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UP FRONT

Lessons learned at Community Day

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It was before 9 a.m. on Sunday and I was already sweating when a bleary-eyed college student wobbled out of Sharp Hall and asked what on earth was going on.

Community Day is a wonderfully unique Newark event, but if you're a college student who's unfamiliar with the occasion that noisy 8:30 a.m. set up time on a normally tranquil Sunday morning can be quite unsettling. You can bet it probably wasn't an early Saturday night for most of those dorm residents.

Despite the unusually hot temperatures, this year's event was as festive always. Thousands of residents – and eventually just as many college students – visited the many booths and sampled all the foods available up and down the Green from Memorial Hall to East Main Street.

There were bands and radio stations providing music for all to hear. The event also made for an extra-bustling Main Street as people moved freely between the restaurants, the shops, the booths and the stands.

For most everyone, Community Day is simply a relaxing way to spend a nice Sunday afternoon in September.

Community Day for a community newspaper (or any community business, really) is a little different, however.

No question it's a fun time for us as well, but it also provides us with an opportunity to get feedback that we don't normally hear.

Sure, we get e-mails and

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Taste of Newark feast set for Sunday

Showcase for local restaurants celebrates fifth year

By SCOTT GOSS

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Hundreds of eager foodies are expected to indulge in the culinary delights of more than 40 local restaurants and area wine distributors during the fifth annual Taste of Newark on Sunday.

World-renowned chef Walter Staib – the driving force behind Philadelphia's City Tavern restaurant – will be the featured attraction at this year's three-hour feast on the University of Delaware's Old College lawn from noon to 3 p.m.

The gastronomic extravaganza also will feature wares from return guests David Puse, an executive chef from the Swiss School, and Matt Haley, the executive chef of four

beach-area restaurants, as well as entertainment provided by the Juggling Hoffmans, the Royal Palm Band, the UD cheerleaders and university mascot YoUDEe.

"This really is the premier town and gown event in the city, if ever there was one," said Newark Mayor Vance A. Funk III, who originated the event while running for office in 2004.

"There was a belief at the time that the downtown restaurant community was not being held in the greatest light," Funk said of his inspiration. "I felt that was not correct and I thought we could do something to promote our restaurants in a really special way."

Funk said that because he ran on a platform of fostering cooperation between the city and the university, it made sense to reach out to UD's Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management during the event's development.

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Two teens charged in mugging

One arrested, the other still on the loose

By SCOTT GOSS

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Newark police arrested one teenage girl this week and are searching for a second that they believe are responsible for the mugging of a University of Delaware student earlier this month.

The two teens are accused of beating and robbing a 21-year-old female university student in the Newark Shopping Center at around 11 p.m. on Sept. 2.

According to police, the student had just parked her car when two women approached her, grabbed her by the hair, punched her and knocked her to the ground before making off with her cell phone and car keys.

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School uniforms testing favorably

Pilot program could expand in 2009-2010

By MARY E. PETZAK

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A one-year uniform dress code policy being tested at six Christina District schools could be expanded to additional schools in the district by 2009.

The uniform dress code policy is currently being piloted at Bayard and Kirk middle schools, as well as Bancroft, Elbert-Palmer, Pulaski and Stubbs elementary schools.

The concept was first promoted at Kirk Middle School, where a uniform policy was considered during the 2007-2008 school year. A committee of Kirk teachers and staff that studied the issue and conducted a parent survey found

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

Other Incidents

Police charged Newark resident Eric Reese, 19, with offensive touching, menacing and obstructing police in connection with an incident in the **unit block of Macduff Court** at 9:12 p.m. on Sept. 8.

A 67-year-old Pennsylvania resident told police someone threw a large rock in front of her car as she was driving near the intersection of **Casho Mill Road and Bent Lane** at 11:50 p.m. on Sept. 8, causing an estimated \$200 in damage to her vehicle.

Police charged 21-year-old Newark resident Amy L. Brackbill, 20-year-old Newark resident James A. Cameron, 21-year-old Wilmington resident Stephanie D. Abe and 18-year-old Newark resident Devyn N. Brohawn with disorderly conduct after receiving reports of a fight at a motel in the **600 block of South College Avenue** at 1:55 a.m. on Sept. 10.

Police charged Kayleen M. Sanchez, 20, of New Castle with driving on a suspended license and criminal impersonation, on **East Delaware Avenue** at 11:50 p.m. on Sept.

11.

An unknown suspect reportedly punched a 21-year-old Elkton, Md. resident and a 23-year-old Middletown resident in their faces, causing both victims to seek medical treatment, on **South Chapel Street** at 1:10 a.m. on Sept. 12.

Police charged 19-year-old Jamal A. Ksebe of Georgetown, Del. and 20-year-old Gary J. Turner of Edison, N.J. with disorderly conduct after allegedly witnessing them engage in a fistfight in the **700 block of Academy Street** at 1:11 a.m. on Sept. 12.

Police received multiple reports of a woman having sex with four men in the backyard of a home in the **unit block of North Chapel Street** at 3:30 a.m. on Sept. 13. No suspects were at the scene when police arrived.

Police charged 21-year-old Jeffrey Blake of Wilmington with criminal impersonation and driving on a revoked license in the **300 block of East Main Street** at 4:30 a.m. on Sept. 13.

Thefts and Robberies

An unknown suspect broke into a storage unit in the **200 block of Bellevue Road** and stole items collectively valued at \$2,290 sometime between noon on Aug. 8 and 12:24

p.m. on Sept. 8, police said.

An unknown suspect broke into a home in the **200 block of Vassar Drive** and stole jewelry, collectively valued at \$550, sometime between 2 p.m. on Sept. 5 and 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 8, police said.

An unknown suspect stole a \$50 propane tank from a home in the **300 block of South College Avenue**, sometime between 6 p.m. on Sept. 5 and 5 p.m. on Sept. 8, police said.

An unknown suspect stole a \$300 mountain bike from a home in the **100 block of Kells Avenue**, sometime between 5 p.m. on Sept. 7 and noon on Sept. 8, police said.

A 25-year-old Hockessin resident told police an unknown suspect pick-pocketed his wallet at a restaurant in the **100 block of West Main Street** at 1:15 a.m. on Sept. 8 and used his debit card to make a \$464 purchase from a retail store in Elkton, Md. later the same day.

An unknown suspect stole a 12-foot flatbed trailer from the **unit block of Thorn Lane** sometime between 7:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 8.

Police charged 35-year-old Shuron J. Johnson and 35-year-old Edward J. Selby, both of Wilmington, with multiple counts of shoplifting at 11 a.m. on Sept. 8, after they allegedly stole 54 bottles of shampoo, two pairs of shoes

and other items, collectively valued at \$318, from three stores in the **College Square Shopping Center**.

An unknown suspect stole two mountain bikes, together valued at \$275, from a home in the **unit block of Shull Drive**, sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sept. 9, police said.

An unknown suspect broke into a home in the **1100 block of Blair Court** causing an estimated \$100 in damages, sometime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sept. 10, police said.

Police charged Newark resident Esmeralda Lemos, 41, with shoplifting \$37.80 worth of food from a grocery store in the **College Square Shopping Center** at 11 a.m. on Sept. 10.

An unknown suspect broke into a home in the **600 block of Brook Drive** and stole items collectively valued at \$5,500, sometime between 12:10 p.m. and 3:16 p.m. on Sept. 11.

An unknown suspect stole six to eight pieces of aluminum, collectively worth an estimated \$1,200, from a business in the **100 block of Sandy Drive**, sometime between 5:40 p.m. on Sept. 11 and 7:30 a.m. on Sept. 12, police said.

An unknown suspect broke into a home in the **300 block of Wyoming Road** and stole

items collectively valued at \$6,600, sometime between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 13.

Vehicles Targeted

An unknown suspect broke the rear passenger window of a 2005 Mazda Tribute parked in the **unit block of East Chestnut Hill Road**, sometime between 7 a.m. and 6:20 p.m. on Sept. 8. Damages were estimated at \$200.

An unknown suspect stole a black and red 1976 Honda 750 motorcycle, valued at \$1,500, from a home in the **400 block of Stamford Drive**, sometime between 6 p.m. on Sept. 8 and 8 a.m. on Sept. 9, police said.

An unknown suspect stole a New Hampshire license plate from a 1996 Dodge Caravan parked at a motel in the **600 block of South College Avenue**, sometime between 9 p.m. on Sept. 9 and 9 a.m. on Sept. 10, police said.

An unknown suspect stole a temporary Pennsylvania license tag from a Nissan Altima parked in the **300 block of Markus Court**, sometime between 5 p.m. on Sept. 11 and 7:30 a.m. on Sept. 12.

An unknown suspect slashed the tires of a 2001 Chrysler Sebring parked on **Manual Street**, causing an estimated \$200 in damages,

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Future of Curtis Mill smokestack could depend on public donations

Web site currently seeking contributions

By SCOTT GOSS

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The fate of a towering piece of Newark history could now be in the hands of the general public.

This month, a consultant hired by the city began seeking public donations to raise more than \$200,000 needed to save the iconic Curtis Paper Mill smokestack on Paper Mill Road.

"The smokestack is key to preserving a link to what was on the site and to serve as a reference for the history," said Paul Bauernschmidt, owner of Farmer+Smith LLC, a consulting firm the city hired this spring to gather public input on the site's future use and oversee

the fundraising that would be needed to turn that input into a reality.

City Council voted against funding the smokestack's restoration last October, citing potential fiscal constraints that could have resulted from a potentially costly lawsuit filed by the contractor originally hired to build the city reservoir.

At the time, council also was awaiting input from residents on possible uses for the seven-acre site, which the city purchased after the 150-year-old mill ceased production in 1999.

The city ultimately settled the reservoir lawsuit this June with a one-time \$3.6 million payout.

A month later, city council unanimously accepted a list of recommendations for the site's future use developed by city residents during the course of three public hearings.

According to city officials, the department of parks and

recreation is currently working to develop those recommendations into a plan for the site's redevelopment – an effort that is expected to be funded by the city.

In the meantime, however, the fate of the crumbling smokestack has been left to wallets of good Samaritans.

Donations are being collected through www.curtispapermill.com, a Web site established by Bauernschmidt to promote the ongoing redevelopment effort.

There, donors can achieve four varying levels of Curtis "friendship" – each based on a type of paper produced at the former plant – for contributions ranging from less than \$100 to more than \$500.

Assistant City Administrator Carol Houck said the anticipated \$201,212 price tag for repairing the smokestack is based on recent updates from Jameson Masonry, an Oreland, Pa.-based firm that submitted the lowest



bid to city council in 2007.

Bauernschmidt said he is planning to hold three more public hearings to brainstorm ideas for a large fundraising event in December. The first of those hearings will be held at the Newark Senior Center from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sept. 18.

Candlelight vigil on Main St. to honor nation's POW/MIA

VFW members to stand vigil for 24 hours

By SCOTT GOSS

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Newark resident Nancy Willing hasn't seen her big brother since 1966.

The seventh of eight children, Willing was just 10 when her second-oldest brother Edward, a gunnery sergeant in the U.S. Marines, disappeared while stationed near the Danang River in Vietnam.

"He enlisted right after he turned 17 and disappeared just before his 19th birthday," Willing said. "A watchtower

lookout reported seeing what might have been a sniper dragging a body across a road on the night he went missing and we believe that was probably my brother."

On Friday morning, members of the Newark Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 475 will begin a 24-hour candlelight vigil at the Academy Building on Main Street to honor Edward Willing and other military personnel who have gone missing or been held as prisoners of war.

Coinciding with National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the vigil will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday with an opening ceremony, after which VFW members will begin taking turns standing watch in two-hour shifts until 8

a.m. on Saturday.

Also joining the VFW members will be Delaware National Guardsmen, student members of the University of Delaware's Army and Air Force ROTC programs, as well as student from the Delaware Military Academy in Newport.

During each hour of the vigil a candle will be lit while VFW members recite a brief prayer.

A public reception also will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, during which the VFW's Ladies Auxiliary will hold a special ceremony honoring soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who never came home.

"A lot of VFW posts around the country do something to honor National POW/MIA Recognition Day, but we wanted to do something a little extra," said Newark VFW honor guard member Tom Ford.

Willing, who is a member of the Newark VFW, said observances like this week's candlelight vigil mean a great deal to the families of soldiers taken



Edward A. Willing, a gunnery sergeant in the U.S. Marines who went missing in Vietnam on July 21, 1968, is among the prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action who will be recognized by a 24-hour candlelight vigil in Newark from Friday to Saturday.

captive or missing in action.

"It's a very difficult thing to deal with," she said. "But it's a great comfort knowing that your community is sharing in your sense of loss."

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School board meeting

The Christina District school board meeting originally scheduled for Sept. 9 will be held on Sept. 23, at Bayard Middle School in Wilmington at 7:30 p.m. To preview the agenda, visit www.Christina.k12.de.us.

CEEF golf fundraiser

The 2008 Forewinds Golf Open to benefit the Christina Educational Enrichment Fund (CEEF) will take place at Deerfield Golf & Tennis Club on Sept. 23. CEEF provides a variety of scholarships and awards to deserving students. Companies and individuals are invited to participate. Visit www.deerfieldgolfclub.com for more information or to print a registration form. To learn more about CEEF, please visit www.christina.k12.de.us/ceef.

Open Houses this week

Monday, Sept. 22

Brookside Elementary (Grades K-2): 7-8 p.m.
Downes Elementary (Grades 3-5): 6:30-8 p.m.
Leasure Elementary (Grades K; 3-5): 7-8 p.m.
Marshall Elementary (Grades 3-5): 6:30-8 p.m.
Smith Elementary (Grades K-2; 4): 6-7 p.m.
Stubbs Elementary: 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Smith Elementary (Grades 3-5): 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Brader Elementary: 5:30-7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25

Delaware Autism Program, Brennen School: 6-7 p.m.
Delaware School for the Deaf, Sterck School: 6-8 p.m.
Douglass School: 6-8 p.m.
Sarah Pyle Academy: 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Open Meeting 6-6:30 p.m.

CNS offices relocate

The offices of Child Nutrition Services have relocated to the second floor of the Eden Support Services Center at Routes 7 and 40. To reach Child Nutrition Services, call 302-454-2022.

Local students among BPA winners, honorees

Delaware students were recognized as placing in the top 10 in 26 secondary and 31 middle level events when more than 270 Delaware school business education students participated in the Business Professionals of America 2008 National Leadership Conference in Reno, Nevada.

The students joined 6,000 delegates from throughout the United States to participate in skill and leadership competitive events, as well as leadership development workshops.

Top recognition in the national competitive events program was awarded to Kevin Welch, Hodgson Vo-Tech High School, first place in Keyboarding Production and Cameron Olezene, Caesar Rodney High School, first place in Payroll Accounting.

Gauger-Cobbs Middle School students taking first place awards included Molly Beck, Keyboarding Production; Martha Lopez, Spreadsheet Applications; Gauger's Career Research Project Team; and members Elizabeth Kawa, Jillian Hammond, Arwa Salhab and Ashley Williams.

Other first place finishers in the Middle school Division included: Postlethwait Middle School students Alexa Andaya, Business Communication Skills, Business Math, and Computer Literacy; Rachel Grunden, Business Fundamentals; and Postlethwait's Web site Design Team with members Alexandra Cheatham, Pratyusha Gupta, Alexa Andaya and Rachel Grunden.

Special recognition



More than 6,000 Student delegates from throughout the United States participated in competitive events and leadership workshops at the 2008 National Leadership Conference in Reno, Nev.



was given to the Delaware Association of Business Professionals' local chapters and members through the following award presentations:

- Professional Cup (Outstanding State Participation) awarded to the Delaware Association of Business Professionals of America. This award encourages state associations to become actively involved in promoting participation in the Special Recognition and Torch Awards Programs and recognizes the state achieving the most active participation.

- Air Force Recruiting Salute Award presented to Howard High School of Technology. One chapter is recognized annually for outstanding citizenship, compassionate community service, leadership and achievement, and support for American free enterprise.

- American Red Cross Award presented to Middletown High School. BPA chapters are encouraged to provide volunteer services, to assist with disaster services, to provide health and safety community education, to participate in American Red Cross blood drives, and/or to raise and donate monetary support for the American Red Cross.

- Chapter Activities Award of Excellence presented to Howard High School of Technology. This award recognizes local chapters for their outstanding activities and program of work.

- Entrepreneurship Explosion presented to Howard High School of Technology. This award encourages all members to have a better understanding of the American free enterprise system, what it means to their future, and to

communicate this understanding to others. Members also are encouraged to study the role of an entrepreneur and small business management.

- Merit Scholar awarded to Brian Kelleher, Pencader Charter School. Individual members and advisors are recognized for their knowledge of Business Professionals of America regarding the history, traditions, programs, and activities of the organization.

- Member Recruiter awarded to Nicole Ocampo, Kirk Middle School. This award encourages current members to recruit new BPA national members.

- Community Action awarded to Kirk Middle School. Local chapters are encouraged to become actively involved in community betterment, school improvement, election-year activities, and energy-related activities.

Districts join DART's Rideshare School Pool

DART's School Pool program is a new standard option for families with students enrolled in Appoquinimink and Brandywine school districts this year.

DART's School Pool program provides free carpool matching for families of Delaware school students. According to DART officials, the service is an add-on to the commuter based ride-matching service Rideshare Delaware.

Rideshare matches are



based on the origin and destination points of each individual commute. When schools or school districts sign on

as DART Rideshare School Pool partners, they agree to promote the carpool-matching program to parents.

Parents can register for the program at any time during the school year for daily, occasional or emergency rideshare situations, whether it's to/from school directly, to make a daycare connection or for after school activities.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for us to set an example for our students and our community," Tony Marchio, Appoquinimink

schools superintendent said, "by...finding solutions to the very serious energy crisis now facing our country."

Brandywine schools superintendent James R. Scanlon said the program is a great opportunity for parents to save gas money and also to help the environment.

DART's Rideshare is a free, public service of DART First State and is available to all commuters and schools in Delaware. Contact the Rideshare office to get started at 1-888-RIDE-MATCH.

CHS Agriscience brings home eight gold medals



Agronomy team (L to R): Justin Winnington, Rebekah Beeson, Jaime Piatt and Vinny D'Occhio.



Forestry team (L to R): Krupa Patel, Alisha Beckford, Krystal Shortlidge and Nirali Patel.



Landscape team (L to R): Ellen Baca, Amber Keen, Dylan Oakes and Angelica Montes.



Poultry team (L to R): Renee Poole, Derine Howze, Jessica Piatt and advisor Julia Emerson.

Christiana High School's Agriscience (FAA) program brought home the gold, with all four teams winning first place in four state competitions.

In addition, all the first place individuals in each career development event, held during the Delaware State Fair in Harrington, were from Christiana, said Ellen Baca,

FFA president.

The winning teams include Agronomy, Forestry, Landscaping and Poultry. Agronomy's members include Jaime Piatt, Rebekah Beeson, Justin Winnington, and Vinny D'Occhio.

FFA members who competed in Forestry were Alisha Beckford, Krupa Patel, Krystal Shortlidge, and Nirali Patel.

Poultry members include Jessica Piatt, Renee Poole, and Derine Howze. Vinny D'Occhio, Alisha Beckford and Jessica Piatt placed first individually for each contest.

Special recognition goes to the landscaping team, which swept the first four places, with Angelica Montes placing first followed by members Ellen Baca, Dylan Oakes and Amber Keen.

The teams were recognized

at the state awards breakfast along with FFA member Jessica Heinz, who received a scholarship from the Delaware FFA Foundation. Heinz will attend the University of Maryland majoring in landscape design.

The four teams will represent Delaware at the national competition, held in conjunction with the National FFA convention in Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 21 through Oct. 25. The FFA Convention is one of the largest youth conventions in the nation with 53,631 students in attendance last year. The FFA, founded in 1928, is in all 50 states and has over 500,000 active members. Its mission is to provide premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through Agriscience education.

According to Baca, FFA provides many opportunities

for Christiana High students — social, educational, leadership, and community service.

Nirali Patel, FFA vice president, said the competitions allowed her to sharpen her study skills, expand her educational horizons and demonstrate the relevance of her AP science and math classes.

Angelica Montes noted that 13 of the 16 members are members of Christiana's National Honor Society and that many members also are involved in sports, band and other school activities.

Christiana's FFA was chartered in 1970 and was recognized this past year as the largest chapter in Delaware with 204 members. The program is heavily science based, offering classes in plant and animal science, natural resources and agricultural engineering.

St. Mark's seniors are Merit Scholarship semifinalists

St. Mark's High School seniors John Feick, Michael Howard and Jennifer Rawding were named semifinalists in the 54th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They are among more than 1.5 million juniors from more than 21,000 high schools who took the 2007 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test.

Feick, Howard and Rawding each earned an academic scholarship to attend St. Mark's High School and all three were inducted into the National Honor Society during their junior year.

Feick is the son of David and Judith Feick of Newark, Howard is the son of Steven and Susan Howard of Avondale, Pa., and Rawding is the daughter of Bruce and Michele Rawding of Newark.

This nationwide pool of approximately 16,000 semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. Approximately



Rawding



Feick



Howard

15,000 of the semifinalists will advance to the finalist level and compete for some 8,200 National Merit Scholarship awards, worth \$35 million, that will be offered next spring.

Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin or religious preference.

Established in 1969, St. Mark's is a Catholic, college-preparatory, co-ed high school located on Kirkwood Highway between Newark and Wilmington.

Scholarships awarded through the National Merit Program are underwritten by National Merit Scholarship Corporation's private funds and by approximately 500 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

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Another word to ban in your family

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NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

Most parents have a list of "bad" words that children are forbidden to say.

Even if the reason they say them is because they are mimicking mom or dad, parents still scold, and sometimes punish, for their usage.

The words included on that list usually start with the letters F, S, G and D, among others.

I'd like to add another word to that list that starts with the letter R: retard, and any form of the word.

The latest smash hit in theatres, "Tropic Thunder," has several scenes using the term and disability organizations all over the country are outraged, as they should be.



Buzby

Even though most of your children probably have not seen the movie due to its R rating – and I strongly encourage you not to take them – I imagine several will have seen clips on the Internet.

This public outrage and the abundance of media attention the word is getting, provides the perfect opportunity for parents to jump on board and help eliminate its use, in any form, at any time. And that includes, in some cases, parents deleting it from their everyday use.

While most kids couldn't even tell you the technical definition of the term, they do know that it's a put down and that's exactly how they use it.

"That's retarded!"

"Don't be retarded!"

"You're retarded!"

"You retard!"

These are all common uses, heard far too often, in far too many places, including, unfortunately, even from the mouths of adults, who, although they might not be directly putting down a person with its use, are still insulting someone by using it in any context.

My guess is every circle of friends and extended family has a member with an intellectual disability (the globally-accepted term) or they have a friend or

relative with one.

Naturally, every time someone uses the "R word" at least one member of the group within earshot probably cowers, especially if it's a close friend or relative.

To someone with an intellectual disability being called retarded is like using the N word to refer to an African American.

That wouldn't be acceptable in today's society by anyone, of any age, in any setting; nor should it be. And neither should the R word. It's degrading, demeaning and downright rude. And for those who use it out of context, it's simply proof of ignorance.

The parent of a child with an intellectual disability who hears someone call someone retarded is like someone calling your child stupid. Imagine your reaction. I know what mine would be and my verbal assault on that person would probably include a lot of the other banned words on your list.

As another school year begins, our children will off to renew old friendships, make new ones and delve into the learning process.

Unfortunately part of their development will also include learning the latest and hippest bad words that can be used to insult other kids. With the release and publicity surrounding "Tropic Thunder," the term retard will be at the top of the list.

Be proactive now and make sure you add the R word to your list of unacceptable words. I'd even suggest going one step further and using the opportunity to educate your children and their friends about the term, including what it means and why it can be hurtful.

And if you hear it, use the same consequence you would for the other banned words on your list.

You can point out to your kids that someone with an intellectual disability just has a weakness and remind your offspring that they each have at least one, too – just like their parents.

Teaching your children about the harmful and hurtful use of this term might just be the best lesson they learn this fall.

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OUT OF THE ATTIC



This week's Out of the Attic features the Fader Ford Dealership on West Main Street next to the Deer Park Hotel. Fader mechanic Bob Vogel describes a large wooden platform "elevator" used to hoist cars to a second floor repair area. The photo is on loan to the Newark Post from the Newark Historical Society collection. Readers are invited to share additional information about the business and building with the Newark Historical Society.

The Newark History Museum at 148 E. Main Street (between Choate and Haines streets) is open Thursday 5 – 8 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 2 – 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Contact the Historical Society by phone at 224-2408 or by e-mail at newarkdehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

Sept. 21, 1933

113 freshmen register at Women's College

One hundred and thirteen freshmen have registered to date at the Women's College. The freshmen will remain at the college over the coming weekend. Regular classes will start on Monday.

There were over two hundred enrolled at the Men's College today, this is expected to be the largest class ever enrolled.

Phillips colored girls peel gentleman friend instead of tomatoes

Early Sunday morning town officers Morrison and Hill were called to the cannery of the Phillips Packing Co., where Marie Smallwood and Mary Knight proceeded to peel Raymond Johnson with a tomato knife, stabbing him a number of times before the officers arrived.

It seems Johnson had been courting one of the

ladies and tried to get real intimate with the other one, which caused all the trouble. The group of colored help seems to be the worst that the Phillips Packing Company has dumped in Newark for several years. It isn't impossible that murder will blacken the fair name of Newark if they are allowed to stay much longer.

Sept. 20, 1978

U.D. will place con-

trols on fraternity party rowdiness

In response to protests from Newark residents, guidelines are being written to control University of Delaware fraternity and sorority house parties, according to John Worthen, the University's vice-president for student affairs and administration.

A council of fraternity and sorority presidents has been meeting with Ray Eddy, dean of students, and a new "statement of procedure of handling the parties" is being drafted, Worthen said.

The new guidelines are being devised after a group of residents, led by former Newark Mayor Norma Handloff, demanded that City Council take action to stop the "rowdy behavior" of university students.

Rate hike request too steep, says PSC member

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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.

Markell, Coons, Denn and others most trustworthy

Larry W. Peterson
Newark

All too often we Americans invest very little of our busy time in getting to know our political candidates well.

I'm embarrassed to admit publicly that until two years ago, I was one of those people. I voted but didn't take the time to know the candidates well enough to determine if I could trust them to work towards what they were promising.

Having talked to the candidates on numerous occasions during the last two years, I find that it is a matter of trust and hope that prompts my vote for Markell and Coons (and Matt Denn and Gene Reed and Mike Barbieri).

In my opinion, Markell, Denn, and Coons have proven what they can do for us. I find their records impressive and anyone can talk to them openly without any political dancing around, i.e. avoiding issues in their response.

I trust Markell to continue to provide the leadership he brought to the position of state treasurer.

Given the current challenges we face in our state and nation, all of us need to be informed, check each candidate's record,

and take the time to meet them, as well as talk to them, one-on-one to make good decisions.

Seems to me every several decades we need leaders, not managers or folk who just tread the political water, to solve pressing problems. This is one of those times in history. Business as usual is not good enough right now. We need hope. We need Markell, Coons, Denn, Reed and men and women like them to roll up their sleeves to help all of us. We need no more shallow, political rhetoric with the sole purpose of getting our votes and nothing else.

Bush and Congress beholden to big oil

Katie Mansur
Wilmington

These are the facts and they are incontrovertible:

1. Our planet is warming dangerously because of the burning of fossil fuels.
2. Hurricanes are becoming stronger and the sea level is rising due to global warming.
3. Our economy is failing, in part, because of the ever-rising cost of oil.
4. The oil industry is making

its biggest profits in history.

So what have Bush and Congress proposed as a solution? Burn more fossil fuels,

make hurricanes worse, deepen our dependence on oil, and hand more of our public resources over to Big Oil by opening our

coasts to drilling. I hope U.S. Rep. Michael N. Castle has better sense when he votes on the measure.

Detective credited with bust

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The victim ran to a nearby business and contacted police before being treated for minor injuries at the Newark Emergency Center.

Newark Police Chief Paul Tiernan credited Detective Fred Nelson with breaking the case through an "exhaustive" investigation of the incident and several other robberies that occurred during the last three weeks.

Newark Police Department spokesman Cpl. Gerald J. Bryda said Nelson issued an arrest warrant for 17-year-old Brooke Boyd, of Windy Court, in regards to a separate robbery that occurred in the 100 block of Madison Drive on Aug. 7.

Nelson was then able to connect phone records from the cell phone of the victim in that incident, as well as the Sept. 2 robbery, to Boyd and 17-year-old Tierah Oneal of Melrose Place.

Police arrested Oneal on Tuesday and charged her with first-degree robbery, second-degree conspiracy and third-degree assault. Oneal was committed to the New Castle Detention Center on a \$13,000 secured bail, police said.

Bryda said police are asking for the public's help in locating Boyd, who is also wanted on warrants issued by four other



Police arrested 17-year-old Tierah Oneal (left) on Tuesday in connection with the Sept. 2 mugging a University of Delaware student. Brooke Boyd (right), 17, is still wanted in the connection with the same incident.

Delaware police agencies.

The charges against the two teenage girls mark the second mugging case that Newark police believe they have solved in the past week.

On Sept. 5 and Sept. 6, police charged four local teenagers in connection with the armed robbery of two men in the Foxcroft neighborhood on Sept. 5.

In that incident, the victims had just exited their vehicle when they were approached by four men, one of whom was carrying a gun. The suspects ordered the victims to lie on the ground and made off with their cell phones, keys, a wallet and \$90 in cash.

Three 18-year-olds and a 17-year-old, all of Newark, were

charged with two counts of robbery, possession of a firearm and wearing a disguise while committing a felony, as well as conspiracy and terroristic threatening.

Tiernan said the arrests in both cases are the result of a recently instituted crime suppression plan.

"The message is very simple," the chief said. "If you commit a crime in Newark, you will be brought to justice."

Anyone with information about any of the recent robberies is asked to call Detective Nelson at 366-7110 ext. 136 or 1-800-TIP-3333, where information may be left anonymously.

Westvaco lays off 200

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Commission (PSC) official has recommended slashing Delmarva power's request for higher electric rates to less than half of what the utility is seeking.

John B. Kennedy, the PSC's hearing examiner in Delmarva's electric rate case, said in a brief submitted last Friday that Delmarva Power should receive only \$11.5 million in additional revenue. That's about \$16.5 million less than the amount sought by Delmarva Power.

Sept. 18, 1998

City sells land for parking

Usually Newark residents want the city to provide maintenance of roadways — demand it actually. But this week, residents of Cherry Hill Manor successfully petitioned council to sell the parking spaces adjoining their streets to the community's maintenance association.

Westvaco laying off 200 here.

Westvaco Corporation on Ogletown Road will reduce its current workforce of 270 employees to about 70 people over the next four months.

According to company

spokesperson Robert Crockett, equipment from the Newark site will be taken to offices in Richmond, Va., where the company is expanding.

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OUTLOOK

Communicating with your child's teacher

By MARIA PIPPIDIS

SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Last week a parent called me at the New Castle County Cooperative Extension office to identify strategies that support her child's first year at elementary school.

She was concerned about how to balance staying involved in her child's life without being overly protective or intrusive.

One of the best ways parents can help their children succeed in school — no matter their age — is to be involved with their education. This starts with communicating well with your child's teacher.

As I visited with this mother, I shared some of the strategies that research suggests work best for providing support to a child while allowing parents to be knowledgeable and involved in the classroom and at home throughout the year.

Here are some of the suggestions:

1. Meet the teacher and stay informed. Go to the school's open house or make an appointment. Even though time may be short, a few simple steps can show your interest and support. No matter the venue, introduce yourself and your child, collect any information the teacher provides and offer to help by signing up to donate items to the class or to volunteer for other jobs. Stay informed by checking the school and teacher's Web sites to keep up with what is going on — in and out of the classroom.

2. Go to parent-teacher conferences. Often schools schedule these at some time

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

Comic book artist brings Hero Initiative to Newark

Steve Dillon to raise money for struggling artists

By PATRICIA E. LANG

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Accomplished comic book illustrator Steve Dillon will be signing autographs and selling sketches in Newark next week to raise money for his fellow artists.

A professional illustrator since the age of 16, Dillon gained worldwide notoriety as the artist behind award winning and critically acclaimed titles, such

as "Hellblazer" and "Preacher," both of which were published by DC Comics' adult-themed Vertigo line.

More recently, Dillon has been working for Marvel Comics, penciling a re-launched "Punisher" series and two mini-series, "Supreme Power: Nighthawk" and "Wolverine: Origins."

Dillon's work is typically more realistic and less cartoonish than other comic book fare, according to Joe Murray, who owns Captain Blue Hen Comics, where Dillon will be appearing from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Sept. 24.

"His characters aren't

rippling with muscles," Murray said. "They're more grounded, more human. The stories are more about the character than the superhero aspect."

Dillon's visit is part of a U.S. tour sponsored by Comics PRO, an professional organization of comic book retailers, to benefit the non-profit Hero Initiative, which raises money to assist impoverished comic book creators.

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Steve Dillon

Maestro's last season with the Newark Symphony

By PATRICIA E. LANG

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

September in Newark is filled with tradition.

The public schools re-open, the University of Delaware students come back to town and the roads become jam-packed.

But an often overlooked September tradition is the opening of the Newark Symphony Orchestra's latest season.

Although the symphony has attracted many faithful followers in its 44 years, many residents are still completely unaware of Newark's orchestra, according to music director Roman Pawlowski, who is retiring at the end of the year after 26 seasons with the orchestra.

"So many people don't know

the value of arts and music in our society," Pawlowski said recently. "They are the connecting links to our life experiences. If you've never listened to live classical music, come just once to hear us play. See how the

music stimulates you."

The maestro said he is retiring after leading the Newark Symphony Orchestra for more than half of its existence in order to devote more time to composing.

"I know what the music wants to say," said Pawlowski, who once studied under the renowned French conductor Pierre Monteux. "You don't

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Dillon to sell sketches

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"Comic book artists are freelancers," Murray said. "They have no benefits (and) no pension plans and some of them end up struggling."

During his stop in Newark, Dillon will be selling sketches for \$15 to raise money for the Hero Initiative, while Captain Blue Hen Comics will be holding a raffle and a silent auction.

Murray said his store could not have hosted an artist of Dillon's fame without support

from Comics PRO and a little geographic good fortune.

"That's one great thing about living in Delaware," Murray said. "(Dillon) will visit a few stores in New York and then go down the East Coast, ending up at the Baltimore Comic Book Convention on Sept. 27 and Sept. 28, so we were right on the path."

For more information about Dillon's visit, please visit Captain Blue Hen Comics in person at 280 E. Main St. or online at www.captainbluehen.com.

Final for Pawloski season

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force musicians to play. You encourage, you inspire and you lead. Music is a loving experience."

Next year, the orchestra will invite four guest conductors to perform during the symphony season. At the end of the season, they will decide which conductor to invite back as Pawloski's replacement.

Pawloski said the concerts of his final season would have a definite ethnic focus — the first being "Viennese Masters," followed by "Frankly French," "From Russia with Awe" and "Viva L'Italia!"

One of the pieces the orchestra will perform during the "Viennese Masters" show will be Franz Schubert's "Fantasy, Op. 103", a piano duet, which Pawloski orchestrated by assigning the piano parts to different instruments.

"I orchestrated the piece as I thought Schubert would have orchestrated it," he said.

This season, the Newark Symphony Orchestra, which performs at least four symphonic and four chamber music concerts each year, also will have a slight change in

venue.

While the chamber music concerts will still be held on Saturday evenings at the Newark United Methodist Church, the symphonic concerts will be held on Sunday afternoons at The Independence School on Paper Mill Road.

The symphonic performances also will feature a new series of pre-concert talks by Suzanne Burton, who will explore music's essential role in the human endeavor.

The first chamber music concert of the season will be held on Sept. 27, while the first symphonic concert will debut on Oct. 26.

For more information about the Newark Symphony Orchestra, including upcoming concerts, please visit www.newarksymphony.org.

AstraZeneca gives \$5k grant to aid Parkinson's sufferers

By SCOTT GOSS

POSTNEWS@CHES PUB.COM

Pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca recently gave the Newark Senior Center a \$5,000 grant to support its Parkinson's strength training class for the third straight year.

"AstraZeneca makes regular contributions to non-profits across the country that support community-based health care initiatives," said company spokeswoman Elizabeth Shaheen-Dumke. "The senior center's Parkinson's strength training class does exactly that, which is why we've supported the program since 2006."



(L to R) Lou Erb, teacher Brian Ferster, Dan Hall, Joe Hoar participate in the Newark Senior Center's Parkinson's strength training class.

Parkinson's disease is a degenerative brain disorder that attacks the central nervous system leading to abnormal posture, involuntary

movement and muscle tone disturbances.

According to the National

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Looking to horse around?

City sponsored horseshoe tournament on Saturday

By SCOTT GOSS

POSTNEWS@CHES PUB.COM

Some of the best pitchers in the city are expected to compete for seasonal bragging rights during Newark's fall horseshoe tournament at Edna C. Dickey Park on Saturday.

"Horseshoes is becoming an increasingly popular game throughout the state and our tournaments have been pretty successful," said Joe Spadifino, the assistant director of Newark's department of parks and recreation.

Spadifino said the city has

been hosting fall and spring horseshoe tournaments at Dickey Park on Madison Drive for as long as he can remember.

"I've been here for 14 years and it's something we've always done," he said. "I think it probably got started because we have horseshoe pits at Dickey Park and the tournaments are a good way to encourage people to use them."

As an indication of the game's local popularity, Spadifino said a city-sponsored horseshoe league held over the summer attracted about 16 participants.

"Usually we get about 10 to 20 players who sign up for the tournaments," he said. "We usu-

ally give out trophies or plaques to the top three finishers."

This weekend's all-ages tournament will be a singles competition played in a double-elimination format. Each match will be played to 30 points.

Any one is welcome to compete in the horseshoe tournament, although competitors must register and pay a fee of \$9 for city residents and \$14 for non-residents before 5 p.m. on Friday.

The tournament is set to begin at 10 a.m. on Sept. 20. A rain date is scheduled for Sept. 21.

For more information, please call the Newark Department of Parks and Recreation at 366-7060.

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FRIDAY

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

OCTOBERFEST 5 - 11 p.m. Also Sept. 20, 12 - 11 p.m., and Sept. 21 1 - 6 p.m. Bavarian Bands & Folkdancing, German Foods & Beverages, and Amusement Rides. \$7. Delaware Saengerbund, 49 Salem Church Road, Newark. Info, 366-9454.

MEDITATION CLASS 7 p.m. Free Meditation Sample class for all levels. Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave., Newark. Info, 731-7550.

COMEDY WEEKEND 8 p.m. Also Saturday, Sept. 20. Adult content. \$10. Premier Centre for the Arts, 27 Anderson St., Middletown. Info, 378-1384.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

LIVE MUSIC 9:30 p.m. Featuring 3 Legged Fox. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

CHILDREN'S RESALE 8 a.m. - Noon. Infant to teen clothing, toys, baby equipment, maternity clothes and more. Sponsored by Mothers of Multiples. Kirk Middle School, 140 Brennen Drive, Newark. Info, 368-9691.

MUSIC FESTIVAL 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Choirs, musicians, praise bands, games, food and more. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 200 marrows Road, Newark. Info, 738-4331.

TRAIL RIDES 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Various times and lessons for different ages. Pre-registration required. \$36, Newark residents \$31. Sunset Stables, Howell School Road, Bear. Info, 366-7060.

CAR SHOW 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sponsored by the VFW. \$13. Port Deposit VFW, 520 Susquehanna River Road, Port Deposit, Md. Info, 410-642-2847.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

BRUNCH With Bill Kintzer and Chorduroy. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

TASTE OF NEWARK Noon - 3 p.m. Join over 35 Newark restaurants as they offer samplings of their finest cuisine. \$40. Old College Lawn, UD Main Campus, Newark. Info, 368-2561.



The Delaware Saengerbund 2008 Oktoberfest will be in full swing under the Big Tent at 49 Salem Church Road in Newark beginning at 5 p.m. on Sept. 19, ending Sept. 21. Featured this year will be Die Sandler. Enjoy Bavarian bands, folkdancing, German foods and amusement rides. Rain or shine. \$7 per person, includes unlimited amusement rides. For more information please call 366-9454.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY 1:30 p.m. Featuring the new Wildlife Response Annex. Tri-State Bird Rescue, 110 Possum Hollow Road, Newark. Info, 737-9543.

BIRD RESCUE INFO SESSION 6 p.m. Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research sponsors hands-on session for bird care volunteers. Tri-State's Frink Center for Wildlife, 110 Possum Hollow Road, Newark. Info, 737-9543.

COMMUNITY FAIR Noon - 4 p.m. Dancers, live band & DJ, face

painting, free food and more. Word of Faith Christian Center, 30 Blue Hen Drive, Newark. Info, 1-866-877-WORD.

CRAB FEAST 2 - 8 p.m. All you can eat crabs. Proceeds benefit the VFW National Children's Home. VFW Post 475, Elkton Road, Newark. Info, 366-8438.

GLOBAL ECUMENICAL FORUM 7 p.m. The Phoenix Community presents author, activist and educator Phillip Bannoswky, on "Ecuador's Peaceful Revolution." \$5. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 731-2622.

KIDS WALK Saint Elizabeth High School sponsors Dela-Cares for Kids Walk, to benefit children with cancer at A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital. Walk to take place immediately following 11 a.m. Mass. \$5. St. Elizabeth High School, Wilmington. Info, www.sehs.org.

JAZZ BRUNCH 11 a.m. Sponsored by Fox & Roach Charities to benefit Delaware Hospice. Featuring jazz musicians and a New Orleans style brunch. \$75. Harry's Savoy Grill, Naamans Road, Wilmington. Info, 800-838-9800.

PARK PROGRAM 2 p.m. In search of wild mushrooms with Ray Hollback, an amateur mycologist. White Clay Creek Preserve, Landenberg, Pa. Info, 610-274-2471.

PARTY IN THE PARK 1 p.m. The 2nd annual WCTR party featuring The Fabulous Hubcaps. Benefits Relay for Life. \$15, children 6 - 12 \$10. Wilmer Park, Cross St., Chestertown, Md. Info, 410-778-1530.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

GARDENING WORKSHOP 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. "Groundcovers" for problems areas in your lawn. \$15. NCC. Cooperative Ext., 461 Wyoming Road, Newark. Info, 831-2667.

RECOVERY PROGRAM 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Connections Community Support Programs present info on substance abuse and mental health treatment available. Drummond Plaza, Suites 3304-3305, Kirkwood Highway and Polly Drummond Road, Newark. Info, 454-7520.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

HALF PRICE NACHOS & QUESADILLAS Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.

FOLK DANCE 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Israeli folk dance with Sharon Kleban.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Union Hospital, Room 1, 106 Bow St., Elkton, Md. Info, 410-658-2791.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

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

MUSEUM OPEN 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dedicated to the history of Pencader Hundred and the Cooch's Bridge battlefield. Free. Pencader Heritage Museum, Old Baltimore Pike, Newark. Info, 737-5792.

DECORATIVE PAINTERS GROUP 9:30 a.m. All painting levels welcome. Yearly dues. Claymont Community Center, 504 S. Clayton St., Wilmington. Info, 239-9884.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

KNITTING KNUITZ GUILD 1 p.m. Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, 1941 Limestone Road, Wilmington. Info, 452-0146.

DELAWARE ACCORDION CLUB 2 - 5 p.m. Meeting for an open mic session. Open to the public. College Town Cafe, I-95 Exit 1-B, Route 896N, Newark. Info, 328-4803.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

AAUW 7:30 p.m. Newark Branch. Annual reports and action plans from study groups. Open to the public. First

Presbyterian Church, 292 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 731-4724.

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Newark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 377-6746.

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

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

ENGLISH CLASSES 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. English Conversational Classes. Free. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 368-8774 or esl-nume@hotmail.com.

TAI CHI 3 - 4 p.m. Monday (Advanced) or Wednesday, 4 - 5 p.m. (Beg/Intermediate). \$20 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive. Info, 737-2336.

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

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

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and Saturdays; 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Certified instructor Nadine Weisenbach. George Wilson Center, 303 New London Road, Newark. Info, 366-7060 or www.newarkjazz.net.

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

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

STRENGTH & FLEXIBILITY CLASS 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Mon. Wed., and Fri.; \$4 per session/\$50 for 6 weeks. First Presbyterian Church, 292 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 731-5644.

KUNG FU 6 - 7 p.m. and 7 - 8 p.m. Mon., Wed., and Fri. \$70/month. Shaolin Martial Monks School, 181 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 373-2918.

KUNG FU 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; 10 a.m. Saturdays. \$100/month, unlimited sessions. Shao Lin Tiger and Crane Kung Fu Academy, Market East Plaza, 280 E. Main St., Newark. Info, 737-4696.

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

9658.

DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Berea Presbyterian Church, 957 Old Lancaster Pike, Hockessin. Info, 737-7239.

DIVORCECARE FOR KIDS 6:30 p.m. For children ages 5 - 12 of families experiencing divorce and separation. Berea Presbyterian Church, 957 Old Lancaster Pike, Hockessin. Info, 737-7239.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

NEWARK MUSEUM 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Closed Monday. Free. Exhibits celebrate Newark's 250 years as a chartered community. Info, 224-2408.

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 6 - 7 p.m. Newcomers meeting follows at 7 p.m. Aletheia School, 91 Salem Church Road, Newark. Info, 824-6317.

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

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

DIAMOND STATE CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES 7:30 - 10 p.m. Women's acapella singing group. Curious and enthusiastic singers welcome. Limestone Presbyterian Church,

3201 Limestone Road, Wilmington. Info, 731-5981.

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

OPEN SWIM 4:30 - 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Gore Aquatic Center, Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 737-2336.

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

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

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

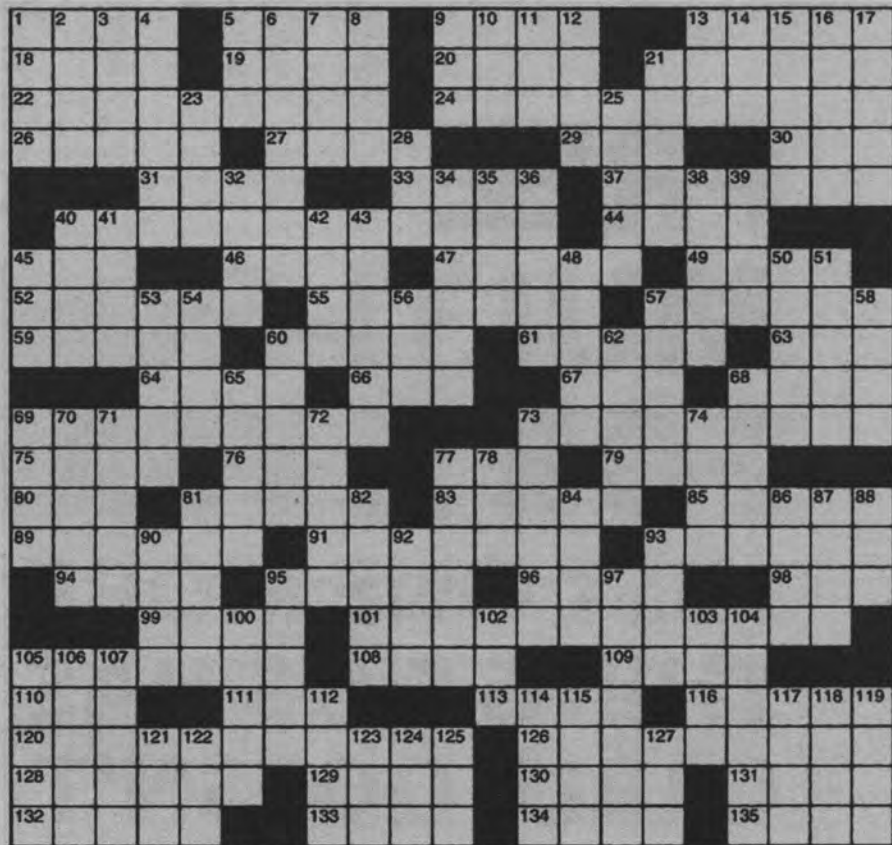
OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Asbury United Methodist Church, 300 E. Basin Road, New Castle. Info, 610-444-5194.

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

EVENING YOGA 5:30 - 7 and 7 - 8:30

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15 Was an optimist
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36 Up and about
38 Requests
39 Ain't right?
40 Spanish sherry
41 Author Dinesen
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45 "What?"
48 Crack up
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MEETINGS, from 10

- p.m. Sponsored by Newark Parks & Rec. \$65/ Newark resident \$55. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 366-7060.
- TAI CHI** 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Free for people touched by cancer. The Wellness Community in New Castle, 4810 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington. Info, 995-2850.
- DIVORCECARE** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support group meeting. Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Road. Info, 737-2300.
- GRIEFSHARE** 7 p.m. Seminar and support group for those who have lost someone close to them. Praise Assembly, 1421 Old Baltimore Pike. Info, 737-5040.
- RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION GROUP** 7 - 8:30 p.m. Current events and religious discussions led by the Rev. Bruce

Gillette. Limestone Presbyterian Church, 2301 Limestone Road, Wilmington. Info, 994-5646.

ANXIETY DISORDER 6:30 - 8 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. To maintain the privacy of members, support group locations not published. Info, 654-6833.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

- HIKE FOR HEALTH** 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in September. Moderate paced hike covering 3 - 4 miles. White Clay Creek Preserve, Landenberg, Pa. Info, 610-274-2471.
- YOGA** 6:30 - 8 p.m. Mixed level, Iyengar style. Min. three months experience required. Drop ins welcome. Awareness Center, 280 E. Main St., Suite 109, Newark. \$15/class. Info, 792-7230.

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

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

LET'S DANCE CLUB 4 - 6 p.m. Features ballroom and line dancing. Free. Meets at Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark. Info, 737-2336.

WOMEN'S DEPRESSION 7 - 9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To protect privacy of members, meeting locations provided only with registration. Info, 654-6833.

For a complete list of meetings visit our Web site: www.newarkpostonline.com

EVENTS, from 10

- \$4. Arden Gild Hall, 2406 Granby Road, Wilmington. Info, 478-7257.
- COMIC BOOK TOUR** 4 - 7 p.m. Featuring artist Steve Dillon, to benefit The Hero Initiative. Blue Hen Comics, 280 E. Main St., Suite 101, Newark. Info, 737-3434.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

- MUG NIGHT** 9:30 p.m. Little Black Dress Party featuring Burnt Sienna. Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St., Newark. Info, 369-9414.
- SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE** 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Delaware Suicide Prevention Coalition is hosting Delaware's third conference with the theme, "The Golden Link: From Research to Action." UD Clayton

- Hall, Newark. Info, 654-6833.
- GARDENING WORKSHOP** 7 - 9 p.m. Learn all about orchids from the New Castle County Master Gardeners. \$20. Fischer Greenhouse, Newark. Info, 831-2667.
- FORECLOSURE CLINIC** 6 - 8 p.m. The Federation of State Housing Counselors holds meetings for residents struggling with their mortgages. YWCA, 153 E. Chestnut Hill Road, Suite 102, Newark. Info, 224-4060.
- OPEN HOUSE** 4 - 7 p.m. Featuring new advanced system technology for the treatment of cervical and lumbar pain. Trolley Square Pain Release Center, 1523 Delaware Ave., Wilmington. Info, 421-3660.
- EBAY SEMINAR** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Learn all about eBay retailing. Free. Bear Library, 101 Governor's Place, Bear. Info, www.usps.com/ebayday.

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Families offered assistance with school uniform costs

► UPFRONT, from 1

overwhelming support for the policy among parents, PTA, faculty and staff for school uniforms.

Eighth-grade students at Kirk were generally positive about the uniforms, but would like more color choices and some opportunities for "dress-down" days, said district officials.

All of the students reportedly said it was faster and easier to get dressed for school in the morning with the new uniforms.

School officials, with support from district superintendent Lillian Lowery, developed a proposal to pilot a similar uniform policy at Kirk and Bayard middle schools and the district's four Wilmington elementary schools during the current school year.

Under the policy, students are required to meet a uniform dress code standard, which mandates that they wear solid colored pants, skirts or shorts, and collared shirts.

Denim jeans are prohibited,

as are hooded apparel and hats. Pants must fit appropriately and cannot be too tight or too loose. Shirts must be appropriately sized and cannot extend below the hip.

At the middle school level, students in the sixth grade are required to wear maroon shirts, students in the seventh grade wear white shirts and students in the eighth grade wear light blue or navy blue shirts.

District officials said the color-coding helps administrators visually identify students and easily determine if they are in an appropriate area of the building.

"Many of our students change schools from year to year," said teacher Karen Hruz, who chaired Kirk's uniform committee in 2007. "By having a consistent color for each grade, it makes it easier on families if they do move to a different school."

Elementary school students are required to wear white shirts and navy blue pants, shorts, skirts or jumpers.

District officials noted that the superintendent's recommendation requires schools to

develop procedures that defray the cost of uniforms for families in need of financial assistance.

"This decision is about equity and high standards of academic achievement," Lowery said. "For our students to achieve the high standards we have set for them, we must create an environment where they receive challenging instruction, and where they are held accountable for their dress, behavior, and personal success. Uniforms are just one part of this goal."

District administrators said they decided on the pilot program after research showed that uniform policies established elsewhere were found to enhance school safety, improve the learning environment, bridge socio-economic differences, promote positive behavior and save families money.

The district plans to survey parents during the school year to gather feedback on the uniform dress code policy after which recommendations for a possible expansion of the policy in 2009 will be presented to Christina's school board.

Community Day feedback appreciated

► UPFRONT, from 1

phone calls from people all the time. But it's a lot easier to give your opinion while stopping at a booth as you leisurely walk past.

We find a little more about what we're doing right and what we're doing wrong.

No doubt it's the same with many of the other organizations that had booths set up for the day.

Like Newark Nite, the city provides a festive opportunity for residents during which, businesses, the city and any other organizations can promote what they're doing, while getting some meaningful feedback.

It's hard to believe that any municipality does this any better than Newark. The city is constantly looking for ways to

promote its businesses and its downtown.

Personally, I was pleased and amazed with the amount and types of information we received. It was a good investment of our time to be there and will hopefully help us provide a better product to our readers.

I suspect that most other organizations represented at Community Day feel the same way.

As far as that tired college student, when I explained the annual festivities to him he slowly nodded his head and headed back inside – presumably to try and get more sleep.

That was probably short-lived, however, as it wasn't long before a band cranked up right outside his window.

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UD, city collaborate on yearly event

► TASTE, from 1

"We had to have an event that the university helped organize, students helped to run and the downtown partnership benefited from," he said. "I wanted the community to come away with an image of what we could do if we all worked together."

Each year, the Taste of Newark provides about 50 students majoring in hotel, restaurant and institutional management with an opportunity to earn some of 100 community service hours that they need to graduate, according to department chair Robert Nelson.

"Some of them serve on the planning committee and help organize their fellow students, while others serve as greeters and hosts," Nelson said. "Most of the work is less glamorous however. We have dozens of students bussing tables, removing trash

and breaking the event down after the guests go home."

Maureen Feeny Roser, president of the Downtown Newark Partnership, said it's the joint effort between the university, city government and local civic organizations that make the Taste of Newark a special event.

"It's probably the first event to be equally planned and supported by the university and the community," she said. "We've also heard from local restaurants that business usually picks up right after the Taste of Newark, because people want to come back for the things they tried and liked."

Feeny Roser said the proceeds from the event are chiefly used on advertising that helps to promote downtown restaurants, as well as other restaurant-focused events in the city.

The Newark Arts Alliance also receives a financial boost from a silent auction it holds

during the Taste of Newark, while the Christina Education Foundation earns money for scholarships through a raffle held during event.

"We also present a \$5,000 check to the Newark Historical Society to help keep them on Main Street," Funk said.

Although last year's event raised more than \$70,000, Funk said the recent economic downturn will likely mean that this year's event will raise less than \$60,000.

"All of our advance tickets are already sold out, but we've had trouble getting as many sponsors this year because of the economy," he said. "It's a shame because when the economy struggles non-profits are the first to feel it."

Anyone who did not purchase a \$40 advance ticket to this year's Taste of Newark can still purchase one of the limited number of \$50 tickets that will be available on Sunday.

Third year for Parkinson's grant

► ASTRAZENeca from 9

Parkinson's Foundation, the disease affects men and women of all social, ethnic, economic and geographic categories. Approximately 1.5 million Americans suffer from the disease, with another 60,000 new cases diagnosed each year.

While the condition usually develops after the age of 65, 15 percent of those diagnosed are under the age of 50.

Research has shown that regular physical exercise and therapy can help Parkinson's sufferers minimize and delay progression of the disease while maintaining their mobility, flexibility and strength.

Currently, about a dozen Parkinson's sufferers are

enrolled in the Newark Senior Center's strength training classes, which are led by a trained instructor, on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and on Thursdays at 9 a.m.

The senior center also provides a Parkinson's Family Program where family members of those with the disease can share experiences, resources and support. The program meets on Thursdays at 9 a.m.

According to Shaheen-Dumke, the senior center applied for the \$5,000 donation through AstraZeneca's grant application Web site at www.astrazeneca-us.com/community-support.

Last year, the company donated \$47 million to non-profit health care-focused organizations across the coun-

try that also applied for grants online.

"AstraZeneca has become a true community partner on the national, state and local level in its commitment to putting patient health first," said Jessica Snow, communications coordinator for the senior center. "The Parkinson's strength training classes at the Newark Senior Center are just one example of the many efforts made by AstraZeneca to make a difference in our local community."

For more information about the senior center's Parkinson's strength training classes or other programs offered at its facility on White Chapel Drive, please call 737-2336 or visit www.newarksenior-center.com.

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 3:10 p.m. Sprint Cup qualifying
 4:30 p.m. Camping World Series intro
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9 a.m. Grandstand gates open
 11:05 a.m. Nationwide qualifying
 12:30 – 1:15 p.m. Sprint Cup practice
 1:50 – 2:50 p.m. Sprint Cup final practice
 3 p.m. Nationwide driver intros
 3:30 p.m. Nationwide Series 200 race

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Dominant Busch struggles in Chase opener

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It took Kyle Busch 26 races to build a points lead and a psychological edge — and just 20 laps in the opening race of NASCAR's Chase for the Sprint Cup championship to see it all disappear.

The driver Cup fans love to hate has been the scourge of the stock car sport this season, winning a series-high eight races during the "regular season" in Cup, adding seven more wins in the second-tier Nationwide Series and three in the truck circuit.

The 23-year-old wunderkind

had led the Cup standings since the 10th race.

All of that added up to the expectation that Busch would be the guy to beat for this year's championship.

But a broken part in his No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota turned Sunday's Sylvania 300 at New Hampshire Motor

Speedway into a near-disaster for Busch, who was so upset he left the track without speaking to the media.

It was only thanks to some late attrition in the race that Busch didn't wind up worse than his 34th-place finish in the 43-car field. He fell to eighth in the standings, 74 points behind co-leaders Carl Edwards and Jimmie Johnson.

For the start of the 10-race Chase, the 12 eligible drivers were seeded by wins, with a 10-point bonus for each victory. The hopeful Busch began the day 30 points ahead of Edwards, 40 in front of two-time reigning Cup champion Johnson and 80 ahead of the four Chase drivers who have not won this year.

Everything seemed to be going his way this week, too, when despite struggling with an ill-handling car in practice, qualifying was rained out and the drivers were lined up by points — putting Busch on the pole.

But it was obvious from moments after the green flag waved Sunday that something was wrong.

After leading the first three laps of the race, Busch slid back through the field and smoke curled from the rear of his car as he drove through the turns. On lap 20, the rear end swung out and clipped the wall as he drove through turn two on the 1.058-mile oval.

Busch continued, but things just got worse after that.

The radio chatter between Busch and his pit began referring to the possibility of a broken sway bar and, on his first pit stop, those fears were confirmed: a broken bolt on the front sway bar was allowing the rear of the car to slide dangerously in the turns.

Busch, penalized for passing the pace car to get into the pits on that first stop, was held on pit road for a lap.

He and new crew chief Steve Addington still had hopes of getting the problem corrected and making up that lost lap until Busch spun on lap 83. He missed the wall, but as Busch slid through the infield grass back onto the track, Jamie McMurray collided with David Ragan and banged hard into the rear of Busch's car, doing considerable damage.

Again Busch continued but, this time, he came out of the

pits eight laps behind the leaders and was so slow that he was lapped four more times before the end of the race.

"We had a part failure and it's one of those things you can't do nothing about," Addington said. "We weren't very good when we unloaded here, but we felt like we did the right things and were going to have a good race car. (That) part failure cost us, so we'll just have to go back and re-evaluate."

Two-time Cup champion Tony Stewart, who had his own problems in finishing eighth on Sunday, had some advice for his Gibbs' teammate.

"He just needs to go home and forget about it for the week," Stewart said. "He's been the dominant force all year and today was one of those odd days for him. You feel bad for him because you know they're better than that."

"But, you know if there's anybody that can rebound from a day like today, it's that 18 car. ... They're not out of this, yet."

History does show Busch still has a legitimate shot at the title with nine races to go.

In 2006, Johnson got off to a miserable start in the Chase, finishing 39th here and falling to ninth in the points. He followed with finishes of 13th, 14th and 24th before getting rolling. The next five races, Johnson finished second four times and won the other, then wrapped up his first title with a ninth-place finish in the finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

On the other hand, 2004 champion Kurt Busch, Kyle's older brother, won at New Hampshire, 2005 champion Stewart began the Chase with a runner-up finish, and Johnson started his second title run a year ago with a sixth-place finish. All were either first or second in the points leaving Loudon.

"When I was in that position, we couldn't do much about it," Johnson said, talking about his bad start in the Chase two years ago. "It is what it is. We just really went on and fought through the rest of the season."

"Luckily, things came our way. So, at this point, Kyle's hoping everybody has a bad race. I just think it's way too early in the Chase to count anybody out. We just have no clue what's going to happen in the races to come."

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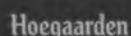


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Twelve drivers vie for Sprint Cup title in Chase

A glance at the 12 drivers competing in NASCAR's Chase for the Sprint Cup championship heading into this weekend's race.

DRIVER: Kyle Busch

CHASE POINTS: first, 5,080
CAR: No. 18 M&Ms Toyota
TEAM: Joe Gibbs Racing
BEST CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH: 5th (2007)
CHASE CHATTER: "It's a lot better to be at the top than it is down at the bottom," Busch said. "That makes it look a lot prettier from our seat. Just to go out there and run consistently in the final 10 races."

DRIVER: Carl Edwards

CHASE POINTS: Second, -30
CAR: No. 99 Office Depot Ford
TEAM: Roush Fenway Racing
BEST CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH: 3rd (2005)
CHASE CHATTER: "It's real hit and miss," Edwards said. "The car has got to be perfect. We've been working real hard on it. Because I feel of all the tracks in the Chase, that's the one we were the worst at earlier this year."

DRIVER: Jimmie Johnson

CHASE POINTS: Third, -40
CAR: No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet
TEAM: Hendrick Motorsports
BEST CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH: 1st (2006, 2007)
CHASE CHATTER: "We worked hard to get to this point," Johnson said. "We're doing all the things right. That doesn't guarantee us anything going into the Chase. We've got to show up and put in 10 good ones."

DRIVER: Dale Earnhardt Jr.

CHASE POINTS: Fourth, -70
CAR: No. 88 AMP Energy-National Guard Chevrolet
TEAM: Hendrick Motorsports
BEST CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH: 3rd (2003)
CHASE CHATTER: "I think Loudon is a good track for me," Earnhardt Jr. said. "I feel pretty good when we go back there."

DRIVER: Clint Bowyer

CHASE POINTS: Fifth, -70
CAR: No. 07 Jack Daniels Chevrolet
TEAM: Richard Childress Racing
BEST CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH: 3rd (2007)
CHASE CHATTER: "Things have been looking for the better to catapult ourselves into this thing and it shows me that 'Hey, we can pick the program up again like we did last year and make some noise in this thing,'" Bowyer said.

DRIVER: Denny Hamlin

CHASE POINTS: Sixth, -70
CAR: No. 11 FedEx Chevrolet
TEAM: Joe Gibbs Racing
BEST CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH: 3rd (2006)

CHASE CHATTER: "This was our goal at the start of the season, to make the Chase and win some races," Hamlin said. "We like the tracks we visit over the next 10 weeks so we're just excited to see what we can do — and hopefully keep this momentum going."

DRIVER: Jeff Burton

CHASE POINTS: Seventh, -70
CAR: No. 31 Cingular Wireless Chevrolet
TEAM: Richard Childress Racing
BEST CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH: 3rd (2000)
CHASE CHATTER: "Going into 2006 we were our best in the Chase," Burton said. "We put ourselves in position to win so that's what we have to do. We just have to perform a little better and we have to execute."

DRIVER: Tony Stewart

ADJUSTED CHASE POINTS: Eighth, -80
CAR: No. 20 Home Depot Chevrolet
TEAM: Joe Gibbs Racing
BEST CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH: 1st (2002, 2005)
CHASE CHATTER: "It's just laws of math now," Stewart said. "You do the math each week and hope that you're the guy that's got enough good finishes at the end to have enough points to be the champion."

DRIVER: Greg Biffle

CHASE POINTS: Ninth, -80
CAR: No. 16 3M Ford
TEAM: Roush Fenway Racing
BEST CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH: 2nd (2005)
CHASE CHATTER: "I'm excited to be back in the chase after missing it for two years," Biffle said. "We certainly worked really hard. We haven't got any wins this year, so that's been a little bit of a struggle for us, but we've had really, really, good solid runs and that's what we're gonna need in the chase to get up there in points."

DRIVER: Jeff Gordon

CHASE POINTS: 10th, -80
CAR: No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet
TEAM: Hendrick Motorsports
BEST CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH: 1st (1995, 1997, 1998, 2001)
CHASE CHATTER: "Obviously it hasn't been the best of years for us up to this point," Gordon said. "We're searching; we're working hard and coming together as a team the best we can. We put out that best effort every single week-end thinking that we can win."

DRIVER: Kevin Harvick

CHASE POINTS: 11th, -80
CAR: No. 29 Shell/Pennzoil Chevrolet
TEAM: Richard Childress Racing
BEST CHAMPIONSHIP

FINISH: 4th (2006)

CHASE CHATTER: "I feel like we've closed the gap. We've got a little bit more work to do to get to where we need to be. Hopefully, over the next couple of weeks we can get everything done that we need to get done and throw everything at it for the Chase. ... In an underdog

role, you don't really have anything to lose so that's what we're looking forward to."

DRIVER: Matt Kenseth

CHASE POINTS: 12th, -80
CAR: No. 17 DeWalt Tools Ford
TEAM: Roush Fenway Racing
BEST CHAMPIONSHIP

FINISH: 1st (2003)

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Noise and Alcohol

Timothy Cooper, 43, Newark, possession of open container, 100 block of College Square, 10:45 p.m. on Sept. 10.

Benjamin T. Markum, 31, of Los Angeles, Calif., driving under the influence, Nottingham Road, at 1:31 a.m. on Sept. 10.

Rebecca Rizzo, 50, of Newark, walking on a highway under the influence of alcohol, at the intersection of Barksdale and Casho Mill roads, at 9:45 a.m. on Sept. 8.

Kimberly R. Kulesza, 20, of Elsmere, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, driving under the influence and underage consumption,

Madison Drive and Thorn Lane, 5:49 a.m. on Sept. 14.

Kimberly Labella, 21, of Killington, Vt., noise violation, unit block of Center Street, at 3:54 a.m. on Sept. 14.

Jacqueline R. Momeir, 20, of Milford, N.J., noise violation, unit block of Center Street, at 3:54 a.m. on Sept. 14.

John M. Mayer, 42, of Newark, driving under the influence of alcohol and inattentive driving, unit block of East Delaware Avenue, 1:35 a.m. on Sept. 14.

Kevin J. Gobeil, 20, of Newark, underage consumption and trespassing, unit block of Kells Avenue, 12:50 a.m. on Sept. 14.

Police charged 19-year-old **Theodore Lusardi** of Dover, N.J. with third degree assault and underage consumption of alcohol, unit block of Wrightstown Lane at 1:33 a.m. on Sept. 13.

Scott M. Anton, 18, of

Yorktown, N.Y., underage consumption, 100 block of Haines Street, at 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 12.

Police charged a **17-year-old Newark resident** with underage consumption and entering a liquor store in the College Square Shopping Center at 8 p.m. on Sept. 12.

Anthony J. Sparacio, 19, of Middletown, underage possession of alcohol and driving the wrong way on a one-way street, Cleveland and North College avenues, 11:45 p.m. on Sept. 11.

Joseph M. Copenhaver, 24, of Elkton, Md. criminal impersonation, resisting arrest, open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, Cleveland and North College avenues, 11:45 p.m. on Sept. 11.

Kaitlyn E. Marshall, 19, of Newark, underage consumption and open container Academy Street, at 11:52 p.m. on Sept. 11.

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Hens face test at Furman

Keeler knows team must win a game on the road

By MARTY VALANIA

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Getting victories on the road is always difficult. Considering the University of Delaware's road schedule this season, those victories will be even harder to come by.

After beginning the season with a loss at Maryland, a team that just thumped nationally ranked California last Saturday, the Blue Hens are back on the road at Furman this week. Later this season, Delaware faces Massachusetts, Hofstra, James Madison and Richmond on the road as well. Three of those teams were ranked in this week's Top 10.

"Look at our road schedule," said Delaware coach K.C. Keeler, whose team is ranked No. 6 in the country for the second straight week. "We have a lot of tough games. We need to find road wins somewhere and we recognize this as one of those games we need to find a way to win."

The Paladins are 2-1 and ranked No. 24 this week. They're only loss came on the road to Virginia Tech. They are a perennial power in the Southern Conference and have made the NCAA I-AA playoffs seven of the last nine years.

"This is a huge trip for us to play a very good team," Keeler said. "It should be a huge challenge for us."

Furman defeated Division II Mars Hill 62-14 and Colgate 42-21 with a loss at Virginia Tech in between. They played the Hokies tough for a half but Virginia Tech pulled away for a 24-7 victory.

"You just shake your head when you watch them play Virginia Tech," Keeler said. "It was 3-0 in the first half and Virginia Tech couldn't get anything going. And that's not because Virginia Tech was bad, it was because of how good Furman was playing. I'm very impressed with what I saw on the defensive side of the ball."

The Paladins play a 4-2-5 defense — something that isn't seen all that often.

"We switched to that last year for our Georgia Southern

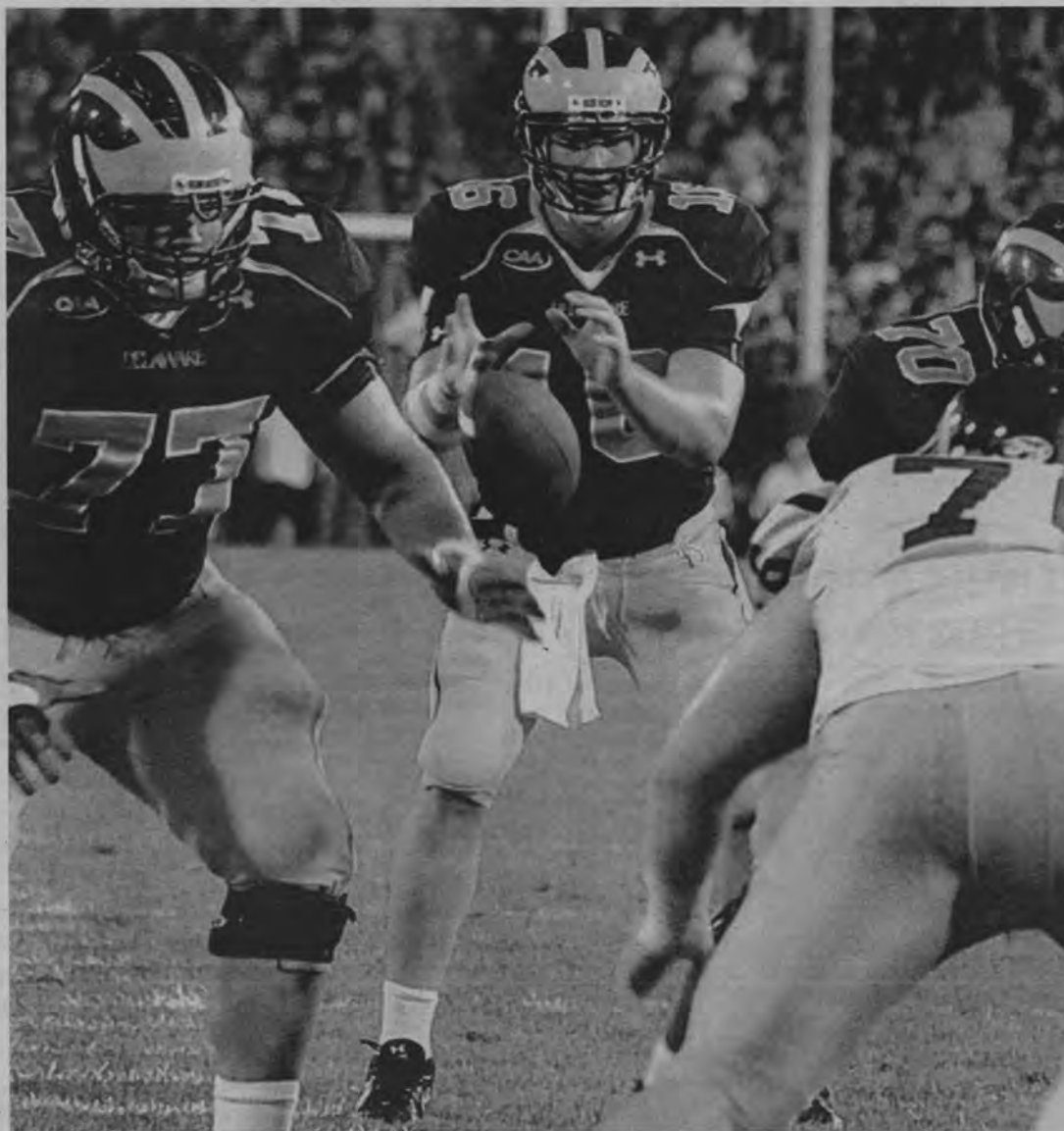


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Quarterback Rob Schoenhoff earned the praise of coach K.C. Keeler with his play last week.

game just so we could get more athletes on the field against their offense," said Furman coach Bobby Lamb. "We just took an outside linebacker off the field and put a safety on. It puts more speed on the field to defend the spread offenses and the offenses that like to get good athletes the ball out in space."

Lamb tweaked it and worked on it in the spring and now uses it as his predominant defense.

Offensively, the Paladins are led by quarterback Jordan Sorrells, who passed for 211 yards and three touchdowns in the win over Colgate. In addition, tailback Mike Brown rushed for 130 yards and flanker Adam Mims had 191 all-purpose yards.

Like Keeler, Lamb sees this as a big game for his team.

"Right now, we're right

where we need to be," Lamb said. "Delaware looks like they have a big, strong, physical team, just like Delaware has been for the last several years. So, it'll be a tremendous challenge for us."

Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Paladin Stadium in Greenville, S.C. The teams have met just once previously in 1988 when Furman gained a 21-7 victory in the first round of the playoffs.

"We're definitely not underestimating them," Keeler said. "This is a very, very good team. Plus, we're representing the CAA against the Southern Conference — the two top conferences. We need to go down there and make a statement."

There is no television for this week's game but it will be broadcast live on 94.7 FM and 91.3 FM.

QB improves

Despite the fact that it was against West Chester, Keeler was happy with the play of starting quarterback Rob Schoenhoff.

The Ohio State transfer completed 14 of 26 passes for 194 yards and a touchdown.

"I think he definitely showed improvement," the coach said. "He did a really nice job of managing the offense. West Chester is very unorthodox. They do things on defense we'll never see again and I thought he did a nice job."

Injury report

Redshirt freshman linebacker Chuck Anderson will miss the rest of the season with a knee injury. Anderson started the opener.

Local teams off to good starts

By JON BUZBY

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St. Mark's Volleyball: The Spartan volleyball team continued its early-season roll with a convincing 3-0 (25-7, 25-9, 25-21) victory over Archbishop Prendergast. On the offensive attack Samantha Hall and Maureen Wilmoth each had three aces and Lauren Hertsensberg tallied 22 assists. The Spartans were led on defense by Alyssa Riggins and Stephanie Zampini, each with 9 digs.

On Monday night, the Spartans suffered their first loss of the season to Cardinal O'Hara, 2-3 (28-26, 24-26, 10-25, 25-20, 9-15). Nikki Kinnier and Jenny Murray recorded 20 and 13 kills each, and Hertsensberg dished out 45 assists. Defensively, Nikki Christ had 22 digs.

Newark Volleyball: The Yellowjackets got off to a fast start this season with wins over Del Castle (3-1) and Christiana (3-1). The team was led in both victories by its four captains: Rebecca Burchfield, Kelsey DeBoda, Erin Duffy, and Jill Lynch. Junior Kristin Ryan leads the team in kills after two games.

"We lost five of six starters to graduation," coach Justin Miller said. "The girls are playing so well together in such a short amount of time, you would never know they've only been playing together as a team since the end of August."

Caravel Field Hockey: The Lady Bucs rebounded from a tough 1-0 loss in their season opener against Brandywine to win their second game when junior Julia Repko and senior Taylor Brown each scored goals in a rain-drenched 2-0 victory over Smyrna. Junior Sarah Werkheiser recorded three saves to earn her first shutout of the season.

On Tuesday night, Taylor Brown and junior Katie Bailey scored first-half goals for the Lady Bucs, but Red Lion rallied with three second-half goals to defeat Caravel, 4-2. Werkheiser

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High school soccer in full swing as fall sports begin

Hodgson Soccer Working Overtime: Following a season-opening loss to Glasgow, the Hodgson soccer team rebounded with a hard-fought, 3-2 overtime win over the Delaware Military Academy. Junior Brian Vasquez scored late in the second half to tie the game at two and send it into overtime, and then sophomore Victor Moran found the back of the net during the second overtime to give Hodgson the win. Junior Steve McGinnis made six saves in goal for the Silver Eagles, who out shot the Admirals, 20-10.

Hodgson hosted Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday afternoon and the

Silver Eagles dropped a heart-breaker, 4-3, in double-overtime. Senior Dustin Williams, sophomore Victor Moran, and junior Eric Ellis tallied the Silver Eagles' goals and junior Steve McGinnis recorded 14 saves in the loss.

"We are a young team with only a few returning varsity players still searching for an identity," coach Brian Grant said.

Newark Soccer Opens Season with Win: Ryan Stanard scored the game's only goal and Frank Hall recorded nine saves in the Yellowjackets 1-0 win at Middletown. The Yellowjackets then returned

home to face Concord and although Shawn Rhodes scored the games first goal, Newark couldn't hang onto the lead as the Raiders scored the next three goals - two of them deflected into the goal by Newark defenders - to win their showdown 3-1.

"It's nice to be 1-0 in the conference, but it's frustrating to be 1-1 after gift wrapping three goals to Concord," coach Bill Boyer said. "We will get better from our early mistakes and hopefully get a shot at Concord in the tournament."

Newark shutout Delcastle, 11-0, on Tuesday.

St. Mark's Soccer off to

2-0 Start: St. Mark's opened its season with a 4-3 win over Bel Air, a state finalist in Maryland's 3A division last year. Junior Kyle Ward found the back of the net twice, including the game winner, and senior Ross Withrow scored once and assisted on three others in the victory.

Getting those opening jitters out of their system proved to be important as St. Mark's christened their new field with a 2-0 win over St. Elizabeth's in the home opener. Senior Dan Stirparo scored first and

Withrow added a second to lead the Spartan offense.

Glasgow Soccer Rebuilding: According to head coach Eric Anderson, Glasgow High School's soccer program is "rebuilding this season." But after two close losses in their first week, optimism is prevailing. The Dragons lost to St. Elizabeth's 2-1 in their opener with Chris Caccavonne scoring the only goal for Glasgow. In the team's second game, Glasgow was shutout by William Penn, 2-0.

- by Jon Buzby

Newark field hockey team wins first game

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had 17 saves in the loss.

Newark Field Hockey Wins First: The Yellowjackets' season got off to a great start when Jocelyn Dressel scored a hat trick to lead Newark to a 4-0 win over Glasgow.

Spartan Runs to Second

at Lake Forest Invitational: St. Mark's cross country runner Greg Morrin finished in second place with a time of 16:26.48 at the 51st annual Lake Forest Invitational, held at Killens Pond State Park on September 13. Morrin was the top Delaware runner on the 3.1-mile course, finishing behind only Dante Morales of Oakton

(Va.). St. Mark's finished 4th overall in the Varsity Boys A division.

"Greg has been a fine runner for us since his freshman year," Spartans coach Joe O'Neill said. "He has steadily improved and this year we have very high hopes...for some top individual honors in November."

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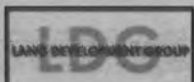
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OBITUARIES

■ Obituaries are printed free of charge as space permits. Information is usually supplied to the newspaper by the funeral director. Additional local obituaries are posted each week on the Newark Post Web site.

Arvin C. Badger

Arvin C. Badger, 91, of Glen Mills, Pa., and formerly of Newark, died on Aug. 31 at Riddle Memorial Hospital in Media, Pa.

Badger was born in Quinby, Va., on July 30, 1917, to the late Levin and Arinthia Badger.

He worked as a research and development engineer at Martin Marietta, where he retired after 50 years as an employee and consultant. He was a member of the Advance Manufacturing Technicians professional group and Retired Associates of Martin Marietta. He also was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church and the Newark Senior Center.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Estelle; sons John C. Badger of Camden,

Don W. Badger of Raleigh, N.C. and Ronald M. Mathews of Candler, N.C.; daughter Deborah Klenk of Elkton, Md.; brother Samuel J. Badger of Gaithersburg, Md.; all his daughters- and sons-in law; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A service was held on Sept. 5 at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 525 Polly Drummond Hill Road in Newark. Burial was private.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the Maris Grove Benevolent Fund c/o R.T. Foard & Jones Funeral Home, 122 W. Main St., Newark DE 19711.

Judith McCutcheon Davis

Judith McCutcheon (Sprenger) Davis, 87, formerly of Newark, died on Sept. 7 at her home in Petersham, Mass.

Davis was born on Dec. 26, 1920, in Coblenz, Germany, a daughter of James Albert and Judith (Boyer) Sprenger. She grew up in Buffalo, N.Y., but spent several early years in Germany and France when her father was working with the U.S. Army of Occupation and the YMCA between the wars.

She attended Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania, Radcliffe College in Massachusetts and graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Delaware in 1967. She was president of the Library Trustees for Petersham Memorial Library in Petersham, Mass. and hosted their annual library picnic for many years. She was an active volunteer for the Oxford, Pa., library and the Petersham Memorial Library. She also served as den mother for the Girl Scouts, taught Sunday school and coached swimming.

She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Kenneth Davis, her sister Carol Allen and her brother David Sprenger.

She is survived by her daughter Cornelia Davis and sons Angus, James and David Davis and MacDonald Tripeny; daughters in-law Tammy, Luidmila and Karen Davis and Maria Tripeny; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

She worked as a social worker with Delaware's department of social services for many years prior to moving with her husband to Carrara,

Italy, where he worked as a sculptor and she made silver jewelry utilizing designs from Etruscan, Celtic, Chimu and other ancient traditions. After living for 10 years in Italy, she moved to Pennsylvania to be closer to her family. She then moved to Petersham in 1994 after the death of her husband.

She wrote extensively in her later years, was an active member of the Wachusett Writers and Poets Club and took writing courses at Mount Wachusett Community College until this past year.

Bernard E. Eagan

Bernard E. Eagan, 80, of Newark, died at home on Sept. 10.

Eagan was born in Patchogue, Long Island, N.Y., on July 27, 1928, son of the late Walter Eagan and Mary E. Kirklewski Eagan.

A career member of the U.S. Navy, he proudly served his country during both World War II and the Korean Conflict before his retirement as a Chief Petty Officer and his transfer to the Fleet Reserve.

He later accepted a position with the General Motors Corporation and also owned and operated his own engraving business in Newark.

Active in military organizations for many years, Eagan was a life member of the Fleet Reserve Association (Branch 309), as well as a member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also was a life member of the National Rifle Association and a member of the AARP.

In addition to his parents, Eagan was preceded in death by his son Donald Eagan and his sister Gloria Eagan.

He is survived by his wife Joan J. Eagan; sons William F. Eagan and his wife, Joanne, of Wilmington, and Thomas A.

Eagan and his wife, Gina, of Bear; sister Margaret Boulden of Wilmington; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Sept. 15 at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121 W. Park Place in Newark. Interment followed at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road in Bear.

Contributions may be made to Vitas Hospice, 100 Commerce Drive, Suite 302, Newark, DE 19713.

Elmeretta D. Frederick

Elmeretta D. Frederick, 78, of Newark, died on Sept. 6 at Christiana Hospital.

Frederick was born in Sand Springs, Okla. to the late Elmer T. and Ethel (Patrick) Downing and had retired as a manager for DP&L Federal Credit Union.

In addition to her parents, Frederick was preceded in death by her husband, J. Peyton Frederick, who died in 1992; her son, Willis D. Frederick, who died in 1996; and sisters Captola, Juanita, Mesa, Roma and Dorothea.

She is survived by her daughter Rebecca A. Beeson of Rotonda West, Fla.; grandchildren Stephanie Mitchell, with whom she lived, Erica Presley (Josh), Derek Mitchell (Katie), and Tina McNett (Greg); great-grandchildren LeeAnn Presley and Jacob and Aaron McNett; daughter-in-law Doris Crain; and her companion of 12 years, A. Clem Estes.

A funeral service was held on Sept. 12 at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121 West Park Place in Newark. Interment was at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road in Bear.



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3. Take the initiative to schedule a meeting if your child has special needs and their teacher needs to know this early in the year, if grades drop suddenly, if you suspect your child is having difficulty understanding their schoolwork, if your child is upset about something that happened in school, if your child does not seem to have any homework, if something changes at home that may affect learning, such as a new baby, parental illness, divorce or an upcoming move. Remember, you're a team and team members need information.

4. Be a partner with the teacher. Thirty years of research shows that children do better in school when their parents are involved. Some of the most important things you can do are:

- Help with homework as needed and appropriate;
- Help your child learn the skills they need to manage time and stay on task;
- Ask teachers for clarification on instructions and assignments as needed;
- Talk about school matters at home;
- Ask teachers what you can do to help your child at home.

As your children get older, teachers expect them to take on more responsibility and function independently. Your child likely will want more and more autonomy as well. Help them build these skills, while also continuing to be supportive.

5. Find the right time to talk to the teacher. If you are at school, you may run in to teachers and be tempted to ask about how your child is doing. Remember, they have busy lives, too. Ask teachers what is the most convenient time for them. Just before or after school may not be the best times. If you run into a teacher around town, simply exchange

pleasantries. This is not the time for a parent-teacher conference.

6. Write short notes and follow up. If you want a quick response to a question, send a brief written note or an e-mail message to the teacher with your question stated clearly. Be sure to include your phone number and/or e-mail address, and if you don't hear back in a few days, follow up with a phone message.

7. Be positive and courteous. Many teachers are overworked and under appreciated. Speaking in positive ways can open the lines of communication.

tion. Open your communication with phrases such as, "Can we talk about ... ?" Make respectful requests, such as, "Could you send home the information about ... ?" Use kind words rather than fighting phrases. For example, "Please, could you ... ?" and "Thank you for all you did," go a long way in building a good relationship.

8. Accept differences. Sometimes you may really click with a teacher and other times it may seem a struggle to keep the lines of communication open. Just like any other professional relationship, you need to listen to the teacher to

get a sense of who they are. Be open to what the teacher has to say about their expectations, their classroom and your child.

In the classroom, the teacher is the authority, so it's important not to undermine it in front of your child. Try to work things out with the teacher before going to the principal. If you have conflicts with the teacher, remain calm. Listen, be positive and talk things out. Avoid

sending e-mails when you're angry. If, after you've tried to work things out and the situation doesn't improve, then talk to the school administration.

All these strategies will help to establish the lines of communication and keep them open all year. Send a note of appreciation to the teacher when something goes well in their class and mention this to the principal.

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 BBQ/Ribs _____
 Bagels _____
 Bakery _____
 Banquet Facility _____
 Bar _____
 Bar & Grill _____
 Bartender w/location _____
 Breakfast _____
 Brunch _____
 Buffet _____
 Burger-Fast Food _____
 Burger-Restaurant _____
 Caterer _____
 Cheesesteak _____
 Chicken 'n Dumplings _____
 Chicken Wings _____
 Chinese Restaurant _____
 Coffee Shop _____
 Crab Cake _____
 Crabs-Steamed _____
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 Dessert _____
 Diner _____
 Doughnuts _____
 Entertainment Venue _____
 Fast Food _____
 Friendliest Restaurant Service _____
 Grocery Store _____
 Happy Hour _____
 Hot Dogs _____
 Ice Cream Shop _____
 Italian Restaurant _____
 Musical Group _____
 (band, orchestra)-local _____
 Natural Food Store _____
 New Restaurant _____
 Outdoor Dining _____
 Package Goods Store _____
 (beer, wine, liquor) _____

Pizza _____
 Romantic Restaurant _____
 Salad _____
 Sandwich/Sub _____
 Seafood Restaurant _____
 Seafood Store (fresh) _____
 Sports Bar _____
 Waiter or Waitress w/location _____
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 Wine Selection _____

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Army Pvt. James M. Burns has graduated from the Infantryman one station unit training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

The advanced individual training course is designed to train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations.

Burns is the son of Sharon Delgarn of Newark.

Air Force Airman Joshua D. Braunecker graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Braunecker is the son of Julie and William Crossland of Newark. He is a 2005 graduate of Hodgson Vocational Technical School in Newark.

Oliver Dynes, a resident of the ARC of Delaware's group home on South College Avenue, graduated Sept. 7 from Partners in Policy Making, a disabilities advocacy program sponsored by the state's Developmental Disabilities Council. The 10-month program trains graduates to advocate for more inclusive public policies.

Dynes is a graduate of Newark High School and is employed at the DuPont Agricultural Station on Elkton Road.

65th wedding anniversary



Mary (Johnson) and Donald H. McIntosh, formerly of Newark, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Sept. 12. They were married in Oakland, Iowa in 1943.

She is a homemaker and he is retired from the DuPont Co. They lived in Newark for 51 years before moving to Ware Presbyterian Village Retirement Community in Oxford, Pa. last year.

Their children are Fredric McIntosh and his wife, Sandra, of Lancaster, Calif; Ann McIntosh Corbett and her husband, Russell, of Dayton, Ohio; William H. McIntosh and his wife, Lynne, of Suwanee, Ga.; Jill McIntosh Stabley and her husband, John, of Newark; and Gregory J. McIntosh of Avondale, Pa.

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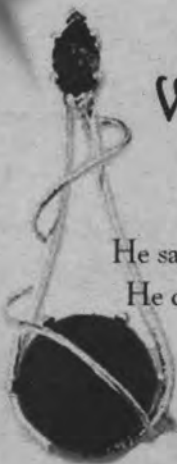
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The Fifes & Drums of the Delaware Militia (from left to right) Mary Torbey, John Grieten and Linda Moss



Newark High School's Laura Jermyn (left) and Annalisa Leote (right) collecting e-mail addresses for future Newark Parks and Recreation event notifications.



Sam Holloway makes his move during a game of checkers.



The Paul Green School of Rock had many young musicians performing and showcasing what they've learned.



Spiderman hung out with Chief Instructor George Maybroda (right) and Head Instructor Matthew Brown (left) of the Korean Martial Arts Institute.



Tom Borecki from the Woodcarvers of Delaware, carves a Santa mantle piece from a block of wood.

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DART to hold public workshops

The Delaware Transit Corporation will be holding public workshops to gather input on proposed changes to its First State Bus service, which are slated to take effect on Dec. 7.

The hearing closest to Newark will be held on the second floor of the Carvel State Office Building, 820 N. French St. in Wilmington from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 24.

The proposed changes include:

- Updated running times, where needed, to improve on-time performance or connections with other buses or trains.

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- Route 7 - Route would be realigned to extend from Broom St. via Linden St. to the Riverfront, back to Rodney Square, discontinuing service south to King St., Amtrak Station and Walnut St.

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- Route 27 - Unproductive route would be eliminated due to low ridership and resources would be reallocated.

- Route 33 - Sunday service would be adjusted from 60-minute frequencies to 90-minute frequencies to maintain on-time performance while continuing to serve the key destinations, reducing the existing nine trips to six trips daily.

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Christiana Class of 1989 looking for classmates

The Christiana High School Class of 1989 will be holding their twentieth class reunion on July 25, 2009. They are currently trying to track down 300 classmates to invite to the event.

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DNREC offers rain barrels at discount price

As part of its comprehensive water conservation plan, the state's division of soil and water conservation is offering rain barrels to New Castle County residents at a discounted price.

According to state officials, the rain barrels allow residents to capture rainwater from the roof of their home for later use while washing cars or watering lawns.

The heavy-duty barrels typically have a retail price of \$114, however, the Nonprofit Source Program is offering them for \$66 each with a limit of one per household.

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The barrels are available only through reservations, which can be made by calling 739-9922 or e-mailing Sharon.webb@state.de.us.

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Reserved barrels will be available for pick-up from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 6 and Oct. 7 at the University of Delaware New Castle County Cooperative Extension, 461 Wyoming Road, in Newark.

Panera Bread named Dough-Nation Partner

The Food Bank of Delaware has named Panera Bread an "Operation Dough-Nation" partner.

The designation means Panera Bread customers will be able to make donations in Operation Dough-Nation containers near the cash registers in the cafes.

Panera Bread will then match a portion of the donations and support the Food Bank of Delaware's hunger-relief mission by making product donations and sponsoring educational and fundraising activities.

Participating Panera Bread locations include 5619 Concord Pike in Wilmington, 3650 Kirkwood Highway in Wilmington and 140 E. Main St. in Newark.

Next Generation accepting grant applications

The Next Generation of the Delaware Community Foundation has announced that for a second year it will be providing grants to support programs for 10- to 14-year-olds that address underlying social factors that contribute to low graduation rates, teen pregnancy and drug abuse.

Specifically, the organization is looking to help fund out-of-school programs that incorporate the family members, role models or peers of the teens they serve.

Requests for grants of up to \$10,000 must be submitted by Oct. 1.

Only organizations in Delaware or serving Delawareans that have a 501(c)(3) designation are eligible to apply.

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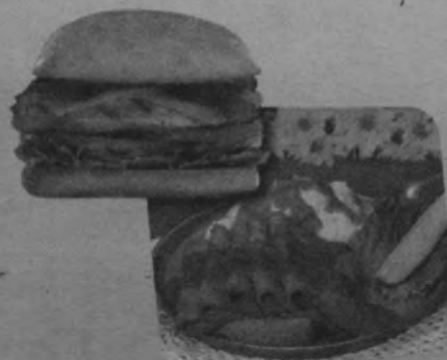
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**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE**

SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 - 7:30 P.M.

Pursuant to Section 402.2 of the City Charter and Section 32-79 of the Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, notice is hereby given of a public hearing at a regular meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Road, Newark, Delaware, on **Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.**, at which time the Council will consider for Second Reading and Final Passage the following proposed Ordinances:

Bill 08-23 - An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Rezoning From AC (Adult Community) to RD (Single-Family Semi-Detached) a .5757 Acre Portion of the Phillips Mill Property, Located at 708 and 712 Nottingham Road

Bill 08-24 - An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Rezoning from RM (Multi-Family Dwellings-Garden Apartments) to BLR (Business Limited Residential) a .3513 Acre Property Located at the Southeast Corner of the Intersection of Choate and New Streets

Patricia M. Fogg, CMC
City Secretary

np 9/5,19

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO OBTAIN
TITLE TO ABANDONED PROPERTY**

A petition has been filed to obtain title to the following abandoned property:

- 1 red arm chair
- 1 red sofa
- 1 red ottoman
- 1 gray/black cushion coffee table
- 2 wooden end tables
- 2 brass table lamps
- 1 wood coffee table
- 1 wood dining room table
- 1 wood computer station (credenza) with lights on side
- 1 wood flower stand
- 1 wood buffet table that television was sitting on
- 1 5-drawer dresser
- 1 4-drawer dresser
- 1 bookcase from bedroom
- 1 entertainment center
- 1 27" television
- 1 36" television
- 1 computer
- 1 wood end table with two-tone
- 1 wood chest
- 1 Canon MP830 fax, copier, scanner combo im-
- print on plastic (Serial #QC1-9083-DB02-)
- Miscellaneous clothes (put in bags)
- 2 Dell Laptops (serial #C9JM121) (Serial
- E1L9DH91)
- 1 twin bed frame
- 1 lamp in bedroom
- Miscellaneous pictures on wall
- 2 cargo crates with office supplies
- 1 JVC VCR
- 1 Phillips DVD Player
- 1 microwave
- Miscellaneous kitchen supplies (dishes/silver-
- ware)

The petition was filed by Petitioner Apple Chase LLC/Apple Chase Apts.

The following persons have been identified as owners or other person with an interest in the property:

Estate of Stephen C. Mandell
Carol J. Hannan

The owner or any other person with an interest in the property has a legal right to a hearing in the Justice of the Peace Court. Anyone with a legal interest in the property may contest the petition by filing an answer by **October 6, 2008** at Justice of the Peace Court No. 12, 212 Greenbank Road, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-8646. If an answer is filed a hearing will be promptly scheduled by the Justice of the Peace Court and the owner or other interested persons may appear to contest the claim. In the event that no answer is filed the Justice of the Peace Court will enter a judgment in favor of the Petitioner. In the event an answer is filed the person filing the answer may be liable for costs if a judgment is entered in favor of the Petitioner.

If judgment is entered for the Petitioner, the Petitioner will be awarded complete and absolute title to the property pursuant to 25 Del. C. § 4002 and any existing liens or other interest against it will be void.

np 9/19

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

IN RE: CHANGE OF
NAME OF
Zehao Ma
PETITIONER(S)
TO

David Ma
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that Zehao Ma
intends to present a
Petition to the Court
of Common Pleas for
the State of Delaware
in and for New Castle
County, to change his/
her name to David Ma.

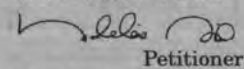
Zehao Ma
Petitioner

Dated: 8/28/08
np 9/5,12,19

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

IN RE: CHANGE OF
NAME OF
Claudia Maria Smith
PETITIONER(S)
TO

Hana Rose Smith
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that Claudia
Maria Smith intends
to present a Petition
to the Court of Common
Pleas for the State of
Delaware in and for
New Castle County, to
change his/her name
to Hana Rose Smith.


Petitioner

Dated: Sept. 5, 2008
np 9/12,19,26

**LEGAL NOTICE
RE: DEADLY WEAPON**

I, Jesse Michael Silva
residing at, 1015 Shel-
don Drive, Newark,
Delaware 19711 will
make application to
the judges of the Supe-
rior Court of the State
of Delaware in and for
New Castle County at
Wilmington for the
next term for a license
to carry a concealed
deadly weapon, or
weapons, for the pro-
tection of my person(s),
or property, or both.

Jesse M. Silva
9/9/08

np 9/19

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

IN RE: CHANGE OF
NAME OF
Stacy Lynn Huntoon
PETITIONER(S)
TO

Stacy Lynn Evans
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that Stacy
Lynn Huntoon intends
to present a Petition
to the Court of Common
Pleas for the State of
Delaware in and for
New Castle County, to
change his/her Stacy
Lynn Evans.

Stacy Huntoon
Petitioner

Dated: 9/12/08
np 9/19,26,10/3

LEGAL NOTICE

LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will
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425 NEW CHURCHMANS ROAD
NEW CASTLE, DE 19720**

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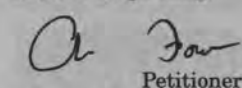
- B011 - Shannon Williams-Norman - pin ball
machine, sofa, dining table
- E015 - Keith Logans - mattress, sofa, 10 boxes,
totes
- F122 - Edward Wiggins - refrigerator, 2 suit-
cases, portable TV
- C112 - James Sparrow - 5 bags, 5 boxes, com-
pressor
- H008 - Heriberto Soto - box spring, mattress,
microwave
- C039 - Robert Weaver - box spring, mattress,
30 boxes, ice chest
- G027 - Angela Davis - sofa, mirrors, stereo,
totes
- E035 - Marc Mathis - 10 bags, 10 boxes, 5
totes, toys
- F027 - Vivian Childs - bed frame, 2 box springs,
2 mattresses
- C107 - Latricia Blaylock - chest of drawers,
mirrors, headboard
- E052 - Shimona Curry - misc. household
goods
- E047 - Rhiana Todd - sofa, dryer, washer

np 9/12,19

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

IN RE: CHANGE OF
NAME OF
Kristen Lee Fowler
PETITIONER(S)
TO

Kristen Leigh King
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that Kristen
Lee Fowler intends to
present a Petition to
the Court of Common
Pleas for the State of
Delaware in and for
New Castle County,
to change her name to
Kristen Leigh King.


Petitioner

Dated: 9/3/08
np 9/12,19,26

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

IN RE: CHANGE OF
NAME OF
Da'ani Chaffon Jones
PETITIONER(S)
TO

Da'ani Chaffon Jones
Allen
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that Da'ani
Chaffon Jones intends
to present a Petition
to the Court of Common
Pleas for the State of
Delaware in and for
New Castle County,
to change his/her name
to Da'ani Chaffon Jones
Allen.

DC Allen
Petitioner

Dated: 8/25/08
np 9/5,12,19

LEGAL NOTICE

Starting 5, LLC, d.b.a. Buffalo Wild Wings, has
on **September 9, 2008**, applied with the Alco-
holic Beverage Control Commissioner for a res-
taurant liquor license that includes Sundays and
a patio permit which allows the sales, service and
consumption of alcoholic beverages on the prem-
ises where sold. Additionally, the applicant is re-
questing a variance to Rule 42.1 to permit live
entertainment, external speakers/amplifiers and
a paging system on the patio for premises located
at 100 Elkton Road, Newark, Delaware.

Persons who are against this application should
provide written notice of their objections to the
Commissioner. For the Commissioner to be re-
quired to hold a hearing to consider additional
input from persons against the application, the
Commissioner must receive one or more docu-
ments containing a total of at least 10 signatures
of residents or property owners located within 1
mile of the premises or in any incorporated ar-
eas located within 1 mile of the premises. The
protest(s) must be filed with the Alcoholic Be-
verage Control Commissioner at the 3rd Floor,
Carvel State Office Building, 820 North French
Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The protest(s)
must be received by the Commissioner's office on
or before **October 10, 2008**. Failure to file such a
protest may result in the Commissioner consider-
ing the application without further notice, input
or hearing. If you have questions regarding this
matter, please contact the Commissioner's Of-
fice.

np 9/12,19,26

LEGAL NOTICE

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
September 22, 2008 - 7:30 PM - CC**

**1-A. SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

**1-B. PROCLAMATION TO AMERICAN CAN-
CER SOCIETY**

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

A. Regular Council Meeting of September 8,
2008

3. ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA:

A. Public (5 minutes per speaker)

B. University

(1) Administration

(2) Student Body Representative

C. Council Members

**4. ITEMS NOT FINISHED AT PREVIOUS
MEETING:**

A. Bill 08-17 - An Ordinance Amending Ch. 20,
Motor Vehicles & Traffic, By Revising Article
XVIII, Towing & Impounding Vehicles Gen-
erally (**TABLED 8/25/08**)

B. Bill 08-18 - An Ordinance Amending Ch. 13,
Finance, Revenue & Taxation, By Requiring
Operators of Towing Vehicles to Obtain a
Business License (**TABLED 8/25/08**)

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

***6. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING
& PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. Bill 08-23 - An Ordinance Amending the
Zoning Map By Rezoning from AC (Adult
Community) to RD (Single-Family Semi-
Detached) a .5757 Acre Portion of the Phil-
lips Mill Property, Located at 708 & 712
Nottingham Road (**SEE ITEM 7-A**)

B. Bill 08-24 - An Ordinance Amending the Zon-
ing Map By Rezoning from RM (Multi-Fam-
ily Dwellings -- Garden Apartments) to BLR
(Business Limited Residential) a .3513 Acre
Property Located at the Southeast Corner
of the Intersection of Choate & New Streets
(**SEE ITEM 7-B**)

***7. PLANNING COMMISSION/DEPART-
MENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A. Request of the Bale Group, Inc. for the Mi-
nor Subdivision of a .5757 Acre Portion
of the Property Located at 708 and 712
Nottingham Road In Order to Establish
Parcel Boundaries for Said Site to Coincide
with the Requested New RD (Single-Fam-
ily, Semi-Detached) Zoning (**AGREEMENT
& RESOLUTION SUBMITTED - SEE
ITEM 6-A**)

B. Request of James and Karen Lisa for the Mi-
nor Subdivision of .3513 Acre Properties Lo-
cated at the Intersection of Choate and New
Streets to Construct Four Townhouse-Style
Apartments to be Known as Choate Street
Commons (**AGREEMENT & RESOLU-
TION SUBMITTED - SEE ITEM 6-B**)

8. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

A. Bill 08-25 - An Ordinance Amending the Zon-
ing Map By Rezoning from BC (General
Business) to BB 2nd Read. (Central Busi-
ness District) a .61 Acre Portion of the Prop-
erty at 257 East Main Street (**2nd Read.
10/27/08**)

B. Bill 08-26 - An Ordinance Adopting a New
Comprehensive Development Plan to be
Known as the Comprehensive Development
Plan for the City of Newark (**2nd Read.
10/27/08**)

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

***A. COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

1. Discussion re the Future of Town and
Gown Committee

**B. COMMITTEES, BOARDS & COMMIS-
SIONS: None**

***C. OTHERS: None**

10. SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Special Reports from Manager & Staff:

1. Approval of 2007 Audit Report

B. Alderman's Report

C. Financial Statement

***OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The above agenda is intended to be followed, but
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at **PS ORANGECO INC./PUBLIC STORAGE,**
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p.m., the personal property heretofore stored
with the undersigned by:

A006 - Jacqueline Johnson - ladder, portable
TV, chairs, bed frame
A025 - Lynne Rowan - TV, microwave, box
spring, mattress, clothing
A056 - Mansur Daughtry - TV stand, mattress,
box spring, drawers
C032 - Susan Bonnett - boxes, rug, ottoman
D011 - Duane Jessup - lawn mower, toolbox,
TV, bags
E120 - Lateka Wright - fish tank, TV, vacuum,
mattress, box spring
F004 - Jacqueline McCray - sport equipment,
fan, weedeater, table, boxes
F062 - Robert Earl - fishing equipment, com-
puter, ice chest, lamp, suitcase
F077 - Koryn Fields - clothing, boxes, totes
np 9/12, 19

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New Castle, DE 19720, the personal property
heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

A207 - Nova Electric - 10 bags, 10 boxes, fold-
ing table
A143 - Bonita Hughes - bags, clothing, 6 totes,
toys, TV
A115 - Shawn Christopher - bags, mattress, 5
boxes, stereo, tool box, TV, weights
A267 - Shannon Bryant - bed frame, computer,
entertainment center, washer, TV
B321 - Katherine Sanchez - bed, 3 bicycles,
folding chairs, lawn furniture
C509 - Tasha Freeman - bed, clothing, pictures,
2 TVs, grill, chairs
A110 - Danielle Davis - bed, vacuum, totes,
household goods
A125 - Douglas Phillips - bed, 2 totes, house-
hold goods
A139 - Ricardo Hernandez - 20 bags, bicycle,
clothing, suitcase
A147 - Lindsey Marcin - rocking chair, wicker
furn.
A140 - Andre Bridgeforth - 2 motor cycles
A160 - David Holt - bed, 10 boxes, TV
A277 - Jocelyn Wheeler - dresser, TV stand
A208 - John Mellette - kitchen chair, micro-
wave, pictures, stereo, TV, futon
A218 - Kelly Wilber - bed, dresser, clothing,
TV
A227 - Stacy Martinez - bicycle, boxes, dresser,
ent. center, washer, microwave
A234 - Fred Smalls - 30 boxes, clothing, totes
A242 - Pier Geter - 10 bags, bed, 10 boxes,
vacuum, pictures
A258 - Stephen Winn - 10 boxes, bed, com-
puter, 10 bags
A264 - Shelly Ann Brown - chairs, mirror, kitch-
en table, TV stand
A265 - Darius Miller - 20 bags, kitchen chairs, 5
totes, TV, vacuum
A266 - Larry Woody - bags, boxes, totes, cloth-
ing
B308 - Dianne Greer - bed, totes, vacuum
B316 - Jennaye Fennell - 30 bags
B317 - Valorie Byrd - box spring, mattress, fold-
ing chair, clothing, microwave, portable TV
B424 - Judy Brannock - 20 boxes, couch, lamp,
love seat, window
C500 - Eric Evans - 20 bags, sports equip., suit-
case, boxes
C503 - Jefferey Buchanan - kitchen chairs, 10
bags, dresser, 20 boxes
C533 - Patti Childs - bed, boxes, rocking chair,
toys, 10 totes
C640 - Guillermo Ramos - 10 bags, fan, lug-
gage
D717 - Michael States - couch, love seat, end
tables, coffee tables
E902 - Hubert Taylor - office chair, stereo, 3
totes, 7 boxes
E903 - Willie Taylor - professional kitchen
equipment, safe
E905 - Don Walker - household goods
E1009 - Larry Burke - toolbox, pictures, guitar,
kitchen chairs
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ment
C522 - Tanya Stenson - 10 bags, boxes, totes,
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totes
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speakers, stereo, table, 5 totes, toys, washer,
cooler, fooseball
E920 - Keyota Hampton - 30 bags, 5 boxes,
couch, 10 totes
D829 - Kristen Bryant - 10 bags, bed, fan, lamp,
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660 YARD SALES

New Today

Community SALE

BEAR Rose Hill Comm. at Rt 896 & Denny Rd, **Saturday 9/20, 8-2pm. Rain Date Sunday, 9/21.**

660 YARD SALES

New Today

CHESAPEAKE CITY South side. Third Street - by Elementary School. **Saturday, 9/20, 9am-?** Toys, books, collectibles, portable pool, misc items.

660 YARD SALES

New Today

HUGE SALE

ELKTON 2021 Blue Ball Rd **Sat 9/20, 7:30am-?** 3 tables (1) round oak, All w/ matching chairs, patio set with chairs, vacuums, baskets, mens, womens & childrens clothing, dishes, pots & pans, lamps, pillows, quilts & bedspreads, rockers area rugs & throw rugs, clocks Halloween stuff, crafts flowers, jewelry electric heaters sleds, & girls & boys toys Kings size bed & small furn & much more!
COME SEE!!!

660 YARD SALES

New Today

Multi Family

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660 YARD SALES

Community SALE

ELKTON Glen Farms / Tara. **Sat, Sept 20, 9am-3pm.**

660 YARD SALES

New Today

ELKTON- 571 Ricketts Mills Road (off Appleton Rd). Large tag/ yard sale. **Sept 19th & 20th, 7a-3p.** Mah. DR set, Mah., BR set, 3 Oak side boards, coffee tables, end tables, Vintage clothing, Victorian Sofas, Victorian love seat, drop leaf farm table, wicker furn., oriental rugs, costume jewelry, sterling & silver plate, Hoosier cabinet, linens, Christmas decor, glassware, must see, too much to list. Call 443-907-3545 for directions.

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New Today

MOVING SALE

ELKTON- 130 Friendship Rd (in Friendship Heights off Locust Lane). **Fri & Sat, 9/19 & 9/20, 8a-1p** Washer / dryer, gas scooters, knick knacks, shelving units, Christmas stuff, lots of furniture, window a/c units, tools, pictures, last sale of the year, too much to mention!
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660 YARD SALES

ESTATE GARAGE SALE

RISING SUN- 214 Little New York Rd., (near Rt 1). **Fri & Sat 9/19 & 20, 8am.** Dishes, glassware, fabric, yarn, christian tapes/ records, 8 tracks, sheet music & song books, bike, clarinet, Guardian service cookware, luggage, pictures, books, furniture and more.

660 YARD SALES

New Today

Multi Family

ELKTON 159 Yellow Field Blvd., in Deerhaven Dev, **Sat, Sept. 20th, 8am-3pm** Tools, snow blowers, lawn tractors, furn. teen & childrens clothes, toys, baby items housewares...much, much, more priced to sell!!!!

660 YARD SALES

MOVING SALE

ELKTON 401 Melbourne Blvd. off Rt 40 by Jodlbauers. **Sat, September 27, 8a-4p.** Kitchen items, glassware, 100's of Boy Scout mugs, sm appls, holiday items, treadmill, furniture, much much more!

660 YARD SALES

New Today

Multi Family

ELKTON: 229 Sycamore Rd in Meadowview. **Fri & Sat 9/19 & 20, 8-1.** H/h, Christmas, women's, men's, and children clothing, some new & accessories, Angels, old LP's, Avon bottles and dolls.

660 YARD SALES

Multi Family

ELKTON Pine Valley Rd, 213S, left on Williams Rd (Bakers RESt) right on Pine Valley. **Fri & Sat, 8a-?** Comp desk, antique bassinet, glassware, china, holiday & dec items & much more.

660 YARD SALES

ELKTON 1195 Frenchtown Rd. (from De, left at light at 213, one more light, make left). **Fri, Sat & Sun, 9/19-9/21, 9-5.** Lots of Christmas lights & decorations, small kitchen appl's, shampooer, lamps, knick-knacks, tools, furn, ladies & infant clothes, pack & play, lots of stuff, to numerous to mention.

660 YARD SALES

New Today

Multi Family

ELKTON 105 Mendenhall Rd., **Sat 9/20 & Sun 9/21 8a-?** both days Boys & girls toys & other acc's, Christmas items & furn & lots of decorations & kids stuff!!

660 YARD SALES

ELKTON 636 Deaver Rd, close to Leeds Elem. **Sat & Sun 7am-? both days** lots of misc.

660 YARD SALES

Multi Family

ELKTON. 3110 Old Elk Neck Rd. **Sat. Sept 20th from 8am to 2pm. MOVING!** Household goods, clothing, tools & much more.

660 YARD SALES

MOVING SALE

ELKTON- 106 Walnut Lane (off 279 near Middle Sch. **Saturday 9/20, 8:30-4.** TV's, stereo, leaf raker, chain saws, canoe, dresser, various other items.

660 YARD SALES

Multi Family

ELKTON. 2 Peach Rd. in Meadowview. **Sat. Sept. 20st. 8am.** Material, some electronics, baby items, clothing baby thru adult & much more.

660 YARD SALES

Community SALE

ELKTON. Pelham Manor **Sat., Sept. 20th 9am.** On Williams Rd. off RT 213 towards Chesapeake City

660 YARD SALES

ELKTON. 157 Fair Dr. on Sunday **ONLY 9/28- 8 to 2pm.** Huge sale! Antiques, housewares, tools, crafts, clothes, old clock, go cart. Shaw Valley off of Blue Ball Rd. past Pleasant Hill store. **Rain Date Sunday ONLY Oct. 5th.**

660 YARD SALES

Multi Family

ELKTON 393 Leeds Rd. off Blueball. **Sat, Sept 20, 9am-3pm.** Household items, too numerous to list!

660 YARD SALES

Multi Family

ELKTON. 135 Black Snake Rd. on **Sat. Sept. 20th from 8am to noon.**

660 YARD SALES

New Today

Elkton 313 West Main St, **Sat 9/20 8am-?** Yard sale, all kinds of stuff, come see!

660 YARD SALES

ELKTON. 213 Sycamore Rd in Meadowview on **Sat Sept. 20th from 9am to 2pm.** Home Interior, some Avon & more.

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ELKTON. 355 W. Main St. on **Sat Sept. 20th from 8am to ?** Crafts, books, toys, HH & more.

660 YARD SALES

ELKTON. 101 Pleasant Hill Dr. off Kirk Rd. **Sat., Sept. 20th, 8am.** A little bit of everything

660 YARD SALES

FAIRHILL- 4847 Telegraph Rd (1 mile East of Fairhill Light). **Saturday 9/20, 7am-?** Youth bed, high chair, solid wood furniture, chaise lounge for outside. Too much to list.

660 YARD SALES

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New Today

Multi Family

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660 YARD SALES

Community SALE

NEWARK- Pleasant Valley Estates **9/20, 8-2.** Raindate 10/4, 8-2. Lots of furniture, collectibles, kids and household items,

660 YARD SALES

NORTH EAST 31 Falls Rd - Mechanics Valley Rd to Indian Rd, turn left on Falls. **Sat, 9/20, 8a-?** Futon, tools, entertainment center, lots of misc items!

660 YARD SALES

NORTH EAST. 81 Orchard Rd. on **Sat. 20th 8am - 3pm.** Call 443-907-4018 for info.

660 YARD SALES

Community SALE

PATRIOTS GLEN Community wide sale on **Sat. 20th from 8am to 2pm.**

660 YARD SALES

Multi Family

PORT DEPOSIT 92 Pepperment Dr off Tome Hwy. **Fri & Sat, 9/19 & 9/20, 8a-?** LR suite, Dr tbl & chairs, kids clothes, more!

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HUGE

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660 YARD SALES

YARD SALE

RISING SUN- 26 Calvert Rd., 3 miles East of R. Sun off Rt 274. **9/19 & 20, 9am.**

660 YARD SALES

Multi-Family SALE

RISING SUN. 75 Ayers Dr. **Sat. 20th at 8am.** Furniture, electronics & more

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New Today

STREET SALE

ELKTON- North Tartan Drive in Buckhill Farms (off Delancy Rd). **Saturday 9/20, 8-2.** Something for everyone!

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'Brown paper packages tied up with strings ...'

"I have weird feelings about toothbrushes," says Billy McCall, a 25-year-old who has a collection of every toothbrush he's used since high school. "When I see toothbrushes that have really funny packages I buy them, so I have packs of toothbrushes hanging on my wall in my bedroom."

McCall isn't the only one who has a peculiar collection. He fits in at Uncle Fun, a kitschy wonderland filled with handwritten signs, wooden dressers with drawers hanging out and old cardboard boxes piled underneath everything. McCall, the manager of the Chicago store, daily dishes out gag gifts, bobbleheads and PEZ dispensers to eager collectors.

"There was a guy here last night who was a tattoo artist, and he collects religious iconography," McCall says.

Plenty of people have obsessions with objects that aren't worth squat, don't belong anywhere and would be weird to talk about. But a quirky collection can mean more than artifacts accumulating in a box in the basement.

Having a collection in a home "is always a starting point for conversations, an ice breaker," says Ted Frankel, the owner of Uncle Fun. "People will come to my house and look at things and say, 'That's great!' or 'That's weird! Where'd you get it?'"

Collection means group; you can't

have just one PEZ holder. If you want it to be interesting, get 800, Frankel says. "Visually, collections are exciting because multiples are good," he says.

Frankel's house is filled with collections that hang on the walls or are arranged together in little scenes. Creatively envisioning plots for figurines or toys to enact is another way to make a collection look interesting.

That's the tactic Nancy Laboz chose to display collectables in her Montclair, N.J. store called Parcel. "The building used to be a book and record store, so it is filled with shelving and little cubbies," Laboz says. "I've created little stories in every cubby, so they are kind of like a world people can enter into."

Parcel, a twist of vintage general store and curiosity shop, sells paper ephemera, arts and crafts materials, and unusual nostalgic items. Laboz says the idea of the shop took root when her collections, which used to fit in a trunk, began to take over a secret room in her house that is behind a bookcase.

It's not uncommon for people to dedicate an entire little room or set of shelves to their collections, according to McCall. The important thing is keeping collections organized.

"Take some time and have a specific area for them. If you organize yourself

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Little ones need room to grow

Help your child create a bedroom that embraces his or her individuality — and your sensibilities

BY MELANIE WANZEK
CTW Features

From fire trucks to fairy princesses, a child's room is a perfect place to combine practicality and personality.

"It's their little microcosm," says Judith Wilson, author of *Children's Spaces: From Zero to Ten* (Ryland Peters & Small, 2007). "Help them make it their very own, a place where they feel secure and safe."

Wilson, who recently designed an army-influenced bedroom for her 10-year-old son, says it's important for parents to choose a sensible layout, practical furnishings and good storage. Also, consider staying away from themes since children's tastes often change.

"Keep ideas loose — a seaside mood, say, or an enchanted wood," Wilson says. "You might choose fabric as an inspiration point — perhaps a floral

fabric with butterflies, which will then prompt walls in a few key colors and some large paper cut-out butterflies on the walls."

First stop: layout and color. Wilson says it's helpful to divide the room into a sleep zone, work zone and play zone. Stray away from the traditional blue or pink. Instead, choose reasonably bright colors for each, but not zingy — "the child will never sleep!" she says.

Next, make sure to provide plenty of storage for toys, games and personal treasures — it's vital to put most toys away at night so the child can sleep. "Toys come in all shapes and sizes," Wilson says. "Plan for drawers, open shelves, shelves to hold baskets, hooks, wardrobes and more. You can never have enough storage."

Also consider adding special touches to make the room unique.

"Children particularly appreciate 'fun' details ... such as a rope ladder, a

platform bed or twinkly lights set into the ceiling or wall," Wilson says.

And remember: Designing should be fun for the whole family.

"Plan a space you will enjoy as much as your child does," Wilson says. "The possibilities are endless, and it's so much fun decorating a child's room."

Here are a few basic tips Wilson suggests to help you get started:

- *Choose furniture that will "grow" with your child.* "Classics like a good chest of drawers will last them until they leave home," Wilson says.

- *Allow flexibility.* "As children grow they will want more input in their

bedroom," she says. "Plan for that by choosing basics like a plain white blind and allowing for a pinboard."

- *Make it peaceful.* "Although many kids play in the bedroom, it should also be a soothing place to fall asleep," Wilson says.

- *Make it personal.* "Allow your children, however little, to display their treasures rather than worrying about the look of the room," Wilson says. Provide at least one display shelf, plus a pinboard for artwork.

- *Light it up.* Plan flexible lighting for overall illumination, task lighting and even something fun, such as a lava lamp.



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Because the kitchen and bathroom are often the most widely used rooms in the household, their condition and design play a primary role in determining a family's enjoyment of their home. They also play a large part in influencing the resale value of a house. With that in mind, homeowners are likely to devote a great deal of attention to the planning and creation of new kitchens and baths as well as to improving and updating existing ones. In the weeks ahead, our column will attempt to make you familiar with designs, materials, fixtures and appliances associated with these rooms. We hope this information helps readers conceptualize and better understand the basics of kitchen and bathroom design.

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Remodel advice

10 smart upgrades in a down market

For years, the conventional wisdom on remodeling was that you'd never go wrong putting in a new kitchen or bathroom. While home prices were skyrocketing throughout recent years, many sellers found that they could make back 100 percent or more on those renovations.

Those days of such pleasant certainty are in the rear-view mirror now, and in their place, defaults, dissatisfaction and record lows flood the market.

But remodeling is still a worthwhile endeavor for a homeowner – you just need to know where to put your money.

1. ADD A WOOD DECK

While kitchen and bathroom improvements still hold their value nicely upon resale, homeowners seeking an even better return on their investment might do well to look out their windows to the possibilities outside.

Nationally, the home-improvement project reported to return the highest

percentage of its cost was a wood deck addition (85.4 percent), according to the most recent Remodeling Magazine "Cost vs. Value Report," published in December by Hanley Wood, LLC, Washington D.C., in cooperation with the National Association of Realtors.

Increasingly, remodeling projects that boost a home's curb appeal are among those that best recoup their cost when it comes time to sell. "In any market, but especially in a competitive market that favors buyers, you want to make a good first impression," says Stephanie Singer, a spokeswoman for the National Association of Realtors. "How a home presents on the outside might influence a buyers' perception of what's going on inside." In other words, you want to motivate potential purchasers to step out of the car instead of driving past to another listed house.

2. FRESHEN UP THE BATHROOM

Give the bathroom a facelift in less time than you think, says Nicole Sassaman, a Los Angeles-based designer and developer who has designed and sold more than 70 condominiums.



Porcelain coating sprayed over old tile revives a dull bathroom. At the very least, switch out cheap fixtures and hang a fresh shower curtain and towels.

Of course, when undertaking remodeling projects of any scope, your first consideration should be your own comfort and happiness.

"Part of the return on investment is the enjoyment you get out of using it," says JP Frenza of Brooklyn, N.Y., who has lived in, rehabbed and resold two homes in recent years. "I think there's also an honesty in the renovations that buyers pick up on immediately. Otherwise, it looks a little stiff."

3. REPAIR, PAINT THE WALLS

There's nothing worse than a bad paint or drywall job, says Sassaman. "It sets people off for the whole house. People who go to look at a house appreciate a fresh paint job. It feels cleaner." Choose neutrals for the walls and save color for your furnishings.

4. UPDATE THE SIDING

What do many buyers appreciate? Outside the home, they want materials that not only look good, but also are low-maintenance, says Sal Alfano, editorial director for Remodeling Magazine.

The "Cost vs. Value Report" revealed that siding replacement was

the project that returned the second highest percentage of its cost, at 83.2 percent.

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5. REPLACE THE HARDWARE

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"If I cheap out on the hardware, it affects the selling price," Sassaman says. This is a small detail often overlooked by homeowners, but the continuity such minor hardware pieces makes quite an impact.

6. MAKE MINOR KITCHEN RENOVATIONS

Since few people spend an entire lifetime in the same home, it's wise to avoid too much customization. Kitchens, in particular, are where homeowners can fall victim to trends and themes that might limit future interest from buyers and additional profits from resale.

"When we talk to people about that, we encourage them not to be too edgy

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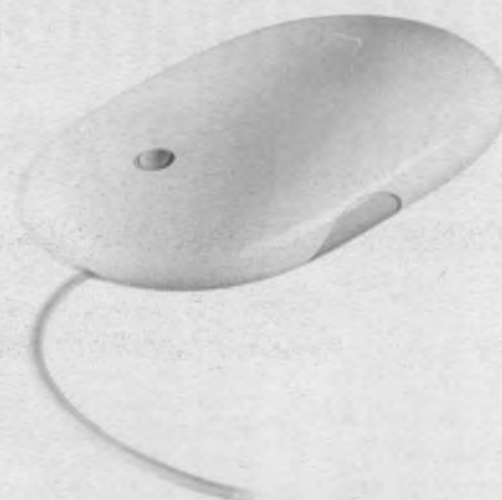
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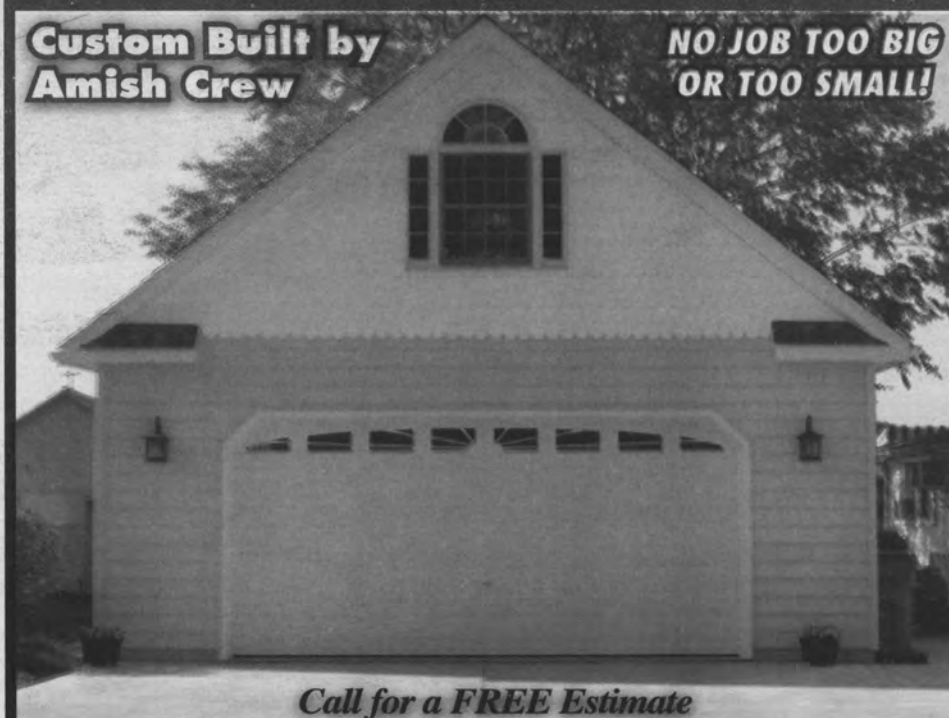
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Why collect at all? For Laboz, whose current favorite collectible is miniature porcelain dolls with moveable arms and legs, it's more than a personal drive.

"Recently I've thought about the whole movement of recycling," Laboz says.

"I feel like my purpose with the

business is to recycle past objects and give them a new lease on life. I can't stand when someone discards something that was once beautiful, even if it is discolored or broken."

Nostalgia is a big reason to love old things; they remind people of their childhood. Both Parcel and Uncle Fun stocks things that were around 50 years ago along with modern doodads.

"Most people who come through the door leave smiling, because everyone who comes into that shop is a kid," Frankel says. "Some of them are just in bigger bodies."

-Genevieve Knapp

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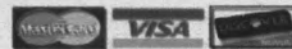


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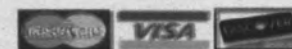


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MEET THE DESIGNER: TRACIE BUTLER

The Butler did it!

From hot Hollywood homes to Eva Longoria's new restaurant, Tracie Butler is taking the interior design world by storm with her glamorous style and inspired attention to detail

BY ROBERT SHAROFF
CTW Features

"In L.A., just about anything goes," says Tracie Butler. "You drive down any boulevard and it's every style you could want or imagine."

Including, of course, her own eclectic take on Hollywood style and glamour. Since opening her firm, Tracie Butler Interior Design in 2001, Butler has become the city's go-to designer for everything from innovative residential work for numerous actors, models and musicians, to hip clubs and restaurants.

Over the last few years, she has designed such area hot spots as Shag, Parc and Central as well as her most recent creation, Beso, a Spanish-themed restaurant owned by "Desperate Housewives" star Eva Longoria Parker and celebrity restaurateur Todd English.

Currently, she's in the early stages of designing a furniture collection. Her dream, however, is to move into hotel design.

"Las Vegas may not be the capital of culture," she says, "but it's the ultimate playground for a designer."

SHAROFF: I think of you as someone who knows her way around Hollywood. How do you define glamour today?

TRACIE BUTLER: It's all about being young, sexy and hip, and fashion plays a big role in that. Take something like Swarovski crystals. They've been all over the runways in New York for the last few years and now they're starting to show up in home merchandise. I recently did Swarovski crystal drapes for a master bedroom. They look like evening gowns, so gorgeous.

RS: What are the other essentials?

TB: Fine fabrics, soft leathers, exotic woods and funky wallpaper with lots of patterns and colors. And, of course, this being Hollywood, the right lighting is incredibly important. People love their crystal chandeliers.

RS: What are the hot colors?

TB: That whole organic back-to-the-beach lifestyle is big and that usually means a lot of neutrals and a lot of white. But color is also important. Right now, I'm loving neons – hot pinks, bright oranges, citrines. They make great accent colors.

RS: What's definitively out of style?

TB: I am ready to give the whole Mediterranean look a rest. Enough with all that wrought iron!

RS: It doesn't sound like there are too many antiques involved.

TB: No. Not with my clientele. I deal with a lot of young actors and

models and musicians, and they just don't have that appreciation. It's funny – I personally love antiques. I'm a big fan of Art Deco – the black lacquers, the silvers. It's so formal and elegant. But it's not part of my current business. On the other hand, however, Mid-Century Modern furniture and objects are very popular.

RS: I hear that a lot today. Why do people continue to love that period?

TB: It's happy, playful and affordable – three things that are always important for young people. It's also a style that has a real history here. That whole early Palm Springs lifestyle was a very big deal in its day and it continues to inspire people.

RS: People seem to live outdoors for most of the year in L.A. What role does weather and climate play in your work?

TB: It's huge. A big trend in the last few years is to have what I think of as an outdoor living room – a terrace or patio with big couches, nice coffee tables, comfortable pillows and a lamp or two. Usually there's a tent or pergola involved. This is in addition to whatever is happening around the swimming pool.

RS: You deal with a lot of celebrities and rising stars. Are they more demanding than regular clients?

TB: I don't know if demanding is the word. Maybe complicated is better. Take something like security. They want to make sure the carpenter I hire to do their bookshelves isn't some kind of freak or a reporter for the "National Enquirer."

RS: What's the first thing you think about when you're designing a room?

TB: The functionality of the space – what does the room need to do? What role does it play in my client's life? Everything flows from that.

RS: What are the big mistakes people make when decorating?

TB: They don't realize that the devil is in the details. I go into so many houses where people have invested in what I think of as the basics – a couch, a cocktail table, a flat screen TV – but they haven't spent a dime on drapes or area rugs or wall coverings. I mean, at the very least, you have to have a beautiful paint job. It's not that expen-



sive and it makes all the difference in the world.

RS: You also are well known for designing hip restaurants and clubs. How do these differ from residential jobs?

TB: In general, they're easier. And the reason is they're less emotional. You deal primarily with businesspeople whose main concerns are budgets and timelines. They don't question every little design decision. But with residential commissions, you and your client can go back and forth for weeks on something like the tassels on the drapes. It's a very drawn-out process.

RS: Do you prefer one more than the other?

TB: I get different things from them. It's so much fun to design a hip new restaurant because you know the whole city is going to see it. It's all very high profile. But houses are wonderful because they're mainly about relationships. You're creating an environment where people are going to live their lives and raise their families, and that's a really nice feeling. Also, with houses, you get to buy the kind of really beautiful art and furniture that is sort of unheard of for a commercial interior.

RS: What kind of house did you grow up in?

TB: It wasn't fancy. My mom was a dental assistant. I did, however, have an aunt in Palm Springs who had a great funky house that I loved.

But I think I was born a designer. At 14, when my friends were buying cosmetics, I was saving my allowance to buy new wallpaper for my bedroom. ■



Wide-open spaces: The movement that a room's design allows for is key to the overall feel of the home. Keeping that fluidity active makes for a wonderful room. (Images courtesy of Tracie Butler Interior Design)

OUTDOOR LIGHTING

BY PATRICIA RIVERA
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When it comes to emitting a special glow through an outdoor space, the sky is the limit. Lighten up your next gathering with an assortment of ideas that range from whimsical groupings of candles to strategically located moonlighting fixtures placed in a tree canopy.

"Lights add so much to the mood, especially at night," says Phoenix writer and designer Kathy Cano-Murillo.

Known as Crafty Chica, she's an expert at finding low-cost ways to illuminate patios and decks with strings of lights that she transforms into Boudoir box lights and baby food jars that become hanging "candeliers." A few minutes of investment may leave your guests praising you for hours.

Even non-crafty types can find ready-to-light tiki torches or electric luminarias that transform the look of any outdoor setting. Consider creating an inviting setting with a few permanent lighting additions.

Long-lasting projects

John Pletcher, owner of the architectural and low-voltage landscape lighting company Natural Accents LLC, in Kansas City, Mo., says strategically placed lights can turn yards into magical spaces. Many owners of older homes still use bright floodlights, which do more than scare away the critters.

"You want to create a warm environment that is artistic as well. There is a lot that you can do with lights," he says.

Well-lit patios and decks also keep guests and family members from tripping. Decks, for instance, could benefit from recessed fixtures that mount on the walls of the steps or larger fixtures that attach to deck railings or posts and illuminate either outward or downward.

Pletcher suggests down-lighting to replicate the soft glow of natural moonlight. Fixtures are discreetly placed on eaves or in tall leafy trees. He sometimes uses lightly tinted lenses to produce an even softer light or enhance skin tones in gathering areas. For a cross-lighting effect, use two or three fixtures that are aimed so their beams intersect. Down-lighting works well in patio areas or tree-lined drives.

Up-lighting with spotlight fixtures recessed into the ground creates a focal point. Backlighting creates a silhouette effect by illuminating a wall or structure.

Outdoor lighting kits exist for many projects at specialized shops or large hardware stores. Also, look for lighting specialists who can share some new techniques.

Pletcher says he uses low-voltage lighting for all his projects to avoid excess light. This approach minimizes glare, light trespass and light pollution.

Electrician Ian Miles, owner of Orlando, Fla.-based Outdoor Lighting Perspectives, says his clients are increasingly aware of how their choice of lighting intrudes on their neighbors. "We've come a long way from when people would put flood lights at the four corners of the property," he says.

Companies such as his also provide elaborate temporary lighting options for gatherings. For instance, he has created temporary path lighting from a home to a nearby water's edge for a wedding.

Quick fixes

Sometimes owners become enamored with what they initially labeled as seasonal lighting. Miles used LED string lights to illuminate a covered porch area around his pool.

"We liked it so much that we ended up keeping it up all year. It adds a lot of charm to the area," he says.

For those looking for some quick fixes, try these ideas:

- **Romantic dinners:** Use candles of all sizes to light the area around a small table for two. Consider clustering near the table several ceramic pots lined with pebbles or sand and candles. On the table, use a floating centerpiece or glasses made for floating candles.

- **Family gatherings:** Outdoor patio light strings, which use small bulbs that emit a warm light, can lend themselves to any theme imaginable. Cano-Murillo uses soda cans to make stars. By punching several holes in the center of the star, she's able to fit it through the light bulbs. Another idea is to fit

tiny terra cotta pots, about 2-inches in diameter, over the lights. You can dress them up with any color fabric or ribbon. She likes the look of fabric scraps from a Mexican serape. Small plastic or silk flowers can also fit over the light bulbs.

- **Cocktails:** Line the perimeter of your yard with luminarias, traditionally candle-lighted, sand-filled paper lanterns. You'll find reusable, non-flammable kits that feature various images, such as butterflies and flowers, as well as electrical luminarias.

- **Formal celebrations:** Tiki torches can make a regular garden look elegant and exotic. In addition to the more traditional bamboo tiki lights, you'll find metal torches made of copper, bronze or steel. Electric tiki torches are also in the market. The AGI Group, Inc., in Sarasota, Fla., suggests placing a few large torches around a central gathering. Then, to create the look of a Polynesian fire dance, cast a sizzling glow around a pond, fountain or waterfall with six torches. ■





Put your best floor forward

As these before-and-after photos show, an upgrade to hardwood floors from carpet is a bonus for both the eyes and the feet. The furniture and windows also make the room appear larger and longer. (Images courtesy of Nicole Sassaman)



10 smart upgrades in a down market –

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in their selection of materials,” says Alfano.

“If your countertop is purple and the walls are green and your fixtures are a strange finish, it’s going to be hard to appeal to a wide range of buyers.” The Cost vs. Value Report ranked minor kitchen remodeling third in terms of offering homeowners a return of its cost, at 83 percent.

7. BUY A NEW HOUSE NUMBER

If the numbers on the outside of your home are crooked or unreadable, it will make buyers wonder whether the rest of the house is as poorly maintained.

Sassaman suggests splurging for the better-quality numbers. “What does that cost? Twenty dollars, as opposed to the cheapies? That first impression can make all the difference.”

8. REPLACE THE WINDOWS

New windows are a smart addition to a home, particularly if the home’s current energy efficiency is undergoing changes too. The “Cost vs. Value Report” reported that wood window replacement was project that returned the fourth highest percentage of its

cost, at 81.2 percent, and vinyl window replacement returned the fifth highest, at 79.3 percent.

Alfano says window technology between today and just 20 years ago is “like night and day. You’re not going to get your money back in a year, but you’re going to get it back.”

9. CHANGE THE FLOORING

Dirty tile or vinyl flooring is a turn-off. Hardwood floors are a great alternative, especially if you can afford the real thing. “It makes a house look newer, lighter and brighter,” Sassaman says.

10. CREATE STORAGE

People love their “stuff” – so add storage wherever possible. Frenza found that when selling his last Brooklyn apartment, buyers appreciated the built-in storage he installed, since space was at a premium.

“Every single person who went through the space said, ‘I can see my stuff in there,’” he recalls. “Can I say it returned the investment 100 percent? I don’t know, but I know we did really well.”

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