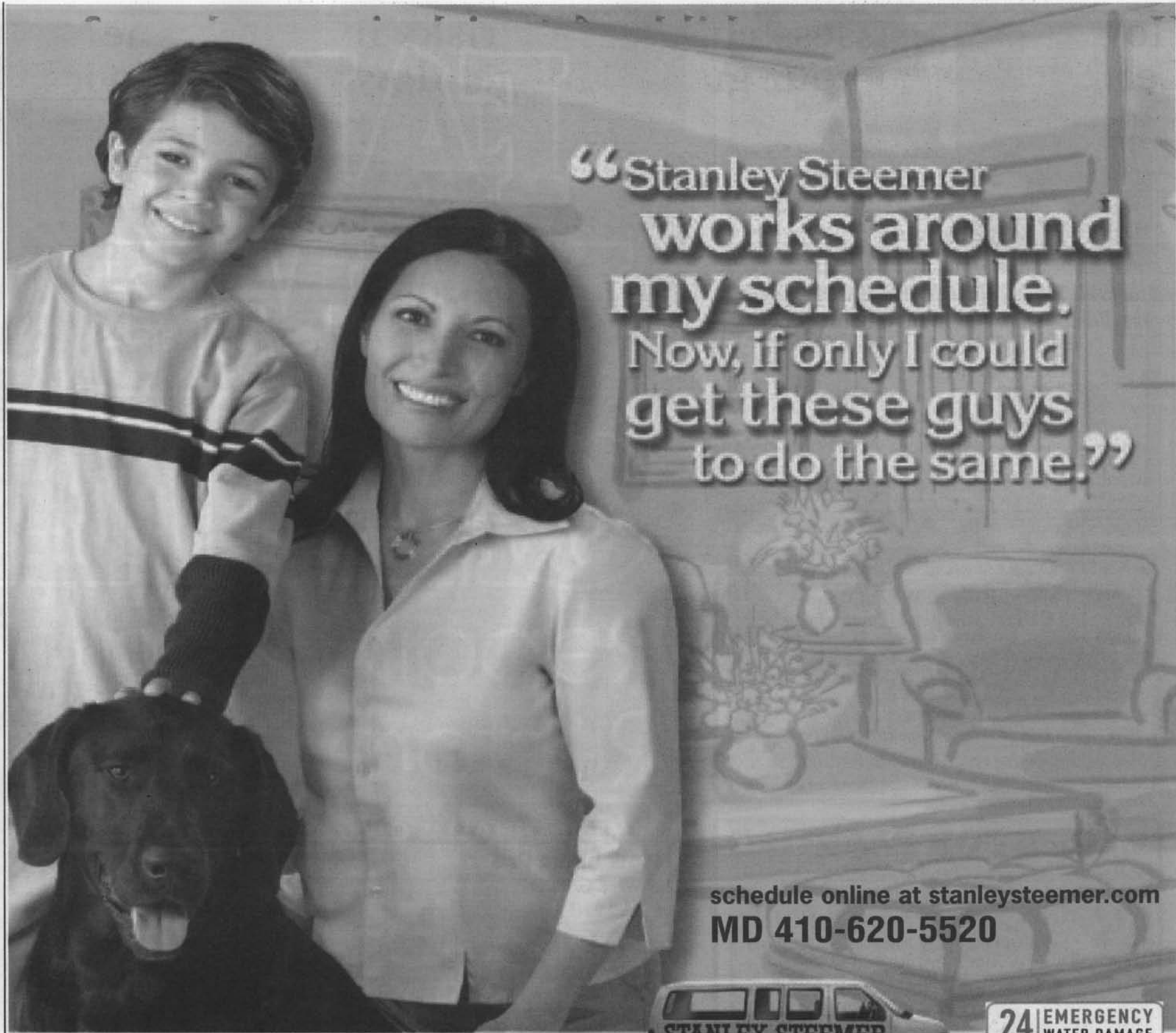
Excessive childproofing "immunizes children from engaging with everyday experience. Children need to learn to deal with the unexpected so that they can acquire the skill of managing risks," says Furedi.

"Pain and misfortune are part of every child's experience," he says, and can teach important lessons "about limits and ... an understanding of the fact that their activity could have negative outcomes." ■



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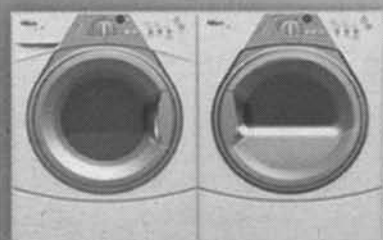
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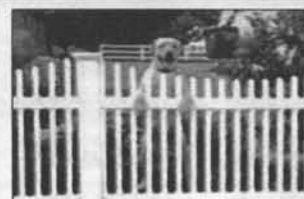
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BY ROBERT SHAROFF  
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McClintock has dressed many a bride and prom queen during her 40-plus-year career. Now she is taking it all a step further with a new bed and bath collection as well as a new book – *Simply Romantic Decorating: Creating Elegance and Intimacy Throughout Your Home* (Rodale Books, 2007) written with lifestyle journalist Karen Kelly – wherein she lays out her home-decorating philosophy.

Minimal she is not. Using her own meticulously restored Victorian house in San Francisco as her laboratory and launching pad, she explains everything from the fine points of 18th century ormolu (a gilding method for furniture and other home accessories) to buying furniture and gardening.

"I am reality-based," she insists. Well, maybe. What is indisputable, however, is the loveliness of the vision. Looking at the dozens of photographs that illustrate the book, the 20th century with its ceaseless din and clamor seems a distant

memory.

Instead we find ourselves in an elegant parallel universe where 16-foot ceilings, marble fireplaces and rococo furnishings appear to be the norm.

"Romantic style replenishes your energy, keeps you grounded and transports you to another world without making you feel like a guest in your own house," says McClintock. "Surround yourself with beauty and softness, and you feel special."

*HomeStyle:* How would you describe your style?

*Jessica McClintock:* I have a romantic feeling about life. I like Merchant-Ivory movies and candlelight and beautiful rooms. I like the patina of age. I also like anything that's clean and white.

*HS:* You seem in love with the 18th century.

*McClintock:* I am. I've always been interested in history and culture and that period was a time when the arts really began to blossom. There was a beauty and a symmetry to design back then that I really like.

*HS:* I've sat on 18th century chairs and they're not very comfortable. How do you reconcile comfort with style?

*McClintock:* Well, you know, part of it is about proportions. I'm 5 feet 4 inches tall and quite thin. Eighteenth Century furniture actually fits me pretty well. I can sit down and my feet touch the floor.

But I also have some overstuffed chairs and sofas – mainly copies of older pieces – that are nice for relaxing. I like a mix of old and new.

*HS:* Among other things, your book chronicles the renovation you did on your vintage Victorian house in San Francisco. What's special about it?

*McClintock:* It's an official historic landmark, for one thing, which means you have to get permission from the city before you change anything. It was built in 1889 for a spice merchant and looks out on San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge. I have some photographs that were taken right after the house was finished that show the house and the bay but no bridge in the background. I like that – I like the sense that the house has a past and a place in history.

*HS:* How long have you owned it?

*McClintock:* Since the early 1980s. The owner before me was Francis Ford Coppola, the director. Coppola and I obviously have very different sensibilities. One of my favorite rooms is the first-floor music room, which I remodeled along the lines of the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles. When Coppola lived here, however, there was an Andy Warhol portrait of Mao Zedong over the fireplace and a lot of neon tubing on the ceiling. Coppola also installed a movie theater in the basement which I kept for a while – my son liked it – but which I'm now redoing as a butler's apartment.

*HS:* Victorian houses were notoriously dark and with a lot of small rooms. How did you change that?

*McClintock:* We opened up the doorways between rooms, made them taller and wider. And we painted. The whole house is shades of white and cream and beige.

*HS:* Did you combine rooms?

*McClintock:* We took down a few walls, particularly in the kitchen. I don't really cook, but I kept thinking of my grandparents' kitchen. They lived in a big old house in Maine and I have a lot of marvelous memories of watching my grandmother cook. She had six boys to feed, plus two granddaughters, so it seemed like she was always making something. I still remember how wonderful the aromas that came out of that kitchen were.

*HS:* How has your style evolved?

*McClintock:* Growing up, I was very modern. I read every magazine and was into every new fashion trend. But I came to realize that there are a lot of ways to be creative. Modern is certainly one way to go. But I've always been drawn to the past, to history. I think of myself as a romantic soul. I sometimes think there is this giant in my head – my mother – telling me to make it pretty. And I listen to her. ■



# BIG GARDEN IDEAS *can sprout in small spaces*

By Alison Lapp

(AP) — Years of wearing out the asphalt, plodding between a fluorescent-lit office and a Formica-laden apartment, can make city dwellers feel more than a little removed from nature.

When your last dirt-beneath-the-fingers experience was being splashed by a bus driving too close to the sidewalk, it might be time to remember the therapeutic properties of gardening.

But for urban residents who fear their minuscule or nonexistent yards rule out gardening, be encouraged: Big arranging ideas can sprout in small spaces.

Here are a few suggestions.

## *The container garden*

Getting a diverse plant mix is key to creating an eye-catching potted garden, whether rooted in an easy-to-water hanging basket or in a window planter on public display.

Ellen Zachos, an instructor at the New York Botanical Gardens, advised an audience at the last Philadelphia Flower Show to use the "thriller, filler, spiller" approach to gardening in containers, for multiple levels of interest.

The thriller should be a dramatic vertical plant, like an upright cactus, that sets the horticultural scene. Lush vegetation such as Creeping Jenny, that flows over the front of the container, serves as the spiller. And the filler is everything in-between: mid-sized flowering or leafy plants, like lobelia, that draw the eye from the thriller to the spiller.

Make the container look lush by planting tightly, with leaves intertwining and bulbs, if used, almost touching.

Tip: Water until the water pours through the holes in the container's bottom to ensure that roots grow all the way down.

## *The water garden*

Ponds and waterfalls give a peaceful feeling. A small-space landlubber can recreate that serenity in a

whiskey barrel or clay pot with a watertight liner.

Like their earthbound cousins, nautical plants perform differently based on whether they're placed in the sun or shade. For sunny areas, canna blossom into bright flowers and elephant ears put out equally brilliant leaves, which also sprout in the shade, with a bit less color. Water hyacinths make a purple-blossomed floater for water-level planting; papyrus and horsetail shoot above the water, even in shaded areas.

Lined baskets, plastic tubs, dishpans or clay pots will hold plants within the larger water display. Check with a local gardening specialist to determine ideal underwater depth for each plant. Bricks or stones in the outer barrel or container can help raise individual plants to the correct height.

A fountain providing the tranquil sound of moving water is a great addition to water gardens set up close to an outlet. For more freedom in placing the garden, try a solar-powered fountain.

Note: Water-bound perennials need to stay frost-free in the winter. They can be zipped in plastic bags and stored in a cool location until green spikes start to pop out in the spring.

## *The herb garden*

This container favorite has it all: elegance, fragrance and flavor.

Most herbs respond well to transplanting and can be purchased in a starter pot to be moved to a container. Parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, basil and chives all work this way. Cilantro, however, is averse to transplanting and must be started from seed.

Most herbs can grow placidly side-by-side in the same container. The more aggressive mint and oregano are exceptions and need their own pots to prevent them from crowding out more delicate spices.

A little basic arithmetic is required for raising healthy herbs. Each plant generally needs 6 inches of growing space, so divide the container accordingly. A 36-inch container can hold six herbs, for example. When planting the herbs, leave an inch or two of

space between the top of the soil and the rim of the box, as the soil may rise slightly during watering.

Tip: It may drive sales people crazy, but check the herbs' roots at the garden center before buying. They should be white and unbroken. Don't buy a plant if its roots are brown or smell woody.

Herbs crave natural light, so consider growing them in a box outside the kitchen window. That way, they get their sun while staying accessible for spur-of-the-moment culinary needs.

## *The grow bag garden*

The down-home favorite that most city folks assume they have to forgo is the vegetable garden, but growing tomatoes as sweet as the ones from your mother's back yard is possible with the help of grow bags.

These are simply bags of soil to set up on concrete side yards, apartment terraces or any place where there's no natural dirt. Tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant and peppers all work in grow bags, as do herbs. The bags can be useful for planning when you're still deciding where to establish a permanent garden.

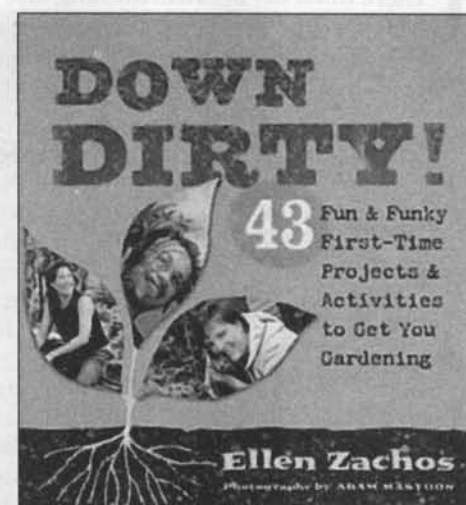
To set up, make a teepee of dowels, or put up a tomato cage for growing support. Then plant carefully. Make sure the roots are not exposed, but don't bury the plant so deeply that the stem gets suffocated.

Cut holes in the bags to let excess water drain, because frequent watering is needed. A drip-irrigation system can ensure plants get enough water while minimizing the amount of time you spend bent over a heavy watering can.

"I know the irrigation system can sound like a big investment and hassle," Zachos said, "but starter kits are inexpensive and can free up so much of your time."

Finally, if the bags' garish colors clash with your earthy deck chairs, surround them in black garbage bags to tone them down and trap in heat.

At the end of the season, cleanup will be easy: Just throw out the grow bags or dump their contents in a compost heap.



A planter made from an old barbecue grill, a plant imbedded in a bag of potting soil, and a container water garden: you'll find these three ideas and more in the book *Down and Dirty*. (AP photos/Storey Publishing/Adam Mastoon)





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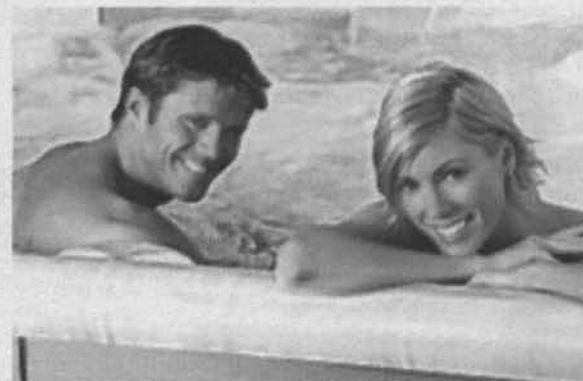
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# GLOBAL WARMING

## Climate change is challenging gardeners to plant smarter

By Dean Fosdick

NEW MARKET, Va. (AP) —Don't look now, but the early signs of climate change have already landed with a thud in our backyards.

Gardeners across the country have to adapt, the sooner the better, said Todd Forrest, vice president for horticulture and living collections with the New York Botanical Garden.

"That means planting smarter and planting for the future," he said. "The first thing gardeners can do is understand they'll have to live with elevated temperatures, including higher nighttime temperatures. In winter, they'll have less snowfall. Those two changes will have a significant impact on what we can grow."

Consider:

- Plants are greening earlier and blooming sooner. They're also lasting longer because of extended growing and frost-free seasons. Heat waves are more intense and frequent, speeding evaporation and drying soils.

- Birds and butterflies are breeding

and migrating earlier.

- Many wildlife and plant species are extending their ranges to higher elevations and more extreme latitudes.

Climate change? More like climate changed, said Page Spencer, chief of natural resources at Lake Clark National Park & Preserve in Southwest Alaska.

"This is a visible and conscious thing in my lifetime," Spencer said. "We're growing apples in Anchorage now and we've never been able to do that before."

A gradual warming — generally attributed to greenhouse gas emissions produced by burning fossil fuels — has been charted for several decades. But the climate's unpredictability is increasing, too.

"The weather is bouncing back and forth at a wild rate," Spencer said. "That's leading to a lot of variability and uncertainty ... Changes in the salmon runs and berry seasons, for example."

For starters, gardeners across the

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Japanese Fiber Banana trees are hardy to -20 degrees Fahrenheit. Gardeners should "take a hard look at bending (hardiness) zones to bring new plants into their yards," says Todd Forrest, vice president for horticulture and living collections with the New York Botanical Garden. (AP Photo/Nati Harnik, File)

## Prepare now for another season of erratic winter weather

Climate change is expected to bring more unpredictable and frequent swings between wet and dry, hot and cold.

A preview came last January, when lawns still were being mowed in Virginia, plum trees were blossoming in New York, and many Michigan lakes remained free of ice. Then winter cold roared back, damaging and sometimes killing the flowers and shrubs duped into thinking spring had come.

For gardeners, it's confusing: How do you protect out-of-cycle plants and trees from the chills to come? Another layer of mulch? Watering?

Todd Forrest, vice president for horticulture and living collections at The New York Botanical Garden, suggests that gardeners prepare this fall

for what could be another unseasonable winter:

1. *Water properly during the growing season and don't fertilize too late.*

"Plants that are properly irrigated will be less stressed as they go into the winter, and thus better able to survive temperature swings," Forrest said. "Plants that are fertilized too late will put on tender growth susceptible to winter damage."

2. *If you live in a cool climate, apply a light layer of mulch after the ground has frozen to protect the crowns of perennials.*

"Mulching after the ground has frozen will protect against winter heaving and damage from freeze-thaw cycles," he said. "In warmer

climates, mulch before the soil freezes to protect tender plants from cold temperatures."

3. *Protect your evergreens, especially the broad-leaved varieties.*

"Winter sun is the enemy of broad-leaved evergreens, even those typically winter-hardy in your growing zone," Forrest said. A simple burlap wrap will protect them from desiccation by winter sun and winds, he said.

4. *Know your soils. Proper soil management is the key to successful gardening, no matter the climate or growing conditions.*

"Poor drainage in winter is as much of a threat to tender plants as are low temperatures," Forrest said. "Plants

growing in unsuitable soils will never thrive. Have your soil tested and amended based on what you learn."

5. *Study your yard to determine where the various microclimates lie.*

"Frost pockets, areas of intense winter sun, areas of poor or excessive drainage will all impact different plants in different ways," Forrest said.

6. *Learn about new plants and techniques that will make your garden more sustainable.*

"Study drought tolerance, resistance to pests and disease, invasive tendencies and four-season beauty," Forrest said. "Think about new approaches to growing grass. Build a compost bin."



## Climate change -

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country should "take a hard look at bending (hardiness) zones to bring new plants into their yards," said Forrest.

For example, he cites crepe myrtles and magnolias in New York: "not considered winter-hardy here at one time, but now they're surviving."

Keep an eye on plants that need cold and may suffer as winters get warmer, said David Wolfe, a professor of plant ecology at Cornell University and a climate change adviser to the New York Botanical Garden.

"Fruit crops all require some duration of cold winter temperatures to bloom and to produce fruit the following spring and summer," Wolfe said. As temperatures warm, he said, "apple and berry growers, among others, may have to change crops or at least some varieties."

Prepare to set aside larger chunks of leisure time for weeding. Warmer days and nights will speed the maturity of any foods we grow - and also help along many aggressive weeds like kudzu, garlic mustard, poison ivy and purple loosestrife.

Gardeners also should bone up on pest control. New types of biting insects and plant pests, including locusts, gypsy moths, bagworms, and disease-carrying aphids and mites,

may accompany any significant temperature rise.

"Those of us living in the northern part of the United States, whether gardeners or farmers, have it easy compared to those south of us with plant pests," Wolfe said. "A lot of (pests)

get killed off in winter. But as we get warmer winters, we're getting a higher incidence of plant pests."

Gardeners could adapt by increasing their use of pesticides. "But of course, this has a potential environmental and food safety cost, as well as

economic cost," Wolfe said.

Since erratic precipitation patterns are expected to bring droughts followed by deluges, consider planting succulents to survive dry periods. And add rain gardens - shallow depressions containing water-tolerant plants - to absorb the flow from heavy downpours.

"That runoff will carry not only acids but pesticides and insecticides into our local waterways," said Patty Glick, a senior global warming specialist with the National Wildlife Federation in Seattle. "Gardeners should work to capture some of that water."

Finally, prepare soil properly, minimizing tillage to avoid losing valuable organic matter and over-aerating healthy soil. Experts suggest planting trees and shrubs as windbreaks, shelter for wildlife and to help hold moisture. Recycle lawn clippings and select grasses with relatively low nitrogen and water needs (Fescues over Kentucky bluegrass, for example).

Mow higher to promote better root growth. Use compost to amend poor soils. Recycle. And buy native plants, which are better suited to survive.

### Recommended reading:

"The Gardener's Guide to Global Warming: Challenges and Solutions." By the National Wildlife Federation. 11100 Wildlife Center Drive, Reston, VA. 20190-5362.



This Virginia property owner is inspecting some Japanese maple trees to determine damage or infestation, if any, and to spread mulch around the roots in such a way that it insulates rather than suffocates with the onset of winter. (AP File Photo/Martha Stewart)

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# Plant smart: choose bulbs that pests detest

**Q:** I'm sick of deer and squirrels destroying my garden. What can I do? And which spring-bloomers can I plant this fall and actually enjoy next spring?

**A:** Colorful, delectable-looking tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocus, alliums, grape hyacinths and other spring-flowering bulbs are prized in spring by people everywhere.

But animals, too, find some bulbs appealing. While animals don't much care what flowers look like, some indeed find bulbs and bulb flowers delectable-tasting.

In particular, troublesome deer, squirrels, voles and groundhogs will thank you for planting tulips or crocuses. Many other bulbs, such as daffodil and alliums, hold no appeal to furry foragers and are generally shunned because of their bitter taste.

If animal pests are a problem in your area, a first line of defense is to

plant pest-resistant plant material in exposed garden beds or wide open spaces and put more vulnerable bulbs such as tulips (*below*) and crocuses in protected areas, say by the front door or in fenced areas.

Potting up and protecting these tastier bulbs is another option.

Second line defenses include pest-proofing or pest-repellants such as netting, screening, dogs, sprays and other techniques.

Of course, if deer are truly starving, they'll eat just about anything — including the bark off trees.

Still, planting the less tasty bulbs in exposed sites will greatly improve a garden's overall survivability in problem areas.



## Bulbs that taste bad

The bulbs on this list from the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center in Danby, Vermont are all ranked high on beauty and low on pest-appeal. They're also hardy to zone 7, our local climate zone.



1. Allium, ornamental onion
2. Camassia
3. Chionodoxa, glory of the snow
4. Colchicum
5. Crocus tommasinianus (*pictured at right*)
6. Eranthis, winter aconite
7. Fritillaria
8. Galanthus nivalis, snowdrop
9. Hyacinthoides hispanica, Spanish bluebell
10. Hyacinthus, hyacinth (*below, left*)
11. Ipheion
12. Leucojum, snowflake
13. Muscari, grape hyacinth (*below right*)
14. Narcissus, daffodil (*below right*)
15. Ornithogalum
16. Oxalis
17. Scilla



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