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UP FRONT

Newark treasures

By JIM STREIT

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

MY grandfather was not a warm person. He seldom smiled but frequently glared. When he spoke, he harrumphed. But he was never mean or nasty.

Even though he was my namesake and my childhood home was next to his residence, I steered clear of him most of my youth.

When the elder Jim Streit was in his early 90s, I gained a new perspective when I encountered him at our hometown senior center. I was there to cover a story when I saw him

in a new light. There he was, laughing, smoking a cigar, playing cards and cussing. I even saw him slip a flask out of his coat pocket and spice up his coffee.

Until that moment, I had never seen him smoke, take a nip, cuss or play cards. In fact, I had never watched him having fun.

I made a conscious effort to develop a relationship with him. I would drop in on Grandad every week or so and engage him in conversation. I'd ask one question and he would launch into a half-hour tale about his life. We never became as close as my grandmother and me, but we warmed to the degree that we enjoyed our time together.

About a month before he died, on one of my visits I

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Streit

Then there were two

Council vet Clifton withdraws, blasts city manager

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

VETERAN Newark City Councilman Jerry Clifton announced on Monday, March 7 that he would not seek reelection after eight years of public service. He will leave behind a two-way race between political newcomers Peter Shurr and Sharon Hughes.

The decision not to run again for his fifth term was based on "several deciding factors," Clifton said, but the one issue he stressed most was what he called "an adversarial relationship" between himself

and City Manager Carl Luft.

"I'm just not satisfied with the professional management level," he said. "I've tried changing it from within, but it hasn't worked."

Clifton said that the difficulties he has encountered over the years could be seen in other areas of city management. "The adversarial relationship with the police is a prime example of the whole management style," he said.

The Newark Police Department has struggled for years to keep new officers on the force. Several theories explaining why young officers stay for only a few years after

training have bounced around recently. One maintains that officers want more exciting beats than what Newark has to offer. But another one argues that Newark police officers are underpaid and overworked - and are willing to leave for improved working conditions.

Clifton has cited increasing the police staff size as a personal priority.

"It seems convenient to me that city staff always compares our police department to Dover's," he said. "But that comparison goes away all of a sudden when you start talk-

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NEWARK POST FILE PHOTO

Eight-year council veteran Jerry Clifton listens during a city council public hearing last fall.

COLORS UNITE RACES

Newark artist spices things up at Joes: The Unchained

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A long stroke of her brush creates an ebony stripe that serves as the figure's jaw line. It curves around, surrounded by soft lilacs and light greens. The colors dance on the wall, wrapping themselves into each other and unfolding into a delicate but urban-inspired scene.

It's local artist Dragonfly Leathrum-Simons's newest creation. She's using her years of artistic experience and innovative sense of design to decorate the dining room at Joes: The Unchained Restaurant and Bar.

Leathrum-Simons is no stranger to the mural. It's a style that she's used for years. In fact, most Newark residents are familiar with her creations - many of which lend character to Newark's downtown. She's the creative force behind the mosaic on the side of

Grassroots, the painting on the side of the Goodwill building and the mixed medium creation next to Rainbow.

While she just might be the area's expert in murals, this project is a record-setting one for Leathrum-Simons. This 16.5 foot long behemoth will be her largest solo project.

But the size isn't the most daunting challenge in the project. That honor goes to the difficult task of combining the restaurant's open-minded theme with a bit of urban funk.

"I was trying to ask, 'Who is Joe?' she says, explaining her inspiration. "Joe is the

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Dragonfly Leathrum-Simons works on her mural at Joes.

PHOTO BY SCOTT MCALLISTER

'Model' program approved

New academy to rescue at-risk students, board okays new grading system

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

DECISIONS made by the Christina School District board members at their Tuesday meeting will have an impact on all high school students in the district.

The Board of Education gave their unanimous approval for an intense academic/work program designed to fulfill the needs of students traditionally at risk for dropping out of high school. They also approved, with much discussion, a final version of the grading system that will be implemented in the three high schools, beginning in September.

The Sarah Pyle Academy for

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Police seek party crashers who assaulted two

NEWARK police are looking for five black men, one with dreadlocks, in connection with the assault and robbery of two men early Saturday morning.

Officers were summoned to a home in the unit block East Cleveland Avenue at 2:48 a.m., on Saturday, March 5.

One of the victims told police he was hosting a small party when the five suspects entered the apartment. When confronted and told they were not invited to the gathering, a fight broke out, witnesses told police.

One man was struck on the back of his head with a beer bottle and cut. Police said another man was cut on the face with a knife or razor after the five suspects moved outside. The attackers then fled on foot.

Police said one victim was treated for cuts and bruises at the Newark Emergency Center. The other victim was transported to Christiana Hospital for treatment of what police described as "deep lacerations" to the face and ear.

During the fracas, a camera and cell phone were stolen.

Any person with information about the robbery and assaults is asked to contact police at 366-7110, ext. 132, or call Delaware Crime Stoppers at 800-TIP-3333.

Two arrested for Feb. 27 robbery of student

Two men have been arrested by University of Delaware Police for the robbery of a UD student that occurred Sunday, Feb. 27, outside the student's room in the Pencader E Residence Hall, it was reported March 7 on the UDaily website.

Brian Hopkins, 18, of Wilmington, was released on bail after being charged with robbery and conspiracy, and Aaron Harris, 18, of Bear, is being held in default of bail after being charged with robbery and conspiracy. The identity of a third suspect is being pursued, and warrants for his arrest will be obtained after an identity is confirmed.

"I am happy to report that through some excellent police work our investigators have been able to identify the suspects in this robbery," Lawrence O. Thornton Jr., UD's director of public safety, said.

Newark woman injured in S. Chapel collision

The Delaware State Police is investigating a two-vehicle crash on South Chapel Street that left a Newark woman seriously injured.

Police said that Kelly L. Clinton, 18, of Newark, was driving her 1991 Ford Tempo southbound on South Chapel Street on Wednesday, March 2 at 11:37 p.m. At the same time, a 2005 Dodge Ram truck, operated by Anthony G. Shamblin, 37, of Elkton, Md., was traveling northbound on South Chapel Street preparing to make a left turn onto Bellevue Road. As the Ford neared the intersection, the Dodge attempted to make a left

Child left in car in parking lot

THE Delaware State Police have arrested a 30-year-old Baltimore man after he left his child alone in a vehicle at Delaware Park racetrack and slots early one morning last week.

On Thursday, March 3, at 1:15 a.m., Delaware Park security officers were advised that a small child was crying inside of a vehicle parked on the racetrack lot.

Security personnel located the vehicle and observed a 3-year-old child inside of a locked vehicle. The child was improperly dressed for the freezing nighttime temperature, police said.

The suspect, the child's father, was

taken into custody when he exited Delaware Park, approximately one hour after the child was originally discovered by security.

Troopers charged Wenhui Lu, 30, of Baltimore, Md., with one count of reckless endangering in the second degree and one count of endangering the welfare of a child.

Lu was arraigned at Magistrate Court 11 and released on an unsecured bond.

The child was turned over to the custody of his mother, troopers said.

turn and hit the driver's side of the Ford, troopers reported.

Clinton was transported to Christiana Hospital by ambulance. She was admitted in critical condition with head trauma and multiple fractures, police said.

Shamblin was also transported to Christiana Hospital. He was admitted in stable condition. Shamblin's wife, Tammy, who was also in the truck, was not injured in the crash.

Investigation revealed that the Dodge truck has previously been stolen from Enterprise-Rent-A Car, in Elkton, Md.

Active warrants were on file charging Shamblin with vehicular assault in the first degree, receiving stolen property, failure to yield when turning left and failure to provide proof of valid insurance, police said.

The southbound lanes of South Chapel Street were closed for approximately two hours.

Snowball breaks window

A resident of a home in the 100 block Wilbur Street told

Newark police on Sunday, March 6, at 1:16 a.m. that someone had thrown a snowball at a front window, causing the glass to break.

Assault on lot

No arrests were made after Newark police investigated an altercation between two men that took place at 8:20 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, in the parking lot at the rear of Dunkin' Donuts, 51 E. Main St.

The incident arose out of a dispute over a girlfriend. Neither of the two men involved was injured or desired further police action, officers said.

Printer disappears

Employees at the Radio Shack store, 211 College Square, told Newark police on Saturday, March 5, at 12:15 p.m. that a combination copier-scanner-printer had disappeared from the electronics store.

A clerk told police he had seen a man carrying the box a few minutes before the loss was discovered.

The printer was valued \$299.

Assault in diner

Witnesses told Newark police that an intoxicated man entered the Korner Diner, 137 E. Main St., on Saturday, March 5, at 2:30 a.m., and began punching a customer.

A diner employee intervened and told police he, too, had been attacked. He suffered a cut below his right eye.

The suspect then fled before police arrived.

Windows broken

A resident of the unit block North Chapel Street told Newark police on Saturday, March 5, at 1 a.m., that 10-15 men exited a Ford Explorer stopped outside his home and broke windows.

The victim told police the suspects were part of a group of people that he and friends had had an altercation with earlier at the Stone Balloon.

Damaged was estimated to be \$500, police said.

Graffiti sprayed

Newark police reported that orange paint was sprayed on the door of the Gore Outdoor Store, 424 Suburban Dr., at 8:02 p.m. on Thursday, March 3.

Officers were able to review surveillance tapes that showed the suspect in action.

Investigation is continuing, police said.

At 8:08 a.m. the same day, Newark police were told that two tractors and one trailer belonging to American Van and Storage had been painted with graffiti in the Interchange Industrial Park.

Vehicles hit

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

56 Welsh Tract Road, on Sunday, March 6, at 9:19 p.m., license plate removed from 2000 Toyota Camry;

121 Thorn Lane, on Sunday, March 6, at 7:43 p.m., passenger window of 1993 Ford shattered and stereo system valued at \$250 removed;

79 W. Mill Station Dr., on Sunday, March 6, at 6:59 p.m., operator of 1990 Mazda reported that a nail had been driven into the sidewall of a tire;

19 Tyre Ave., on Sunday, March 6, at 12:01 a.m., window of 2001 Ford Focus broken;

129 S. Chapel St., on Saturday, March 5, at 1:04 a.m., seven men approached a vehicle driven by a 20-year-old woman and began to jump on the hood and beat on the windshield, cracking the glass; and

401 E. Delaware Ave., on Friday, March 4, at 8:35 p.m., thieves broke into a Jeep Cherokee parked on the Newark High School lot and removed stereo equipment valued at \$780.



Weekly crime report

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

PART I OFFENSES	INVESTIGATIONS			CRIMINAL CHARGES		
	2004 TO DATE	2005 TO DATE	THIS WEEK	2004 TO DATE	2005 TO DATE	THIS WEEK
Murder/manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted murder	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnap	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rape	4	4	0	0	0	0
Unlawful sexual contact	0	0	0	0	2	0
Robbery	13	8	2	10	6	0
Aggravated assault	7	4	1	4	0	0
Burglary	28	39	0	8	5	1
Theft	116	105	14	25	43	7
Auto theft	15	14	0	2	2	0
Arson	2	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PART I	185	181	17	49	87	8
PART II OFFENSES						
Other assaults	46	63	11	46	37	4
Receiving stolen property	0	0	0	1	1	0
Criminal mischief	83	96	18	25	12	3
Weapons	4	3	0	15	13	0
Other sex offenses	1	3	0	0	4	0
Alcohol	26	12	2	81	32	1
Drugs	14	18	1	29	29	2
Noise/disorderly premise	75	81	14	38	46	4
Disorderly conduct	119	96	18	20	18	2
Trespass	26	19	4	10	11	4
All other	99	80	11	49	27	3
TOTAL PART II	493	471	79	314	230	23
MISCELLANEOUS						
Alarm	194	208	30	0	0	0
Animal control	67	43	4	2	0	0
Recovered property	28	33	4	0	0	0
Service	1275	1263	185	0	0	0
Suspicious person/vehicle	134	403	42	0	0	0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	1698	1950	265	2	0	0

	THIS WEEK 2004	2004 TO DATE	THIS WEEK 2005	2005 TO DATE
TOTAL CALLS	599	4137	587	4161

8-home subdivision faces opposition

Approval delayed

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

BUILDING approval for a much-opposed eight-home subdivision along Kirkwood Highway was tabled at the Monday, March 7 Newark City Council meeting.

The decision was announced after the council was presented with a petition signed by 250 Newark residents and half a dozen

citizens who spoke out in protest of the neighborhood, which would built near the banks of the White Clay Creek and a 100-year flood plain.

Linda Stapleford, resident and representative for the White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic Committee, pointed out that construction and impervious ground cover so close to the creek could cause rain runoff issues and eventually major erosion problems further downstream.

"We have to remember that anything we do in the

city is going to increase and aggravate problems downstream that are very expensive to fix," she said. She pointed out that erosion has eaten away at the banks along Creek Road at an extreme rate in the past two years.

The subdivision, which is named Laura's Glen, remained a hot topic even after the builders, ReDevelopment Company, slashed earlier plans that would have built 16 homes closer to the riverbank.

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April showers bring May textbook buy-back towers

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

NEWARK could be a different town this year during the spring textbook buy-back season. It's a time of year typically marked with sunshine, daffodils and college textbook-sellers scrambling to do business with students who've finished final exams.

But after a Monday, March 21 Newark City Council meeting, that could change dramatically.

If Bill 05-4 passes, sell-

ers will still be allowed to set up stands outside of their shops to catch the eye of students who are selling books, but could be restricted only to places where the business maintains a lease for at least six months.

Under the current ordinance, business owners could lease a property for as little as a week and then be allowed to set up a buy-back booth. In recent years, that has resulted in a multitude of booths crowding Main Street.

The new ordinance would also require that

business owners maintain a similar business inside the leased property.

The discussion, which was brought up at the March 7 council meeting, was tabled until the next meeting in an effort to eliminate any other potential loopholes.

Dan Leiberman, owner of Leiberman's Book Store, pointed out one possible weakness of the suggested ordinance.

"This issue is really about keeping a fair market value on a lease," he said.

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Homeschooled, not homebound

Local kids enjoy socialization with academics

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

WHEN the alarm goes off early on a school day, millions of children across the country roll out of bed and onto a school bus for their reading and math, band, sports and general socialization. Seven or eight hours later they return home.

For an increasing number of children, they merely roll out of bed and assemble around the kitchen or dining room table, ready to start their day of homeschool education. But that doesn't mean they have to be isolated from each other and not allowed out the front door until the end of the day.

Four days each week the Wampler, Cooper, Ernst, Fontenelle, Petka, Sleitweiler, Tannen and Crook families work diligently on their reading, writing, science, social studies and math lessons at home or take frequent trips to the library for more books or to do research.

But on any given Thursday, the 15 home-



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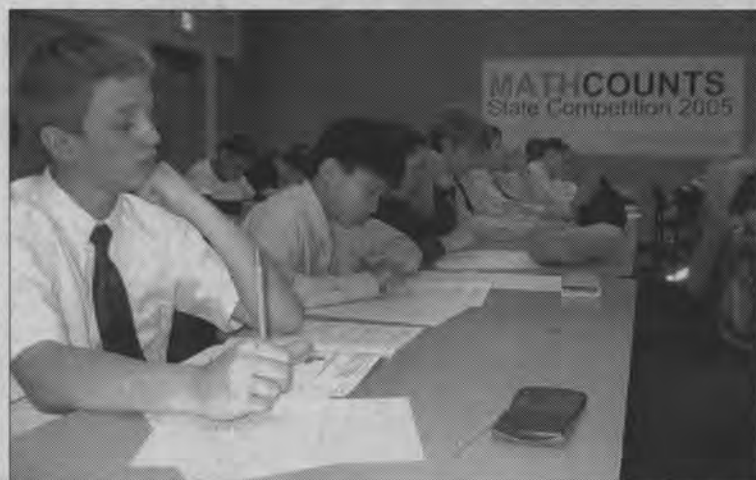
Ten-year-old Jade Wampler explained her version of the water clock invented by Ctesibius, an ancient Greek inventor. Mom Rhonda helped pour water into the top vessel which drains through a tube into a lower vessel. Jade and her two younger brothers and sister attend school in their Newark home.

schoolers, along with their toddler siblings, pack into their family cars and head to the Cooperative Extension building on S. Chapel Street in Newark for a full day packed with academics, demonstrations, community projects, socialization and 4-H activities.

Recently the students, from kindergarten to seventh grade, gave reports on Greek inventions and inventors. Each family, often with mom included, presented a demonstration, displayed charts and graphs, played a home-made game, or read about the mythological Gods

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Local students compete for state title in math



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

With eyes closed, and in deep concentration, Mark Harmer, from Holy Angels School, focuses his attention on math questions at MATHCOUNTS 2005. The other members of his team include, from left, Clement Ng, Andrea Masson, David Keely, Michael Haddad, Branson Snively, Shane Hannah and Nick Moore.

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

NICK Moore hunched over the table with his pencil poised above the test sheet. After doing some calculations on his scratch sheet, he quickly filled in an answer. Once in a while the seventh grader from Holy Angels School would sit back in his chair, take a deep breath and scratch his nose.

He was one of 80 students participating in a local competition of MATHCOUNTS 2005, a challenging program that has become an academic sport for middle schoolers, held Monday, March 7, at Del Tech and Community College. The program is sponsored by the Delaware Engineering Society.

Sitting behind Nick, a girl

twisted a strand of hair, squinted her eyes as if in deep thought, then hastily wrote down an answer.

While some squirmed in their seats, others sat perfectly still while staring off into deep space. Their bodies might not have been moving, but their brains were working.

With 40 math questions to complete in 30 minutes, some felt rather smug about finishing in a flash, while others tried not to give the appearance of being overwhelmed.

With only three minutes to go, there was a sense of urgency to complete any unfinished problems.

"Stop. Pencils down," called the moderator. All 80 pencils in the room seemed to hit the tables at the same time.

The students had just com-

pleted round one of competition. Only three more to go.

Answer sheets were quickly collected and passed to six volunteers for scoring. This year's volunteers were from Tetra Tech, Pennoni Associates, Duffield Associates, Conectiv, Geo-Technology Associates and the societies of Women Engineers and of Military Engineers.

During the ten-minute break, everyone seemed eager to confirm their calculations.

"What did you get for that last one?" asked one student as he leaned across the table to a teammate.

"I think the answer was 43," he said. They gave high-fives when they heard they had answered correctly.

With little time to celebrate,

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In Our Schools

EDUCATION NEWS FOR NEWARK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

NOTE PAD

Prize Patrol visits Wilson

THE staff at Wilson Elementary School was surprised to see the Prize Patrol van, complete with balloons and baskets of books, pull up to their school Wednesday, March 2.

The school was one of nine in the state to be recognized by the Department of Education as top schools for literacy efforts.

Author/illustrator David Biedrzycki will visit the school in the next few weeks to demonstrate to the students how he uses the computer for illustrating. His work appears on magazine and book covers, juice labels, tea boxes, posters and billboards.

New numbers

With the move of the administrative offices of the Christina School District, there are new phone numbers and mailing address. Please note:

Charles R. Drew Educational Support Center
600 N. Lombard St.
Wilmington DE 19801
Central office: 552-2600

Student of Week

Emily Saxton, a fifth grader at Brader Elementary School, was selected by Principal Richelle Talbert, as this week's Student of the Week. As a good role model for other students, Emily is a hard worker and goes the extra mile to complete her assignments, often doing more than was asked. She always offers to help other students in her classroom. Emily's favorite classes are reading and math. She also plays the clarinet and takes gymnastic classes.



Saxton

The student becomes the teacher

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

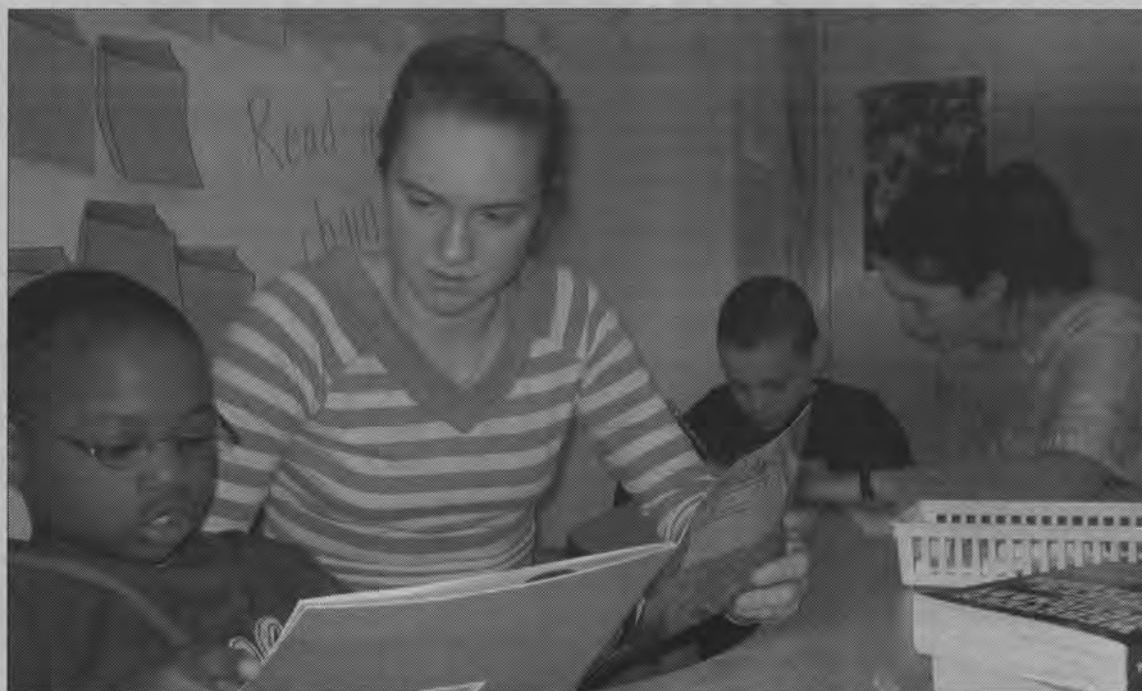
THE best way to learn something is to teach it to someone else.

Even if what they are teaching is grade levels below their own skills, students from Glasgow High School have learned a lot about themselves.

Once a week approximately 40 students, freshmen to seniors, leave GHS and travel two miles down the road to Keene Elementary School where they tutor kindergarten to fifth graders for two and one half hours. Some students from the Honor Society tutor during the day, while others leave school at 2 p.m. to meet with their buddies at Keene.

Working in the mentoring room, in classrooms, or at desks lining the hallways, the tutors work through preplanned activities with the younger ones on language skills, reading, writing and vocabulary. Even though the lessons are planned out by classroom teachers or Ann Sylvester, the HOSTS tutor coordinator, they still bring a lot of their own creativity into the sessions.

In one hallway, GHS junior Amber McClure had drawn four cows on the chalkboard. She was explaining to fourth grader Kiante Howard the difference between herd and heard, fourth and forth. Drawing the cows was her idea. Remembering the vocabulary will be easier for Kiante.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

At Keene Elementary, 40 tutors from Glasgow High School are making a difference - for the little ones as well as for themselves. Above, from left, second grader Gibriel Turay works with junior Leah Fett and second grader Jonathan Martinez works with junior Margaret Murray in the HOSTS tutoring room.

McClure had worked with a nursery school during the summer months. Her experience at Keene confirmed that early childhood education was a definite career possibility.

At a table in the mentoring room, second grader Jonathan Martinez worked on his reading with Margaret Murray, a junior.

"I found out I really do like working with kids," said Murray.

"I like the hands on experience, working one on one, being able to influence lives."

Many of the Glasgow students said they look forward to the sessions each week, not just to get out of class. Students who did not have the weekly commitment to the program were weaned out early. The remaining students are very committed to helping.

Many of them had never con-

sidered teaching as a career but now they are considering early childhood education or elementary teaching.

They describe their sessions as fulfilling, priceless, like no other experience they have ever had. The tutors have developed responsibility and personal growth, they said.

The GHS tutors, along with
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I've got a secret

Random acts of kindness performed for secret pals

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

KEEPING a secret in Karen Frederick's fourth grade class at Marshall Elementary School is as simple as one, two, three.

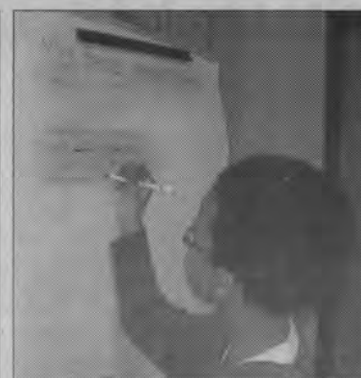
One. Pick a secret pal.
Two. Perform random acts of kindness for that secret pal.
Three. Duplicate that random act of kindness to at least two other classmates.

To get her students thinking about others instead of focusing on themselves, Fredericks introduced the secret pal for the month

of February. Each student had to do or say something kind to their secret pal, but so as not to give away their secret, they had to do something special for two other classmates as well. On Feb. 28, they revealed their secret.

During the month, they made daily entries on charts hung in the room. When Fredericks saw them doing something especially kind, she rewarded them with tiny glass hearts.

Tyler Chapman kept an eye on his secret pal, then jumped in to rescue him by helping with a chair. Bri Eagan shared a computer and made cards to cheer up a friend. Ryan Agarg helped someone who got hit on the head. Ben Jones gave his pal a tiny present. Lyndsay Taddei paid her secret pal a compliment with a



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ROBIN BROOMALL

Charting their random acts of kindness made Karen Frederick's fourth graders more aware of their behavior toward fellow classmates.

simple "nice job."

Trying to guess their secret pal wasn't always easy, but that was a good thing.

"It got very confusing," said

Ben. "We were hearing lots of compliments all day long."

On Valentines Day everyone got homemade cards signed S.P.

Being nice to someone is one of those life lessons we all learn, but don't necessarily follow. Kids can be really cruel to each other sometimes, they said.

The lessons they learned in one short month will be useful for a lifetime.

We must learn how to work together and trust people in our class, they said.

"If there's someone you don't exactly like, like maybe your secret pal, doing things for them will teach you to like them more," said Tyler. "Maybe you don't like someone now. But in later grades you might get a project to do with them. Then you must work together."

For now the students see a different side of their class, one with less bickering and fighting and more cooperation and kindness.

Feeling the blues

Downes students combine music with conflict resolution

PIEDMONT Blues Legends Cephas and Wiggins performed a concert for students at Downes Elementary School on Feb. 24. Between songs John Cephas instructed the students on the finer points of the Blues, including finger-licking styles, musical differences between Piedmont and Delta blues and the historical significance of the music in the African-American context.

Prior to the concert, music teacher Joe Ambrosino taught students about the traditional 12-bar blues progression, pentatonic scale and improvisation. As part of a grant from MBNA, the students learned to write traditional style blues lyrics, combining creative writing and conflict resolution. With the help of the school counselor, students compiled a list of "blues" topics.

Student groups wrote songs with three verses in AAB form. The first verse defined the theme, or "problem, that causes the feeling of the blues. The second verse was

dedicated to what happened if students allowed themselves to maintain the feeling of the blues. The third verse was designed to encourage conflict resolution as students realize the cause of the blues and try to determine a course of action to get out of the blues feeling.

The Too Small Blues

By Jeremy I. Kenny D.,
and Daltrey B.
Fifth graders

Verse 1
I'm too small,
I wish I were tall.
I said, I'm too small,
I wish I were tall.
If I were tall,
I could play basketball.

Verse 2
I ate all my greens
and it never made me tall.
I ate all my greens
and it never made me tall.
And now in sports,
I never get the ball.

Verse 3
I found a solution
to this feeling of the blues.
I found a solution
to this feeling of the blues.
Instead of being short,
now I wear platform shoes.

Glasgow tutors help younger ones, also learn about selves

► TUTOR, from 4

more than 60 other volunteers from the business community, assure that 45 students in grades one to three get individual attention four days a week. In addition kindergarten students are seen each day on a rotating basis.

The tutoring program is one of several facets in helping Keene School close the achievement gap by raising the skill level of students who need extra help. Test scores of Keene students have risen dramatically over last year, according to an assessment done by CTAC, a Boston-based consulting firm. The report concluded that all groups were accelerating at an impressive rate. The Glasgow students should feel good that they had a direct part in this improvement.

At the same time, the eyes of the little ones being mentored are also focusing on their bigger helpers.

Joslyn Benson, a second grad-

er, has been so impressed by working with ninth grader Falon Roeschke, that she said she wants to be a tutor herself when she is older.

Some of the high school tutors even have tutors of their own. Meggan Runner, Vista coordinator, introduced the Blue Hen Ladder/Mentoring program to GHS, bringing University of Delaware staff to mentor students on college and careers.

Getting more students involved in mentoring and tutoring is a goal of GHS principal Todd Harvey.

In addition to the regular tutoring sessions at Keene, other groups, including sports teams, have visited elementary schools to read their favorite stories. GHS is expanding its mentoring help for young students by working with the after-school academies to begin in April.

If students complete 90 hours of volunteer time, they can earn one-credit hour, called the Delaware Volunteer Credit.

School board candidates file to run

Three Christina incumbents running against three newcomers

JUST before the deadline to file as a candidate in the New Castle County school board elections for 2005, a sixth name was thrown into the ring for two seats on Christina's Board of Education.

On Friday, March 4, Arthur Halprin filed to run in district

D against incumbent Beverly Howell and newcomer Lorraine Thomas.

Howell was appointed to the Board in January to fill a vacancy when Christopher Reed left in October.

Also running in District A, within the city limits of Wilmington, are 24-year board member George A. Evans, current board president Brenda Phillips, and newcomer Paul J. Falkowski.

School board elections will be held Tuesday, May 10, with new members taking office in July.

When an election is held to fill any board seat, all eligible voters who live in the Christina School District, can vote during the election, regardless of which electoral district they reside in.

Watch for complete profiles on the six candidates in an upcoming issue of the Newark Post.

Keeping calm, doing best in DSTP tests

PUBLIC school students statewide will be involved in the DSTP tests from Thursday, March 10 through Friday, March 18.

Even though parents can get uptight about the potential scores their children might or might not receive, it is important to have all children perform at their personal best, said Dr. Joseph Wise, superintendent of the Christina School District.

The following tips are suggested to help your child through the testing period:

■ Get them to bed early, be happy, relaxed and well rested.

■ Help them enjoy a good breakfast, with ample protein and carbs, but without too much sugar.

■ Coach your child to take the exams seriously, but don't let your conversations make them anxious.

■ Have a fun activity each afternoon of the exams to help your child relax.

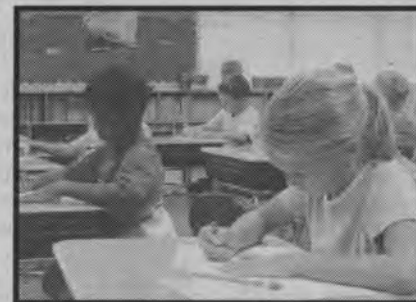
■ Have your child talk about their feelings before and after the tests.

■ Be sure to get your child to school on time each day of the testing.

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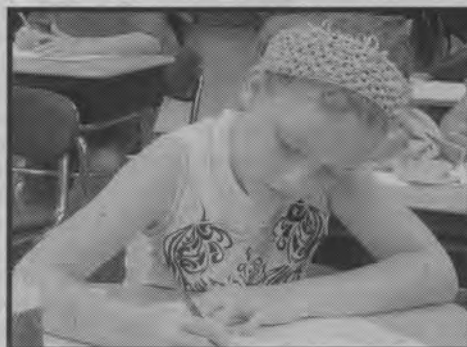


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Purple fingers and the gamins

By ALFRED A. GRUBER

NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

THE Iraqi elections of Jan 30, 2005 will have no less an impact on this old planet than The Shot Heard Round the World in 1775 Concord. By now every person on the globe with any kind of communication, in any language, knows of the turnout and further understands, without benefit of analysts, exactly what the voters were saying.

We are sick of this violence and want a democratic form of government. That's the message to the world, but within the Iraqi populace is another comprehension. Hey, we knew within our circle of acquaintances, even maybe just whispered about, that we would vote; but we weren't sure other neighborhoods and other cities felt the same way, nor in what kind of numbers. Wow! What a revelation; we are of a like mind!

The vote signals this populace is a community ready to conquer violence and needs a competent, trusted and honest police force to support that destiny. The new and inexperienced police may now expect increased cooperation from the citizens.

Have you noticed in nearly all the images coming from Iraq, there are children about? You see them in the ruins, around ambulances, peering at soldiers, looking at burned vehicles and of course in hospitals and at funerals. These are the gamins; the Arab kids.

If you were raised in the tenements of any American city during the Great Depression you recognize them. In the Bronx, we weren't gamins, but urchins with tremendous energy and abounding curiosity. Some call it street smarts. We are alike - gamins and urchins.

No one knew the neighborhood better than the fifth through seventh grade age group let loose after school roaming without parental authority in relative safety.

■ Retired after 32 years with Dupont, the writer also was a Christmas tree farmer for 25 years. He is a member of the Scribblers group at Newark Senior Center and has lived in Newark for four decades.



Gruber

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We did the usual street games without benefit of referees (great training for future lawyers). We knew everything about the inhabitants. Who beat their wives, who whipped their kids, who were the drunks and who could be trusted? Who was very ill, who was entertaining young men at night and where Tilt didn't kill your nickel on a pinball machine?

We knew who all the locals were, who their relatives were, and who were strangers. Scattered amongst us were young policemen with their families. Information drifted about maybe as neighborly gossip at the nightly garbage pickup at the hall dumbwaiter, maybe at a wake, or at the corner cigar or candy store. Oral channels were everywhere. Directly or indirectly the cops knew what was happening in the territory.

Based on my experience, I expect the gamins will be the spies who finger the terrorists and through the purple fingered adults will bring peace to this great ancient tormented civilization.

It will be difficult - the Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds need to sort things out. There is a regular army and irregulars plus the police.

Our own revolution wasn't neat and tidy to fit into one chapter in a history book. We had regulars, militias and raiders like Francis Marion. It took six years after Concord before it was settled at Yorktown. I'm betting the gamins will play a vital role.

OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week, "Out Of The Attic" features a photograph from the collection of the Newark Historical Society. It shows the J. M. Brown auto parts dealer that also sold gasoline on Main Street, according to society president Bob Thomas. Most Newarkers will recognize the building as the present home of Klondike Kate's restaurant, which opened around 1982. For many years, the building has housed a barber shop. It formerly was home to the Newark magistrate's office and the city's first jail remains in the basement of the building. The photo was taken in the late 1950s. Readers are encouraged to send old photos to the Newark Post, "Out of the Attic," Suite 206, 168 Elton Road, Newark, DE 19711. Special care will be taken. For information, call 737-0724.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

March 13, 1930 Sanitarium Unable To Treat Patients

Lack of funds makes it necessary for the Brandywine Sanitarium to discharge many free tubercular patients before they are fully cured, to make room for the more serious cases which need immediate care, says Dr. R. E. Ejlegood, president of the hospital board. The sanitarium also needs an X-ray machine, additional beds and nurses.

Dr. Eljgood declares that this condition of affairs is a disgrace for such a wealthy state as Delaware. The institution, he stresses, is not penniless but is in need of more funds and needs particularly some person or persons willing to underwrite the sum of about \$10,000 until July 1 of next year for the care of penniless patients.

Independents important in campaign

Although election day is many months away, political workers are already endeavoring to estimate the possible results and what the outcome in the various districts throughout the State will be.

In all their calculations the politicians run up against a problem that has

become very hard for them to solve, and that problem is the possible strength of the independent vote. What was a possibility not worth any consideration few years ago, has become a large problem in the present election year.

Split tickets have become more noticeable in the last several elections and they have reached such a stage that the average political worker is giving them very serious consideration when the conditions in his district are being summarized.

March 12, 1980

School closings battle heats up

The mimeographed sheet handed out at the auditorium door gave the theme of the meeting held to prevent the closing of Mary C.I. Williams Elementary. "Children, Our Number

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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.

Owen's gifts will live on for generations of Delawareans

► UP FRONT, from 1

brought along a tape recorder. I sat him down across the kitchen table from me and pushed the "record" button. I grilled him about his childhood (he became the man of the house when his father died), his career (he worked in a woolen mill from age 12 until he was forced to retire at 75), his wife and their family.

He told me things that I — and I later learned the rest of our family — did not know. He told about building all of the household furniture from wood scraps when he and my grandmother got married in the midst of the Depression. He shared the feeling of slavery he felt in the early years of

work; his mother and sisters were forced to live in company housing and he was paid in scrip that was accepted only at the company store.

Even though I had been around him all my life and in preceding months had shared many reflective conversations, 99 percent of what he said that day was news to me. A week after my taped oral history, Grandad died suddenly. The recording was his final and lasting gift to our family.

Newark's unofficial historian James B. Owen died suddenly last week. The 87-year-old retired teacher and principal, too, left a gift.

Mr. Owen spent decades researching Newark's history. In

Owen obituary, Page 22

call "home."

I knew about him better than I got to know him. His reputation as our town's historian surfaced frequently during my early days in Newark and it was clear that he had earned the respect of those who knew of his work.

We finally met in 1994 after we published a history of Newark in a special supplement. History doesn't change so we reprinted a piece that had been published decades earlier.

Mr. Owen visited the newspaper office. Typical of his attention

great detail, he has chronicled the past of the place we choose to

to detail and exhaustive research, he politely picked apart the historic article, noting discrepancies and omissions. He used a red pen to note his corrections and the newspaper clipping looked as though someone has spattered red paint on it.

Whenever we reprint the article, as we did last month in our "Almanac" special section, I think of him and am grateful that he helped us get it right.

To this day, I do not know what spurred me to take the tape recorder that day and record my grandfather's stories for posterity. Had I not done so, that chapter of the Streit family history would have died with him.

James Owen knew the impor-

tance of his work and its preservation. Several years ago, he gifted his extensive historical papers and records to the Newark Free Library.

He has passed on but his work preserving Newark's history will live on forever. I thank him for his gift and extend my condolences to the Owen family.

Tennessee Ernie Ford's "Sixteen Tons" (...St. Peter, don't you call me 'cause I can't go; I owe my soul to the company store...) is one of the author's favorite songs. Streit has been a community journalist for more than three decades. He became publisher in 1992, moving to Newark from coastal Maine near Bar Harbor.

2000: University of Delaware student housing to be smoke free

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One Priority."

The sheet also listed reasons why the school, one of 18 recommended by the Citizen's Committee on School Closings, should remain open.

And John Lynch, the parent who chaired the meeting, summed it up this way: "They had to pick someplace to put the axe. Well they picked the wrong place."

City gets tough with landlords

The city's landlords will be facing tougher enforcement of building and zoning codes after City Council voted Monday night to set up a permit system for rental units in single-family homes.

The new system is designed to make it easier for building department officials to enforce existing limits on how many unrelated people can live in a one-family home. The measure came in response to ongoing problems of overcrowding in older residential areas where

homes are rented out to students.

About 25 members of the city's realty community showed up at the meeting, but their efforts to persuade council to defeat the ordinance were in vain, as the bill passed by a vote of 5-2.

Vandalism on increase

Linda Hall returned to her home at Red Mill Apartments at about 1 a.m. Friday morning after visiting friends. She was asleep by 1:15.

Later in the morning, she was awakened by a neighbor. "My neighbor told me to come downstairs, they had shot my car up," she said.

Linda Hall was one of over 150 people who woke up Friday to discover their car windows destroyed by what police say is a BB or other type of pellet gun.

The vandals struck in more than two dozen New Castle County apartment complexes and housing developments through a wide area to the north and east of Newark.

County police theorize that between midnight and 4 a.m., a group of people, probably two,

went on a rampage. They do not know who did it or why it was done and admit that unless the vandals are caught in the act, by police or witness willing to tell police, there is no way to stop similar vandalism.

■ March 10, 2000

Water safe in Newark

City of Newark water customers were unlikely to drink contaminated city water this week, according to city water director Joseph Dombrowski.

"United Water company called Public Health and then us (on Monday) as soon as they had a problem because they knew of its impact on our system," said Dombrowski. "We immediately closed our two intake valves from United."

However, Dombrowski said very little water was coming

from United in any event. We're drawing the bare minimum under our contract with United at this time of year and it's unlikely the contaminated water would have reached there before we shut it off, anyway," said Dombrowski. If it was drought time, we should have been pumping every day.

Clean air in roads planning

The Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) has voted to approve an air quality-conforming strategic spending plan to invest close to \$530 million on improving transit in established centers and communities over the next 25 years.

Approximately \$1.1 billion will go toward expansion and improvements primarily in existing communities, a portion of which includes a bicycle, pedestrian and transit connections. Another \$40 million will go to additional bicycle and pedestrian

facilities.

The Council agreed to keep commuter rail connections in the plan between Wilmington, New Castle and Bear. Bus service between Newark and Elkton, Md., is expected to be in service by 2005.

UD housing to be smoke-free

All University of Delaware-owned student housing on the Newark campus will be smoke-free, beginning this fall, according to University President David P. Roselle.

"We are joining the growing number of organizations that have made all of their buildings smoke-free," Roselle said. In so doing, our desire is to ensure that the University of Delaware offers the highest degree of health and safety for the students who live on campus as well as the staff and visitors.

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OUTLOOK

Taking the stress out of tests

By CAROL SCOTT

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

TEACHERS, parents and homework club providers throughout the state are gearing up for a week of kids gleefully announcing, "I don't have any homework," followed by recalling, "because we had testing today."

For some children the prospect of no homework is the only bright spot in a week of anxiety because of the annual Delaware State Testing Program (DSTP) by which students are assessed through a series of tests that measure student and teacher progress in writing, reading and math. For kids and parents, this can be a very anxious time since 3rd, 5th and 8th graders must pass the test to be promoted to the next grade.

While it is a good for your child to take the test seriously, performance anxiety about the test is detrimental. Talking about the test with your child in advance of testing week can help relieve some of the stress. You might work together on some simple relaxation techniques. Practice taking deep breaths, or close the eyes to "visualize" doing well in the test. This way children are prepared to do the deep breathing and visualizing on their own if anxiety does strike during the examination.

Parents must provide support to lessen anxiety and create a positive test-taking experience: Here are some other tips for relieving a child's apprehension.

■ Make sure of the testing dates so you can prepare the child and offer positive reinforcement.

■ Don't schedule doctor or

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Murder, she wrote

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

WHAT do you get when you combine a stockpile of aging chemical weapons, rumors of government leaders sponsoring terrorist attacks and an undercover French agency? A thriller novel? Definitely. Monday's headlines? Newark author Clella Murray sure hopes not. That's part of the reason that she wrote "VX: A Deadly Mist."

The book is her latest horror novel, one of three that follows a fictitious French secret agency called Noir. In the book, the agency is called in to handle a dire emergency that the U.S. government let slip by. It seems that a 50-year-old stockpile of weapons equipped with the deadly nerve gas VX are slowly disappearing.

What may be the most chilling aspect of this book is that fiction blends almost seamlessly with reality.

"To me, reading mysteries and James Bond novels are thrilling, but not scary," she said, explaining why she crafted her novel around what she considers to be

a very real threat. "To me, something that is scary is something that can happen."

In actuality, there are thousands of weapons at guarded locations throughout the nation. The closest one is in Maryland. Other bases that house these weapons are in Utah, Oregon, Arkansas and Indiana - just to name a few.

"They really are all over the country," she said. And information about each location is readily available online. That's where Murray did most of her research - on the Department of Defense Web site.

"It's all there," she said. "Pictures. Maps. I could get everything about

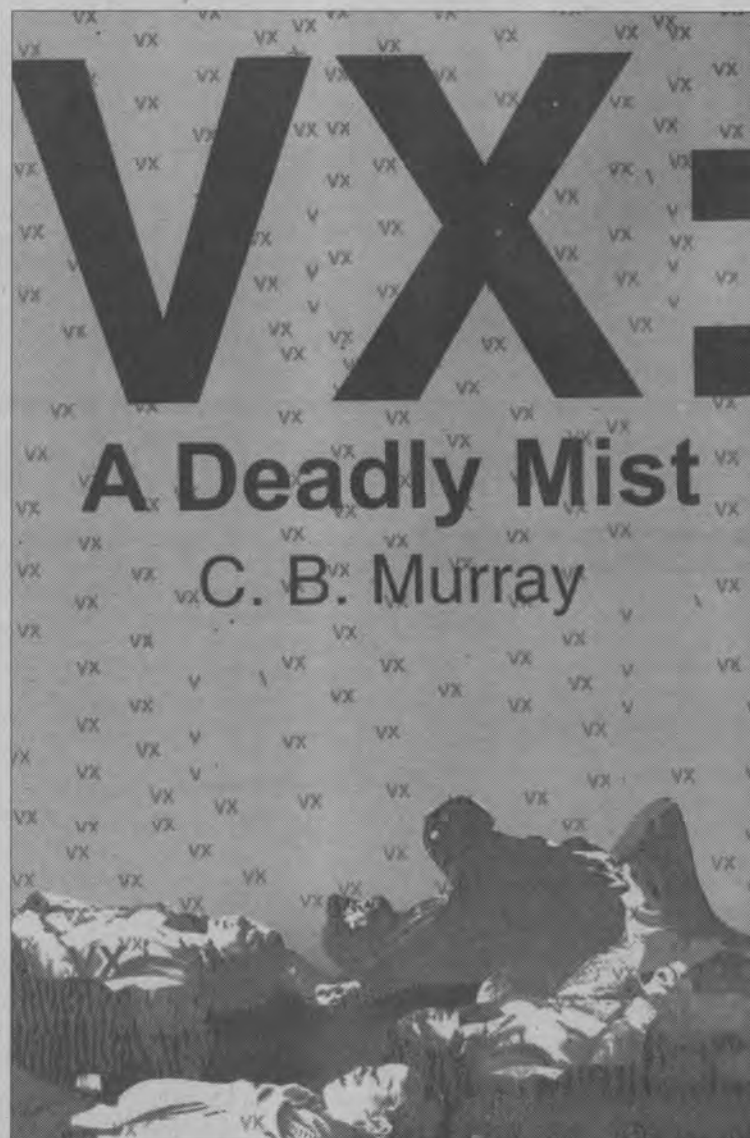
every one of those army bases on the internet. It's kind of scary."

In her novel, which she will be signing on March 16 at the University of Delaware bookstore, that information is just as readily available. And when corrupted government officials decide to take action with that information, the situation just gets worse.

While the circumstances make for an intense read, it does leave a few troubling thoughts lingering overhead. "I had it read by a few experts," she said. "And the good



Murray



Clella Murray will be at the University of Delaware Barnes and Nobel bookstore to sign copies of her novel, "VX: A Deadly Mist," on March 16 from 5 until 7:30 p.m.

news for the book is that they say it's possible. But the bad news is they say it's possible."

Murray hopes her book will bring weapons control into the forefront of more Americans' minds. "A lot of people just don't read the science section of the paper anymore," she said. "But if

you put it into a book, then maybe they'll learn more about it."

Even though Murray hopes to educate more people about what could turn into a very ugly situation, she doesn't let the threat crowd her thoughts. "You can't worry about everything," she sagely advised.

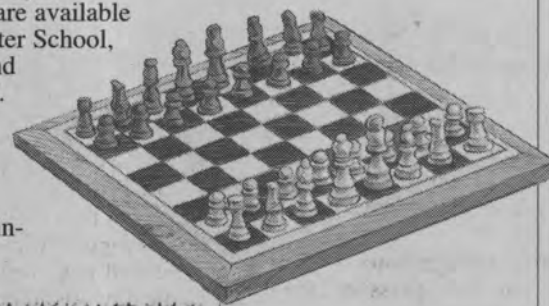
Newark Charter School to host charity chess tournament

ON Sunday, March 20, Newark Charter School will host a charity chess tournament. The tournament is a non-USCF event designed for kids who enjoy playing chess to get together and play for a day while raising money for a fantastic cause - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St. Jude is the foremost treatment and research center in the world dedicated to finding cures for childhood catastrophic

diseases.

The tournament will be a 5-round Swiss system with the first round starting at 9:45 a.m. The tournament is divided into three sections: grades K to 5, 6 to 8, and 9 to 12. There will be trophies, food and raffle prizes. Days of Knights Fantasy Gift and Gaming Shoppe on Main Street in Newark has donated a set of Rosewood chess pieces valued at \$80 to be raffled. Entry fee for the tourna-

ment is \$15. Register prior to March 15 and pay only \$12. Registration forms are available at the Newark Charter School, Days of Knights, and online at <http://udel.edu/~fcsherm/fcs/chessforcharity.pdf>. You can also register the day of the tournament beginning at 8:45 a.m.



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Easter flowers on display at Longwood

THIS month marks the beginning of two of the most glorious seasons on the earth, Spring and Easter. One place in our tri-state area that offers a celebration of both in a most resplendent way is, and has been for many years, Longwood Gardens just outside of Kennett Square, Pa.

Longwood Gardens is the former estate of Pierre S. du Pont and occupies acre upon acre in lush Chester County. From it spills out flowers, shrubs and flora of infinite variety in every direction. Beginning March 19 and lasting through April 1 all of the attention will be on the flowers of Easter.

Feature stories about Longwood gardens are not difficult to write. The difficult part, with all the beauty rampant, is to know where to begin! I will begin with my favorite place in the gardens, the conservatory. Over a thousand Easter lillies trumpet the season and fill the entire structure with their fragrance and stately beauty. The manicured indoor lawns are surrounded by pink, blue and white hydrangeas as white marguerites and blue daisies weave in and out of the multiple spires of delphiniums.

If you have a favorite Easter flower it is a safe bet that you will see it in all of its natural wonder at Longwood this Easter season. Indoors, in addition to those I have already mentioned, are daisies, forget-me-nots, camellias, daffodils, hyacinths, tulips and the not-to-be missed orchids. Once you step outdoors from the conservatory you will be surrounded by magnolias, flowering cherries and daffodils by the thousands!

A color-filled kaleidoscope sweeps over the horizon until you find yourself in a veritable sea of blooms and scents. It is a real treat for the eye and the nose. The beauty extends in every direction and it is easy to see why this is one of our country's favorite places to visit the year round, but particularly in the Easter season.

Our aural senses are not neglected at Longwood Gardens during the Easter event either.

THE ARTS



By PHIL TOMAN

Musical events are on the calendar and designed to meet a wide variety of tastes. There is ethnic music, dance programs, programs for children - and the young at heart. Near St. Patrick's day Celtic and Irish events are scheduled. A special concert on Easter Sunday features the Amici Singers. For a complete list of all the concerts you may call the Longwood Gardens at 610-388-1000.

If growing and caring for your own flowers interests you, schedule a visit to the gardens when one or more of the dozens of workshops to be offered during the Easter celebration are scheduled. Some invite you to pot your own plant at Longwood and take it home. The courses run the gamut of floral interest.

Easter at Longwood is a time to bring the whole family and spend the day. While the gardens cater to our aesthetic side, they don't overlook the carnal either. The delightful Terrace Restaurant will be open so you don't even have to leave the grounds to eat. You may eat in the full-service dining room during the Easter show daily from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and on the weekend from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The self-service cafeteria is open every day 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For a great way to begin your day at Longwood if there are little ones in your group, may I suggest "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny?" There are four chances to eat with Mr. Bunny: 8:30, 9:30 and 10 a.m. This is a very popular



The conservatory at Longwood Gardens will be filled with the flowers of Easter including lilies, daisies, forget-me-nots, camellias, daffodils, hyacinths, tulips and orchids beginning March 19 and lasting through April 1.

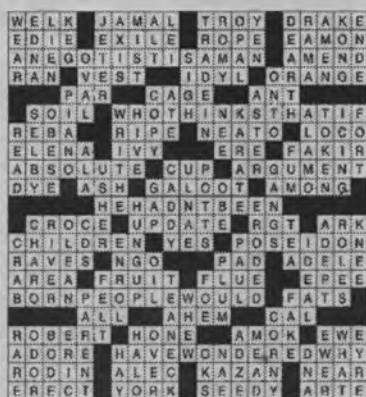
event and reservations are a must. There is also an excellent buffet offered on Easter Sunday. The direct dial number for the Terrace Restaurant is 610-388-6771.

Longwood Gardens, near Kennett Square, Pa. is an easy drive from our area. Pick your favorite road to get to Route 1. If you are driving up routes 896 or 41, turn right onto Route

1 and follow it until you see signs directing you to turn into Longwood Gardens. If you elect to come up routes 100, 52 or 202, turn left on Route 1 and follow the signs into the grounds.

One admission covers all gardens, conservatory and concerts and is good all day long. It is a wonderful place to take the whole family during the Easter season. Enjoy.

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.



Helpful hints for stress-free test taking

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dental appointments during testing sessions.

■ Keep an upbeat attitude about tests. If you are anxious about your child's testing, it's understandable, but keep cool around your child. You don't want him/her to get anxious about the test, too.

■ Encourage your child to do well, but don't pressure her/him.

Let children know that no matter how they score, the important thing is do their best.

■ The night before the test make sure your child gets enough sleep. Avoid bringing up issues such as failing to clean up his/her room. Let your child relax for a few hours before bedtime.

■ Provide a well-balanced breakfast the mornings of testing. Juice, yogurt, fruit, whole-grained toast and eggs offer a great start to the day. Avoid heavy foods that

may make him/her groggy and avoid high-sugar foods that may make a child hyper.

■ Ask your child's teacher if you can send a favorite healthy snack to school for the child to eat during a test break.

■ See that your child arrives at school on time.

■ Encourage your child to listen carefully to all test-taking directions given by the teacher and to ask questions about any directions that are unclear.

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FRIDAY

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JOHN POLLARD AT HOME GROWN CAFÉ 7 - 10 p.m. John Pollard will perform his renditions of folk music. Home Grown Café and Gourmet to Go, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or visit www.homegrowncafe.com.

MUSIC 1:25 p.m. Master class with John Kasica, percussionist with the Delaware Symphony. 120 Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info., 831-2577.

OVER AND UNDER: PAINTINGS BY N.C. WYETH 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Runs till May 8. This exhibition explores the artist's practice of reworking and reusing canvases. \$8 adults, \$5 seniors, students with ID, children.

6-12. Free to children under 6. Brandywine River Museum and Environmental Management Center, Route 1, 141 Chadds Ford. Info., 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org or www.brandywineconservancy.org.

LOOKING EAST 5 - 8 p.m. Runs till March 24. This abstract art exhibit by Linda Ford was inspired by a recent trip to China. Free. The Station Gallery, 3922 Kennett Pike, Greenville. Info., 654-8638.

CERTIFICATE COURSE: BROAD-LEAVED EVERGREENS 7 - 9 p.m. Runs till April 21/22. Learn the identification, culture and landscape use of over 50 broad-leaved evergreens suitable for your garden in this 6-session course. Program also available Friday mornings, 9 - 11 a.m. Pre-registration required. \$139. Includes lunch. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 ext. 507 or visit www.longwoodgardens.org.

THE 2X4 SQUARE DANCE CLUB 8 - 10:30 p.m. Plus level and Mainstream class level square dance. \$6. Medill School, 1550 Capitol Trail Rd., Kirkwood Highway. Info., 738-5382.

FLORAL DESIGN 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. This Masters design program concentrates on the Romantic style. Pre-registration required. \$159. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 ext. 507 or visit www.longwoodlearning.org.

SATURDAY

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FLEA MARKET 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Indoor and outdoor. 50+ tables. Breakfast, lunch, bake sale. North East VFW, 815 Turkey Point Rd., North East, Md. Info., 410-287-7817.

AUCTION GALA 6 - 11 p.m. Evening of music, dining, dancing and silent and live auctions. \$75. Wilmington Country Club, Kennett Pike. Info., 999-9313.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bring dog and receive treats, specials and listen to Irish music. Whiskazz and Pawzz, 500 Hockessin Corner Shopping Center, Lancaster Pike, Hockessin. Info., 235-2002.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. St. James Episcopal Church, 2106 St. James Church Rd. Info., 594-2708.

CRAFT SHOW 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Presented by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Townsend Fire Co. Townsend Fire Hall, Main Street, Townsend. Info., 378-3252.

BRANDYWINE ZOO'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Come enjoy live entertainment, games, crafts and a scavenger hunt as the Zoo celebrates its 100 birthday. Brandywine Zoo, 1001 North Park Dr., Wilmington. Info., 571-7747 or visit www.brandywinezoo.org.

A QUILTER'S DAY OUT 8:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. Includes demonstrations, catered lunch and hands-on workshops. \$50 full day, \$23 half day. Newark Senior Center, 200



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THE KING AND I

Stefanie Powers steals the stage as Anna in *The King and I* at the DuPont Theatre March 4 - 13, 2005. For more information, call 656-4401. Dupont Theatre, Dupont Building, Wilmington.

White Chapel Dr. Info., 366-7060.

CONCERT 5 p.m. "We Will Serve The Lord" presented by the UD Gospel Choir. Students \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. General public \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Mitchell Hall, on The Green of UD's Newark campus. Info., dshowell@udel.edu or tyanc@udel.edu.

BONSAI: FOCUS ON THE DECIDUOUS 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. This course focuses on the techniques used in the creation, development and maintenance of deciduous bonsai trees and shrubs. Designed for the beginners and more advanced students of bonsai. Pre-registration required. \$39. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 ext. 507 or visit www.longwoodlearning.org.

DWARF ESPALIER FRUIT TREES 9 a.m. - noon. Learn the different methods used, shapes you can make, insects and diseases to watch for, common mistakes you may encounter, and how to reap first class fruit. Pre-registration required. \$49. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 ext. 507 or visit www.longwoodlearning.org.

CLUB PHRED 6 - 9 p.m. Voted "Best Local Band in Delaware." Performing at the Stone Balloon to benefit the Christina Educational Enrichment Fund. \$20 cover, cash bar, lite fare. Info., 832-5879 or email ceef@dca.net.

STAR GAZERS 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Learn about some winter constellations. Then move out and under the stars. \$2. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

■ SUNDAY, MARCH 13

ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. A2Z Promotions will host show. Over 60 tables of the area's finest dealers. Mill Creek Fire Hall, 3900 Kirkwood Hwy. Info., 559-7962.

CONCERT 3 p.m. Newark Community Band will perform its 22nd anniversary concert. Free and open to the public. Newark High School, 750 E. Delaware Ave. Info., 738-3683.

BRANDYWINE ZOO'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Come enjoy live entertainment, games, crafts and a scavenger hunt as the Zoo celebrates its 100 birthday. Brandywine Zoo, 1001 North Park Dr., Wilmington. Info., 571-7747 or visit www.brandywinezoo.org.

PERFORMANCE 2 p.m. "Stone Soup and Other Stories," with favorites from around the world. Mitchell Hill, on The Green of UD's Newark campus. Info., 831-8741.

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION 12:30 - 4 p.m. Will bring out the Irish traditions. Visitors can watch Irish dancing, make a boutonniere from real shamrocks and listen to Irish songs. Hagley Museum, Route 141. Info., 658-2400 or visit www.hagley.org.

SPRING HAWK WATCH SERIES 11 a.m. - noon. Also available April 3. Hawk Watch Hill provides a perfect location for viewing the migration of many different species of hawks. Pre-registration is suggested. Walk-ins welcome. \$2. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

■ MONDAY, MARCH 14

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE PT. I 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Class will earn 10 percent reduction on car insurance. Course is a total of six hours long. Part II will follow on Wednesday. \$30. Newport Town Hall, 15 N. Augustine St. 654-7786

NATURE NUGGETS 10:30 a.m. This discovery program for 3-5 year olds explores a different nature topic each month and includes a special craft or activity that will intrigue your child. Guardian must accompany each child. \$3. Call office to register. White Clay Creek State Park, 426 Wedgewood Rd. Info., 368-6900.

CONCERT 2:30 p.m. Dale Warland, choral conductor will present a concert as part of the 2005 Boyer College of Music and Dance 2005 Spring Concert Series. Verizon Hall, Kimmel Center, Philadelphia. Info., 215-893-1999 or visit www.temple.edu/boyer.

CONCERT 8 p.m. Percussion/Marimba Ensembles and Delaware Steel. \$3-10. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road, Newark. Info., 831-2577.

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■ FRIDAY, MARCH 11

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.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY 1 p.m. Second Friday. Continuing education to promote better way of life. County Extension Office, South Chapel St. Info., 738-4419 or 831-1239.

BABY STORY TIMES 10:30 a.m. Second and Fourth Friday. For baby's ages 6-18 months and their caregivers. Program runs till May 13, no meeting March 25. The New Castle Public Library, 424 Delaware St. Info., 328-1995.

TODDLER STORYTIME 11:30 a.m. Second and fourth Friday. For ages 18-36 months. The program runs until May 13, no meeting on March 25. The New Castle Public Library, 424 Delaware St. Info., 328-1995.

■ SATURDAY, MARCH 12

MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. Saturdays. \$5 donation goes to missions. Greater Grace Church, 30 Blue Hen Dr. Info., 738-1530.

KARAOKE 8 p.m. - midnight. Saturdays.

No cover charge, all welcome. The American Legion of Elkton. Info., 410-398-9720.

LYME SUPPORT GROUP 10:30 a.m. Second Saturday. Kirkwood Highway Library. Info., 996-9065 or e-mail TLizzy@snip.net.

RECYCLE ALUMINUM 9 a.m. - noon. Second Saturday. Anything except foil. Remove non-metal portions like glass or chair webbing. Call for house siding and large pickups. Center for Creative Arts, off Rt. 82, Yorklyn. Info., 239-2690 or 239-2434.

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

■ SUNDAY, MARCH 13

BEAR DANCERS 2 - 5 p.m. Second Sunday. Square dancing, no partner or experience needed. Dress comfortably and bring clean, soft-soled shoes. No smoking or alcohol. \$6. 208 Mariner's Way, Bear. Info., 838-0493, ext. 5.

■ MONDAY, MARCH 14

TAI CHI 2:30 p.m. Mondays or

MEETINGS

Wednesdays; 11:15 a.m. Fridays. \$20 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

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

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

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

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

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS 7:30 p.m. Second Monday. Orientation meeting. The Bear Library, Governor's Square. Info., 998-3115, ext. 1.

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

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

NCCO STROKE CLUB Noon. Mondays. The Jewish Community Center, Talleyville. Info., 324-4444.

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

■ TUESDAY, MARCH 15

STORYCRAFTS 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Program runs until May 13. For children 3-6. The New Castle Public Library, 424 Delaware St. Info., 328-1995.

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

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

SCRAPBOOKING 7 - 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Nursery, \$2 per child. Glasgow Reformed

Presbyterian Church, Summit Bridge Rd., Glasgow. Info., 834-GRPC.

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

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT 7 - 9 p.m. Third Tuesday. Free & open to public. Newark Senior Center, White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

■ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

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

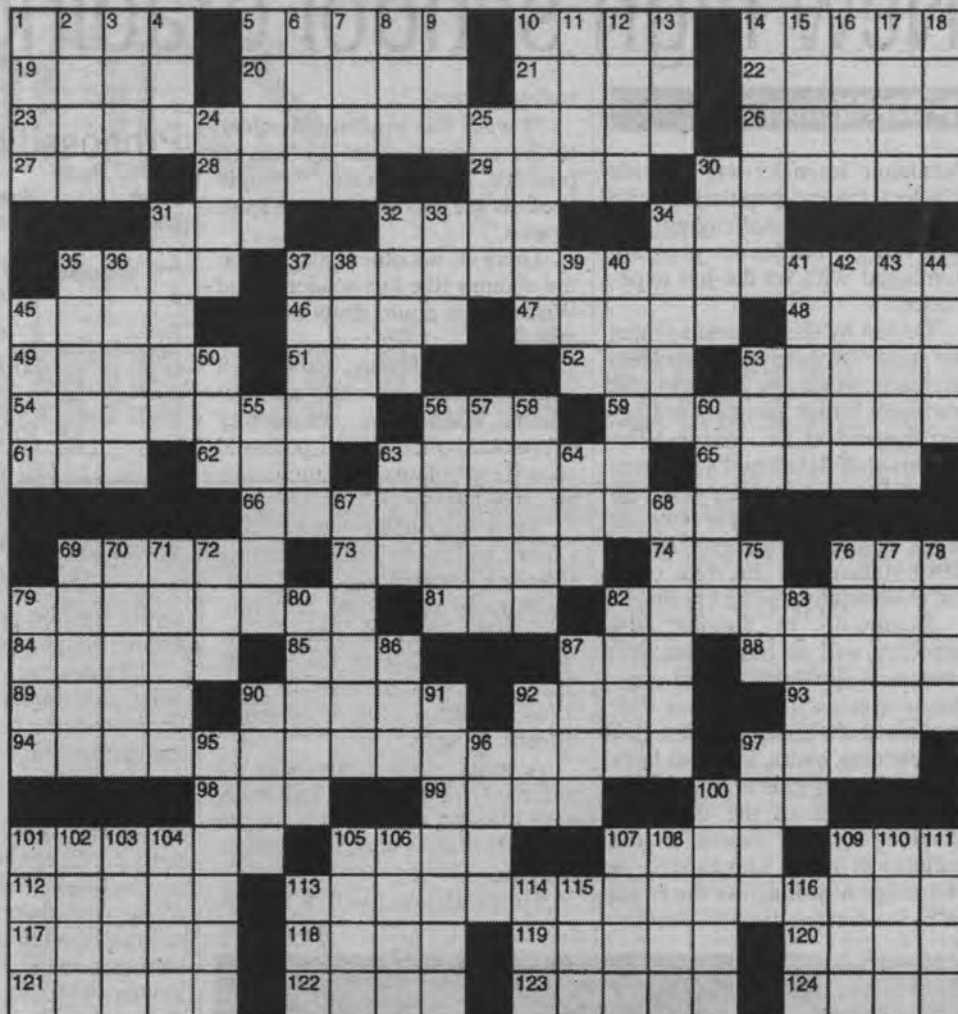
PARENT ADVISORY BOARD 7 p.m. Third Wednesday. Meetings alternate between Bayard and Keene schools. Info., 454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

CONSTITUENT MEETING 7 a.m. First and third Wednesday. Rep. Melanie

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■ TUESDAY, MARCH 15

NARFE MEETING 11 a.m. National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees meets. Glass Kitchen, Route 40. Info., 731-1628.

ROCKY RUN TRAIL 1 p.m. This 1.9-mile loop makes its way through pine forest and open meadows and offers scenic river views. Thompson's Bridge parking lot, Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

X-TREME LANDSCAPE MAKEOVER 6:30 - 9 p.m. Learn how to improve an existing landscape by taking advantage of what is already there. Participants are encouraged to bring in photos, sketches and potential designs for discussion and suggestions. \$15. Fischer Greenhouse Laboratory, Townsend Hall. Info., 831-1355.

BASIC FLORAL DESIGN 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Runs till April 19. Learn the basic concepts of flower arranging and the principles of design in six 3-hour sessions. Pre-registration required. \$269. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 ext. 507 or visit www.longwoodlearning.org.

■ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

CHORAL CONCERT 7:30 p.m. College of Wooster chorus will perform. First and Central Presbyterian Church, 1101 Market St., Wilmington. Info., 263-2048 or 263-2145.

POKER TOURNAMENT 6 p.m. Mid-County Senior Center will host Texas Hold'Em tournament. \$75 reserves chair. 100 player limit. First Regiment Road, Wilmington. Info., 995-6728 or 995-6555.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE PT. I 6 - 9 p.m. Class will earn 10 percent reduction on car insurance. Course is a total of six hours long. Part II will follow on March 23. \$30. Floyd I Hudson Center, 501 Ogletown Rd. Info., 654-7786.

BOOK SIGNING 5 - 7:30 p.m. Clella Murray will sign copies of her new novel titled "VX: A Deadly Mist." Barnes & Noble, Perkins Student Center, 325 Academy St., Newark.

BRUCE ANTHONY AT HOME GROWN CAFE 8 - 11 p.m. Bruce Anthony will perform jazz music that has made him a local phenomenon. Home Grown Cafe and Gourmet to Go, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or visit www.homegrowncafe.com.

ADVANCED FLORAL DESIGN 1 - 4 p.m. or 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Runs till April 20. Discover

advanced techniques including basing, focal area, point multipoint, terracing, grouping and clustering, zoning and sequencing, and more. Pre-registration required. \$309. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 ext. 507 or visit www.longwoodlearning.org.

SPEAKER CHARLES LEWIS 7:30 p.m. This Princeton professor will speak on "The End of Truth: Power, the News Media and the People's Right to Know." Room 104, Gore Hall, University of Delaware Campus.

■ THURSDAY, MARCH 17

THE SPEAKERS MEETING 7 p.m. Pencader Heritage Association meeting. Wallace McCurdy, retired UD chemistry professor, is the speaker. Free. Open to all. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Rd. Info., 368-2717 or visit www.pencaderheritage.org.

CONCERT 8 p.m. UD Jazz Chamber Ensemble, Vernon James directing. \$3-10. Loudis Recital

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

GARDENING "Puzzled by Pruning." Part of Master Gardeners spring workshops. \$18. Urban Environmental Center, 1500 N. Walnut St., Wilmington. 831-2667.

BEGINNING PAINTING PLANTS IN WATERCOLOR 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Runs to April 14. Join artist Anna B. Francis for five three-hour sessions focusing on technique and developing rendering skills. Pre-registration required. \$189. Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 ext. 507 or visit www.longwoodlearning.org.

MARCH WINDS ARE BLOWIN' It may be cold now but spring is coming! Learn about the changes in weather that will warm you up for spring. Brandywine Creek State Park. Info., 655-5740.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY Program runs

June 20-24. The Newark Police Department will host a program that will give young people insight into the duties of an officer or emergency worker. Pre-registration required. Cost pending. Registration runs till April 30. Newark Police Dept., 220 Elktion Rd. Info., 366-7110 ext. 125 or visit http://newark.de.us/docs/departments/youth_academy.html.

FAMILY EGGSTRAVAGANZA 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Crafts, activities and games for all ages. \$5 (\$3 non-Newark resident fee for first family member). Registration required. George Wilson Center. Info., 366-7033.

TEACHER RECRUITER CONFERENCE 2 - 8

p.m. March 21 and 22. First day features recruiters from Delaware schools, second day features recruiters from several states. Teachers interested should bring plenty of resume copies. Must pre-register. Bob Carpenter Center, S. College Avenue. Info., 831-8570.

5K RUN/WALK 9 a.m. April 2. Event is to benefit program Prevent Child Abuse Delaware. Preregister till March 31, \$16 adults, \$12 students. May also register day of race, \$20 adults, \$16 students. Wilmington Riverfront. Info., 655-5288.

Casino Night
Saturday, March 19th 6 P.M.
Support the Newark Senior Center
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March 19, 20, 25 & 26
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New high school grading system okayed for fall

► BOARD, from 1

Academic Intensity will provide a select student population with a no-frills, but challenging and innovative, academic program combined with on-the-job experience.

Driven by the demand to meet the needs of nearly 400 students that are not doing well in the traditional high school setting, Superintendent Dr. Joseph Wise and his staff developed a program that will target students who are 16 years-old and have five or fewer credits toward graduation. Most students on the right track for graduation have 22 credits.

Beginning in August, the academy will accommodate 300 students who will attend academic classes four hours a day, in three shifts throughout the day and evening hours, and will have regular paying jobs or internships the remainder of the day. The academy will be located in the building at 500 S. Lombard St. in Wilmington, just across the street from the current district adminis-

trative offices.

"I want this academy as close to the superintendent's office as possible," Wise said. "People need to see this model and learn from it."

There is no other program in the country like this academy and Wise said it could draw national attention.

At the Tuesday, March 8 board meeting, several members of the Wilmington community expressed concern with potential security problems, parking issues and funding.

Assistant Superintendent and Chief Operations Officer Jeffrey Edmison assured the local residents there should be no problems with students outside the building or roaming the streets. They will be monitored the same as in any other school, no more, no less, he said.

A strict dress code will be enforced for students and staff, with blazers, shirt and tie for the men and blazers and skirts for the women.

The headmaster will be Lavina

Proposed high school grading scale

Letter grade	Numeric range	Unweighted value	Weighted Honors course	Weighted AP course
A+	98-100%	4.25	4.5	4.75
A	90-97%	4.0	4.25	4.5
B+	87-89%	3.5	3.75	4.0
B	80-86%	3.0	3.25	3.5
C+	77-79%	2.5	2.75	3.0
C	70-76%	2.0	2.25	2.5
D+	67-69%	1.5	1.75	2.0
D	60-66%	1.0	1.25	1.5
F	59% & below	0.0	0.0	0.0

Smith, current principal of Elbert Palmer School.

"Phones are already ringing," Wise said in reference to teachers wanting to be part of the Pyle Academy faculty. Preference will be given to current Christina employees.

Because this is not an alternative placement for disciplinary reasons, and the students, along with their parents, will be required to sign a student contract showing their commitment, any student who does not conform to the program will be assigned to

another school.

Bus transportation will be provided by the district. No parking will be available for any student who drive their own cars. They would need to find legal parking on their own.

With the academy being located in a building previously used as an elementary school, furniture, fixtures and equipment will be needed to start up the program. The estimated cost for the first year will be \$4.7 million.

A tax increase of 1.5 cents will be needed to pay the start-up

costs. That equates to approximately \$30 on a property valued at \$60,000.

"This program will step up to the plate to meet the needs of students who would be traditionally left behind," Edmison said.

New grading system approved

After months of task force meetings and proposals to the board, a grading system for all three high schools was finally approved.

The task force, comprised of students, staff, parents and community leaders was formed in December to investigate the current grading systems used in the three high schools and bring some continuity to the district.

But it was not until the fourth presentation to the Board, and another half hour of discussions, that the final version was agreed upon.

The new system, which will go into effect with the 2005-2006 school year, will reward students enrolled in honors and advanced placement classes with higher grade point averages.



U.S. Sen. Tom Carper, left, presents a copy of the Congressional Record to retired Newark High band director Lloyd Ross.

Musicman makes Congressional Record

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

EVERY day the U.S. Congress is in session, a formal document is prepared, recording the ring of every bell and whack of the gavel, appointments made by the president, speeches delivered by Senators, and votes taken by the politicians.

You will find one Newark connection in the Congressional

Record of Jan. 20, 2005.

On that day, Sen. Thomas Carper delivered a speech to the Senate body, recognizing the contributions made by retired Newark High School band director Lloyd Ross.

The Congressional Record states:

"Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Lloyd J. Ross upon his retirement from Newark High School in Newark, Delaware, after more than 34 years of dedicated service. He is a man with a kind heart, diverse interests and

great abilities. Lloyd embodies the best of Delaware."

Carper continued on to recount Ross's educational history, citing the many trophies and awards the school received during his tenure.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, Carper, on left, presented a copy of the Congressional Record to Ross in front of about 100 NHS band and orchestra members.

Ross has not entirely succumbed to a rocking chair

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St. Mark's girls top Glasgow

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

No. 10 seed St. Marks bounced Glasgow from the Delaware High School Girls Basketball Tournament last Thursday with a come-from-behind 45-37 victory on the Lady Dragons home court.

The Lady Spartans turned up the defense heat in the second half, to get control of the contest.

"We knew we had to play a better defense if we wanted a chance to win this game," said St. Mark's coach George Chellew. "We weren't shooting very well in the first half so we needed to set the pace," he said.

Glasgow built a 25-16 lead in the waning moments of the first half.

But, before the buzzer, the Spartans' Melissa Doherty canned a pair of free throws, then stole the ball, and went end-to-end for a lay-up, cutting the lead to 25-20, and effectively changing the game's momentum in favor of St. Mark's.

Glasgow's Monique Babes scored the first basket of the second half, but the Dragons wouldn't score again until early in the fourth quarter, as the Spartans went to their pressure defense.

"I just put out my five best defenders to see if we could disrupt their offense," said Chellew.

The planned worked very well as Glasgow scored only two points in the decisive third quarter, and only ten points in the fourth period, with most coming after the game had been decided.

Glasgow coach John James said the third period definitely put the final nail in the Dragons' coffin.

Jessie Calderone scored 15 for the Spartans and teammates Doherty added 13 and Jessica August chipped in with 12 points.

Babes led the Dragons with 11 points.

State hoops in full swing



Glasgow falls to defending champs in quarters

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Mike Shipman and Paris Horne combined for 44 points to lead Middletown to a 72-61 victory over Glasgow in the quarter-final round of the Delaware High School Boys Basketball Tournament held Sunday afternoon at the Bob Carpenter Center in Newark.

The defending state champions led from start to finish, but were unable to put the determined Dragons away for good until the fourth quarter.

Glasgow coach Shahid Perkins said he was pleased with his team's effort. "But, we ran into a very determined team tonight, at the end of the game, they couldn't be denied, you could tell they were on a mission to win another state championship," he said.

The Cavaliers advanced to Thursday night's semifinal game at the Bob against Tatnall, a 64-45 winner over Salesianum, in one of the other quarterfinal match-ups Sunday afternoon.

Shipman banged home the first 12 points of the game, in what appeared to be a Cavalier blow-out, but the Dragons gradually found a scoring touch behind senior Cory Lemons and junior Steve Cooper.

Glasgow clawed back from the earl double-digit deficit to trail by only 16-11 after one quarter.

Middletown coach Charles Robinson said he expected a good game out of Shipman.

"I expect him to give me a quality effort every night, he's a special individual on and off the court," he said. "But I also expect a great effort from the rest of the players out there every night, we win or lose as a team," said Robinson.

It was much of the same for the second and third quarters, as Middletown would extend its lead, only to have the pesky Dragons follow with a short run to keep the game close. The Cavaliers managed to pull ahead 50-39 with one period remain-

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

Caravel Academy's Will Robbins drives to the basket in the Bucs' 57-49 victory over Sanford.

See GLASGOW, 14 ►

Blue Hen men season ends

The 2004-05 season came to an end for the University of Delaware men's basketball squad Saturday night as the Blue Hens fell to No. 2 seed Virginia Commonwealth 74-61 in the Colonial Athletic Association quarterfinals at the Richmond Coliseum.

No. 7 seed Delaware (11-20), which advanced to the quarterfinals with a 76-56 first round win over Towson Friday night, got another big effort from first team All-CAA forward Harding Nana (right), who posted his 19th double-double of the season with 27 points and a career-high 19 rebounds.

Nana's 19 double-doubles is the third highest total in NCAA Division I this year and the third highest single season total in UD history. Nana, the CAA's leading rebounder and second leading scorer, averaged 28 points per game in three outings vs. VCU this season. He scored 46 points and pulled 33 rebounds in two CAA Tournament games.

Junior guard Andrew Washington added 13 points for the Hens, his seventh straight double-figure scoring effort, while senior Mike Slattery, a two-time third team All-CAA selection, closed out an outstanding career by adding nine points and five assists and became the first player in CAA history to score 1,000 points and dish out 600 assists in a career.

No. 2 seed Virginia Commonwealth, the defending CAA champion, got team-highs of 21 points and seven rebounds from first team All-CAA forward Nick George and 13 points from Michael Doles. Alexander Harper added nine points and five rebounds and B.A. Walker contributed seven points, six assists, and five rebounds. VCU downed Delaware for the sixth straight time overall.

"This was a very physical game tonight but we played hard and competed, but just got outmanned," said Delaware head coach David Henderson, whose team suffered its first 20-loss season since the 1978-79 Delaware team went 5-22. "We didn't make the shots when VCU went to the zone defense and that hurt us. We came up a little short. I can't say enough about Harding Nana and the way he played all year. He's my conference player of the year. He got the job done all year no matter what. We fought hard all season long and went through a lot of adversity, but I think we've grown from the experience."

The Rams advance to Sunday's semifinals to play either UNC Wilmington or George Mason. The CAA championship game is set for Monday at 7 p.m. with the winner earning an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament.

UD women earn top seed

The University of Delaware women's basketball squad, which captured the Colonial Athletic Association regular season title and earned the top seed in this weekend's CAA Tournament, was well represented as the 2004-05 CAA individual awards were presented Tuesday night at the annual CAA Championship Banquet at George Mason University.

Blue Hen senior forward Tiara Malcom (Caravel/Wilmington, DE - far right) was named the Player of the Year, head coach Tina Martin (near right) shared Coach of the Year honors, senior forward Tiffany Young (Fairfax/Fairfax, VA) earned a spot on the CAA All-Defensive Team, and senior forward Julie Sailer (Council Rock/Washington Crossing, PA) and sophomore guard Alena Koshansky were selected to the CAA All-Academic Team.

In addition to Malcom and Martin, also earning major CAA awards were Rookie of the Year Meagan Samis of UNC Wilmington, Defensive Player of the Year Kyle DeHaven of William & Mary, Co-Coach of the Year Denise Dillon of Drexel, and Dean Ehlers Leadership Award winner Kelli Talbot of Towson. Malcom was joined on the first team by Shareese Grant of Old Dominion, Catherine Scanlon and Katrina Martin of Drexel, and Cigi McCollin of Hofstra.

Malcom has enjoyed an outstanding senior year by leading the Blue Hens to a 23-4 record and the CAA regular season title with a mark of 16-2. A two-time second team All-CAA selection, she ranks in the top 10 in the conference in four statistics categories, including leading the league in scoring with 16.6 points per game. She also leads the team with 6.6 rebounds per game, shoots 45.4 percent from the field, 80.9 percent from the line, and has blocked 25 shots.

She becomes just the third player in UD history to earn conference player of the year honors, joining Jen Riley, who was named East Coast Conference Player of the Year in 1991 and America East Player of the Year in 1992, and Sarah Gause, who was named ECC Player of the Year in 1985. Malcom also becomes just the second player in UD history to earn first team All-CAA honors since the Blue Hens joined the league in 2001-02.

Young, the first player off the bench for the Hens, earned third team All-CAA honors after ranking second on the team in scoring (11.0 ppg) and rebounding (6.0 rpg) and ranking third in the CAA in free throw shooting at 82.7 percent from the line.

Martin, who led the Blue Hens to their fifth 20-win season in the last six seasons, earned league coach of the year honors for the second time in her career this season. She also was named America East Coach of the Year in 2000-01 when she led the Blue Hens to the league title and the school's only NCAA Tournament appearance. She owns a nine-year record of 165-94 for the Blue Hens.

Smith has averaged 10.3 points and 4.9 rebounds per game this season and also leads the Blue Hens in assists with 87. She ranked second in the league with 89 steals this season (3.3 per game), just behind league leader DeHaven of William & Mary.

A four-year starter, Sailer averaged 6.3 points and 4.1 rebounds per game this season. A two-time ESPN The Magazine/College Sports Information Directors of America District 2 All-Academic selection, Sailer is an honor student as an elementary education major with a minor in business.

Koshansky, who took over the full-time starting spot at point guard this season, averaged 6.7 points per game and led the squad with 33 three-point field goals. An honor student as an arts and sciences major, she also dished out 70 assists and shot 79.4 percent from the foul line.

Glasgow gives Middletown all it can handle

► GLASGOW, from 13

ing. When Shipman cooled down in the second half, Horne took over, pacing the Middletown offense throughout the fourth quarter.

Horne had plenty of help from the Mann's, senior Justin and freshman Jarret, who played very well in the pressure-packed final quarter. Justin finished with 8 points for the Cavs while Jarrett contributed 10 points for the con-

test.

Lemons led the Dragons with 19 points, while teammates Cooper and Emanuel Tyner added 11 points apiece.

The Dragons ended the season with a 19-4 record.

Robinson said his team won a tough game over a quality ball-club.

"You can take any of the last eight teams, put them in a hat, mix it all up, and you're gonna get a good game," he said. "If you look at some of the upsets in the early rounds of the tourney, you realize everybody has to be on their toes if they hope to win a game, because it's not going to be easy from here on out," said Robinson.

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Laura's Glen plan tabled by council

► GLEN, from 3

Changes included a reduction of eight homes, smaller plots of land so as to increase open space in the community and 1.47 acres of open space dedicated to the city.

While most of the public comment was in opposition to the plans, some residents spoke out in support. Resident Greg Sauka said he favored the altered plans. "I've looked at the plan," he

said. "And it seems like concessions have been made. If it meets requirements and has been revised and tweaked, I would like to see it approved."

Lisa B. Goodman, lawyer for the ReDevelopment Company, agreed with Sauka and pointed out that the builders have followed code and are within their rights to build eight homes on the property.

"You have zoned the site RS,

which means that you have said it's okay to build single family detached homes here," she told council, before suggesting that revisions could be made to the city's zoning. "Should Newark think about overhauling its zoning the way the county recently did? Yeah," she admitted. "But can you do it ad hoc? No."

Residents who spoke against the proposal pointed out that while the plan follows city regu-

lations, it does exceed the zoning code's minimum suggested number of homes.

"I would like to see four homes on the site," said resident Linda Lumb. "When we first started, I was against any houses going there. But there are laws. And we are willing to concede to the city and give them four homes. Four homes follows the law."

The final decision will likely be announced at an April Newark

City Council meeting. The decision was tabled with the request that the ReDevelopment group considers a list of suggestions that included: reducing lot size to 75 feet; maintaining as much vegetation as possible; realigning the sewer lines to run parallel with other underground piping so as to reduce environmental disturbances; and allow the White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic Committee to review the plans.

Extension group aids socialization of homeschooled students

► HOME, from 3

and Goddesses. They were preparing for entries in an upcoming geography fair to be held Saturday, March 12 at Alethia School.

Nearly two percent of children between the ages of five and 17 are homeschooled by their parents, according to the National Household Education Survey.

The reasons parents give for keeping their children under their wings are varied, but generally they feel they can do a better job educating than public schools can, for religious reasons, safety issues or social concerns.

The lack of socialization can be an issue with homeschool groups.

Parents sometimes become overwhelmed with the prospect of needing daily lesson plans and trying to fit the education program around their own lifestyle.

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groups find ways to support each other, often combining their programs on a regular basis.

At the Cooperative Extension, each parent is a leader with 4-H. They do community service projects, exhibit at the state fair in the summer, go camping, hold themed family dinners, engage in holiday activities, take field trips and go to the theater. Often they try to include as many family members as possible.

Currently they are collecting pennies to buy pairs of boots for soldiers in Iraq. Each pair costs \$100 plus shipping.

They do landscaping projects in conjunction with the Master Gardeners and place flags on gravesites at the veterans' cem-

etery.

Unlike many homeschool families that don't make it into their second year, these families have met on a regular basis for seven years, with most of the students having been together for four years.

One former student has graduated and is now enrolled at the University of Delaware.

Officially, they are one of many homeschool groups belonging to a larger support organization, Tri-State Home School Network. There are nine such organizations registered with the state Department of Education.

Considered a non-public school, the homeschoolers have no single curriculum to follow, but work through a series of lesson plans either created by themselves or purchased. They get no state support.

Because there are fewer distractions at home compared to the public school, students often complete their work in fewer than the normal six hours. That allows

time for extra-curricular activities such as 4-H, instrumental or dance lessons and field trips.

Fifth grader Jade Wampler likes being homeschooled, along

with her two brothers and a sister, rather than attending a public school every day.

"I don't get sent to the principal's office," she said.

CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE PUBLIC HEARING

REVISED NOTICE

MARCH 14, 2005 - 7:30 P.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 27-21(b)(2)(e) of the City of Newark Subdivision and Development Regulations, Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Newark Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Road, on Monday, March 14, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at which time the Council will consider an application from Richard Handloff and H. Gibbons Young for the major subdivision of 108 East Main Street, by adding a two-story addition for 15 additional apartments over a portion of the existing one-story retail building at that location to be known as Olde Town Apartments.

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Council hearing on ordinance set for March 21

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Leiberman argued for the ordinance, saying that reducing the number of booths around town could help his business in the long run.

"There are vendors out there that are overzealous," he said. "That provides for an unfriendly Main Street and the harassment of students. But if book vendors bring the students back into the store, it will help relationships and sales improve."

The proposed ordinance, which will include a clause about the length and price of a lease, will be heard again by council at the March 21 meeting.



THIS WEEKEND AT CHAPEL STREET

The Chapel Street Players present the comedy "Pink Thunderbird" for the next two weekends. The comedy features two plays, three couples and six viewpoints as the audience sees how husbands and wives discuss their lives with their friends and how they feel about each other. Performances will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. The theater is located at 26 Chapel St. For more information, call 368-2248.

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Classical music databases now available

TWO new classical music databases are now available through the University of Delaware Library. The Classical Music Library and the Naxos Music Library databases will be available online at all times to students, faculty and staff from classrooms, offices and residence halls.

The new databases will link to important online reference works, such as Grove Music Online and Biography Reference Bank and Classical Music Library Further, to which the library subscribes. Users can listen and learn via computer while simultaneously searching and browsing the reference database.

Access to the databases was made possible by the Henry Newton Lee Jr. Family Library Music Fund.

"It's going to be a marvelous addition to the University," Henry Newton Lee Jr., professor emeritus of music and Newark resident, said. "It makes musical literature very accessible to anybody who wants to hear it but doesn't have the recordings. It is going to be a tremendous advantage to the cultural and musical life of the University, which should take advantage of it."

Classical Music Library, produced by Alexander Street Press, is a fully searchable comprehensive database of distinguished classical recordings. It includes tens of thousands of licensed recordings that users can listen to on the Internet.

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Research to revolutionize electronics

A PROJECT by University of Delaware researchers that could break down the brick wall of miniaturization and revolutionize modern electronics through the formation and control of wires made of molecules is featured on the cover of the Feb. 15 issue of the American Chemical Society journal, *Langmuir*.

The article, "Controlled Polymerization of Substituted Diacetylene Self-Organized Monolayers Confined in Molecule Corrals," describes the important new results produced by the UD research team, which are "the ability to produce molecular wires at very precise positions, and to control the length of the wires through confinement inside of molecule corrals," according to Thomas P. Beebe Jr., professor of chemistry and biochemistry.

Beebe said modern electronics, such as computer processors or the micro-circuitry that makes a cell phone fully functional, have hit a "brick wall" in attempts at further miniaturization.

Beebe said many research groups all over the world have been pursuing alternate avenues by which to make smaller electronic devices. One of these avenues is the use of molecules, and these structures have come to be called molecular wires in the newly emergent field of molecular electronics. Molecules as wires would provide a major step forward in the miniaturization race, Beebe said.

Beebe's team includes UD chemistry and biochemistry graduate student Shawn Sullivan, postdoctoral researcher Albert



PHOTO BY DUANE PERRY

Thomas Beebe (right), professor of chemistry and biochemistry, with graduate student Shawn Sullivan

Schnieders and visiting Lincoln University undergraduate student Samuel Mbugua. The research project is supported by funding from the National Science

Foundation.

"We believe this work will be an important contribution to the field of molecular electronics as a means to produce new,

smaller, faster devices that will lead further into the 21st Century and the era of nanotechnology," Beebe said.

UD researchers gather data in tsunamis' wake

RESearchers from the University of Delaware's Disaster Research Center (DRC) have returned from South Asia after a social science reconnaissance mission mounted in the wake of the devastating tsunamis that struck in December.

The UD researchers were part of a team sponsored by the California-based Earthquake Engineering Research Institute and funded by the National Science Foundation.

The team reached South Asia within a month of the tsunamis, which were generated by a large earthquake in Sumatra, and visited some of

the regions of India and Sri Lanka that were most ravaged by the disaster.

During a two-week expedition, their goals were to collect perishable data, identify communities and organizations that were particularly hard-hit by the tsunamis and observe the extent to which various structures were damaged or destroyed, according to Havidan Rodriguez, DRC director.

Rodriguez was joined on the fact-finding mission by Tricia Wachtendorf, UD assistant professor of sociology who is affiliated with the DRC; James Kendra, of the University of

North Texas and a former post-doctoral fellow at DRC; and Joseph Trainor, a UD graduate student and DRC project coordinator.

Rodriguez said the expedition yielded important data on disaster preparedness, response and recovery. The team also focused on issues such as community resilience, inter-organizational coordination, governmental response and the distribution of disaster relief aid following the tsunamis, he said.

The Disaster Research Center was established 40 years ago by Enrico Quarantelli and Russell Dynes at Ohio State University and moved to the

campus of the University of Delaware in 1985. It was the first social science research center in the world devoted to the study of disasters.

DRC conducts field and survey research on group, organizational and community preparation for, response to, and recovery from natural and technological disasters and other community-wide crises. DRC researchers have conducted nearly 600 field studies since the center's inception, including cutting-edge research on the multi-organizational response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City.

Stone Soup and Other Stories set March 13

SSTONE Soup and Other Stories, favorites from Africa, India, Eastern Europe and the United States, will be told in the University of Delaware's 2004-05 Family Performing Arts Series at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 13, in Mitchell Hall, The Green, on UD's Newark campus.

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Tickets are \$17 for the general public, \$12 for UD faculty, staff, alumni and senior citizens and \$5 for students and children. A 15 percent discount is available for group sales of 20 or more tickets per show.

For tickets, call the Hartshorn box office at (302) 831-2204, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.



Stone Soup will be told in the University of Delaware's Family Performing Arts Series on Sunday, March 13, at 2 p.m. on UD's Newark campus in Mitchell Hall, The Green.

At noon, Friday, March 11, the Hartshorn box office will stop selling tickets for the performance to allow for the transition to the Mitchell Hall box office.

Any remaining tickets will be available for purchase in person at the Mitchell Hall box office beginning one hour before the scheduled start time of the performance.

formance.

For more information, visit www.udel.edu/performingarts, e-mail performingarts@udel.edu or call (302) 831-8741.

The University of Delaware 2004-05 Performing Arts Series and Family Series are made possible, in part, by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency committed to promoting and supporting the arts in Delaware, as well as support by Embassy Suites-Newark/Wilmington South and Arby's.

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MONDAY AT GLASGOW HIGH

County exec ready to listen Monday

ON Monday, March 14, Newark residents can let New Castle County representative Councilman David L. Tackett from District 11 know what's on their mind, as part of the county's "Listening Campaign."

County officials hope the campaign will be an opportunity to listen to and address the concerns of the citizens of New Castle County.

All the meetings will include County Executive Chris Coons, the area's Council District member, Council President Paul Clark, as well as representatives from county departments.

The meeting will start with an overview of the district, including any county projects that may be relevant to the area, and follow with a question and answer session where the public is encouraged to give input on county services and on the direction they would like to see the county moving towards.

The meeting will be held at Glasgow High School at 5:30 p.m.

Contest seeks top 'mathlete' in state

► MATH, from 3

the participants were on to the next round, this time with the help of personal calculators. By the end of the day, only the top ten individuals would participate in the Countdown Round - no calculators, only head-to-head challenge between students.

Throughout the intense three-hour competition, students from 12 local schools, including Holy Angels and The Independence School, worked individually and in teams to push their math skills to the limit, answering questions about palindromes, degree measure of acute angles, perfect cubes, positive integers, combinations and math terminology most of their parents had probably long forgotten, but still used in everyday situations.

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tion will take place May 5 - 8 in Detroit.

The results

Team Round: H.B. Dupont Middle (1st place), Tower Hill (2nd place), Hanby Middle (3rd place)

Individual: Tommy Gill, Independence School (1st place), Amy Lui, Hanby Middle (2nd place), Rae Tao, Tower Hill (3rd place), Julie Xue, H. B. Dupont (4th place)

Sorenson seeks opinions on Family Court issues

State Sen. Liane Sorenson has announced that citizens with concerns about Family Court operations dealing with issues like child support and visitation rights have an opportunity to make their opinions heard.

The Delaware Family Law Commission, which Sorenson chairs, will be holding its annual hearing to solicit public input on issues concerning Family Court. The hearing will take place in the House Chambers of Legislative Hall, Wednesday, March 16, from

7 to 9 p.m.

Those wishing to speak at the hearing can sign up at the event. Testimony will be limited to five minutes per person or group. Written comments will be accepted.

"I urge anyone with an interest in Delaware's Family Court, and the various issues it deals with, to attend" said Sorenson.

For more information or to speak at the hearing, contact Douglas Greig at 302-744-4306.

Lifeguard training, egg hunt set

The Newark Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting several events throughout March.

They will present a lifeguard training and challenge course from March 11-20.

The training course will be on Fridays, from 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The challenge course will be held on Friday, April 15, from 5 to 9 p.m. These courses are open to all that are interested in earning their lifeguard certification.

The lifeguard training course costs \$180 for Newark residents and \$183 for non-residents. The challenge course is \$100 for residents and \$103 for non-residents. Classes will take place at the

Carpenter Sports Building.

The parks department are also hosting a "Family Eggstravaganza." This event will have crafts, games and activities for all ages. Pre-registration is necessary. Cost for this event is \$5, plus a \$3 non-resident fee for first family member. It will take place at the George Wilson Center on Friday, March 18.

They will be hosting an egg hunt on Saturday, March 19, at the White Clay Creek State Park's Carpenter Recreation Area. The event will begin at 10 a.m. Walking-2 years will be at 10, 3-4 years at 10, 5-6 years at 10:30, and 7-9 at 10:30. Rain date is March 20 at 2 p.m.

For more information, call 366-7060 or 366-7033, ext. 200.

NHS scholarship deadline nears

The Newark High School Alumni Association Board of Directors and Scholarship Committee has announced that their annual \$1000 scholarship continues in 2005.

Subject to eligibility requirements noted on the form, which is available in the guidance office or via English and homeroom teachers at NHS, all members of the class of 2005 are encouraged to apply by the March 17 deadline.

Potential attendees of two- and four-year colleges and accredited

trade schools are eligible for the award.

Since its introduction last year, the NHS Scholarship Committee has also administered the Anne Richards Maclary Munyan Scholarship, valued at \$1,500. The requirements are the same as the NHS Alumni Scholarship with the additional requirement that the applicant must have a career goal of becoming an educator.

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Clifton's withdrawal, criticism surprises city manager

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ing about staffing numbers. They have 50 percent more officers than we do."

Clifton said he hoped to change that by increasing the funds available to the NPD, an issue that will face council members at the Monday, March 21 meeting.

"I don't think we're in a tight financial situation," he said. "Most of the neighbors I've talked to have said they would be willing to pay more in taxes. I've mentioned maybe an extra \$25 or \$35 per year and everyone has said that's fine."

Manager surprised

CITY Manager Carl Luft was surprised by Clifton's decision and reasoning. "I'm sorry that he feels this way," he said. "I think we've had a good working relationship. We've had staff handle the problems in his district (District 2) efficiently and quickly. And I've always had an open door policy on communicating



Luft

The District 2 election

■ **Who's left:** Now that incumbent Jerry Clifton has dropped out of the race, political newcomers Peter Shurr and Sharon Hughes will compete for the seat.

■ **When Newark votes:** The election will be held on April 12.

■ **Still time to file:** The last date to file for candidacy is next Monday, March 14.

■ **The district:** District 2 includes much of the southeast quarter of town. Its boundaries are East Main Street at the north and South College on the west, with a few streets parceled off into District 4.

with council."

Luft maintains that city staff and the NPD have a healthy professional relationship.

"We have a remarkably low amount of grievances," he said. "With a department of 80 employees, we've had three grievances in 2003 and one in 2004. The accreditation board, Law Enforcement Accreditation Agency, always comments on

how low that number is."

Councilman Karl Kalbacher said strained relationships between council and staff are not unheard of, but can be worked through.

"We're two different bodies of a government," he said. "We're not always going to agree. But they have a responsibility to provide good information to us and

we have a responsibility to make a good decision based on that information. We may not always get along, sure. But that's just the way the process works."

Clifton has been part of many city-defining issues during his eight years on council. The one he said he is most proud of is getting the reservoir under construction. "I'm glad to see that come to

fruition," he said. "We've really increased the quality and quantity of water for the city."

He also thanked his constituents for electing him for four terms.

"The neighbors I have served makes me believe that District 2 has to be one of the best districts in the city," he said. "I can't even put it into words."

To the Citizens of New Castle County YOU ARE INVITED

County Executive Chris Coons and the new members of County Council invite you to participate in a "Listening Campaign" taking place in these Council districts. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet and speak with the County Executive, the Council President, and your new Councilperson. Please consult the schedule below for the date and location of the meeting in your district. Take an active role in county government by planning to attend the session in your area.

Listening Campaign Schedule

All meetings begin at 5:30 PM

Join County Executive Chris Coons
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at the Bear Library

February 24th

with 10th District Councilman **Jea P. Street**
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February 28th

with 12th District Councilman **Bill Bell**
at the Delaware City Fire Hall

March 7th

with 9th District Councilman **Timothy Sheldon**
at Shue Middle School

March 14th

with 11th District Councilman **David L. Tackett**
at the Glasgow High School.

March 23rd

with 1st District Councilman **Joseph Reda**
at the Cranston Heights Fire Hall

Watch for future **Listening Sessions** scheduled in your district.

Benefit at Stone Balloon

They've played benefits for the Christina Educational Enrichment Fund at the Deer Park Tavern last year. This Saturday, March 12, from 6 to 9 p.m., Club Phred, the Newark-based 60s-and-70s rock-and-roll band, will move down the street to the stage of the Stone Balloon.

The public is invited. Tickets are \$20 per person and include

snacks and a cash bar.

Tickets can be reserved in advance by calling 832-5879 or purchased at the door.

CEEFF is a non-profit group of volunteers devoted to recognizing the positive achievements of students in the Christina School District. Each spring, the group presents dozens of awards and scholarships.

'People at their happiest'

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customer, the average person. So I wanted the mural to be about people, but the rest of the restaurant's design is edgy and urban. I wanted it to be inviting and friendly."

Her solution to balancing "edgy" and "friendly"? Create a scene that has an urban flair - almost like graffiti art - and show people at their happiest.

"There are some figures that are laughing, sharing a joke," she says. "And all of the figures are in black and white. I didn't want anyone to not be included. There's even some sign language in it."

Leathrum-Simons's all-inclusive design took her an unusually long week to perfect. She searched for inspiration everywhere, but found it in magazines. Art publications such as Juxtapose and Metropolis helped her cultivate her ideas. Since then, she's put about three weeks of work into the masterpiece, perfecting each curve and crafting the exact hue for each stroke.

When Brenda Cheeseman, spokeswoman for Joes, saw the mural, she was amazed. "We were all blown away," she said. "It was something we never could have come up with ourselves, but it was exactly what the restaurant hopes to represent."

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Doris Prettyman, 76, active at St. Thomas

DORIS Marie Prettyman, 76, of Newark, died on Sunday, March 6, 2005, at Christiana Hospital.

Mrs. Prettyman was born in Newark on May 17, 1928, daughter of the late Lee H. Ferguson and Mary Toomey Ferguson, and was a graduate of Newark High School.

A longtime member of St. Thomas Episcopal parish, she served as a volunteer in the church administrative office and in many other parish ministries.

She was also active in Christ Church in Delaware City, where she taught Sunday School for many years.

As a young mother, she was a member of the Eden Elementary School PTA in Bear.

She is survived by her husband, Harold B. Prettyman, Jr.; daughter, Connie Lee Prettyman, of Newark; son, Harold B. Prettyman III and his wife, Ruthann, of Newark; two sisters, Pauline Smith, of Newark and Helen Foraker, of Glasgow; and two grandchildren, H. Benjamin Prettyman IV and Julieann Prettyman. She was preceded in death by a brother, Stanley Ferguson; and a granddaughter, Laura Lee Hoover.

A funeral service was to be held on Thursday, March 10, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Interment was scheduled to follow in Head of Christiana Cemetery.

Those who wish may make contributions to St. Thomas Episcopal

James B. Owen, 87, teacher, noted historian

NEWARK resident James B. Owen, 87, died on Feb. 28, 2005.

Mr. Owen was born in Millville, N.J. on July 14, 1917, son of Caroline Wilson and Walter Owen. Both his parents and his only sibling, Walter F. Owen, predeceased him.

He graduated in 1939 from Lafayette College and began teaching English and social studies in Georgetown High School in 1940.

In 1946, he married a fellow teacher, Grace C. Richardson, of Virginia, and had three children.

Mr. Owen became principal of Georgetown High School in 1948 after receiving a Master of Arts degree from the University of Delaware as a Fellow in Education.

After serving as principal for 12 years, he returned to teaching when they moved to Newark in 1960.

He was on the initial staff of Christiana High School, served as head of his department, and retired in 1979 as coordinator of social studies for the district.

His activities in the Georgetown community included secretary of the Georgetown Fire Company, president of Kiwanis Club, church school teacher

and superintendent of Grace Methodist church school, secretary of the Georgetown Library Commission, scoutmaster, and lecturer in education for the University of Delaware.

In Newark, in addition to his teaching, he lectured on United Nations Organization for Home Demonstration clubs, was a panel member or consultant for several conferences and planning projects, member of Pencader Historic District Committee, vice-president of Newark Historical Society, and life member of Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company.

He published, among others, "The Challenge of our Times: Democracy Faces Communism; co-edited with his son "A History of the Iron Hill Area;" "Viking History of the United States;" "Vikings' Bicentennial Series;" "Bicentennial Minute Series;" "The Christina: Retracing Delaware's Forgotten River;" and "Historic Newark Delaware."

He was co-editor of "Those Noisy Methodists on Main Street," which won an award from the Peninsula Conference of the U.M. Church.

After retiring from teaching, he began his avocation of genealogy research. He self-published four narrative volumes of family history, one for each of his children's four grandparents.

Just 10 days before his death, he completed a 10-page document, "Some Descendants of Early Old New Kent Settlers," prepared for the 350th anniversary of the Virginia County, where his maternal and his wife's paternal ancestors settled.

His remains will be interred in the spring in the Richardson family cemetery on the farm where Grace was born.

His love of firefighting was inherited from his father. A prolific letter-writer, he often answered letters appearing in local newspapers from 4th graders in many states, who asked for information and postcards from Delaware.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years; two sons, James, of New Haven, Conn.; and William, of Williamsburg, Va.; and daughter, Susan O. Sheldon, of Branchburg, N.J.; two granddaughters and seven grandsons. His brother's widow, Jane Lyon Owen; two nieces, and four cousins, also survive him.

The funeral service was scheduled to be held at Newark United Methodist Church, on Saturday, March 5.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in his memory to the Newark Historical Society, PO Box 711, Newark, DE 19715; or to Newark U.M. Church

for Monday, March 7 in the chapel of Gracelawn Memorial Park.

Interment was scheduled to follow in the adjoining memorial park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Vitas Hospice, 100 Commerce Drive, Ste. 302, Newark, DE 19713; or to the Diabetes Association, 100 W. 10th St., Ste. 1002, Wilmington, DE 19801.

Ellen Adams, 101

Former Newark resident Ellen B. Adams, 101, died February 15, 2005 at Arbor Village, Wildwood, Fla.

Mrs. Adams was born in Minnesota in 1903.

She was a longtime resident of Newark, where she was an active member of the Newark United Methodist Church, Mrs. Wilson's bible class, and the Century Club. A dedicated teacher, she retired from Holly, Mich. in 1968.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Ed Hanbey; grandson, Michael Doherty; granddaughter, Sue Musolf; and four great grandchildren.

A memorial service was scheduled to be held Friday, May 6 at Newark United Methodist Church Chapel, Main St., Newark.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Lake & Sumter, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162.

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Doris Marie Prettyman

Church, 276 S. College Avenue, Newark, DE 19711.

Ann H. Hobson, 82, nurse during WWII

Ann H. Hobson, 82, of Newark, died on Wednesday, March 2, 2005, at her home.

Born in Salem, N.J. on Aug. 13, 1922, Mrs. Hobson was the daughter of the late Russell Davis and Selina Young Davis.

She began her career in nursing as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps during World War II.

She later was employed as a registered nurse at the former Delaware

Hospital in Wilmington and retired in 1994 from Delaware Park.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Thomas Hobson; daughter, Georgianna Mundell; and a grandchild.

She is survived by five children, Barbara Kirkpatrick, of Newark; Leonard Thomas Hobson, Jr., of Earleville, Md.; Charles R. Hobson, of Philadelphia; Sandra Curlett, of Clayton; and Susan Holden and her husband, Scott, of New Castle; eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

A funeral service was scheduled

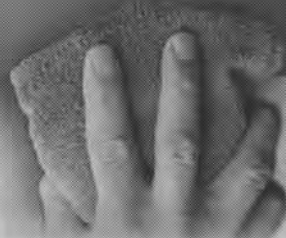
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► **BLOTTER, from 2**

Account cleaned out

A 26-year-old Newark woman told police on Thursday, March 3, that someone had used a debit card to steal more than \$10,000 from her local bank accounts.

The thefts took place between Nov. 30, 2004, and March 3, while the victim was out of this country, police were told.

The fraud department of the victim's bank and Newark police are conducting investigations.

Alcohol, noise law violations listed

Officers of the Newark Police Department have continued stepped-up enforcement of alcohol-related and noise laws here as the spring semester continues at the University of Delaware.

Some of the recent arrests include:

Joseph D. Walker, 19, of Newark, noise law violation, on Sunday, March 6, at 10:48 p.m., at 780A Elkton Road;

Michael M. Paulish, 20, of Delaware City, underage consumption of alcohol, on Sunday, March 6, at 3:13 a.m., at 1 Holton Place;

Mark G. Ellison, 21, of Westville, N.J., possession of an open container of alcohol, on Sunday, March 6, at 12:15 a.m., on sidewalk near 618 Academy St.;

Marcus Alexander Papa, 18, of Wilmington, underage entry into a liquor store and display of fictitious license, on Saturday, March 5, at 9 p.m., at Peddlers Liquors, 120 College Square;

Effanga Harry Bassey, 20, of Newark, underage entry into a liquor store, on Saturday, March 5, at 8:20 p.m., at Peddlers Liquors, 120 College Square;

Emily E. Moore, 19, of West Hartford, Conn., noise law violation, on Saturday, March 5, at 12:59 a.m., at 400 Wollaston Ave., Ivy Hall apartments;

Lauren A. Woods, 18, of Malverine, N.Y., underage consumption of alcohol, and

Marie Nicole Perone, 18, of Cedar Hurst, N.Y., underage consumption of alcohol, on Saturday, March 5, at 1:15 a.m., on sidewalk near Scholar Drive, University Courtyard apartments;

William M. Ayers, 22, of Branchville, N.J., noise law violation, and

Gregory A. Bogart, 22, of Newark, noise law violation, on Saturday, March 5, at 12:34 a.m., at 13 E. Cleveland Ave.;

Patrick Samuel Christensen, 20, of New Castle, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Saturday, March 5, at 12:15 a.m., on parking lot of east side of Ivy Hall complex, 400 Wollaston Ave.;

Christina Martinik, 21, of Monroe, Conn., possession of an open container of alcohol, on Friday, March 4, at 11:35 p.m., at 3 Prospect St.;

Michael Vassar, 21, of South Windsor, Conn., possession of an open container of alcohol, on Friday, March 4, at 11:15 p.m., in parking lot of Pomeroy Station, 218 E. Main St.;

Dahlia Rina Galler, 20, of Ventnor, N.J., underage entry into a liquor store, on Friday, March 4, at 9:10 p.m., at Peddlers Liquors, 120 College Square;

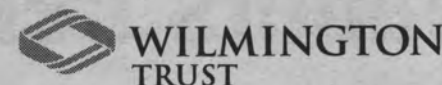
Richard Shayne Agard, 18, of Newark, underage entry into a liquor store, on Friday, March 4, at 8:45 p.m., at Peddlers Liquors, 120 College Square;

Drew Merrick Bullen, 19, of Newark, underage entry into a liquor store, on Friday, March 4, at 8:15 p.m., at Peddlers Liquors, 120 College Square;

Daniel Charles Balick, 20, of Rockville Center, N.Y., underage entry into a liquor store, and **Jonathan M. Heller**, 20, of Rockville Center, underage entry into a liquor store, on Thursday, March 3, at 9:05 p.m., at Peddlers Liquors, 120 College Square; and

Jason William Mandinach, 20, of Wilmington, underage entry into a liquor store and possession of a fictitious ID, on Thursday, March 3, at 9:15 p.m., at Peddlers Liquors, 120 College Square.

Police said all were released pending court appearances.



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Readers celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday

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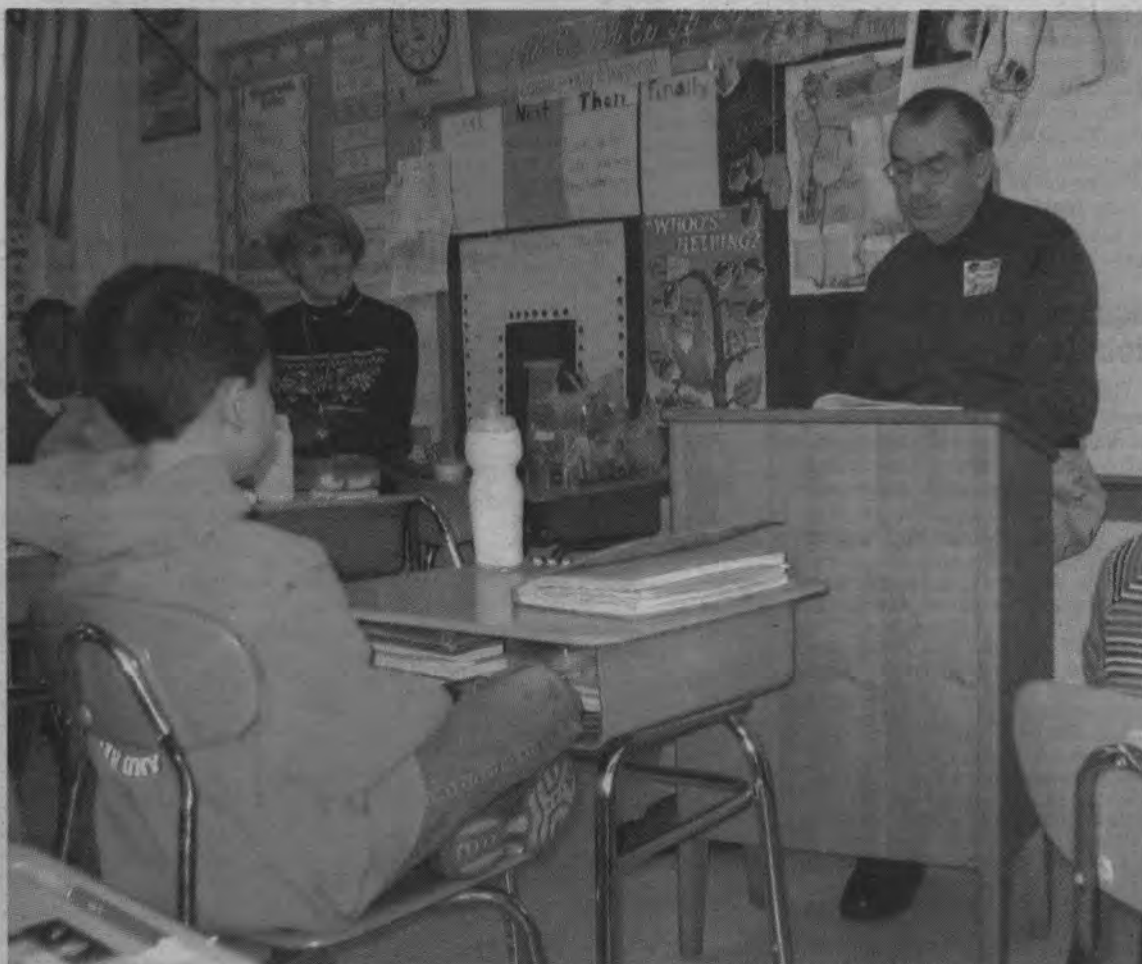
It was a Wacky Wednesday, March 2, perfect for Newark's Mayor Vance A. Funk IV to read Dr. Seuss's book of the same title to students at Downes Elementary School. Not only was it their first day back after nearly a week of snow days, but it was the author's 101st birthday.

"Reading is the most impor-

tant social skill a student can develop at an early age," Funk said. "Without reading skills a person can be lost in our society."

At the same time the mayor was reading to fourth graders, Rep. Theresa Schooley was reading One Fish Two Fish to a second grade class.

"Reading is such a critical issue for childhood education," she said. "Any chance we adults



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Mayor Vance A. Funk IV, above, and Rep. Theresa Schooley, left, read their favorite Dr. Seuss stories to students at John R. Downes School in celebration of the author's 101st birthday.

have to instill a love of reading, we should do that."

The reading sessions also gave the youngsters the opportunity to interact with the two local elected officials.

Both Funk and Schooley told their Downs audience about their duties and responsibilities of public office. Schooley, a former music teacher and Christina School District board member, asked the students what they did

and did not like about school.

All 27 classes were entertained with favorite Seuss stories. Other readers included John Dewey, principal of the Delaware Autism Program; Ernie Lopez, a mentor at Downes and University of Delaware administrator; Vicki Parker, from Big Brothers Big Sisters, and four UD sorority sisters.

Retiree 'blessed with great kids'

► ROSS, from 12

just yet. He is busy observing University of Delaware student teachers in music classes and doing his woodworking projects, admittedly "working harder than when I was here."

"I really miss you guys," Ross told his former students. "I was always blessed to have great kids."

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