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UP FRONT Only time will tell **By JIM STREIT**

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HAVE a number of friends and acquaintances who are sitting on pins and needles these days.

They are MBNA employ-ees. The uncertainty of their futures has affected their behaviors and, in some cases, their spirits. The fear of the unknown can be haunting.

No one really knows the effects the Bank Of America takeover will have on Newark, and Delaware and my friends. Optimists predict that duplicate

BOA employees Streit will take the

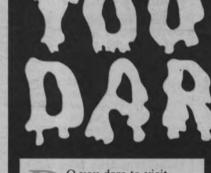
worst hit. Those viewing the glass as half empty see losses of jobs in the thousands. Only time will tell.

In previous columns, I've written about Belfast, Maine, the Atlantic coastal town where I lived and worked where I lived and worked before coming to Newark in 1992. Today, it is home to a huge MBNA complex, one that rivals the company's facilities in Ogletown. When the Streits left Waldo County, unemploy-ment there, including the City of Belfast, exceeded 20 percent. There were no green

percent. There were no green awnings in town at the time.

Belfast's once thriving chicken industry had been torpedoed by Frank Perdue. For decades, city and county officials tried to locate a replacement industry with no

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O you dare to visit The Scare? It's back. Creator Niles Norton and his crew have returned with their frights to delight Newark residents.

This year, the 15-room haunted house has taken over the former Colorado Ski Company building at 5 North College Ave., just blocks from the downtown. Last year, the

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Tests 'MAP' progress

Individualized test for **Delaware students** could replace DSTP

By ROBIN BROOMALL

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

VERY time Sammy takes a standardized assessment test in school, his hands get sweaty and he can't seem to concentrate. He's already convinced he will not do as well as his classmates. And fearing he will never get through all the questions, Sammy just starts filling in the bubbles.

But now, the Measure of Academic Progress tests, developed by the Northwest Education Association, are turning around the way students like Sammy are approaching assessment tests.

There is nothing standard about the computerized MAP tests. Each child taking the test gets different questions See TESTS, 22

Celeste Kelly brings new perspective

By KAYTIE DOWLING NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

HE city's Planning Commission has a new face on it, and Celeste Kelly is it. She is the newest commissioner in Newark, replacing District

1's 17-year veteran Joe Wald. Councilman Kevin Vonck, who appointed Kelly to her three-year posi-tion, said that she has a lot to share with the city.

"She has been active in neighborhood and community for close to 30 years," Vonck said. "She is very valuable to the

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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.

DUI charge follows early morning crash

On Friday, Oct. 7, at 1:37 a.m., a collision occurred at the intersection of Elkton Road and West Delaware Avenue in Newark.

According to police, Christopher Norris, 25, of Wilmington, was traveling on Elkton Road, when the vehicle he was driving failed to negotiate the turn onto West Delaware Avenue and struck a concrete-filled steel pole.

Police said the car became airborne and came to rest on top of two other poles. Bystanders helped remove Norris from the car as the engine caught fire. Police said Norris was charged

driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended license.

Bar owner arrested on gambling charges

Agents from the state Division of Alcohol & Tobacco Enforcement raided a Newark-area bar that offi-cials believe was conducting an ille-

gal gambling operation. On Wednesday, Oct. 5, agents executed a search warrant at Jerzees Sports Bar and Grille, 15 Prestbury Square in Newark. Agents allege the bar was illegally paying out cash to patrons who played video gambling machines located on the premises. Agents seized a total of seven video gambling machines and \$1,480.70 in cash.

Jay Slovin, 52, of Bear, the owner of the bar, was charged with advancing gambling in the first degree, providing a premises for gambling, and possession of a gambling device.

In addition, administrative charges will be forwarded against the liquor license of the establishment for illegal gambling. Penalties can range from a fine to a suspension or revocation of the liquor license.

County police report attempted robbery

New Castle County Police are investigating an attempted robbery of two males that took place on Teal Circle in Newark.

According to police, on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 2:50 a.m., police responded to a report of a gun violation to find two male victims, who told officers that two male suspects approached them with a handgun outside of a home. The suspects demanded money, but the victims ran into their home. The gunmen gave chase, but the victims were able to enter the home and lock the doors.

Police said the gunmen began smashing out windows of the house, then smashed the windows of vehicles parked outside.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call 395-8171.

Robbery thwarted on Stone Balloon lot

On Friday, Oct. 7, at 12:50 a.m., an attempted robbery took place in the parking lot behind the Stone Balloon in Newark. According to police, two females NEWARK POST * POLICE BLOTTER

17-year-old

held for

robbery

were leaving the Stone Balloon when

two males with their faces covered

approached. One suspect said to the

women, "Do you know what time it is?" One victim threw her purse in the car and ran to the other side,

while the other victim began honk-

ing the horn, which scared off the

described as 20-23 years old, 5'8"-

5'9", wearing a plain black base-ball cap and white bandana covering

his face. The second suspect was

described as 20-23 years old, 5'10"-

5'11", wearing a plain black shirt and black bandana with white dots

Anyone with information is asked to call 366-7110, ext. 136.

The operator of the Texaco ser-vice station, 1005 S. College Ave.,

told Newark police on Monday, Oct.

10, at 5:19 a.m. that thieves had made

away with 500 cans of soda during

Police said the first suspect is

assailants.

covering his face.

the night.

Thirsty thieves

armed

N Oct. 5, at 9 a.m., the Newark Police Department arrested a 17-year-old Elkton, Md., male for a robbery on Madison Drive in Newark.

According to police, the suspect con-fronted a Wings-To-Go deliveryman, dis-played a handgun and demanded the money from a delivery. After the money was turned over, the suspect fled on foot.

Police said the juvenile was charged with first-degree robbery and wearing a disguise during a commission of a felony. He was incarcerated at the New Castle County Detention Center in lieu of \$30,000 bond.

> Three vending machines were forcibly entered and the contents taken, police were told. No money was taken from the machines but the locks of two machines were missing.

Robbery attempt

Three men, all age 18, were attacked as they walked to their car parked on the Newark Shopping Center lot on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 1:57 a.m

The trio told police a group of seven black and white males in their early 20s approached them and demanded their wallets. When they refused, they were attacked. The assailants then fled to Main Street.

One victim was taken to the Christiana Hospital emergency room for treatment, police said.

Investigation is continuing, police said

Man found on sidewalk

A Newark police officer on patrol on East Main Street near College

Weekly crime report STATISTICS FOR SEPT. 18-24, 2005 COMPILED BY NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

| | INVESTIGATIONS | | | CRIMINAL CHARGES | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------|
| PART I OFFENSES | 2004 TO DATE | 2005 TO DATE | THIS WEEK | 2004 TO DATE | 2005 TO DATE | THIS |
| Murder/manslaughter | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Attempted murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | 0 |
| Kidnap | 1 | 2 | 0 . | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| Rape | 11 | 14 | 1 | 27 | 5 | 0 |
| Unlawful sexual contact | 8 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Robbery | 37 | 32 . | 0 | 27 - | 26 | 0 |
| Aggravated assault | 18 | 29 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 0 |
| Burglary | 148 | 134 | 5 | 50 | 50 | 4 |
| Theft | 800 | 662 | 24 | 278 | 196 | 8 |
| Auto theft | 63 | 80 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 0 |
| Arson | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| All other | | 47 | 3 | - | 64 | 2 |
| TOTAL PART I | 1094 | 1015 | 34 | 409 | 375 | 14 |
| PART II OFFENSES | | | | | | |
| Other assaults | 272 | 302 | 11 | 209 | 194 | 3 |
| Receiving stolen property | 0 | 1 | 0 | 29 | 14 | 1 |
| Criminal mischief | 500 | 485 | 15 | 326 | 63 | 3 |
| Weapons | 7 | 12 | 1 | 59 | 67 | 0 |
| Other sex offenses | 12 | 9 | 0 | * 13 | 10 | 0 |
| Alcohol | 315 | 376 | 37 | 585 | 723 | 34 |
| Drugs | 79 | 93 | 4 | 242 | 330 | 12 |
| Noise/disorderly premise | 532 | 589 | 25 | 227 | 281 | 20 |
| Disorderly conduct | 751 | 653 | 28 | 117 | 135 | 4 |
| Trespass | 131 | 151 | 4 | 37 | 75 | 4 |
| All other | 553 | 450 | 9 | 206 | 159 | 3 |
| TOTAL PART II | 3152 | 3121 | 134 | 2050 | 2051 | 84 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | - | |
| Alarm | 1091 | 1118 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Animal control | 585 | 420 | 13 | 34 | 0 | 0 |
| Recovered property | 219 | 201 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Service | 6996 | 6597 | 195 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suspicious person/vehicle | 776 | 1131 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS | 9667 | 9467 | 254 | 34 | 0 | 0 |

THIS WEEK 2004 2004 TO DATE THIS WEEK 2005 2005 TO DATE **TOTAL CALLS** 682 22534 669 21720

Avenue came upon a man laying on the sidewalk on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 1:13 a.m.

Witnesses told police the man fell backwards and struck his head on the concrete. Police reported the man was unconscious but breathing, and was revived. An ambulance took the man, 21, to Christiana Hospital for treatment.

Before leaving, the man told police he had visited several bars on East Main Street and was intoxicated.

Rear door entry

Thieves broke the glass of a home in the unit block of Washington Street to gain entry, police were told on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 10:08 a.m. Inside, the intruders removed 20

compact discs and a resident's wallet containing cash and credit cards. Two bottles of liquor also were taken.

Devices removed

A man was arrested by Newark police after two immobilization devices placed on a vehicle by the City of Newark were removed and the car driven away, officers reported on Friday, Oct. 7, at 4:48 p.m.

Police believe the driver deflated two tires in order to remove the "boots.

Police located a 1986 BMW parked near the air pump at a Sunoco station and arrested William R. McVay. He was charged with theft and carrying a concealed deadly weapon and was released on \$1,500 unsecured bond, police reported,

Wallet disappears

A 53-year-old Newark man told police on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 11:13 a.m., that his wallet containing credit cards had been stolen form his room at the Howard Johnson Lodge and Suites, 1119 S. College Ave.

Student assaulted

Passers-by told Newark police that they saw two men kick and punch a man, a 23-year-old University of Delaware student, near 21 S. Chapel St., at 1:38 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2. Investigation is continuing.

Student, 18, charged

An 18-year-old Newark High School student was charged with second degree assault of a pregnant female, offensive touching, menacing and disorderly conduct, Newark police reported on Friday, Sept. 30, at 7:10 a.m.

The attack on the 15-year-old, who was 37 weeks into her pregnan-cy, took place at the East Delaware Avenue school.

Eric Selby, 18, of Wilmington, was charged and released on \$2,750 bail, police said.

Other incidents

A 18-year-old University of Delaware student told Newark police on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 2:56 p.m. that and her purse while she attended a party at an unknown location on **East Cleveland Avenue**. After setting her purse, which also contained a digital camera, on a window ledge, it disappeared.

A resident of the **100 block East Park Place** told Newark police on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 10:09 a.m. that vandals had damaged a Juniper

Board takes first step to replace superintendent

Advertising for new Christina leader could begin soon

By MARY E. PETZAK

Definition of the beginning of the discussion at Tuesday's meeting that the Christina District School Board intended to move quickly to find their next school superintendent.

ANOTHER REFERENDUM? Story on page 20.

Board member Cecilia Scherer, who held out for requesting written proposals (but not formal bids) from search firms, refused to start the discussion until clarification of the bid process. She and other board members worried that a formal bid process could delay the search start for up to two months.

"What is the dollar amount requiring a public bid?" Scherer asked Robert Sharkey, the district's supervisor for standards and procurement. Sharkey advised the board that \$50,000 triggered the public bid requirement.

the public bid requirement. Thresa Giles, the district's chief financial officer, told the board that the previous superintendent search in 2003, done by Webb and Assoc., cost \$35,000 and was not put out for bid.

She also advised the board that Jim Huge of Huge and Associates, said he would handle the search for \$20,000. This national search firm based in Nevada has already done train-

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Arts summit Oct. 24 showcases local talent

By PHIL TOMAN

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

THOSE interested in all aspects of the arts have come to expect a lot from the Delaware Division of the Arts with their biennial Arts Summit. Never an organization to rest on its laurels, DDOA has put a new spin on its Arts Summit, turning the upcoming Oct. 24 event into a showcase of Delaware artists combined with a full day of educational workshops and arts resources!

This year's event, titled "Showcasing the Arts in Delaware," will be held at the Dover Downs Hotel & Conference Center in Dover, on Monday, Oct. 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. That's an easy and quick drive from the Newark area via Route 1. Many activities and workshops are scheduled throughout the day. Here is a preview:

A series of workshops will address topics such as marketing, legal issues, arts programming, technology, media relations, board development and more.

The keynote address will be presented by Philadelphiabased storyteller Charlotte Blake Alston. She will tell her own tale on becoming a successful performing artist and share her thoughts on the power and far-reaching impact of live, human-to-human artistic exchange.

Artists will also be able to benefit from portfolio reviews. Curators, gallery owners, and renowned artists will be on hand to critique artwork, discuss exhibit opportunities and review presentation materials.

Delaware musicians, dancers, theater artists and storytellers will perform throughout the day. Featured artists include pianist Catherine Marie Charlton, the Distant Voices Touring Theater, singer/songwriter Crabmeat Thompson, fortepiano player Susan Duer, multi-instrumentalist Shawn Qaissaunee, the Itinerant Dance Theater, storytellers Tahiri and Joe Plummer, vocalist Ellen Lebowitz, flute and harp duo Sparx, baritone solo-ist C. Lawler Rodgers, and the bassoon and harpsichord duo of Chuck Holdeman and Tracy Richardson.

Delaware Poet Laureate Fleda Brown will host a literary feast with readings of poetry, short stories, fiction and nonfiction by Delaware writers.

The day would not be complete without the virtual art gallery. The work of more than 40 Delaware visual artists will be featured in a media presentation of paintings, sculpture,

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UD targets early childhood reading

\$3.3 million over three years goes to effort

By MARY E. PETZAK

THE University of Delaware will use a \$3.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to improve the language and pre-reading skills of 225 children in northern Delaware.

"In today's world, reading

is a survival skill," said U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings in making the award. "A child who can read is a child who can learn, and a child who can learn is a child who can succeed in school and in life."

According to the University of Delaware department of public relations, UD will implement Early Reading First, a three-year reading project, through a partnership between UD's Delaware Center for Teacher Education, the department of individual and family studies, and New Castle County Head Start Inc. The project in 12 classrooms in three county Head Start centers will serve an area that borders the city of Wilmington. "The ultimate goal is to increase children's expressive and receptive vocabularies and oral language comprehension," UD spokesperson Martin Mbugua said. "In addition, we want to increase children's knowledge of letter sounds and blending letter sounds, children's skill at naming the 26 letters of the alphabet and making lettersound matches, and their under-

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Aviators to be honored in Newark Saturday



By PHIL TOMAN

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

National Content of the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame initiations this year. Six pilots representing the Air Force, Army and Navy have been elected to the DAHF. The six will be inducted Saturday, Oct. 15, at the organization's annual honors program and banquet to be held at Clayton Hall.

"The six pilots, three living, three deceased, were selected for outstanding service in the military and significant achievement in civil aviation," said Harry Van Den Heuvel, DAFH president. "They will raise to 38 the number inducted into the DAHF since its inception in 1999."

This year's living inductees include Ralph L. Minker Jr., a bomber pilot in the Eighth Air Force in World War II. He dubbed his B-17 "Blue Hen Chick." At age 20, the youngest pilot in his bomber group, he flew 37 missions over Germany, always bringing the Blue Hen Chick and her crew home safely. He was a Methodist minister in the decades that followed: he was also an aviation historian and lecturer. The Rev. Capt. Minker, native of Wilmington, held pastorates in Delaware and Maryland.

Hockessin native Lina Morelli was the first female to get her military pilot's wings while in the Delaware National Guard. She was also the first airborne-qualified woman in the Delaware National Guard and the first female aide-de-camp to a general in the Army. Seeking the opportunity to fly more, she transferred to the Arizona National Guard as a platoon leader/pilot. She was the female pilot in the Arizona National Guard. Maj. Morelli has logged more than 5,000 helicopter hours and wears Master Pilot Wings. She flew for four major organizations in her civil career.

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According to police: two Temales



In Our Schools Education News For Newark From Local Schools

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Essay scholarship now available

LL seniors in Delaware public, private, charter and home schools are encouraged to apply for the Legislative Essay Scholarship. Dec. 1 is the deadline to submit an application and an original essay of 500 to 2,000 words on "Benjamin Franklin: A Significant Leader in Founding Our Country." Up to 62 scholarships of \$750 will be awarded for each senatorial and representative district in the state. District winners compete for three statewide awards of \$7,500, \$3,750 and \$2,250. Contest rules and applications are available from high school guidance counselors or the Higher Education Commission at 302-577-5240, email to dhec@doe. k12.de.us, or visit www.doe. k12.de.us/high-ed/essay.htm.

Go online to find help for students

The Internet can help parents and children during every school year. In addition to school information, the Christina School District provides advice, suggestions and tools to facilitate student learning on it's Web site at www.christina.k12.de.us.

Student of the Week

The staff at Elbert Palmer Intermediate School in Wilmington nominated sixthgrade student Sara Rivera. Her class elected her to the school's Student Council in 2004-05 and she gave speeches and campaigned to be in the Youth in City Government program. "She also sacrificed her recess and free time at school to tutor

kindergarten students," said Principal James Bertrando. "Sara always brings a positive attitude and

Rivera

smile to **Rivera** any task. I am proud of the contributions she has made to our school."

Student makes skating look easy

Bear resident will be on TV in January

By MARY E. PETZAK

ATLIN Hickerson and her mom, April, started taking community skating classes when Catlin was 6 years old. "I think she did well because she took dance classes from the time she was 3," explained April Hickerson. "She did so well that they asked me if I was interested in giving her private lessons."

Not too long after that, the little girl told her mother, "I feel like I am home," at the ice rink.

Since that time, Hickerson has had to fit her skating around her school days. Currently a 5th grader at Bancroft Intermediate School in Wilmington, Hickerson follows an unvarying schedule six days a week. "On weekdays, she skates at the University of Delaware training center in Newark from 6 to 7 a.m.," explained her mother. "Then we go home and she gets ready to get on the bus for school. She skates from 4 to 6 p.m. after school and for five hours on Saturday."

for five hours on Saturday." April Hickerson said her daughter is very organized about doing her schoolwork, as well. "And Catlin's also a twirler and in the Girl Scouts," she added.

Summer is no vacation, either. A member of the University of Delaware Figure Skating Club, Hickerson skated at UD from 6 to 11 a.m. each day, learning new moves and preparing for national and international competitions with a USFS coach, Jennifer Helfrich, who also teaches at UD.

"Catlin has competed in world's competitions sanctioned by ISI [International Skating Institute] in Chicage, Virginia and California," April Hickerson said. "She won first place in the long program at a competition and was twice given the good sportsmanship award."

This year, Hickerson won the gold medal at the Hershey Open in Hershey, Pa. On Oct. 28, she will be one of only 100 junior skaters from the Northeast region performing at New York's Nassau Coliseum in the Sarah Hughes and Friends Ice Extravaganza. The event benefiting the 9/11 Families Give Back Fund will air on NBC-TV and Bravo in January 2006.

Hickerson earned a place in the Extravaganza in the recent Stars, Stripes and Skates Talent Search at The Pond Ice Arena off Marrows Road in Newark. Dozens of skaters between the ages of 4 and 19 skated in an American Idol-type program where they were judged on their performances by the audience.

The youthful figure skaters will appear before an estimated 15,000 people at the Coliseum.



Catlin Hickerson of Bear brought home a gold medal from the 2005 Hershey Open in Hershey, Pa.

But Hickerson is unlikely to be nervous. "I like competing," she said on a recent morning at the UD ice arena. "I feel proud if I get a medal, and even if I don't, because I can always do better." Her coach for almost two years is just as confident Hickerson will continue to develop and win. "Catlin has the talent to go as

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PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

Math can be fun

Expert brings his 'incredible success' to teachers

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

TEACHERS in the Christina School District enjoyed two days of Professional Development training sessions last week. But one session was definitely more fun. "Teachers raved about Greg Tang when he came in the spring," said Carol Antes, a teacher at Downes Elementary School. "He's been an incredible success for the district."

Tang, a nationally known expert on "math literacy," travels throughout the country giving his presentations. "My goal is to take the worry out of math and make it fun again," Tang reports on his Web site.

Tang has found that most first and second graders in the schools he visits are enthusiastic about math. But the only kids with their hands up in third and fourth grade "are ones like me" who wear glasses.

"In trying to help kids, we somehow lose sight of what makes math fun in the first place," Tang tells teachers. "[That is,] the challenge and satisfaction of solving problems with cleverness and common sense."

During two sessions on Friday, Oct. 7, Tang said everyone agrees that the goal in teaching math is "to develop abstract thinkers." But traditionally, children learn to count on their fingers, a concrete



Math guru Greg Tang faced packed houses in two professional development sessions for Christina District teachers last week.

Caravel helps displaced schoolchildren

S TUDENTS at Caravel Academy recently collected and sent 40 boxes of supplies to Longfellow Elementary School in Houston, Texas. The magnet school for the creative and performing arts is one of the schools taking in children displaced from New Orleans. The shipment included school items ranging from backpacks and lunch boxes to pencils and erasers – all donated by the Caravel community.

magnet school for the creative and performing arts is one of the schools taking in children displaced from New Orleans. The were asked to donate \$1 to the relief fund and many donated more," said Caravel spokesperson Bonnie Raimy. "As thanks for a donation, students were allowed to veer from the school dress code and wear jeans for the day."

Caravel students plan to

donate a portion of this year's Homecoming Dance profits to further relief efforts. "Caravel Upper School students must com-

plete 80 service hours over the course of four years," said Raimy. "Many work with Delaware nonprofit organizations."

Counting on fingers is out

▶ MATH, from 4

way to understand adding and subtracting numbers.

"The problem is that more than 60 percent of them are still counting on their fingers in the fourth grade when we want them to start learning multiplication and division, the beginning of abstract concepts," Tang said. "They have to go from the concrete to the abstract and we have to help the students cross that bridge as soon as possible."

According to Tang, a school district that waits to teach the abstract in the fourth grade is wasting time and money. "You need to put your money into teaching math the right way in the first and second grade," Tang said. "And you need to get parents on board and open to what you are doing in the classroom or they'll undo it all while trying to help their children at home."

Tang's basic tool is to teach all numbers are made up of smaller numbers. "If I teach 5, the children learn it is really 2 and 3," Tang explained. "When they use it in a calculation, they don't have to stop and count to five on their fingers. All we're doing is breaking big numbers into smaller pieces – it's simple."

Learning early math the Tang New York University.

way also "lays the groundwork" for multiplication and division. "It's inefficient to add up numbers one by one when you get into higher calculations," Tang said.

He also teaches children to read and calculate with columns of numbers instead of moving numbers to the left as they do a math problem. "Most children don't know their right from their left," he said. "But if I draw a row of boxes and put the numbers into them, it is immediately clear when the 100's or 10's are part of a number."

Tang usually places numbers in the wrong boxes at least once so students can perceive the problem and the correct placement. "Kids love this," he said. "It's obvious that putting more than one number in a box is always wrong. There is no such number as 1 in the 10's box followed by 14 in the 1's box. They call this a 'funny' number because they think it's funny."

If the children have learned that 14 is really 10 and four, they will immediately know how to fix the incorrectly placed number Tang creates.

Tang grew up in Ithaca, N.Y., and earned degrees in economics from Harvard and later, a masters degree in math education from New York University.

He explains his career path from software designing to teacher and author of math books for children on his Web site. "One day while tutoring math in my daughter's first grade class, I noticed that every dot on the dominoes we were playing with had a pencil mark, which meant kids were counting them one at a time instead of adding them up quickly," he said. "It immediately struck me that working with patterns of dots would be a great visual way to teach arithmetic and an effective way to teach problem solving."

Today, he is working to develop a more intuitive approach to teaching math, one that combines problem-solving and arithmetic and integrates math with language and art. In addition to his books, he has started producing teaching materials. For more information, visit www.gregtang.com.

Training never ends

SKATER, from 4

far as she wants," Helfrich said. "And UD has all the technical expertise to take her as far as she goes."

Even though the young skater has won first place medals, the training and learning never end. "She's learning to do the single axel," explained April Hickerson while watching her harnessed daughter jump over and over again on the ice. "That's the last single jump she needs to learn; then she starts learning the jumps all over again in doubles."

At every session, Hickerson does warm-ups, practices her moves, learns new jumps and recently started learning to ice dance. "I loved ice skating when I first saw it because it looks like they're flying," the 10-year-old said. "It looks so easy, but I found out it isn't easy."

And it never does get easy. In the Stars and Stripes talent search in 2004, Hickerson had to perform her entire routine without the CD of her music after the sound system broke down. "She had developed a fun routine around Mickey Mouse where she dressed as a drum majorette and



PHOTO BY MARY E. PETZAK

Ten-year-old Catlin Hickerson has been training with University of Delaware skating coach Jennifer Helfrich for two years.

twirled a baton," explained her mother. "She was chosen, but later broke her foot and couldn't be in the performance."

This year, a healthy Catlin and her parents, Robert and April, will be among the happiest people in the Coliseum.

Hickerson and other local skaters will compete in the Skating Club of Wilmington Invitational in November.





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POST COLUMNIST

Reading must not become a dying art

By RUTH KELLY

...... NEWARK POST COLUMNIST

HIS morning, as I was leaving my development I smiled as I saw school bus 22. The sight was bittersweet. That was my daughter's bus some years ago and she is now away at college.

As I drove, I thought back to her first day of kindergarten when I followed the bus to her school and hid behind a big oak tree crying my eyes out. I didn't want her to see me because I thought she would сгу

She sure fooled me. She hopped off that bus with a big smile and confidently and enthusiastically walked up the steps into the school building.

She never lost that excitement from that first day to the last day when she graduated.

Many of our children are excited those first days of schools. The challenge of our district's schools is to keep that excitement going. I'm confident that we still have the same caliber of excellent teachers that my daughter enjoyed.

As I drove on, I start-ed to think even further back. I thought of those days when my daughter sat on my lap and I read to her: She loved it.

There was one book of nursery rhymes that I had to read over and over again. Every time I finished, she'd say, "Read it again, Mommy". I read the book so many times, we both memorized each line and every rhyme.

That was our special time and I found myself smiling at its memory.

I grew up watching my father reading the newspaper everyday front to back not just once, but twice. Every morning he went to pick up the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Daily News* and *The Bulletin*.

I believe students who see their parents read regularly are likely to become readers themselves.

Today, I don't read as much as I used to, and I'm not alone. Lack of time is the reason for many of us. I find myself reading

■ The author, a single parent, has been a columnist for the Newark Post from time to time since 1994. A former Dupont employee, she now is employed as specialist for the Christina School District.

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magazines and definitely the newspaper. Magazines are quick.

I am amazed at the number of people who do not read the newspaper. When they tell me that they don't like to read depressing news, I think, "What a lame excuse.

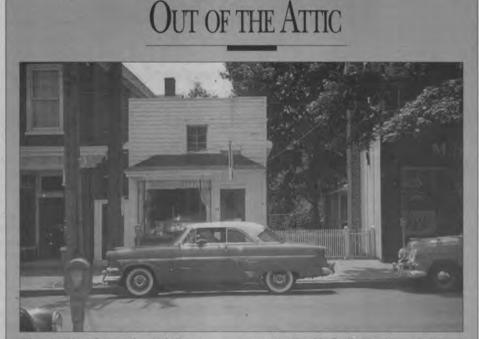
There is other news in the paper that is both educational and informative. If a tragic story bothers you, don't read that piece; read the other sections.

Audio books are nice, but they are entertainment for driving. Books are to be read. I love and cherish books. I love the words. I love reading the styles of different writers. When you read a lot, you only have to read a few pages of a novel to know who the writer is. I was thrilled when my daughter's English class had to read "Fahrenheit 451," a futuristic tale of a world where books are abolished. I also read that in high school almost 40 years ago.

My love of reading naturally passed on to my daughter. I could not get her to read some of the books I enjoyed at her age. One genre we had in common was biographies. Her books of choice were the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series. I would bet that she has read every single one published, especially "Chicken Soup for the Teenager" series. She has also read "Chicken Soup for the Chocolate Soul," "Patriotic Soul," and "Pet Lover Soul." You name it. If it's "Chicken Soup," she's read it. I don't care what she reads - so long as she does.

Don't let reading become a dying art. The knowledge absorbed while reading is enormous. Every opportunity you get, buy a book, give books as gifts, visit the library and keep books in the home.

I have a ton of gently-used books and if anyone would like some, please write me in care of the *Newark Post* and I'll make sure that you get some. If I receive a large response, I will solicit for donations. Please help keep reading alive.



This week, "Out of the Attic" continues a months-long series of photographs taken in the early 1950s of all buildings on Main Street in the downtown area. This treasure trove of nostalgia is borrowed from archives in the City of Newark municipal building. Few details were discovered with the color slides but they were believed to have been taken by Leo Laskaris in 1954. According to Al Romagnoli, operator of Newark Camera Shop on Main Street, the white building stood

next to the M. S. Dale store, right, and the Odd Fellows building, left, which remains today. The building once housed a real estate busines and later a barber shop operated by Larry Timmins. Readers who have a historic photo and would like to share it with other readers are invited to loan their photos for reprinting in this space. Special care will be taken. For information, call the Newark Post, weekdays, at 737-0724.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

News as it appeared in the Newark Post through the years

Oct. 16, 1930

Tuition to be fixed

A number of pupils from the Newark school come from different states. In arriving at the tuition rates to be charged, the school authorities fixed the tuition rates at the actual cost of instruction plus the per capita cost of debt service.

In grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 the tuition rates are \$130.29, based upon the actual cost for 1928-1930. The elementary school rates were fixed at \$57.11.

Campaign expenses examined

Campaign expenditures in Delaware were recently examined due to suspicions of inappropriate funding.

Senator Gerald P. Nye, of Nebraska, and Senator Roscoe C. Patterson, of

the Senate Investigating Committee, led the examination. The purpose of the examination was to interview a number of witnesses who appeared under subpoena.

Missouri, members of

In addition to those who were summoned, United States Senator Daniel 0. Hastings and former United States



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Senator Thomas P. Bayard attended the hearing.

Oct. 15, 1980

Preparations for closings made

Area parent groups have begun to react with questions, counterpro-posals and protests to the long-awaited list of schools recommended for closing by Superintendent Carroll Biggs at the school board's meeting last Thursday.

Biggs prepared the closings of 12 schools, four each in Areas I, II and III.

Taxis running again

Newark Taxicab Services Inc. began serving area riders on Monday, Oct. 4. Newark has been with-

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Delawareans aren't only MBNA employees who worry about future

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success. Meanwhile, other large employers - a shoe factory and a rope manufacturer - succumbed to foreign competition and escalating transportation costs.

For young people in Waldo County in the early 1990s, the future was bleak. To get a decent education, it was necessary for them to leave home. The prospects for a good job were not just bleaker, they were non-existent. For young and old alike, in order for them to maintain their idealistic coastal Maine lifestyle, they virtually had to commit themselves to a lifetime of hard work and poverty. Enter MBNA

Former MBNA chief Charles Cawley had grown up in Waldo County and he summered a few miles south of Belfast in the upscale coastal town of Camden. In the late 1980s, Cawley opened a MBNA branch in Camden in a refurbished former mill.

By the early 1990s, some in Camden had gotten their noses out of joint over MBNA's growth plans. Boosted by incredible growth at the time, the credit card company took a step north to the welcoming and grateful arms of

the people of Waldo County. Suddenly, good, decent, hard-working people had good jobs with never-before-seen good benefits.

When we lived in Maine, one of our former neighbors eked out a living like many others in the Pine Tree State. He lobstered most of the year, collected, split and sold firewood in warm weather, and plowed driveways during winter. Mixed in were yards sales every weekend and a roadside stand that sold produce

he grew in his garden. After we moved and MBNA arrived, our neighbor got a job under the green awning. Even though he regularly worked more than 40 hours each week, he told me he felt like he was working half time compared to his hustling days. The family had a new car, took a Disneyworld vacation, and for the first time had health insurance. I hid my shock when he confessed, "We even take the kids to the dentist now."

After MBNA began hiring, quickly every aspect of the Belfast area economy improved. New car sales soared. Housing prices inflated as some Waldo countians finally could afford a home that wasn't heated solely by a wood stove. Retail sales jumped, and new businesses began appearing. Life was good.

And it wasn't only the job market that improved with the arrival of MBNA. The company built a branch for the University of Maine to operate adjacent to its Belfast facility on U.S. Route 1. College opportunities finally had arrived in Belfast, ending an insufferable 4-hour round-trip commute to Orono for part-time students. As well, MBNA started a generous scholarship program that continues to offer educational opportunities to those who

otherwise couldn't afford. Last week, realizing that the MBNA name was going to disappear, Belfast hosted MBNA Appreciation Day. Press accounts and conversations with friends indicate it was less a pitch to retain jobs in Belfast and more a true statement of the area's gratitude for what the credit card giant brought to the area.

Speakers praised the firm for the UM college center stating that its presence "changed lives" in the area.

An official of Searsport, Maine, recalled the \$600,000 challenge grant MBNA offered when its high school lost its accreditation. "That development brought pride and spirit back to our high school and our community," a speaker stated.

The City of Belfast thanked the firm for its donation of two waterfront facilities that MBNA built on delapidated commercial sites

Former Maine governor Angus King recalled how he got a phone call one November asking how many foster children were in the "MBNA wanted to give area. gifts, \$100 each, to all of them. It was pure good heartedness," King said.

The former state leader noted that the only favor MBNA asked

was quick environmental review when the company stepped in to solve the emergency created when a town's only school was suddenly closed because of airquality issues.

Mainers are optimistic that Bank Of America will retain many, if not all of the jobs in Belfast. It's a cost efficient and highly productive operation, they claim.

But whatever happens, Waldo countians will survive. Mid-coast Mainers are a tough lot.

After decades of a hopeless local economy, the best gift given by MBNA wasn't its jobs or philantrophy. The company gave the people of the Belfast area what it needed most - hope. And I don't believe that Bank Of America can take that away with any jobs they cut or contribution budgets they slash.

I have friends in Maine who, too, are sitting on pins and needles

Only time will tell.

The writer moved to Maine in 1988 to publish The Republican Journal in Belfast, The Bar Harbor Times on Mount Desert Island, and The Free Press in Bucksport, Maine. Streit became publisher of the Newark Post in 1992

2000: Workshop slated

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out taxi service since the Newark Transit Company went out of business in May. The taxis oper-ate 24 hours a day, seven days a week

The service has been widely accepted, as residents clamored for taxi transportation in and around Newark. Many residents had no means of travel and said that a taxi service was necessary to keep the city running smoothly.

City meeting set City council plans to meet on Tuesday for a workshop on

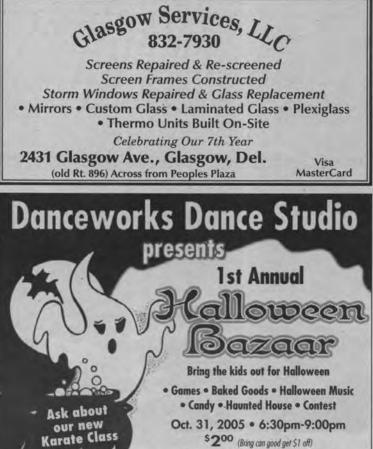
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city of Newark and University of Delaware relations. City. councilman Thomas Wampler noted the Ambling Company student housing development, new regulations pertaining to student rentals, and the proposed University parking as

such issues.

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OUTLOOK Lend

an ear **By CARL P. DAVIS**

...... SPECIAL TO THE NEWARK POST

ERE in New Castle County the feed-corn growing season is moving toward havest and fresh roadside sweet corn will soon be a memory until next summer. Corn is truly an American phenomenon. Developed for use by early Native Americans, and then introduced to colonists, corn has only increased in value and usefulness.

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for so many things that you would be hard put to go one day without coming in contact with a corn product.

A very abbreviated list of food and industrial uses of corn includes adhesives, batteries, detergents, crayons, degradable plastics, dyes, plywood, antibiotics, chewing gum, shoe polish, paper, soft drinks and juices, cereal, licorice, peanut butter, pickles, catsup, marshmallows, motor fuel additive, alcoholic beverages, industrial alcohol, cooking oil, margarine, mayonnaise, salad dressing, shortening, soups, printing ink, soap, leather tanning and pet food.

Most of the corn for these uses is processed by the corn wet milling industry. Wet milling involves soaking corn in warm water, a process called steeping. After the steep water is drawn off, the softened kernels go to de-germinating mills and separators, where the germ is removed and the oil extracted.

The remaining parts-starch, gluten and hulls-are ground

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Newark's top cop packs it in

After 27 years with NPD, Chief of Police Conway retires

By KAYTIE DOWLING

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

ORMER Chief of Police Gerald Conway is turning a new page. Behind him is 27 years with the Newark Police Department. Before him is a lowstress job and some family time.

In the past quarter century, Conway may not have seen it all, but he's come darn close. Over the years, he kept a book of notes for himself, detailing the day's work. The notebook isn't exactly a study guide for the next chief of police. It consists of handwritten anecdotes that chronicle the beat's more interesting incidents. Not all of them would register on the Richter scale - but sometimes those are the ones worth remembering most.

"When you work somewhere for this long, you get a lot of stories that get better as you tell them," he said. "I write them down, just for me, just to sit back and laugh.

The more inane criminals don't have to fear having their stories published to the world one day in a tell-all exposé. The notebook only makes rare appear-ances, usually for Conway's son, Marc, who one day aspires to become an officer.

Not everything on the job was a laugh. Conway faced his first trial almost as soon as he took the job of chief. In that month, the death of a Kennett Square man changed everything.

A car filled with drunk passengers was stopped by officers one evening. The car pulled over on the CSX train tracks that lace through the city. As the officers spoke with the driver, an Hispanic man who spoke only broken English, a train barreled down the tracks. The officers could not communicate with the driver to move his car, and could not wake up the one passenger still in the backseat. He died there on the tracks.

In the weeks the followed, Newark erupted in fury. Outraged residents demanded information. They rallied for an investigation. They called for action from new Chief of Police Gerald Conway, who had been on the job for less than a month.

"It was baptism by fire," he said. "The community was up in arms. They wanted to know how this could happen. Thankfully I had the support of [City Manager] Carl Luft and [then-mayor] Hal Godwin. We did a thorough investigation with the Attorney's General's office. In the end, peo-ple could see that it was a mistake, tragic as it was."

That death shaped much of Conway's focus in his first years as chief of police. The NPD was forced to make changes. Training time for new officers increased from eight weeks to 12. They now go through more procedures designed to prep them for emergencies.

There have been other changes over the years. Technology is now the weapon perched on the left hip of every officer. Each patrol car is equipped with a laptop that connects back to the department's databases. Officers file reports electronically, and crimes are solved using newest equipment.

"The technology today has replaced what I started with - the pen and paper," Conway said, who has mixed feelings on the new equipment. "The new guys, the Nintendo generation, they can't see themselves ever going back to the old way, but I think it makes the week more busy." Not too long ago, officers could fill out an index card-sized form on minor incidents. Now, even the smallest infraction gets a sizeable report typed into the computer.

Since he was named chief of police in 1999, Conway has seen a lot change, but there is one thing that he regrets not doing. He laments what he calls the "upstairs, downstairs" mentality thriving in the department. Because most of the patrol officers work on the first floor of the city's municipal building, few venture to the second floor, which houses Conway and other administrative staff. That has created a sense of foreboding when officers have to "go upstairs" to see Conway.

"It's like being called to the principal's office," he said. "I don't think you ever get over that feeling."

Despite that clear distinction between Conway and some of his officers, he said that it is the people he will miss the most after leaving the offices at 220 Elkton Road.

'I will miss the people more so than the job," said Conway, who never envisioned himself as chief of police. "This was never a career path that I considered early on."

Conway was named chief in 1999, after he served for several months as Acting Chief of Police (a job now held by long-time officer Bill Nefosky). Conway said that he amplied for the job said that he applied for the job because he felt that it was appropriate for someone from within Newark to lead the department. Years of experience in a community can be an invaluable tool for chief, and that's not something easily gained. A few months later, after an exhaustive nationwide

search, Conway was named as the department head.

"At the end of the day, I have a lot of job satisfaction. It has been a very rewarding career," he said. "I have no regrets on taking this position."

But after six years, it is time for Conway to move on. "I always said that I would leave when I wasn't having fun with the job anymore," he said. "Fun just isn't in this job description." He will join the state as a civilian, working on enforcement for red light cameras.

For now, the part of Conway's notebook that tells of his time as chief of police is over, but his next chapter is just starting.



On Friday, Oct. 7 Conway worked on clearing out his office where he served as Newark's chief of police for six years.

-Ine more you buy, me more you save

NEWARK POST * LIFESTYLE

Downtown Newark gets ready for its fall mixer

EGISTRATIONS now being accepted for the Downtown Newark Partnership's annual fall mixer. The popular networking session will be held on Thursday. Oct. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m., on the second floor of the Deer Park Tavern, 108 W. Main St.

"Any person who conducts business in or cares about downtown Newark is invited," said James B. Streit Jr., DNP chair and publisher of the Newark Post, "In past years, we've reached the room limit of 125 persons so I urge businesspeople to make reservations now.

Maureen Feeney Roser, administrator of the DNP and the City of Newark's assistant planning director, described the annual mixer as "a perfect opportunity for Newark businesspeople to greet old and friends and meet new ones.'

Streit added, "Bob Ashby, owner of the Deer Park, once

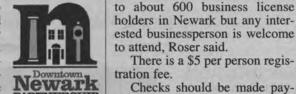
again has graciously offered to supply tasty hors d'oeurves. Other town business-

downes will donate an array of

door prizes, an effort headed up by DNP board member Sara Taylor, of Mid-Atlantic Ballet." A cash bar will be available.

Invitations have been mailed





holders in Newark but any interested businessperson is welcome to attend, Roser said. There is a \$5 per person regis-

tration fee.

Checks should be made payable to the Downtown Newark Partnership and mailed along with the names, business and contact information of attendees to the DNP in care of the City of Newark Planning Office, 220 Elkton Road, Newark, DE

Registrations also will be accepted by telephone for pay-ment at the door. Call 366-7030 weekdays during normal business hours. Any "no shows" will be billed.

Registrations will be accepted until Oct. 17 or until room capacity has been reached.

"Come join us," Streit urged, "each fall it's two great hours of fun and fellowship."

Boy Scouts popping

Boy Scouts through out the region have kicked off their annual popcorn sale. Last year, more than 33,000 containers were sold. Troops, packs and crews raised more than \$170,000 for their activities through the sale. An additional \$170,000 raised helped fund camp maintenance, recruiting efforts and support existing programs.

Boys will be contacting friends and neighbors and setting up displays at local businesses until late October. Microwave and gourmet popcorn are available.

Solution to The Post Stumper on Page 11.



Corn grown in Delaware has many uses

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and passed through screens for hull removal. The starch and gluten are then separated, and the starch is washed and dried to be used as clothing starch, sweeteners for food processing or converted to ethanol, an engine fuel additive. Corn is also being used to make antifreeze, windshield washer fluid, interior plastics and fabrics.

The National Corn Growers Association offers the following a-maize-ing uses for corn:

Completely biodegradable golf tees made of cornstarchbased plastics

Corn-derived citric acid as

a substitute for phosphate, which increases the cleaning power and decreases the volume of laundry detergents needed

■ "Packing peanuts" made from nearly 100 percent corn-starch, totally water-soluble, biodegradable and an excellent way to pack breakable items

Ethanol, an alcohol co-product produced from corn. A bushel of corn produces 21/2 gallons of ethanol, and an acre of U.S. corn produces 300 gallons-enough to fuel four cars for a year when blended at the 10 percent level with gasoline.

Corn syrup provides the chewy factor in candies.

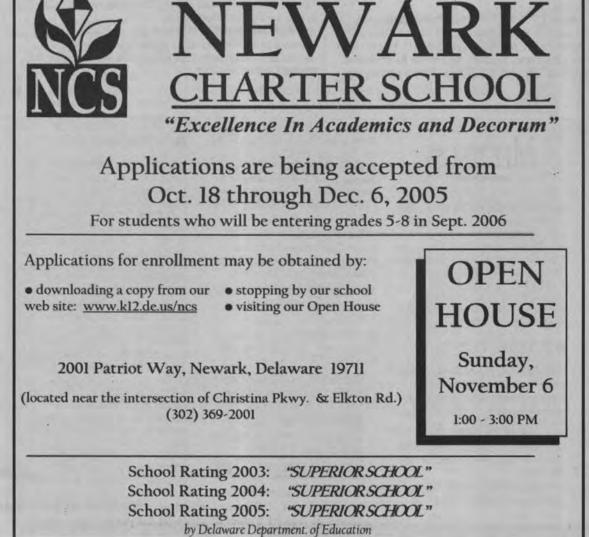
Corncobs, when finely ground, are relatively dust free and very absorbent, which makes them useful for cosmetics. Tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol,

a resin developed from processing corncobs, is useful as a solvent for dyes, resins and lacquers.

Aspirin is manufactured using an oxidized starch paste, which dries to a clear, adherent, continuous film, is spread in a thin layer over the tablet. Also, more than 85 different types of antibiotics are produced using corn.

Corn starch is used in the production of the porcelain part of spark plugs. And in the tiremaking process, corn starch is sprinkled on the molds before pouring the rubber, to prevent the rubber from sticking.





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NEWARK CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Light refreshments and prize drawing will take place. Newark Municipal Building, 220 Elkton Rd. Info., 366-

7080. SOCIAL DANCE 8 - 12 p.m. Hosted by PWP 121 Greater Wilmington. Open to public. Must be 21. \$8 for members. \$12 for non-members. Christiana Fire Hall, 2 E. Main St., Newark. Info., 998-3315.

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

HAWK COUNT 1 - 3 p.m. Runs till Nov. 18. Watch as hawks travel HAWK COUNT 1 - 3 p.m. Runs till Nov. 18. Watch as nawks traver between their breeding grounds and their winter residences. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info., 398-6900. ART EXHIBIT 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday. 12 - 4 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday. Runs till Nov. 19. Artwork from Steven P. Koelsch and his clay monoprints. The Newark Arts Alliance, 100 Elkton Rd. Info., 266-7266.

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

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

LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. Earnest Goodlife will perform. No cover charge. Home Grown Café, 126 E. Main St. Info., 266-6993 or visit www.homegrowncafe.com.

ASTRONOMY IN THE PARK 7 - 10 p.m. Join James T. Morgan for an evening of hands-on astronomy. Bring your own equipment or use the centers. \$3 Maryland residents, \$4 non-Maryland residents. Fair Hill Nature Center. Info., 410-398-4909.

SATURDAY

TWILIGHT FITNESS WALK 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Free. Meeting House, White Clay Creek State Preserve, Landenberg, Pa. Info., 610-274-2471

PLUS LEVEL SQUAE DANCE 8 - 10:30 p.m. \$6. Medill School, 1550 Kirkwood Highway, Newark. Info., 738-7663.

GHOSTS & LEGENDS CRUISES 5:30 p.m. Join the crew of the Martha Lewis for an eve-

FRIDAY, OCT. 14

Fri. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336. FAMILY & COMMUNITY 1 p.m.

Continuing education to promote better way of life. New members welcome. County Extension Office, South Chapel St. Info., 738-4419 or 831-1239.

SATURDAY, OCT. 15 MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 a.m. \$5

donation goes to missions. Greater Grace Church, 750 Otts Chapel Rd. Info., 738-1530.

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

DELAWARE ACCORDION CLUB

2 - 5 p.m. Meeting for an open mic session. Open to the public. Bear Diner & Restaurant, Rt. 40 and School Bell

SUNDAY, OCT. 16

STRENGTH TRAINING 9 - 10 a.m. MONDAY, OCT. 17 Mondays; 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Tues. and Thurs.; 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Wed. and

Road. Info., 738-7378.

MHA DEPRESSION SUPPORT

GROUP 7 - 9 p.m. Support group sponsored by Mental Health Association in Delaware. Free. To pro-tect privacy of members, meeting loca-tions provided only with registration. Info., 765-9740. FREE ENGLISH **CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES** 1

p.m. and 7 p.m. Classes for English Conversation. Registration required. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. Info., 368-4942 or 368-

SIMPLY JAZZERCISE 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336. GUARDIANS' SUPPORT 6 - 8 p.m. Meeting for grandparents and all those raising others' children. Children & Families First, 62 N. Chapel St. Info., 658-5177

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

MEETINGS

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

SCOTTISH DANCING 7:30 p.m. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, S. College Avenue. Info., 368-2318. TAI CHI 2:30 p.m. Monday or Wednesday; 11:15 a.m. Friday. \$20 per month. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

■ TUESDAY, OCT. 17

GRIEFSHARE 7 p.m. Support group and seminar for those who have lost someone close to them. Union United Methodist Church, 345 School Bell Rd., Bear. Info., 737-5040. NEWARK DELTONES 7:45 p.m. For men who like to sing. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 368-3052.

DIVORCECARE 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Support group meeting. Evangelical

Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd. Info., 737-7239. SWEET ADELINES 8 - 10 p.m. Singing group. Listeners and new members welcome. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 731-5981

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

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

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

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

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 7 p.m. Liberty Baptist Church, Red Lion Road, Bear. Info., 838-2060.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT 7 - 9 p.m. Free. Open to the public. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

FALL FOLIAGE WALK 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Stroll through the parks trails admiring the autumn colors. \$2 members, \$5 non-members. Fair Hill Nature Center. Info., 410-398-4909 or visit www.failnaturecenter.

ITALIAN DINNER 6 - 8 p.m. The Our Lady of Fatima Home & School Association is hosting the event. \$12.50. Monsignor Dwyer Hall, 801 N. du Pont Highway, New Castle. Info., 378-9897. HOLDIAY BAZAAR 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Arts, crafts, attic treasures, baked goods and more will be for sale. Weston Senior Center, 1 Bassett

Ave., Manor Park, New Castle. Info., 328-6626. MUSICAL THEATER PERFORMANCE 1:30 p.m. The Tom Larsen Band will perform. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Open Air Theatre, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or visit www.longwoodgardens.org.

SUNDAY, OCT. 16

MUSICAL THEATER PERFORMANCE 1:30 p.m. The Unionville High School Band will perform. \$14 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 6-15, free under 6. Main Fountain Garden, Longwood Gardens, Route 1, Kennett Square. Info., 610-388-1000 or visit www.longwoodgardens.

BOOK SALE 12 - 4 p.m. The Delaware Art Museum will host event. \$10 adults. \$8 seniors. \$5 students with ID. \$3 youth. Free to members and children under 6. The Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Info., 571-9590.

CONCERT 8 p.m. Cynthia Carr with pianist Julie Nishimura will perform. Loudis Recital Hall, Amy E. du Pont Music Building, Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road. Info., 831-2577.

WINTER ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Over 50 tables of the areas finest dealers. Aetna Fire Hall, Route 273, Newark. Info., 559-7962

MOONLIGHT HAYRIDE 7 - 8:30 p.m. \$5. White Clay Creek State Park, 425 Wedgewood Rd., Newark. Info., 368-6900.

MONDAY, OCT. 17

PRESENTATION 7 p.m. "Ticks, Mosquitoes and Disease: a Field Biologist's Perspective" will be presented by Dr. Jack Gingrich. Free. Open to the public. Newark Library, 750 Library Ave. Info., 239-2471 or visit www.whiteclayfriends.com

ASTRONOMY PRESENTATION 8 p.m. "Life in the Universe" presented by Stan Owocki. \$2 for adults. \$1 students. Mt. Cuba Astronomical Observatory, 1810 Hillside-Mill Rd., Greenville. Info., 654-6407

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18

CONSTIUENT BREAKFAST 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Terry Schooley will attend to field questions and concerns. Eagle Diner, Elkton Road. Info., 577-8476. C.H.A.D.D. 7:30 p.m. Parent/Educator support group meeting to support the lives of people with attention disorders through education, advocacy, and sup-port. New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E. Main St. Info., 737-5063. PARENT ADVISORY BOARD 7 p.m. Meetings alternate between Bayard and

Meetings alternate between Bayard and Keene schools. Info., 454-2500 or visit www.christina.k12.de.us.

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

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

GROUP 6:30 p.m. Meeting for men who are survivors of and newly

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The 17th annual Fair Hill International Festival in the Country will host world class equestrian competition in the equestrian sports of Eventing, Endurance, and Combined Driving when it returns to the Fair Hill Natural Resources Area in Fair Hill, Md., Oct. 13-16. Gates open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults Thursday-Friday; \$12 Saturday-Sunday; \$35 Four-day pass Children under 12 are admitted free. Parking: \$5 per car For more information, call (410) 398-2111.

ning of haunts and legends told by author Ed Okonowicz. Light dinner

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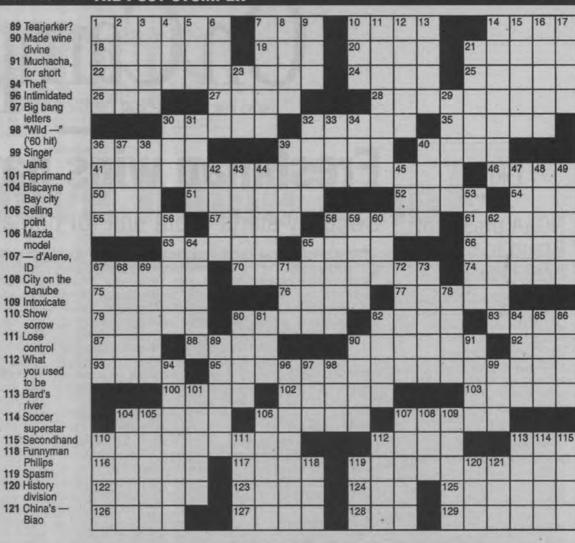
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■ TUESDAY, OCT. 18

NARFE MEETING 11 a.m. Senator Steve Amick will speak. Glass Kitchen Restaurant, Route 40, Bear. Info., 731-1628.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19

SPECIAL EDUCATION/NEEDS PTA 7 p.m. Organizational meeting led by Kathy Armstrong and Eileen K. Disk. Newark Library, 750 Library Ave. LIVE MUSIC 7 - 10 p.m. Bruce

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diagnosed with prostate cancer. The American Cancer Society Office, 92 Reads Way, Suite 205, New Castle. Info., 234-4227 FAMILY CIRCLES 5:30 p.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 658-5177. **AT HOME MOTHERS** CONNECTION 7:30 p.m. Meeting for moms only. St. Barnabas Church, Duncan Road. Info., 610-274-2165. **CROHN'S AND COLITIS**

FOUNDATION 7:30 p.m. Wilmington Satellite Group. Christiana Hospital, Room 1100. Info., 764-5717.

BGCCCO MEETING 7 p.m. Bear Glasgow Council of Civic Organizations. Pencader Grange Hall, Glasgow Avenue/ Old Rt. 896. Info., 832-0793 **DIAMOND STATE CROCHETERS 6** p.m. Limestone Medical Center, Room 005, Limestone Road. Info., 324-8585. **BINGO** 12:45 p.m. Lunch available for \$2.25 a platter at 11:45 a.m. Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Dr. Info., 737-2336.

■ THURSDAY, OCT. 19

COFFEE & CONVERSATION 10:30 a.m.- Noon. A peer-facilitated group. Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd, Wilmington. Info., 764-4335.

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

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

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

Episcopal Church, S. College Avenue. DIVORCECARE 7 - 8:30 p.m. Separated/divorced persons meet. Southern Chester County YMCA, East Baltimore Pike, Jennersville, Pa. Info., 610-869-2140.

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

HOLISTIC HEALTH 7 p.m. Workshop by certified natural health professional. Free, pre-registration required. Rainbow Books, Main St. 368-7738.

SUPPORT GROUP 3 p.m. Free. Newark United Methodist Church, 69 E. Main St. Info., 737-7080.





Freshman wins national recognition

NCAA president Brand to speak here Nov. 2

BRIEFLY

ATIONAL Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) President Myles Brand will speak on "College Sports as a Catalyst for Change" during a public lecture at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. at Clayton Hall, on the University of Delaware's Laird Campus in Newark.

While Brand is on campus, he will address students in the undergraduate course on "Ethics and Issues in

on Ethics and issues in Sport Management." "This is a wonderful opportunity for students, as well-as the University and local community," Matthew J. Robinson, UD associate professor of sport manage-ment, said. "Myles Brand's position gives him a unique perspective to lead a discussion and to challenge the students to think critically about the important ethical issues facing intercollegiate athletics today. The public forum will offer him the opportunity to discuss the importance of college athletics to society as a whole. This is truly a unique and important opportunity.

Brand assumed his duties as NCAA president in 2003. He is the fourth chief executive officer of the association

Vita Nova has a new look

Vita Nova, the Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management's student-run restaurant in the Trabant University Center on South College Avenue, is all spruced up to welcome customers with new carpet and wallpaper.

The project was completed just before the semester started when rich garnet carpet and grey textured wallpaper were installed.

Last spring, a series of new photographs of campus scenes, representing the different seasons and taken by photographers in the Office of Public Relations, were hung in the restaurant.

Sweeney starts scout unit for homeless boys

and would be worthy role |

REG Sweeney, a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences, has won two prestigious national awards for community service for founding Cub Scout Pack 506, the first scout pack on the East Coast exclusively for homeless boys.

Sweeney is one of only five young adults chosen nationwide to receive a 2005 National Caring Award and scholarship from the Caring Institute and one of 10 to receive a \$5,000 Yoshiyama Award for Examples Service to for Exemplary Service to the Community from the *Hitachi Foundation. The National Caring

award is given to five persons from 9 to 99 years old who best personify caring

Collison

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model for others. The Yoshiyama Award

goes to 10 high school seniors across the nation based upon service to the community, the opportunity for longer-term social change and the relevance of these activities to addressing profound community and societal problems.

"I'm really happy about it. It feels really good, but there were a lot of other people who helped," Sweeney said. "There were times when I thought about quitting, but someone would always step forward and offer help."

Sweeney's mother, Kathy Canavan, a part-time editor in UD's Office of Public Relations, said she believes it was his grandmother who inspired him. "Greg's late grandmother, who lived with us, was paralyzed on one side of her body, but she still volunteered for the Ministry of Caring, just as many poor and handicapped people do. I think they all inspired Greg to think that big things can happen if everybody does a little," she said.

Canavan said Hiatachi wants to bring their 10 award winners together again next year, with the hope that they'll become friends and advisors to each other. "I'm elated that he'll be meeting nine other students from across the country who are thinking along the same lines," she said. Right: Sweeney.

Recipe takes the cake and \$100,000

> NIVERSITY of Delaware alumna Sharon Collison, who teaches nutrition concepts at UD, loves to cook and to experiment with cooking. It paid off big time when her Chocolate-Coffee Cheesecake with Mocha Sauce had all the ingredients for success and won the grand prize of \$100,000 recently in the Southern Living magazine cook-off.

"When the announcement was made, I was shaking and crying so much that the celebrity chef, Tyler Florence, who made the award, said later he had to hold me up. They presented me with a large check -6feet long – for \$100,000 with a real one to follow," Collison said.

Her recipe was one of three nationwide selected in the "Southern Desserts" category for

which she won \$1,000 as a semifinalist. She and her husband, Joe, were flown to Birmingham, Ala., where the magazine is located, for

the final cook-off. There were five categories and ******************

15 cooks competing for the prizes in their categories – Southern Desserts, Healthy and Good for You, Easy Entrees, Your Best Recipe, and Kids Love It! - and for the grand prize. The winners of each category came from all over the country - Texas, California, Oregon, Connecticut and, of course, Delaware.

PHOTO BY SARAH SIMON

'Soon after Joe and I arrived, where we stayed at a lovely resort, was taken to the Southern Living kitchens because I had to make part of my recipe in advance," Collison said. "The next day, all of us were cooking for an hour and a half. All I had left to do was make the sauce, so I had lots of time to be nervous. After the cooking was complete, our dishes were taken from the kitchens and presented to the judges, who were Southern Living editors."

The main event was held at the Ayls Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Studio, where all the contestants were filmed preparing their recipes. Then came the big announcement - the grand prize winner was Sharon Collison from Newark.

State water policy forum at UD Oct. 21

HE fifth annual Delaware Water Policy Forum, "Water Friendly Landscape Forum, Design: A Prescription for Healthy Watersheds," will be held from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, in Clayton Hall, on the University of Delaware's Laird Campus in Newark.

The forum is open to the public. A \$10 registration fee covering materials, speakers, luncheon and refreshments will be waived for seniors over age 65, UD faculty, staff and students on request while registering. Preregistrations are due by Monday, Oct. 17.

Discussions, presentations and posters at the forum will focus on water-sustaining landscaping practices along highways, in municipalities, on campuses and on individual properties.

Opening keynote speaker Jack Clausen of the University of Connecticut will discuss "Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials (NEMO) Paired Watershed Research". Stephen Williams, ecological restoration coordinator in with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, and comment on the state's stream and wetland restoration projects in Delaware, featuring the Pike Creek Stream **Restoration at Three Little Bakers** and a wetland complex at Christ the Teacher Catholic School.

Forum speakers, panelists and presenters include representatives of the Delaware Water Resources Center, UD's Institute for Public

Administration, Water Resources Agency, University of Connecticut Natural Resources Management and Engineering, New Castle County Cooperative Extension, Delaware Center for Horticulture, University of Delaware Facilities Planning and Construction, Villanova University Civil and Environmental Engineering, Longwood Graduate Program, Delaware Nature Society, Watershed Creek Naamans Association and Delaware

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

All attendees are asked to preregister by Monday Oct. 17, by calling 831-4931, fax-ing 831-4934, or e-mailing mcorrozi@udel.edu. Include name, organization, title, address, phone number and e-mail address. Senior citizens and UD affiliates may request complimentary registration at that time.

The forum is sponsored by the University of Delaware Institute

for Public Administration, Water Resources Agency, Delaware Resources Water Center. Longwood Graduate Program in Public Horticulture and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

For more information, the forum brochure, schedule and directions, visit www.wr.udel.edu/ publicservice/WaterForum2005/ WaterForum05Home.html.



Collison takes grand prize

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3:00 PM on Monday, October 17th to book your appointment.

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Meantime, home in Delaware, Collison's parents and children, Lauren and Rachel, were root-ing for her. "Joe called my parents, but they misunderstood and thought I'd won the des-sert category. When I called my mother the next day, she was overwhelmed to learn I'd won the

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grand prize," Collison said. Collison majored in food science and graduated from UD in 1989. She received her master's in nutrition in 1993, and she is taking the initial steps toward entering a doctoral program in

biomechanics. To learn more about the cookoff and the other prize-winning recipes, go to southernlivingcookoff.com.

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City of Newark shows its appreciation Friday

On Friday, Oct. 14, electric customers are invited to meet their suppliers at the seventh annual Newark Customer Appreciation Day. The event, sponsored by the

customer service department,

will take place from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the first floor of the Newark Municipal Building. Light refreshments will be

served throughout the day, and there will be prize drawings. Giveaways include \$25 credits

on electric accounts. Debra Kupper, a city employee, said that Customer Appreciation Day is an opportunity to let customers know that the city appreciates them.

"Even though we send out bills to them, and deal with some

negative things in the course of the day, we truly appreciate their business," she said.

Bird rescue gala tonight at Riverfront

On Friday, Oct. 14, the Tri- | State Bird Rescue and Research will holds its fourth annual Benefit for the Birds at the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts on Wilmington's Riverfront.

Presented by Sunoco, the year's Riverfront Rhythms will feature food and beverages, live enter-tainment by the Tony Grandberry Jazz Quintent, a silent auction and a display of bird photography by Kim Steininger. General admission tickets

for the 7 p.m. event are \$65 each. A VIP Champagne Preview Reception, which provides a sneak peek at the silent auction and the opportunity to bid on select items will be held for corporate sponsors and benefactor ticket holders at 6:30 p.m. Benefactor tickets sell for \$125 per ticket.

Proceeds from the event will go towards helping Tri-State in its mission to achieve excellence in the rehabilitation of injured, orphaned and oiled native wild birds with the goal of returning healthy birds to their natural environment.

For ticket information, call 737-9583.

'Hard work at a young age'

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standing of the purposes and conventions of print.'

Spellings noted that in order to learn to read, young children need to develop skills such as understanding that print moves from left to right, that words are made up of sounds and that written letters represent spo-ken sounds. "This is hard work they're doing," Spellings said, "at a very early age.

No Child Left Behind grants aim to transform early childhood education programs into centers of educational excellence. Grant funds are used to improve instructional materials and teaching strategies through scientifically proven practices.

This year, the U.S. Department of Education is awarding 33 Early Reading First grants total-ing \$102,041,305.

The No Child Left Behind Act is the bipartisan landmark education reform law designed to change the culture of America's schools by closing the achieve-ment gaps among groups of students, offering more flexibility to states, giving parents more options and teaching students using research-based, effective methods. Under the law's strong accountability provisions, states must decide how they will close achievement gaps and make sure all students, including those who are disadvantaged, achieve academic proficiency.

Arts summit convenes Oct. 24

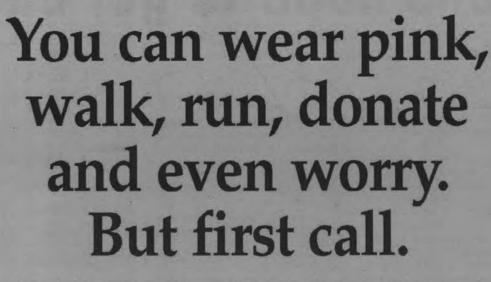
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photography, crafts and folk arts. "The 2005 Arts Summit is our opportunity to devote an entire day to the arts in Delaware, with a great line-up of speakers plus some fabulous performances by Delaware artists," said DDOA Director Laura Scanlan. "This event offers some great educational resources, but will also serve as a wonderful celebration of the artistic talent our state has to offer."

The Division of the Arts is transforming the Dover Downs Conference Center into its own Arts Avenue, with a Center Stage Café where live performances will be held, the Literary Lounge for readings of poetry and prose, the Virtual Art Gallery showing all day, a Cyber Café with on-line access to the Delaware Artist Roster, Booth Boutiques with information from artists and arts organizations, and one-on-one Curbside Consultations offered by workshop speakers.

The day's events will conclude with a reception on the Arts Avenue, with hors d'oeuvres, beverages and yet another perfor-mance by a Delaware artist!

Cost to attend is \$45 per person, which includes lunch and reception. For more information please contact the Delaware Division of the Arts at 577-8278 (New Castle County) or 739-5304 (Kent and Sussex Counties).



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Hens hope to get back on fast track

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A promising start to the University of Delaware football season has taken a turn for the worse

First, the Blue Hens fell in waning moment to Towson, giving the Tigers their first ever Atlantic-10 Conference win. Next, came last week's loss to Hofstra at home in the mud.

Now, the Hens have to make a four-hour trip for a home game against Richmond at Richmond. It's hard to imagine things getting much worse.

The deplorable field condi-tions at Delaware Stadium prompted UD officials to explore alternatives for this week's scheduled home game against the Spiders. By Tuesday the decision had been made to play the game at Richmond.

"The field is a nightmare,"

said Delaware coach K.C. Keeler. 'We need to take into consideration the safety of everybody involved.'

From a purely football point of view, the fact the game will now be played on Richmond's artificial surface as opposed to mud and slop should benefit the Hens. Delaware has a speed advantage over most A-10 teams and it's hard to make full use of that in the mud.

Besides the two losses and the field fiasco, Keeler stayed upbeat this week.

"We're two snaps away from being 5-0," he said. "Now we're sitting here at 3-2 with a good Richmond team up next. Now we just have to think of it as a onegame season and that is against Richmond. That's all we can concentrate on. What makes you whole again is going out and working hard. What completes that is going out and winning. Let's just play Richmond." The Spiders are 2-3 (2-1 A-10)

2005 **BLUE HEN** SCHEDULE

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| 10/22 | J. MADISON | noon |
| 10/29 | at Maine | noon |
| 11/5 | UMASS | 1 p.m. |
| 11/12 | at Wm. & Mai | ry 1 p.m. |
| 11/19 | at Villanova | 1 p.m. |
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coming into this week. They've collected conference wins over Maine and Villanova in two of the last three weeks. Sandwiched in between those wins was a solid performance (37-13 loss) against a good Vanderbilt team.

After dropping its first two games, Richmond inserted senior Stacy Tutt back in at quarterback and he has sparked the Spiders. "Once Tutt took over they

became a different team," Keeler said. "They beat Maine at Maine, played Vanderbilt tough and then beat Villanova. He's a special guy – great athletically."

Tutt is an all-around player that is just as comfortable running with the ball as throwing it. Against Villanova, he directed the Spiders to a comeback win, throwing for 199 yards and two touchdowns. He also scored on a

26-yard run. "He's just a real good all-around athlete," said Richmond coach Dave Clawson. "He has great athleticism and can make a lot of plays.'

Clawson despite knows, Delaware's two straight losses, the Hens are still a formidable opponent.

"Obviously, you start with Omar Cuff," Clawson said of Delaware. "He's exceptional. They are big and physical up front. Their quarterback is always a threat to make plays.

"We've always respected Delaware as one of the best pro-grams in the Atlantic-10. It'll be a challenge for us."



Brian Ingram stretches for a pass during Saturday's game.





Moving home game is staggering

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

This is not a case of LSU moving its home game to Arizona State because of the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

There is no impending storm – hurricane, typhoon, blizzard, tornado or any other that I'm aware of. This is basically an unprecedented move for a football program of the stature of the University of Delaware's.

Because of poor field conditions, Delaware is moving its home game Saturday against

Richmond – to Richmond. Unbelievable.

News of this possibility surfaced in Coach K.C. Keeler's Monday press conference. I initially thought he was kidding. It took a few ensuing comments about safety to realize Keeler wasn't kidding and moving the game was a possibility. By Monday afternoon it became a serious possibility. Tuesday morning it was a done deal.

The university will lose about \$250,000 in revenue and will add the expense of having to travel to Richmond at the last minute.

I don't pretend to know what the cost of replacing the field at Delaware Stadium would be. I do know that Penn State re-did its field this year for \$100,000. It sounds like Delaware Stadium's problems are more complicated. Yet, apparently, this has been a problem since 1993. That's 12 years.

I'm not sure why this wasn't addressed so this scenario wouldn't happen.

See FIELD, 18

Hens move home game

Field conditions too poor to play at Delaware Stadium

The site of this Saturday's home football game between the University of Delaware and the University of Richmond has been moved to Richmond Stadium due to unplayable field conditions at Tubby Raymond Field at Delaware Stadium, UD Director of Athletics Edgar Johnson announced Tuesday.

Nearly four inches of rain fell in Newark this past weekend, and much of UD's Homecoming game against Hofstra University was played in a steady rain. Delaware Stadium's natural grass field has hosted four games during the first five weeks of the season, and more rain is forecast in the area for the remainder of this week.

The Oct. 15 game will be played at noon and will not be televised. Originally, the game was set to begin at 3:15 p.m. and be televised live on CN8. Live radio broadcasts will be available in Delaware on the Blue Hen Radio Network (WRDX The River 94.7 FM) and the University of Delaware student station (WVUD 91.3 FM). Internet broadcasts will also be available at [www.river947.com] and [www.wvud.org].

"We pursued several options regarding this week's game vs. Richmond and determined that moving the site from Delaware Stadium was the best alternative for the two competing teams," Johnson said. "We want to ensure the fairest and most competitive playing surface, and with last week's rain and this week's fore-

cast for more we would not be able to provide that. We would not have enough time to get the field ready for play on Saturday." Johnson added, "Our plan has

been to replace the Delaware Stadium playing surface at the

end of this season, and we had hoped to get through this year. However, with the unprecedented rainfall last week, we've been forced to make this move. We realize the inconvenience this causes our loyal fans, and we

Quarterback Sonny Riccio slops his way through the mud in last week's game against Hofstra. cast for more we would not be | end of this season, and we had | hope that they will bear with us

NEWARK POST PHOTO BY MIKE BIGGS

as we work through this." Johnson noted that other

Delaware Valley area stadiums were considered as alternative

See HENS, 18 ►

UD ice hockey team tops W. Chester

By JOE BACKER

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The NHL has returned after a year's hiatus, and now the University of Delaware's Ice Hockey Club returns to firmer circumstances after several years of turmoil. "It's been kind of tough on the players, having three different coaches in the last four years,"

said second year coach Mike DeAngelis, following the Blue Hens 5-3 victory over long-time rival, West Chester, Friday night at the Rust Ice Arena in the team's home opener. The Blue Hens are currently 2-2 on the young season. Now the team has stability, a returning coach in DeAngelis, and several assistants, Joe Azzarello and John O'Connor, and a scout-recruiter, Jim Simmons.

"We're glad to be back home after playing three games on the road," said DeAngelis. "Being home is fantastic, with such a great facility we have here. It's comfortable here, and the fans are great, so we hope they come back and support us the rest of the season," said DeAngelis. The club began in the early 1970s, with a small band of students who bought their own equipment, and initially paid for all of their ice time, including

practices and games, in the Gold Arena. Home games were played at 10 p.m. on Friday nights, usually before large crowds. The icemen were a big hit right away, winning plenty of games in their own right, and drawing on the success of the Philadelphia Flyers, who won back-to-back Stanley Cups in the mid-70s. The early teams were coached by former World Hockey

See HOCKEY, 18



Hofstra hands Hens second consecutive loss

Backup quarterback Dennis Davis threw for 266 yards and scored the game's only touchdown late in the third quarter as Hofstra upset No. 13 University of Delaware in an Atlantic 10 Football Conference defensive struggle at soggy Delaware Stadium Saturday afternoon.

The Blue Hens, who lost their second straight game to fall to 2-3 (0-2 A-10), drove down to the Hofstra four-yard line in the final minute of play but quarterback Sonny Riccio threw three straight incomplete passes to preserve the win for the Pride.

Heavy rains that started Friday

Hockey team begins season

HOCKEY, from 17

Association professional Frank Golembrosky, and former players Pat Monaghan and Richard Roux. The Hens played a healthy schedule from the start by adding traditional Delaware rivals such as Villanova, Drexel, West Chester, Penn State, St. Joe's, Rutgers, the U.S. Naval and -Academy, more. Most of the originals were from Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland. The team now boasts players from southern states such as North Carolina and Texas, and from the northern region of the country including Connecticut and Massachusetts. In recent years, Delaware has upgraded the schedule by playing in the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

Opponents now include teams such as Syracuse, Illinois, Towson, Rhode Island, Ohio, Niagara, Michigan-Deerborn, West Virginia. and Delaware's winning tradition has also remained a constant.

In the 2000-2001 season, the Blue Hens were runners-up in the

National Tournament in Tucson. Arizona, and made it to the Final Four a year later in Athens, Ohio. Overall, the Hens were invited to the Tournament eight consecutive years from the 95-96 season, through 2002-2003. DeAngelis said the college game, even on the club level, has improved tremendously since his playing days at Rutgers. "The players are definitely big-ger and stronger now, and have a lot more experience," said DeAngelis. "And now we are more helpful with conditioning, nutrition and the mental aspects of the game. We're trying to put together the whole package," he said.

This year, Delaware hopes to return to the ACHA National Tournament to be held in West Chester, Pa. March 1-4, 2006. The Hens host Washington & Jefferson Friday night at 7 p.m. and Saturday afternoon at one o'clock. Next weekend, the team travels to the Midwest to play three games in the Youngstown, Ohio, Showcase Tournament.

evening and dropped over an inch of rain on the Delaware Stadium surface made for muddy conditions that caused both offensive units to sputter all afternoon. A light but steady rain fell for most of the contest. The teams combined for just 32 first downs and 576 total yards, including just 62 Clarkson who was out with a

on the ground, and punted a total of 17 times. Hofstra (3-2, 1-1 A-10), which

snapped a two-game losing streak, defeated the Blue Hens for just the second time in eight tries at Delaware Stadium. Davis, shoulder injury suffered last week, hit on 26 of 41 passes for 266 yards, connecting with Devale Ellis eight times for 116 vards and with Marques Colston eight

times for 50 yards. Riccio hit on 20 of 50 passes

for 248 yards.

Refunds will be available for ticket holders

► HENS, from 17

sites, but after consulting with officials from the Atlantic 10 Conference and the University of Richmond, 21,139-seat Richmond Stadium was determined to be the best option. Although the University of Richmond will provide all the staffing for game operations, the contest will be considered a home game for the Fightin' Blue Hens. UD will still travel to Richmond for next season's contest on Oct. 21. Game tickets that have already been purchased will be honored at the Richmond Stadium gates the day of the game. All seats will be general admission. UD season ticket holders, whether they attend the game or not, will receive credit towards their 2006 football season ticket purchases by calling the UD Season Ticket Office at (302) 831-2257 at the conclusion of the season.

Fans who purchased single tickets game through Ticketmaster and who cannot attend the game are eligible for refunds through Ticketmaster by calling (302) 984-2000.

Tickets for the game can be purchased for \$15 through the University of Richmond Ticket Office by calling 1-877-SPI-DER1 or at the Richmond Stadium ticket office the day of the game. Parking and game programs will be free.

Fans from the Delaware area can travel to Richmond Stadium by taking I-95 south toward Richmond. Take I-195 South (Downtown Expressway) to the Rosewood Avenue exit and turn left at McCoy Street. Richmond Stadium will be located on the right.

Stadium field causes major problems at UD

quickly.

FIELD, from 17

As far as playing at Richmond instead of Franklin Field or Villanova or somewhere closer, that's an easy second guess. However, it's far harder to secure a facility this late than anybody can imagine. Although, the New Orleans Saints somehow found places to play fairly

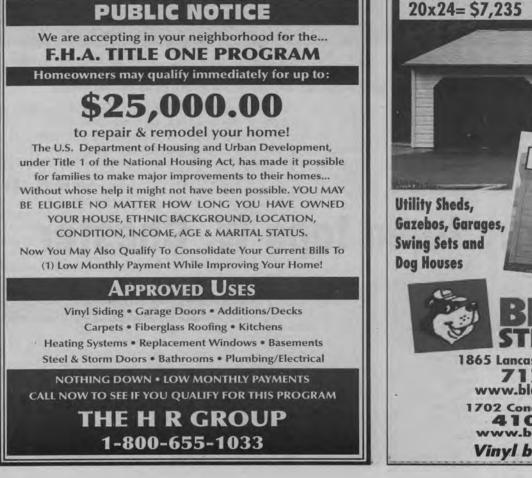
I would say, though, that I'd be shocked if Richmond agreed to out-and-out switch home games and come here next year. There's no way that knowing three days before the game (and trying to sell tickets in three days) is in anyway remotely equivalent to having six months to sell tickets to see the top program in the league play. Unless

there is some sort of guarantee for Richmond, I can't imagine that the Spiders' administration would go for that.

My problem is not with the decision that is being made this week. Given the existing situation, moving the game to Richmond may be the best option. It certainly may be the best as far as the safety of the players is concerned. All kinds of pulls and tears can happen on a wet field.

What I don't understand is how the problem with the field got to this point. It's been known for a long time that there is a problem. If it had been addressed at any time during the previous 12 years, the university wouldn't be missing out on a quarter of a million dollars and Delaware football fans wouldn't have to travel four hours for a





Assistant superintendents will lead district during transition

► BOARD, from 3

ing and professional development for Christina District and handled superintendent searches in other states.

The amount that the board ultimately voted to offer Huge includes all fees and search-firm travel and other expenses. The district will pay for postage, advertising, travel costs for members of the board to the home districts of finalists, and costs for all candidates and three finalists to travel to Delaware.

"I believe the district's costs would come to about \$20,000," Brenda Phillips, the board president, said.

The district's costs are exclud-

Haunted house opens in former Colorado Ski Company building

SCARE, from 1

spooks set up shop in the former Lyon's Hardware building on Kirkwood Highway.

The Scare packs a panic into each room, but is still family friendly - to a degree.

"We tried to design this so that everyone could go," Norton said. "This is not so scary that you can't bring your kids through, but it's not to the point that college students will walk through and say, 'Oh that was for kids.'" The haunts took five weeks

to complete, and it shows. "I am most proud of the detail we put into every room," he said. That attention to detail even translates into the makeup that the actors wear. For some, it takes a solid hour to put their face on.

Scare is open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from until 11 p.m. Tickets are \$11. Students receive \$1 discount with their school ID's.



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ed from the amount triggering a public bid process.

Phillips and other board members commented freely during almost 90 minutes of wide-ranging discussion prior to deciding on the search firm offer and appointing three assistant superintendents to guide the district during the search.

Phillips explained that the board wishes to avoid a long process to find a search firm because it would "distract" from their primary focus on improving student achievement.

"Let the public understand, we are the governing body here," Phillips said. "We are not just seven people who sit here and rubber-stamp things. We spend a lot of time probing, investigating and fussing...to make sure what we are about is the best choice for the education of our students.'

James Durr, board vice president, who proposed appoint-ing a "triumvirate" of assistant superintendents - Jeffrey Edmison, Thresa Giles and David Sundstrom - to head the district in the interim, also warned that the board will expect candidates to be in step with the district's current direction.

"We are not going to stop. We're gonna' do what's right for the kids," said Durr.

Boardmember John Mackenzie stipulated that the superinten-

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dent candidates have experience in "Broad (Foundation) or other superintendent's training or the equivalent...and be prepared to meet a pretty fast" deadline for interviews.

"It's critical that we bring in some talent and let our communi-ty meet them," Mackenzie said.

Phillips agreed, saying, "The public raved about the way we handled the superintendent [interviews] last time and that's the way we want to do it now."

Board member George Evans adamantly resisted both the choice of a search firm and the three-part district interim leadership after the current superintendent, Joseph Wise, leaves in November.

Evans also objected to the "Broad" stipulation, saying that "would exclude a lot of qualified people, including people in this district."

Evans' suggestion to appoint the director of K-12 school operations, Freeman Williams, in the interim was derailed when Williams told the board he preferred their plan.

"It's really important that we maintain the momentum and camaraderie we have with these three assistant superintendents,' Williams said.

Williams and Mae Gaskins, the director of secondary instructional support programs, are the only

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superintendent-certified administrators in the district. Wise did not become superintendent-certified until after he was hired in 2003. He noted that a superintendent has up to three years on the job to obtain certification under state superintendency in Florida. His last day of work will be Nov. 17.

Many of the initiatives and directions the board wants to maintain have resulted from training received by Wise and board members from the Broad Foundation.

Wise has resigned to accept a

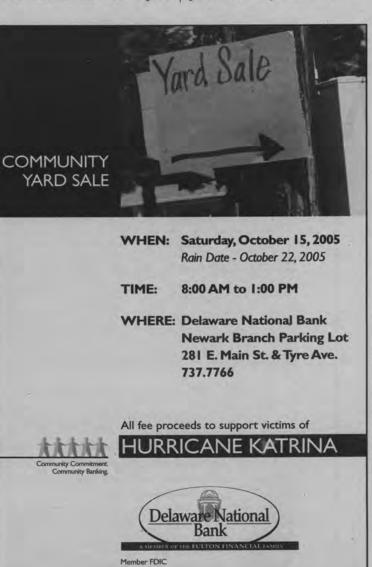
Christina looks at another referendum

OULD another bond referendum be coming in the Christina School District before the capital improvements of the last one are complete? According to Jeffrey Edmison, assistant superintendent and chief operating officer for the district, s almost a certainty.

Edmison recapped the financial strain on construction costs discussed at September's school board meeting (Newark Post, Oct. 7) and said increasing energy costs following two Gulf hurricanes were adding to the problem. 'It's getting worse every day,' Edmison said. "Even if we put the full-day kindergarten money into the [Porter Road] elementary school and all the market pressure monies into the new middle school, we cannot make it work. The only way to complete the Educational Options plan is to run a referendum."

School Superintendent Joseph Wise said the administrators wanted the school board to know the situation now, but were not asking for a vote on holding a referendum until November's meeting.

Thresa Giles, the district's chief financial officer, said coming up with local matching funds was the breaking point. "[Every Delaware school district] is already into local funds in the first half of the year to pay for energy costs," Giles said. "Thirty percent is a major increase."



NEWARK POST * IN THE NEWS

Monoprints not monotonous at NAA Winder

RTIST, poet, and writer Stephen P. Koelsch brings A his clay monoprints to the Newark Arts Alliance's Main Gallery for a solo show titled "Celebration of Color - 2-Dimensional Clay." The show opens with a reception on Fri., Oct 14 from 7 until 9 n m and Oct. 14, from 7 until 9 p.m. and runs through Nov. 19.

In clay monoprinting, Koelsch explains, the color image is created on a flat clay slab, into which colored slip, a liquid form of clay, is inlaid. Organic industrial colo-rants, the same kind paint stores use, are mixed into the slip to create the colors. The slip is continually inlaid or "flattened" to form a level surface. Colors and shapes

If you go

The NAA is located at 100 Elkton Road, Newark, in the Grainery Station. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon - 4 p.m.; closed Monday.

can be overlapped. The color is then imprinted or "impressed" onto a paper-like material called Reemay, using a hand roller and controlling the process through pressure and moisture. The Reemay has a slight positive charge, and the clay is slightly negative, so this aids in binding the color to the paper.

Koelsch said that he seeks new forms of self expression through art. "I am seeking outlets to express my awareness of the experience of life, and of my search for meaning and value within it," Koelsch says. "I have found it to be true that life is a

journey where we meet ourselves along the way."

along the way." He has taught classes; was art-ist assistant to Mitch Lyons, who is nationally recognized for clay monoprinting; and has shown his work throughout the area. Koelsch has written "Dancing Bare," a book of poetry, and his work has been published in sev-eral collections and magazines.

eral collections and magazines. He is currently hosts the monthly poetry series for the Delaware Literacy Connection.

Koelsch lives near Wilmington, and works as the marketing manager for a global pharmaceutical company. He graduated from Bowling Green State University with a BA in psychology and has his MBA from California National University.

The Newark Arts Alliance is a locally supported cultural nonprofit organization dedicated to developing community through the arts. For more information on the NAA's events, exhibits, gift shop, and classes, visit the Web site www.newarkartsalliance.org, e-mail info@newarkartsalliance. org, or call 266-7266.

flew 23,000 hours

► FAME, from 3

J. Byrton D. Winder, of Middletown, began his long piloting career as a teenager fly-ing yellow Piper Cubs from Lock Haven, Pa., to customers around the country. He flew 23,000 hours in his lifetime - all accident-free. This achievement included 96 troop and supply missions over the Himalayan "Hump" in World War II.

After the war, he taught in Delaware and in 1957 he joined Atlantic Aviation at New Castle County Airport, piloting execu-tive aircraft for 29 years.

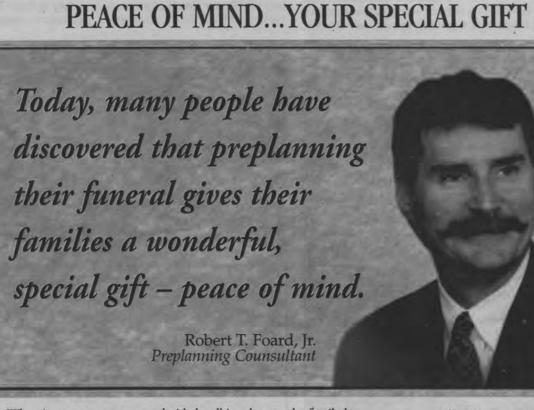
The three pilots who will be enshrined posthumously include Joseph A. Barkley Jr. (1923 -2005), a Navy dive-bomber pilot in World War II who brought his skills and daring home to Wilmington as a test pilot for All American Engineering Company. Much of his work was top secret, including training aircrews in AAE-designed equipment for mid-air capture of capsules from satellites, and demonstration of a method to recover propulsion engines ejected from space shuttles. He was the firm's technical representative in Hawaii for several years.

Rayvon Burleson (1920-2003), of Middletown, will also be honored for his tenure. A transport, bomber, helicopter and test pilot in a 30-year Air Force career, Col. Burleson became Delaware's first state aeronau-tics administrator. He flew coastal bomber patrols in the Pacific Northwest in World War II and piloted B-36s in the Strategic Air Command. He helped to activate C133 "Globemaster" squadrons at Dover Air Force Base. He served in Vietnam as commander of pilot rescue operations.

Wallace B. McCafferty (1918-1987), of Odessa, flew combat in three wars, including 100 missions over Korea. He won his wings in 1944, became a B-17 pilot and flew 12 combat missions over Europe. Then came Korea, flying the F-80 in fighter-bombsorties- then eight missions in Vietnam. Major McCafferty retired in 1968 after 25 years in the cockpit, where he earned an impressive array of decorations for valor.

The public is invited to the Oct. 15 honors banquet. The reception will start at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6:30. Admission is \$45 per person.





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David Field, 85, in **Army Air Corps** during World War II

David W. Field Jr., 85, of Newark, died Monday, Oct. 3, 2005.

David was born in Philadelphia, son of the late David and Mildred Field, raised in Reading, and made Newark his home for the past 52 years

He was a faithful and loyal member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church since 1960.

During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps. He was employed by Wilmington Trust Company for 26 years, retiring in

He was a member of the Brookside Lions Club, Dickinson Theater Organ Society, and Junior Achievement.

He is survived by his wife, Jeannette Y. Field; son, David W. Field IV and his wife, Perian, of Miami, Fla.; daughter, Diana F. Roberts and her husband, Robert, of Kennett Square, Pa.; sisters, Frances Stuebner, of Reading, Pa., Mildred Westgate, of Allentown, Pa., and

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

David Field George Griffiths George Ferguson Neil Piechowski Mark Strickland Alexander Trzonkowski Ramona Deatherage Barbara Lester Harold Hart George Miller **Dorothy Naylor** James Taylor

Dorothy Naylor, 80, active in VFW auxiliary for 57 years

OROTHY Marie Archibald Naylor, 80, of North East, formerly of Newark, died on Monday, Oct. 10, 2005.

Born in Earleville, Md. on March 2, 1925, Mrs. Naylor was the daughter of the late Lynnwood and Sadie Archibald. She enjoyed a 30-year career

with the Sears department store in Newport, retiring in 1976 as a

human resource specialist. A member and past president of the Thomas Cooper VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 475 in Newark, she was active in the organization for 57 years.

She was the state secretary for the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for 15 years, served a term as state president, and was also a member of the National Council of VFW Ladies Auxiliaries.

She was a volunteer and sup orter of the Ronald McDonald House, the Home of the Brave, and the Veterans Administration Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her husband, M. Austin Naylor; and a son, James Austin Naylor. She is survived by four children, Robert Naylor, of Smyrna, Carol Sarver, of Elkton, Helen Waddell, of Newark, and Gail Simmons, of North East; a brother, Robert Archibald, of Elkton; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson.

A funeral service was to be on Friday, Oct. 14, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home. Interment was to follow in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Cancer Fund of Thomas Cooper VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 475, 100 Veterans Drive, Newark, DE 19711; or to Seasons Hospice, 229 E. Main Street, Elkton, Md. 21921.

Shirley Hillman, of Roanoke, Va.; three grandchildren; a great granddaughter; and three step-grandchildren.

Life Celebration service A was to be on Thursday, Oct. 6, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Entombment was to follow in Gracelawn Memorial Park.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, Del. 19720; or to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 10 Johnson Rd. & Augusta Dr., Newark, Del. 19713.

George Griffiths, 86, Navy veteran of WWII

Newark resident George Griffiths,

 86, died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005.
 Born in Scranton, Pa., on Feb. 14, 1919, Mr. Griffiths was the son of the late George and Della Griffiths. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of

World War II. He was employed as a quality

control supervisor with Motor Wheel in Newark. He later worked for Winterthur Museum and Library. He was a member of both the

Newark Lions Club and the Kiwanis Club, and also volunteered for Meals on Wheels.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine Griffiths; their six children, Barry Griffiths and his wife, Mary Ann, of Manhattan Beach, Calif., Stan Griffiths and his wife, Karen, of Wilmington, Cindy Dodge

and her companion, Michael Severin, of Sonora, Calif., Ruth Schaen and her husband, Rick, of Newark, Jan Desmond and her husband, Martin, of Middletown, and Stephanie Gregg, of Newark; brother, Ray Griffiths and his wife, Liz, of Newark; two sisters, Helen Cooke, of Covington, Va., and Mary Hoover, of Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

A committal service was to be on Friday, Oct. 7, in the chapel of Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center, c/o Christiana Care Foundation, PO Box 1668, Wilmington, Del. 19899.

Neil Piechowski, 60

Newark resident Neil W. Piechowski, 60, died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005.

Mr. Pieckowski was a power mechanic with the DuPont Co. Performance Elastomers in Newark for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary S. Piechowski; three daughters, Kathy St. Amand and her husband, Luke, of Newark, Carol Jones and

her husband, Mike, of Daphne, Ala. and Lisa Dorrell and her husband, Chris, of Delaware City; two sisters, Carolyn Belile and her husband, Ronnie, of Wilmington and Judith Jennings and her husband, Charles, of New Castle; four grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Josh.

funeral service was to be A on Friday, Oct. 7, at the McCrery Memorial Chapel. Interment was to be in Gracelawn Memorial Park.

Mark Strickland, 24

Mark A. Strickland, 24, formerly of Newark, died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005.

Born in Elkton on Nov. 23, 1980, Mr. Strickland was a 2000 graduate of Christiana High School.

He later received his associate's degree from Delaware Technical and Community College and joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He had previ-ously served in Operation Secure Tomorrow in Haiti.

He is survived by his wife, Andrea Scott Strickland; his parents, Archie Lee Strickland and Barbara Jean Farney Strickland; three older sisters;

three nephews; and two nieces. A committal service was to be

on Tuesday, Oct. 11, in the cha-pel of Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Alexander Trzonkowski

Newark resident Alexander F. Trzonkowski, 87, died Oct. 5, 2005. Mr. Trzonkowski retired in 1982

from General Motors as a forklift. operator. He was a World War II veteran,

having served in the army, and was a member of the Polish Library.

He was the husband of the late Elizabeth Osowski Trzonkowski, who died in 1976. He is survived by his son and daughter, Michael A. and Deborah Trzonkowski, of Newark. He is also survived by four grandchildren.

Interment was to be in Cathedral Cemetery. Contributions may be made to

your favorite charity in his memory.

Ramona Deatherage

Ramona G. Deatherage, 55, of Newark, died Friday, Oct. 7, 2005.

Mrs. Deatherage was born in Germany, the daughter of John and the late Ernestine Schwab and lived there till she was 5 years old.

She then became a lifelong resident of Newark, graduating from Christiana High School. She worked for Reybold Homes in Glasgow for many years. In 1995, she became a homemaker.

She was predeceased by her mother, Ernestine Schwab.

She is survived by her husband, Robert E. Deatherage; father, John Schwab, of Newark; daughter, Heidi Buchanan, of Wilmington; son, Hans Buchanan, of Florida; brothers, John Reis, of Newark and George Schwab, of Cumberland; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service was to be on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Beeson Funeral Home of Newark



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New planner will advocate for green space

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commission as she could bring valuable perspective.'

Vonck and Kelly met in the spring during the approval process for a hotly-contested eighthome subdivision planned for Capital Trail. Kelly was active in organizing a group of neighbors who did not want to see the homes built, as they edged on the flood plain and the banks of the White Clay Creek.

"She really helped organize the neighbors to get together on that project," Vonck said. "I was really impressed with her contacts within the neighborhood, and I was excited by her commitment."

Kelly said that she looks forward to three years of service on the Planning Commission.

"I have been in Newark for years and now I think it's time to give something back," she said.

Kelly, who dabbles in art and volunteers at the Newark Arts Alliance, said that she is very interested in the planned designs for new projects.

"I really want to add some

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visual beauty to the communi-ty," she said. "I don't know that Newark is as beautiful as it could be." Kelly also said that environmental concerns are high on her list of priorities.

"As an environmentalist, I plan on being an advocate for green space," she said. "I want to know how they're going to do the landscaping on new projects. It's not enough to just have a lot of tarmac, especially as we go through weather changes. It's going to be very important to plan for what's going to happen with floods."

Vonck said that he appointed Kelly for her unique perspective. "In terms of the last few years

Newark has really seen a lot of changes," he said. "It's everywhere, from development perspective to continuing the revitalization of Main Street, to the pressure of creating affordable housing. I wanted to put someone on who was an analytical thinker, who is not afraid to go against the recommendations made by the

planning department." Kelly did just that at her first meeting on Oct. 4. In fact, she voted against a project that shares qualities that Vonck espoused in past votes. A plan went before the commission, and was eventually recommended to the city council for approval, that would construct 15 new townhomes at a site that now houses High Energy The Gym. The homes would be rented out by the owner, and would most likely be filled by students. She voted against the project, saying that she thought it could protect more green space by building fewer homes with larger lots. However, Vonck has vocally supported projects that have high density because these projects would bring a lot of residents into the downtown - and away from building in new, currently green areas - while maximizing the potential of existing infrastructure.

Vonck said that he was pleased with Kelly's first meeting, not despite her "no" vote, but because of it.

"I really wanted someone who is independent from council and the planning department," he said. "I think it's very healthy to have some discussion. She has a different perspective, and that is a very good thing.'

Customized tests tracks students' progress during year

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depending on their answer to the last question. When Sammy gets a wrong answer on the first question in reading, math or science for his grade level, the next question on his monitor will be slightly easier. The questions keep getting easier until Sammy shows success at answering them correctly. The program continually adjusts the difficulty of the questions to reflect Sammy's actual learning level.

Christina Superintendent Dr. Joseph Wise was recently named to the NWEA board of directors. This is the second year Christina has used the MAP tests, currently being piloted in five Delaware school districts and used by more than 1,200 school districts nationwide.

Last school year, MAP tests in reading and math were given to all seventh to 10th graders in the Christina District and sixth graders at Shue Middle School. In 2005-06, Christina grades two to 10 will get reading and math MAP tests; grades nine and 10 and students at Shue get science, too. Tests are administered three times a school year: at start of school in fall, at mid-winter and

in the spring. MAP tests are so successful and individualized that they have been proposed as an alternative to the Delaware Student Test Program (DSTP), currently used statewide to assess students in grades three, five, eight and 10. Proponents cite MAP testing for its ease in identifying skills and concepts each student needs to work on, and in monitoring academic growth and quickly getting the results.

The results also give each student a Lexile rating, a numerical system assigned to library books that allow a student to select books on a level that's challenging but not frustrating for that child.

DSTP test results take months to come to the schools to be interpreted by the teachers. Sammy's MAP results appear on the monitor after he completes the test. A teacher standing next to him sees the results immediately. Or the teacher can wait until the testing results are downloaded and printed out, usually within 24 hours.

Because Christina used MAP tests in secondary grades last year, Phillip Keefer, the district's manager of assessment and testing programs, was able to take the scores and correlate them to DSTP scores. "Within approximately 80 percent accuracy, we can now predict what eighth and 10th graders would score on their next DSTP," Keefer said. "Over the summer of 2006, we will send the MAP results for grades two to 10 to NWEA to correlate with DSTP scores."

In September 2006, the results that predict DSTP scores will be available for teachers and staff to target different instruction practices for different students.

The disadvantage to MAP testing is that it needs to be done at least three times a year, taking away from instructional time. 'Time to teach or time to test.' Keefer said. "The information

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received is powerful."

However, Christina's principals and teachers are supportive of the MAP testing. "Even though it is time consuming because it is done on computers, the teachers are excited," said Denise Schwartz, principal of Downes Elementary School. "It's a different approach to using

their lessons to differentiate with each student. And we can zero in on each child's needs in reading and math."

Last school year, Glasgow High School Principal Todd Harvey saw first hand how MAP and Lexile help different students in the same class.

Of the 60 students participating in one project, approximately 15 of them were special education. But their differing abilities were not evident in their project work, said Harvey. "This is inclusion at its best," Harvey said in an interview last spring, referring to mixing students of different educational skills in the same classes. "When students have age and skill-level-appropriate reading material they can cover the same subject matter and be successful."



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17th Annual Fair Hill International Festival in the Country Begins Today

The 17th annual Fair Hill International Festival in the Country is now underway on the beautiful grounds of the Fair Hill Natural Resources Area in Fair Hill, MD, and runs through Sunday, October 16. World-class equestrian competition makes the Fair Hill International a rare treat for spectators and the amenities at Fair Hill round out the event to provide an ideal family outing.

This year's event features exciting equestrian action highlighted by the U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF) CCI*** Championship, one of the most prestigious three-day events in the United States. Also featured are the North American Endurance Championship, a 100-mile FEI (International Equestrian Federation) CEI**** Endurance Ride, and Advanced Level Combined Driving events. Olympic and World Championship veterans head the impressive list of competitors expected to be on hand to battle for top honors in the international equestrian disciplines of eventing, endurance, and driving.

In addition to top-level eventing, endurance, and carriage driving competitions, the Fair Hill International offers a variety of fun activities for the whole family. Saturday and Sunday feature children's activities such as arts and crafts and a circus-style doggie sideshow, plus an assortment of animal demonstrations, including sheep herding and miniature horse demonstrations.

Fair Hill's increasingly popular Dog Agility Trials are also back and bigger than ever, returning this year with over 400 canine competitors, the largest number in their history. Maryland State Police K-9 demonstrations take center stage on Friday and Saturday, and canine fly ball demonstrations thrill the crowds on Saturday.

The Country Shops boast a wide variety of shopping and dining, featuring vendors of tack, jewelry, artwork, pet needs, exceptional apparel and fine gifts for the approaching holiday seasons. The Fair Hill Club offers fine dining, while visitors seeking a more casual snack or meal will find pubs around the Fair Hill grounds serving classic Maryland crab-cakes and other treats. In fact, the Maryland Department of Agriculture named the Fair Hill International as a "Maryland Top Event!"

The 2005 Fair Hill International Festival in the Country will benefit Christiana Care Health System, one of the Chesapeake region's largest not-for-profit health care providers. Christiana Care, which began in 1888, serves the people of Delaware, as well as neighboring areas of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. It maintains a teaching hospital, which specializes in cardiology, cancer and women's health services, and has trauma and neonatal intensive care units that offer an exceptional degree of care.

This year's sponsors include AERC International; Ag-Industrial; Atlantic Tractor; Aventine Wealth Management; Bit of Britain; John K. Burkley Company; Coventry Health Care; Cranberry Endurance Ride; Dansko; M.H. Eby Trailers; Equestrian Entertainment Partners; EquiPedic; First National Bank of North East; Freeform USA Saddles; Glenmede Trust Company; Goldman Sachs & Company; W.L. Gore & Associates; Gulf Coast 4-Star Trailers; Gunnip and Company; Herr Foods; Kanavy Saddles; Mercantile County Bank; Morgan Stanley; Northview Stallion Station; Nutramax Labs; Steve and Dinah Rojek; Southern States; Summit Aviation; Thoroughbred Charities of America, Ltd.; United States Equestrian Federation; and Wachovia Wealth Management.

Gates are open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person per day on Thursday and Friday and \$12 per person per day on Saturday and Sunday, or \$35 per person for all four days. Children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets are available at the gate. Parking is \$5 per carload, and Fair Hill offers free bus service from the parking area to the fairgrounds for general admission patrons.

For more information, including a complete schedule of events for the 2005 Fair Hill International Festival in the Country, please call (410) 398-2111 or visit <u>www.fairhillinternational.com</u>.

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tree on her front lawn. Attempts to remove a small fir tree were unsuccessful, police were told.

An 18-year-old Newark man told police he was assaulted and robbed at Blair Court and Casho Mill Road on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 3 a.m. A man giving the victim a ride home stopped the vehicle, attacked his passenger by hitting him in his face, and grabbed \$20 from the man's pocket. Police reported that they were expecting to obtain a warrant and make an arrest soon.

A wallet, cash and credit cards were removed from a purse on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 1 a.m. while the owner attended a party with 50 peo-ple at 74 New London Road.

Intruders tampered with electri-cal wires inside a utility room at **Timothy's Restaurant**, 100 Creekview Road, on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 12:36 a.m. The vandals entered by forcing an exhaust fan.

It took five stitches to close the wound after a beer bottle was thrown at a man, 21, while watching football at a party at **382 S. College Ave.** on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 2 p.m.

Thieves entered an unlocked front door and stole a pocketbook at 5408 Scholar Dr. on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 8:21 a.m.

Newark police were told on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 11:18 a.m. that someone had disconnected wiring to a fire alarm at an apartment at **132 E**. Main St.

Alcohol, noise law violations detailed

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

Some of the recent arrests include John Humbert, 21, of Newark, noise

law violation, on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 2:20 a.m., at 121 Thorn Lane; Jennifer Buchanan, 19, and Megan Victoria Welch, 19, both of Newark, each charged with a noise violation,

on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 1:20 a.m., at 7109 Scholar Dr., University Courtyard apartments; Katherine Maddox, 23, and Muhua Yang, 26, both of Newark, each charged with a noise violation, on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 1:45 a.m., at 101

- Thorn Lane; Cody L. Pidgeon, 20, of Barnegat, N.J., underage possession of alco-hol, on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 1:10 a.m., on North Chapel Street east
- of Main; David Wingle, 21, and Leeanne Ross, 21, both of Newark, each charged with a noise violation, on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 12:30 a.m., at 37
- O'Daniel Ave.; Mark E. Agnew, 19, and Johnathan W. Heydt, 20, both of Newark, each charged with a noise violation, on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 11:46 p.m., at 54 Church St.;
- Jeremy S. Julio, 23, of Highlands, N.J., criminal trespassing, on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 11:22 p.m., after a man entered the Stone Balloon, 115 E. Main St., a third time after twice being ejected by tavern personnel; Lisa Marie Schwartz, 21, of Newark,
- noise violation, on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 3:16 a.m., at 1017 Wharton Dr., Pinebrook apartments; Aubrey M. Walker, 50, of Newark,
- noise violation, on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 2:30 a.m., at 630 Lehigh Road.
- Walker told police he had been practicing his karaoke acts; Sean Finnegan, 21, and Robert

Machnicki, 21, both of Newark, each charged with a noise violation, on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 1:44 a.m., at 2202 Scholar Dr.;

Soumendra Maganti, 26, and Asit Chadha, 25, both of Newark, each charged with a noise violation, on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 1:11 a.m., at 654 Lehigh Road; and

Christina J. Mack, 21, possession of an open container of alcohol, on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 10:49 p.m., at 141 E. Cleveland Ave.

All were released pending court appearances, police said.

Vehicles hit

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

of the reports include: Allura Bath and Kitchen, 704 Interchange Blvd., on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 2:34 p.m., over the weekend thieves attempted to steal a truck at the business and a second vehicle was painted with graffiti; 91 Thorn Lane, Towne Court apartments, on Sunday, Oct. 9, at

12:48 p.m., a compact disc player and college textbooks were stolen from a 1996 Ford Contour parked on

the complex lot. The passenger door frame had been pried open;

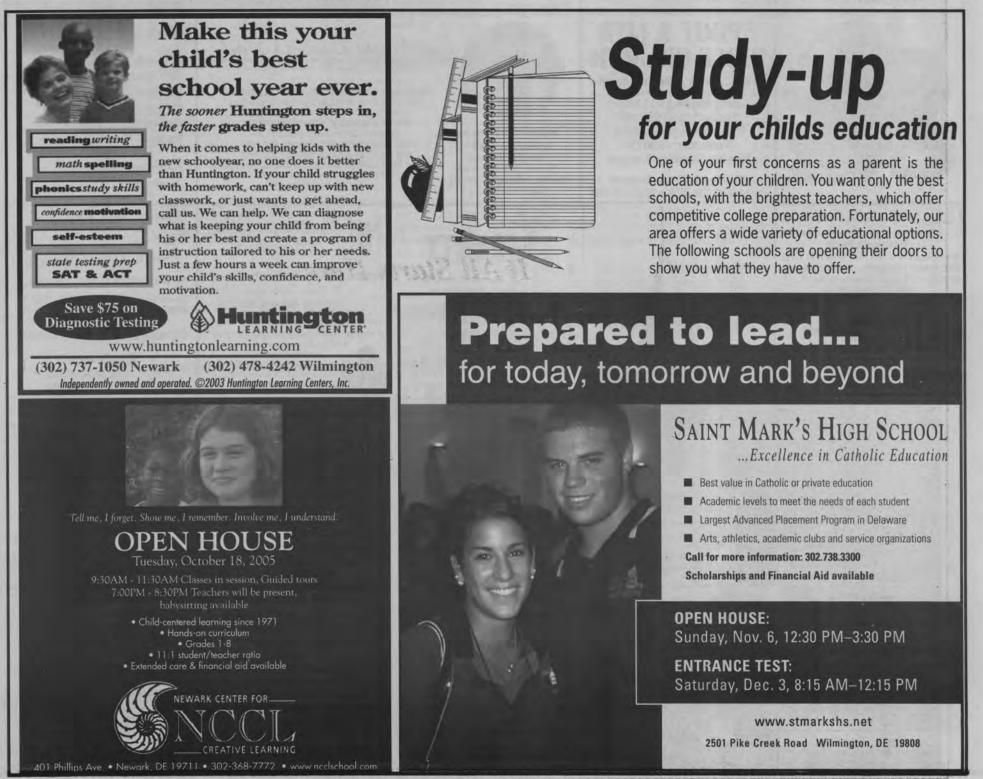
Northwest corner at 420 S. **College Ave.**, on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 9:56 a.m., a 1997 Pontiac Grand Am was stolen after the car keys disappeared from the counter of a ence where a homecoming party was hosted on Saturday;

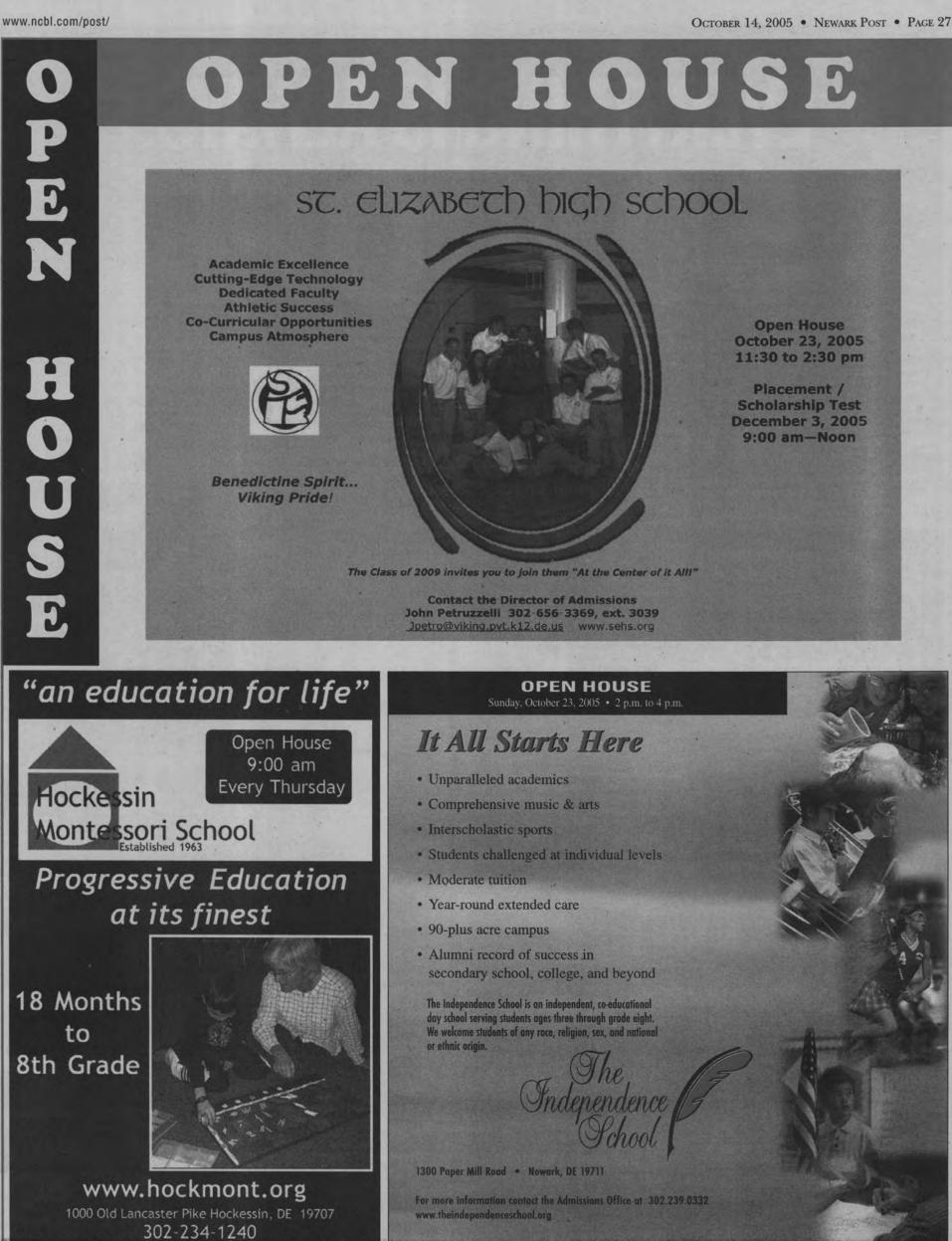
A driver told Newark police on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 12:49 a.m. that someone threw a cell phone at the car he was driving near 45 E. Main St. cracking the windshield;

605 Lehigh Road, on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 10:57 a.m., police were told that someone entered a 1995 Dodge Neon and removed a CD player valued at \$300:

51 Thorn Lane, on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 7:24 a.m., thieves broke the window of a 1997 Jeep Cherokee and stole a CD player valued at \$450 and a wallet containing credit and ID cards; and

100 Haines St., on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 1:47 p.m., several vehicles damaged, William E. Babcock, 20, of Newark, was arrested and charged with criminal mischief and was released pending a court appearance.





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